

July 2019

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Chuck Vanlue 7/02
Bob Hladky 7/03
Cindy Anderson 7/03
Bryson Trent 7/04
David Brown 7/05
Taylor Neumann 7/07
Mary Calhoun 7/08
Beverly Otterstedt 7/08
Larry Cotton 7/09
Caleb Andreasen 7/10
Janet Walsh 7/10
Micah Marwitz 7/11
Linda Feuerstein 7/12
Nancy Holloman 7/12
Margaret Grote 7/12
Dan Rothwell 7/13
Lee Kersten 7/14
Penelope Puskedra 7/15
Kaitlyn Champoux 7/17
Fayettea Dormer 7/18
Steve Tibbitts 7/19
Nina Abbott 7/20
Katie Stocks 7/21
Maryann Eggert 7/22
Lou Lroy 7/23
Brendon Silvius 7/24
David Ukropina 7/24
Ann Beers 7/24
Joan Lehl 7/25
Laurie Kidd 7/25
John O'Brien 7/26
Dan Call 7/26

From the Pastor:

Welcome Summer, 2019! There is just something special about summer: baseball, fresh berries and produce, swimming, longer nights (and days), warmer weather, a change of pace—a break from the normal routine. It may be summer, but the church is as active as ever.

As you receive this newsletter, we have just ordained and installed a new class of leaders for our church. Our elders and deacons are called by God to serve the church with their energy, intelligence, imagination and love and David and I are excited for the many gifts we see in this new class of officers. Nan and the choir offered many musical pieces to the glory of God in that special worship service as they celebrated another year of music ministry here at WPC. When you see Nan or a choir member, let us all remember to thank them for helping to lead us in worship each week.

You have been hearing us talk about Vacation Bible School for a few months now as something that was coming and now, it is almost here. A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help either by prepping and planning for the week or leading and working with the children. VBS is one of those ministries that is dependent upon the work of the whole church. We will be welcoming close to 50 children that week—children who will come here to Westminster to learn about God's love for them. There are more opportunities to help coming up, so stay tuned. But until then, please hold this ministry in your prayers.

Our youth group had a wonderful end of the school year pool party and we now look forward to our beach retreat which is coming up at the end of August. This retreat will be a time for the youth and their sponsors to grow closer to each other and to God. When they return from their retreat, school will be right around the corner and with that comes another exciting year of youth group. All of our youth will be going through confirmation class together and we covet your prayers for this fabulous group of young people as they begin that journey.

Of course, there are so many other things happening at WPC over the summer. Truly, there isn't room to talk about them all. Westminster is a vibrant, growing congregation that has been blessed by God's grace in more ways than we can even imagine. Come, worship God this summer and give thanks for all the blessings we have been given!

**See you in worship,
Marta**



ANNUAL CORN FEED

The Men's Breakfast Group is again holding it's annual Corn Feed on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th** for the entire congregation.

SAVE THE DATE and plan for your entire family to come and enjoy farm fresh corn, hamburgers, good salads and great fellowship.



WESTMINSTER'S CROP WALK

Grab your comfy shoes and head on over! —**July 14th** is CROP Walk Sunday at Westminster! The community-wide CROP Walk isn't happening this year, but you can join Westminster's own traditional walk to raise awareness and money to feed hungry people or pledge support for your favorite walker. After worship we will grab our water bottles and start our approx. one mile walk around the Westminster area. Afterward, join us for a "hungry world" lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Financial backers are welcome to lunch, too! Westminster's target is fifty walkers and \$3500. This is a fun way to welcome friends to the missional life of Westminster as we follow Christ and feed those who hunger for community and for food. Kids and strollers and leashed and friendly dogs are welcome. If you would like to donate online, visit: www.crophungerwalk.org/eugeneor or you

could donate by check payable to: CWS/ Crop

Questions? Contact: Arlen Salthouse at: pandas523@q.com or

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SCHOOLS OUT! YEAR- END POOL PARTY FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, June 23rd our youth, along with their families, gathered together to celebrate the start of summer by swimming, eating ice cream sundaes and playing a friendly game of WAH at Eugene Swim & Tennis. Next time you come in contact with a youth, ask them to give you a lesson in the exciting game of WAH. They will be thrilled that you're asking to learn how to play, as this is probably one of their favorite games. Everyone had a great time.



