from Pastor Dan

From July 8 - August 19, we will be taking a look at the 10 commandments (Ex. 19-20) alongside the Sermon on the Mount (found in Matthew 5-7). And you may have never noticed before (I didn't, until someone told me), but the juxtaposition of these two texts is really fascinating because in Matthew's gospel, Jesus is presented as a new Moses. Consider just a few of the details of their stories. Both are survivors of child genocide, spent time in Egypt, were tempted in the wilderness, led people to a divine place (promised Land and Kingdom of Heaven), and went up a Mountain to reveal the law of God.

But, there are differences too. Matthew isn't trying to say that Jesus is replacing Moses. Instead, it seems like he is telling us that Jesus is finishing, or at least, continuing the work Moses began. Just look at Matthew 5:17, where Jesus tells us, "Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them." In other words, Jesus wasn't doing a brand new thing, he was taking the old thing and completing it. Moses began it by listening to God and delivering God's laws/teachings/instruction to the people. And Jesus, through his words and life...
interpreted the law,
embodied those teachings,
and showed us what it looks like to follow them with our daily lives.

Now a history lesson.
During the time of Jesus' ministry, no one had copies of scriptures in their homes (I know, sad). Yet, they probably knew them better than we do (sad in a different way). Why? Because it was part of their education system for one. But also, because they would gather every Sabbath, read the scrolls they did have in their worship spaces, and then talk about them. That's right, instead of one person with a degree and fancy robe going on and on about how to interpret the passages, the people gathered would share their opinions about what this meant for them in their time and in their lives. If, during these conversations you said something that was really off base, someone might accuse you of abolishing (or erasing or changing) the law. But if you said something spot on, or something that really inspired others, or, someone felt like it spoke to the heart of the matter, they might reply, 'you have fulfilled the law.'

Matthew's gospel then, is trying to get us to see that Jesus shows us the kind of life the law is meant to inspire.

One more point.

At end of the Sermon on the Mount is this verse: When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching because he was teaching them like someone with authority and not like their legal experts (Mt. 7:28-29). If you were a legal expert (a learned person in the law), and you gave your opinion on a particular matter, it was expected that you would rely on a precedent from previously accepted interpretations. Think of Supreme Courts cases where judges do the same thing. But here, the text tells us that Jesus uses no precedent. Rather, he speaks perfectly about the law, and he does so with his own authority. With his own insight. With his own ideas of what God is saying to us. And it is fulfilling.

So, my hope is that as we worship together over the next month and half, we can look once again at these ancient top 10 list of laws, hear what insights Jesus gives us about them, and maybe even share our own thoughts together about what it looks like to follow them today. Come, let us continue the conversation.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dan

Sermon Series
July 1 - Guest Speaker Mark Hanson. "Do Good Anyway"
Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount

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BBQ & Blessings
We continue our theme of Great Words of the Faith, where we are looking at important words of faith that are in danger of becoming cliché and remind us of their rich meanings that give us language to express some of the deepest feelings we have.

Dinner begins at 5:15 pm in the Shared Life Center and Worship will follow at 6pm. We'll have beautiful music, a brief meditation and we'll celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

Here are the words we’ll study in our time together in July:
July 11 - Joy
July 18 - Hope (with the Lord’s Supper)

Meisteringer Announcement
When Mabel Rempe decided she needed to step away from her duties as our Meisteringer director, our hearts were not only saddened, but we were also daunted by the task of needing to fill her replacement.

Luckily, our very own Patrick Marchant, whose extra skills seem to have no end, also has collegiate bell choir experience and will be adding bell director to the list of his duties next year. We look forward to hearing them continue to brighten our worship services next year and for years to come.

Music Ministry
Worship with us Sundays at:
9:00 am for Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and 11:15 am for Contemporary Worship in the Shared Life Center.

Special Music for this month:

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** Bring your lawn chair for our outdoor worship.

Musical Opportunities Abound at Westminster!

