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The Language of Life: Words of Power

Did you ever wonder how God created the world? According to the Bible in Genesis chapters 1 and 2: “God said, ‘Let there be...’”

It’s a fascinating claim! God creates the world by words. God speaks and an explosion of new reality takes place. Words of power form the new creation. As Bible scholar Walter Brueggemann puts it: “The word of God which shapes creation is an action which alters reality.”

After the initial creation, God turns the power of speech over to human beings. As in Genesis 2:19: “So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the human being...; and whatever the human being called every living creature, that was its name.”



Words matter. The language of faith explodes in our consciousness and bring us the new creation. They open our eyes to see and to shape reality.

We are going to pay special attention to the power we have been given through the language of faith. This autumn, we will explore 10 words of power. Our faith tradition explodes with the language of life. When we discover and share these words, they connect us to God’s transforming power.

As we claim these words and use them together, we will discover their power to change our lives:

Community

Calling

Choose

Believe

Grace

Worship (verb)

Partnership

Passion

The Face

Commitment

May God lead us in seeing and saying our way deeper into Christ’s new creation.

Andrew McDonald

Senior Pastor

Journeying Together Classes

Interested in becoming a member of Westminster? New Member classes are scheduled throughout the Fall! Join us for one of the following classes: September 28 and October 5, November 2 and 9, or December 7 and 14.



genesis Sunday

Sunday, August 17

You've got a friend at Westminster! Join our church family for this annual event as we introduce our exciting programming for Fall! We'll reconnect after a busy Summer Break and celebrate the diversity of activities happening at Westminster. There's something for everyone! Bring a friend!

For Adults...

Programs and Ministries Fair (9:00 to 10:15 a.m.)

Throughout the year, multiple committees are hard at work developing programs that add meaning and depth to our members' faith journey through adult education, mission opportunities and fellowship.

Join us in Fellowship Hall to celebrate these ministries and learn more about what part they can play in your faith journey. This is also a wonderful way to meet new people and discover many ways you can be involved!

For Kids...

Genesis Carnival (11:30 a.m.)

Join us for 10:30 a.m. worship, then head to Fellowship Hall for our kids' carnival! Children will receive a Passport of Fun, play games and get to know other children in our church community.

Before you leave, remember to stop by the Children and Families Ministry booth for a prize!

For Everyone...

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. On the menu: BBQ chicken legs, cornbread, beans and spinach salad. Suggested donation is \$5/person.

For Parents...

Sunday School Open House and Registration (9:00 to 10:15 a.m.)

Tour our amazing Sunday School facilities! While you're there, fill out or drop-off a registration card for your child. For planning purposes, it's important we know how many children to expect each Sunday and any special needs they may have.

Kindergarten of Eden (Room 210)

Parents and preschoolers are invited to meet our teachers, explore the space, make a name tag, and greet friends old and new! This is a vital step in helping your child feel comfortable and loved in Sunday School.

Faith Village (Lower Level)

Parents and children grades K-5 are encouraged to journey to Faith Village to check out the space, shoot a few hoops, and meet other villagers and their parents.

Grades 6-7 (Lower Level)

Bring your parents! Meet your teachers, Sarah Parker and Devon Nelson. Take a look at the curriculum and reconnect with friends!

Book Sale...

Don't forget to stop by our Book Sale on Genesis Sunday to find great reads for a great deal! All proceeds will benefit the WPC Library.

WOW Returns Wednesday, August 20!

