



# The Voice of Westminster

We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!

March 2023

## SHARING WORSHIP, SHARING RESOURCES

Westminster and First Presbyterian Churches shared worship, fellowship and Christian education. Sunday joint worship was on Feb. 12 and 19. A joint Maundy Thursday service is still planned. The Ash Wednesday service had to be canceled due to weather.



*It was great to see more people in the pews, hear rich music from the combined choirs, instrumentalists and our Praise Band.*



*It is great to see a larger turnout for Christian Ed. Our Sunday School kids displayed their LEGO™ display showing how Jesus fed the 5,000.*



### From the Pastor’s Desk...

Admittedly, when someone says March, usually the first word that comes to my mind is “Madness.” This of course refers to the Men’s and Women’s NCAA Basketball Tournament. As the tournaments approach, people begin predicting what “seed” teams will be; of course, those making the top seeds have a somewhat prestigious place to begin the tournament. Those that are on the “bubble” as the teams are being chosen, are the ones which are most nervous. “Will we get in or not?” is the penetrating question that has them on the edge of their seat.

The Selection Committee looks at all sorts of factors to make the decision of who gets in and who will remain at home to watch the tournament rather than participate. It involves such things as record, strength of schedule, what rated teams they played, and perhaps beat and the list goes on. These factors “earn” their right to be in the tournament.

What if this was how people were chosen to get in to heaven? Life would be a constant attempt of trying to calculate if we had earned enough to enter the Pearly Gates. How agonizing that would be!

These thoughts brought me back to a time several years ago. I still visualize years ago a lunch I had with a person I greatly appreciated: one of my doctors who happened to be Muslim. He knew that I was a Christian pastor, and when I had my regular appointments with him, he usually spent the largest percentage of our time asking me questions about what I believed, and comparing them to his own beliefs.

I invited him to lunch to hear the story of his faith journey. I listened intently as he shared. Toward the end of our time, I asked him what enabled a person in the Muslim faith to be “saved,” as he hadn’t bridged the subject thus far. He quickly held his hands up, one much higher than the other, intending it to appear like a scales. “It is if your good outweighs your bad,” he explained. “Wow!”, I thought

ht, I’m glad that is not what determines how we understand salvation. There are many verses in scripture that point to the criteria:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on him shall not die, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith---and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God---not of works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

That is Good News for us as we journey through Lent and Holy Week!

### Deacon Bible Trivia



Here is this month’s Bible Trivia question from the Deacons. Which book in the Bible mentions a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot”?

Answer on p. 6



### **COMMUNION SERVERS MARCH 2023-APRIL 2024**

Please mark you calendars. If you are unable to serve on your month, please make arrangements for a substitute. Westminster celebrates Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

#### **JANUARY-MAY-SEPTEMBER**

Warren Feerer  
 Tamene Gelashe  
 Doug Horton  
 Pam Feerer  
 Barb Mumford

#### **MARCH-JULY-NOVEMBER**

Brian Read  
 Barb Schultz  
 Barb Moss  
 Veronica Ndungu  
 Sharon Colton

#### **FEBRUARY-JUNE-OCTOBER**

Linda Cosgrove  
 Jim Patterson  
 Jan Walton  
 Jan Kosowski  
 David Liljedahl

#### **APRIL-AUGUST-DECEMBER**

Terry Perkins  
 Sara Tyler  
 Jan Kupka  
 Joyce Sedlacek  
 Glenn Lane

#### **SUBS**

Kathie Lane  
 Tom Read  
 Gary Teig  
 Sharon Dewey  
 Heather Wagner  
 Pam Richardson

Any current or former Deacon or Elder

You will be sent a reminder prior to the Sunday you are scheduled to serve. If unable to serve, please [find a sub](#) and let Karol Cooper know who will be covering for you (Her e-mail is cooperlk@aol.com). There will be some months when the choir isn't singing that we won't need all five servers, but you will be notified.

# Start Spreading the News!



Here's a fun way to help Loaves and Fishes and the environment! If you purchase a \$2.50 reusable bag at the **Edgewood HyVee** during the month of March, HyVee will donate \$1.00 to Loaves & Fishes. This is only good at the **HyVee at 5050 Edgewood Rd. NE**. The bag says "Does this bag make my heart look bigger?" We say yes! Let's get out and support L&F!