Summer Cabaret
Join us for a new event August 15 at 6:00 pm as Westminster presents: A Summer Cabaret featuring you, the members of the Westminster's congregation! If you would like to sing/play/dance/juggle or share your other talents with us, please contact Patrick to reserve a spot in the line-up. Bring your talents forward as solo or group acts, all are welcome to participate in this fun-filled evening. patrick@wpcw.org or 234.5501
Men's and Women's Chorus Opportunities
Come together and sing in our Women's Chorus (July 15) or our Men's Chorus (August 12) this summer. Everyone is invited, no previous experience in singing is necessary, or expected! We will rehearse on the Wednesday before we sing (Women July 11 and Men August 8) at 7:30 pm in the choir room. Please RSVP to Patrick so enough music is prepared for everyone!

Camp Music Mania July 9-13
All students entering 1st through 5th grade are invited to join us the week of July 9 for UNI Community School of Music's Camp Music Mania Pirates! The camp will run from 9:00 am -12:30 pm with a concluding Family & Friends Performance on Friday July 13 at 12:30 pm. Activities include singing, dancing, piano, and Orff instruments (xylophones). Activities will be showcased at the camp performance on the final Friday of camp. Rockin’ Rhythms will be incorporated into all class activities. Registration is now available at wpcw.org/cmm both online registration and paper forms are available to download for mail in registrations. Contact Patrick Marchant with any questions at patrick@wpcw.org or 234.5501 ext. 110

Upcoming Dates to Remember:
July 11 and 15: Women's Chorus
August 8 and 12: Men's Chorus
August 15: A Summer Cabaret

Patrick Marchant

Formation

Wes Pres Youth

2018 Senior High Puerto Rico mission group

Dee Jordan, Hope Jacobs, Vicki Cose, Dalton Draeger,
Trevor Hendrickson, Clare Williams
Sadie Kurtz, Kristina Jordan, Abigayle Nathe, McKenzie Hendrickson,
Alyson Hurley, Austin Tieskotter and Scott Cose

Senior Highs
June 9 this group traveled to Ponce', Puerto Rico to work in the neighborhood of Belgica. This neighborhood was hit hard by hurricane Maria and some gangs have moved into some of the vacant homes. We built a fence around the home of a young family to secure a place for their children to play.
Our group worked very hard in some difficult conditions. They represented themselves and Westminster in so many positive ways.

On Sunday, June 24 a PowerPoint presentation was shared during the adult Sunday School. I encourage you to stop one of our youth and talk to them about their experience.

On behalf of our group, we would like to thank you for your prayers and support.

**Junior high**

Our junior highs are preparing for this year’s Great Escape with a theme of “Mystery”.

Youth, if you’d like to bring a costume that would reflect this theme, please feel free to do that. You could wear it during your free time or at the dance if you’d like.

**Here is our schedule:**

**Monday, July 9:**
- Arrive at the church by 9:00 am, we will load the trailer and vans.
- 9:30 we will leave the church and head to Green Lake.

**Saturday, July 14:**
We will leave Green Lake at 8:00 am and arrive at the church by 2:00 pm.

On both trips, going to and returning from, the youth will need money for lunch and if they want to purchase anything at camp. (T-shirts, CD’s, books or to ride the banana boat)

A letter went out a couple of weeks ago asking for the student's personal information. i.e. insurance and release forms and balanced owed for the trip.

Please try to have the above forms and money into the church or to Scott before we leave.

**YOUTH Fundraiser**

Our junior and senior highs will again be working the Irish Fest this year. For the past 3 years our group has cleaned the park where the Fest is held and the organization makes a donation to our group. This is one of our fundraisers of the year. Please let Scott or Erica know when you plan to help. ALL the funds raised, help offset the cost of any event that our youth participate in, as well as provide scholarships for them. Parents, I encourage you to join your son or daughter in this event!

**Below is our schedule:**

**Saturday, August 4 at 7:30 am**, we will meet in the 1st Presbyterian parking lot on Franklin across from the KWWL building.