Need a night to unwind this Fall from the hustle and bustle of school activities and work meetings? Join us for WOW on Wednesday nights at Westminster! Every week, we serve a home-cooked meal from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., followed up by a fun selection of adult education, youth activities and music

5:00 Youth Bells
5:45 Dinner
6:30 Westminster Carillon, Alleluia! Amen!
..... Cherub Choir, Knit N Sit, WOW XL, Adult Education
7:30 Westminster Choir

The 5 Love Languages®

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall A

August 24 and 31, September 7 and 14

When it comes to feeling loved, one size does not fit all. According to author Dr. Gary Chapman, there are five ways to express and experience love: Gifts, Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service and Physical Touch. Join us on August 24 as we kick-off our series with clinical psychologist Dr. Bryan Miller. In the following classes we'll learn how you can both give and receive love in more powerful and meaningful ways. We will also look at Scripture and discuss how Jesus expressed the 5 Love Languages in his ministry. *Note: Sunday morning classes will reflect previous Wednesday night WOW classes.*

Other Fall Classes in Fellowship Hall A

- *Faith of Post-War Presidents (August 3 and 10)*

Join us for the second installment of this series as we examine the faith legacies of Presidents Nixon and Ford.

- *Through the Lens: What Presbyterians are Talking About (August 17)*

Rev. Jen Strickland and Cheryl Rennick represented Homestead Presbytery at the 2014 General Assembly of PC(USA). Join the discussion as we further examine current events from a Presbyterian perspective.

- *Faith of Post-War Presidents (Sundays in October)*

Our third installment of the series continues with Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

Studying the Language of God's Word...

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Lounge

Living the Questions (September 28 to November 23)

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. Yet many sense they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. *Living the Questions*, led by Rev. Jen Strickland, is for both seekers and lifelong churchgoers convinced of Christianity's relevance in the 21st Century. Explore the future of Christianity and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Parlor

Westminster Bible Class (Ongoing)

The Language of Hope

The fall quarter of Westminster Bible Class, a Sunday School class for adults, centers around the theme of *Hope*. In September, the class will consider hope from the perspective of Jeremiah. October will introduce us to the prophet Habakkuk and the unique story of Job, as we explore hope in troubling circumstances. Finally in November, as we anticipate the birth of our Savior, we'll focus on hope as expressed in Ezekiel and Isaiah. Sessions are led by Westminster members who have an abiding interest in sharing Good News with others.

Creation Fair

Sunday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m. Cole Hall

Genesis 1 gives us a beautiful account of God's creation, and we want to celebrate all the wonders of our world! Join us September 21 in Cole Hall (9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to Noon) and experience hands-on stations that revel in each aspect of the 7-day creation story. Our Westminster Preschool students will display their artwork, we'll enjoy local, organic and fair-trade snacks, and there will be arts and crafts for children and adults alike. Come and rejoice in the blessing of our planet!



Adult Education classes are a great way to share your interests with other members, like our annual plant sale *Hostamania* (pictured above). Join us for a special series on *Westminster Hobbies* this Fall!

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Lounge (WOW)

- *Westminster Hobbies (August 20)*

Westminster has a diverse group of members with different backgrounds, jobs and interests. This series explores some of their favorite pastimes. Learn something new and find out what interests you share with others! Our first week we'll look at Fall Gardening with Tom Pappas.

- *The 5 Love Languages (August 27, September 3 and 10)*

Can't attend our Sunday morning class? Join us for *The 5 Love Languages* on Wednesday evenings! During this class, we'll cover the same material as the previous Sunday's class on Dr. Gary Chapman's theory on love.

- *Westminster Hobbies (September 17 and 24)*

Our Westminster Hobbies series continues! On September 17, we'll learn about Geocaching from Janice Rohwedder—it's high-tech hide-and-seek! Karen Hoffman will join us on September 24 with a presentation on stained glass—a beautiful, historical component of our church building!

- *Prayer Lab (Wednesdays in October)*

One of the gifts of faith is the ability to communicate with our creator. How is your prayer experience? What if there are ways to pray that you don't know but might like? For this series, we'll discuss prayer with one another, as well as material from *Prayer*, *Conversing with God* and *50 Ways to Pray*.

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Join Westminster for a great lineup of programs. A continental breakfast (only \$2 and FREE for first-timers) is available soon after 6:30 a.m. with an hour-long program beginning at 7:00 a.m.

August 5

Bible Study

Rev. Andrew McDonald

August 12

What's New at the Zoo

John Chappo, director

August 19

Bible Study

Rev. Jennifer Strickland

August 26

What's So Great About Christianity?

