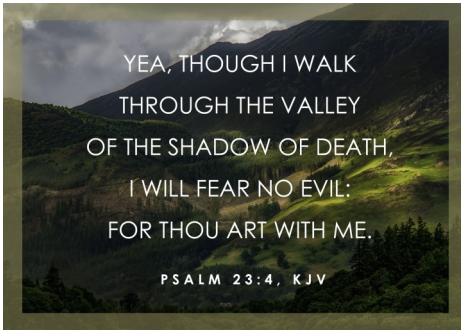


WESTMINSTER WITNESS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

"GROWING IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE



“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.”
Psalm 23:4

Tools of the Trade

We all have them. Carpenters and contractors carry a belt full of them. Businessmen and women carry briefcases with them neatly tucked away. Students and teachers carry backpacks overloaded with them. We all carry with us tools of our trades and activities. A collection of items that are essential to the task at hand. Without them, we would be useless and ineffective.

In the ancient near east, things were no different, certain tools were essential to their daily lives. For the Shepherd, these tools would have included a rod and a staff. Any decent and dedicated Shepherd would be lost without these two items. The rod, which in our vernacular we would call a club, served as a symbol of strength. It could be either thrown or swung in order to thwart off any predators or thieves that threatened the flock. The second tool the Shepherd would take with him, whenever out in the fields,

was the iconic staff. The long slender staff served as a symbol of care and compassion. The skilled shepherd would use his staff to gently guide, discipline, and draw back his sheep into their fold. The use and effectiveness of these tools were a direct indication of how skilled the shepherd was. A good shepherd would use these tools to lead his flock through the darkest of valleys and in the face of any evil that confronted them. Through these tools, the flock was comforted.

Our Good Shepherd does the same for all of us. We are led and protected by the rod that is God’s Word. It is in the strength of the Living Word that we find our purpose and our calling as believers. In John 1, we are told that Jesus Christ is the Word of God and that the Light of that Word shines brightly amongst the darkness. Whatever darkness or evil you are walking through, it is the power and authority of the Living Word of God that brings you into the light. As you are protected by the rod, you are also guided by the staff that is God’s Holy Spirit. Jesus told his disciples this in John 14:6, “*And I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever.*” The Lord has sent us his Holy Spirit who is our comforter, our counselor, our helper. It is this spirit that will lead us, correct us, and draw us back into the sheepfold. It is through the power of God’s Living Word and the care of the Holy Spirit that we can walk

through the fear, the pain, and the death of this world.

Our God will use these tools of faith to lead us into his presence and his future. The central fact of Shepherding remains, the closer the sheep are to the shepherd, the more they can live in his strength and protection and feel his peace and his care. Use the tools of our trade as believers – God’s Word and God’s Spirit – to remain in his comfort. Amen!

God Bless,

Pastor Mike

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Jan. & Feb. Calendars



Sunday School begins again on January 9th. We will be continuing through our *KIDS OWN WORSHIP* curriculum as we journey through Joshua.

We also look forward to introducing new components to Sunday School such as an Arts & Crafts room. Join us for the fun!

Family Sledding Night

Wednesday, January 12th @ 5:30 pm

Take a break from the indoors and gather together for our annual beginning-of-year sledding fun.



Join us at Skinner's Hill at 5:30pm on **SLEDDING PARTY** January 12th for a fun time of sledding. Then we'll head back to the church to warm up with Pizza, Pop, and Hot Cocoa.

Save the Date!!

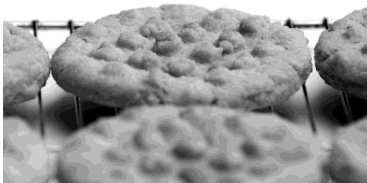


Adventurer's Club



Movie afternoon

January 9th @ 2pm at Church



**Cookie Decorating
February 13th @ 2pm at Church**



LIFT Ministries (Wednesday Nights)

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00—7:30 for LIFT Youth Ministries. This is an opportunity for us to have fellowship, play games, eat food, and study God's word. We can't wait to have you there.

