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## Our Interim Pastor

Acts 14:23: *And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.*

The Book of Acts could generally be described as the story of Christ's disciples making more disciples, and the establishment of new churches. A major component of this story is the presence of prayer in that ministry. This scripture follows the establishment of churches in certain cities and describes the establishment of leaders.

I do not know much about your personal spiritual lives, whether prayer and Scripture reading are part of your regular spiritual discipline. I hope you attempt to spend time doing both. The above scripture has often challenged me. I have even specifically been asked how much of my prayer life involves asking God to help me develop as a leader? Congregational leaders, do you make prayers like this? Do you ask God to help you grow in faith, whether you are a leader or not? Challenging questions.

Decades ago, Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of the Church of South India explored another challenging question: "Can the West be converted?" An Indonesian believer initially asked him this question. This caught many off guard then, and perhaps even catches some of us off guard today. We think of ourselves as the ones who have been converted and have a difficult time viewing our own neighbors and our own communities as the mission field. But, when we ask one another questions like "Why don't more people come to church?" therein lies the answer. There is a sense in which conversion needs to take place here in our post-Christian community, our post-Christian nation. Within this, prayer is an essential part of our responsibility in trying to bring about such a conversion.

I hope that you spend time praying for what it is you truly need and not what you desire.

We talk so frequently about hoping for the best for the future of this congregation, for the future of the ministry of Eastminster Church. My request for you is that, if you're not already doing so, please pray for God's guidance of this church. Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit; pray for discernment as we hope to follow God's leading. As we retell stories of Christ's affirmation of life over death, pray for new life, pray for new life to come to this our beloved church.

(If you would like to read the Leslie Newbigin article, here is a link: <http://www.internationalbulletin.org/issues/1987-01/1987-01-002-newbigin.pdf> )

JT



Please pray for the following: Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Tid Turner; Jane Williams; Mike Crecelius; Mae Chin; Pat Manis; Sue Kuhs; Allen Sanderson. If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or call the church office.



**Eastminster Presbyterian Women (EPW)**  
will meet Wednesday, November 3, 2021 ,  
at 11:15 a.m.  
The theme for this month's meeting will be  
*"A Time of Change"*  
Guest Speaker will be J.T. Silence  
Lunch will be served around Noon.  
Officers will be calling to take your reservations or you can call the church office.



### Eastminster Staff

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A Lunch, Learn, and Visit program featuring our own Allen Sanderson will be hosted at the Evansville Wartime Museum on November 4 beginning at 11:00 am. The deadline for reservations is Friday, October 29, please call the church office if you would like to reserve a spot.

*Presents at No Charge*

**Lunch, Learn & Visit**  
**11:00 am, Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*at the*  
**Evansville Wartime Museum**  
(7503 Petersburg Rd, Evansville, IN 47725)

Program by:  
John Bender M.D., Irv Levine, Allen Sanderson

Guest panel presents their personal experiences during the wartime.

Question and answer session after program Experience the joy of flight with the new flight simulators.

Last year the Deacons provided 30 gift bags to area students for Christmas. It is their goal to at least meet that number or exceed that number this year. This project would not be possible without your help. Please support this year's students gift bags by making a donation to the church. Please indicate in the memo field of your check "deacons gift bag project" so that gifts may go directly into that fund. Thank you for your past support and your present!

**To All Our Children:**

Come join us each Sunday in room 203 at 9:00 A.M..

We will be starting a new Sunday School series on November 7.

Throughout the next 12 months we will be learning about each of the disciples. We will discuss their characters, backgrounds, and other interesting facts.

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**All Invited to participate**

Attention all adults and children! You are invited to come in costume this Sunday, October 31st. We will be having a special Halloween themed Sunday School lesson and children's worship for all ages. What a great time to get together and have fun! We hope to see you in costume to enjoy all the fun!



**Anniversaries**

11/5 Greg & Marcia Nauert  
11/9 Mel & Marilyn Ellsperman  
11/10 Jason & Leslie Webb  
11/11 Bob & Susan Parsons

**Birthdays**

11/1 Erika Weil  
Khylenn Gee  
11/4 Addison Kuhs  
11/6 Rob Engelbrecht  
Luke Nicholson  
11/7 Cole Irmscher  
Harold Post  
11/13 Nancy Sanderson  
11/17 Allen Sanderson  
11/24 Gary Van Zandt  
11/25 Landon Shofstall  
11/27 Melissa Mattingly  
11/28 Tim Fiedler  
11/30 Hayden Whittedge

**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 -10:30 Fellowship  
10:30 Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Group

# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Ofc Hours 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Movie Night	3 11 AM - EPW	4 7 PM Choir	5	6 8 AM Men's Breakfast 
7 Stewardship Sunday	8	9 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Ofc Hours 6:15 PM Ladies' Night Out 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	10 6 PM Assembly Night	11 7 PM Choir	12	13
14	15 1 PM Bridge	16 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Ofc Hours 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	17 6 PM Session	18 7 PM Choir	19	20
21	22	23 9 AM Quilters Noon - Book Club 3 PM Youth Ofc Hours 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	24	25  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26 Office Closed for Holiday	27
28	29	30 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Ofc Hours 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study				