

Westminster Messenger, February 2019

Brrrr January was a cold, cold month. We are hoping that the following events happening in February will bring you warmth, fun, fellowship and great memories. Here's what's coming up!

Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man answered, "Master, I want to see!" Mark 10:51

Every day we have this question from Jesus, "what do you want me to do for you?" The challenge becomes whether we stop long enough to have the desire to respond to Jesus of our deepest hunger in this life. Our theme for 2019 at Westminster is *Growth begins with Us*.



This growth doesn't just happen, it takes commitment and devotion each and every day. Our Journey discipleship classes have been an important part of our growth over the last few years; along with our Monday morning Bible Studies, Text studies each Sunday of the sermon text and Wednesday evening classes, growth abounds. I am also so grateful that three youth Bible studies have now begun during the week with the promise of more groups as leadership is built. Although worship is of utmost importance, I firmly believe that small groups also help us grow and mature as disciples in Christ. This precious time together helps us remind ourselves that Jesus so wants to grant us the desires of our heart.

Each Sunday, beginning February 3, Pastor Dan and I will have a question for you to reflect upon and study as we go forward into 2019, helping us all to grow together. We'll also start two new adult small groups on February 24 or February 26 which will study the book *Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton. The purpose of this study is centered on building what Barton refers to as a "Rule for Life." What sacred practices bring more awareness of God's presence in our lives? Ideally the groups would include 5-10 participants. Both groups will be facilitated by myself for seven classes. Consistent attendance is important. **The cost for the text is \$15.00.** Let me know if you have any questions. Here is the schedule:

Sunday Group 10:10 am - 11:05

February 24
March 3, 10, 24, 31
April 7, 14

Tuesday Group 5:30 pm to 6:45

February 26
March 5, 12, 26
April 2, 9, 16

Please email me at patricia@wpcw.org or call the office to register at 234-5501.

With great hope,
Pastor Tricia

Re-Pledge 2019

If you attended our congregational meeting, you know our Elders have called us together as Westminster members to increase our pledges by 7% . Our personnel and mission committees have both reduced their budgets in order to lower the budget for 2019 and we're also depending on our endowment funds to balance the budget . A letter is available on our website (top of the homepage) or click [HERE](#), which further explains the current financial situation and also shares what important steps will be taken this year to help our congregation for the future. Please read the letter soon and prayerfully return your pledge card by Sunday, February 17.

Finance Elders,
Kristie Brown, Matt Loesche and John Speas

Program Assistant Job Opportunity

We are looking for a part time program assistant who will help with the development, coordination and management of the Christian Education program and to provide leadership and inspiration for the many volunteers in this ministry. This will be a 12-15 hour per week position. If you or someone you know would be interested, go to our website at wpcw.org for a complete job description. Contact Pastor Dan at 234-5501 or dan@wpcw.org with any questions or to submit your resume.

Sunday Morning Adult Education in February (10:15-11am between services)

Mental Health

Our Special guest this month will be Thomas Eachus from Blackhawk-Grundy Mental Health Center. Although, mental health is an increasingly important topic, often it is forgotten, ignored, or pushed to the margins for a whole host of reasons. Each week Tom will be covering a different area that is likely to be critically important for all of us to think about. If not for ourselves, certainly for someone we love.

Feb. 3 - Depression and Anxiety

Feb. 10 - Suicide

Feb. 17 - What Congregations Can Do?

Feb. 24 – Mental Health and Kids

Bible Study

For those interested in going deeper on the text used on Sunday Morning, Pastor Dan will continue his class on the Bible. Just bring your honest selves. This class will also take a break on Feb. 17, to encourage everyone to go to the Mental Health Class.

Sacred Rhythms

Pastor Tricia will also begin a 7 week class on Spiritual Practices on the last Sunday in February (24). See her article for more information.

Men's Retreat

Pastor Dan invites all men of Westminster to join him for this Men's Retreat March 8-10. Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Dan with any questions.

March 8-10, 2019
Annual Men's Retreat

The Spiritual Man

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

Would the boy you once were be inspired by the man you've become?

Have you had a moment to consider this question or questions like this? Are you looking for an opportunity to pause and consider the intersections between spirituality and masculinity? This three-day retreat will approach masculinity through the vehicles of spirituality, psychology, and our shared lived experiences as men. Together, in community, we will create moments for pause and reflection into deepening our understanding of masculinity. Taking stock of the early messages, current societal expectations, and re-discovering or further illuminating our own spiritual compasses.

Mark Sundby, M.Div., Ph.D., L.P., and Tom Allen, Ph.D., with LeaderWise will facilitate this retreat to create opportunities for spiritual renewal, connection, and fellowship among men.

Check-in begins at 7pm, Friday, and check-out is 11am, Sunday. Snacks and meals will be provided. Pack comfortable clothes, outdoor winter gear, and your Bible.

Register online by going to www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org, Go to "Adults" under the "Retreats and Camps" tab. Then, click on "Register Now!" OR fill-in the form below then send it to Lakeshore, 1864 Hwy 86, Milford, IA 51351.

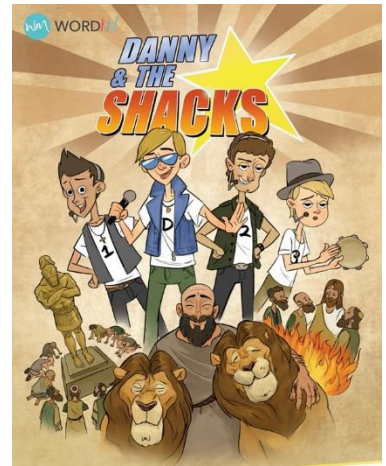
Sponsored by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation and North Central Iowa Presbytery.