January 12th—Family Sledding Night

January 19th

January 26th

February 2nd

February 9th

February 16th

February 23rd

We are planning a ski trip for **Sunday, February 20th**. Get ready to shred some snow after church!!! Bring a friend or two! We plan on leaving the church at 12.



(Cost is \$ 20 w/own equipment, if needed \$40, helmet rental \$4.)



Confirmation will begin again on January 9th. Here's our schedule for the next few months!

1/9—Confirmation

1/16—Confirmation

1/23—Confirmation

1/30—Congregational Meeting
Confirmation Attends

2/6—Confirmation

2/13—Confirmation

2/20—No Confirmation—SKI TRIP

2/27—Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

3/6—Confirmation

Summer Mission Trip

Our mission trip this year will be determined soon.

Keep an eye out for meetings and more information!



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

All youth are asked to help participate in our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on February 27th. Please arrive at the church by 8:45am to help set up and cook and serve pancakes!



Session News

Deacon News

Session News and Happenings from November and December

Your Session met in person on November 16th and December 21st. Below are actions that Session has taken over the past two months:

Items Approved in our Clerk's Report:

The deaths of Charlie Lanchantin (11/11/21) and Duane Perry (12/1/21) were recorded. Corporate Communion was served on November 7th and December 5th. Individual Communion was served on December 14th.

Items of Discussion coming from our Committees and any actions that were taken:

Personnel/Finance discussed the 2021 Stewardship Campaign results and began working on the 2022 Budget. Staff Annual Reviews will take place over late December and early January. Our Annual Meeting will be held in-person on January 30th following our Sunday Service.

Facilities/Grounds reported that water faucet installations are complete and that there is continuing work to be done on the Boiler.

Worship/Outreach reported that they are having a scaled-down version of The Festival of the Nativities, and they decided to have the Blue Christmas Service on December 19th. There was also discussion regarding how we should serve Communion in the coming months. *The Committee made the motion to have people come forward to receive the Communion elements and then take them back to their pews so that we could return to the tradition of taking the elements together as one body and it was approved.*

Mission/Fellowship reported that all of the allocated mission monies have been distributed for the year. They helped serve at the Chili Cook-Off on November 7th.

Nurture/Discipleship discussed the progress of the upcoming Christmas Pageant, and it was decided not to have the traditional Potluck Meal following the Pageant and to replace that with a time of Christmas Cookies and Cocoa. Discussion was had regarding the possible change of the 2022 Youth Mission Dates, and it was reported that the 2022 VBS would be from August 8th – 12th. Rev. Olmsted will be leading an Adult Forum on his Sabbatical on Jan. 9th, 16th, & 23rd, and there will be a New Members Class on February 6th, 13th, & 20th. It was shared that Coleen Olmsted has been hired (as of 1/1/22) to serve as the Interim Children's Ministry Director through the Summer. *The motion was made to dissolve the CM Hiring Task Force, and this was approved.*

The 4th Quarter Special Accounts Report from SA treasurer, Cindy Jayes, was approved. The October and November Treasurer's Report presented by Co-Treasurer, Bill Momsen, were approved. Elected to the Nominating Committee as Vice Chair - Ann Sundal. Approved 4 extra paid vacation days for Pastor Britt - November 21-24, 2021.

Both meetings were closed with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

November Meeting

We opened the meeting with a prayer and devotion. We were reminded that we are always in constant need of help from God and that we need to trust Him always. We need to thank God even during hard times.

We review our care lists each month and try to reach out to as many of our members as possible through cards, phone calls, and visits.

The deacons also discuss routine business, such as Sunday greeters, communion prep, assembling the Witness, and keeping the Welcome Table up to date.

Our meal ministry continues to help people with meals to those in need after surgery, during illness, or after birth. If you or someone you know might need meals, please contact Pastor Britt or contact one of our deacons.

December Meeting

Our December meeting opened with prayer, telling us to look to God in all moments and circumstances of our lives. We were reminded that we could always experience God's presence even though the world is unstable and full of turmoil.

We review our care lists each month to make sure all congregants are cared for. We monitor the changing Covid-related precautions at the nursing facilities and group homes as we try to visit and keep in touch with members.

