



# The Voice of Westminster

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

November 2020

## Those Who Dream

As we soon will enter November, what do you find occupying your mind? Some may be thinking of All Saints Day, November 1, while still grieving the loss of a loved one this past year. Others may be wondering who will be elected on November 3 (or how long it will be before we have an official vote count). Still others may be trying to figure out family arrangements for Thanksgiving given the most recent, swelling stats on COVID-19, the pandemic that never seems to end and has altered how we worship..



Perhaps they are wondering whether there will be a job in the near future, or when their roof will finally be fixed after derecho damage.

Perhaps we find bits and pieces of many of these ideas circling among our thoughts in this unprecedented year. Some thoughts stem from the usual November items on the calendar. Others are contextualized for this particular year. Perhaps uncertainty of the future is somewhat

higher than normal.

This just happens to be a year when Advent begins at the end of November. Advent offers us a time to step back and get our "bearings." It provides a opportunity to once again evaluate whether we need to make changes so the "reason of the season" is crystal clear to all of those with whom we have contact. Reflecting on "Whose birthday is it anyway?"

Advent can reenergize our focus on the tremendous gift of God sending his Son into our world. Asking ourselves, "What are we going to give Jesus for his birthday?" can sharpen our focus and spark creativity.

This year we will contemplate on the theme: "Those Who Dream." We invite you to join us in this journey.

*-Pastor Roger*

## Loaves & Fishes Says Farewell to Westminster Mission House

With emotions ranging from nostalgia to excitement, Loaves & Fishes served clients out of the Mission House one last time, Tuesday, Oct. 27. L&F has operated out of the house for about 15-years. Prior to that, it was located in what was previously St. John’s Episcopal Church on 19th Street. As of Nov. 10, 2020, the pantry enters a new phase with an interim home at Tanager Place at 1030 5th Ave SE, just a few blocks away from the current location. The lines formed early on the final day in the Mission House and our friends at KCRG-TV 9 joined us to document the occasion.



*Pantry Director Jan Kosowski talks with a KCRG photographer about the reasons for the move.*



*Longtime volunteer Ruth Quisling and Pastor Roger Grandia hand out food.*

## L&F to Host Grand “Re-Opening” at New Location

When Loaves & Fishes begins at its new location at 1030 5th Ave SE, there will be a celebration. One of the pantry’s partners, The League of Women Voters, plans to bring a cake to celebrate. Mmmm, cake. It was Abbie Smith’s idea—a way of saying thanks for letting the organization register people to vote when the pantry was in operation. The grand re-opening will be on the first Tuesday L&F is at the new location, Nov. 10 from 1:30-4:50 p.m. Look for more details in your weekly announcements.

## Session Notes

Westminster's Session met Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium and on Zoom. The meeting was rescheduled from the usual third Tuesday due to illness. The meeting opened with a discussion of church mission and vision statements with Pastor Roger referencing the book, "The Adept Church".

Following the opening devotions and prayer, Session took the following actions:

- Approved allowing Women Into Action (Alcoholics Anonymous) to meet on Monday evenings from 7-to-9 p.m. in the Old Dining Room.
- Approved a motion from the Property Committee to form a task force to determine the viability of replacing the garage and to oversee that project.
- Discussed and agreed to amend the September minutes regarding repurposing the facility at 1251 3rd Ave SE into residential space from "adopt" the recommendation to repurpose to "discuss" the recommendation to repurpose. Discussion followed on why Session should consider other uses. More discussion is planned for the next meeting.

Pastor Roger closed the meeting with prayer. The next regular Session meeting will be Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

### Special Thank-You

Westminster's Session would like to thank everyone who has continued to send in their offerings during this unusual time. As you know, the expenses and work of the church exist even when we aren't able to meet together.

Attendance numbers for both services are starting to increase with the 9 a.m. service reaching the upper 20s and the 11 a.m. service in the low 20s. We look forward to seeing the rest of you at some point. You are missed!