Bill North, WPC member

Westminster Bible Class

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

August 3

Consolation Granted through Prayer

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Kaye Wolfe

August 10

A Community Forgives

2 Corinthians 1:13-2:11

Frances Knosp

August 17

Treasure in Clay Jars

2 Corinthians 4:2-15

Bill North

August 24

The Power of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; 7:2-4

Rev. Ellen Davis

August 31

A Community Shares Its Resources

2 Corinthians 8:1-14

Rev. Ellen Davis

Adult Education Ministry

The Power of Love: A Study of 2 Corinthians

The women of Westminster will gather in small groups from September 2014 through May 2015 to explore a contemporary study of 2 Corinthians titled *Reconciling Paul*. Paul's writings are some of the most influential in Christianity, according to the study's author. His struggles, and authenticity and integrity of faith, are as essential to the church as they were in the First Century. Groups of women meet at various times throughout the month. If you'd like to join one of the circles listed below, contact the church office at (402) 475-6702 to be connected to the group leader, or to form a new group, contact Linda Miller at (402) 423-1311.

Don't forget the PW Circle Fall kick-off event on Saturday, August 9! Pastor Jen Strickland will introduce the study beginning at 9:30 a.m. and small groups will have an opportunity to get acquainted with one another.

Presbyterian Women Circles 2014-

Circle 3—First Wednesday
10:00 a.m. in member homes
(Leader: Linda Miller)

Circle 4—First Monday
7:00 p.m. in member homes
(Leader: Martha Dennis)

Circle 5—Second Tuesday
10:00 a.m. in WPC Lounge
(Leader: Jane Grabenstein-Chandler)

Circle 6—Fourth Tuesday
7:00 p.m. in WPC Library
(Leader: Jane Hines)

Member Care Opportunities

Member Care seeks to reach out to members of all ages encouraging participation in the life and ministry of WPC.

Cook and Carry—Volunteers provide meals to families during times of stress, such as an illness or death in the family. When a need is determined, an email is sent to all volunteers to determine who is available to provide food. For more information, email Dorrie Gage at dorriegage@hotmail.com.

Prayer Chain—Prayer is powerful in our lives, and there is no limit to the prayers we send to God. When prayers are needed, an email is sent out with details of the prayer request. If you'd like to lift others up in prayer, contact Marge Tomlinson at (402) 475-6702 or email marge@westminsterlincoln.org.

Medical Equipment—Westminster members have medical equipment on-hand that is no longer in use, such as walkers, wheel chairs and hospital beds. If you have items you'd like to share or are in need of medical equipment, call the church office at (402) 475-6702.

Foundation Birthday Club

The following members celebrated birthdays during July and renewed or became members of the Foundation Birthday Club:

Don Chandler
John Clinton
Mary Ann Clinton
Jo Daniels
Dorothy Glen
Freda Gregg
Bob Hayes
Ann Case Landfield
Susan Moore
Faye Moulton
Susan Powers-Alexander

All in the Family

Congratulations to **Julia and Tyler Peterson** on the birth of their son, **Rhett Robert**, born July 17. Grandparents are Sally and Bob Peterson. Congratulations to **Jacque and Jim DeBuse** on the birth of their daughter, **Eva Rose**, born June 7. Grandparents are Lisa and Chip DeBuse.

Jack Harrison Mulvaney, son of Susan and Sean Mulvaney, and **Atticus Dean Wood**, son of Shari and Matt Wood, were baptized on July 13.

Best wishes to **Katie Cole and David Dement** who were married on July 5; **Amy Jobman and Michael Carlin** who were married July 19; and **Pat Martin and Wayne Squier** who were married July 25.

