

Children's Workers

November 3: Nursery – *Katie Martin* Toddlers – *Ella Kate Martin*

November 10: Nursery – *Kayla Smith* Toddlers – *Natalka Eagle*

Children's Church Leaders

November 3: *Kay Cee Ling*

November 10: *Karrie Harmer*

Diaconate House Duty for November: *Dan Dunham*

Ushers for November: *Gene Striker, Jim Finlay, Bobby Martin & Mike Banta*

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:

Today, November 3:	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	9:55 am	Fellowship Time
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Covered Dish Luncheon
	4:45 pm	Choir Practice
Monday, November 4:	6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting & Fellowship
	9:30 am	Jeanne's Sewing Group
Tuesday, November 5:	7 am-7 pm	Election Day
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, November 6:	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Luncheon

Announcements

Please pray for these Westminster Families this week: **Robert & Tara Finlay, Bob Finlay, Craig & Sandy Ham and Pat Hanley.**

The **Fellowship Luncheon** is *today* in the gym after morning worship. If you are visiting us, please join us! Learn more about our Church app and our Ministry Teams at the meal.

The **November edition** of the **Westminster Window newsletter** is available in the narthex if you could not access it digitally via the link emailed to everyone last week.

The **Augusta Care Pregnancy Center** will host its **annual Fall Banquet** on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Augusta Marriott Convention Center at 6:30 pm. Tim Tebow will be this year's guest speaker. Westminster has reserved one table, so *only 10 people* may attend this year. If you wish to attend, please sign up in the narthex today. Individual tickets are \$150 each.

Need Trees Cut Up? Those in the congregation who still have trees down from Hurricane Helene and need them cut up, please call or email the church office and let us know. Also, those in the church who have tools and a willingness to help out, please call or email the church office and let us know. We are going to make two lists - one of needs, and one of need-fillers. We can't promise immediate action or specific scheduling, but we will start helping you where we are able. office@wpcmartinez.org or 706-863-8978.

Meditation

While he was a professor at Wittenberg University, Martin Luther designed this seal which he declared was meant to be "expressive of his theology." The following letter was written to his friend, Herr Spangler, town clerk in Nuremberg, Germany and expresses his thoughts on his seal.

July 8, 1530 Grace and peace in Christ!

Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!

Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology.

There is first to be a cross, black, and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature ... that is, the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Savior.

Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all angels.

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.

And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen.

-(letter from *Luther's Works, American Edition; Volume 49, pp. 356 – 359*)

