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We Are Making History This Month

This may prove to be one of the milestone months in the history of Westminster. We start with Easter – the central focus of our faith. Jesus does not stop at the tomb. He is risen! As the song says, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!” Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is alive and active!

So how is Jesus’ Spirit moving today through Westminster? In a great many ways. Let me highlight one special way. I’ll start with some stories out of the past, which continue today.

Florence Howe loved and valued Westminster’s music played for the glory of God. She endowed a music fund to help support special music. Since 1976, our Christmas music programs have had an extra sparkle because Florence remembered us in her will.

Clyde & Winifred Henderson wanted all people to be able to reach the sanctuary for worship. Through their efforts, the elevator was built. In their honor, their children endowed the sanctuary elevator for its perpetual care. Every week, people travel up that elevator to celebrate with us as the Henderson family’s love & care continues on today.

Dr. James Weesner loved the flowers outside the garden room windows. All summer, you would see him working in the garden, sharing the beauty with the rest of us. He left an endowment to keep that garden growing. Enjoy those flowers, and say a thank you to God for the gift of James.

Pat Sinkey, a lifelong member, also served as our Business Administrator for many years. She loved the church. When Pat passed on last year, she generously left a gift to The Foundation, which now is part of the General Purpose Endowment. Her gift will bless this church forever.

We have been blessed by these people, and many more, in their passion for the church. Now is our time to think about our passion. This month, The Westminster Foundation is announcing a campaign inviting every member to bless those who come after us. This campaign has the potential to impact the church dramatically and forever.

Think about the Christian values that you hold. What is your passion? There are many ways to witness to the living presence of Jesus Christ and his love. Endowing your passion through a gift to The Westminster Foundation is a legacy that will witness to your faith for countless generations to come. The living God has blessed us to be a blessing!

Dr. Andrew McDonald
Senior Pastor

2015 Church Growth Leadership Summit

at Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 13-14

Register at:

www.friendlypresbyterianchurches.org

Join a 2 day summit to discover practical strategies to grow your church! There is no “one size fits all” answer. A diverse group of successful church leaders will share a variety of strategies. Come, listen to these leaders, listen to other engaged churches, and listen for the Spirit to move!



Practical lectures and workshops to help your congregation experience growth, through strategies that feel authentic to mainline churches.



Growth Summit Speakers:

Anna Carter Florence, M.Div and PhD

William H. Willimon, author and professor

Bill Tenny-Brittian, Editor in Chief of *Net Results Magazine*

Creative Worship Leaders:

Darkwood Brew, HeBrews 2:11,
and Urban Abbey

Registration Costs: \$95

Discounts for Seminary Students & CRE's in training

Registration costs include cost of meals



Swanson Scholarship

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

Applications are available in the church office. Deadline is April 15.

May is Earth Care Month at Westminster

We are going to honor Westminster for being certified as Nebraska's first Earth Care Congregation with a whole month of celebration! This May we will see Earth Care themes in worship and education, photos and fair trade coffee in the Garden Room, a tour of Westminster member gardens, and an intergenerational bike ride in Pioneers Park.

Want to get involved? Email us at vanpap@windstream.net.

1. Photos of your garden

Email with the subject line: "Garden Photos"

We especially like to see sustainable features such as native plants, a rain garden, chemical-free vegetable gardening, wildlife habitat, or alternatives to large lawns.

2. A paragraph about how your family practices earth care

Email with the subject line: "Family Earth Care"

Do you use a clothesline instead of a dryer? Observing Meatless Mondays? Invest in a more efficient heating system, appliance, or vehicle?

3. Suggestions of your own or another member's garden for inclusion on our garden walk

Email with the subject line: "Garden Walk"

4. Or just let us know you care and want to help

Email with the subject line: "I care"

We'll need volunteers for as little as 10 minutes or as much as several hours.



Westminster Bible Class Sundays, 9:00 am, Parlor

April 5, Easter Sunday NO CLASS

April 12, Love One Another

1 John 3:11-24; led by Steve Carveth

April 19, Believe God's Love

1 John 4:13-5:5; led by Bill North

April 26, Watch Out for Deceivers!

2 John 1-13; led by Ellen Davis

Presbyterian Women

All Westminster women are invited to visit or join one of the following circles.

Circle 3

Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 am
6005 Berkeley Dr.

Mary Beth Johnson (402-420-1952)

Circle 4

Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm
1845 South 48th St.

Martha Dennis (402-489-6345)

Circle 5

Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 am
Westminster Lounge

Pat Hackley (402-423-2909)

Circle 6

Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm
Westminster Library

Jane Hines (402-488-8302)

Gospel of Luke Study

The Gospel of Luke Bible Study will meet in the Lounge on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. The class is taught by Rev. Dr. Ken Moore. All are welcome!

