

# WESTMINSTER WITNESS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

"GROWING IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE



*"A Farmer sowed his seeds into his fields." Matthew 13:3*

Over the next few months, Pastor Britt and I will be writing in these Witness Messages about one of Jesus Christ's most powerful and poignant parables. It is the Parable of the Sower in which a farmer begins casting his seeds across his fields in the hope that they will produce a wonderful crop for the harvest. We will be reflecting on the four different types of soil that the seeds are cast upon – The Hardened Path, the Rocky Road, the Thorny Patch, and finally, the Receptive Soil. There will be the obvious parallels between the ground of the fields and the hearts of humanity, but there will also be the subtle understanding of what we must do to prepare ourselves to receive God's Word and God's Love. As is the hope of most of Christ's stories, we will be challenged to ask, "Which type of Soil am I?"

As we begin, we must first be reminded of the simple truth of this story - that all of this originates with the Farmer, our Father in Heaven. He is the one who casts out the seeds. Nothing of eternal value grows in this world that does not first come from God. He is the one that spreads truth, hope, and mercy

throughout his creation. His casting is not limited to certain 'climates or conditions.' He shares all that he is with all of us. There is no selectivity in the process, and there is also no randomness in it either. Every soil type, every heart condition, is given the Word of God. This is how much our God loves us. Even though he knows that some of the seeds will not take and crops will not grow, he still shares his glory with us all. This is the first truth of this parable – God's love is given to all.

The second truth is that we must prepare our hearts so that we can receive this love. We are active participants in this production in the fields. We play a role. Simply put, in order for the Word of God to produce fruit in our lives and in the world, we must be in the soil preparation business. We must prepare our hearts and our minds to welcome home the presence, the grace, and the truth of our God. We cannot harden our soil by building up fences and hiding behind barriers of disobedience. We cannot live a life of faith on the surface in which we establish no roots of prayer, worship, and devotion. We cannot allow the weeds of our worries and the thorns of our treasures to choke us lifeless with lies and deceitfulness. Let us be the soil that receives God's blessings with open arms. Let us live with thanksgiving in our hearts as we embrace God's calling in our lives. Let us listen to his Word and engage in Worship, Fellowship, and Service. As we do, we will reap the promised harvest – thirty, sixty, or even hundreds more than what was sown.

So, as summer comes to an end and our regular patterns of life are beginning again, let us commit to tending to the fields in our lives.

Let us drink deeply the nourishing waters of our God. Let us fill up on the nutrients of faith and grace. Let us produce unending fields of the crops of love, sacrifice, care, and peace. This Fall, let us prepare our hearts to do the work of our God.

*God Bless;  
Pastor Mike*

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# LIFT Youth Ministries

## Youth Sunday is October 15th



Save the date!!! It's that time of year again when we get to lead our church in worship through sermons and music. We'll start planning during Wednesday Night LIFT.

## Faithful Families Gathering—Fall Fest October 15th (2:00pm-4:00pm)

Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us for our Faithful Family Fall Fest. We'll be meeting at the church at 2pm and going to a pumpkin patch and return for cider and pie.



Bring a pie to share!



**Confirmation**  
CLASSES

We are changing things up a bit. Confirmation is now only for 8th grade students. You'll have a chance to delve deeper into your faith and prepare for membership. During the Fall, we will be meeting 1x/month on Sunday afternoons.

September 10 (2:00-4:00pm)

October 8 (2:00-4:00pm)

November 12 (2:00-4:00pm)

December 10 (2:00-4:00pm)

\*\* Confirmation is serving at the Salvation army on September 14th.

\*\*\*On Sunday mornings, we will be having LIFT 6th-12th grade Sunday School.

## Wednesday Night LIFT

LIFT Youth Ministries is starting up again on **Wednesday, September 13th. We will meet each time from 6:00-7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted).**

We will eat dinner, play games, and study God's word. We look forward to seeing you and hope you will bring a friend or two!

