

Westminster Window

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TAKE NOTE!

- Sign your kids up for VBS at wpcsparta.org
- Final Faith Formation for K-4 is May 4
- May 11 Youth Sunday and Graduation Sunday. The kids will also be singing
- May 18 is Confirmation Sunday

Holy Week Highlights

Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time for Christians to reflect on the events of Jesus' final week on Earth, culminating in his crucifixion and resurrection. It's a period of intense spiritual reflection and remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for humanity.



The highlight of Holy Week here was the Maundy Thursday meal and service in the Fellowship Hall. We were blessed to have retired Pastor Don Wagner from Lebanon UCC lead us in a very meaningful time of contemplation.

If you were lucky enough to get to attend any or all of our Holy Week services here at Westminster, we hope that you left them feeling a deeper appreciation of the sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us with his death on the cross.

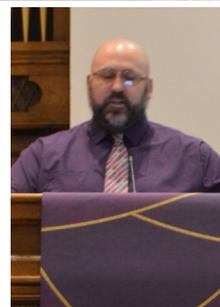
A week as busy as this would not be possible without the help of an army of people. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Holy Week one to remember!



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All of the messages given that week, by six pastors from different churches and denominations throughout the community, were unique and thought-provoking. And each morning during the week, we had a beautiful musical offering from local singers.



Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to the Worship Committee. This group of individuals assists in Worship by changing the paraments and banners, decorating the worship center and planning special worship services. This committee was extremely busy during Lent with Ash Wednesday, the Holy Week morning services and Maundy Thursday evening. Be sure to thank them for a meaningful Lenten Season.

The Confirmation class has been leading the Call to Worship. The Confirmation Service will be held on May 18th during Worship. Come and support our newest church members. Thank you to Sherri Sroka for her work with this group. Confirmands are: Alana Ethington, Parker Klausing, Breckon Lauer, Hayden Montroy, Henry Montroy, Gavin Peck, Paige Smith, Mollie Soderlund, Tommy Soderlund and Logan Sternberg.

During Lent, Calvin’s Kids focused on the events of Holy Week. For the next few weeks, Calvin’s Kids will focus on the Parables of Jesus. The last Calvin’s Kids will be Wednesday, May 7th. The children have been invited to sing on Worship on May 11th. On Sunday, May 11, we will recognize and celebrate our amazing students during Youth Sunday. Clint Borcky will preach, the kids will sing and our youth will participate in the service. Also on that Sunday, we will celebrate our 8th grade, High School and College graduates. Help us recognize their awesome achievements by submitting a photo of your graduate and completing the Graduate Recognition form available in Eva Beaver Hall and the Foyer.

Faith Formation Classes for nursery through grade 4 will be Sunday, May 4th due to special worship events on May 11 and May 18. Classes will resume in the fall. Watch your newsletter for updates.

During this year’s VBS (June 2-6 from 9-noon), we will guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure! As children trek the tundra, they will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what’s true in our wild world today. True North VBS points them toward Jesus and shows He is a faithful friend we can always trust. Register your child or sign up to volunteer at the church office. You can also register your children by going to wpcsparta.org.

Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending March 31, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$51,112.43
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$40,594.44
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$10,517.99

Acolyte Schedule

May 4—Saylor & Wade Watson	June 1—Hadley Hanna & Emersyn McDougal
May 11—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk	June 8—Henry & Haden Montroy
May 18—Jackson & Hadley Hanna	June 15—Addie & Breckon Lauer
May 25—Mollie & Tommy Soderlund	June 22—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely
	June 29—Parker Klausing & Gavin Peck

