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May
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May 3
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
2 Timothy 1:6-9a; 13-14; Matthew 28:16-20
Spirit-given Identity
Rev. Sarah A. Bishop

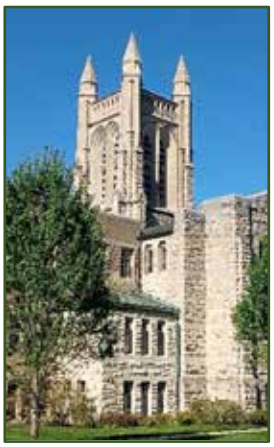
May 10
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
John 21:15-19
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

May 17
FOUNDERS' DAY
40 YEARS OF DALE ROGERS
Psalm 96; Revelation 15:1-4
Praise Be to God
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

May 24
PENTECOST
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gifted by the Spirit
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

May 31
TRINITY SUNDAY
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 17



Praise be to God! It is good for us to give thanks to God for all of God's blessings. While celebrating 191 years of Westminster, we will reflect on the ways worshipping God strengthens our faith and witness and how this congregation has been drawing people into the act of worshipping God throughout our history. We will also celebrate Dale Roger's 40th anniversary as our Director of Worship and the Arts. Members will reflect on Dale's impact on the congregation's praise of God through his musical leadership over the last 40 years. Look for a leaflet chronicling some highlights of Dale's tenure gathered by our archivist, Sue Cull. A celebratory reception will follow in Parish Hall after worship. We will have a box for cards to write Dale a note or share a favorite memory from our music and art ministries.

40 YEARS OF DALE ROGERS!
COME CELEBRATE WITH US IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 17, 2025, Westminster Presbyterian Church will joyfully celebrate a truly remarkable milestone — 40 years of devoted service by Dale Thomas Rogers as our Director of Music and the Arts. For four decades, Dale has enriched our worship and community life with extraordinary talent, deep musical knowledge, and a spirit of care that has touched countless lives.

The morning service will feature special music, words of appreciation, and a presentation from the congregation in honor of this meaningful anniversary. Following worship, all are warmly invited to continue the celebration with a reception in Parish Hall.

And just to be clear—Dale is not retiring! Rather, we take this opportunity to celebrate his enduring contributions and the many ways he continues to inspire and lead us. We hope you will join us for this joyful occasion.

MEMORIAL GARDEN – A PEACEFUL PLACE

Each Memorial Sunday, Westminster's Memorial Garden is highlighted. The Memorial Garden built in 2020 is a place of peace and repose for the remains of those who have expressed a desire to be interred in the garden wall. It is found in the shadow of the Church's noble tower on the front lawn with paved paths and benches for an opportunity for private meditation and a traditional Celtic Cross as the centerpiece. Our website lists pertinent information about those inurned here.

This year, on Saturday May 16, the Westminster Women's Assn. will host a Garden Party at the church. As part of the event, attendees will be encouraged to visit the Memorial Garden and reflect on the lives of those whom we honor in this sacred place. For those interested in future planning, an individual inurnment is $1,000 for a member or their immediate family and $2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website. Memorial Garden Committee: Chair, David Mitchell; Dr. Scott Day, Sue Donels, Marci Irvine, Jim McDonough, and Jeanne Pittman.

From the Pastor

Jesus encourages us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, but what does that look like in day-to-day life? One way we practice loving our neighbors, is through tangible acts of service during our Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor service week. Another way we can live out God's love is by reaching out with words of encouragement to those in our congregation. As Sue Sawers begins to help us organize our caring ministries at the church, we need your help.

1) **Home Communion Servers**: We are looking to expand our list of home communion servers to bring the elements from communion to those who are no longer physically able to attend worship. This opportunity is open to anyone who has ever been ordained as an Elder or Deacon. Sue will provide you with training, so you know what to say and do. You can sign up to be a substitute or a regular home communion server. While teams typically visit people directly after worship on communion Sundays, you can make arrangements to visit on a Monday instead, if you have a conflict after worship.