Our routine business includes communion prep, welcoming newcomers to our church, organizing and assembling the Witness newsletter, and helping members with meals through our meal ministry. If you know of people who might need meals brought to them, please contact one of our deacons or Pastor Britt.

We also want to continue to help our food pantry as we think of ways to publicize and promote this free community outreach.

The deacon group is a very caring group of individuals who want to help others and always appreciate any input or suggestions.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 18th at 10:00am in the Church Parlor. Keep an eye out for our topic and join us for great discussions and wonderful fellowship. We will also be enjoying some yummy Cinnamon Rolls.

Thursday Morning Men's Study

Join us for our annual Welcome Back Breakfast at Perkins on January 20th at 7:00am. Our regular studies will begin on the 27th.

New Officer Training

On Tuesday, January 18th at 5:30pm, there will be a training session in the Parlor for all incoming Officers, both Elders and Deacons. There will also be a reception following at 6:45pm to celebrate our new officers and for those Elders who are completing their terms. All new officers and current Elders are invited to this reception. Our regularly called Session Meeting will begin following the reception.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor Every Thursday.

Do you knit, crochet, loom? If you don't know how to do any of these

things, no problem! There is someone there to teach you. There are supplies, including yarn too. How about a cup of coffee or tea and great conversation? It is almost impossible to find a group so dedicated to praying and serving and supporting others and each other. Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to everyone; men, women, friends, everyone!

Dates to Remember

FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITIES 2022

Save the Dates:

Friday, December 2nd
Saturday, December 3rd



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

September 30, 2022 & October 1



SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School? We are looking for people who are interested in reaching and teaching children and families to help them become fully devoted followers of Christ. As we head into the new year, we want to live out our new Children's Ministry mission statement "Rooting Ourselves in God's Word." Please see Pastor Britt or Coleen Olmsted for information.



Music News



2021 was a challenging year for the Chancel Choir, but we were able to sing for all our Sundays in the fall since going back to in person services. We do have room for new people to the group, so feel free to check us out! We sing the first 2 Sundays of each month and practice the Wed. evening before at 7:20. Feel free to come to a rehearsal.

The Westminster Strings finished the year by playing the prelude music for Christmas Eve. The group plays the 5th Sunday in the months that have 5 Sundays. We are open to additional players of violin, viola, cello, or bass. Please contact Sue Radloff if you are interested in joining the group.

Spirit Ringers will rehearse every Wednesday at 6:15. We play for church on the fourth Sunday (January 23 & February 27). If anyone would like to join us, the only requirements are that you read music and are willing to be a part of the team. Contact Ann Flisrand if interested.



Rainbow Ringers is open to 3rd graders and up who want to be a part of a group.

We rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:45 -5:25. We will play for a Lenten service and on Mother's Day, May 8.

Rehearsals begin on January 12.



First of all, thank you to all of the kids, families, and congregants for the success of the 2021 Christmas Pageant. I was excited to be able to perform in person this year. The cast worked so hard to make it happen, so thank you for the support. Sunshine Singers will continue to meet on Sundays during worship from 10-10:30 for 4 year olds-2nd grade. In addition, Sunshine Singers will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays starting January 19, 2022, at 5:30pm for 4 year olds-5th grade.

Happy New Year to you all!

Emma Evans-Peck

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- 1 Nanc Lenz
- 1 Martha Oman
- 3 Cameron Olsen
- 6 Gary Dickman
- 7 Bradley Guy
- 8 Teri Wermager
- 9 Lauren Nelson
- 9 Nicole Wyatt
- 10 Megan Dickman
- 11 Zachary Coffey
- 11 Apoajok Obang
- 11 Rev. Michael Olmsted
- 15 Shirley Guy
- 17 Sean Coffey
- 17 Patty Rayman
- 18 Makenna Tapp
- 20 Zachary Bridgeman
- 20 Renant Hubbard
- 20 Olive Jones
- 20 Cindy Momsen
- 21 Ann Flisrand
- 23 Michael Sydenstricker
- 24 Avnielle Kpelevi
- 26 Sidney Brown
- 27 Laura Carlson
- 27 Matt Clennon
- 27 Camille Osmonson
- 29 Harold Boverhuis
- 29 Rev. Britt Wundermachen

