

Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, March 8, following worship
- There will be a music appreciation dinner after worship on March 15 to thank our choir and musicians for all they do

I passed on to you what I received from the Lord. On the night the Lord Jesus was handed over to his enemies, he took bread. When he had given thanks, he broke it. He said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup. He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do it in memory of me." -1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Every family has special days of remembering. Your birthday is one such day. You don't recall the day of your birth, but your mom certainly does! If you are adopted, you might remember the day you came to live with your family. There are other kinds of "remembering days." If a family member has died, the day of his or her death will often be a day to remember. On such days we may feel sad that people we loved have died. But, we can also feel great joy and thankfulness for the gift of having known them.

Paul here tells of the last supper Jesus ate before he died. Jesus had shared bread and wine with his disciples. He told them that his body would be broken and his blood would be shed for them. He also told them that after his death they should continue to share bread and wine with one another, as a way to remember how he gave himself for them.

Today in church we still share bread and wine (or grape juice) in a special time of remembering that we call "the Lord's Supper," or "Communion," or "Holy Eucharist." Even if we are quiet during Communion, we do not need to be sad. We remember what Jesus said at the table with his disciples because it shows us how much he loves us. Even his death was a way of giving himself to us. That is reason to be joyful!

Prayer: Jesus, I know You love me so much. Thank You for giving yourself for me. Thank You for giving the church special ways to remember You. Amen.

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Shout to the Lord!

This month we are sending a “shout out” to our faithful Ministers of the Word, Rev. Valerie King, Rev. Don Wagner and Clint Borcky. We are blessed by their ministries through their love for the Lord, care for others and faithfulness to their calling. We benefit from their sharing the message using their own special gifts. Thank you to each for sharing your talents with us.

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

Our theme for Lent is Live Lent with Love, Calvin’s Kids are collecting non-perishable breakfast food items for the Sparta Area Food Pantry and the Backpack Ministry.

On Ash Wednesday, Calvin’s Kids extended their time to include the Ash Wednesday Service. Their families were invited to join them for Worship. During the service, all were invited to receive ashes and to place a price tag on the “Jesus Paid the Price Tree.” It was so heart-warming to see so many families in Worship.

On Palm Sunday, the youth are invited to participate in a palm parade at the beginning of Worship. Calvin’s Kids youth will sing on that day and on Easter (10:30 service).

To reinforce the theme of Live Lent with Love, the k-4 faith formation class made heart-shaped door hangers centered on the Lenten theme of forgiveness. Please take notice of these decorations in the education wing.

A meeting was held for planning VBS--Rainforest Falls, “Exploring the Nature of God.” Mark your calendar for June 1-5. Volunteers are welcome. If interested, please contact Laura, Kay or Anne.



Treasurer’s Report

For the Month Ending January 31, 2025



	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$25,192.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$14,118.00
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$11,074.00

Acolyte Schedule

March 1—Henry & Hayden Montroy	April 5 (Easter) 8:00—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk 10:30—Addie & Breckon Lauer
March 8—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna	April 12—Saylor & Wade Watson
March 15—Hadley & Lennon McMaster	April 19—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely
March 22—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely	April 26—Henry & Hayden Montroy
March 29—Alana Ethington & Parker Klausing	



