



Greetings Jodi,

What you need to know about what's happening in October. We want to be sure these important dates and events are on your calendars! All are invited to join us!

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10



Paul's prayer for the church at Colossae is the same spirit in which our Stewardship team prays for the disciples of Westminster for 2019. May we together generously unite our hearts in continuing to make a difference in the Cedar Valley and beyond with the gifts of our time, efforts and resources. Please prayerfully consider your part in the life of Westminster and return your pledge card *by Sunday, October 14*. Your pledge card will arrive in the mail early next week. Please don't put it in a pile with all the other mail. Instead, please look at the pictures on the brochure and the giving chart. Consider the ways God has been so faithful to you and to our faith community. If you have others who are part of your giving, discuss with them what sacrifices you could make so that you could give more. We will celebrate our commitment on the 14th at 10 am worshipping together in the sanctuary, followed by a free brunch in the social hall.

The picture below is from our first Wednesday worship back on September 5, it is a reminder to me of all the GOODNESS at Westminster and how we live together with hope and love. If your heart needs to be lifted *consider attending Come Together First Wednesday Worship on October 3 at 6:35 pm in the sanctuary*. Some other great opportunities include Feed My Starving Children, our Fall Fest on October 14 for everyone, Community Concert on October 21 and All Saints Sunday on October 28.

With Great Hope,
Pastor Tricia Jacobs



Wednesday Night Worship

Join us Wednesday, October 3 for a brief worship, music and a time of fellowship at 6:35 pm in the Sanctuary.

Adult Education Sunday School

For the month of October there will be 2 options. Pastor Dan will keep his Bible Class going following Sundays Lectionary in **Room 216**.

Oct. 7 - 10 Commandments

Oct. 14 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Oct. 21 - David and Bathsheba

Oct. 28 - Solomon.

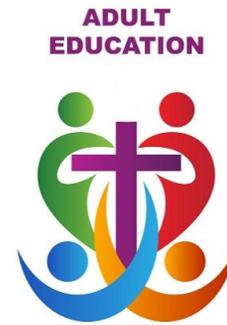
Or, for something a little different.

We will bring back spiritual director Juli Rowell to teach on three kinds of prayer: Lectio Divina, Centering, and Welcoming. They will meet in the Chapel.

Oct. 7 - Lectio Divina, more commonly known as Praying with Scripture, is an ancient prayer form in which we spend time with a short scripture passage allowing it to transform us from the outside in. It is a way to deepen our relationship with the living God and awaken to God's presence and action within us.

Oct. 21 & 28 - Centering Prayer is a discipline and method of prayer that both purifies our unconscious motivations and prepares us to receive God's gift of contemplation. It moves us from conversation to communion with God. It is a prayer of our consent to rest in God's presence within us giving God time and space to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves thus transforming us from the inside out.

Nov. 4 - The Welcoming Prayer is a method of consenting to God's presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to events in our daily lives. As in all contemplative practices the purpose is to deepen our relationship with God. The fruit of the practice is a dismantling of the emotional programs of the false self system and the healing of our woundedness. We are thus able to respond rather than react to what life brings us. The Welcoming Prayer utilizes both interior and exterior factors in the process of our transformation in Christ.



October Music Schedule

October 7: 9am: Chancel Choir 11:15am Praise Team

October 14: 10am: Chancel Choir, LightShine, Messengers, Praise Team

October 21: 9am: Chancel Choir, Westminster Chimes

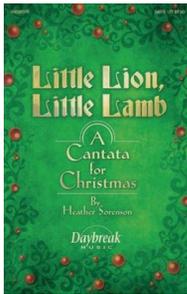
11:15: Church Mice & Praise Team

October 28: 9am: Meisteringers 11:15: Praise Team

Ecumenical Choir Concert

Join us Sunday October 21, 2018 at 6pm for a choir concert featuring Westminster's Chancel Choir and Central Christian Church's Adult Choir.

This free event will be held in Westminster's sanctuary and is open to all. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening filled with beautiful choral music!



Calling All Singers, Instrumentalists, Narrators, Sound & Light Techs!

Our 2018 Christmas Cantata, *Little Lion, Little Lamb* is here! Everyone is welcome to join in this beautiful cantata written by Heather Sorenson. In addition to singers, opportunities are available for a narrator, volunteers for sound and light control, and instrumentalists for a full orchestra.

Our next Cantata choir rehearsal is October 24 at 7:30pm, please contact Patrick to receive your materials. The orchestra rehearses in December, please pick up materials from Patrick by November 1. The Cantata choir will rehearse on the following Wednesdays at 7:30:

October 24, November 14, December 5, & December 12. Saturday morning rehearsals will be held December 1, 8, 15. The cantata will be performed in worship at 9am & in the evening at 6:30pm on December 16, 2018.