Serving Others Near and Far

Mission Trip to Moore, Oklahoma

September 14-20

Are you called to reach out to communities in need? Do you like to roll up your sleeves and work hard? Then join our mission trip to Moore, Oklahoma, scheduled for September 14-20. Westminster volunteers visited the area this past spring to help with disaster recovery efforts still in effect from the May 2013 tornado that struck the area.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Saturday, October 11

Save the date for this special mission opportunity (formerly Day of Discipleship), helping our neighbors in the Lincoln community! In the past, this congregation-wide effort has donated a full day of their time and energy to organizations such as People's City Mission, Habitat for Humanity and Kids Against Hunger.



Prescott PARTNERS

Getting Ready for the School Year!

Last Fall, Westminster began a new relationship with Prescott Elementary School. This stately building, which opened in 1922 eight blocks from the church, serves a diverse population in

Lincoln's Near South neighborhood, with the majority of its students qualifying for free or reduced-priced meals. With the new school year approaching, we have again requested a "Top Five List" of things that will help students and teachers at Prescott have a great start to their school year.

Please consider donating one or more of these items:

1. Boxes of Kleenex
2. #2 pencils
3. Post-it notes
4. Vis a Vis brand dry erase markers (these are long-lasting)
5. Backpacks—Many families cannot afford this most essential means of transporting school work and information to and from school.

There will be a box outside the church office for receiving these donations. Many thanks for helping this special neighbor! Questions? Call Karen Hoffman at (402) 475-3060. Thank you!

Outreach Calendar

Mark your calendars for these important outreach opportunities!

Mission Trip to Moore, OK
September 14-20

Creation Fair
September 21 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
(formerly Day of Discipleship)
October 11

Ongoing Opportunities
Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach
1st Friday (Every month)

The Gathering Place
2nd Friday (Every even month)

Drive to Make a Difference

Have a car and an hour to give each week? Looking for a unique mission opportunity in our community?

Every Sunday morning a few of our Westminster members are in need of a ride to worship. If you'd like to be a driver for our Over the Road program, contact Dan King by email at dannythek@gmail.com.

Tabitha Health Care is also looking for drivers to cover a Meals on Wheels route on Sundays afternoons. For more information, contact Deb Van Dyke-Ries at (402) 486-8564.

Fall Fun

This Fall Westminster is a hub of fun events for all ages!

Bike Fair (Saturday, September 6 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.)

Calling all bicycle cowboys and cowgirls! Bring your bike to Westminster on September 6 for a rollickin' good time! Ride your bike through a series of obstacles and test your knowledge of bike safety. Plus, help us raise money for two worthy charities—MAD DADS and 88 Bikes!

- The signature program for the Lincoln chapter of MAD DADS is the bicycle program. They rebuild and refurbish used bicycles for an average cost of \$30. These bicycles are then donated to children.
- The 88 Bikes Foundation endows bicycles to girls throughout the world, especially the heroic survivors of human trafficking. Since 2007, they've endowed nearly 4,000 bicycles to heroic kids in 17 countries.

Preschool Art Show

(Sunday, September 21 10:30 a.m.)

Families and friends of preschoolers are invited to join us for a special presentation at 10:30 a.m. worship, followed by our Art Show in Cole Hall! While you're here, be sure to check out Westminster's Creation Fair!



Spooktacular (Sunday, October 26 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

Back by popular demand! This family-friendly Halloween alternative includes trunk-or-treating in our church parking lot, games and plenty of festive Fall fun. Volunteer to decorate your car trunk! Last year, volunteers "treated" more than 400 trunk-or-treaters! Contact Betsy Guyer at (402) 475-6702 if you'd like to help plan this year's event.

Westminster Preschool

Westminster Preschool is excited to kick-off the 2014-15 school year on August 12!

Westminster is the only church-based preschool in Lincoln that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). It is also one of five child care programs in Lincoln approved by the National Association of Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies.

If you'd like to learn more about Westminster Preschool, contact Director Suzanne Schneider at suzanne@westminsterlincoln.org or visit wpslincoln.org.

Language of Life in Faith Village

August: The Beatitudes—Keys to a Happy Life

Villagers will experience the teachings of Jesus that have a definite purpose, in the past and now, to help us become better disciples of Christ.

