

Voice of Westminster



August 2024

Small Steps Can Make a Big Difference!

“For wherever two or more of you are gathered in his name....”

Westminster certainly meets the “two or more” numbers with its weekly attendance. However, you might get a different picture if you viewed the service from the balcony or on the weekly livestream. Instead of a cohesive congregation, too often we look like a group of people who are either afraid of sitting together or don’t care to.

We know that’s not true. When people pass the peace, folks walk halfway across the Sanctuary just to say hi or give a hug. What if that show of caring was translated into joining others in the pews-the same pew, for instance? It could be a visual symbol of a harmonious congregation-a congregation interested in growing, enticing new members and letting others know that people are here for each other and want to worship together.

Many at Westminster remember the days when members had to get to church early or sit in the balcony or Large Parlor. Given current trends, those days are a distant memory, the reality for a large percentage of churches in the US. But, Westminster still has so much to offer! Therefore, we desire to reinforce the goodness and love of God that has been a cornerstone of this congregation.

Despite smaller numbers, we have built partnerships with other congregations and supported numerous missional endeavors including Loaves & Fishes, Neighborhood Meals, Grillin’ Wednesdays, Community Dinners, Back to School giveaways, and more are already on the horizon. In this regard, we show signs of vitality and caring compassion.

What if we sat together, towards the front, welcoming visitors to join us? In a world plagued by isolation and disillusionment, each of us can take a small step to come together. Believe me, our worship will feel more vibrant, and we will experience more of a sense of community. Plus, during the sermon, people watching the livestream will not simply see the back of perhaps two heads, or possibly three. In today’s world this is significant, as most people watch the livestream before deciding if they want to worship in person.

And speaking of those who do visit, make it a priority to go out of your way to greet them during the passing of the peace, and visiting with them during the coffee hour. Remember, we do not get a second chance to make a first impression.

Pastor Roger



Grillin' July 2024

Our 2nd annual Grillin' Wednesdays has been a busy time. We started the first Wednesday by getting rained out. Every Wednesday since then has had perfect weather and more and more people each week stopping by for a free meal. Our end count for all 4 weeks was 263 people served. Pastor Roger and Pastor Dedric have been grilling up a lot of hotdogs and meeting a lot of people. I'm sure they both will have some stories to tell. We thank everyone who has volunteered their time during Wednesday evening and thank those who have baked many delicious cookies.



Cedar Rapids BMX hosts an evening for Loaves & Fishes

On July 9 C.R. BMX held a special race with entrance fee to be non-perishable items. BMX then donated all of these items to Loaves & Fishes plus \$170.00. The picture above shows the items they donated. Loaves and Fishes thanks everyone who came out that night to help out.



Neighborhood Meals 2024

Westminster's week of volunteering for the Neighborhood meal program at St. Paul's has been a success. They averaged around 60 people a day. This is down from previous years but with other programs starting up this year it was great to at least know everyone who is hungry is being fed. Thank you everyone for volunteering your time to help the less fortunate in our community.





Calendar: Special Events

- August 1 & 2** - Neighborhood Meals
- August 4** - Kernels Game 1:00 p.m.
- August 5** - Deacons/Elders Picnic 6:00 p.m.
- August 7** - Foundation Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- August 10** - English as 2nd Language (every Sat.) 3:00 p.m.
- August 11** - Worship Service/Chalk Talk (Luncheon Following)
- August 17** - Back-to-school Giveaway
- August 18** - Celebration in Song Worship Service
- August 19** - Finance Meets 4:30 p.m.
- August 20** - Session Meets 6:30 p.m.
- August 30 - Sept 1** - Evangelical Global Pentecostal Church Family Conference

Pastor Roger will be taking vacation from August 12 -18.

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

Access the updated WPC calendar at crwpc.org/calendar



This Month's Birthdays

Lee Anne Hataway	August 3
Jacquiline Fashimpaur	August 4
Mary Jo Crull	August 4
Connie Hayes	August 7
Marybeth Allsop	August 8
Flora Kitzman	August 13
Don Hoepner	August 19
Dave Cosgrove	August 20
Suzanne Huebsch	August 22
Marjorie Bjornsen	August 24
Larry Cooper	August 24
Jim Patterson	August 25
Jan Perkins	August 27
Nancy Hawkins	August 27
Bob Warner	August 30

Liturgist Schedule for August

- August 4 - Ed Mumford
 - August 11 - Ann Buckheister
 - August 18 - Jan Walton
 - August 25 - Pam Richardson
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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.

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
Marion Gospel Hall Youth Group 7 p.m. -
Atrium

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

Beacon of Light (Youth Group) 6 p.m.

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

Office Closed
EGPC 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Old Dining
3 p.m. English as a 2nd Language -
Adult classroom

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