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The Westminster
WINDOW

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Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship and 4 PM Jazz Vespers

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY
READINGS FOR OCTOBER**

10/01 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

10/08 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

10/15 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

10/22 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

10/29 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46 ☼

WICC BOOK CLUB

Elizabeth Richmond, Missions Committee Member

This year we are continuing to help instill the love of books and reading in our little ones at Westminster Infant Care Center. We thought it would be fun to start off the new year with a focus on reading. The children in WICC each got their own Book Box. The staff of WICC took plain plastic storage boxes and created personalized Book Boxes for each child. We purchased new board books for the children and the staff are reading the new books to the children. In the picture you will find Panda Bear and A'aliyah reading together! The little ones then practice putting their books away in their Book Box.

We hope to keep adding to these Book Boxes with a contribution from you. The WICC staff will also be working with the Moms in our program, encouraging them to understand the importance of reading to your child. If you would like to help support this new project, please send the WICC Book Club Donation form along with a check to Westminster Presbyterian Church with "WICC Book Club" written in the memo section of your check. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Richmond or WICC Director Valerie Sager. ☼



WICC BOOK CLUB DONATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

**Make checks payable to:
Westminster Presb. Church**

**Write on memo line:
WICC BOOK CLUB**

**Clip and mail this form to:
WICC Book Club**

**Westminster Presb. Church
1420 W. Moss Avenue
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☐ **YES. I want to give to reading!**

Enclosed you will find my donation in the amount of \$ _____

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Anna Bussian

We will meet Tuesday, October 3, at the home of Sally Fitch at 9:30 a.m. (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.) Abbie Alexander will give the program on jewelry. Bring a favorite piece of jewelry, antique or new. All women of the church are welcome. For more information, call Sally Fitch (693-8378) or Anna Bussian (589-0656). ☸

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Marilyn Luman

Rev. Denise leads our bi-monthly group on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 1:30 p.m., in the Parlor. We will meet on October 12 and 26 to discuss the Lectionary verses listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Everyone and anyone are invited to join us as we further our understanding of the verses as they are read during our Sunday worship service.

Questions? Contact Marilyn (691-0607). ☸

MAKE IT - TAKE IT FUNDRAISER

Marilyn Luman

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 19), we will have our annual fundraiser for our Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC). This is an opportunity for our members to show their skills by "making something" or "buying/taking something" that is hand-made to share for the upcoming holidays in November and December.

Due to the new flooring being placed in November, this year's Make It - Take It fundraiser will take place in the Parlor and in the Chapel during the Coffee Hour that follows the morning worship service.

Watch for more information on where to drop off your items. The committee will price or individually wrap (if necessary) the items. Your pricing suggestions are very much appreciated.

Following church, we hope you will find something to buy and join us for Coffee Hour. We appreciate your support in "making and taking" the donated items that are made with love. ☸

FORE!

We continue to golf each week as the weather permits. We normally do not go out to play a round of golf if the temperatures get below 50 degrees. So come. Join other golfers from the congregation every Monday and Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Kellogg Executive 9 Golf Course, 7716 N. Radnor Road, Peoria. Everyone is welcome to join in. Questions or to see if a round has been canceled, contact Dick Helfrich at 682-0478. ☸

MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for a good cup of joe and good conversation. We meet at Panera Bread, 2515 N. Westlake, weekly on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Invite a friend. There is always room. ☸

CHURCH LIFE

Dorothy Crozier

October 14 - Grand Tamale! Please join us in the Parish House kitchen for a tamale making session. These will be part of the Mexican Food celebration taking place at our luncheon on October 22. Join in on the fun!

October 24 - Hispanic Heritage 4th Sunday Luncheon. We will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage with a menu from our Latin neighbors and enjoying the yummy tamales that were made October 14.

October 27 - We say Good-bye. Please join us after the Gretchen R. Iben Arts, Ashlie Schlatweiler's concert, for refreshments in the Parlor. We will all want to see Ashlie off to her new life in New Orleans in style, and let her know how much we appreciate her.

November Notice - There will be no 4th Sunday Luncheon for the month of November. This year, the Make It-Take It event will take place in the Parlor and Chapel of the church. We are having the Parish House floor renewed, and construction will be done during the month of November. We will have a lovely new floor for our holiday festivities in December.

Thank You - to Edna Nugent and Mary Dill for hosting Coffee Hour and for the lovely treats they provided for Coffee Hour on September 10.