September: Caretakers of God's Creation

All that we are and all that we have come to us as a gift from God. God calls us to care for all of creation by caring for ourselves, for others, and for the natural world. By learning how to use our time, money and talents to serve God, we fulfill our call to care for creation.

October: Abraham and Sarah—Faith as a Journey

God called Abraham, Sarah and their descendants into a special relationship as people of God. God promises to be with them just as God is with us today.

November: Forgiveness

As children of God, we are called to forgive others just as God forgives us.

Faith Building Blocks

Westminster Session had adopted the Faith Building Blocks program for children and families. These 12 blocks begin with baptism and culminate in confirmation. Throughout the program each grade will have the opportunity to participate in a Faith Building Block experience. Most of the blocks are one session and are an interactive opportunity for children with their parents to promote strong and faithful families.



Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of our children at Westminster? Become a volunteer in our Sunday School as part of our Hearts & Hands program. Each year, more than 100 hearts and hands open up to nurture our children through teaching, leadership and volunteering. Consider how God is calling you to be part of this life-shaping ministry. If you'd like to lend your heart and hands, contact Betsy Guyer at (402) 475-6702 or besty@westminsterlincoln.org.

Sunday School

Kindergarten of Eden

(Preschool) Room 210

Children ages 3-5 years are welcomed with loving arms to this nurturing and fun Sunday School class using the Wee Believe curriculum. Through stories, crafts, games, songs and play, children hear the stories of God and God's people and are assured of God's amazing love.

Faith Village

(K-5th Grade) Lower Level

Using the workshop rotation model, elementary kids can explore God's amazing love for us through art, computers, science, drama and more! Faith Village opens with songs, an offering, prayers and the Lord's Prayer each week.

Preschool through 5th Grade Sunday School meets after the Children's Conversation during 10:30 a.m. worship.



Director of Music Receives Award

Boyd Bacon, Director of Music & Fine Arts at Westminster, has received the Cornell Runestad Award for Lifetime Dedication to Choral Music in Nebraska. The Nebraska Choral Directors Association named Boyd their 2014 recipient for his dedication to choral music and to the organization. He served as president from 1979-81, was the first recipient of the Choral Director of the Year Award in 1986, and regularly accompanies clinic sessions for honor choirs and presentations of new music. Congratulations Boyd!

Singing the Language of Life...

Music expresses life lived with the joy of God's presence. At Westminster, we're blessed to have such a wide variety of musical talent. Throughout the school year, a variety of musical opportunities take place for children and adults of all ages! Join in the music! Consider joining one of our groups listed below!

Save-the-Date

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Westminster special music events!

Choir Kick-off

August 20

Children's Musical (Auditions)

August 27

Children's Musical (Performance)

October 26

UNL Guest Choir Performance

November (date TBD)

Christmas Pageant

December 14

Christmas Special Music

December 21

Wednesday Night Ensembles

All Wednesday night rehearsals are part of our regularly scheduled WOW activities.

Westminster Carillon

Sanctuary (6:20 to 7:20 p.m.)

High School youth and older

Cherub Choir

Room 210E (6:30 to 7:25 p.m.)

Ages 3 to pre-K

Alleluia! Amen!

Room 210 (6:30 to 7:25 p.m.)

Kindergarten to Grade 5

Westminster Choir

Sanctuary (7:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

(and Sundays 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.)

High school youth and older

Other Ensembles

These ensembles practice intermittently throughout the year and often play for special worship services.

Jr. Strings Ensemble

Violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Beginners welcome!

Grades 4 to 8

Youth Ensemble

Strings, woodwinds and brass.

High school and college students

Westminster Brass

High school youth and older

Westminster Band

Guitar, bass, electric guitar, keyboards and drums.

High school youth and older

Open My Eyes!