- 1 Toren Bires
- 4 Nikki Nelson
- 6 Lilly Nystel
- 6 Lynda Paxton
- 6 Keith Sayles
- 6 Thomas Walker
- 7 London Watson
- 8 Leland Aanonson
- 8 Hannah Hecimovich
- 8 Meridee Ofstedahl
- 10 Virginia Dunlap
- 10 Georgiann Simonson
- 11 Tammy Coffey
- 11 Helen Hecimovich
- 12 David Rasmussen
- 14 Lily Hiegel
- 14 Jeanne Wangen
- 15 Carol Hamilton
- 16 Ron Colling
- 18 Patricia Hansen
- 20 Doris Schneider
- 20 Theo Sundal
- 22 Lindsey Davidson
- 23 David Dickman
- 25 Audrey Carroll
- 26 Kasey Baker
- 26 Micah Vortherms
- 28 Vollie Stiebler

Serving Our Country

Alex Charlson
(Jacky Dietz's great-nephew) -
Army

Seth Clasen -
Army

Bryce Gerber -
Marines

Christine Hiegel - National Guard

Paul Mueller - National Guard

Garrett Smith (Pastor Mike's nephew) - Air Force

If you or a family member are actively serving in the military, please contact the church office, and we will include them in future Witnesses.

In Memory of...

Charlie Lanchantín
November 11, 2021

Duane Perry
December 1, 2021

If you or someone in your family has a birthday in January or February and it is NOT listed, that means the church office doesn't have your birth date. If it is incorrectly listed or missing, please contact the church office so we can update our church records.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice and Peace & Build Community

*Witnessing to the Promise of God's kingdom, Nurturing
Faith and Engaging in Mission,*

*Working for Justice and Peace, and building an inclu-
sive, caring community of women.*

The December 14 PWC Gathering began with treats of the "secret recipe" hot cider served by Shirley Hinrichs and Darlene Berhow and beautiful Christmas music performed by the Ecumenical Bells under the direction of Ann Flisrand. A delicious salad luncheon was served by Rebekah and Pot Pourri Bible Study groups. Annual meeting followed with a time of Remembrance for the women who passed away in 2020-21 and recognition of officers retiring. The meeting continues with Annual PWC business, election of officers, and a Thank Offering.

Thanks to Ann Sundal for sharing her writing and recording skills the past few years as PWC Secretary. Retiring Coordinating Team members" Ozzie Earl and Darlene Berhow were honored for their years of leadership, dedication, and faithful service.

Mission: Thank you to all who followed their heart and responded to the 2021 letter related to mission needs. Your donations will be assigned and forwarded to support those in need at the next PWC Coordinating Team Meeting.

2022 and moving forward – A **Yearbook** is available on the Stewardship Table in the Narthex for all women of the congregation. We pray that health issues will subside and we can continue to gather and grow in study, prayer, fellowship, and service. Our small Bible Study groups have been meeting successfully throughout 2021. Plan to join one- details are below.

The **Circle of Compassion** Committee resumed service in December for the family of Charlie Lanchantin as they gathered to celebrate and remember his life. Mary Ann Rasmussen will chair this

committee. The list for volunteers to help with the fellowship meal by setting up, serving, cleaning up, and/or baking desserts will be updated in January. Check you calendars and plan to sign up Sunday, January 9 to help with future memorial events.

Rebekah Bible Study

This group meets the **fourth** Wednesday of the month, which in January is Wednesday the 26th and for February is Wednesday the 23rd. We meet at 9:30 in the parlor. Jacky Dietz is leading us in the book **A Hop Skip and Jump Through the Psalms** written by Reverend Dr. Sean Forde. The book revolves around twelve Psalms with the themes of Trust, Hope, Character, Goodness, Judgment, Truth, Intimacy plus several other topics that are relevant in our lives today. If you don't have the book, no worries, we can provide copies for you.

Everyone is welcome to join us. There will be refreshments.

