

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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Portrait of Martin Luther, engraved by John Sartain, 1835. [[islandora:8844](#)]

REFORMATION SUNDAY

500 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 29, 2017

9:30 A.M.

"Take a hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe."

(Hebrews 3:1 [The Message](#))

"God isn't far away from any of us. For in God we live, move, and exist." (Acts 17:27,28)

"Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life." (John 8:12)

TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME! Thanks for joining us for worship. More information about Westminster Presbyterian Church is available on the Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage you to fill out the Friendship Binder found in your pew and please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Narthex after the service. Periodically, Pastor Murry hosts "Welcome to Westminster" orientation meetings for anyone who would like to know more about Westminster or is considering the possibility of church membership. ***Watch the bulletin for announcements.***

- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
 - Childcare for children 5 and under is provided in the Nursery down the hall from the Sanctuary.
 - * All who are able may stand.
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Prelude

Luke Tyler, Organist

Words of Greeting

Ruth 2:4

Hal Murry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission:

"Westminster's Ministries of Care"

Video &
Glinda Manternach

****Greeting Our Neighbors***

****Introit #2236***

"Gather Us In"

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

****Call to Worship***

Hal Murry

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory,

People: *But by the grace of God we are redeemed.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

****Hymn #457 vs. 1-4***

"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

****Invitation to Confession***

Hal Murry

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

*God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness:
We are sorry for so much...*

- *for words we cannot bear to say*
- *for memories we cannot bear to relive*
- *for thoughts we cannot bear to admit.*

*But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens,
Bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to you
So that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation
And in the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

**Response #2030*

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 3:21-28 (NRSV)

Hal Murry

Children's Message

Troy Troftgruben

Anthem

"Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

Chancel Choir

Setting by Ludwig Lenel on a Text by Martin Luther

Second Scripture Lesson: John 8:31-36 (NRSV)

Troy Troftgruben

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' ³³They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

34 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: "Reform & Renewal, in Luther's Day and Ours"

Troy Troftgruben

**Hymn #324*

"Open My Eyes"

**Affirmation of Faith* (from "A Brief Statement of Faith") Hal Murry

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The SPIRIT justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The SAME SPIRIT who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the SPIRIT gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the SPIRIT, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer Hal Murry

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 forgive 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.

Stewardship Moment: "Why I Give" Janice Lewis

Giving of Our Offerings

Please use this time to pass the Friendship Binder found at the inside end of your pew.

Offertory "Pass It On" Pam Crawford
arr. Mark Hayes Piano

**Song of Thanksgiving #414 vs. 1 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"*

*As those of old their first-fruits brought, Of vineyard, flock and field
To God, the giver of all good, The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our first-fruits bring, The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving* Hal Murry

**Hymn #260*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

Response #2172

“We Are Called”

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!*

**Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER IS "STEWARDSHIP MONTH" at Westminster. All members and friends are invited to submit a 2018 Estimate of Giving Card to the church office or through the Sunday offering by the end of the month. October worship services highlight a variety of Westminster mission and ministry emphases:

- October 8 -- "Digital Ministries"
- October 15-- Youth Faith Formation Ministries
- October 22 -- Ministry to the Mandarin Speaking Community
- TODAY -- Westminster's Ministries of Care

"Great Things are Happening Here!" It's Giving That Matters!"

TODAY is Reformation Sunday which marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. The theses criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials and are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation was a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone. The Presbyterian Church had its beginnings in the Reformation.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER Rev. Dr. Troy M. Troftgruben, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. Prior to Wartburg Troy served five years as a congregational pastor. His Ph.D. (New Testament) is from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has written a facilitator's guide for a resource on Luther's Small Catechism (*By Heart*, Augsburg, 2017), a Bible study on Matthew (Augsburg Fortress, 2016), and is working on a book introduction to early church community in the New Testament (*Church Roots*, Fortress Press).

RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP...

- "Reformation Conversations", Fellowship Hall. Join a Lutheran (Troy Troftgruben), a Presbyterian (Marsha Wilfong) and a Roman Catholic (Jacob Kohlhaas) around the tables in Fellowship Hall for an informal conversation about the meaning and impact of the Reformation on our various traditions. Dr. Kohlhaas is Assistant Professor of Theology at Loras College. For the past year he has been extensively involved in conversations held in area churches and classrooms on both Roman Catholic and Protestant perspectives on the Reformation.

- No Adult Bible Study today. Please join us in Fellowship Hall!
- Sunday School for children and youth meets downstairs.

LATER TODAY AT 4:00 P.M. Reformation Sunday Community Worship hosted by Westminster. Wartburg Seminary President Louise Johnson preaching. A Community Choir will be directed by Pam Crawford.