Meet the Artists! A Huge Success! The Two Piano Jazz Concert reception was a grand success! We served over 119 guests that stayed for the hors d'oeuvres and mingled after the concert. A special thanks to Jill Bell, Olivia Richmond, Hannah and Carole Willadsen, Laura Van Riper, Linda McDaniel, and Dan Callahan for making this a huge success! A very special thanks to Mary Lee Caudle and Pat Flynn for the incredible work they do behind the scenes to coordinate these events. ☺





COFFEE HOUR FALL SIGN UPS

Mary Lee

It's that time of the year when we all gather after the Sunday morning worship with family and friends and a good cup of coffee, tea, or juice to visit and share what has been happening in our lives. To continue to have a successful coffee hour, there needs to be someone who will host for that morning, start the coffee, set out the refreshment's, and a very small clean up after. If we could encourage each member to sign up for a Sunday, then we would have all the Sundays filled until next spring. That would be awesome and then nobody would have to volunteer for multiple Sundays.

So, we ask each member of the congregation to volunteer to serve coffee hour for one Sunday. There are only fourteen Sundays left in 2017. It works well to have two (2) people to provide and serve together. You don't have to worry about making the coffee. Pat Flynn normally has a pot brewing and Dorothy will be around to start the pot if Pat isn't there. Just in case, the instructions for brewing coffee are on the Parlor kitchen wall above the phone. The coffee and juice, as well as the serving supplies, are provided by the church. Volunteers provide treats, serve and clean-up. Questions? Want to host but don't want to do it alone? Let Dorothy know. She's happy to help. ☸

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Mary Lee

On World Communion Sunday, October 1, people are joined from all over God's earth, looking at our world and our lives and asking, "Can God spread a table even in this wilderness? Even in my wilderness?" To which, God responds and says, "Come to the table of peace." ☸



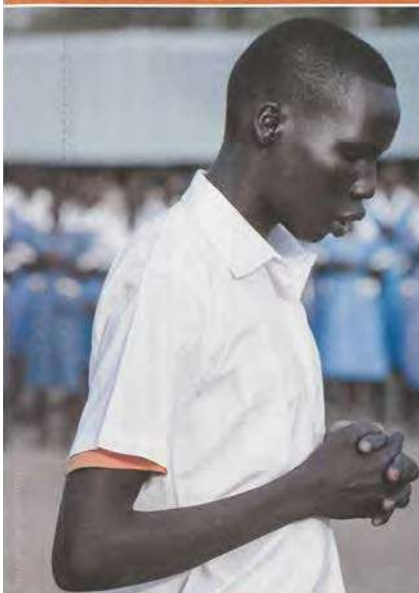
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS - OCTOBER 1, 2017

Jan Leonard

A gift to the Peace and Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering to support The Center for Prevention of Abuse and its important role in our community; to the region, where 25 percent is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

On Sunday, October 1, we will take up a special offering for the Peace & Global Witness. You may use the coupon below or there are special offering envelopes in each pew. Pray about the amount God would like you to give and bring it with you to the morning service. If you will not be able to attend church on that Sunday, you may also mail it in using the coupon below. Please write in the memo portion of the check PEACE. ☸

Christ Is
Our Peace



PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Gift Amount: _____ Check # _____

Thank you for your donation.

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near..."

-Ephesians 2:14-17

Westminster's Local Missions
WESTMINSTER CARES SPOTLIGHT

Jan Leonard

Each month, *The Window* will highlight one of the recipients of our mission dollars. This month is **South Side Mission, located at 1127 S. Laramie in Peoria, Illinois**

South Side Mission is home to several ministries. One of those ministries is the Benevolence Center. Located at 2919 W. Garden Street, the center accepts donations of gently used clothing and household goods, as well as donations for their food pantry. Donations are accepted Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the center is simply to assist the folks that need a helping hand. From community gardens to emergency appliances, from coats to groceries, the Center is there to fill the gaps when emergencies arise and there is nowhere else to turn.

Other ministries of the South Side Mission include Camp Kearney, holiday meals, Lighthouse Dinner Soup Kitchen, New Promise Center Women's Shelter, elderly services, and Redeemed Boys Mentoring Program.

For more information about South Side Mission, please go to: www.southsidemission.org or call 676-4604. ♻️

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of **August**, the WestMark Food Pantry provided food to **1468** individuals.

We will NOT be closed on Columbus Day for anyone who may be wondering.

The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those who might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks. ♻️

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries: every first and third Tuesday, October 3 and October 17, at 11:30 a.m. Then on Thursday, October 12, at 1:00 p.m., and also on the fourth Thursday of the month, October 26, at 11:00 a.m.