For more information about the music program please contact Patrick Marchant at patrick@wpcw.org or 319.234.5501 ext. 110

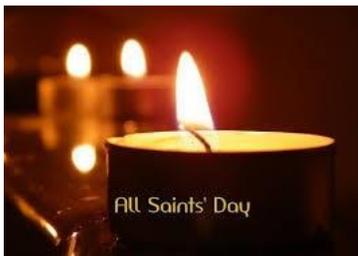
Clergy Appreciation Month

The month of October is Clergy Appreciation Month. I find it kind of sad that we need a specific month to remind us to appreciate our pastors. Although pastors are given days off like "normal employees", the truth is that the job is a 24/7 obligation. Evening meetings and activities, hospital visits, and evenings spent preparing sermons because emergencies come up during the week are among the many challenges we lay at a pastor's feet. In addition to working a 24/7 shift, a spouse and children also depend upon our pastors for love and support.



Please take the time this month to say thank you to Pastor Tricia and Pastor Dan for their guidance and commitment to God's work at Westminster. When you are done thanking them, please also remember and thank the entire staff at Westminster. We are blessed with a staff that does a tremendous job of keeping things running smoothly every day. Finally, while we acknowledge October as Clergy Appreciation Month, let's strive to offer our appreciation and prayer support each and every month during the year to our pastors and staff. They deserve it!

Personnel Committee



All Saints' Day

This year All Saints' Day is Sunday, October 28. All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for the life of our loved ones who have preceded us in death. You will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one during both services.

Feed My Starving Children

We will once again host a packing event on October 8, 9 and 10. If you have not signed up to help, go to our website at wpcw.org/fmsc to register. Please let your friends know about this special opportunity.



Wes Pres Kids

October 14

- NO Sunday School
- 10:00 am service, followed by Brunch

October 10 AND 31

- NO Discovery Night Meal
- NO After School Pickup or Programming for elementary
- NO classes or music practices for Pre-K through 5th grade

November 11 is Bible Presentation Sunday.

Our 3-year olds and 3rd graders will be presented with age appropriate Bibles. Families will receive a letter in the mail with details about this special event.

December 2 will be an **Advent Festival** from 4:00-6:00 pm. A complementary meal will be served, and there will be holiday crafts you can make. This Festival will take place before Cocoa & Carols, so that those adults and children who have music practices may come and go from the Festival in their free time, as well as have an opportunity to eat dinner.

Alisa Engelhardt

Wes Pres Youth

WPY has kicked off their year to a great start by diving into a series called Identity. For the past three weeks our students have been challenged to see how their identities reflect the call that Jesus has for their lives. With biblical teachings and real-life stories, this series encourages students to ground their identity in Christ and live boldly as children of God and heirs of heaven. Keep us with Wes Pres Youth throughout the year on our social media's for more in-depth coverage of our weeks!

Erica Fernandez

From the Finance Department

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	AUGUST	AUGUST	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 38,342.44	\$ 41,201.62	\$ 513,578.94	\$ 518,197.46	\$ 806,700.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,971.44	\$ 1,959.40	\$ 23,241.75	\$ 25,361.75	\$ 42,150.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 4,340.72	\$ 4,308.98	\$ 77,407.52	\$ 54,554.41	\$ 100,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,754.71	\$ 3,135.49	\$ 11,455.84	\$ 12,877.11	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 39,860.51	\$ 41,482.22	\$ 353,306.75	\$ 326,110.40	\$ 541,110.00
MISSION	\$ 8,450.51	\$ 7,330.76	\$ 48,659.73	\$ 47,130.99	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 835.33	\$ 1,808.80	\$ 6,466.53	\$ 7,373.38	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 252.68	\$ 189.65	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 423.81	\$ 148.48	\$ 2,398.28	\$ 1,758.44	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 313.25	\$ 293.21	\$ 2,008.57	\$ 2,580.87	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 16,071.60	\$ 15,239.20	\$ 24,110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 60,959.24	\$ 62,372.25	\$ 541,269.33	\$ 493,176.28	\$ 840,670.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (22,616.80)	\$ (18,170.63)	\$ (27,690.39)	\$ 25,021.18	

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Thank you
Finance Committee

Session Minutes from September 25 meeting. Click [HERE](#).

Responding to Mental Health Needs

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Church (USA) is offering an event for church staff, deacons and members about addressing mental health in our congregation and community. If interested, please click [HERE](#) for the poster and more information.

Please go to our website at www.wpcw.org to view the full church calendar.



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