

Voice of Westminster



November 2025

We will sing these words this Sunday as we celebrate All Saints Sunday:

*"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

We rejoice for those whose faith in Christ has lit the way for us, and now are celebrating Face to Face with our Savior.

I also rejoice in the saints who are still in our midst, several of whom I was able to share communion with this week. Pictured are a few of our homebound members that I was able to visit last week.

Pastor Roger





ALPACAS & WINE

On Saturday, October 4, over 30 members and visitors gathered together at Rainbow Farms to feed and pet the Alpacas. Everyone enjoyed the encounter feeding many of the alpacas. A couple of them were kind of greedy following people around and wanting there yummy morsels. The alpacas were super sweet and gentle. If they didn't want to be petted they just walked away. Their newest addition is the cutest little guy and he seemed so happy.

Rainbow Farms it's self was prestigious. Every where from the barns to the property itself was clean and well maintained. The owners were very nice and informative about the alpacas and how their farm is set up. It was so interesting to find out that they have to go through a lot of paperwork to just breed the alpacas. This being the case the males and females are never kept in the same pens together. The store located there had beautiful handmade items from the alpacas at their farm. If you are looking for unique Christmas gifts you might want to check it out. (Fun fact: alpaca fur is 3 times warmer than wool)

After the farm everyone headed over to Cedar Ridge Winery for lunch. They were very accommodating and served us a fantastic lunch. The menu has greatly expanded and there was food to accommodate any appetite. Their wine list is very expansive and covers from sweets to very dry wines. Everyone enjoyed their food, drinks and fellowship time.

I only heard positive things from everyone about the entire event and we definitely will be looking to do this again next year. Pictures are posted above and below this article of the day.





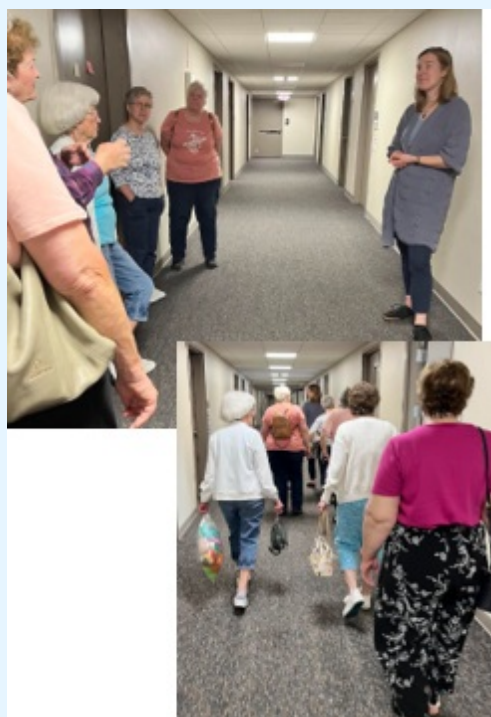
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY EXPANDS PARTNERSHIPS

Westminster's Prayer Shawl Ministry is teaming up with the Catherine McAuley Center to provide scarves, hats and stuffed hand-knit toys for clients of the center. These include immigrants coming to learn English as well as women who are coping with life-challenging situations and live in the McAuley building's women's unit. Many immigrants come from warmer climates so a warm scarf in the Iowa winters is a blessing.

Our prayer shawl members toured the facility during their Oct. 1 meeting and learned about the various programs including one-on-one tutoring in English and the computer lab that helps people learn tech skills.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided shawls for Westminster members, blankets for St. Luke's NICU unit through the Ronald McDonald Center, and toys for children facing what can be a scary visit to the emergency room at St. Luke's. They have provided scarves to Loaves & Fishes as well.

One interesting note: The staff member, who gave the tour, Katie Rosenberger, has an aunt, Donna Gladhill, who was once a member of Westminster's Prayer Shawl Ministry. It really is a small world, after all.