Please note that there is normally a food delivery on the first Tuesday of each month, there will not be one in the month of October. Our regular Food Bank appointment for the first Tuesday of October (the 3rd) has been cancelled. There will be no pick up that day.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday mornings. If you are interested in helping once-in-awhile but cannot commit to every Monday, let Elizabeth Richmond know. We always can use an extra hand or two.

Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond at 309-697-9720 or the church office, 309-673-8501. ♻️

SHOES FOR WATER

Denise Henderson, Project Coordinator

Thank you very much for your tremendous support and involvement with Shoes for Water. It has been a very busy month from our perspective and we have been overwhelmed once again with the generosity of the local community.

The picture shows all the shoes that were donated here at Westminster. There were over two dozen pairs given to the Water Step cause. Thank you to all of you who gave. ♻️



HUNGRY BULLETIN

Ashley Foster

In early September, leaders of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization joined up with leaders from local churches in Houston, Texas, to get an assessment of the damages that occurred as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The leaders gathered together at the Presbytery of the New Covenant in Houston to address a group known as the Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC).

It was a desire of this group to help with recovery of the damages in Houston and the surrounding areas. According to Reverend Laurie Krause, director of the PDA, "what you do after a disaster response erases the differences in race and faiths. We are all a part of the same human family. Disaster can help transcend those differences." Dickinson, Texas, is one town that was severely impacted by heavy rains. Many homes and businesses in the area suffered a lot of water damage, as well as First Presbyterian Church. A lot of raw meat in their food pantry was ruined. Thankfully, some of the food was salvageable, however. Kathy Seibring, the church's pastor, reported, "We took the damaged canned goods and packages of crackers to the street to be removed by cleanup, yet people were still coming by and taking many of the items home because they were so desperate for food."

The day after the flooding occurred, about 50 members came to the church to help with cleanup and rebuilding, which Seibring had not expected. She was unsure at first whether recovery for the church was even possible and had considered closing the doors for good, but after realizing all the support that she had, she concluded, "God might have other plans for us." 🌱

THE IBEN SERIES CONTINUES IN OCTOBER

Tom Clark-Jones

The Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series continues in October with a vocal recital by one of our former soprano choral scholars and soloists, Ashlie Schlatweiler. Ashlie sang in the Westminster Choir off and on through her years at Bradley University, where she was a music major concentrating in vocal performance. In the past three years, she became a regular in the Choir Loft and was the featured soprano soloist in several large works, including John Rutter's "Requiem" and the Vivaldi "Gloria."

A native of Southern Illinois, she came here to study and spent the first part of her career teaching in both Peoria Schools and in the Putnam County Schools. In addition, she had an active private teaching studio where she taught both voice and piano. In August of 2017 she relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she is teaching in another private studio, and intends to further her education.

In her recital, here at Westminster on Friday, October 27 at seven-thirty, she will present solos from Handel, Mozart, Puccini, Schubert, Richard Strauss and Aaron Copland among others. She will sing one duet, the famous duet from the opera "Lakme" by Leo Delibes.

Her alto partner for that piece will be Alencia Norris, another member of the Westminster Choir and a senior at Bradley.

Ashlie's accompanist for the program will be Kari Capps, a collaborative pianist, organist, and music educator from Peoria. She holds a Master of Music degree in Collaborative Piano from Illinois State University and a Bachelor of Science from Bradley University. Currently, she is the junior high choir director at St. Patrick School in Washington, IL and plays piano and organ at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria.

These three extremely talented young women will present a wonderful evening of enjoyable music ... many pieces you may not recognize by their formal titles, but will immediately recognize the great melodies. Plan now to come and welcome Ashlie back home to Peoria. The recital will be followed by a festive reception in the Parlor. Come and feed your soul and your stomach with goodies. It's a great way to spend an enjoyable Friday evening. Remember! October 27 at seven-thirty! 🌱



REFORMATION SUNDAY, THE 500th ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

This month we will celebrate on Reformation Sunday the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. I will have to admit I was far more excited in 2009 when the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth was celebrated than this year when the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 theses on the door of Wittenberg Church door will be observed. If you are a Roman Catholic, you would probably find it very fitting that the day was Oct.31, 1517. It was Halloween, when all sorts of devils and hobgoblins were believed to rise from their graves to haunt the living. For the Roman Church, this must seem as a commentary on the celebrating of Martin Luther's contributions to the Protestant Reformation. For a Presbyterian, John Calvin is seen as our theological forefather, even though he and Martin Luther were very much in agreement.