2) **Card-Writers:** We are looking for people who would be willing to write cards to let congregation members know we are thinking of them, perhaps during a long period of illness or after facing one of life's challenges. Sue will share card assignments as they become evident to the church.

3) **Visitation**: We are looking for people who would be willing to be partnered up with a congregation member who would benefit from an occasional check-in, so Westminster can stay up to date on how they are doing as well as share what is going on with the church.

If you would be interested in learning more about any of these opportunities to get involved with tangible expressions of care, please contact Sue Sawers at carecoordinator@wpcspi.org.

Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

Property -Sanctuary Dimmer and Windows

The Property Committee has approved a new dimming system for the sanctuary. It will be installed in the coming months. We are replacing two windows in the Preschool and two windows in the Third Floor Classroom.

Thank You to the members of the Worship, Music & Arts Committee for cleaning and decorating our chancel for Easter.

Music Notes by Dale T. Rogers

The Westminster Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for each Sunday morning's service. Special music in May includes Joyful Day of Handel; Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies of Candlyn; Total Praise by Smallwood with soloist Jay Kennerly. The choir season will close with the annual choir brunch at the home of Jim and Meg Kontio on Sunday, May 31.

The Westminster Children's Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service for Mother's Day, May 10. Then on Wednesday May 13 the choir will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the kitchen for the annual Ice Cream Pig-Out to celebrate the end of the season.

16th Liturgical Arts Festival Schedule

Sacred and Liturgical Art Exhibit and Reception
Saturday, May 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Springfield Art Assoc.

Las Posadas: No Room at the Inn
Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

The Sacred Patterns of Islamic Geometry
Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist

Vipassana Meditation Retreat: Vipassana Monks
Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Chanmyay Satipatthana Vihara

Children of Abraham view the Art Exhibit
Wednesday, May 6 at 4:30 p.m. Springfield Art Association

Dances of Universal Peace
Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. WPC Parish Hall

Sacred Rhythm, Sacred Pattern: Moving in Divine Order
Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Union Baptist Church

Contemporary Catholic Music
Friday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph the Worker, Chatham

A Love Supreme: John Coltrane
Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Abundant Faith Christian Center

Adult Education

Join us Sundays at 11:15 in Parish Hall for our Adult Forum. All are welcome! If you have suggestions for future forums, please contact Aaron Berkowitz or Rev. Sarah Bishop.

The Theology of Disability – May 10
What does it mean to be human — and what does God look like — when seen through the lens of disability? In this discussion-based session, we'll explore emerging disability theologies and the powerful questions they raise: Can disability be constitutive of a person's identity rather than a problem to be fixed? How should we understand miraculous healings in Scripture? And what does the afterlife look like — across different theological traditions — for people with physical and intellectual disabilities? Come ready to think, question, and share. **Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz**

Thursday Night Bible Study Final Night
Dinner at Papa Frank's on Thursday, May 14
Please RSVP to Eleanor or Lyle VanDeventer if you are attending the final night of the 2025-2026 Bible study.

Apostles' Read Library Book Group
Tuesday, May 26

The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, May 26 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

Family Ministry by the Rev. Sarah Bishop

The Children of Abraham

DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
TIME: 4:30-6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Springfield Art Association (700 N. 4th St.)
WHO: Children & Youth Grades K-12

Join us for our last gathering in the 2025-2026 program year as we participate in a service project honoring our theme "Strength in Diversity."

Youth Ministry by Mary Ray

Baccalaureate Sunday, June 7

On Baccalaureate **Sunday, June 7,** we recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship.

All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 7 bulletin and the June Newsletter. Please contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) with information by Friday, May 29.

Thank you to our Ministry Partners

This May we would like to extend a special thank you to our Ministry Partners who taught Confirmation Prep, Confirmation, Junior and Senior High Youth Groups! We say thank you to Cara Barnett, Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Marc DeJong, Susan Day, Tara Fritsch, Mary Ray and Jack Sherrick. You continue to make a welcoming and joyful Westminster for our youth. The church would like to recognize your service in worship, **Sunday May 31.** Please plan on attending.