Pot Pourri Bible Study will meet the 4th Tuesday, January-April at 5:30 PM in the Parlor. We begin with a delivered pizza and fellowship. Bible Study will continue with the **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE** video series by Anita Gutschick. We will focus January 25 on the Woman Caught in Adultery and February 22 on Jairus' Wife. The stories of these two women will touch our hearts and compel us to reflect on how they were freed from sin. These examples of biblical truths empower us to face the challenges in our own daily lives. Text or call Gloria Aanonson (507-438-7393) for information and to make a reservation for supper.

Blessings,

Gloria Aanonson, Moderator

*"Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that."
Galatians 6:4*



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Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice and Peace & Build Community

Mid October, we are hosting the Lakes and Prairies Synod PW Coordinating Team. These women from MN and surrounding states will meet to plan their year and work on a mission project. Some of them will be joining us in worship on October 17. Please make them feel welcomed.

As we de-clutter our homes, garages, and closets of good usable items to recycle in our community, let us find a parallel in the words of Jesus in the feeding of the five thousand: *When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples: "Gather pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."* Gather your good, used-a-bit items in good repair. Fill up our Rummage Sale tables, and let nothing be wasted.

Gloria Aanonson
PWC Moderator

PWC Coordinating Team for 2022

Moderators:

Gloria Aanonson & Betsy Wuebker,

Past Moderator: Shirley Hinrichs;

Secretary: Nanc Lenz;

Treasurer: Selene Schulz;

Cyrene Berthiaume, Jacky Dietz, Helen Hecimovich, Millie Masse, and Peggy Queensland.

THE PENNY JAR –located in Fellowship Hall

Coins are still being collected. PWC will continue to match all coins received and will be given to Austin Public Schools' Lunch Tray Program. Austin Public Schools have recognized there is a segment of the parent population who don't qualify for any help and just misses the eligibility for free and reduced lunches. These are the kids who are lost in the shuffle; they're the children whose families are working hard but just don't make enough to pay for a hot lunch. It takes about \$450 per child, per year, to provide hot lunches. Please be a Lunch Guardian Angel.

Update - Two kind gentlemen took the coins to the bank and cashed them in for a total of \$350.00 in late October. As promised, PWC has matched these funds and gave a check for \$700.00 to the Austin Public Schools School Lunch Program. Thank you for being a **school lunch angel**. Austin Public Schools appreciates your generosity!



Lunch Angel



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UPDATE

Bill Orcutt:

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Alice Johnson:

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Saint Paul, MN 55104-3549

Robin Blum Family:

1315 8th Ave SW
Austin, MN 55912-1774

Betty Lou Larson:

Good Samaritan Society
701 E 4th St, Room 305
St. Ansgar, IA 50472

Susan & Rick Stoullil:

1303 3rd St NW
Austin, MN 55912-5520

WPC FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to bring in boxed food products and bread to the church office that will keep outside in the below-freezing weather for our needy neighbors.



SEVERE WINTER WEATHER CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING POLICY

*If schools are closed due to severe weather, the church office will open, if able, at 12:30p.m. All church activities are canceled for the day.

*When schools are on a two hour or more delay, the church office will open, if able, at 10:00 a.m. All morning activities are canceled.

*If in doubt, please call the church office before venturing out. This policy has been set for the safety of all.

IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER, PLEASE REFER TO KAAL TV or the church answering machine for church closings.



*She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.
Proverbs 31:20*

SALVATION ARMY CEREAL CART

Thanks everyone for being so generous and keeping our commitment to furnish cereal for the Salvation Army cereal shelf. Please remember to continue bringing cereal when you can as the winter months can be very hard. The Austin community needs our help.

2021 Deliveries -

- January - April: 272 pounds
- May: 132 pounds
- June: 40 pounds
- July: 63 pounds
- August: 54 pounds
- September: 105
- October: 63
- November: 120
- December: TBD

Year-to-date total: 849 pounds

Thank you, the Mission Committee





*Ash
Wednesday*

March 2, 2022

6:30pm in our Sanctuary and also streamed live on Facebook. This is a contemplative and reflective service as we gather together to start the Lenten Season and Jesus' journey to the cross.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

It's that time of year!