SUNDAY SUPPER FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 2025

Westminster Sunday Supper Fellowship ended the year with a BANG! We had a delicious potluck with fried chicken as our main course and plenty of sides furnished by all. It was an evening filled with Food, Fun and Laughter with heavenly music provided by David and Deb. We closed the evening singing our favorite hymns. It was a warm, wonderful evening enjoyed with good friends.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in these once a month gatherings, they have been so much fun. Along with food we have had an event at each gathering from speakers, to games, to sing-a-longs. If you missed out this year, no worries, we are starting them up again in January. They take place the 4th Sunday of the month in the FLC. Details on each supper will always be advertised ahead of time in the weekly announcements.

SMOKE DAMAGE CLAIM STATUS

(Update from the October 7 smoke damage that occurred at Westminster Church)

Church Mutual's adjuster is assessing the affected areas of the smoke odor damage and is working with both the restoration company and contents cleaning company to secure an agreed scope of damage and cost. Most of the odor had been remediated by Brown's Flooring & Restoration by using air scrubbers and hepa vacuums. The large parlor has been cleaned by wiping down the walls of any smoke particulates. Church Mutual has hired an Industrial Hygienist to take samples of the identified rooms containing smoke odor. The report of his findings is pending and will determine what rooms are considered in need of remediation, cleaning, etc. Once that information is obtained, we should have a better idea of what areas can be reopened and approximately how long it will be to complete cleaning.

Brian T. Read, Co-Chair
WPC Property Committee



Calendar: Special Events

Nov 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
@ midnight
Nov 2 - All Saints Day / Communion Sunday
Nov 3 - Deacons Meet 5:00pm
Nov 4 - Election Day
Nov 4 - Disciple Bible Study 1:30 Conf. Rm.
Nov 6 - Special Session Meeting 5:30pm
Nov 10 - Property Committee Meets 1:00pm
Nov 10 - Mission Committee 2:30pm (zoom)
Nov 17 - Finance Meets 4:30pm
Nov 18 - Session Meets 6:30pm
Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Day
Nov 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry will be every Tuesday from 2:30 - 5 p.m. at Westminster.

Access the updated WPC calendar at
crwpc.org/calendar



This Month's Birthdays

Cheryl Shanklin	November 4
Glenda Patterson	November 4
Brian Read	November 14
Sherry Swanson	November 17
Bruce Chambers	November 21
Jim Fine	November 21
Maggie York	November 27
Loren Neubauer	November 30



Calendar: Regular Events

(Some Groups may be meeting in different locations)

Sundays

Natural Swedish Pentecostal Church 9am - Theater
Westminster Worship 10am - Sanctuary
Beacon of Light 11:30am - Chapel
EGPC 1:30pm - Old Dining
Chorale Midwest 3:00pm - Choir Rm. & Lg. Parlor
NA (Face Anything/Fear Nothing) 5pm - Atrium

Mondays

Bridge 11 a.m.-4pm - FLC
Marion Gospel Hall Youth Group 7pm - Atrium

Tuesdays

L&F Pantry 2:30 - 5pm - Downstairs
Beacon of Light (100 in 24) 6pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 7:30 am - Atrium
Prayer Shawl Ministry-1 & 3 Wednesdays
9:30 am - Small Parlor
WPC Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm - Choir Room

Thursdays

NA (Face Anything/Fear Nothing) 5pm - Atrium
Beacon of Light Life Groups 6pm - Chapel

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

Office Closed
EGPC 10 am to 3 pm - Old Dining
Natural Swedish Pentecostal Church 10am to 4pm
NA (Steps in the Right Direction) 11am - Atrium
NA (Sister & Brothers of Serenity) 5:30pm Atrium

This Month's Anniversaries

John & Signe Henderson	November 11
John & Sherry Swanson	November 18
Don & Sherry Hoepfner	November 25
Terry & Jan Perkins	November 26
David & Leanne Leeper	November 29

ATTENTION - If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the specific month please contact the office so we can get your information updated.

Liturgist Schedule for August

November 2 - Heather Wagner
November 9 - Jan Kosowski
November 16 - David Basler
November 23 - Pam Richardson
November 30 - Jan Walton

Greeters

1st Sunday - Jim Fine
2nd Sunday - Terry Perkins
3rd Sunday - Jim Patterson (Nov. & Dec.)
4th Sunday - Neubauers
5th Sunday - **Volunteers Needed**

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



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