I enjoyed the Calvin anniversary in 2009 because many new books about Calvin came out. I was somewhat of a Calvin nerd in seminary. Although Calvin's complete work, "Institutes of the Christian Religion," (not the abridged version) was once required reading of all who passed through Reformed seminaries, by the time I went to seminary it was not required. With the guidance of my theology professor, I read and discussed the complete work in an "independent study." Calvin has been greatly misquoted and misinterpreted for centuries; and often what people describe as "Calvinism" bears little resemblance to his actual theology.

But, Martin Luther is credited with being the founder of the Protestant Reformation, although it was actually a long formation process which began before he was even born. So to say that the Protestant Reformation occurred 500 years ago is not accurate. The nailing of the 95 theses was a dramatic event. Today, it would have been splashed across the headlines of newspapers, televised, Facebooked, and Twittered. Luther was a dynamic, strong, and engaging personality. His dramatic presentation of his arguments against the Roman Church of the time captured the imaginations of the people in such a way that Luther has always gotten top-billing among the many Protestant Reformers.

John Calvin and Martin Luther never met and had little correspondence. Although both could write in Latin, they preferred to write in their native tongues – Luther in German and Calvin in French - so what they knew of each other's writings was limited. They were also from different generations. John Calvin was only 8 years old when Luther, a middle-aged man, nailed the famous 95 theses to the chapel door. By the time John Calvin was becoming a major figure in the young Protestant Church, Martin Luther was nearing the end of his life. Martin Luther never intended to break with the Roman Church, only reform it. By the time Calvin, a pastor, biblical scholar and theologian, became a leading voice in the Reformed Church, the split with the Roman Church had already occurred.

Today, the Presbyterian Church, USA is in "complete communion" with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the original denomination that is the largest of the Lutheran denominations. The Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Synod Lutherans broke away from the ELCA and are as different from ELCA as the PCUSA is from the PCA (The Presbyterian Church in America) and other groups that split from the "mother church." When I speak of the "Lutheran" church, I am referring to the ELCA.

Just as Luther and Calvin were very much in agreement, there is very little difference in the basic theology of the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church today. If you go to a Lutheran church service, the primary difference you will

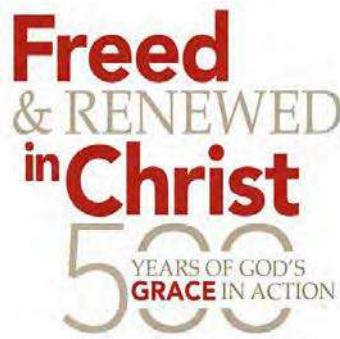
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notice is that the service liturgy comes from a Prayer Book. Thus, as with the Episcopal Church, the liturgy follows the lectionary and is always the same for each liturgical day. For example, if it is the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost in Year A, the liturgy in the service will be the same as the last fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost three years earlier. Presbyterian pastors are free to create or use new liturgy for each Sunday.

Lutherans have always celebrated Communion at every worship service, while, until a few decades ago, Presbyterians usually only celebrated Communion once a month. With the liturgical renewal movement of the 1970's, the Presbyterian Book of Order now states that if Communion is not celebrated at every worship service, it should be celebrated frequently. Calvin himself traveled from church to church in Geneva so that he could receive Communion at every worship service. The words used to describe how Christ is present at Communion, both the Lutheran and Presbyterian understanding, are much the same -- the bread and wine are not the physical body and blood of Christ as Roman Catholics believe, but Christ is spiritually present. For both Lutherans and Presbyterians (as well as other Episcopalians and other Reformed denominations) Christ's presence in the celebration of the Lord's Supper is one of the "mysteries of our faith."

My appreciation of the "500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation" is particularly enhanced by the thesis of Phyllis Tickle, champion of "Emergent Christianity." In her first book on the subject, "Emergent Christianity," she starts the book by noting that significant changes occur, roughly, every five hundred years. The pattern begins with the coming of Christ in the first century, the era of the consolidation of the church under Gregory in the fifth and sixth centuries, the Great Schism of the 11th century, and the Reformation of the 16th century. From this historical trend, Tickle proposes that, in the 2000s, we're poised for another major transformation of the Church. What will happen in the

next 500 years? Grounded in this time and place, we are very limited in the realities of the future, even though our actions now will affect what happens in the future. We are trying to follow Jesus, but Jesus understood that God's plan and the work of the Holy Spirit determine how we will come to an understanding of how to follow him in our own time and place.