Sep. 13

Sep. 20

Sep. 27

Oct. 4

Oct. 11—No Meeting (Britt at Conference)

Oct. 18—No Meeting (MEA Week)

Oct. 25

Nov. 1

## \*NEW\* LIFT Sunday School

All LIFT Youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to join us for Sunday School. We'll be starting up on Sunday, September 17th from 11:00-11:45 am.

Sep. 17th—Acts (part 1)

Sep. 24th—Acts (part 2)

Oct. 1—Acts (part 3)

Oct. 8.—Acts (part 4)

Oct. 15—Fruits of the Spirit (part 1)

Oct. 22—Fruits of the Spirit (part 2)

Oct. 29—Fruits of the Spirit (part 3)

Nov. 5—Fruits of the Spirit (part 4)



## Youth Mission Trip 2024

Next year's mission trip is June 22nd-30th. Talk to Pastor Britt if you are interested in coming!





## September 10th Celebration Sunday:

### 3rd grade Bible Presentation

Ashlyn Bires

Heaven Hiegel

Rhys Szyszkowski



**And**

### Teacher Commissioning

We would be honored to have all Sunday School Teachers join us during the service on Sept. 10th.

### September 17th

**First Day of Sunday School Classes:  
New Testament - The Nativity**

#### Schedule

- 10:45 am Free Play for Children age 3 (by 9-1-23) - 5th Grade in the Arts and Crafts Room with their teachers
- 10:55am Sunday School Class time
- 11:45am Please pick your child up in the Children's Ministry Wing

## Adventurer's Club

For 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Meets at the church

Bring a friend!



### September 10th

Sunday 2-3:30 pm

Bring your bike and your helmet for  
Bike Safety & Bike Riding

RSVP to Laura Carlson at  
[christianed@westminsteraustin.com](mailto:christianed@westminsteraustin.com)

I am looking for parent volunteers to join us each time for Adventurer's Club. Let me know which month works best for you.



## Halloween Drive Thru



### Candy Caravan

**October 31, 2023**

**4:30—5:30 pm**

Individually wrapped candy will be accepted anytime prior to the event. Laura Carlson is looking for helpers of all ages who are willing to set up, direct traffic, and pass out the candy. Costumes are recommended, but smiles are required! It's lots of fun!





### 2023 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 6, 2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023

As you are cleaning and sorting during the weeks ahead, please consider starting your "**take-to-the-Rummage Sale**" bags. Contact Gloria Aanonson or Dayle Wedeking if you have questions.

**Items accepted** are good, clean clothing for children, women, and men (including plus sizes); shoes, small furniture, sporting goods, Christmas decorations, knick-knacks, linens, small household appliances (in working order), dishes, games, toys, puzzles, and books.

*(You may start bringing in your items on September 25th into the Fellowship Hall)*



## 2024 Stewardship – True Wealth

This year through our Stewardship Campaign, we will explore how as believers, we can give to God abundantly with our time, our hearts, our resources, and our lives. Join us as we explore how as individuals of faith and as the body of Christ, we can faithfully manage God's

True Wealth that we are blessed with. We will learn how our faithful giving not only supports our congregation but also helps transform our community and our world through God's love.

You will soon be receiving your Stewardship Packet in the mail, and we encourage you to take a look at all it offers. Please consider ways in which you can give out of God's abundance and to read together as a church the scripture readings that are provided. Please stop by our Stewardship table beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> and learn more about how you can give back to our God.



# CHILI COOK- OFF

## 6th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, November 12 following the  
Worship Service

Come join us for our 6th Annual Chili Cook-off  
on November 12th on our Ingathering

Sunday! Dust off your chef hat, put on that  
apron, and wow us with your chili! Meat, poultry, vegan, game, vegetarian, any  
kind of chili can be entered! See if you can be the Best Chili for 2023!

***Cornbread and all of the chili fixin's will be supplied.***

Signups will start soon in the Fellowship Hall.