Children & Youth Musical Kick-off Event & Lock-in!

On Friday, February 22, we will have a kick-off event for our spring musical “Danny & The Shacks” for those in 1st-12th grade who participate or would like to join either the Messenger or LightShine Choirs for this event.

We will meet at 5pm, have dinner, rehearse for an hour, go bowling, assign parts, and those in 1st-5th grade will be dismissed at 9pm.

Students in 6th-12th grade will be invited to stay overnight for a Lock-in event filled with fun and some extra rehearsal time! Our musical will be presented in worship on Sunday, May 12 at 10am. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Marchant at patrick@wpcw.org



February Music Schedule

Feb 3: 9am- Chancel Choir, 11:15- Worship Team

Feb 10: 9am- Church Mice & Chancel Choir 11:15 LightShine & Worship Team

Feb 17: 9am- Chancel Choir & Messengers 11:15am Worship Team

Feb 24: 9am- Meisteringers 11:15am Worship Team



Wes Pres Youth

Woah, what a whirlwind this winter has been! From our back to school annual Carnival, to introducing small group bible studies. We have been so blessed to see the remarkable work Jesus is doing in our church! As we look forward to February, the next month ahead, we're getting excited to dive deeper into our current series "What is worship", celebrating small group digging into different books of the bible, and of course our winter tubing trip!

Keep up with us on social media for more updates and exciting news ahead. But for now, support our ministry by purchasing a Wes Pres t-shirt in our offices, or through our website: <https://wpcw.org/product/wesprest/> All proceeds go to our youth planning on attending our summer camp at Great Escape or our summer mission trip to San Francisco Bay. Thanks for your support!

A look ahead at other events:

- February 8th: Jr. High Dance
- February 16th: Jr. & Sr. High tubing trip in Des Moines

Erica Fernandez, Youth Director

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2019 will be held the week of June 17-21.

Annual Chili / Soup Cook Off

Calling all chefs ... and chef wannabe's!! We have an event for you! Get out your most famous chili or soup recipe and bring it to our annual cook off on Sunday, February 10!

This delicious and fun event begins at 6:00 pm. Prizes for Best Soup, Best Chili and Best Decorations will be given out! Free tickets to those who register to compete!

For those of us who just want to taste all this deliciousness, tickets are on sale now for \$5 per person or \$15 per household. Drinks and dessert will be provided!!

You can get registration forms or tickets in many ways. In the church office during the week, in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, at dinner on Wednesday evenings, or online at www.wpcw.org. You can also purchase tickets at our Kiosk!



Please return registration forms by February 6. This event is just around the corner, so do not delay!!

Thank You!

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I am writing this note to thank you, the pastoral staff, and the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church for your continued support of the CASA program with your From the Heart gifts. You should know that the children who receive these gifts are so appreciative-in some cases, these gifts are the only ones they receive during the Christmas season. Thank you for helping to organize the gift collection and distribution. Thanks to Marv DeWaard for his unwavering support in organizing the program each year, and thank you to the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian for their continued kindness and generosity to the children served by the CASA program! We are so grateful for their efforts!

Sincerely,
Meg Campbell
CAB Coordinator

From the Finance Department

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	DECEMBER	DECEMBER	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 87,665.38	\$ 102,094.62	\$ 729,891.54	\$ 772,113.36	\$ 806,700.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 324.13	\$ 3,757.04	\$ 34,849.43	\$ 39,386.39	\$ 42,150.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 5,531.84	\$ 13,878.85	\$ 97,042.70	\$ 82,965.94	\$ 100,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 932.22	\$ 1,119.56	\$ 17,283.98	\$ 17,091.15	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 41,526.82	\$ 45,428.20	\$ 516,509.78	\$ 501,844.03	\$ 541,110.00
MISSION	\$ 4,563.21	\$ 14,192.33	\$ 77,202.42	\$ 78,138.72	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 2,838.50	\$ 3,769.48	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,806.14	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 287.82	\$ -	\$ 1,257.30	\$ 1,123.79	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 599.00	\$ 679.16	\$ 3,753.66	\$ 3,937.35	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 1,136.40	\$ 516.52	\$ 3,917.12	\$ 3,418.26	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 24,107.52	\$ 22,858.92	\$ 24,110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 62,674.90	\$ 85,246.05	\$ 790,923.91	\$ 765,570.69	\$ 840,670.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 24,990.48	\$ 16,848.57	\$ (61,032.37)	\$ 6,542.67	

Friendship Club

This group meets on Thursday, February 7 at 6pm in the Social Hall. All are invited. This is a potluck so bring a dish to share. The program: Mary Potter, "Church Row".



Thank You's

- *Thank you to all the people who have kept Bob in their thoughts and prayers; it is working! He is doing a bit better these past few days. Sincerely, Bob and Mary Jane Shafer*
- *Now that I am back in my own apartment after my 3 knee surgeries, I would like to thank my friends at Westminster for all their prayers, cards and telephone calls, plus the visits! They helped the time pass. Knowing you haven't been forgotten is very comforting. Betty Cline*

Church Calendar

You can access all church activities and the calendar at www.wpcw.org

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