May Anniversaries

May 28—David & Candace Sternberg

May 31—Tara & Mike Vickery



May Birthdays

May 1—Drake Moore

May 3—Jillian Ferguson

May 4—Scott Jackson

May 5—Mike Schobert

May 7—Tom Welch

May 8—Kenny McConachie

May 9—Alexandria Diercks

May 15—Missy Peck

May 18—Alice Baird, Daniel Spirk

May 20—Debbie Bernardoni

May 22—Tom Moffat

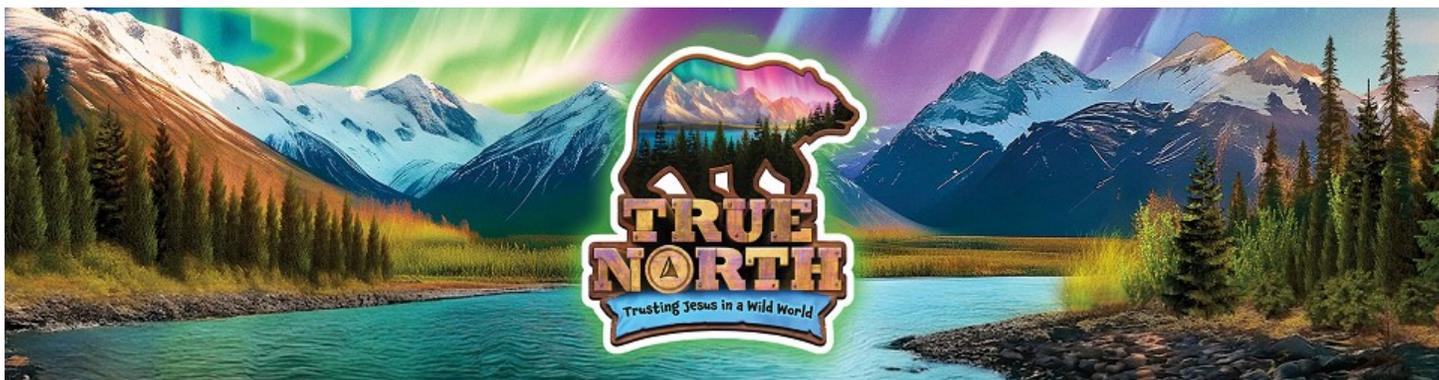
May 23—Sherri Sroka

May 24—Brooke Craig

May 28—Riley Biermann

May 31—Jeremiah Spirk

WOW still has pecans available to buy. If you need any, or have any questions, please see Sue Hooper.



VBS JUNE 2-6, 2025

Get ready for an amazing summer event that points kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust! At True North VBS, kids will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today and learn that Jesus is our true north. You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus!

We will need a lot of volunteers to make this week successful, so if you are available to help June 2-6, from 9:00 a.m.-noon, please reach out to Laura, Anne, Kay or Sherri Sroka to let them know.

Also, if you have any stuffed animals that work with an Alaskan theme, we would love to borrow them for the week! And if you have any decorating ideas, please let us know!

Thank You...

The Stanley Baird family wishes to Thank the Westminster Presbyterian families for the beautiful floral arrangement, cards and phone calls after the passing of Stanley. Also Thank You to everyone who worked and donated food for the delicious funeral dinner.

I want to thank the church for the beautiful flowers. They are as fresh and beautiful as the day I got them. Being 100 isn't too bad. I can still walk and enjoy each day. Thank you again, Doris Patterson

A shout out to everyone who helped make Holy Week extra special. A special thanks goes to Laura, Kay and Anne for all of the work that they put in to make it a wonderful week. We cannot express our gratitude enough! Holy Week was special from the daily services to Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. A heartfelt thanks to all of the preachers that participated. They all provided a meaningful message. Thank you to all of the kitchen help and those that provided food. A special thanks to Linda Williams for the delicious soup on Maundy Thursday. Also thank you to those that decorated the sanctuary to make it ready for Easter Sunday. To all of those that provided some service, we appreciated all that you did. Westminster Session

Parent and Family Corner

For parents, brief yet impactful words of wisdom include: "Love unconditionally, be present, and lead by example." Focus on fostering a strong bond through communication, patience, and shared experiences, while also recognizing the importance of setting a positive role model. Embrace the journey, celebrating both the joys and challenges of parenthood. Ask God for guidance.

Notes from Session

The Session did not meet in March. We did meet in April. The following items were discussed:

- In home communion will be started in May for those who cannot attend church.
- On May 18th the communicants class led by Sherri Sroka will be inducted into the church. Sherri has ten members in this group. We will be having communion on that date. Thank you Sherri!
- A request by Dan Spirk to use the church to hold his Boy Scout meetings was approved.
- Ray went over the financial report with the Session. \$146,711.19 is owed to the Trust to repay what was borrowed for the solar project. This will be offset by two grants. We should receive a Fed ITC Credit payment of \$89,500 sometime in June and an Illinois payment of \$51,035 (this is spread out in quarterly payments over seven years).
- PNC will be meeting soon for training. Susie Selock will let us know when this will take place.
- A motion was made to hold summer church services from 9:30-10:30 during the months of June and July. This motion was approved.

Next meeting will be May 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Out and About at Westminster



A special Thank you to the kids for providing special music on Palm Sunday!



Above—A group of the confirmands went to Sherri's house April 16 to watch "The Passion of the Christ."



Everyone had a great time at the children's egg hunt, and the morning breakfast between services. Thanks to everyone who helped!



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry 6:00 Deacons	2	3
4 Tom Hobson preaching	5 9 am Prayer Circle	6 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry 12:00 Volunteer Luncheon	7 5-6:30 Final Calvin's Kids 6 pm Benevolence 6:30 pm Choir	8 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry	9	10
11 Clint Borcky preaching Youth Sunday Kids Sing Graduate Recognition	12 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting	13 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry 5:30 Session	14 7 pm Trustees	15 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry	16	17
18 Clint Borcky preaching Confirmation Sunday	19 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting 6 pm. WOW Brown Bag Mtg	20 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry	21	22 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry	23	24
25 Clint Borcky preaching	26 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting Decorate for VBS	27 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry Decorate for VBS	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Decorate for VBS	29 ¹⁰⁻¹² Food Pantry Decorate for VBS	30 Decorate for VBS 2 pm RCCC Birthday Party	31