### Adult Ed Update

Adult Education has two more Zoom classes focusing on the Max Lucado book, "You'll Get Through This." The final two classes will be Nov. 1 and Nov. 8. The group watches video clips together on Zoom and then discusses. It's an appropriate topic of the odd times in which we are living. If you'd like to join, there's still room and time. Just e-mail the office at [gale@crwpc.org](mailto:gale@crwpc.org) or Don Damsteegt directly at [drdon@familypsychologyassoc.com](mailto:drdon@familypsychologyassoc.com). Thank you for your interest

## Our (Westminster) Story

*The following is from the stewardship letter sent out this past week. We know this has been a most unusual year, but we hope you will keep Westminster in your heart and in your financial plans for 2021.*

We would all agree that 2020 will go down as a most challenging year for many reasons. Please know that whether you feared the COVID-19 virus or were picking up after the derecho, you were in our prayers. We also want you to know that despite the year's oddities, the ministries to which Westminster is dedicated have continued. We adapted to necessary changes, but have faithfully served the community. These include the Loaves & Fishes (L&F) food pantry, which moved outside to provide adequate social distancing and will move soon to a new interim location to better serve our growing numbers.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministers are answering the call for more baby blankets at the Ronald McDonald Room at St. Luke's and already knitting scarves for our L&F clients. Food and warmth are essentials that we are commanded to provide to "the lesser of these" by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Despite the threat of COVID-19, Church Staff have worked throughout the year, sometimes at home, most of the time in the office. We are always looking for ways to make the dollars stretch further and to always be good shepherds of your funds. Online services have been added to our worship schedule at minimal expense. And we still help the occasional person who comes to us for emergency food and gas supplies. We have been deeply grateful for the congregation's faithfulness in giving, to enable us to continue our ministries in these unprecedented times.

Like many of you, we look forward to the day when we can all safely worship together. How we all took that for granted in the past! We recognize this has been a difficult year financially for some members. But, in order to accurately craft a budget for 2021, it is time for our annual stewardship pledge drive. On the reverse side of this letter is a form we are asking you to complete. Please give thoughtful consideration to how you might be able to contribute to Westminster's operations and ministries in the year ahead. If you can give a bit more than last year, please consider this. If not, please provide an accurate pledge of what you might be able to give and turn in your sheet by Nov. 13.

There's an old hymn, "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again". Truer words have never been spoken.



If you haven't already done so, please fill out the reverse side of the stewardship letter that was sent out this past week, and return by Nov. 13. If you didn't receive a letter or lost yours, just let the office know (319-366-7185) and we'll send one out to you.



## The Few, The Proud, The Property Committee

Westminster's Property Committee is looking for a few good men and women. Seriously. Last year, it gained Brian Read, but lost Ted Kahler. Our large building needs a vigilant and active committee to help keep it going. Please consider lending a hand and becoming a member. We need some "hands on" members who can help work with our vendors and help us troubleshoot building issues. Please contact one of the co-moderators if interested: Jan Kosowski, [jmkosows@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkosows@yahoo.com) or 319-521-6666 or Maggie York at [maggie.york@mchsi.com](mailto:maggie.york@mchsi.com) or 319-396-3770. Thank you!

# THANK YOU!

Talk about above and beyond the call of duty. Dave Cosgrove, Pastor Roger, Jan and Ed Kosowski took on the task of changing bulbs in the overhead spotlights in the Sanctuary. This is what it takes—a 20-foot ladder, spotters and someone brave enough (Dave) to climb up with a pole to grab the bulbs and replace them. Unfortunately, they were able to replace only one bulb due to the unstable nature of some of the fixtures. But even one light makes a difference. Special thanks to all and to Ed Kosowski who had to have stitches after a bulb cut his hand.



## Don't Forget

### Daylight Saving Time to End

Although daylight saving time officially ends on Nov. 1, you'll want to make sure you set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Halloween to be on time for Sunday worship on Nov. 1.



**November Birthdays**

Janet Trotter	3
Sue Patterson	4
Cheryl Shanklin	4
Marilyn Sweet	6
Jack Sedlacek	12
Brian Read	14
Sherry Swanson	17
Bruce Chambers	21
Jim Fine	21
Maggie York	27
Kirk Lampe	29
Loren Neubauer	30

**November Needs**

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

Stuffing mix

Cranberry sauce

Kleenex

Thank you for supporting this  
important mission!