The proponents of the Protestant Reformation, beginning in the 15th and continuing on to the 16th century, were guided by the conviction that the Roman Church had drifted away from the essential, original teachings of Christianity as revealed to us in the Bible. The Protestant Reformers sought to re-orient the Christian Church based on the original message of Jesus and the early church found in Scripture. Church doctrine which could not be supported by Scripture was rendered null and void.

Sadly, today we know that Protestants of the Reformed tradition are woefully ignorant of the Bible, particularly those who claim to be active church members. In the process of creating new Christian communities of faith, "church starts," the first step of organization is not a church building, but bible study in public places or homes. Jokingly, we refer to the bible as "the greatest book never read." If celebrating the Protestant Reformation beginning on October 31, 2017, encourages more people to enjoy the freedoms the Protestant Reformation won -- a bible written in their own native tongue, pursuit of biblical scholarship, and a return to the ways and means of Jesus Christ in the world -- bring it on!

Phyllis Tribble called the 500-year phenomenon of change "the Church's 500 Year Rummage Sale." The question that challenges the Church today is what to throw out and what to keep? The Protestant Reformation guides us to pay more attention to the Bible and less to cultural trends. Who knows where the Spirit will lead in the future? But, God's Word stands forever. ☸

OCTOBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
1 Sun AM	Kim Mitchell Alice Nash Horst Prohaska Anna Bussian	Dick Helfrich	Chris Hovey	Dan Callahan	Horst Prohaska	Marge Willadsen
1 Sun Jazz	Bonnie Jackson Dick Helfrich	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
8 Sun AM	No Service	Peoria	Marathon	Peoria	Marathon	No Service
8 Sun Jazz	Conrad Stinnett Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
15 Sun AM	Jeff Case Diane Case Susan Leighty Laura Van Riper	Dick Helfrich	Pat Flynn	Dorothy Crozier	Susan Leighty	Carole & Hannah Willadsen
15 Sun Jazz	Marge Willadsen Alan Willadsen	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
22 Sun AM	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Pat Flynn	Anna Bussian	Jan Leonard	4th Sunday Luncheon
22 Sun Jazz	Bonnie Jackson Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Chris Hovey	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
29 Sun AM	Brian Hakes Marge Willadsen Suellen Kirkwood Dick Helfrich	Dick Helfrich	Pat Flynn	Dave Carlson	Suellen Kirkwood	Bill & Phyllis Rafferty Don & Luanne Shay
29 Sun Jazz	Laura Van Riper Dick Helfrich	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	

If you are unable to work on your scheduled date, please try to find your replacement or switch with someone, before contacting the Ministry Elder of the changes.

COMMUNION SERVERS

MORNING WORSHIP / OCTOBER 1

Bread - Dick Helfrich
Wine - Pastor Denise
Bread - Brian Hakes
Wine - Kim Mitchell
Traveler - Suellen Kirkwood

JAZZ VESPERS / OCTOBER 1

Bread - Bonnie Jackson
Wine - Pastor Denise
Bread - Suellen Kirkwood







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Communion & Peacemaking Sunday 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	2 9a WestMark Food Pantry open to 11a 1p Golf at Kellogg's Executive 9	3 9a Circle of Friends NO Food Pantry Delivery. This has been canceled.	4 7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship 10a Staff Meeting	5 1p Golf at Kellogg's Executive 9 6:15p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 NO Morning Worship Peoria Marathon on Moss Avenue 4p Jazz Vespers	9 Columbus Day WICC Closed 9a WestMark Food Pantry open to 11a 1p Golf at Kellogg's Executive 9	10 4:30p WICC Meeting 6:30p Session Meeting 	11 7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship 10a Staff Meeting	12 1p Large Food Pantry Delivery 1p Golf at Kellogg's Executive 9 1:30p Lectionary B.Study 6:15p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	13	14 9:00am - Tamale 
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Daylight saving time ends. Remember to turn back your clocks before going to bed on November 4.

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Brian Hakes Class of 2018
Christian Education	Bonnie Jackson Class of 2019
Church Life	Dorothy Crozier Class of 2019
Finance	Gary Leonard Class of 2019
Membership	Carol Carlson Class of 2017
Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard Class of 2019
Personnel	
Properties	Don Bell Class of 2018
Worship	Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2017

**SESSION MEETS ON THE
SECOND TUESDAY, MONTHLY,
6:30 PM, IN THE PARLOR!**

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson Class of 2019
Anna Bussian	Class of 2017
Sue Burnham	Class of 2017
Mary Dill	Class of 2018
Kim Mitchell	Class of 2019
Alice Nash	Class of 2019
Edna Nugent	Class of 2019
Phyllis Rafferty	Class of 2017
Marge Willadsen.....	Class of 2017



deacons meeting
the deacons will meet
on october 17, 2017,
5 p.m. at the home
of Jeanie Olson.
her address is:
6710 N. ACORN COURT
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