FAIR TRADE MARKET days are coming on November 25 and 26 and December 3rd. If you would like to have a sneak peek or order from a catalog ahead of the sale dates, pick up a catalog from the Hospitality counter. (Fair trade goods will be sold that have been made by people trying to build a better life for their families.) *Seeking volunteers to help with the Fair Trade Market. Sign up is in the Narthex.*

GREEN TIP: Support Girls Education. Girl's education has a dramatic effect on global warming. Women with more education have fewer children, healthier children, and are healthier themselves. Changes in fertility rate in the poorest countries have multiple benefits on virtually every level of global society. Families of educated girls are better nourished. Educated, empowered women increasingly play roles as stewards and managers of food, soil, trees, and water. Source: *Drawdown*, Paul Hawkins, Editor

THE WESTMINSTER GREEN TEAM presents a public showing of the acclaimed documentary movie BAG IT! Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m. at Westminster.

The Plot: An average guy makes a resolution to stop using plastic bags at the grocery store. Then we follow him as he embarks on a global tour to unravel the complexities of our plastic world. He comes to the conclusion that our consumptive use of plastic has finally caught up to us. He looks at what we can all do about it....Today!...Right now!

Refreshments served. Free will donation.

Please join us! Invite family, friends & neighbors too!

Sign up with Linda Stovall in the Narthex.

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Invite your friends to join us!

<p>November 4 9:00-11:00 am Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>The Red Basket Project Westminster Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>Collecting Donations Now!</p>
<p>To Make this Goal We Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers • 4000 Regular Plastic Tampons • 3000 Individually Wrapped Pads • 3000 Individually Wrapped Panty Liners • Cash Donations Accepted • Drop Donations off in the Narthex 		<p>Goal 500</p> <p>See Linda or Lisa with Questions</p>

STILL Producing! The harvest from Westminster's Mission Garden is 1712.6 pounds!! All donated to local food pantries to help neighbors struggling with "food insecurity."

"I planted, Apollos watered, but GOD made it grow." -- The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 3:6.

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Consider donating a wreath for church decorating, *still need 14*



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WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: OCTOBER 29, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729 | Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196

Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast

Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach

Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford

Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken

Refreshments & Bldg Care: Breiner/Maas

Greeters: Howard & Dorothy McLean

Jack & Gladys Porter & Gerda Hartman

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz

Custodian: Tim Till

Nursery: Amy, Emily, Megan, & Scarlett

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler

Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler

Head Usher: Lois Pearce

Ushers: Jerri Maxwell & Carolyn Klaver

Doug & Lois Pearce

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Bill Olson & Sue Becker and family on the death of Barb Olson who was buried this past Wed. A Celebration of Life will be Wed., Nov. 1 from 3-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to greet the family. Bill's address is: Crestridge, 1015 Wesley Dr., Maquoketa 52060 and Sue's address is: 3096 Hales Mill Rd., Dubuque, 52001-3175
- For Sally & Don Stulken on the sudden loss of Don's brother, Randy, from Cottage Grove, WI. on Fri., Oct. 20th. Their address is: 1820 Glendale Ct., Dubuque, 52001-3019
- For Kerin Moldenhauer who is shut in due to health concerns. We know...she appreciates cards and notes. Kerin's address is: 1250 Nowata, DBQ, 52001
- For Mark Thetford who is in skilled nursing at Manor Care, 901 W. 3rd, Rm. 182B

If you would like to have your name on our Prayer Request list, please advise the church office (583-1729) or the Pastor.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

2017 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY BY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - "Kindling New Fires for Peace", Friday, Nov. 3rd at the Sisters of Presentation, 2360 Carter Rd. Speaker: Sarah Gieseke, Director of Presentation Lantern Center. Beverage tabs accepted. ALL Welcome! 556-1394

TROOP 11 Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale - Monday, November 6th 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Westminster's Fellowship Hall. Adults \$7.00, \$4.00 Kids 4-12, Kids 3 and under FREE
All You Can Eat Spaghetti, Salad, Bread Sticks, Milk, Coffee. Drinks & desserts avail. for purchase.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER: **OCTOBER 29TH THRU NOVEMBER 5TH**

Sunday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehsl, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship**, Rev. Dr. Troy M. Troftgruben, Guest Preacher
9:30 a.m. **Mandarin Worship**, BR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:45 a.m. Reformation Class, FH
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH, Media Room
4:00 p.m. **Reformation Sunday**
Worship, SA

Monday, October 30

6:00 p.m. Mission Team, BR

Tuesday, October 31

6:30 p.m. Amos Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, November 1

2:00 p.m. Amos Bible Study, Bethany Home
3:00 p.m. Olson Celebration of Life, FH
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, LOFT
5:40 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
5:45 p.m. Youth Faith Team, CR
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehsl, LOFT

Thursday, November 2

1:00 p.m. Care Team Mtg., BR
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 3-5 Room
6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting, BR
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Friday, November 3

2:00 p.m. Mandarin Bible Study, CR

Saturday, November 4

POPCORN DISTRIBUTION, FH
8:00 a.m. Spaghetti Supper Prep, K
9:00 a.m. Red Basket Event, FH
8:45 a.m. AA Something New, MS
9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR

Sunday, November 5

8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells, LOFT
8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehsl, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship**, Rev. Murry Preaching
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:45 a.m. Amos Bible Study, BR
11:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
2:00 p.m. "BAG IT" Movie, FH
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH, Media Room



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Is God's WILL for Westminster
remembered in your will?