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Program begins at 7:00 a.m.

April 7

Dr. Andrew McDonald
Visions: Past, Present, & Future

April 14

Rod Scott
Repairing Westminster's Stained Glass Windows

April 21

Rev. Jennifer Strickland
Bible Study

April 28

Gary Moulton
Sacagawea: A new look at the woman with Lewis & Clark



Thank you, Mission Sewers!

Mission Sewers has been in an active group at Westminster for about 60 years. Ginny Rohrbaugh remembers the date; she took her daughter along, in a bassinette, to Sydna Hazen's home where the ladies in that start-up group were sewing layettes. Ginny Welty remembers the early 1980's, when the group would sew the "assignments" that came from National PW, to be shipped to overseas missions. Those assignments, which later became "requests", included hospital

gowns made out of men's dress shirts and rolled bandages made out of white sheets. In time the postage for shipping became prohibitive, and the group began making quilts, lap robes, bed rolls, and layettes for local charities.

Since 2008, the focus has been on quilts. Over 50 twin-sized quilts have been donated to Cedars. Additionally lap quilts were donated to Lancaster Manor, bibs and nap mat covers were made for Cedars Northbridge, and this year's project was 28 nap mats for Cedars. In 2012, in conjunction with Day of Discipleship, 100 mat covers were made for Early Childhood Development.

Quilts have been donated to the Calvin Crest quilt auction for a numbers of years. In 2014, four quilts sent by our Mission Sewers brought a total of \$3,025 at the auction. This includes one quilt which sold for \$2,300, the highest price ever paid.

We celebrate all the love shared as the life of this mission comes to a close. All of the women who have participated in the past 60 years have been generous with their time and talents. We hope that the recipients of our efforts have been as blessed to receive as we have been blessed to give.



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Music and Worship

Children's Musical Scene "Hallelujah! He is Risen!"

April 19

10:30 Worship

Cherub Choir & Alleluia! Amen! Choir continue the Easter Celebration with a short musical filled with joyful songs.

Join the rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:25pm.

Anyone inspired to contribute artistic help please contact Masako at masako@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-475-6702 ext. 111

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Baptisms: Vivian Marie, daughter of Julie & Scott Steinhauser

Births: Congratulations to Erin and Ryan Michaud on the birth of Holten Lee, born March 5 (grandparents, Sheri and Bob Michaud); to Kristen and Curtis Adkins on the birth of Jenna Elizabeth, born March 7; to Elizabeth and Jeffrey Thiele on the birth of Auden Jeffrey (grandparents Diana Wild and John Wild)

Foundation Birthdays

Colleen Batten
Linda Burchard
Mark Davis
Carl Glen
Stacy James
Larry Jurgens
Ken Koop
Bob Morey
Loy Olson

Bob Reidger
Brookley Rivera
Jessica Sandmeier
Mark Whitehead
Martha Brown
Ellen Davis
Nancy Davis
Ann Horne
Suzann Johnson

Vicki Jurgens
Martha McLeod
Gary Moulton
Tom Pappas
Stanley Reidger
Joan Roberts
Barbara Solomon
Dale Young

The face behind kylie@westminsterlincoln.org

You may have seen emails from her, or even gotten to talk to her on the phone, and a few have even met her; Kylie Peterson is Westminster's Communications Coordinator. Kylie grew up in Lincoln, NE, an East High Alumna. She spent the last 5 years in Iowa where she studied Music Education and Vocal Performance at Buena Vista University and taught middle school music in eastern Iowa before realizing she missed being close to family.

Since moving back to Lincoln last August, Kylie has not only joined the staff at Westminster, but she has also worked on starting up her own vocal studio. Additionally, Kylie is involved in young adult groups throughout the Presbyterian churches.

"My mom, Kris Peterson, works for Homestead Presbytery through Empowered Ministries, my dad, Brian, is a Licensed CLP in the Presbytery, and my sister, Mandy, worked in a church nursery, designed a church coffee shop, and is a youth leader at our home church. It's only natural I'd find a place to work in the Presbyterian churches too!"



Faith Village: Kindergarten-5th Grade

(9:00am and 10:45am)

Memory Verse: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:2)

This month, the children will be learning about Daniel in the Lions Den! In Daniel we hear stories of people called to be faithful and to stand up for God. Their stories inspire us and help us learn more about what God calls us to do and to be. Villagers will:

Sunday, April 19th there will be no Sunday school. Families are encouraged to worship together and enjoy the children's spring musical.

- discuss ways to stand up for what they believe;
- discover that we are setting an example for those who may not know God;
- discover that sometimes it takes courage to stand up for our faith in today's world.