### Chancel Choir & Westminster Strings

The Chancel Choir will be starting soon, and all persons who would like to sing are invited to join! There will be a kick-off potluck at Sue Radloff's on Wed., Sept. 6 at 6:00 p.m. The address is 1400 19th St. SW. We will have a short rehearsal after dinner for the Sunday, Sept. 10th church service. You are all cordially invited to attend! A warm-up rehearsal will also happen on the 10th at 8:45.

Our usual schedule is 7:20 p.m. rehearsal at the church on the Wed. before the first and second Sundays of each month. We also have a warm-up rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. on the Sundays that we sing.

The Westminster Strings will be playing on Sunday, Oct. 29, with rehearsal on the 29th at 8:30 a.m. The music will be available at the church office 2 weeks before the 29th for those who would like to practice it.

If you are interested in either group, please contact Sue Radloff at 507-437-4940.

*Sue Radloff, Director*

### Ascending Truth Worship Team

Families of all ages are encouraged to join this group who lead music every 3rd Sunday in Worship. We are also looking for other adults who would like to join us as a strong part of the choral group. Please see Lorene Strobel for more information. We will have our first Sunday performance on September 17th with rehearsal at 8:30 that morning. **Join us for our Retreat on September 17th at noon to go over our songs through January. We will also enjoy a Taco Salad Bar, chips, nacho cheese, and brownies!**

*Lorene Strobel, Director*



Sunshine Singers continues to meet Sundays from 10-10:30am during the worship service. Ages 3 years old-2nd grade are welcome to join for a time of singing, dancing, and playing instruments.

We will also perform during Youth Sunday on October 15! *Miss Emma, Director*

## Music News



**Spirit Ringers!**

**Spirit Ringers**, our handbell choir, is open to those who can read music and are willing to rehearse weekly. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:15, beginning August 30. We play for the church service on the fourth Sunday of every month, September through May. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please

contact Ann Flisrand at 507-438-4079 or [annflis44@charter.net](mailto:annflis44@charter.net).

*Ann Flisrand, Director*

**Rainbow Ringers**, our handbell choir for children grade 3 and above, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 4:45. This is an opportunity to learn to read music and develop teamwork as no one else can play your part. They will play for the church service in December, a Lenten service, and on Mother's Day.



**Rainbow Ringers**

*Ann Flisrand, Director*




**Joyful Noise!**

We have a NEW music ministry starting this fall called Joyful Noise. This is a course for 3rd-8th graders to learn instrument basics.

This year, we will be learning guitar basics. Materials and guitars are provided. We meet 5:30-6pm on Wednesdays, starting September 13th. Please RSVP to Ms. Emma by September 3rd to ensure there are enough instruments for all participants. In addition, if you have some guitar skills and would like to assist in teaching alongside Ms. Emma, please let her know! Email: [e.evanspeck@westminsteraustin.com](mailto:e.evanspeck@westminsteraustin.com).

*Miss Emma, Director*





*George Moore*  
July 8, 2023

*Bryn Hecimovich*  
August 2, 2023

*Eileen Lysne*  
August 11, 2023

*Bill Orcutt*  
August 14, 2023



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

Jamar Salisbury (Mary Boyenga's grandson) -  
National Guard

Bryce Gerber - Marines

Christine Gaskel - 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.

- 2 Connor Baldus
- 6 Jacey Baron
- 6 Susan Hodge
- 6 David Sundal
- 7 Shirley Hinrichs
- 8 Isabelle Wilhelmi
- 10 Amanda Bridgeman
- 10 Sarah Bridgeman
- 10 Emma Potter
- 11 Peter Tangren
- 12 Ted Hinrichs
- 14 Darlene Berhow
- 16 Emily Lassiter
- 17 Joanne Sass
- 18 Richard Carlson
- 18 Jason Stoulil
- 18 Ron Wangen
- 20 Lanny Krachmer
- 20 Kathy Owens
- 20 Renee Harnack
- 21 Gloria Aanonson
- 21 Junia Lassiter
- 23 Mach Diang
- 23 Daniel Hooker
- 25 Peniel Kpelevi
- 25 Mary Ann Rasmussen
- 25 Sarah Wehner
- 26 Elizabeth Carlson
- 30 William Momsen