October Birthdays		October Birthdays	
01	John Avendano	07	Marge Willadsen
01	William Baker	13	Florence Welsch
01	Candy Brotherson	20	Elizabeth Richmond
03	Jean Ashton	24	Nancy Larimore
05	John Jackson	27	Bonnie Jackson
		29	Lauren Hicks
October Anniversaries			
09	Horst Prohaska & Anna Bussian		
14	Sara Booth & Gary Panetta		
15	Rick & Debbie Burns		

DON'T SWITCH THAT CHANNEL

Mary Lee

Westminster has been working with WMBD channel 31 to do some commercials on TV. When we have them all completed, we will have a total of five different commercials that we will be running on a weekly basis, way into the coming year. So watch for us on Fridays, between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. during the Jeopardy show. As well as, Friday mornings during the WMBD News, 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Then we have what is called ID. These are little 4 second mentions of Westminster Presbyterian Church. These will run on different days and sporadically throughout the day up to 14 times. I have the dates these are scheduled, but do not have the times. You'll just have to watch a little TV and try to catch us.

ID Schedule for WMBD CBS: September 9 & 21 / October 7 & 19 / November 2 & 18 / December 9 & 21

ID Schedule for WYZZ FOX: September 2 & 14 / October 5 & 21 / November 9 & 25 / December 9 & 21

We will also be showcased off and on, on the CIProud.com Website.

Please share with us when you have seen one of our new commercials or heard us mentioned by sending us an email or writing a note on a connection card and placing in the offering plate on Sundays.

We'd love to hear what you thought of the commercial. ☺

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OCTOBER 27, 2017 AT 7:30 PM

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A wonderful evening of enjoyable music.
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October 14

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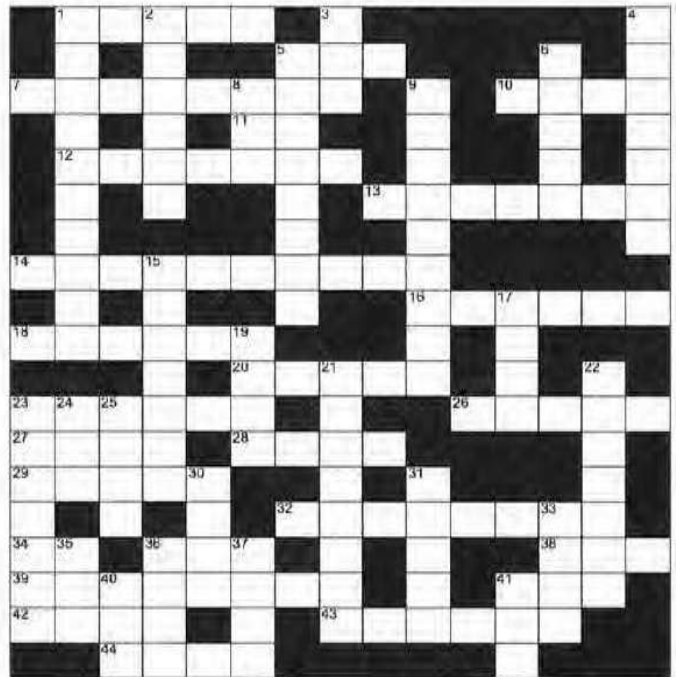
ACROSS

1. "God so loved the _____"
5. 24 hours
7. Number of books in the Bible
10. "I shall not _____"
11. Exists
12. Acts of sorrow for sin
13. To erase a debt
14. Training a child, for example
16. Mary's hard-working sister
18. The FBI has thousands of them
20. Lenten forehead sign
23. Outlaws
26. Disciple's name meaning "rock"
27. Greek word meaning "love"
28. Lake of fire
29. Barabas was headed for this
32. Called the "place of the skull"
34. Conditional preposition
36. Stool pigeon
38. Sole
39. Hold in high esteem
41. Snoop
42. Paradise
43. Give
44. Toil

DOWN

1. Talking very quietly
2. Most movies have one
3. Matthew collected this
4. The disciple of 3 Down
5. A learner
6. Leader of a synagogue
8. Misdeed
9. He came to Jesus by night
15. To acknowledge one's sin
17. City of Seven Hills
19. Mideastern cloth from shoulder to waist
21. "_____ be thy name"
22. Lazarus lived here
23. To accept
24. To sin
25. Sonic _____
30. A wound may leave this
31. Born _____
33. "Faith, _____ and love"
35. What Jesus did for the 5,000
36. Nevada city
37. Speak
40. Not old
41. Pig's home

CROSSWORD - Use the clues to the left to complete the puzzle.