**Sunday, August 5 at 7:30 am**, again, we will meet in the parking lot of 1st Pres.

**Sunday, August 5 at 5:00 pm**, will be our final clean up session.

NOTE: Each session will last approx. 1 hour but this all depends on how many of you show up to help. Many hands make for short work!!! Questions - Please contact the Scott at the church office.

**50 YEAR CELEBRATION**

As most of you know, Westminster will be celebrating 50 years of hosting our junior high dances.

On Friday, August 24, we will hold a “Reunion” for anyone who may have attended these dances from 1968 through 2018. This has been one of our most well know ministries in the Cedar Valley which many have attended. This will be an open house and dance.

There will soon be an article in the Courier about our dances to help promote this event. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Scott Cose at the church.

More details will be coming once everything is finalized! PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!
Wes Pres Kids

We had 112 children attend our Rolling River Rampage VBS this year. Children had a great time participating in a week filled with Bible stories, skits, music, crafts, mission education, games and new friends. We focused on the verse from Isaiah 43:2 that says "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." During the week we found Adventure, Acceptance, Joy, Rest and Peace on the River.

For our Mission Project this year, we raised money for Hartman Reserve Nature Center, to help support the outdoor programs the park offers to the community. Over the course of the week the children raised $378.

Thank you so much to the many volunteers who helped with VBS. Thanks to everyone who brought snacks for the volunteers to eat on their breaks, to those who taught the Bible Story, to the River Guides and River Captains, and everybody else who helped to make this week a success. VBS would not be possible without all of your willing hearts and hands.

There are a few extra VBS T-shirts left over, in a variety of sizes. If you would like a T-shirt, please let me know.

Summer Sunday School is in full swing. The children are enjoying learning about Jesus' disciples. So far, they have learned about Andrew, James, John, and Peter. We will continue on and learn about Matthew, Judas, Simon, and Thomas. Please note that there is NO Sunday School on July 1, due to the holiday weekend. Only 4 more classes left! Please join us on July 8, 15, 22, and 29. All ages are meeting together on the 3rd floor in Room #307.

On August 19, we will be having a special BACKPACK BLESSING during each service for all children in Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School. Teachers and other adults who work in the schools are also welcome to bring their bags and have them blessed.

Get Ready! Mark your calendars! Wednesday Discovery Night Programming will begin again on August 29. We have lots of fun, new surprises in store for you this fall!

Alisa Engelhardt

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Morning Class
For Adult Sunday School in July we will be doing text studies related to that morning's sermon passage or whatever the facilitator feels like. You'll get to hear some historical background, and have some of the big theological ideas and literary devices highlighted, but mostly you will be asked to share your own thoughts on the text and to listen and learn from each other. We will meet in the Chapel at 10:30am to allow for some more fellowship time. BYOB - bring your own Bible (but we can provide them too). Facilitators - Pastor Dan and Guests.

Weekday Adult Opportunities
Mondays
Bible Study for Women:
Rev. Cathy Young leads a weekly, in-depth Bible study for women on Mondays. All women of Westminster and the wider Cedar Valley are invited to attend the study. The group is studying the Book of Acts. Women are asked to bring their favorite Bible. While regular attendance will facilitate learning, women are welcome to pop in when they can.
When: Monday’s at 9:00 am. Where: Room 216. Facilitator: Rev. Cathy Young

Bible Study for Men: Join us on Monday's at 9:00 am in Room 216. Benefits galore are available: sharing insights, relishing in God's grace, watching fellow men grow in knowledge and also in spiritual strength. You are not required to bring any biblical knowledge with you other than an ability and desire to meet "brothers in Christ." When: Monday's at 9:00 am. Where: Adult Library. Facilitator: Rev. Dan Voigt.
**Sweet Hour of Prayer:** Join with us to review prayer joys and concerns of our extended church family. All are welcome. **When:** Mondays at 1:30 pm. **Where:** Pastor Tricia's Office.