- 1 Elissa Volkman
- 4 Cassie Walker
- 5 Loretta Davidson
- 5 Seth Sayles
- 6 Marie Nordean
- 7 Cinde Goskeson
- 9 Julie Lura
- 9 Millie Masse
- 9 Makiah Rumsey
- 10 Jesse Davidson
- 14 Karen Krachmer
- 14 Alexis Greeley
- 16 Lamonte Gray
- 16 Ariel Speltz
- 16 Sharon Toland
- 16 Ben Walker
- 18 David Berhow
- 20 Emily Wood
- 22 Marjorie Bridgeman
- 22 Jennifer Weaver
- 23 Janet Hooker
- 25 Gavin Larson
- 26 Coleen Olmsted
- 28 April Greeley
- 28 Nancy Heimer
- 28 Milo Sundal
- 30 Phyllis Crabtree
- 30 Alex Sherman
- 31 Madison Christenson



*Aubrey Stueve Coordes*

*July 2, 2023*

*Kirby Jade Coordes*

*July 2, 2023*

*Lucas Robert Coordes*

*July 2, 2023*

*Ila Mae Hernandez*

*August 20, 2023*

*Claire Evan Sorenson*

*August 20, 2023*



*A heartfelt Thank You to our Meal Ministry People who provided us with many meals during Nanc's recovery from surgery. It was so appreciated by both of us!*

*Nanc & Mark Lenz*

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network "If people of faith will not speak out against sexual and domestic violence against women and children, who will?"



What is Domestic Violence? It is a willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes: physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and spiritual abuse.

So, what can we do as people of faith?

- ◆ Acknowledge that it happens.
- ◆ Believe them when they trust you with their stories: encourage them to seek help.
- ◆ Make sure our church is available to provide educational programs.
- ◆ Establish policies and procedure, and think through how we will respond when someone comes to us for help.
- ◆ Attend community programs and training sessions provided by domestic violence services.
- ◆ Speak with or write to your legislative representative to ensure their support of laws that protect families from domestic violence.
- ◆ Pray.



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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

PWC continues its work toward Mission Giving with fundraising and fellowship activities.

Summer Sisters experienced stronger new connections with in-person meetings for coffee, lunches, shopping, and other events. Digital connections via texts and social media filled in when schedules proved challenging.

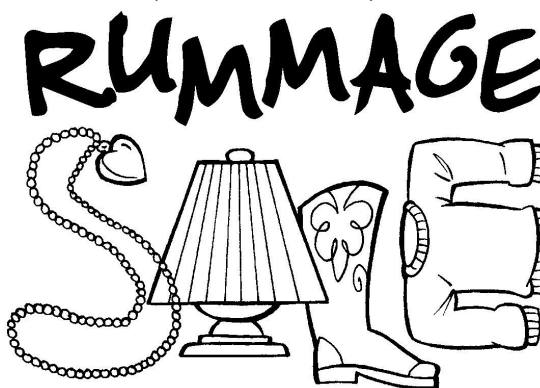
The Fall Schedule has begun!

**Pot Pourri Evening Bible Study** will embark on a new study led by Linda Knutson, "The Awe of God." Meetings will start on September 26 this year and also on October 24 with snacks. Contact Gloria Aanonson (507-438-7393) for more information. *(Pot Pourri meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in the Church Parlor, August - April.)*

**Rebekah Morning Bible Study** meets on September 27 at 9:30am to continue with Fruits of the Spirit, led by Jacky Dietz. Meetings will continue on the 4th Wednesday of the month in October and November with a new study planned in January. Contact Selene Schulz (507-438-3299) for more information. *(Rebekah Bible Study meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:30am in the Church Parlor, September - May.)*

*(All women are invited and welcome to attend Pot Pourri and/or Rebekah Bible Studies.)*

**The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women** is scheduled for October 14 at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake. Service project will be items for guests staying in women's shelters. Please contact Gloria Aanonson (507-438-7393) or Peggy Queensland (507-440-7557) for details.