NAME THIS HORSE!

Pastor Farnsworth bought an old nag for his grandchildren, but didn't know what to name it. As he stood in the pasture thinking, he noticed all kinds of birds flying around, each giving its own special call. Then, he got an idea.

Match the bird with its call, and write the letters in order in the space provided to find out the two-word name of Pastor Farnsworth's horse.

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|----------------|------------|
| ___ 1. Dove | A. hiss |
| ___ 2. Crow | A. crow |
| ___ 3. Rooster | E. caw |
| ___ 4. Duck | G. chirp |
| ___ 5. Eagle | I. cluck |
| ___ 6. Owl | L. scream |
| ___ 7. Sparrow | P. coo |
| ___ 8. Goose | R. quack |
| ___ 9. Hen | T. chatter |
| ___ 10. Magpie | Y. hoot |

Write the name of the horse here: _____

BRAIN BAFFLERS! Are You Smarter Than a Fourth-Grader?

Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-Grader? was a popular television program a few years ago. Contestants were awarded a lot of money if they could answer 10 questions in different subject areas that children in grades 1 to 5 study.

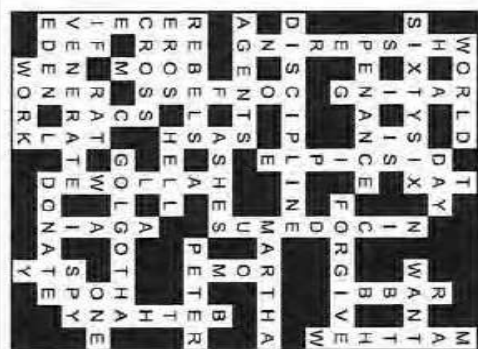
The following two questions come from an actual *fourth* grade class. They are not questions of fact, but questions that ask you to look for patterns.

These are not easy. But you will be interested and amused when you read the answers. Have fun.

1. What do these words have in common?

Banana
Dresser
Grammar
Potato
Revive
Uneven
Assess

2. What pattern do you see when you multiply 111,111,111 x 111,111,111?



Verse to Remember

By using one letter of the alphabet BEFORE the letter shown, decipher this week's verse to remember.

Jesus said to

them: " J B N

U I F

C S F B E

P G

M J G F

—John 6:35

Answers:
Verse to Remember: "I am the bread of life."
Brain Bafflers Question 1: If you take the first letter of each word listed and place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.
Question 2: 12,345,678,987,654,321.
Name this horse: Pearly Gait.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE FALL CLEAN-UP DAY AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Janet Kelley

Helping hands are needed for the Fall Clean-up Day at Westminster. We will plan for the initial clean up day of Saturday, November 4, at 9 a.m.

If by chance this date gets rained out, then we will plan to get the property cleaned up on Saturday, November 11, at 9 a.m.

We appreciate Dick Helfrich, Dan Callahan, Pat Flynn, and Donna Sturm for grooming the annuals along Malvern Lane in August and keeping everything so beautiful.

Beverages and refreshments will be served. Please bring your rakes, gloves, yard blowers, hedge clippers, lawn weeder, etc. Know that your efforts are a gift to the church as the grounds are prepared for winter.

If you have any questions, please call Janet Kelley at 692-6956. I hope to see you there! 🌸

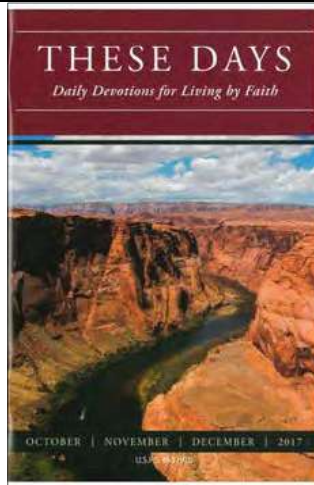


NEW DRIVER FOR WICC

Val Sager



We welcome to the Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) staff, Goldie Jones. She began driving for WICC this year, and she is doing a great job of driving our parents and their children to and from their homes. 🌸



THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith
October, November, December, 2017 Edition

Reflections from the Editor, Laura Mariko Cheifetz

This issue prompts me to consider generosity and welcome. Once, while trick-or-treating, my friends and I climbed a hill to what we thought were fancy houses, hoping for premium candy. Not anticipating any trick-or-treaters in their new housing development, the occupants of the first house were quite startled to see us. As an adult, I do not fault them for this! It was a very steep hill.

