



# THE MESSENGER

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## A Cool Church - A Hot Church

We found out how cold the Youth/Administration building can get when the furnace sputtered and died early last winter. And in this building, you can only run a few space heaters at a time - so the staff took turns having our toes get cold. Finally, they patched the furnace up enough to last through the winter.

As I write this, I hear the beat of reciprocating saws in the basement. The heat and air conditioner was put in before the building was finished, so there was no way to take it out whole. It has to be cut out piece by piece. That is underway. Then they will bring in a crane to take the air conditioner unit off the roof. The bad news is, it happened now. The good news is, the system lasted over forty years.

When a new air conditioning/heating system is installed, there will be dramatic difference in energy efficiency. The old unit was either "all on" or "all off," and it serviced every room in this building and the Garden Room, whether needed or not. It meant a lot of wasted energy, which did not seem to matter in the 1960's. Now, we know it matters significantly.

The new system will be made up of five different units, and each will be zoned for one area. So when the sun comes up, those rooms on the east side of the building can be cooled by its own small unit, while those in the shade on the west will not need to turn on until much later in the day. The hopes are that this will mean a 30-40% savings on heat and air conditioning costs.

This is a practical thing - it has to be done to use this building. But it also makes me think about how we practice our faith. It used to be, we thought we had to be "all on" or "all off." These days, we try to work more efficiently. We use our people-energy well. Our Session meetings do not take as long because our Committees are "zoned" to do the work for their specific area.

What we do know is, we need every one to participate fully when it is their time to be "on." It makes a difference. It's the only way it works.

Last year, we reignited the Westminster Foundation. If we had not done that at that time, and had such a great response, losing this furnace would have put us in something of a tight financial squeeze. As it is, we hope to finance the new \$140,000.00 heating and air conditioning unit with a "loan" to the church from the Foundation, which will be paid back over time. It will keep the Westminster Foundation financially strong, and help keep the church running smoothly.

Thank you for all your work for the church. Thank you to Jon Jackson for donating his time to design this new heating/air system. Thank you everyone for your gifts to the Westminster Foundation and its long-term support of this church. We are all working in our zones. And that is pretty cool.

Sincerely,

Andrew McDonald, Senior Pastor



## Creation Celebration 2016

# Living Water

### Worship

April 3rd Rev. Kim Morrow  
Minster of Sustainability & Director,  
Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light

April 10th Celebration of Baptism

April 17th Children's Musical  
"The Earth is the Lord's!"

### Children

And God said,

"Let the waters bring forth  
abundantly living creatures."

Watch as Faith Village populates an  
ocean in the Garden Room windows.

### Special Events

#### Family Swim Party

Sunday, April 3rd from 2-4 PM, Fallbrook YMCA  
Enjoy an afternoon of water fun with slides, a hot  
tub and large swimming area. \$2.50/person, all  
ages welcome. Space is limited, register in the  
Garden Room on Sundays.

#### Road Trip to Omaha

Saturday, April 9th from 11 AM-4 PM, meet at church  
carpool to Omaha's Old Market for lunch, then visit  
the nearby Kaneko Gallery for an introductory tour  
and time on your own to explore the new "Water"  
exhibit. Cost is your lunch and a \$5.00 donation to  
the gallery. Register in the Garden Room on Sundays.

### Adult Education

#### Sunday Mornings 9:00

What Do You Mean, "Living?"

A different speaker each Sunday explains the significance of water in  
scripture, global issues, Nebraska, and our own backyards.

#### Wednesday Evenings 6:30

WOW at the Movies: The Living Water Film Festival

Breathtaking footage and powerful stories of water as the product  
and agent of change. Movie snacks are welcome!



#### Family Weatherfest at UNL

Saturday, April 16th from 10:30 AM-Noon, Hardin Hall  
Start by meeting local weathercasters and viewing  
exhibits and displays. Then children continue with  
activities and experiments while adults visit offices  
of the National Drought Mitigation Center. See the  
food vendors for lunch if you would like to stay longer.

#### Stream Clean Up

Sunday, April 24th at 11:45 AM, meet at church  
Right in our own neighborhood-Mission Infinity  
leaders help us be good stewards of Antelope Creek  
from South Street to Garfield. Register in the  
Garden Room on Sundays.

