Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020 10:30 a.m. Worship

At the ringing of the carillon please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit.

To the parents of our young children

Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

COME

Voluntary My Heart Is Filled with Longing **Johannes Brahms**

*Call to Worship

Brad Hall

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat? The word of the Lord is our daily bread. People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live? Our faith is in the faithfulness of God. People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve? We will worship the Lord our God alone.

Forty Days and Forty Nights AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH *Hymn 77

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response HYMN 223, verse 1 O MySoul, BlessYourRedeemer

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name; Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

Calendar of Church Building Events For March 1-8, 2020

Worship Committee Meeting (Room106)

Sunday, 3/1

9:00 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (WHH)
11:35 am	PW Team Meeting (Library)

Monday, 3/2

12:00 pm

9:30 am Finance Sub Committee (Library)

Tuesday, 3/3

10:00 am Discussion Circle (Off Site at Concordia)

Wednesday, 3/4

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 3/5

9:30 am	WPC Staff meeting (Library)
19:00 nm	Diblo Ctudy (Librory)

Bible Study (Library) 12:00 pm

6:30 pm League of Women Voters Meeting (Room 106)

Friday, 3/6

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 3/7

8:00 am Food For Life (Kitchen)

Sunday, 3/8

9:00 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am **Education for All** 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (WHH) OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on March 15, 2020 following worship.

5@5 CONCERT Andrew Sords, American Violinist, has a celebrated career as a soloist on 4 continents. Having collaborated with 300 orchestras, Sords has been cited for combining visceral virtuosity with a ravishing tone, while international critics endorse Sords as "fully formed artist" (Kalisz-Poland News), "utterly radiant" (Canada's Arts Forum), and "exceptionally heartfelt and soulful" (St. Maarten's Daily Herold). Mr. Sord's program will consist of romantic violin tunes and bohemian favorites.

USHERS NEEDED We Need Your Help! Having reviewed our existing ushering responsibilities, Westminster's Session is hopeful that we can increase the number of ushers who are serving our congregation. The ushering duties have been expanded, and we are in need of your support. Please find a list of new ushering duties at the Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall and reach out to Dave Stobbs or Don Rearick with any questions you may have.

IT IS FLU SEASON Coronavirus cases are on the rise around the globe, and the Centers for Disease Control is suggesting that future outbreaks are likely. The church is a place for building community. Still, we also recognize that some have compromised immune systems or simply do not wish to become ill. Please know that it is always appropriate to "Pass the Peace" with an elbow bump or a smile as an alternative to the customary handshakes we share on Sunday mornings.

DIRECTORY UPDATES/ATTENTION TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS. The church office started to update the church directory. If you have moved, or have a new email address, or a new phone number, since June 2019, please send your information by email to Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com.

*Passing the Peace Greet both friends and strangers saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

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Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.

Offertory Pie Jesu (Merciful Jesus) Mary Lynn Lightfoot Elizabeth Crabtree, soloist

> Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them rest everlasting.

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

First Sunday Food Collection and Lenten Fish Boxes

Following the Time for Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 6th graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the Education Building. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg.2

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 80 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley LONESOME VALLEY

The Second Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg.3

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon More Than Bread The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace. When our pride or blindness hinders us, we seek forgiveness. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do God's work and that God blesses us still with joy, new life, and surprising signs of unity.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and 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.

*Hymn 87 The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HERR

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength Benedetto Marcello *This response takes the place of the Gloria Patri during Lent.

Welcome to our worship this morning!

Join us after worship today in Wright-Herberich Hall for coffee, cake and fellowship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES, HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

USHERS are Bob Leonard (Head Usher), Don Rearick Earl Pierson, Raphael Peoples and Phil Fry TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick up your welcome bag that is in the entrance to the church.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bain and family in memory of Bruce's grandparents, Margaret and Charles Enyart.

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE today was given by Loren and Rebecca Pool.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

40 DAYS OF LENT As we embark on the Lenten journey together, we invite you to consider receiving daily Evotionals for this year's series entitled "40 Pieces of Music for 40 Days of Lent." If you would like to receive these daily reflections, along with audio and/or video, then please contact our main office to be added to the list.

^{*}Affirmation of Faith