Confirmation Fall Kick-off for Youth

Are you in 8th or 9th grade and ready to deepen your faith? Join our Confirmation class! Confirmation will prepare you for a deeper relationship with God, direct you in your faith walk, and teach you about the history, polity and theology of the Presbyterian tradition. Christy Dempsey leads this special class in the Confirmation Room (lower level near the Youth Café) on Sundays from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., and confirmands are encouraged to attend 10:30 a.m. worship.

PLUS! Confirmands are invited to our Fall Confirmation Retreat at Camp Calvin Crest! This is a truly unique experience for Westminster youth to grow in friendship and faith each year. This Fall, the group will attend camp Friday evening, August 15, through Sunday morning, August 17. For more information, contact the church office at (402) 475-6702.



Westminster youth and adult volunteers traveled to Kansas City last month to deliver beds and bedding to needy children through the Sleepyhead Beds program. Pictured left to right, Sarah Gergen, Bailey Jex, Maddie Whitehead, Claire Eckstrom, Christy Dempsey, Rock Sita and Robyn Uebele.

Important Dates

*Parent/Confirmand Meeting
(August 10 at 9:00 a.m.)*

This meeting is REQUIRED! We'll learn about confirmation, sign-up for our Fall retreat, meet our leaders, enjoy donuts and more! Our current confirmands will also help the Green Team with dishwashing at 2nd Sunday lunch.

*Confirmation Retreat
(August 15 to 17)*

All confirmands and high-school youth are invited to our Fall Retreat at Camp Calvin Crest near Fremont. This year's theme is "Open My Eyes..." Join us!

*Genesis Sunday!
(August 17)*

We'll return from our retreat for 10:30 a.m. worship when 8th Graders receive their Confirmation Bibles! This is also Genesis Sunday, so invite a friend!

*WOWXL Returns!
(August 20 at 6:30 p.m.)*

Youth in Grades 6-8 are invited to join us for XL-sized portions of fun each Wednesday night during WOW.

Watch for more upcoming youth events at westminsterlincoln.org/youth.

small ^{Westminster} groups

*presents... a congregation-wide
Small Groups Book Study!*

6-week series September 28 to November 2

Today, more than ever before, people are searching for vibrant, open-minded, grace-filled, gender-equal, life-giving, Jesus-spirited FAITH!

This Fall, join one of our Small Groups for a congregation-wide study of *The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion: A Guide to Good Religion for Seekers, Skeptics and Believers*. While addressing the growth of atheism and "Nones" (people that have no religious affiliation), Thielen argues that leaving religion is not helpful or necessary. Instead, he explains how good religion promotes grace, love and forgiveness.

Who can participate in the study?

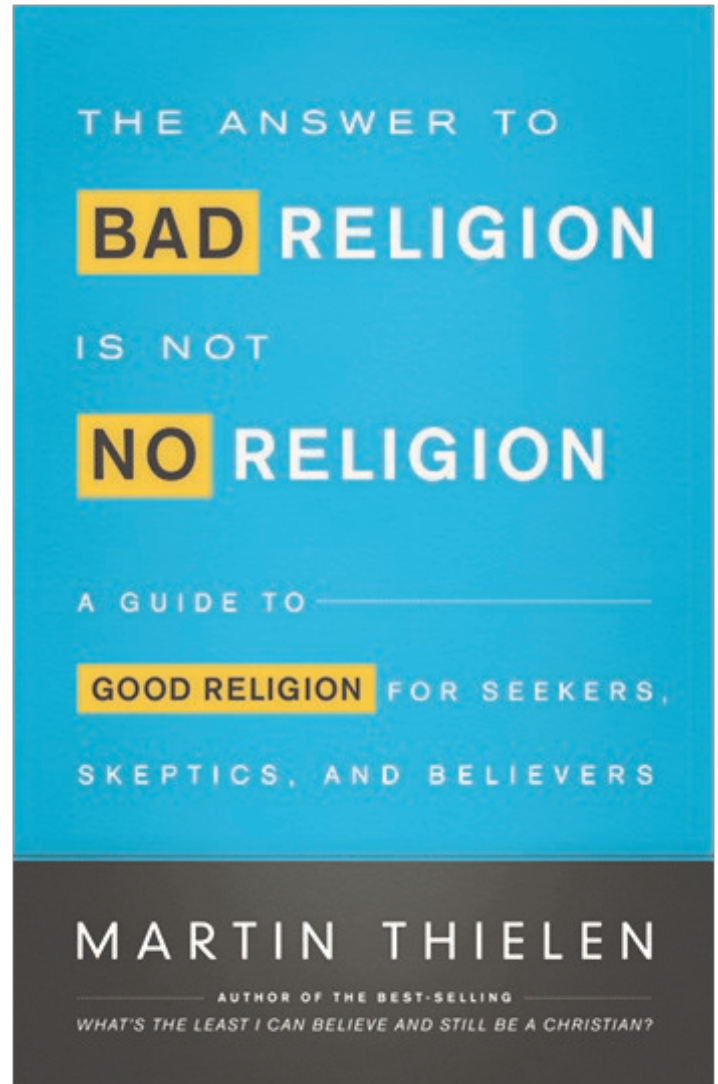
Anyone! Current Small Groups are encouraged to participate, and sign-up sheets for forming new groups will be in the Garden Room beginning Genesis Sunday, August 17. You can also purchase a copy of the book (\$12) at this time.