Because of YOU, *Westminster* is **green**@heart

## Drama Camp Follow-Up!



Westminster has ended another successful Drama Camp with a total of 37 participants ranging from K-7th grade! Our 5th Annual Westminster Drama Camp put on the show Rumpelstiltskin! The show was filled with a Jester, Villagers, Wizards, a Queen, a King, Knights and a band of busy little Bees.

Along with five days of rehearsal, the Missoula Children's Theatre directors taught our children important theatre skills through three workshops. These consisted of a "Mini Musical", where our K-2nd graders learned what it takes to put on a musical in just 30 minutes! Our 3rd-7th graders learned what work goes into creating stage makeup using a variety of techniques with "Let's Make-up". Possibly the most favored by all, was the "Mime Time" workshop where all of the children used gestures to tell stories in silence. DVD's are still available for purchase for \$8.00. Contact MaKayla for more details, Makayla@westminsterlincoln.org.



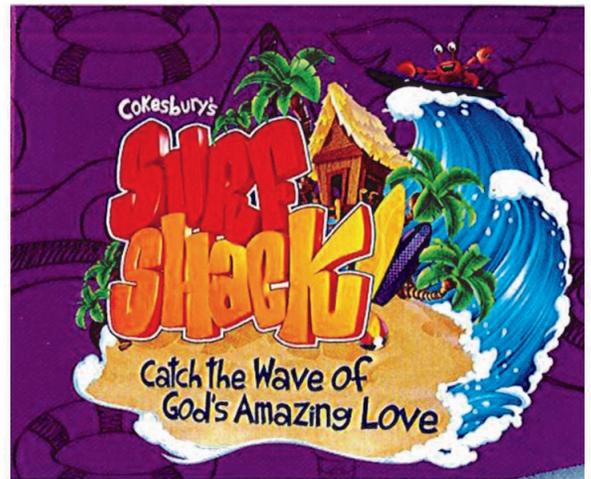
## Vacation Bible School

June 20-24 // 9 am to Noon

" 'Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"

Do Not Forget to sign up your 3 year olds through 5th graders. This years *Surf Shack* VBS, children will catch the wave of God's amazing love through mission, drama, crafts, games, science activities, music and lots of fun!

Early registration is now available through Saturday, May 14th at [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org). **Cost:** \$30/child, \$75/family (3+ Children) if signed up by May 14th.



## Creative Arts Camp—Galaxy Express

July 11-15 // 9AM to Noon

"BLAST OFF to OUTER SPACE and DISCOVER!"

Reminder-CAC is this summers July event for your Kindergarteners through 5th graders; do not miss this activity.

At Galaxy Express children will explore their creativity with crafts, arts, music, drama, and movement in multi-cultural activities. All the classes will be led by an expert in the area.

Early registration is now available through Friday, June 17th at [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org). **Cost:** \$40/child, \$110/family (3+ Children) if registered by June 17th.

**Children's Musical Scene**  
**"The Earth is the Lord!"**  
**Sunday, April 17th**  
**10:30 am**

Cherub Choir and Alleluia! Amen! Choir's will celebrate Earth month with a music filled short scene of joyful songs. Join the rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:25 pm.

Anyone inspired to share your artistic gift to make the set contact Masako at 402-475-6702 ext. 111 or [masako@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:masako@westminsterlincoln.org).

## Children & Families Ministry

Our Kindergarten of Eden preschool friends meet in Room 210 at 10:45 AM. They explore stories from the Bible, learning about God's world and their place in it using the Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum. We believe this foundation of faith and love will shepherd them as they learn and grow.

Sunday at 9 AM, K-5th graders are invited to learn through teachings involving art, music, storytelling, and games. We will talk about "Respect: The Golden Rule & the Great Commandment". They will focus on respect for not only each other, but for ALL of God's creation.

In Faith Village, the K-5th graders are engaged in a rotating workshop model each Sunday beginning at 10:45 AM. During the month of April, our kids will reflect on "Respect: The Golden Rule & the Great Commandment". They will apply this concept to Creation Care's April focus on water. Reflecting on God's creation and how we can take care of His water & water creatures.