Acts 17:28a,
"In God we live, move, & exist."

Vacation Bible School
June 22-26 // 9 am to Noon

Mark **VBS G-FORCE** on your calendar for this summer for your preschool through 5th graders! In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life. Kids come alive with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, and more! Watch the G-Force meter climb, illustrating how love is at work around the world and how people are on the move.

Early registration is available online until Friday, May 15th at www.westminsterlincoln.org.

Creative Arts Camp

July 13-17 // 9 am to Noon

Mark **CAC Big Under the Sea Adventure!** on your calendar for this summer for your Kindergarten through 5th graders!

We will explore children's creativity with Crafts, Arts, Music, Drama, and Movement in multi-cultural activities. All the classes will be led by an expert in the area. Go out in the world and discover!

Early registration is available now through Saturday, June 13th at www.westminsterlincoln.org.



"I will bless you with a future filled with hope — a future of success, not of suffering." —Jeremiah 29:11

Upcoming Events & small groups



For more information
or a list of current
Small Groups, contact
Robyn Uebele at
robynu2@hotmail.com.

April 1st: The Sacraments

A Faith Building Block
experience for **4th graders** & a
parent exploring baptism & the
Lord's Supper.

April 4th: Eggstravaganza 10-11:30 am

Free community event with
games, crafts, & an Easter Egg
Hunt! For children age 3-Gr. 5

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 7 11:30 am
The Eatery (2548 S 48th St)

History Buffs

Saturday, April 11
Wesleyan, 8:45 main hall of
Vance D. Rogers Center
for Fine Arts
Nebraska State History Day
"Leadership & Legacy in
History"

2nd Sunday: April 12

Join Westminster families
after 10:30 worship for
fellowship & BBQ pork
sandwiches!

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, April 15
1 pm in the Parlor
Book: The Zookeeper's Wife
by Diana Ackerman
Facilitators: Judy White & Diana
Wild

Pilger Mission Trip

April 20-24

For more information, or to
sign-up, contact the church at
(402) 475-6702 or email Ken at
kkgovaerts@gmail.com

Westminster Club Spring

Events

Cole Hall at 5:30 pm for punch,
dinner, & programs. Dinner is
\$10.

April 21

Betsy Guyer

"Changes in Christian Educa-
tion"

April 22nd (5:00-6:30)

Families are invited to create a
"tartan" to represent their
family in our annual Scottish
Heritage parade on April 26.
This is an activity for families to
get creative together and have
a wonderful Scottish dinner of
Bangers and Mash! (Brats &
mashed potatoes)

April 26 (10:15)

Scottish Heritage Parade

Celebrate our heritage with
bagpipes, a parade, & fiddle
music by Jr. String Ensemble &
Kirkin' O' the Tartan.

Regular WOW Schedule

Resumes April 1

5:45-6:30 WOW Dinner
6:20-7:20 Westminster Carillon
6:30-7:25 Children's Choirs
7:30-9:00 Westminster Choir

CONFIRMATION CLASS

April 5: Easter

Help with Easter Breakfast

April 8:

7:30-8:30 9th Grade only
Faith Statement Workshop

April 12:

Faith Statement Rough Drafts
Due!

April 15:

Faith Statement Workshop

April 19:

Final Draft of Faith Statements

April 26: Heritage Sunday

Confirmants carry flags in the
parade.

May 1-3: Confirmation Retreat

May 6: Special Session Meeting



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Holy Week Worship Services

Join us in worship as we celebrate Christ being our Risen Lord!

Maundy Thursday: April 2 at 7 pm (Sanctuary)

Worship focusing on Jesus' Last Supper. Communion will be served as with music by Westminster and Alleluia! Amen! Choirs.

Good Friday: April 3 at Noon (Chapel) and 7 pm (Sanctuary)

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Contemplative worship centered on Jesus' words spoken from the cross. Music provided by Westminster's Carillon and Choir

Easter Worship April 20 at 7 am (Chapel), 9 & 11 am (Sanctuary), & 12:15 (Chapel)
Alleluia! He is risen!

Join us for the celebration of Easter with Dean Haist on trumpet at 7 am
Nebraska Brass and Westminster Brass, Choir, and Carillon at 9 & 11 am
The Rising Band for contemporary worship at 12:15.

Deacon's Easter Breakfast

Mark you calendars and plan to join us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 5, from 8 am to noon in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunday's Breakfast will feature Savory Frittata, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Cinnamon Rolls, Corned Beef Hash, Biscuits and Gravy, and much, much more. A meal for vegetarians, meat lovers, and friendly to gluten-free folks too! Suggested Easter Breakfast offering \$6.00 a person.

You will also be able to pick up your pre-ordered fresh-baked cinnamon rolls.