Let's WELCOME our NEW officers as Elders and Deacons!

On June 30, 2019 the following officers were ordained and installed to serve on Session or as Deacons.

Elders:

Gene Hoff
Karen Keady
Ann McCarley
Jim Mitchelmore
Martha Zaborowski

Deacons:

Nina Abbott
Kate Johnson
Cindy Sanquist
Carolyn Sinclair
Arlis Wozniak



We need help transporting VBS decorations to Westminster, July 20 from Bethesda Lutheran Church (4445 Royal Ave. Eugene 97402).

We need all the help we can get to make this VBS perfect! 9:00 am



Congress made Independence Day and official unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870. In 1938, Congress changed the day to a paid federal holiday.

Only John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All others signed later.

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.

The only two signors who later served as Presidents of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

The stars on the original American flag were in a circle, so all of the Colonies would appear equal.

The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

The White House held its first 4th of July party in 1801.

President John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the 4th. Adams and Jefferson died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826.

WESTMINSTER'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Westminster's Endowment Fund is there to support the church and it's programs for years to come. Your annual pledge and special giving are vital to the day to day operations of our church. But the Endowment Fund is forward looking. Those initial Westminster members who planned and built the sanctuary we worship in, and the members who built Fellowship Hall and the Christian Education Wing, knew those structures would be there after they were gone. They planned for the future. The Endowment Fund also plans for the future by providing a financial nest egg for future expansion and guarding against unexpected occurrences. It's easy to help build the Endowment Fund. **Here are a few ideas:**

1. **Leave a certain amount or a percentage of your estate** to Westminster in your Will or revocable trust. Most of the time, this is an easy amendment. It addresses many people's concern that they don't know how much they will need during life because the gift occurs at death.
2. **Leave your car to the church.** It can be sold and the proceeds put in the Endowment Fund.
3. **Leave your house to the church.** It can be sold and the proceeds put in the Endowment Fund.
4. **Have your financial accounts "pay on death" to Westminster.** This is as easy as going to your bank, credit union, or stock broker and asking to add "pay on death" to the account. This way, you have full use of your funds while alive and the left over will go to the church.
5. **Give appreciated assets.** Some may have stock they have held for a long time and has grown in value. Selling will expose a portion of that to income tax. By giving to the church, your gift is "leveraged" because the amount that would be paid in taxes goes to the church instead of the govern.
6. **Talk to a member of the Endowment Committee about a charitable trust.** This allows you to give money to the endowment and receive a return on your investment (i.e., get money back) every year. Part of your return may be nontaxable.
7. **Talk to a member of the Endowment Committee about a charitable gift annuity.** This allows you to receive a return on your investment while alive and at death the remaining money will go to the Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund doesn't replace your annual giving. But it does allow you to help ensure Westminster and it's programs will be around for years to come. See your local Endowment Committee member (Nancy Holloman, Bob Burk, Don Hirst) if you have questions.

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<https://wpceugene.org>

REMINDER:

**The 3rd SUNDAY of
each month is our
SHOPPING CART
SUNDAY for: FOOD
FOR LANE COUNTY**

**Please remember to
bring in your
canned and boxed
food items. Every
donation is very
much appreciated !**



It's that time of year again and we are **EXCITED** to announce our theme for Vacation Bible School will be:

ROAR! Life is Wild, GOD is Good

July 29th - August 2nd from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

To register online, go to: <https://wpceugene.org/vbs-2/>

We NEED Volunteers to make this the most Memorable year yet!

Please sign-up to volunteer on the sheets in the Narthex or let Brooke know to put your name on the list. We need volunteers for everything from a photographer to helping with snack time in the Hungry Herd Café to decorating to Crew Leaders!

Those who have completed 6th-12th grade can serve as volunteers!