Nebraska Step Up to Quality is an Early Childhood Quality Rating and Improvement System. The Step Up to Quality Child Care Act was passed in June, 2013, by the Nebraska Unicameral legislative session. Nebraska now joins the ranks of over 40 states in the country that are in some phase of implementation of an early childhood quality rating and improvement system. The primary goal of Nebraska Step Up to Quality is to improve early care and education quality and increase positive outcomes for young children. This will be done through informing parents about quality early care and education programs in understandable and measureable ways. In addition, it will improve teacher and director effectiveness through training and professional development, formal education and coaching. Furthermore, there will be an emphasis on strengthening the understanding and use of standards, assessment processes, and using data to improve

quality. Nebraska Step Up to Quality will increase accountability for public funds that are being used to support early childhood programs.

There are 5 steps in the Step Up to Quality System. Westminster Preschool is currently ranked at a step 3 and has applied for a step 5 rating. There is currently one program, a home based childcare that is ranked at a level 5, we hope to be the first center based program to reach this level. We would also be the only program in the state to be NAEYC Accredited (National Association of Education for Young Children) and participating in the One Up to Quality initiative.

## All in the Family

**Marriage:** Best wishes to Amy Neemann and Michael Israel who were married on March 5

### Foundation Birthdays March

Bennett Bacon	Colleen Batten
Martha Brown	Linda Burchard
Mark David	Nancy Davis
Nancy Dawson	Carl Glen
Larry Jurgens	Vicki Jurgens
Suzann Johnson	Rita Kinkennon
Martha McLeod	Brookley Rivera
Joan Roberts	Sue Shamblin
Regi Schirmer	Chan Tyrrell
Mark Whitehead	Dale Young

Sunday, April 3rd—Rev. Kim Morrow

Join us as we have guest speaker Rev. Kim Morrow. Kim serves as director of Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light, an organization that facilitates the faith community's response to climate change. She also serves as a climate change resource specialist at the School of



Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Kim's numerous accomplishments include ecologically-themed worship services, forums with local sustainability leaders, and many other programs.

### Hostamania set for May 8th

Westminster's plant sale will be on Mother's Day and all are invited to participate in three different ways.

- \* Split some of the treasures from your garden and donate to the sale.
- \* Help the day of the sale.
- \* Shop and take home some lovely additions to your landscape.

Plants will be available from 9 AM—Noon. Be aware that Hostamania is just the name. There will be many plant varieties there besides hosta. The Lohmen group that organizes the mission partnership with our German sister church uses proceeds for that ministry.



### Swanson Scholarship

Full-time undergraduate students and high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the Swanson Scholarship. Established in 1999 by the Swanson Family, this scholarship provides \$500 financial support per recipient per academic school year.

Applications are available on the church website or pick up in the church office. The scholarship is open to individuals in all courses of study, however, preference will be given to applicants demonstrating an interest in Education and Community Service.

Deadline is April 15th.

## Westminster Bible Class

The Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. will be studying passages from the Gospel of Luke. Those passages speak to the power of resurrection faith, the central focus of Christian faith. Whether it is renewal and recovery of relationships or wholeness of body and mind, hope is found in one's faith in the resurrected Christ.



April 3rd:	Luke 7:1-10	"Renewed Health"	Presented by: Kent Wolfe
April 10th:	Luke 7:36-50	"A Reversal of Shame"	Presented by: Steve Carveth
April 17th:	Luke: 8:26-36	"A Sound Mind"	Presented by: Kaye Wolfe
April 24th:	Luke 15:11-24	"A Family Reunion"	Presented by: Steve Carveth

## Adult Education on Sundays

This month we will explore the importance of water on our planet. As stated in *National Geographic* (April, 2010), two-thirds of our water is used to grow food. With 83 million more people on earth each year, water demand will keep going up unless we change how we use it. Join us on Sunday mornings as we discuss this critical issue.

April 3rd: "Sacred Water: The Multiple Meanings of Water in the Bible"

Presented by: Rev. Jennifer Strickland

April 10th: "What's the Problem? Addressing the Water Crisis on a Global Level"

Presented by: Roberto Lenton, PhD Founding Executive Director, UNL Water for Food Institute

April 17th: "Discussing the Water Issue in Nebraska"

Presented by: Nicholas Brozovic, PhD Director of Policy, UNL Water for Food Institute

April 24th: "Water Conservations in Our Own Backyards"

Presented by: Erin Kubicek Water Quality Educator, City of Lincoln

## Westminster on Wednesday (WOW)

Join us weekly for great food, education, music and more!

Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall.