March Birthdays

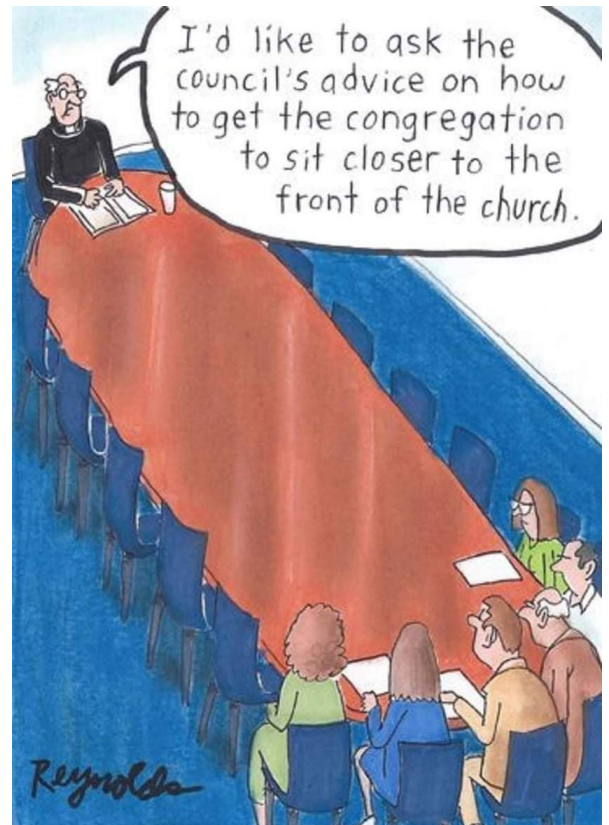
- March 1—Janet Rucks
- March 4—Thomas Foster, Zyla Adams
- March 5—Cletus Suemnicht
- March 6—Alison Howell
- March 9—Oliver Spirk
- March 10—Callie Mahan, Charlyn Welch
- March 11—Tracy Spirk
- March 12—Merle Schmierbach, Pat Laramore
- March 17—Lee Craig
- March 18—Breckon Lauer
- March 19—Trisha Adams
- March 22—Julian Mahan
- March 23—Lydia Sullivan
- March 24—Holly Blank, Corey Rheinecker
- March 30—Kendall McDougal
- March 31—Tommy & Mollie Soderlund



March Anniversaries

- March 6—Doris & Charlie Lehman
Christy & Kevin Howell
- March 15—Cletus & Sharon Suemnicht
- March 17—Jim & Sherry Craig
Marvin & Patty Stewart
- March 21—Kim & Glenn Short

Comedy Corner



Thank You...

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and texts during my tests and surgery. It meant a lot to me. Bob Misselhorn

Thank you to Westminster. Your well wishes and encouragement meant more to me than I can say. All your prayers, cards and flowers were a great comfort to me. A special thank you to Clint Borcky for the hospital visit, calls and texts. Westminster you are the BEST! God is good all the time, all the time God is good. Sheryl Boyd

Parent and Family Corner

Family activities to consider on your Lenten journey:

- Instead of just giving up chocolate, let's try 'giving' instead—like giving more of our time to help others or praying together before bed.
- Lent reminds us that even when things are tough, Jesus is with us. Let's make our home a place of extra love and light these 40 days.
- Let's try a daily family challenge: one act of service, one prayer, or one kind word to someone in need.

March Memory Verse:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God...”

Psalm 51:10

Notes from Session

- The lift at the front entrance will be repaired.
- The piano needs to be repaired at a cost of \$2765. A motion was made to approve this expenditure.
- The Congregational meeting will be held on March 8th, with Rev. King presiding.
- On March 15th there will be a choir appreciation dinner after church.
- The Session accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jane Russell from the Deacons. They will be moving and we wish them well in their new home.
- If you are making a purchase for the church, please make sure that you have the amount of money in your budget to cover the purchase, or you will need to have it approved by the Session. Thank you!

Doris Lehman—Clerk of Session

Out and About at Westminster



A big "Thank you!" to Clint Borcky for leading us in our Ash Wednesday worship service. What a beautiful way to begin our Lenten season. And thanks to the worship committee for coming up with another interactive worship experience with the tree where we hung our price tags, reminding us that Jesus paid the price for us.



Left: Martha Barber enjoys a special treat at the January birthday party at RCCC. Every other month, women from our church provide a dessert for the birthday party, where they celebrate the birthdays of all of the residents born that month. The residents truly appreciate this! If you are interested in helping sometime, please let Anne or Kay know.

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Vallerie King preaching</i>	2 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	3 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	4 <i>5-6:30 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6 pm Benevolence</i> <i>6:30 Choir</i>	5 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>6 pm Deacons</i>	6	7
8 <i>Vallerie King preaching</i> <i>Congregational Meeting</i>	9 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	10 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>5:00 Session</i> <i>ComWell in FH</i> <i>8am-5pm</i>	11 <i>5-6:30 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 Choir</i> <i>7:00 Trustees</i>	12 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	13	14
15 <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i> <i>Music appreciation meal following worship</i>	16 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	17 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>ComWell in FH</i> <i>8am-5pm</i>	18 <i>5-6:30 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 Choir</i>	19 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	20	21
22 <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	23 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	24 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	25 <i>5-6:30 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 Choir</i>	26 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	27	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i> <i>Kids sing</i>	30	31 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>				