**Wednesdays Centering Prayer**
Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the Chapel and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. (6:30 pm on the evenings of BBQ & Blessings.)

**Church Bookies**
You are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, July 15 at 6:00 pm.

**A look ahead at books to read:**
July 15: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler
August 19: *A Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton Porter
September 16: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
Contact Cindy Harmon with any questions at 268-0049 home or 239-9761 cell.

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**Resources**

**Finance**
Budget Summary for May 2018.

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Mission

Free Community Breakfast-Sat. July 7 - 8:00 am

How does a delicious homemade breakfast sound, along with a time of fellowship? You are invited to attend our monthly community breakfast, held on the first Saturday of the month. The men of Westminster cook up a delicious meal and there is a time of devotion and fellowship. We'd love for you to join us and bring a friend or two!

Sunday Supper Update

The ministry of Sunday Supper continues every Sunday evening at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo! Have you attended yet? It is a great way to meet community friends and enjoy a great meal together!

The month of July is wide open and in need of volunteers. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or contact the church office if you are available to help!

It starts at 5 pm in the lower level of First Pres which is located at 505 Franklin Street. If you would like to lend a hand some Sunday with the food prep, hospitality or clean up please see the schedule which is located in the Welcome Center. There are TWO different shifts to choose from:

* OPEN which is 3:30 pm to 5:40 pm and this includes food prep, serving line or greeting

* CLOSING which is 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and could include serving, assisting with carrying trays and the inevitable joy of clean up!

Please contact Mike Lewis with any questions or to sign up to help mslewis@cfu.net.

Care

Summer Personal Care Drive July 9 - August 6

Summer is a tough time for many local families. Social Service agencies are often in short supply of personal care items - things clients cannot buy with food stamps (SNAP). We believe these items are basic necessities to live a healthy and happy life. There will be barrels around the church from July 9 - August 6, ready to accept your gifts.

Items needed:

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Thank you for your support!

National Night Out & Westminster Deacons

On the first Tuesday in August communities all across the country celebrate National Night Out. These events are designed to create safer, more caring, and better neighborhoods. This year the Deacons, as part of their new outreach responsibilities, will be involved in helping Westminster host this event. Our hope is to make this an enjoyable time and a good opportunity to better know our neighbors. Please join us on Tuesday, August 7 for this event, and if you are interested in helping out - please contact Pastor Dan. dan@wpcw.org
Deacon Medical Equipment Lending Program
We have available the following items to be loaned on a short term basis to Westminster members:

Wheel Chair, Walker, Bed Rail, Shower Chair, Cane, Crutches and others.

Due to the generous donation from a Westminster Church family, we now have available an electric wheelchair if there is ever a need.

Contact the church office if you are in need or should you have any items that we can use, please let us know by calling 234-5501. Thank you!

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Other Church News

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Church Golf Event and Pool Party - Sunday, July 29

On Sunday, July 29 we will once again enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun, great food and fellowship.

If you love to golf, sign up to participate in the 4-person best shot at Gates Golf Club. You can sign up as a single person and we will pair you with a group or sign up with a friend. Cost: $16 golf fee and $9 cart fee (or you can walk). Tee off times will be consecutive, starting at 2:30 pm. Be there at least 10 minutes before start time to pay your fees and get your golf cart.

That evening we will also be having a swim party at 5:30 pm at Gates Pool. If you don't want to swim, bring a chair and just sit back, relax and enjoy the food & fellowship!

Walking Tacos, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

You can sign up for both events in the Welcome Center, call the office (234-5501), or email us jodi@wpcw.org and we will be happy to do it for you!

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Congratulations Thieleane Raecker!

On Wednesday, June 27 our own Thieleane Raecker was recognized as one of the “Eight over Eighty” recipients of the Cedar Valley. She was selected for her dedicated heart in working with the youth in the schools and our church. Westminster congratulates and celebrates with Thieleane and her family!

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Window Air Conditioning Units

As part of the Capital Campaign, the older part of the church now has wonderful air conditioning units, keeping us all cool during these hot summer months. So, the Church has 4 window air conditioners that the Property Committee is willing to donate to someone in need.