You are invited on Sunday, February 27th to the Pancake Breakfast at 10:45am, following the Sunday worship. The proceeds from the breakfast will support the high school summer Mission Trip. We look forward to seeing you. Come hungry!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 10:30 am

Snow Date is February 6, 2022

Please plan to attend

Annual Reports will be in the Narthex on Sunday, January 23rd. Please take one if you would like to review it before the annual meeting. Remember to bring it back to the Annual Meeting.

Pastoral Sabbatical Leave Forum and Discussion:

**Sunday Mornings @ 11:00am on
Jan. 9th, 16th, & 23rd**

Join Pastor Mike and Coleen as they share about their experience on their Sabbatical leave. This will be a time to tell stories, share some memorable moments, and to reflect on how we all can create our own time of Sabbath. We will meet in the Sanctuary for about a half an hour each session, and we hope that you will join us.

*Congratulations to our
2021 Chili Cook-Off Winner:
Marcene Buttshaw*





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Text givewpcto 73256

On our website



www.westminsteraustin.com

Detailed instructions on how to give online are available on the welcome table. Any questions, stop in the church office.



Introducing
our
**NEW
STAFF!**

We'd like to welcome to our staff Coleen Olmsted, who will be our new Interim Children's Ministry Director. Coleen has taught and served in various capacities for over 25 years. We are looking forward to her joining us here at Westminster as we continue to grow our Children's Ministry Program.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-4pm

Friday

8:30am - 12:30pm

Church Phone
507-433-3258



PER CAPITA

Per Capita is money each church is asked to pay to cover the administrative costs of the PCUSA General Assembly, our synod and our local Presbytery. **The payment due for 2022 is \$36.50 per member**

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CHURCH WEBSITE

Do you want to see a **colored** copy of the current or a past copy of the Witness? Do you want to see a **colored** current or past copy of the church bulletin? Did you miss a sermon or want to hear one again? All sermons and bulletins are under the new **Worship Service tab**. Are you looking for information on an upcoming event? Do you need a registration form? Do you wish to give online? Then **check out the church's renovated website**. Click the **Give Now** button and follow the prompts for online giving.



If you have church activities or pictures you would like posted on the church website, please email the information to Eric at secretary2@westminsteraustin.com or drop it off in the church office. Eric updates the church website every Wednesday.





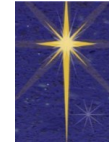
*Our Lenten theme this year will be on:
The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we for-
give our debtors; and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.*



Preparing for Easter

2021 FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITIES UPDATE



The Festival of the Nativities was an inspirational addition to the community events. We had over 300 images of the Nativity displayed throughout the building. Four area churches participated by loaning nativities and volunteering throughout the event.

Over 700 guests were greeted at the entrance and in the display rooms. There were many, many, many favorable comments about the return of the Festival and its focus to bring the true meaning of the season to light.

Musical performances were provided by 16 community groups. The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall were alive with Christmas instrumental and vocal songs. Wonderous talent shared!

Refreshments of home-baked cookies and punch were enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall. The youth had fun using their creative skills in the Children's Corner.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way!

YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE!

Festival of the Nativities Coordinators
Display - *Gloria and Leland Aanonson*
Greeters - *Kim Potter*
Music - *Ann Flisrand and Sue Radloff*
Refreshments - *Amanda Gilbert and Jacky Dietz*

Children's Corner - *Laura & Richard Carlson*

Publicity - *Eric Potter and Cindy Jayes*

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUEST

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January/February 2022



New Members Class to start February 6th, 2022

"In Jesus Christ, God calls people to faith and to membership in the Church, the body of Christ... A congregation shall welcome all persons who trust in God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of his Church." As this excerpt from our Book of Order communicates, Church Membership is an important part of our ministry here at Westminster. It is the main way in which we connect with the Body of Christ. Through membership, we can improve and commit more fully to the fellowship, the worship, and the life of a local group of believers.

On Sunday, February 6th, we are beginning a three-week New Members Class for anyone interested in joining our church. If you are interested in learning more about who we are and what we do as Presbyterians, then come and join us. All are welcome!