Youth Mission to Charleston, SC 2026
Saturday, July 11 – Saturday, July 18

All youth and adults interested in attending the 2026 Mission Trip are invited to complete the next set of paperwork and first payment of $100.00 for this exciting week of service, care, and education. We have space for **four** new registrants, please return forms and first payment ($150.00) All are due by **May 15**.

Team Meeting will be Sunday, May 31

All youth and adults attending the 2026 Mission Trip are invited to a team meeting, **Sunday, May 31** at **11:15 a.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom following worship.

Next Mission Trip Fundraiser – Save the Date!
Car Wash and Bake Sale Fundraiser is Sunday, June 21

Westminster Cooperative Preschool News

WCP has had a wonderful start to the Spring! We have had two successful fundraisers- a dine to donate event at Portillo's, and our ongoing Digital Dozens fundraiser at Krispy Kreme. Please consider ordering a dozen (or two!) to support our preschool mission through May 16. The coupon never expires and can be used anywhere in the USA. In May, WCP will be celebrating the end of the school year, and wishing well all of the students who are moving on to Kindergarten! Enrollment is open for the 2026-2027 school year, with several openings in the 4-day program. Please reach out to WCP's Director, Meleah Berkowitz for more information meleah@westminster-preschool.org.

Children's Ministry by Meleah Berkowitz

Bridges Culminates Year

Children of Bridges (Grades 3-5) have continued learning the stories of the Old and New Testament, with lots of activities and art along the way! This Lenten season, we focused on Jesus' life and ministry. We have done lots of art and science experiments to help our children make connections between the stories to their lives. Our Advocates visited April 29. On **May 13** our special friends and rising second graders will be invited to our last class of 2025-2026.

Summer Sunday School Begins May 24!

Sunday School ministry partners and members of the Nursery Guild will meet Sunday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall to reflect on the year and sign up for the summer. Summer Sunday school begins on May 24! Our children will continue to learn in their respective classrooms with the Frolic Preschool and Feasting on the Word Curriculums. The Grades 3-5 will participate in a study of the Psalms.

Dungeons & Dragons

A group of intrepid adventurers have been meeting with Dungeon Master Aaron Berkowitz on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays (May 6 and 20) at 6:30 p.m. in the Ziegler Library** to explore the 1st century AD ancient Near East. They recently finished a quest in ancient Nineveh and Teredon inspired by the deuterocanonical Book of Tobit. They also acquired their own ship and are sailing around the Arabian Peninsula. In March, they passed through the Strait of Hormuz, and in April they visited the Queen of Sheba! If you are interested in joining in, contact Aaron Berkowitz at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

Pokémon Club

The Pokémon Club meets with Aaron Berkowitz on Sunday, **May 24**, from **12:30-2:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. All children and the young at heart are welcome. No experience necessary and all supplies will be on hand.

Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 8- Friday, June 12
9:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Come and join us in the garden as we celebrate who we are, learn how to use our voice, and share our gifts with our community! Gardners in training will spend the week Monday, June 8 through Friday June 12 exploring our garden at music, games, crafts, snacks and Bible stories. Registration is open to four-year-olds through 11-year-olds. Adults and youth are encouraged to join as Ministry Partners for a fun week! Registration is open for children and Ministry Partners on our church website.

Sunday Children's Schedule

9:45 a.m. Nursery for Children Birth – Age 3
10:15 a.m. Sunday School follows the Children's Sermon for ages Preschool - Grade 5

PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, AND EASTER 2026

Maundy Thursday worship is a somber and reflective service concluding with the "Seven Last Words of Christ" to prepare our hearts and minds for the events leading up to Easter. Thank you Deacons, Westminster Choir, Elders and videographers who participate.

Easter Sunday celebrated "He is Risen" with Lily Swanson processing in with the symbol of the resurrection, the butterfly. Triumphal music and song accompanied a service of joy.

Rev. Sarah shared with the children the "Surprise" of the Easter story and Dr. Marshall preached the transformation, "While It Was Dark."