**Rummage Sale!!** Dates are October 6 and 7. Please begin collecting your gently used items as this event is highly anticipated in our community. Volunteer sign-ups will begin in early September. Please check your calendar and plan to help during set-up and take-down. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale go to Missions and all leftover items continue on to service agencies in our community.







### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Every Thursday, 9:30, Youth Room  
 Please join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 or whenever you can come for a time of knitting, crocheting, needlework of any sort or a project you are working on. You will find us in the Youth Room (how appropriate!) by simply following the chatter and laughter. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem. Someone will teach you. Don't have needles or hooks? No worries. We are well supplied with needles, hooks, looms, and plenty of yarn. Everyone is welcome to join us as often as they are able.



All Ladies are invited to our monthly birthday lunches on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, meeting at Bella

Victoria at noon. Please RSVP to Selene Schulz 507-438-3299, to be included in the group reservation! Bring a friend!



### 'Alive!' Fellowship

Our 'Alive!' Fellowship Group is for those who are 55 years+. Our focus will be on creating connection and community through quarterly fellowship activities that are geared towards those approaching retirement or already there. To discuss and RSVP, get in touch with Betsy Wuebker (808-720-0370) or Meridee Ofstedahl (507-279-0851). We are looking forward to some great times ahead!

**Join us for our 'Alive!' Event:  
 "Get to Know Each Other Pizza Night"**

Westminster Parlor

**September 30th beginning at 5pm**

Menu: Pizza from Steve's & George's Pizza Shops. **(Which is your favorite?)**

Caesar Salad will also be provided, and please bring a dessert to share.

(There will be a freewill offering for the pizza cost.)



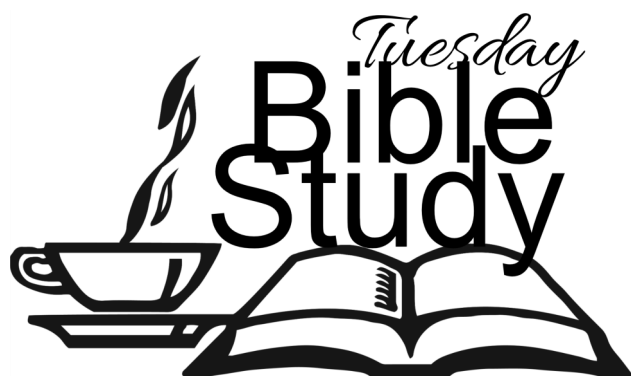
### Penny Jar Donations

### THE PENNY JAR –

located in the Fellowship Hall

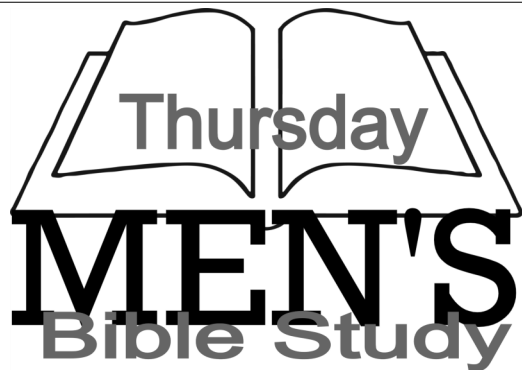
Since our school children are receiving FREE school lunches, the penny collection jar has taken a new turn. There is a real need in our community

to provide food for those who go without. PWC has decided the funds from the Penny Jar will now go to the **WPC Food Pantry**. As has been our practice in the past, PWC will match the funds placed in the jar. Please keep filling the jar with your loose change or whatever you can spare. Thanks for your generosity. Proof that every penny helps.



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study Beginning Again!!

