

This Week at Westminster

Today, Nov. 27	9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. Adult Education, 106A 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, 209 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
Monday, Nov. 28	8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, 106A 9:00 a.m. Mom's Time Out, 208/210 1:00 p.m. Loving Hands Knitters & Crocheters, Lounge 4:00 p.m. Welcoming Hands Meeting, 106A 5:30 p.m. Habitat Board Meeting, 209 7:00 p.m. Hessville Volleyball Practice, South Hall 7:30 p.m. Presence of God – Leaders: Carl Strain, Lounge
Tuesday, Nov. 29	9:15 a.m. Religions of the World Bible Study, 106A 9:30 a.m. WPC Moms Group, 209/210 4:30 p.m. Middlers – Pizza With A Purpose, South Hall 5:30 p.m. Youth Volleyball practice 7:00 p.m. Girlz Night Out, 305 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
Wednesday, Nov. 30	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209 6:30 p.m. Joyful Strains, 109 7:00 p.m. All Church Gathering, Fellowship Hall; Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. First Christian Church Volleyball, South Hall 7:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting, 305
Thursday, Dec. 1	7:00 a.m. Acorns, 101 9:00 a.m. Mom's Time Out, 208/210 9:00 a.m. Samaritan Center Meeting, 301 9:15 a.m. Bruce's Bible Study, 209 5:30 p.m. High School Volleyball practice 6:15 p.m. Westminster Handbell Choir 7:00 p.m. Fair Meadow's Volleyball, South Hall 7:00 p.m. High School Thursday Night Jazz, 401 7:30 p.m. Westminster Chorale, 109 7:30 p.m. A.A. Group Meeting, 305
Friday, Dec. 2	9:00 a.m. Moms Club of Munster Meeting, 208/210 3:00 p.m. Hospice Cookie Walk Set-up, South Hall 4:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil, Narthex
Saturday, Dec. 3	8:00 a.m. A.A. Group Meeting, 305 8:30 a.m. Linking Faith, 106A 9:00 a.m. Hospice Cookie Walk, South Hall 10:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil, Narthex 12:00 p.m. Leader Dog Puppy Party, South Hall

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church



November 27, 2011

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

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Worship Focus: *Bethlehem's Light of Hope SHINES in
the World's Darkness of Despair*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LARGE PRINT BULLETIN OR A HEARING DEVICE,
PLEASE ASK AN USHER

PRELUDE: *Veni Emmanuel*

John Benke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Emmanuel – God with us.

People: Come to us as we await the celebration of your birth.

Leader: Come, Great Physician.

People: Heal us where we are broken.

Leader: Come, Suffering Servant.

People: Show us how to be faithful.

Leader: Come, Prince of Peace.

People: Turn violence into Shalom.

Leader: Come, Love made flesh.

People: Be with us as we worship.

* **HYMN:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

NO. 9

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Dear God, prepare in our hearts a place for your Son. In this season when we should be shining like a spotlight, we find ourselves hanging back in the shadows. In this time of focus – help us to unclutter our souls and refuse to hide in the darkness that can be our world. Guide us in these next four weeks to sing the praises of the season; share in the good gifts you provide and bask in Bethlehem's healing light. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Forgiveness was born long ago in a Bethlehem manger. Today it lives in our hearts.

People: Thank you God, for setting us free. Amen.

Westminster Presbyterian Church FYI

Whether you're visiting Munster, looking for a church "home," exploring the Christian faith, or worshipping as part of our church family, we're glad you're here! To get better acquainted with our guests, we offer a Visitor Information Center in the main hallway. Please stop at the table to pick up information about our ministries.

There are registration pads at the end of each pew which we hope you will use, along with our Westminster Presbyterian Church members.

- Our Fellowship Time is held after each worship service in Fellowship Hall which is outside the sanctuary. Please join us this morning.
- Infant and toddler care (ages 2 and under) is provided during worship in Room 208.
- The preschoolers (age 3 and 4) meet in Room 202.
- Sunday School (WPC Kids) for grades Kindergarten through 5th is held at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Room 303.
- Trained youth mentors are available on Sunday morning upon request for any child with special needs.
- Sunday School for Middlers and High School Age Youth is held at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 which is at the south end of the building.
- Sunday Adult Enrichment groups meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106A and 10:30 a.m. in Room 209. All are invited to attend.
- Communion in our church is ordinarily held on the first Sunday of the month and is open to any believer.
- Restrooms are located on the East Side of Fellowship Hall.

~Call the church office (838-3131) for more information~

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is a way that we show concern, and we invite God to be a part of our concern. Please take time to pray for these individuals and families.

