

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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“Growing in Faith,  
Reaching Out in Love.”

May 12, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**NOROC Sunday**

**Mother's Day**

*Facebook Live Stream*



**You Tube**

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Organist: Katherine Shapinsky  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INTROIT Rainbow Ringers  
"Morning Has Broken"  
IMAGES OF FAITH REFLECTION Pastor Mike  
(Sanctuary Windows 5-7)  
\*GATHERING HYMN No. 666  
"Blest Are They"  
\*OPENING PRAYER Bob Rice  
OT LESSON (p. 616) Ecclesiastes 4:7-12  
ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
"Go Light Your World"  
JOYS & CONCERNS  
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

## SHARING IN MINISTRY THROUGH OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir  
"As the Deer"  
*(Please fill out & pass the friendship pads from the outside  
aisles to the center aisles and back again.)*  
\*DOXOLOGY  
\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
CHILDREN'S SERMON Sunshine Singers  
"If I Were a Butterfly"  
*(Children ages 3 years old to 2nd grade  
are excused to Sunshine Singers)*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON (p.183) 2 Cor. 8:16-24  
SERMON Rev. Harris  
"Together We Serve"

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 607  
"Happy the Home Where God is There"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir  
"Send Me, Jesus"  
\*POSTLUDE Organist: Katherine Shapinsky  
Q & A WITH REV. HARRIS



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, REV.  
WUNDERMACHEN WILL BE  
PREACHING**

The sermon topic is "Images of Faith: The Resurrection (Sanctuary Windows 8-12)" with scripture from Joshua 1:7-9 and Matthew 28:16-20. Ascending Truth will be leading us in worship, and it will be Confirmation Sunday.

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS**

To honor our Mothers and all the love they pour out on others, we have a gift for you at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Greeters:** Dave & Mary Ann Rasmussen

**Assisting Elder:** Bob Rice

**Ushers:** Rollie Hanson and Katherine &  
Joe Pacovsky

**PRAYER & PRAISE**

*Larry Houff* - recovering from skin cancer surgery;

*Lonny Schulz* - who is back at home now after being hospitalized and is on hospice;

We thank God for all of our mothers;

We thank God for *Rev. Kristen Harris* and what she does for *NOROC*;

We praise God that *Bob Rice* is doing better and has returned home after hospitalization;

We praise God for the ministries of *Sue Radloff* and *Laura Carlson* as *Sue* is retiring in June and *Laura* will be transitioning out of her role as Children's Ministry Director in July.

**LIFT - Youth Ministries**

Take note that we are changing the time of LIFT on Wednesday, May 15th. We are meeting at the church at 5:30, heading to Taco Johns for supper, then going to check out the Mower County CEO trade show at the Packer Arena! Bring money for dinner and any goodies you may want to buy. We'll be back at the church by 7pm.



## ‘Adopt A Window’

Our beautiful Stained-Glass Windows have been restored, repaired, and

**ALL ADOPTED!** We are still a couple thousand dollars short for the whole project and will still be accepting donations now through June 9th. Thanks to all who adopted a window or contributed funds so far. Our windows will continue to bless us because of your stewardship of them. Thank you!



You are invited to a Graduation Open House in honor of Grace Vortherms on Sunday, May 26th, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Vortherms' home--590 33rd

St NW. Thank you to our wonderful congregation for all of your love & support in raising our daughter!!! It takes a village, & you are a large part of ours!!

Greg & Jodi



### OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Summer vacations are coming up, and we could use a few volunteers who would be able to greet people and answer phones while our office staff are away. Please call or see Cindy Jayes if you can help out. There are opportunities starting the week of May 13th.

**Thank you!**

### 2024 Financial Update

	April	YTD
Income	\$ 36,802.37	\$ 176,742.82
Expenses	\$ 37,797.59	\$ 165,003.52
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (995.22)	\$ 11,739.30

## One Day New Members Class: May 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm

*"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, May 26th, we will be having a One Day 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.

The class will be in the Church Parlor from 11:00am – 1:00pm, and all are welcome!



### ***Welcome Rev. Kristen Harris!***

*We are blessed to have Rev. Harris preaching to us this morning. She is the Mission Co-Worker for NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children) Ministries. She has recently returned from Romania and wanted to come and share about this wonderful ministry and how we can continue to support it. She will remain in the Sanctuary following the service for a Q & A time.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am -  
4:00 pm Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

Rev. Kristen Harris Guest Preaching  
NOROC Sunday  
Mother's Day

9:30 Worship Service/Chancel Choir/Sunshine  
Singers/Rainbow Ringers  
10:30 Q & A NOROC Forum/S  
10:30 Fellowship and Donuts & Cookies/FH  
6:30 Ministerio Monte de Sion/CH

### MONDAY, MAY 13

6:30 Christian Stewardship & Estate Planning/P

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

8:00 Prayer Ministry/P  
10:00 Bible Study (last)/P  
6:30 Personnel & Finance Mtg./P

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6-12 PEO Flowers/PL  
1:30 Staff Meeting/P  
5:30 LIFT (last)/PL  
6:15 Spirit Ringers/CYM

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:00 Men's Bible Study (last)/P  
9:30 Prayer Shawl/YR  
6:15 Second Edition/P

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30 Ministerio Monte de Sion/CH

### NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

Rev. Brittany Wundermachten Preaching  
Confirmation Sunday

9:30 Worship Service/Ascending Truth  
10:30 Fellowship and Cake/FH  
11:00 Beyond the Pulpit/P  
2:00 Mission Trip Meeting/YR  
6:30 Ministerio Monte de Sion/CH



### **PWC Spring Outing**

**May 29th 10am**

**Sign up today in the  
Fellowship Hall!**

**Where: E & E Wood Crafts  
and Confections in Elma,**

**Iowa, to indulge in confections and shop for  
handmade items.**

**Meet at the church at 10am to carpool**

## *Sermon Notes*

“Together We Serve” Rev. Harris

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

2 Cor. 8:16-24

### ***Free “Estate Planning & Christian Stewardship” Seminar TOMORROW May 13th @ 6:30 pm***

Join us for a wonderful presentation and discussion on Estate Planning and Christian Stewardship led by WPC member and licensed attorney, Emily Toland. The event will be held at church and will go for approximately one hour, with a Q & A time at the end. Light refreshments will be provided.

Topics will include: Basic Estate Planning Documents, Wills, Power of Attorney, Health Care Directives, and Tax Advantaged Charitable Giving. All attendees will receive a packet of materials to assist in beginning to develop one’s estate plan. RSVPs are appreciated so we can have an accurate count for materials and refreshments. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after the service today or you may RSVP to  
Cindy Jayes at 433-3258 or  
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