Remember, despite the move to Tanager  
Place, you can still bring your L&F donations  
to Westminster!









**Congratulations Morgan  
& Chase**

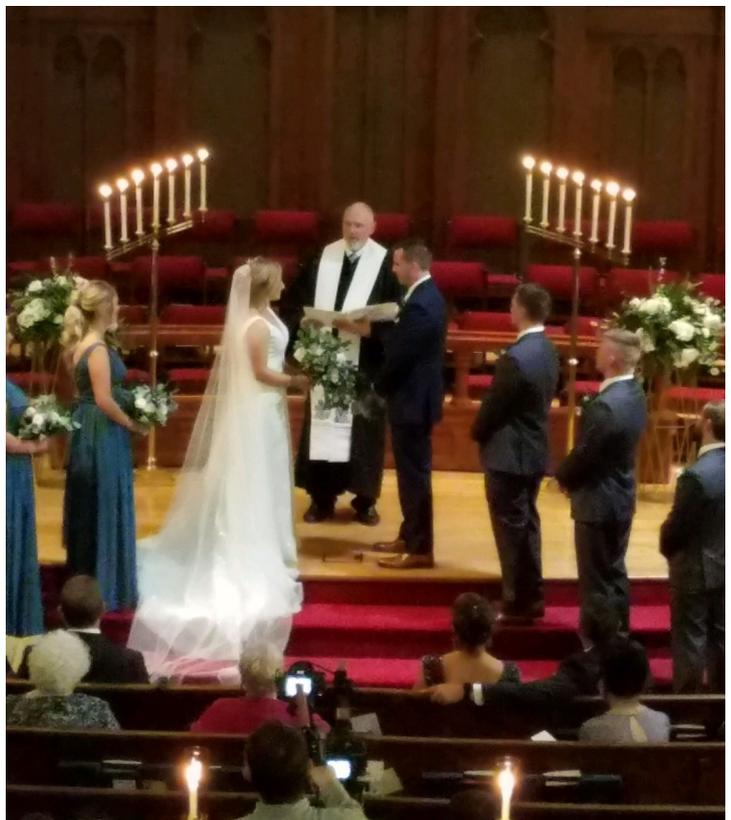
It's always special when we  
have a wedding at Westmin-  
ster. On Oct. 17, Morgan  
Bjornsen and Chase Fergus  
were married in the Sanctu-  
ary. Pastor Roger officiated.  
We wish them the very best!











*Photo courtesy of Ann Buckheister*

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9 am FUEL – FLC</p> <p>10 am – Adult Ed - Zoom</p> <p>11 am – Sanctuary</p> <p>Online Services-YouTube</p> <p>Communion Online Only</p> <p>1 pm – Beacon of Light</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor Roger- Vacation (through Nov. 9)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>6:30 – Narcotics Anonymous (NA)</p> <p>No L&amp;F – Moving to new interim location</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed 8 pm - NA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 pm - NA</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>9 am FUEL – FLC</p> <p>11 am – Sanctuary</p> <p>Online Services-YouTube</p> <p>1 pm – Beacon of Light</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:30 pm – Finance Committee Atrium</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30-4:50 pm – L&amp;F - Tanager Place Bldg. 6:30 pm – Session – Atrium 6:30 pm - NA</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed 8 pm - NA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8pm-NA</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 am FUEL – FLC</p> <p>11 am – Sanctuary</p> <p>Online Services-YouTube</p> <p>1 pm – Beacon of Light</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:30-4:50 pm – L&amp;F - Tanager Place Bldg.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed 8 pm - NA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8pm-NA</p>
<p>29</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday –1 service-10 am-Sanctuary</p> <p>Online Service-YouTube</p> <p>1 pm Beacon of Light</p>	<p>30</p>					

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9:00 a.m. FUEL service in the Family Life Center

11:00 a.m. Traditional service in the Sanctuary

Livestream on YouTube or Facebook

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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