I fall short in anticipating the things I should have on hand for those who come to my home, but I do try to be prepared so I can welcome others instead of being caught off guard, with nothing to give. Generosity is the friend who knitted me an enormous blanket in my favorite color. It is the unexpected visit from a friend and his child, whom I feed with child-friends plate and cups we keep for such occasions.

We enter a season of welcome, of inviting people into our homes and the Christ child into our hearts - a season of generosity and gratitude for the gifts God has given. May the reflections in this issue fill your heart anew, renewing your spirit so you may welcome the visitors who appear in the days to come.

Pick up your copy now available in the Narthex. Limited copies available in both regular and large print. 🌸

500 YEARS OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

Submitted by Mary Lee

Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Peoria, IL is pleased to announce that Denise Beattie and Steve Hausler will be directing, *Martin Luther, A Beggar Before God, the Musical*, as part of our community's celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Reformation. Blisse Stanford is the director of music. The play will be on October 21, 22, & 29 at the German American Society, Lindenhof Hall. There will be a total of five performances consisting of three dinner performances and two matinees. (Tickets go on sale online October 1)

6 PM Dinner Performances \$35 October 21, 22, & 29

2 PM Matinee Performances \$20 October 22 & 29

Dear Friends in Christ, On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther walked up to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, and posted 95 propositions entitled, "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences." This year marks the 500th anniversary of this historic work of God, which He began through the confession of faith of this one man, Martin Luther, and all those who were caught up in the wake of the event known as the "Reformation."

Luther had no idea that his 95 Theses would alter the course of human history. The Theses would not only lead to the teaching that salvation is by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ for Christ's sake alone and the threefold principle of Sola Gratia, Sola Fides, and Sola Scriptura, it also led to the reshaping of every aspect of western civilization and daily life. Thus, the celebration of the Reformation is not for Lutherans alone. We are all heirs of the spiritual and temporal benefits of the Reformation. We encourage all Christian congregations to commemorate the Reformation and its place in their respective histories within their own fellowships on Sunday morning October 29, 2017.

At the same time we wanted to offer something that the Christian community would enjoy and from which we all can learn. In celebration of the 500th anniversary, Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church is producing a play titled, "Martin Luther, A Beggar Before God, the Musical." Immanuel is providing the script and financial and organizational support for this production. We are looking to the community to help make the play the best it can be.

We encourage everyone to learn from the Reformation, its call to faithfulness, and Gospel freedom. May God bless you with the Gospel of Christ Jesus, the forgiveness of sins, and the freedom to worship and serve we have in Him.

Sincerely, The 500th Anniversary Event Committee

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Mary Lee

Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 5, 2017



SESSION NOTES

From the September 12 Meeting

Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session

- 1) The Presbytery of Great Rivers has called a special meeting to approve the job description for the interim executive presbyter, bridge consultant, to be held on September 19.
- 2) The session personnel chair position is now vacant.
- 3) For this year the Lectionary Bible Study will be held bi-weekly on alternate Thursdays at 1:30 PM, in the Parlor.
- 4) The Session received and accepted a proposal for new vinyl flooring for the Fellowship Hall for a cost not to exceed \$14,000.
- 5) As of November 1, our custodian, Pat Flynn, will be retiring. A replacement will need to be hired.
- 6) One of the three A/C units in the Fellowship Hall has been modified to improve air circulation and reduce noise. After a trial period evaluating the effectiveness of that unit, the other two units may be modified.
- 7) The water heater in the Parish House has been replaced.
- 8) The WestMark Food Pantry served 2057 people in July and 1486 in August.
- 9) Peoria Head Start lost its space in Valeska Hinton and looked at Westminster as an alternative location.
- 10) Kindermusik is considering leasing space from Westminster. This is an early age toddler and preschool program introducing kids to music and would amount to about six hours per week.



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Jason Brannon, drummer, Larry Harms, sax, Andy Crawford, bass, David Hoffman, trumpet, and John Campbell, piano



JAZZ VESPERS has begun its new season. Weekly, on Sundays at 4 p.m., we gather to worship in a more informal liturgy with superb jazz, scripture, prayers, silence and a short homily. This service has become very meaningful to many. Now in its third year, we invite you to invite your neighbors and friends and anyone who might be interested in jazz, or in a shorter, more simple service, to become a part of our four o'clock congregation.