

Voice of Westminster



June 2024 News

Ever find it interesting what triggers certain memories? Memorial Weekend reminded me of an interview I had in the early 80's while working part time for a newly formed company out of Ankeny called Life Story Enterprises.

My first assignment was a WW I veteran from Sigourney, IA. His children wanted to be able to preserve as many of his memories, as he was showing clear signs of dementia. Unfortunately, his dementia had progressed to the point that I was unable to complete the project. However, one memory of his war experiences was so vivid to him because of the profound effect it had on his life.

He was assigned the gruesome task of having to scan the battlefield after the fighting had subsided, to rescue those "worth saving" based on the criteria his commanding officer had given him. He needed to then transport those to the triage unit as soon as possible.

One day, he noted, as he was walking through the battlefield, he heard a faint but urgent voice begging, "Save me, save me!" My interviewee, described the agonizing experience of eventually finding the gentleman, assessing the situation with the criteria he had been given, but having to tell him that he couldn't take him to the triage unit, because he did not meet the criteria. The battered and bloody soldier persisted in asking to save him, while he continued to attempt to explain why he couldn't, as he was accountable to his superior's orders.

Finally, he decided to take him back to the triage unit, and miracle of miracles, he survived. My interviewee, with tears in his eyes, shared that every Christmas he received a Christmas card from this gentleman, thanking him for saving his life.

As I have processed this memory over time, I have recognized that none of us, because of our sin, meet the criteria to be saved. We are so grateful, that **"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

I would love to hear some of your memories, along with what Christ taught you or reminded you of through them. **Pastor Roger**

MISSION INITIATIVE

A couple of months ago the Mission Committee received a request to support the daughter of a friend of Veronica Ngundu. This young girl lives in Kenya and did not have the \$600 needed to continue her schooling into high school. Most girls are not sent to high schools there, but this is an ambitious young lady! The last few years the Mission Committee has been trying to focus more on touching individual lives rather than making contributions to broad initiatives. This request fell into this category and the committee voted to support it. Funds were sent to the girl's family via member Veronica Ngundu and she received this wonderful thank-you letter from the girl's father. All for the glory of our Lord! The letter read as follows:

To Westminster Presbytery through
Deacon Veronica

RE: Appreciation

With respect to the above subject, I would like to say thank you to the church and to everyone who facilitated the payment of my daughter's school fees.

We are in an area where girl child education is not valued at all. Circumcision and early marriages is the order of the day. You have saved my girl from all of this. She will be of help to other young girls in near future after she secures her education success. Other young girls will emulate and work hard to achieve good grades. This will also fight the mentality that a girl child is not only brought up for marriage but can also be of help to the society.

Once again I say thank you for your support. God bless you all for your good deed.

Yours Faithfully,
Peter Kimani Karania



Evangelical Global Pentecost Church (EGPC) Children

On Saturday May 18th the Mission Committee sponsored a couple hours with the children of Pastor Theo's congregation as a thank you to them for coming to sing for us twice this past year. There were thirteen kids across a broad age range. First, we fed them pizza! Then Barb and Bill Moss introduced them to our colored children's bells. Lots of ringing! Then Val Neubauer read them a story she had written and introduced them to some of her puppets. She took them up to the drama room and showed them our puppets up there. They were all very impressed with our 3rd floor classrooms. Finally, Pastor Roger led them in a couple relay games. We closed with prayer and offered them each a small Bible story book to take home. The kids had a great time and were most appreciative! - WPC Mission Committee



Thank you again children you are such a blessing to our ears. May God bless each and every one of you today and always!

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
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 THROUGH DEACONS, VERONICA

RE: Appreciation

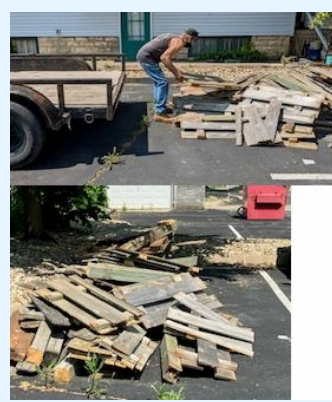
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Yours faithfully

 Peter Kimani Karanda

Copy of actual letter received by the Deacons.



Fence Removal

A big thank you to dear Doug Horton and Truman Johnson who took down the old, damaged fence in the Fourth Ave. parking lot! The Property Committee has had all the fencing hauled away. City code requires WPC have a fence there. Terry Perkins is working with the city to determine the specifications for the new fence. WPC Property Committee



Calendar: Special Events

- June 2 - Guest Pastor - Rev Dr. Alan Crandall & 60th Anniversary Celebration after service for Moss's, Neubauer's and Patterson's
- June 3 - Deacons Meet 5:00 p.m.
- June 10 - Property Meets 1 p.m.
- Mission Committee 6:30 p.m. (zoom)
- June 12 - Men's Breakfast - Guest Speaker: Erin Foster Director of Mental Health Access Center of Linn County
- June 17 - The Longest Day (Building Better Bridge Fundraiser for Alzheimers.) All Day
- Finance Meets 4:30 p.m.
- June 18 - Session Meets 6:30 p.m.

**PASTOR ROGER ON VACATION
 MAY 27-JUNE 3, 2024**



This Month's Birthdays

Sharon Colton	June 2
Ben Fashimpaur	June 5
Sheryl Hoepfner	June 5
Warren Feerer	June 11
Bonnie Keiper	June 13
Barb Read	June 14
Sandra Yarrington	June 14
Gloria Kromminga	June 17
Terry Perkins	June 20
Pamela Feerer	June 24
David Basler	June 26

**NO ADULT ED, SUNDAY BREAKFAST OR
CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL NEXT FALL**

Access the updated WPC calendar at
crwpc.org/calendar

Calendar: Regular Events

Sundays

Worship 10 a.m. - Sanctuary
Beacon of Light 11:30 a.m. - Chapel
Beacon of Light Community Dinner every
other Sunday starting on 4/7
EGPC-1:30 p.m. - Old Dining

Mondays

Bridge 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - FLC
Women in Action 7 p.m. - FLC

Tuesdays

L&F Pantry 2:30-5 p.m.
Beacon of Light (100 in 24) 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - Atrium
Prayer Shawl Ministry-1 & 3 Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - Small Parlor

Thursdays

Bible Study-2 & 4 Thursdays 9:30 a.m. -
Atrium
Beacon of Light (Youth Group) 6 p.m.

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

Office Closed
EGPC 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Old Dining

Liturgist Schedule for June

June 2- Brian Read
June 9 - Val Neubauer
June 16 - David Basler
June 23 - Heather Wagner
June 30 - Warren Feerer

Greeters

1st Sunday - Jim Fine
2nd Sunday - Terry Perkins
3rd Sunday - Brian Read
4th & 5th Sunday - Kupka's or Neubauers

**Greeters please be in foyer between 9:30
- 9:45 a.m.**

About Your Newsletter

The “Voice of Westminster” newsletter will no longer be mailed to you but delivered to your email inbox. This was approved by Session. Homebound members will still receive a printed copy as many do not have access to a computer. Printed copies also will be available in the large parlor kiosk.



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