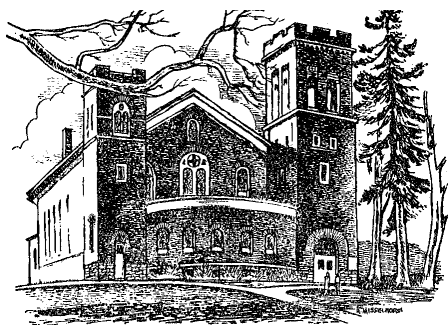




Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

S'More Time with God will be July 6 from 10 am-noon

Summer worship hours (10:00-10:45) end after July 26. Worship returns to regular hours in August (10:30-11:30)

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Laura Schulte, Editor

July 2026

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

Lord, I cry out to you for help. In the morning I pray to you. Lord, why do you say no to me? Why do you turn our face away from me? Psalm 88:13-14 NIRV

Sometimes talking to God feels like talking into a toy telephone. There does not seem to be any real connection. God does not seem to answer us. We wonder if God is even listening. The writer of this psalm is feeling this way. He is sad, frightened, and lonely. He thinks that he will die soon. He cries out to God, but he hears no answer.

Reading this psalm can help us when we think God is not listening to us. It lets us know that other believers have felt the same way we do. It reminds us that believing in God does not mean that we will always feel happy or that bad things will never happen to us. Most importantly, this psalm encourages us to keep praying, even when we are sad or angry, even when we wonder if God is listening to us. We can be honest with God

when we pray, just like the writer of this psalm was. And one day, we will discover that God was listening the whole time.

Prayer: Are you really there, God? Sometimes you seem far away, and I wonder if you hear my prayers. Help me to keep praying, even when it does not seem to be working. Help me to know that you do listen and that your love surrounds me, even when I cannot feel it. Amen.



Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to our VBS staff and anyone who helped in any way. From Monday until the ending celebration on Friday, June 5, these volunteers provided a fun faith-filled week for the youth of the community. Because of their hard work and dedication, VBS ran smoothly. From the lessons, experiments, music, games, crafts and snacks to the Friday closing celebration for family and friends, all had a great time. The offerings of \$117.43 went to assist the Backpack Ministry Program. Thank you to our Westminster Church Family for their prayers and support during this week. A special thank you to all who contributed their time and talents, cookies or food items for snacks.

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

Future events: More detailed information will be available at a later time

- August 9-Blessing of the Backpack
- September 13-Rally Day
- September 16-Calvin’s Kids resume
- September 20-Worship in the Park (pending Session approval)



On Monday, July 6, CE is holding a “S’More Time with God” event. Children ages 4-grade 6 will have a lesson, craft, game time, snack time and singing. Anyone wishing to help with this event please contact CE or the Office.

Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending May 31, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$84,381.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$72,527.00
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$11,854.00

Acolyte Schedule

July 5—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk

Aug. 2—Addie & Breckon Lauer

July 12—Hadley & Lennon McMaster

Aug. 9—Saylor & Wade Watson

July 19—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely

Aug. 16—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely

July 26—Alana Ethington & Parker Klausing

Aug. 23—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna

Aug. 30—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk



July Birthdays

July 2—Don Rheinecker
 July 6—Kayla Hille
 July 7—Nina Hille
 July 8—Christy Howell
 July 9—Maddux Steely, Glenn Short
 July 12—Parker Klausing
 July 13—Courtney Rucks
 July 15—Carla Long
 July 16—Alene Holloway
 July 18—Chase Bernardoni, Gloria Schobert
 July 19—Dave Heuman
 July 24—Jane Russell
 July 26—Anne Bourner
 July 27—Lori Feld, Annabelle Foster, Knox Waldron
 July 28—Drew Byington



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
WISHES**

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 20—Corey & Katie Lauer
 July 25—Greg & Jane Russell

Comedy Corner



Thank You...

Thanks for cheering on my 8th grade success! Pacer and I are ready for high school adventures ahead! Thanks. Love, Parker Klausing

Thanks for the graduation gift cards. Me and Hayden are going to put them to good use.
Henry & Hayden Montroy

To our Westminster Family, We thank God for you and thank you for the beautiful flowers. The arrangements were a bright spot in our days! Your kindness, thoughtfulness and blessings shared are truly appreciated. In His service, Kay, Anne & Laura
“We have shared together the blessing of God.” Philippians 1:7

Dear VBS staff and all who helped with this event, Rainforest Falls VBS was a faith-building experience for the youth and adults. Without your dedication and hard work this program would not be possible. Seeing the enthusiasm of the youth was rewarding. Thank you for your service to Westminster. All involved had an amazing time at VBS this year. Kay/Anne/Laura

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

July Memory Verse:

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16: 14 (ESV)

Notes from Session

- June and July services will be from 10-10:45 a.m.
- July schedule for preachers: Clint will be with us for the entire month.
- Laura will be on vacation from July 7th-21st. If you would like to volunteer to be a substitute secretary on one of these days, please let Laura or Doris know.

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: On June 7, the church thanked Kay, Laura and Anne for all they do for this church. We are so lucky to have them!

Other pics: VBS! The kids and volunteers all enjoyed a great week of faith, fun and food!



July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3	4
5 Clint Borcky preaching	6 10-12 S'More Time with God	7 10-12 Food Pantry Laura gone on vacation	8 7 pm Trustees	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10	11
12 Clint Borcky preaching	13 9 am Prayer Circle	14 10-12 Food Pantry 5 pm Session	15	16 10-12 Food Pantry	17	18
19 Clint Borcky preaching	20 9 am Prayer Circle	21 10-12 Food Pantry	22 Laura back from vacation	23 10-12 Food Pantry	24	25
26 Clint Borcky preaching	27 9 am Prayer Circle	28 10-12 Food Pantry	29	30 10-12 Food Pantry	31	