



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest
Wednesday, November 22, 2023
7:00 pm—Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian has invited First Lutheran and United Methodist for our annual Thanksgiving service. Everyone is invited — bring a friend.

Calling all pie bakers! As is tradition, pies will be served following the Thanksgiving Eve service. If you are able, please bring a pie (or pies!) to Westminster prior to the service. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for fellowship and tasty treats!



The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Poinsettias will be used at our Christmas services. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact the church office at 376-6148. Please indicate if you will be picking them up after the Christmas Day Service or if you will leave them here to be delivered to the shut-ins or nursing homes. Please leave the name of the person or persons you are giving one for. The cost of a poinsettia will be \$12. **The deadline to have your order in is Friday, December 8.** Thank you!

The family of Barb Waage would like to thank the members of the church for their outstanding support during her recent illness and death. Thanks to Pastor Jeanette for doing a wonderful memorial service, the men and women that did an outstanding job preparing the luncheon, ushers, singers, organist, Facebook and all the others that assisted behind the scenes to make her memorial service special.

“God Has Planted Christ the Vine” (Words by Adam M. L. Tice; Music by Marty Haugen)
God has planted Christ the vine in rich and fertile soil, where sunlight, rain, and air combine to swell the grapes that yield the wine, rewarding years of toil.

As the branches grow and spread God works with skillful art, to prune the withered, dry, and dead, and graft the shoots of green instead so life can fill each part.

How do we receive God's care? Will we, like branches, grow? What sort of fruit will our lives bear to fill the vine with grapes to share? What kind of wine will flow?

Love can grow abundantly and shape the way we live. The Spirit's fruit is ripe and free, for Jesus says, "Abide in me and share the joy I give."

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November 19, 2023 – Isaiah’s Vineyard Song

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*GATHERING SONG

ELW 679, “For the Fruit of All Creation”

*GREETING (p. 138)

*KYRIE (p. 138)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 139)

“This is the Feast of Victory”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (p. 142)

READING: Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5 (P. 552 & 558)

PSALM 80:7-8, 14-15, 17-19 (p. 471)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brenda Richards

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

*GOSPEL: Mark 12:1-3 (p. 824)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 733, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Michael Brisson, Kerry Johnson,

Dr. Martin & Kim Lucin, Mariah Lowe and Morgan Rukstales

PROFESSION OF FAITH/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE (p. 143)

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

Sanctuary Choir, “God Has Planted Christ the Vine”

OFFERING SONG

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (p. 144)

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION (p. 146)

*LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION (p. 146)

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 773, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW 634, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

*BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 551, “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Sandy Poppema
ACOLYTE: Trey Milbrath
SOUND: Kevin Fleming
POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming
ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eric Parrish
VAN DRIVERS: 11-19 Midg White (360-3215)
11-26 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
GREETER: Todd Hallstrom & John Kramer
FACEBOOK LIVE: Carrie Adams
COFFEE: Larry & Norma Woodbury & Diane Sletten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 109 Attendance a year ago: 73
Attendance Last Wednesday: 10 Facebook Live: 345

Gift Cards will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!



Members: Jean Black, Mary Ferguson, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Craun, Kathy Summers, Rosie Merkel, Glenda Lais, Doris Selberg, Val Veen, Pearl Aaker, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Linda Towne, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

Members in Nursing Homes: Sandra Jones, Roger Larson, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson, Sandra Marsh

Members in Care Facilities: Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Hunter Dodds (Nephew of Becca & Ryan McGaughey), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Stan Elsing (Merle Elsing's dad), Tammy Hector (Merle Elsing's cousin), Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son)

Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR November 20-26, 2023

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| Monday 20 | 9:00AM 2:00PM | Bulletin Deadline Meadows Bible Study |
| Tuesday 21 | 7:00AM 2:00PM 6:00PM 7:15PM | Early Risers Bible Study GriefShare Finance Team Church Council |
| Wednesday 22 | 7:00PM | Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Westminster |
| Thursday 23 | | <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> |
| Friday 24 | | Pastor's Sabbath Day <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> |
| Saturday 25 | | Centennial Hall Reserved |
| Sunday 26 | 9:30AM | Worship – Josiah's Reform |

Radio Broadcast Sponsor:

(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

Stewardship invites you to join in the fun as we decide who will take a pie in the face! Donate to the person or people you would like to see pied! Remember, those who raise the most take a pie in the face. All donations go towards our general fund balance.



Volunteers are needed to help clean the church November 20-26 while our custodian is on vacation. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window of times and what is needed to be done. Thanks!