

Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- There will not be an August newsletter. Any important information will go out by email.
- August 11 will be the last Sunday for early worship.
- Rally Day will be August 18.

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Laura Schulte, Editor

July 2024

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

"...for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil."
Hebrews 5:13-14

When you were a little baby, you lived on milk. It gave you everything you needed to be strong and healthy. Milk was also the only food that your body was ready for. As you grew older, you became ready for other foods: cereal, fruit, and vegetables. Now, after years of practice, you eat a lot of different foods.

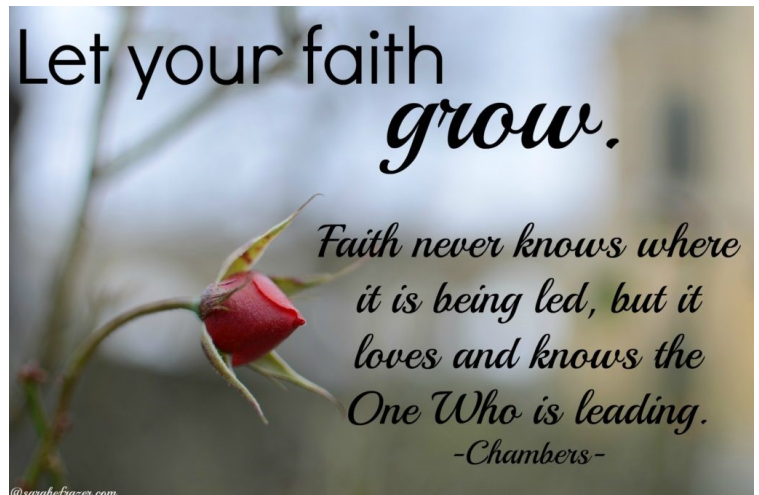
When you are a grown-up, you will probably enjoy even more foods than you do now.

In this Bible passage, the writer compares babies who drink only milk to people who are just getting started learning how God wants them to live. And just as babies

grow up and start eating solid food, Christians also get better at knowing and doing what is good.

Learning how to tell right from wrong is something all Christians are still working on. You may even be better at it than some grown-ups! But just as you wouldn't want to spend your whole life drinking milk, you should not be satisfied with "baby faith." Let your faith grow along with the rest of you.

Prayer: Send your Holy Spirit, God, to show me how to live. Help me practice doing what is good so that I may grow strong and wise in my faith. Amen.



Shout to the Lord!

This month we are sending a “shout out” to the food pantry workers. This ecumenical group of dedicated individuals faithfully serves our community. They give their time, talents and labor as they seek to “Love Like Jesus.” Come any Tuesday or Thursday to see these volunteers in action.

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

Faith Formation: Classes will resume on Blessing of the Backpacks and Rally Day, August 18th. Regular Worship hours will resume at that same time. CE is currently checking with parents concerning Pre-K-grade 4 having class during a part of Worship. If your child is in this group, please let CE know your preference.

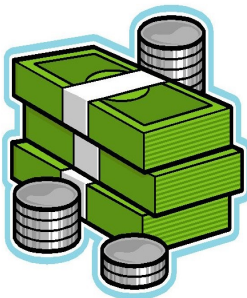
SCUBA VBS, “Diving into Friendship with God,” was held June 3-7 with an average attendance of 37 youth and 21 adults. We have received nothing but positive feedback. The week went smoothly due to an abundance of help and support. Thanks to all who contributed in any way. The offering benefited Reagan Blasdel, a local, young child, with numerous health issues. The amount raised was \$470.20. On Friday, parents and grandparents were invited to come to the closing followed by a light lunch of hot dogs, chips and cookies.

CE is planning a July activity for the youth (ages 4-grade 6), Flapjacks and Fun. This event will consist of games, story, meal, singing and an object lesson. The theme will be Fireworks and Faith. It will be held 10 a.m. until noon on July 8. If you wish to help with this project, let CE know.

We hope you are continuing to work on the books of the Bible and on the Lord’s Prayer. Jeremiah Spirk received a trophy for his memorization of the books of the Bible we have worked on. It is always good to hear our youngest disciples praying the Lord’s Prayer with us during Worship.



Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending May 31, 2024

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$87,397.61
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$92,104.06
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	(\$4,706.45)

9:30 a.m. worship

Acolyte Schedule

July 7—The Hanna Family

August 4—Maddux Steely & Jackson Hanna

July 14—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk

August 11—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk

July 21—Lydia Sullivan & Alana Ethington

August 18 (Regular worship resumes—10:30 am)
Logan Sternberg & Parker Klausing

July 28—Parker Klausing & Gavin Peck

August 25—Mollie & Tommy Soderlund

July Anniversaries

July 5—Matt & Erin Foster
July 7—Eric & Brandy Steely
July 13—Andy & Megan Dahlem
July 14—Dan & Lynn Peck
July 16—Gary & Debi Klausing
July 25—Greg & Jane Russell