## L&F LAUNCHES UNDIES SUNDAYS FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

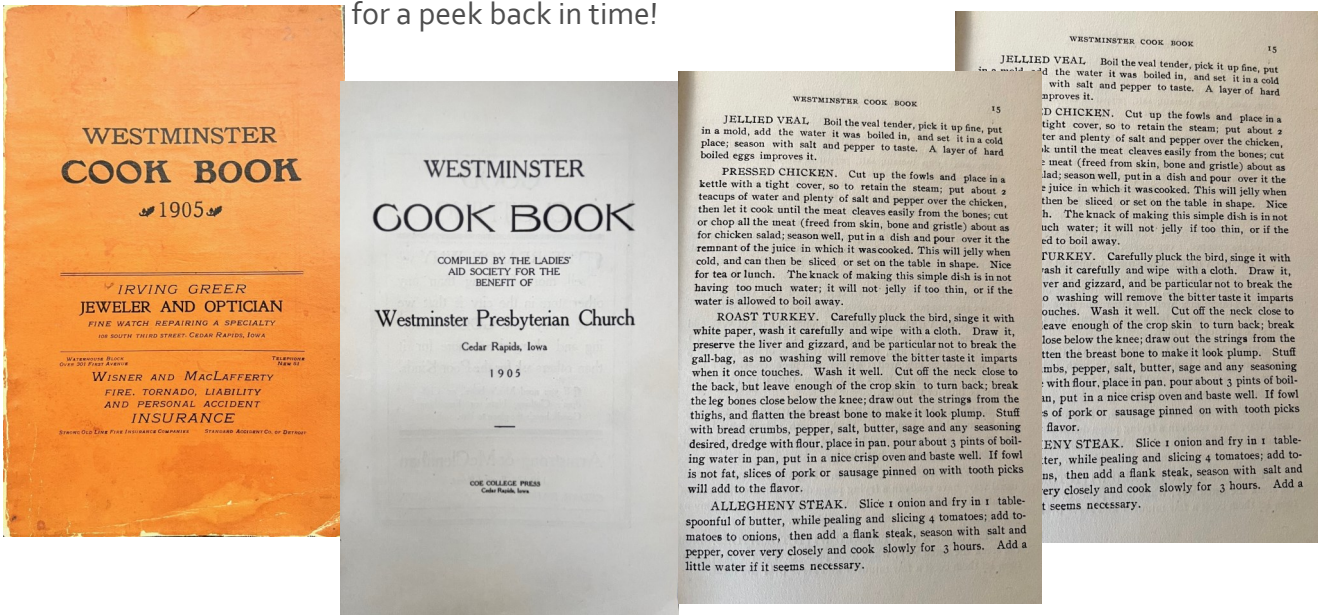
We know that folks living on the edge, like many of our L&F clients, have to grapple with a tight budget that results in going without things that we take for granted— things like new underwear.

Loaves & Fishes is launching our Mother's Day campaign to help. We will be collecting new packages of women's undies during March and April for giveaway on Tuesday May 9, for Mother's Day. While undies are not something you would traditionally give your mother, many, many of the clients that come to L & F have little or no money for this most basic item of clothing. Having a new pair of undies makes you feel so good! We are especially asking for larger sizes as this is the greatest need. Please consider contributing a package of new undies of any style during March and April. Just place them in the L & F grocery carts. Thank you.

## THE WESTMINSTER WAYBACK MACHINE

It's time to hop aboard the Westminster Wayback Machine. This time the artifact comes from Val and Loren Neubauer. Most of you remember the blue-spiral "Timeless Cooking" cookbook put out by Westminster. However, you probably don't recall the 1905 Westminster Cook Book, unless Grandma or Great Grandma had one in her kitchen. Recipes for pies with lard crusts and a flank steak recipe that you cook for 3-hours. Obviously air fryers hadn't been invented. Lots of advertisers helped finance the book including Hubbard Ice and printed by Coe College press. Thank you to the Neubauers

for a peek back in time!



## BEACON OF LIGHT SHINES

Beacon of Light Ministries, which worships at Westminster, celebrated Black History Month Feb. 18 in the Family Life Center. Vendors, a black history lesson and lots of home-cooked soul food.

On Saturday, March 11, Beacon of Light is hosting a women's tea to which Westminster women are invited. It will be in the Family Life Center. More details will be in your weekly announcements.



*Pastors Marcy and Dedric Roundtree host a Black History Month celebration in the Family Life Center.*



### March Birthdays

Marjorie Daft	March 2
Glenn Lane	March 2
Darwin Busch	March 4
Ed Mumford	March 6
Julie Schlader	March 6
Linda Cosgrove	March 11
Jane Heck	March 17
Bill Moss	March 23

### Meme of the Month



### The Month of March Thank You Volunteers!

#### Liturgists

**March 5**—Pam Richardson

**March 12**—Tom Read

**March 19**—Ben Fashimpaur

**March 26**—Jill Grandia

#### Greeters (at the Front Door)

**March 5**—Jim Fine

**March 12**—Brian Read

**March 19**—Terry Perkins

**March 26**—Jim Fine

If you are unable to cover your Sunday, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you!

### Bible Trivia Answer for the month:

Answer:

2 Samuel

"In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot—twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha."

### Newsletter Changes

You will notice on p.7, that our newsletter calendar format has changed. Since much of the calendar is repetitious, we are dividing activities into the weekly recurring events, like the worship service and then adding meetings that are regularly scheduled in the next column. This is a precursor to moving our monthly newsletter to every other month which will begin with the April-May newsletter. Our weekly print and e-mail announcement will continue to contain the latest Westminster news and information.

## *On Our Calendar*

### **Weekly Recurring Activities**

#### **Sundays**

##### **Communion Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)**

- 8 a.m. – Breakfast-Old Dining Rm
- 9 a.m.-Sunday School
- 10 a.m. – Worship
- 1 p.m. Beacon of Light
- 1:30 p.m. Swahili Pentecostal Service
- 3:30 p.m. – Chorale Midwest

#### **Mondays**

- 11 a.m. Bridge Club
- 7 p.m. AA-Old Dining Rm

#### **Tuesdays**

- 2:30-5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
- 6 p.m. Beacon of Light (Housing Initiative)

#### **Wednesdays**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 7 p.m. – Choir Practice

#### **Thursdays**

- 6 p.m. Beacon of Light

#### **Fridays**

- Church Closed

#### **Saturdays**

- Office Closed
- 10 a.m. Swahili Pentecostal

### **Other Meeting Times**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Deacons 6 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Mission Comm. (time varies)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Property Comm. 1 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Finance Comm. 4:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Session 6:30 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays Soul Sisters 9:30 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Personnel Comm. 1:30 p.m.

Please visit [www.cwpc.org/calendar](http://www.cwpc.org/calendar) to stay informed of changes to this month's calendar.

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Sunday Worship

9 a.m. Christian Education  
10 a.m.—Sanctuary

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