The Easter Egg hunt is always exciting. Meleah Berkowitz and family prepped 1,000 eggs. Due to the weather, we had to have our hunt inside. Special thanks to Jessamy and Jerod Carruthers, Kara Tipsword, James Maeda, and Abigail Eldridge for hiding the eggs in the various rooms.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT – APRIL 12

ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS - APRIL

Adult Education Forum is a unique educational time at WPC after worship. Interesting speakers come from within the congregation, as well as those from organizations in the area. The Adult Education Committee works hard to bring quality programs and speakers to Westminster. (Top left) Dr. Richard Leary spoke on his book, *Mary Magdalene: A Woman With a Mission.* (Top Right) Rooted, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing fresh, affordable, food to Springfield's East Side Director, Briley Tuttle spoke of their goals, values, and actions stem from the guidelines and dreams of community activist, Emma Shafer.

(Bottom right) Dr. Scott Day presented on plants referenced in the Bible and their culinary and medicinal uses.

SUPPORTING HUNGER MINISTRIES

Food Not Bombs is a local organization dedicated to preparing and sharing vegan meals with all the members of our local community. The team gleans produce from local grocery stores, saving this food from being thrown away, and then repurposes it into healthy and delicious meals. Meals are distributed downtown or at community gatherings free of charge, for anyone to enjoy. Their goal is to call attention to the money being spent on war efforts, and to ask what the world would look like if all that money and attention was devoted to feeding the hungry, rather than on violence and wars. Westminster supports this organization by providing the kitchen space for food preparation.

Parish Life News

Mission and Community Service

Seventh Annual Steadfast Neighbor Outreach

Westminster is in its seventh year of fulfilling the congregation's commitment to invest $450,000 in our neighborhood over the course of the decade. Letters were sent to neighbors on behalf of the Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force with extended boundaries. As of April 21, we have received applications for 28 matching grants and 17 service week projects. To participate, please sign up online by Sunday, June 14. Contact Todd Knox after this date.

Steadfast Neighbor Team Meeting will be Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Steadfast Neighbor Service Week - June 22-26

Mark your calendars and sign up online for this year's neighborhood outreach, **Monday, June 22- Friday, June 26**. We invite you to join us for one or more days during the fourth week of June as we spread goodwill throughout the neighborhood.

Steadfast Neighbor Mission Outreach Task Force:

Dr. Todd Knox, Chair, Tim Kluge, Keith Hamilton, Bob Leffler, Tom Owen, Julie Robbs, and Pete VanGieson.

Mission and Community Service

The One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to all who contributed to our denomination offering which was dedicated on Palm Sunday. We received **$33.22** from our children and a total of **$4,845** from the congregation.

The Mission and Community Service committee will meet on Wednesday, May 6.

Hunger Ministries at Westminster

Helping Hands Lunch & Dinner Prepared

Members of Westminster's Hunger Action Team met Friday, April 10 to prepare bagged lunches that were delivered to Helping Hands Shelter. Pat Hymans led volunteers to bag lunches. Presbyterian women were encouraged to stay and help after their luncheon. Judy Knox, Kris Gates, Sue Sawers, Judy Huston, Judy Prillaman led by Pat Hymans prepared and delivered the lunches.

On Wednesday, April 22, Adam, Chelsea, August, Roscoe, and Teddy Ekstedt along with Adam's sister Erin Ekstedt, prepared a delicious hot meal to serve 70 consisting of meatball sandwiches with salad and cookies. Marc Anderson faithfully provides milk every month. Westminster has committed to continue providing one hot meal and one bagged lunch per month in 2026 to Helping Hands Shelter. Call Pat Hymans to get information about preparing a meal.

Join the many Westminster members who share in filling the Graham School Little Pantry. Signup is on the website or using this QR code. Most days in May are available.

Give -a- Meal -a- Month May Menu

Peanut butter, jelly, canned soup with pop tops, granola bars, dry cereal (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex and to the group of ministry partners who deliver them to the Central Illinois Foodbank.