\$4/children, \$6/adults, \$17 max per family.

**WOWXL** (6:40 Youth Cafe) Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

**Knit N Sit** (6:30) Come knit, crochet, learn either craft, or do other projects for the church. Women, and men of all ages are welcome to attend this fluid group.

**Adult Education:** (6:30-7:30) Join us as we present **WOW at the Movies**. Thought-provoking documentaries on the water issue will be viewed and discussed. Bring your favorite snacks and we will provide the water.

**April 6th:** "Sacred Balance: The Matrix of Life"

**April 13th:** "Chasing Ice" - Part 1

**April 20th:** "Chasing Ice" - Part 2 & "The Island President" - Part 1

**April 27th:** "The Island President" - Part 2

### Music Rehearsals (6:30)

Westminster Carillon (Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary)

Cherub Choir (age 3-Kindergarten, Room 210E)

Alleluia! Amen! Choir (Grade 1-5, Room 210)

(7:30) Westminster Choir (Adult Choir, Sanctuary)

### April WOW Dinners

April 6th: Taco/Nacho Bar

April 13th: Baked Chicken and Spinach

April 20th: Homemade Pizza

April 27th: Spaghetti and Bread Sticks

# Upcoming Events & small groups



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For more information  
or a list of current  
Small Groups, contact  
Geoff Cline at  
geoffcline@mac.com.

## Lunch Bunch

**Tuesday, April 5th**

11:30 a.m.

Location: Red Lobster (6540 O St)

Come for fellowship and good food. All are welcome. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883 with any questions.

## History Buffs

**Saturday, April 9th**

9:00 am

Topic: "Gettysburg: We know who won, but did you know...."

Presented by: Mike Rasmussen

Mike will present "the rest of the story" as his years of teaching American History have given him a broad background and many details. We welcome all who have a passion for history.

## Prairie Readers

**Wednesday, April 20th**

1 pm in Westminster's Parlor

Book: *Last Bus to Wisdom* By: Ivan Doig

Presented by: Weston Crawford

All are welcome.

## Westminster Club Meeting

**Tuesday April 26th**

Location: Cole Hall

Topic: "Tumbleweeds In The Window"

Presented by: Gail Shaffer Blankenau

The program details the role that several woman played in the homesteading of Nebraska. Gail is an experienced genealogist, speaker and author. Those interested in Genealogy and family history will find this very interesting.

## Gospel of John Study

The Gospel of John Bible Study will meet in the Lounge on Mondays from 11:00 am to noon. The class is taught by Rev. Dr. Ken Moore. All are welcome to join!

## Men's Tuesday Breakfast

Meets at 7 am in the Parlor

**April 5th:** Topic:

Presented by :Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

**April 12th:** Topic: The Kingdom of Heaven—Now

Presented by: Bill North

**April 19th:** Topic: Your Kingdom of Heaven

Presented by: Bill North

**April 26th:** Topic: Motivation

Presented by: JoAnn Laub

## Presbyterian Women

### Circle Meetings

#### Circle 3

**Wednesday, April 6th**

10:00 a.m.

Linda Miller

#### Circle 4

**Monday, April 4th**

7 :00 p.m.

Martha Dennis

1845 S 48th St

402-489-6345

#### Circle 5

**Tuesday, April 12th**

10 :00 a.m. in the Lounge

Pat Hackley

#### Circle 6

**Tuesday, April 26th**

7:00 p.m. in the Library

Jane Hines



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## Annual Abrahamic Faiths Dinner Thursday April 14, 2016 at 6 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church



Topic: Ethics of War  
and Peace - A Jewish  
Perspective

Presented by: Rabbi A.  
Brian Stoller

**Kindly RSVP by Sunday, April 10th**

Online: <http://goo.gl/forms/1KLF8aSj4S>

Email: [rs@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:rs@westminsterlincoln.org)

Phone: 402-475-6702

*Organized by: Niagara Foundation  
Free Event (Donations Welcome)*



## Heritage Sunday, April 24th Scottish Heritage Parade at 10:15 am Kirkin' of the Tartan Service at 10:30

During this Day of Celebration we will have a parade with bagpipes, banners and flags! During the worship service we celebrate with Kirkin' of the Tartans which is blessing of a clans (family) Tartan. Please bring 2 dozen shortbread cookies to share. Everyone is welcome to join.