

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
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Traditional Celebration

We ask that you remember to turn off cell phones and pagers (or put them on vibrate) when you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**Welcome** - to all! Thank you for sharing a part of your weekend with us.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church is a place Where People Care!

**Worship Focus: How We See Jesus Makes All the Difference**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew.)

**PRELUDE:** *on "Leoni"* by Michael Burkhardt

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lord, we come . . .

**People: We eagerly anticipate growing together in our faith through your word.**

Leader: Lord, we come . . .

**People: We bring with us our hopes, fears, beliefs, questions, needs and gifts.**

Leader: Lord, we come . . .

**People: We claim your promise that "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among you."**

Leader: Lord, we come . . .

**People: We worship, give thanks and praise in your name.**

**\*HYMN NO. 488:** *The God of Abraham Praise*

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of each step, you walk with us on our journeys. Through our valleys of despair, our mountains of accomplishment, and our twisting paths of transition, you are with us. Yet we often think we made it by ourselves, refusing to acknowledge your gentle nudges, discounting the helping hands along the way. We have not been alone, though at times we could only see our footprints and feel our overwhelming responsibility for our lives.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God of each step, you smooth the path in front of us.

People: You hide a prayer in every tree; you send friends to accompany us whose appearance on the path is not mere coincidence;

Leader: You tilt our eyes to the future.

People: Thanks be to you, O God, Friend, and Companion on the way. Amen

**\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ANTHEM:** *The Lord's Prayer* by Robertson  
(Westminster Chorale)

**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.

**\*HYMN:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (see back page of bulletin)

**SCRIPTURE**

**2 Kings 2:9-12**

(The congregation may follow along in the Pew Bibles, Old Testament, p. 333; large print Bible, p. 412.)

**Mark 9:2-9**

(The congregation may follow along in the New Testament, p. 44; large print p. 54.)

**MESSAGE** The Beauty Remains, The Pain Passes Rev. Bruce Haapalainen

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

**HYMN NO. 485:** *To God Be the Glory*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *in g minor* by J.S. Bach

**Westminster is a community  
where people of all ages  
are transformed by God's love  
to serve and grow  
as disciples of Jesus.**

### **Worship Notes and Announcements**

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Verdeen Strain  
**ORGANIST:** Verdeen Strain  
**ASSISTANT ORGANIST:** Don Hill  
**PIANIST:** Jorie Nowicki

**WORSHIP LEADER** Patty Dawes

**DEACONS SERVING COFFEE:** Joanne Geberin, Nancy Echterling, Mike Pawlicki

**THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA THIS MORNING** are given by the De Boer family in memory of Luke De Boer.

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

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Three new members will be received into the life and service of the church today. Please welcome them and make them feel comfortable in their new church home. The new members are: Chris and Paul Foltz and Dale Zuck,

**WESTMINSTER IS HOSTING MANY EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS.**

Everyone is invited to these activities, and we hope you'll attend. If you need more information or have questions, please call the contact numbers listed with each activity or the church office at 838-3131.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - All eighth graders and older youth who are interested in being confirmed are invited to take part in the confirmation class led by Rev. Bruce and Dan LeMonnier. The class will begin on Wednesday, February 3, when we will be going to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago to hear Biblical Storyteller Tracy Radocevic present The Gospel of Mark. Contact Dan for more information (838-3131).

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held in Fellowship Hall today at 5 p.m. The evening will begin with a pot luck supper. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable or dessert to share. We will have a special treat – a performance by Tracy Radocevic, Dean of the Academy for Biblical Storytelling. The meeting and election of officers will follow the meal. Annual reports are available on the table in Fellowship Hall or you may read the report on the web site at [www.wpcmunster.org](http://www.wpcmunster.org). Thank you to Rachel Hluska for designing the cover of our annual report this year.

**Those nominated for the office of elder** are: Rob Adlard, Jean Dixon, Merit Lemke, Tom Ogren and Sara Sweeney; **youth elder** Andrew Covert. **Nominated for the office of deacon** are: Frank Berzinis, Wendy Borbely, Dan Gelarden, Stephanie Perlick, Barb Pickel, Christie Stricklin, Robin Webber and Katie Werner. Kim Karlen has been nominated to fill a one-year term as deacon.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT TODAY THRU FEBRUARY 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209** - David Weber of Valparaiso University will be with us speaking about *The Problems of Christian Love*.

**THE ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP** meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday in Room 106a. The topic next Sunday through February 14 is *Attentiveness: Being Present Be Changed . . .* Therese Morfas and Laura Shields will lead the group as they watch a DVD and discuss the study of Christian character in community.

**BIBLICAL STORYTELLER** Tracy Radocevic will be telling the Gospel of Mark at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on **Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m.** We will leave Westminster at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. The cost of \$20 includes transportation.

**FRUITFULNESS OF YOUR SOUL - HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?** All are invited to come to this free program sponsored by the Health & Healing Ministry and the Stephen Ministers on Wednesday, February 3, 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 209. The speaker is Pastor Bruce.

**THE WESTMINSTER WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, February 3, at 11 a.m. in Room 101. All women are invited to come for Bible study, a sack lunch, and a short meeting. Contact person is Clara Hanus at 836-5727.