Compass for Kids' Appreciation Dinner Compass for Kids held their annual appreciation dinner at Westminster on Monday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Since September of 2014, Westminster has been the site for Graham Elementary School, providing safe space, ministry partners, and annual financial support. Westminster members who collaborated with Compass this year are Becky Martin, Linda Cox, Juliana Eastvold, and Meleah Berkowitz supporting their work.

Having fun at Club Compass! We appreciate all who make this happen!

Congregational Care at Westminster

Home Communion – If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive Communion at home on May 10, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Thank you to those who made visits to 8 shut-in members on April 12.

Easter Lily – Thank you to the Deacons who delivered or arranged pick up of the 26 members who received a lily on Easter Sunday.

All members who deliver home communion are requested to clean the contents of their communion basket before returning the basket to the kitchen. Without refrigeration, the juice and bread may spoil, and the containers require deep cleaning before using them again. Your assistance is appreciated whether you do the cleaning in your home kitchen or after you return your basket to the church kitchen.

Earth Care Committee - May Earth Care Tip

NO MOW MAY? - Who doesn't like to have an excuse to avoid work, especially if inactivity helps pollinators? After all, pollinators help bring us the fruits, many vegetables we enjoy, and chocolate. No Mow May began in the UK, urging people to allow early spring "weeds" to bloom to provide food for pollinators. However, by May in central Illinois, the early spring "weeds" are done blooming. Peak dandelion bloom is in April and clover doesn't bloom until June, so they provide few resources for pollinators in May. Also, in most of Illinois, lawns are cool season grasses which can reach 12+ inches tall if left unmown during their peak growth time. If lawns are then mowed to the recommended height of 3" at once, this can stress the plants right before the hot summer months, making it difficult for them to survive.

A more sustainable approach to helping pollinators is to mow less frequently, find space for even a few flowering plants, plant host plants for young caterpillars, and provide nesting areas for native bees.

Westminster Gathering at Concordia

Thursday, May 28, 12 noon

Members of Westminster at Concordia will gather **Thursday, May 28** with the Pastors and the Director of Music and the Arts. Worship with Communion is at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon. Community members are welcome to join for worship and lunch or just worship in the Chapel.

Fellowship Opportunities

Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission and Fellowship gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657 with questions.

PW Sponsors Blankets+ During May

PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services (CWS) collaborates with local communities to identify people with needs and secure resources to build a more viable future. Make checks payable to Westminster with Blankets+ in the memo line or give using the Giving page on our website. Choose the fund "Blankets +" on the dropdown menu.

Donating Layettes for Kumler

Baby layette sizes 3-18 mos. are being accepted until Mother's Day. Suggested for all seasons: outfits, sleepers, onesies, small item baby toys, pacifiers, baby mittens, cloth diapers, burp cloths, baby receiving blankets, bibs, baby washcloths, hooded towels, etc.

Ruth and Naomi Circle Ruth and Naomi Circle meets on Wednesday, **May 6, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Linda Folse (2 Virginia Lane, 62712). Julie Robbs will lead the discussion of Chapter 8 in Becoming Spiritually Intelligent by Paul M. Burns. RSVP directly to Linda at (217)306-3455.

Elizabeth Circle meets on Monday, **May 11, at 1:00 p.m**. at Papa Franks (4111 Wabash Ave.) for a spring luncheon. Elizabeth Circle will not meet for regular meetings June, July and August. They will resume in September.

Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, **May 19 at 9:30 a.m**. in the Ziegler Library for our final meeting. Lesson 8 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter will be discussed. Lydia Circle will not meet for regular meetings in June, July and August. They will resume in September.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

Men of WPC and friends will meet on **Thursday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Graham Peck is a Wepner Distinguished Professor of Lincoln Studies at UIS. His focus is on antebellum Illinois, which is the period before the civil war, and particularly on the careers of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas. He is a published author, historian, and film maker. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

DMA - Friday, May 15
*Program Rescheduled from March

DMA (Don't Mention Age) meets on **Friday, May 15,** with with a potluck at **5:30,** then a program that starts at **6:15 p.m.** Bring a side to share with others. Kathryn Harris, retired director Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, will portray Elizabeth Keckley who was Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress and confidant. This will be an amazing program and you don't want to miss it. An RSVP is suggested but not required. Go to the WPC website under fellowship or by calling the church office. If you should find yourself with time to attend and did not call or email, please come.