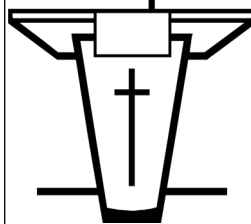
On Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am, we will begin meeting again in the Parlor. This Fall, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark. This is a great chance to enter into God's Word and join in on lively discussions, plenty of laughter, and spiritual growth. Our study will be led by Pastor Mike.



## Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us on most Thursday mornings at 7:00am as we gather around God's Word (and also a donut and a hot cup of coffee)! All men are welcome, and we hope that you can join us. **Come to our Kick-Off Breakfast at Perkins on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00am. Let Pastor Mike know if you are interested in coming!!!**

## Beyond the Pulpit



## Sunday Morning Adult Education:

### **Beyond the Pulpit**

*"You have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."*  
2 Timothy 3:15

Join us beginning on September 17<sup>th</sup> for our weekly Pastor's

Study on Sunday Mornings. We will meet in the Parlor at 11:00, and we will have a time of discussion and further study of the morning's message as we go 'beyond the pulpit.' It will be led by our Pastors, and it will be a time of discussions, questions, and reflections which will add depth and insight to the morning's sermon. Please join us for this free flowing, yet informative time of learning more about scripture and our faiths. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!



## **'Strive' Ministries is for Young Singles, Couples, and Families in their late 20s - early 50s**

Join us this Fall as we reengage with this wonderful ministry. We are adding some unique study and fellowship opportunities – just be sure to come ready to eat! This year, we will be gathering each month around a shared meal as we study (and put into practice) "A Meal With Jesus" by Tim Chester. Each month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00pm, we will eat together and will approach the meals that Christ had during his ministry. We will be nourished, strengthened, and encouraged by them.

Join us for our Kick-Off Gathering on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Olmsteds (2101 13<sup>th</sup> St., SW; 507 440-4905). Our first study will focus on *Meals as Enacted Grace*. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's will be provided but please bring a side or dessert to share with everyone.



**Church Directory**  
**UPDATE**

Correction of address for  
**Terry & Gordy Briggs:**  
1709 B Carriage Home Drive  
Austin, MN 55912

Correction of address for  
**Matt Houff:**  
808 1st Dr NW, #409  
Austin, MN 55912

Correction of address for  
**Harold Boverhuis**  
281 Pine Place  
Dexter, MN 55926

No more landline for  
**Millie Masse**  
Cell: 507-438-7372

**Food Pantry Needs**



Please donate nonperishable food items to the cart in the Narthex to help keep our little pantry filled. The need is great in our community. If you would rather donate funds, please drop them off at the church office marked for the food pantry. Thank you so much!

**The Mission Committee**


*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. The Austin community needs our help!

Thank you, **The Mission Committee**

**January 2023 - 58 pounds**  
**February 2023 - 46 pounds**  
**March 2023 - 72 pounds**  
**April 2023 - 50 pounds**  
**June 2023 - 67 pounds**



**Thank You!**

*Thank you to Millie Masse for helping in our Church Office while Cindy Jayes was away on vacation in July. You are appreciated!!*

*Pastor Mike, Pastor Britt, Laura, Cindy, & Eric*




**2023 Pictorial DIRECTORY**

**New Pictorial Directories available soon!**



# Session & Deacon News

## Session News and Happenings from the Summer

### Items Approved in our Clerk's Report:

*Baptisms: Lucas, Aubrey, Kirby Coordes (7/2/23); Deaths – George Moore (7/8/23); Bryn Hecimovich (8/4/23) Eileen Lysne (8/11/23); Bill Orcutt (8/14/23); Lord's Supper was served collectively on 7/2/22 & 8/6/22 and individually on 7/27/23 & 8/14/23.*

Your Session met in person on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayers from Pastor Olmsted. Below are the discussions and actions of Session that have taken place over the Summer:

### Items of Discussion coming from our Committees and any Session Actions that were taken:

Personnel/Finance no meetings were held, and no actions were taken.

