

May, 2019 Messenger

April showers bring May flowers! YES! Finally, it's spring.

It also brings on a very busy time of the year that includes celebrating Moms (*we are having a Mother's Day breakfast - check out the notice below*), graduations, end of the school year ... well almost ... and much much more. Please take note and mark your calendars for the May events at Westminster!



⁸ It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:8

Recently, I stood at the card counter to purchase several cards for all the special occasions coming up in the month of May. With Mother's Day and many graduates in our lives, my hands were full. The pastor in me always wonders how much attention the recipients give to the crafted words in the card and then I felt convicted about how much attention I give to the spirit inspired words of the Bible. What does it really mean to me that God promises to always be with me, never fail me or forsake me? Such a powerful message, but does my life truly reflect this truth? How much time do I give to worry, skepticism, negativity?

When I look at the faces of our confirmands, many of them I've known for their entire long 14 years, I truly hope that they know these words aren't just nice phrases, but are words that will make the biggest difference in their lives. These words are more important than their high school prom dates, where they go to college or even whether they ever marry. God's promises are true for our confirmands, our graduates, all of us. May these words truly be our foundation and may we give thanks that we have relationships with each other and most importantly Jesus Christ.

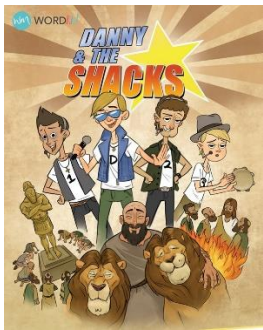
May you enjoy these amazing MAY days and let us rejoice in the promises of God.

Pastor Tricia

Our Wes Pres Youth will be hosting a mothers day breakfast at Westminster on May 12. Bring the woman of your life or the woman who made your life possible to our pancake breakfast to support these wonderful women and our summer youth trips!

Our pancake breakfast will open their doors at 8:30 am before our LightShine & Messenger Musical! Make sure to join us on May 12, it will be a day you don't want to miss!

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 per household. Can be purchased on Sunday's or during the week in the office..



The Messenger & LightShine choirs present: Danny & The Shacks, the Musical on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 10am.

Come along on this Biblically-inspired, Won't-Bend-Won't-Bow-Won't-Burn Babylonian epic, recounting the adventures of Daniel ("Danny," as we call him in our 21st-century version of the story) and his bandmates, The Shacks (better known to you Bible scholars out there as *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!*). In our re-telling of the story, three young Hebrew men named *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego*, in conjunction with the prophet *Daniel* (of lions' den fame), have a band called DANNY & THE SHACKS. They embark on a roller-

coaster-thrill-ride of experiences as they encounter King Neb, his golden statue, some crazy Babylonians, the fiery furnace, and of course, the infamous lions' den. Through it all, the powerful truth of God's Word and the importance of being obedient and faithful to His teaching comes through loud and clear in a storyline so fantastic and faith affirming, it could only come from the Word of God.

Vacation Bible School

Come and Join us this year for an out of this world VBS Experience. Our amazing space adventures will take place June 17-21, from 9am-12pm.

3yr olds – entering 5th grade are cleared for take-off.

Every day will be filled with exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories to help the children experience God's amazing power. TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



You can now register online at www.wpcw.org/vbs



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.

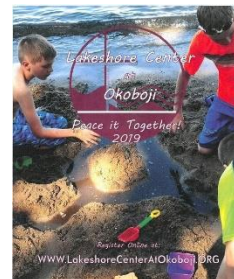
Please help support this trouble-free way of getting rid of unwanted items in your home. If you have any questions, please contact Becky (becky@wpcw.org) or 319-234-5501. Stuff Etc, 1210 Flammang Drive, Waterloo, IA 50702

Summer Camp

Use link for information!

<https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/summer-camp.html>

You can go to camp any week that you want but, Pastor Dan will be going and able to take as many will fit into the church van the week of June 30 – July 3.



Note: This week is for Elementary ages and also a family camp week.

Please check this out. Summer camp has a huge impact kids faith development, and because of that, our church provides very nice scholarships to allow any kid to go that wants to.



Church Picture Directory

We are still accepting digital pictures to include you in our new directory. If you would like to submit your own recent digital picture, please do so to jodi@wpcw.org. **Along with your picture, list the names of those in the photo and all contact information you would desire to have published.**

Adult Sunday School

We conclude our adult Sunday School offerings on May 5 – with Pastor Dan we'll look at the life of 1st Century Christians. This class will meet in Room 216.

Partners-In-Ed - Kingsley Elementary News

Kingsley is having their end of year Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 17. They are once again asking us to provide cupcakes or individually wrapped treats for this event. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or email the church office if you can help! Please remember **NO PEANUTS, NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER**. Thank you.

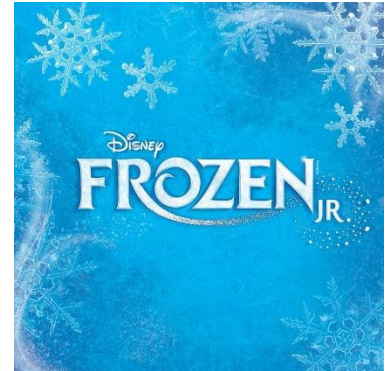
Also, if you are a Pen Pal with a Kingsley 4th grader this year, we will meet them and enjoy lunch together on Thursday, May 30 at noon. Stay tuned to sign up, but wanted you to get this lunch on your calendars!