Westminster News

Milestone Birthdays

Judy Dees celebrates 93 years on May 5.
Linda & Bill Schlosser celebrate 63 years on May 11.
Camille Degner celebrates 90 years on May 24.
Marilyn Cohen celebrates 90 years on May 26.
Rev. Lonnie H. & Mrs. Barbara Lee celebrate 55 years on May 29.

In Sympathy to

Anne and David Haaker, Hillary Rosendale and Alyssa Haaker on the death of their mother and grandmother, Donna Mae Manuell, January 25, 2026 in Decatur, IL.

Steve Rutledge on the death of his mother, Lorene Rutledge, April 9, 2026 in Springfield.

New Address

Matt Kluge, 1872 N. Clybourn Ave, Apt. 110, Chicago, IL 60614

March Financial Report by Lisa Runkle

We are thankful for this generous congregation. Income exceeds expenses at the end of March by $9,026. Income is higher than budgeted by $7,889, and expenses are under budget by $1,137.

2026 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	$ 304,590	$ 296,700	$ 7,889
Expenses	$-295,563	$ -296,700	$ 1,137
Net Total	$ 9,026	$ 0	

Surpassed our Per Capita Goal

Thank you to the 137 members who have given Per Capita donations so far this year totaling $5,377 surpassing our $5,000 goal!

This year Westminster will pay $39 per member as a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support the work of our denomination in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Your special per capita contribution of $39 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget.

Presbyterian Women's April Luncheon

Westminster women enjoyed a delicious spring lunch and informative walk through Westminster's Sanctuary viewing the stained-glass windows with Dale Rogers.

Confirmation Sunday, May 3

Confirmation Class of 2026 will be recognized and commissioned on Sunday, May 3 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth: *Lucy Elisabeth Bassett, Harper Ryann Huston, Reese Anne Huston and Lily Grace Swanson.*

Each youth will receive a CEB Student Bible, which is a gift from Westminster. The Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship in Parish Hall. Thank you to those who served as mentors to our confirmands: *Melanie Green, Christy Pound, Dee Dee Duffy and Katie Carlson-Eastvold.*

Children's Choir Mother's Day Special Music
Third Grade Bibles Presentation
Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day, May 10, we will celebrate the women of the church with the Children's Choir singing some special music for the congregation. We will also present Bibles to our Third Graders. They will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with an engraved name plate on the cover. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures become a guiding light for our children on their faith journey. Our Third Graders receiving Bibles this year include:

Brice Bradford Knoedler
Jami'ona Semjza Capler
Juniper Ann Berkowitz

Youth Mission Trip – Trivia Night Thank Yous

Because of Westminster's generosity, our 2026 Youth Mission Team raised $5,165 in proceeds and donations for this year's trip to Charleston, SC at Sunday, April 12's Trivia Night Fundraiser. Congratulations to this year's winning team: Cara and Chris Barnett, Meridith and Jim Bryans, Lisa Metzger, Angela and Kevin Simonson and Megan and Greg Swanson. A special thanks to our round sponsors: Anonymous in appreciation of our Trivia Masters Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell, Noah Schlosser Media, Sentinel Insect Control, Julie Blythe Therapy, Leigh Milward and Mary Ray, Marilyn and Jim Rigney, and Bob and Sandy Bryans. **The final Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser will be a Car Wash and Bake Sale, Sunday, June 21 before and after worship.**

The Women of Westminster are Invited to a Garden Party
In Parish Hall

Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Hosted by The Ruth and Naomi Circle

RSVP at wpcspi.org or email jalt@wpcspi.org

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