Facilities/Grounds reported the Fire Department Inspection violations were corrected, and we are now in compliance. Electrical work will begin in October to redo our electrical system. We are waiting for the two large pine trees in the front of our CYM Wing to be taken down.

Worship/Outreach preparing for the Free Corn & Pork Feed Community Outreach for 8/23 at 5:30pm.

Mission/Fellowship preparing for and assisting with serving at the Community Corn Feed on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Nurture/Discipleship approved the new structure and curriculum of our Confirmation Class and Youth Sunday School. Reported on a great summer of ministry with VBS, Youth Mission Trip, and many other activities.

Session voted on and approved the following: Our Proposed Property Projects Task Force submitted their recommendations on the prioritization and importance of potential property projects for the future. Session received these recommendations and will continue this work moving forward. Session approved the following: *Approved the June and July Treasurer's Report. Approval was given for having Pastor Appreciation Sunday on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Approval was given to dissolve the Proposed Property Projects Task Force with Appreciation.* Meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Wundermachen and the singing of the Doxology.

## Deacons July

The Deacons did not meet in the month of July but continued to reach out to people through cards, phone calls, and visits. They brought 2 meals to people last month.

### August

For our devotion, we discussed the final installment of our Officer Retreat Series of Loaves and Fishes "Faith in the Multiplier." We talked about how we are assured of the joy and peace that God gives and how we can follow his guidance and reach out to our community.

We continued our meeting as we went through our care list and keeping up to date with who we've been able to reach out to and who might need some more care. Then we talked about our various committees and assigned tasks as needed. Karen Johnson will be helping to find greeters for September and October. If this is something you are ever interested in, please let us know!

Our meal ministry has been working hard and brought 18 meals to people last month. If you are interested in joining this ministry and cooking a meal every now and then, please talk to Pastor Britt.

We closed our meeting with prayer. The Deacons also served at the Salvation Army on Thursday August, 10th and had a great time.



## You can give via text or online



Give easily and securely from  
anywhere, anytime.

**Via Text Message**

Text givewpc to 73256

**On our website**

[www.westminsteraustin.com](http://www.westminsteraustin.com)



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

## 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 2023 is  
\$37.50 per member.**

### Staff Email Addresses

Rev. Michael Olmsted  
molmsted@westminsteraustin.com

Rev. Brittany Wundermachen  
b.wundermachen@westminsteraustin.com

Children's Ministry Director - Laura Carlson  
christianed@westminsteraustin.com

Office Administrator - Cindy Jayes  
secretary1@westminsteraustin.com

Assistant Administrator/Media Specialist/Co-Treasurer  
-Eric Potter  
secretary2@westminsteraustin.com

### Westminster Website

[www.westminsteraustin.com](http://www.westminsteraustin.com)

[www.facebook.com/westminsteraustinmn](https://www.facebook.com/westminsteraustinmn)



### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-4:00pm

Friday

8:30am-

12:30pm

Church Phone

507-433-3258



## CHURCH WEBSITE

Did you miss a sermon or want to  
hear one again? All sermons and  
bulletins are under the Worship  
Service tab. There are 6 weeks of  
color bulletins on the website.  
The Calendar and Witness tab  
includes color copies of the  
Witnesses from the previous year. These can be  
useful for writing current Witness articles and  
looking up past events. Are you looking for  
information on an upcoming event? Do you  
need a registration form? Do you wish to give  
online? 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.

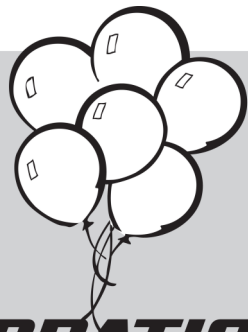
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUEST

September/October 2023



**CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY**

*Join us in Worship on  
September 10th for  
Teacher Commissioning*

*&*

*Third Grade Bibles*

*After Worship, come into the  
Narthex to choose a child's name from our Prayer  
Tree whom you will pray for over the year. There  
will be a time of special treats too!*