**SCANDINAVIANFAMILY NIGHT** will be held in South Hall next Friday, February 5, at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be a Scandinavian dinner menu, games and crafts. *Nordikids*, a local Scandinavian Children's Group, will dance and provide music. If you would like to help, please call Sally Van Bokkelen at 838-3131.

**DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS** with Pastor Bruce. Sessions will be held on Saturdays, February 6 and 13, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Fee for materials is \$16. Scholarships are available.

**TREAT YOURSELF TO A SPIRITUAL RETREAT - *Making Room for the Light of Christ in a Dark World*.** Set aside **Saturday, February 13, 2010**. Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood, Presbyterian Spiritual Director, is coming to Westminster to facilitate God's restoration of our spirits through meditation, walking the labyrinth and heart-to-heart conversations. This will be a special day, set aside for **men, women and youth** who long for quiet, relational time with Christ. Cost of \$30 includes lunch. The **location is right here at WPC; time is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Scholarships are available. Contact Sally Van Bokkelen at 838-3131.

**LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE** (for couples or couples-to-be of all ages). Fridays, February 19, 26 and March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 209. Come for three delightful evenings of "seriously" funny hints to keep marriage relationships alive. Leaders: Chris & Therese Morfas, Tim & Stephanie Perlick, Joe & Sally Van Bokkelen. Child care will be available.

**LIKE TO COOK?** Available Friday mornings? Contact Bunny Schlotman at 922-6315.

## Prayer Requests

*Prayer doesn't mean that you have exhausted all help. It 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	Morgan Sidenbender, daughter/Wendy Borbely
Jan Lund	Jean Gloff
Dave Gott	Bud Vance
Betty Durling, mother/Linda Branson	Gail Dixon
Dana Wood	Chuck Weier
Kim Karlen	Patti Lamott
Loretta Barth	Jim Zaun
Jim Jaracz	Dawn Bogner, niece/Ruth Fauth
Nancy Lamantia, daughter/Sue & Ed Harrision	Mia Scola, friend/Mary Lou DiCostanzo
Jodi Carroll, cousin/Geiselmans	Carrie & baby Carter Adler, family/Sally Saculla
Danny Host	Ian Wilkinson, friend/Lu Ann Franklin
Brenda Hall, friend/Sally Saculla	Cecilia Guziar, volunteer/Loaves & Fishes
Darlene Narantil, friend/Cheryl Anderson	Gavin Ambrose, 4 year old friend/Gelardens
Bob Hart	Karen LeMonnier, sister-in-law Dan
Matteo Marotta, infant friend/Pat Kloiber	Fran White, mother/Joanne Geberin

*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).*

### **Congratulations to:**

Radley and Marjorie Robinson on the birth of Lilijana last Monday. Lilijana weighed 9 pounds 14 ounces and is 22 inches long.  
and to Keith and Sheri Geiselman on the birth of Ellery on January 22. Ellery weighed 9 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations also to grandparents Gus and Bea Geiselman.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Al Lukoshus who died on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held here on February 20 at 11 a.m. **and** to Dale Fieldhouse and his family. Dale's father died in Arizona last week. A memorial service will be held at Ridge

Methodist Church on February 6 at 11 a.m. Visitation is at 10 a.m.

**This week at Westminster**

Today, January 31	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
	after Children's chat	WPC Kids
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Enrichment, 209
	5:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting & Pot Luck, Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 1	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, 209
	9:15 a.m.	Disciple III, 101
	7:00 p.m.	Knitting Group, Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball, South Hall
Tuesday, February 2	9:15 a.m.	Disciple II Bible Study, Camilla Higley's home
	9:30 a.m.	Journey Through Scripture, 101
	4:30 p.m.	Pizza with a Purpose, South Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple I Bible Study, 106a
Wednesday, February 3	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, 209
	9:00 a.m.	MOM's Group, 209
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Group, 101
	5:30 p.m.	High School Volleyball & Dinner, South Hall
	6:00 p.m.	South Side Christian Bible Study, 303
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music Team, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, 305
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry/Health & Healing Program, 209

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Thursday, February 4	7:00 a.m.	Acorns, 207
	9:15 a.m.	Bruce's Bible Study, 209
	6:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir, 109
	7:00 p.m.	Job Search Ministry, 301
	7:30 p.m.	A.A. Meeting, 305
	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale, 109
Friday, February 5	6:00 p.m.	Scandinavian Family Night, South Hall
	7:00 p.m.	DuBois Piano Recital, Sanctuary
Saturday, February 6	7:00 a.m.	Volleyball, South Hall
	8:30 a.m.	Linking Faith, 209
	8:30 a.m.	Spiritual Gifts Class, 101
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Choir, 109
Next Sunday, February 7	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Discussion, 206a
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
	after Children's Chat	WPC Kids
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Enrichment, 209

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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 the first worship service in Fellowship Hall which is outside the sanctuary. Please join us this morning.
- Infant and toddler care is provided during Worship.
- Sunday School for Grades Kindergarten through 5 is held at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School for Middlers and High School Age Youth is held at 9:00 a.m.
- 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.
- See you next Sunday!