

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:

Today, August 9:	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:55 am	Fellowship Time
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	5:00 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, August 12:	12:00 pm	Men’s Bible Study Lunch
Thursday, August 13:	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting

There will be a church-wide **prayer meeting** tonight at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will continue to intercede for our nation and our church.

Please pray for these Westminster families this week: **John, Cheryl & Joe Nichols, Dan & Anne Nielsen, Jerry & Shirley Noland and Savannah & Ryan Ash**

We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper** in the morning service next Sunday. Come with hearts and lives properly prepared so that we might benefit most fully from this means of grace Christ has given to His church.

The deacons are calling for a **work day** on August 15th at 8 am at the church. Please come out to assist us in cleaning out the Fulcher House so it can be ready to sell. Rich Nelligan is in charge of this work day, please contact him with any further questions.

If anyone is interested in purchasing the **Fulcher House**, please see the packet of information on the property and the bidding process on the counter in the narthex. Bids are due by August 28.

Please note for our **Livestreaming**, go to “westminstertv.live” and it will take you to our services, past and present. There is also a direct link to our Livestream on our website.

The **calligraphy note cards** by Mrs. Gilpin are restocked in the narthex and are free for the taking to write encouraging notes to others who, especially at this time, would need a word of encouragement!

There is now a basket located in the foyer labeled **“Operation Christmas Child Donations”**. We will be collecting particular items throughout the year to be placed inside shoeboxes this November! For the month of **August**, we would like to collect **school supplies** such as pens, pencils, sharpeners, paper, solar calculators, notepads and books.

Children’s Workers

August 9: Nursery – *Mary Thomas* Toddlers – *Kathy Scholten*

August 16: Nursery – *Karrie Harmer* Toddlers – *KayCee Ling*

Children’s Church

August 9: *Donna Ingham* August 16: *Mark and Sandra Inouye*

Diaconate House Duty: August & Sept – *Rick Harmer and Scott Duffin*

Jesus as King

As for the kingly office of Christ, the Scriptures declare that “the Lord has established His throne in heaven and His kingdom rules over it” (Psalm 103:19). Unlike those who argue that Christ delays the full manifestation of His rule in this present age until a millennial age yet to come, Jesus presently exercises full dominion over all things. Jesus is King of kings, and His kingdom is a kingdom both of grace and of power. In His ascension, Jesus Christ ascended to the right hand of His father and even now rules over all of creation as sovereign Lord (the civil kingdom) and over his church as covenant mediator (Christ’s kingdom).

The New Testament repeatedly speaks of Christ as “head of the church” (Ephesians 1:22, 4:15; 5:23; Colossians 1:18; 2:19). Christ’s rule over His church is closely related to the mystical union formed between Christ and the church, which the Scriptures describe as His body (1 Corinthians 12:27). Christ’s kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, so it has no flag, no world headquarters, and no catchy logo. But it is present wherever Christ’s people gather to hear God’s word proclaimed and to receive the sacraments (Romans 14:17). This kingdom is identical to that which the New Testament repeatedly calls the “kingdom of God.” This kingdom is a conquering kingdom (Matthew 12:28), but is not tied to cultural, economic, or political institutions (John 18:36). The wicked will not inherit this kingdom (Galatians 5:21), though our own children, seen by the world as “the least of these,” are already members through baptism (Luke 18:16). It is a glorious kingdom (1 Thessalonians 2:12), and despite what some may say, it is a present reality (Matthew 3:2). It is a kingdom, which as the Creed declares, “has no end” (cf. 2 Peter 1:11).

~Kim Riddlebarger