If you know of someone that could use one, please contact Dean Thede at 236-0171.
The Piecemakers quilting group is seeking new members! This group meets Thursdays from 9:00 am to noon, on the 2nd floor of the church, across from room 216. No sewing or quilting experience is needed! If you are interested in joining us, we are happy to teach you some basic skills. We need people who are willing to sew a basic straight stitch in order to put the quilt blocks together, as well as those who would like to tie the layers of the quilt together with a needle and yarn. We support our local community by donating our finished quilts to the Red Cross, pregnancy centers, and foster care programs. If you want more information about joining this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact Alisa Engelhardt.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Just a reminder that there are prayer shawls available in the Welcome Center for you to take to someone you know who may be sick, have a new baby or just maybe needs a hug of love. These shawls were made by a very special group of women who then prayed over them. Please feel free to take one for yourself as well!

As a reminder, this group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30 am in the children's library! We would love for you to join us!

Stuff Etc.
What is Stuff Etc? - Stuff Etc. is a consignment shop in Waterloo. If you are ready to say goodbye to some of your favorite items, consign them NOW with Stuff Etc. Furniture, housewares, home decor and much more are taken on consignment.

How do you help Westminster Presbyterian with your donations?

Consignor (Westminster) will receive 50% of the final sale price as listed on the church account. A buyer's fee is added to the price tag of each item and will not be reflected on the church inventory list. This is a fee incurred by the customer to offset the expenses of processing.

Stuff Etc. accepts consignments Monday through Saturday. Advise Stuff Etc. that your donations are for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Act. 15018. No appointment drop off of 1 tote or 1 medium trash bag per day per customer. Furniture and large appliances are accepted 7 days a week without an appointment.

Items must be clean, current styles, no garage sale stickers, free of odor and in season. Check their website or in-store signs for consignment standards.

Please help support this trouble-free way of getting rid of unwanted items in your home.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky (Becky@wpcw.org) or 319-234-5501.

Stuff Etc, 1210 Flammang Drive, Waterloo, IA 50702

AmazonSmile
What is Amazon Smile - it is a simple and automatic way for you to support Westminster Presbyterian every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase to Westminster Presbyterian.

How do you shop at AmazonSmile? To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and starting your shopping.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations? Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.
Can you use your existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry and other account settings are also the same.

How do you select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile? On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

How much of your purchase does Amazon donate? The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes or service charges. From time to time, there may be offer specials, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services for additional donations.

Can you receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from your purchases on AmazonSmile? Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

Please consider this easy way to help support Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions on this, please contact Becky at the church 234-5501 or email Becky@wpcw.org.

Thank you
Finance Committee

ScRIP Cards
ScRIP is a program where the church purchases prepaid gift cards at a discount (ranging from 1.25-16%) and then sells them at face value. The discount goes into an account that can be used for a variety of uses based upon the church’s needs.

Gift cards can be used to give as gifts, to make everyday purchases, or to help maintain your monthly budget. We offer quite a variety including gas, grocery, restaurants, movie theater, clothing, crafts, home improvement, sports, car repair, Visa & Discover and SO much more.

If you purchase one $25.00 gift card each month for a year, you could raise $20.00 for the church. For 300 members to make that commitment could mean $6,000.00 for 1 year. Think of the possibilities!

The SCRIP table will be open the first and third Sunday in the Welcome Center. SCRIP is also available in the office Monday-Friday. Click HERE for the current scrip list! Fill it out and bring it with you on Sunday mornings to have your order filled! Cards that we do not have available can be ordered for you.

Don't forget to share this opportunity with friends and family - the more the merrier!

If you have any questions or would like to special order cards, please reach out to Sarah Hellman at sari@cfu.net or contact the church office.

Westminster Church Calendar
To view all the events happening at Westminster, please visit our website at www.wpcw.org. The church calendar can be found on our home page.

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