Summer Special Music

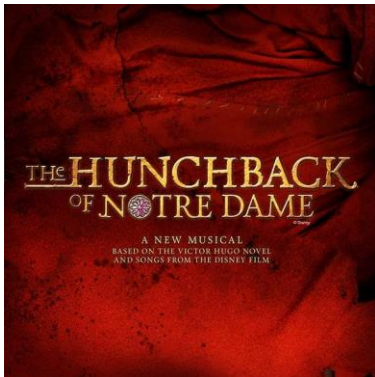
Would you like to share your musical talents in worship at the 9 am service this summer? We are looking for individuals to share their gifts for offering and scriptural introits during the summer months when we do not have regularly scheduled ensembles in worship. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Patrick Marchant at patrick@wpcw.org

Summer Music Camp 2019

Join us July 15-19 as we journey together in a week long, full-day music camp for ages 6-18 culminating in a production of Disney's Frozen JR. Let your child be a star in one of the country's favorite musicals! New to Broadway, and just released for JR. productions, we are so excited to bring Disney's Frozen JR. to the Cedar Valley! For more information and to register visit promisemusic.org or contact Patrick Marchant.



Disney's Frozen JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 mtishows.com



Save the Date- The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Our next big musical adventure is coming October 17-20, 2019: Westminster Presbyterian Church Presents: The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Musical! This community theatre event will be open to all performers in the Cedar Valley and beyond, auditions will be August 11 & 12, 2019. Stay tuned for more details to come at promisemusic.org

Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 mtishows.com

May Music Schedule

May 5: 9am Chancel Choir, 11:15 Praise Band

May 12: 10am Worship LightShine & Messenger Musical **ONE service only**

May 19: 9am Meisteringers, 11:15 Praise Band

May 26: 10am Blended Worship **ONE service only**

Wes Pres Youth

The 2019 Wes Pres school year programming has finally come to a close. We're super bummed to not connect with our crew every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning but have enjoyed our time together so much. The memories made, the conversations had, and the deepening of relationships have made this year one for the books.

Thanks to our leaders: Steven Jordan, Susan Larsen, Dee Jordan, Whitney Rissi, Jennifer Lamb, Lori and Eric Johnson, Shelly Smith, and Bruce Jacobs. You all have made our program THRIVE and we couldn't make programming work without you, thank you!

Students – keep your eyes and ears open for our new summer programming options! We will be adding times and locations for more Summit Studies options with even more leaders. Get pumped, this summer will be one to remember!

Wes Pres has some fundraising opportunities that provide a wonderful way for your kids to take charge of THEIR trip! One of the greatest ways we can prepare for upcoming trips is by being apart of making it possible! We will be having a mission trip t-shirt sale where our students will be responsible for selling a goal of (at minimum) FIVE t-shirts! If you're interested in supporting our youth, buy a t-shirt from them this coming MAY 12 to help make our trip possible! This will be a wonderful way to represent our church, spread the news of where we'll be serving, and raising money for the people we are traveling to serve!



Join us for our final Wes Pres Jr. High Dance of the 2018-2019 school year. Are you interested in serving youth that extends to the wider Waterloo community? We have roles for volunteers of all ages 18 years of age and up! We have availability for volunteers to bust a move on our dance floor but also have options for those who are unable to stand for long periods of time. All are welcome to come and serve this May 17, sign up today or email Erica Fernandez at erica@wpcw.org See you then!



We will also be having a Wes Pres Youth car wash fundraiser!! On Sunday, June 2 we'll be hosting a car wash in Westminster's back parking lot. There will be more information coming as we get closer to this date but please MARK YOUR CALENDAR, we will need all of the help we can get! All of our proceeds will go toward our Sr. High Mission Trip and Great Escape participants. We would love for all of our students to help out with this amazing opportunity and for all of our members to get their car squeaky clean before their week ahead!

From the Finance Committee

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	MARCH	MARCH	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 56,809.65	\$ 35,854.09	\$ 195,268.32	\$ 238,585.32	\$ 784,669.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,884.78	\$ 3,883.86	\$ 8,808.05	\$ 9,322.17	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 9,873.00	\$ 13,486.01	\$ 30,962.64	\$ 41,488.92	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,088.15	\$ 415.84	\$ 2,138.00	\$ 2,673.59	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 43,071.05	\$ 46,256.80	\$ 126,455.45	\$ 134,708.84	\$ 514,515.00
MISSION	\$ 8,745.69	\$ 6,146.07	\$ 18,403.64	\$ 18,152.53	\$ 68,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 654.87	\$ 1,913.57	\$ 1,765.97	\$ 3,720.20	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 282.51	\$ 335.37	\$ 336.66	\$ 749.57	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 212.50	\$ 71.52	\$ 262.50	\$ 617.57	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 4,901.04	\$ 6,026.88	\$ 19,604.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 67,446.23	\$ 74,518.00	\$ 194,033.95	\$ 217,460.27	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (10,636.58)	\$ (38,663.91)	\$ 1,234.37	\$ 21,125.05	

Friendship Club - Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 pm

The program for the evening is Pastor Tricia Jacobs, *Surprises in Scotland*. This is a potluck so bring a dish to share. Due to the renovations taking place in the Social Hall, this group will meet in the Shared Life Center.

Presbyterian Women

May Friendship Day, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 12 noon, beginning with luncheon. See Louise Conklin for tickets and reservations (\$7).

Circles will meet May 15 at 10 AM at the church. Please read lesson 8 in Cloud of Witnesses study book.

Trunks, Trucks and Treasures!

Save the Dates! July 12 and 13 Westminster will be hosting a sale! This sale will be available to yard/garage sale'ers, crafters, work from home business (such as Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, etc.) More details will be coming soon!



Westminster Presbyterian Church / 1301 Kimball Avenue / Waterloo, IA 50702 / 319-234-5501 / wpcw.org