Damian Santay	Dave Gott
Jill Meyers	Pat Warot
Bud Vance	Beverly Hughes
Karen Comstock	Jan Lund
Jim Jaracz	Gail Dixon
Promela Mehta	Kim Karlen
Karen Galocy	The Mizwicki Family
Gordon Stamper	Kamlesh Gupta
Dr. Jerry Smith	Karen Comstock

The work of the Stephen Ministers
Robbie Osterman, serving in Iraq
Morgan Sidenbender, daughter/Wendy Borbely
Amelia Oliver, friend/Sally Resch
James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock
Moira Lukas, sister/Peggy Ogren
Therese Niemiec, sister/Jean Dixon
Nathan Pawlicki, nephew/Mike Pawlicki
Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen
Barbara Dartoszuk, friend of Karen Comstock
Donna (Brumm)Wright, friend of Wendy Borbely
Anne Sikora, friend/Christine Cangiano
Lisa Baltus, friend/Sue Guy
Richard Gardner, friend/Martha Wilke
Rich Risch, friend/Dan & Shari
Natalie Ross, daughter/Sonja Ross
Doug Topoloski, friend/Bobbie Platt

If you have prayer requests please contact the church office at 838-3131. These names will appear on the printed list. Please call again when the situation or person has improved and may be removed from the list. Prayer concerns will be left on for one month. They will be renewed if requested. Some people are in need of prayers, but do not want their names to appear on the printed list. If this is the case, please contact the prayer chain leaders, John Karcher (923-8023) or Clara Hanus (836-5727).

***GLORIA PATRI**

NO. 579

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

HYMN: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

NO. 5

(Everyone sing verses 1 & 4, Men sing verse 2; Women verse 3)

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Stephen Ministry*

Peggy Howarth

OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. ~Amen.

ANTHEM: *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

Westminster Chorale

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.*

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is to come;

Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40: 1-5 (Old Testament, page 667 -Large print, page 817)

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (Old Testament, page 638 -Large print, page 780)

(Pew Bibles are located alongside the hymnals on the shelves under the pew.)

MESSAGE: *The Cape Hatteras of the World*

Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *O Nata Lux (Born of the Light)*

Lauridsen arr. Nat Stasinski

Pianist: Nat Stasinski

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

*DOXOLOGY

NO. 592

*HYMN: *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

NO. 15

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Michael Burkhardt

***Please rise in body or in spirit**

WESTMINSTER IS A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE TRANSFORMED BY GOD’S LOVE TO SERVE AND GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Thank you for sharing a part of your weekend with us.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is a place Where People Care!

WORSHIP NOTES:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Verdeen Strain

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Don Hill

PIANIST: Nat Stasinski

ELDER HOST: Tom Ogren

WORSHIP LEADER: Barb Grevengood

DEACONS SERVING COFFEE: Barb Pickel; Fran Shike

THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA are given by Dennis and Sharon Orr in memory of Scott Orr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Today at 10:30 a.m. – *The Mission of the Sojourner Truth House*

Presenter: Sr. Peg Spindler (209)

Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. – *Christmas: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* –

Leaders: Chris Morfas and Joe Van Bokkelen (106A)

Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.– *Early Church History: An Introduction* –

Christology and the Councils- Presenter: Kurt Hendel (209)

Wednesday, November 30 from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. **Informational Gathering** in Fellowship Hall. Join the pastor and campaign chairs to learn about renovation plans for Westminster. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Outdoor Living Nativity & Holiday Artisan Shops will again be held **December 11th** from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Performances: 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Outside will be the living nativity on our south lawn with live animals and cast. Inside will be our Holiday Marketplace and Soup Supper. Free admission for all! Artisans from near and far will have gifts for all ages. It is requested that “for profit” guest artisans make a donation to “Westminster Women.” Pick up a form for more details. Forms need to be returned by December 2nd.

“Bethlehem’s Light Shines around the World” is WPC’s Giving Tree theme.

Looking for the PERFECT gift for a friend or family member this Christmas? Come to Fellowship Hall for your solution. The tree will be available Sunday, November 27 through Friday, December 23. To take part, make a donation to one of WPC’s Missions, receive a card to send to your loved one and then place a “Duduza”(Comfort) doll on the Giving Tree. A doll will accompany a new pair of shoes for a child in Swaziland this coming summer. This project is sponsored by Heart for Africa’s support of AIDS orphans. If you’d like to help, request a pattern, from Peg Schoon. Help spread Bethlehem’s light to the world!

Westminster Youth host the Soup Supper during the Living Nativity and Market Place. You can help us cut costs by providing the ingredients – sliced carrots, chopped celery, noodles... the list is long. Visit the “Soup Supper” table in Fellowship Hall. Items are due in the kitchen by **Friday, December 9**. Every little bit helps and it tastes so good on a cold night.

On **December 11th** Westminster will celebrate **Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday**. Members and friends will dedicate their pledges for annual giving. We will also consecrate our pledges to the three year Capital Campaign to support the renovation projects at WPC. On both Sunday **December 18th** and Sunday **December 25th** we will observe **First Fruits** giving. This is an opportunity, for those who wish, to share the first installment of our three year Capital Campaign commitments.

Hospice Cookie Walk Saturday, December 3rd! The 14th Annual Cookie Walk supporting Hospice of the Calumet Area will be held in South Hall Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Come early for the best selection of home-baked Holiday Cookies sold by the pound, with all proceeds benefitting Hospice.

Holiday time is here. Do you feel like everyone is laughing, shopping, cooking, or singing and you just don’t feel like you have the Holiday spirit this year? Do you wish you had someone to talk to about it? Please call Nancy Quinn (219-680-9641) or Barbara Santay (219-381-0286). The Stephen Ministers are here to listen.

Prayer Vigil will be held in the Narthex on Friday, **December 2**, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **December 3**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prayer Time for ourselves, our church, and our future.