When and where will my group meet?

It's entirely up to your group when and where you'd like to meet. It might be a weeknight or Sunday afternoon, at a coffee shop or someone's home. Whatever environment makes you feel comfortable and ready to discuss.

Why should I participate?

Small group studies are a fantastic way to connect with others, broaden your horizons and grow in your faith.



How do I become a group leader?

Sign-up! We're seeking more group leaders to help facilitate and lead weekly discussions. Leaders will be given a complimentary book, leader guide complete with discussion questions, suggestions for icebreakers and prayers. Pastor Jen will also provide training and curriculum support.

Want to learn more? Email Small Groups moderator Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com.

"Read this book to find out . . . how to get in the clear about what good religion is and can be. Your soul will be glad you did." —Donna Schaper, Senior Pastor and Author



Ladies' Night Out held a Boisset Wine guided wine tasting and fundraiser in June, raising \$167 for the Westminster Food Pantry. Above, Hank Hinrichs, Food Pantry coordinator, receives a check for the proceeds from Shelley Kuzma (seated) and other

World on a Plate Dinner Group Preps for Fall Meals!

Join us this fall for World on a Plate and explore international cuisine and PCUSA missions! Here's a sneak peek at our upcoming dinners. In August, we'll seek out the many flavors of India. Israel and Palestine will be our focus in September, and we can't get through October without a "fest of Germany." In November, we'll enjoy a special presentation on Kenya.

Here's how it works: Groups of 8-12 people gather the third Friday of each month, typically at Westminster or in members' homes. For more information or to sign-up, contact Kathy Rohwedder at (402) 202-9889 or email kathrohwa@yahoo.com.

History Buffs Returns for Meetings in September

For two years, History Buffs has hosted presentations for history lovers, and looks forward to another year of learning! The group will meet at Westminster the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Topics to look forward to this Fall include the Civil War and history of medicine (from antiquity to Fleming), and possible tours of the Telephone Museum and High School Sports Hall of Fame. Everyone is welcome!

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, August 5

Famous Dave's (2750 Pine Lake Rd.)

Tuesday, September 2

Lazlo's South (5900 Old Cheney Rd.)

Tuesday, October 7

Pizza Ranch (8420 Lexington Ave.)

Note: In October, we've reserved half of the "Bunk House," which seats 34 people, so this is a great month to bring a family member or friend!

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, August 20

Weston Crawford will facilitate the discussion of two books — *The Odds* and *Emily, Alone* — both by Stewart O'Nan.

Ladies' Night Out

Every month, Westminster ladies meet from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for fun and conversation! No RSVP required; bring a friend and stop by at your leisure!

