

Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- Join us for Youth Sunday on May 10. The kids will be singing, and our older kids will be leading worship.
- Last Calvin's Kids is May 6
- Summer worship hours will be from 10:00-10:45 in June and July (June 7-July 26).

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The following is an excerpt from "Making Time for God: Daily Devotions for Children and Families to Share."

All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. They sold what they owned. They gave each other everything they needed. Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. In their homes they broke bread and ate together. Their hearts were glad and honest and true. Acts 2:44-46 NIRV

In our society, private property is very important. One of the first sentences we learn to say is, "That's mine." We write our names on our books and sports gear to show that they belong only to us. But the Christians in the Book of Acts didn't behave this way. They shared everything they had. They made sure that everyone had what they needed. If you have ever been to a potluck meal, you know a little about this kind of sharing. At a potluck, everyone brings one dish and puts it on a big table to share with other. That way everyone gets lots of delicious food to eat.

The Christians in Acts shared this way because they knew that everything they had was a gift from God. They could be generous to others, because they had seen how generous God was to them. You can try to live that way too. There may be some things it is better not to share—your toothbrush, for example! But sharing your money, belongings, and time with others is a way of showing your love for God. Others will see your generosity and want to love God too.

Prayer: Generous God, everything I have is a gift from you. Help me not to worry about my belongings and to be always ready to share with people who are in need. Amen.



Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to the Trustees. This dedicated group takes care of our building and grounds and locks the church after Worship. As in any old building, there are many small and large issues that need attention. Many projects are completed in areas that no one sees. When you meet one of our Trustees, thank them for all they do at Westminster.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”
Mathew 25: 23

Youth Sunday is scheduled for May 10. The 5-8 and High School classes will assist with the service and the nursery and k-4 classes will sing. On Youth Sunday, graduates who have turned in a form will be recognized. Forms are available at the CE Office and are due Monday, May 3rd .

The last Calvin’s Kids is Wednesday May 6. It’s been a great year! Thanks for all who assisted in any way.

VBS is scheduled for June 1-5. This year’s theme is Rainforest Falls, “Exploring the Nature of God.” Volunteers are welcome. Watch for ways you can participate in this event. If interested, please contact Laura, Kay or Anne. Registration forms are available on-line and outside the CE Office. Please return forms to CE.

Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending March 31, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$53,754.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$47,097.00
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$6,657.00

Acolyte Schedule

May 3—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna	June 7 (Summer hrs 10-10:45)—Addie & Breckon Lauer
May 10 (Youth Sunday)—Hadley & Lennon McMaster	June 14—Saylor & Wade Watson
May 17—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely	June 21—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely
May 24 (Memorial Day)—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk	June 28—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna
May 31—Alana Ethington & Parker Klausing	



May Birthdays

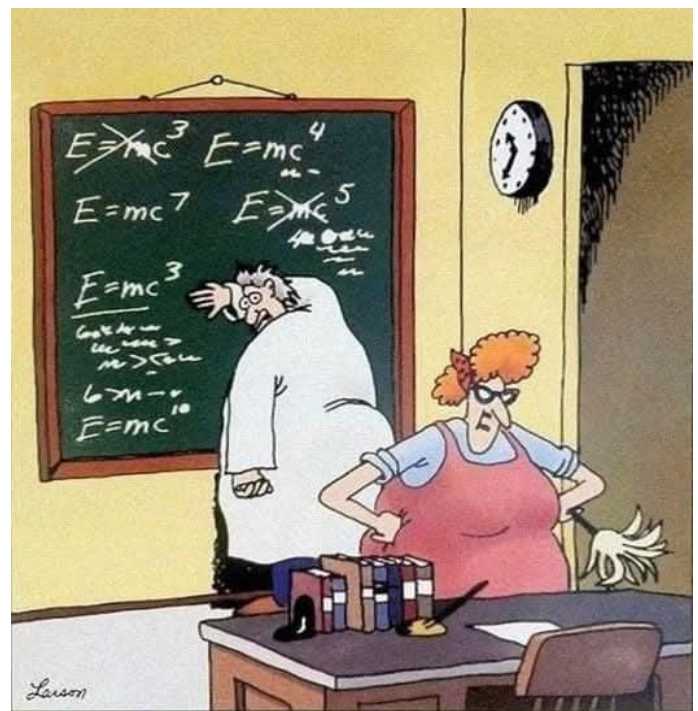
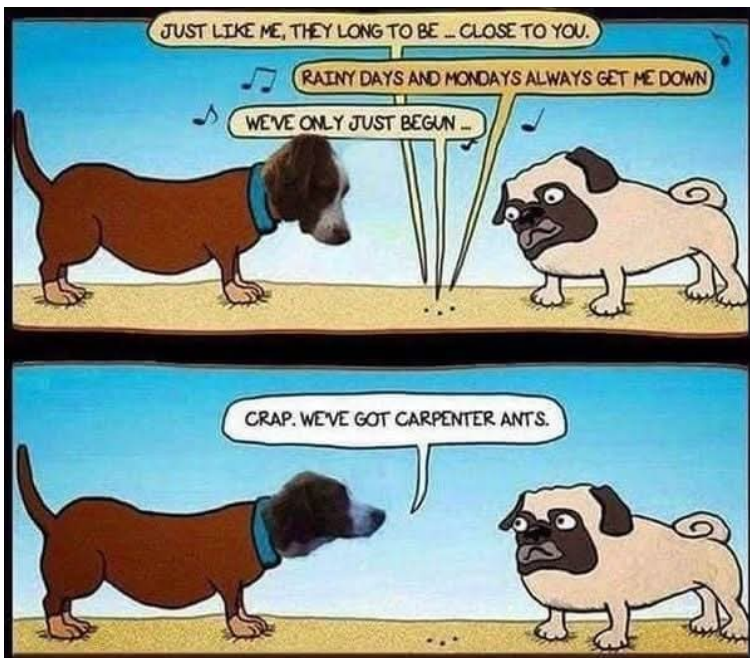
- May 1—Drake Moore
- May 3—Jillian (Gasser) Ferguson
- May 4—Scott Jackson
- May 5—Mike Schobert, Julie Posth
- May 7—Tom Welch
- May 8—Kenny McConachie
- May 9—Alexandria (Diercks) Veath
- May 14—Kinley Mahan
- May 15—Missy Peck
- May 18—Daniel Spirk
- May 20—Debbie Bernardoni
- May 22—Tom Moffat
- May 23—Sherri Sroka
- May 24—Brooke Craig
- May 28—Riley Biermann
- May 31—Jeremiah Spirk