August Anniversaries

August 6—Jim & Stacey Morgan
August 7—Merle & Jeanne Schmierbach
August 19—Bud & Kaye Joiner
August 22—Julian & Cody Mahan
August 24—Laura & Larry Schulte
 Bonnie & Thaddeus Wilkins
August 25—Bob & Martha Misselhorn



July Birthdays

July 2—Don Rheinecker
July 8—Christy Howell
July 9—Glenn Short, Maddux Steely
July 12—Parker Klausing
July 13—Courtney Rucks
July 15—Carla Long
July 16—Alene Holloway
July 18—Gloria Schobert, Chase Bernardoni
July 19—Dave Heuman
July 21—Shawn Jones
July 24—Jane Russell
July 26—Anne Bournier
July 27—Lori Feld, Stanley Baird,
 Annabelle Foster, Knox Waldron
July 28—Drew Byington



August Birthdays

August 1—Kay Hapke, Kaye Joiner
August 2—Konnie Pirtle
August 3—Justin Kiefer, Emma Adams
August 4—Logan Sternberg
August 5—Vivian Ivancic
August 6—Wes Sroka
August 8—Luke Sroka, Faith Sroka,
 David Sternberg, Ryan Peck
August 9—Martha Barber
August 12—Mary Sternberg
August 13—Gavin Peck
August 15—John Feld
August 18—Sydney Rheinecker
August 19—Jaimie Smith
August 21—Robin McMurtry
August 22—Charlie Lehman, Amber Rucks
August 24—Susan Gasser
August 28—Wayne Laramore
August 29—Mary Niemeyer
August 31—Tricia Funston



Thank you for my graduation card and gift. It is much appreciated that my church family has thought of me in this season of my life! Best wishes, Logan Shaw

Dear Westminster Church Family, I am so thankful for your continued support each day. College can get pretty stressful, especially studying music. I believe God set me on this path for a reason, and through your kind words and encouragement I know that to be true. I wouldn't be where I am without all of you, and God's guiding light. Thank you again. Sincerely, Megan Schulte

Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry has seen a steady increase in the number of clients we serve the past few months and our supplies are running low. Donations of any kind would be greatly appreciated. Suggested items include canned goods, personal care items such as bar soap, shampoo, or toothpaste, specialty items like packages of noodle or rice dishes, cookies, chips, snack bars, cookie or cake mixes, and cereal bars.

We also can use excess garden produce like cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, and peppers. Thank you for continuing to support the pantry.

Coming Soon!!

Keep Sunday August 18th open for a real treat at Westminster. Pastor Brandon Freeland and his wife Sheila will be joining us to tell us more about "Sonshine Ministries. Please plan to attend.

Parent and Family Corner

Below is an excerpt from "The Daily Dad" by Ryan Holiday.

Plutarch told this story of how the Spartan society was reformed from rebellious, rowdy and soft to self-disciplined, temperate and courageous.

A man bred two dogs from the same litter, then raised one in the home and one out in the hunting fields. When they were fully acclimated, he brought both dogs to a public assembly. He set down the house dog's food and then the hunting dogs. Before he released the dogs, he let loose a rabbit. The house dog went to his food. The hunting dog went after the hare.

"You see, fellow citizens," he said, "these dogs belong to the same stock, but due to their training, they have turned out utterly different from each other. For the good of the animal, training is more effective than nature.

After his demonstration proved that nurture trumped nature, he said, "so also in our case, noble birth, so admired of the multitude, does not bestow any advantage, unless we practice and learn what is good our whole life long."

And so it goes with our own family. If we want great kids, then we have to do the work. We have to nurture the traits we want them to have and correct the ones we don't.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it".
Proverbs 22: 6

Out and About at Westminster



SCUBA VBS was a huge success! We averaged 37 kids each day, and they all had a great time learning about diving into God's love!



Below: Jeremiah Spirk got a reward for learning the books of the Bible.



Above: Our VBS collection this year went to Raegan Blasdel, a young child who has had many medical issues. We collected \$470.20 to help with medical bills!

Out and About at Westminster



Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for a lovely dinner to celebrate the time we were blessed to have Pastor Bonnie with us!

Pastor Bonnie's last Sunday with us was filled with love and laughter. We wish her much happiness in her retirement adventures!



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1-3 Quilting</i>	2 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	3	4 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5	6
7 <i>Katie Blank preaching</i>	8 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1-3 Quilting</i>	9 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>6:30 pm Session</i>	10	11 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	12	13
14 <i>Elder Clint Borcky preaching</i>	15 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1-3 Quilting</i>	16 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	17	18 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	19	20
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28 <i>Catherine Hobson preaching</i>	29 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1-3 Quilting</i>	30 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	31			

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				1 10-12 Food Pantry	2	3
4 No Communion Clint Borcky preaching	5 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting	6 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 pm Session	7 7 pm Trustees	8 10-12 Food Pantry	9	10
11 Tom Hobson preaching	12 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting	13 10-12 Food Pantry	14	15 10-12 Food Pantry	16	17
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*Rally Day—9:15-9:45—Sunday School, 9:45-10:15—breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 10:30—Worship