Thursday, August 28

Blue Sushi Grill (808 R St. #200)

Thursday, September 25

Lazlo's Brewery (5900 Old Cheney Rd.)



tour de **Friends**

Upcoming Rides

Roca Roundup Ride

Wednesday, August 6 (5:30 p.m.)

Meet at Fox's Restaurant parking lot (1245 Libra Drive). Ride south on 14th Street to Jamaica North Trail, then to Roca. Roca Tavern has drinks for sale and food on a first-come, first-served basis. Approx. 12 miles round trip; crushed-stone, rail-trail. *Note: This will take the place of our First Sunday ride.*

Pioneers Park Ride *Third Thursday, August 21 (5:30 p.m.)*

Meet at 6th and J streets (Mill Towne parking lot). Ride Salt Creek Levee Trail to Bison Trail, then to Pioneers Park. Approx. 10-12 miles round trip; paved and crushed-stone trail.

Back-to-School Family Ride *First Sunday, September 7 (3:30 p.m.)*

Start at 21st and Q streets Jayne Snyder Trail Center parking lot. Ride MoPac Trail east, then 35th St. north. East on Idylwild Drive and cross Holdrege to UNL Dairy Store (114 E Campus Loop). Approx. 6 miles round trip; paved.

Holmes Lake Ride *Third Thursday, September 18 (5:30 p.m.)*

Start at Holmes Lake parking lot #3 (furthest NW lot in park). Pick a trail and distance to ride (i.e. Holmes North Shore Rd. and Billy Wolff Trail, south to Pine Lake Rd.) Distance TBD; paved.

Interested in joining a Small Group?

Small Groups at Westminster span a wide variety of age groups and interests — there's something for everybody! Plus, starting your own Small Group is easy! For more information or a list of current Small Groups, contact Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Words of Power: Community!

Westminster Club, a community of adults who gather for fellowship and an opportunity to explore our community and world, meets the fourth Tuesday of the month this Fall. Each gathering begins with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. followed by a catered dinner and program.

Westminster Over the Years: 110 Years of History

The church of today is definitely not the church of 110 years ago. But while we've changed, the heritage of those who chartered Westminster in 1905 lives on in us today.

In many respects, the church is quite different from that envisioned by our founding fathers, yet so much more than they ever could have imagined. These differences between the church of today and yesterday are what we'll discover in Westminster Club in the next three months.

August 26 Can you imagine a worship service 110 years ago? Masako and Boyd Bacon will help us imagine the changes in worship and music at Westminster over the past century.

September 23 Interested in past modes of transportation? Steve Hughes will introduce us to the Model T and what it would be like to travel to church in one.

October 28 Mission is what Westminster is all about. Greg Hershberger will share his experiences working in mission in Africa.

New Contemporary Worship Begins September 7!

Reverend Dr. Andrew L. McDonald
Senior Pastor
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Reverend Jennifer Strickland
Associate Pastor
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Reverend Ellen Davis
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We are exploring new forms of worship!

Our vision is to find expressions of worship that tap into our faithful imagination as counter-cultural, revolutionary, reforming and relevant to the experiences of today's diverse world.

People have been gathering since January and talking about all the possibilities. As we continue to explore, we'll begin services as part of our "soft launch," which will maximize our ability to experiment with what we are creating.

Come and experience:

- Worship in an informal setting
- Incorporation of creative arts
- Contemporary music with a band
- New songs and old songs made new
- Opportunities to build friendships in worship

Share your presence and ideas, and together we will discover where Christ is calling us!

Our new service will begin in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 7, at 11:30 a.m. (Our vision is for a fast-paced 45-minute service.)

If our current traditional worship fills your needs, there will be no scheduling changes! Our 8:00 a.m. worship (Chapel) and 10:30 a.m. worship (Sanctuary) will continue in the traditional style so many of our members appreciate.



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Sundays

8 am Chapel Worship

9 am Education Hour

10:30 am Traditional Worship

11:30 pm Contemporary Worship
(begins in September)

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