May Anniversaries

- May 28—David & Candace Sternberg
- May 31—Tara & Mike Vickery
Tim & Catina McDonald

Comedy Corner



"Now that desk looks better. Everything's squared away, yessir, squaaaaaaared away."

Thank You...

*I would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls after the passing of my brother Ricky Johnson. And thank you to Clint for preaching at my brother's funeral. For the special ladies in the kitchen, thank you for a wonderful meal. God bless you all. Janet Rucks & the Johnson family

*Thank you Westminster for filling 29 LENT bags during the Lenten season. Your generous donations will benefit many served by our pantry and backpack ministries. The Deacons

*On behalf of the Sparta Ministerial Alliance, I would like to thank everyone for the work and the effort to have a very successful lunch at Westminster, to support the Alliance, and the community that it strives to help. Thanks to all of you, we raised almost \$3000, which will greatly benefit this community. Randy Bertetto

*I want to thank the church for the beautiful flowers. They are fresh and as lovely as the day I received them. I also appreciate the many birthday cards and visits. I am still walking and enjoy each day at 101. Thank you again. Doris Patterson

Parent and Family Corner

Nurture a sense of wonder in your child as you appreciate the beauty of creation. By praising God for the basic things around us, you will be teaching your child to praise God for everything. What a wonderful habit to start.

Our family time focus this year is on memorizing scripture. This month's memory verse is...

May Memory Verse:
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”

Proverbs 3:5

Notes from Session

- The lift in the East entrance will not be replaced.
- Clint and Vallerie will receive reimbursement for mileage and meals to do pastoral care for our members.
- June and July services will be from 10:00-10:45 a.m.
- May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. Our church bell will be rung at 12 noon in coordination with other churches to act as a call for communities to pause, unite and pray for the nation.
- May schedule for preachers is Rev. King—May 3 and Clint Borcky, May 10, 17, 24 & 31.
- We will have a short congregational meeting to install Charlie Lehman as a deacon on May 3. The Ministerial Alliance will have a meal at our church on April 26 from 11:30-1:30. A free will offering will be accepted.

If you are chairperson of any committee, please remember to submit minutes by the second Tuesday of the month to Doris Lehman or the office. Thank you!

Doris Lehman—Clerk of Session

Out and About at Westminster



Above: Zyla and Nora Adams got baptized on April 12.



Above right: The Adult and Kids' Choirs sang during worship on Easter Sunday.

Right: Thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter breakfast a big success!



Below: The Food Pantry volunteers enjoyed their Easter Egg hunt, and so did the kids!



May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Vallerie King preaching	4 9 am Prayer Circle	5 10-12 Food Pantry	6 5-6:30 LAST Calvin's Kids 6:15 Benevolence 6:30 Choir	7 10-12 Food Pantry NOON Bell ringing for World Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Clint Borcky preaching Youth Sunday/ Graduate Recognition/ Kids Sing	11 9 am Prayer Circle	12 10-12 Food Pantry 5 pm Session	13 7:00 Trustees Choir time TBD	14 10-12 Food Pantry	15	16
17 Clint Borcky preaching	18 9 am Prayer Circle	19 10-12 Food Pantry	20 Choir time TBD	21 10-12 Food Pantry	22	23
24/31 Clint Borcky preaching	25 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	26 10-12 Food Pantry	27 Choir time TBD	28 10-12 Food Pantry	29	30