

The *rising* 2.0



We have a celebration! The Rising, our new alternative worship service, has been running for a year! We have learned much and are making some changes, based on this year's experiences.

First, a time change. We are moving The Rising up to 9:20 am on Sundays beginning on Genesis Sunday, August 16.

Second, we are expanding our music playlist. The feedback is that people would like a wider array of songs. We are excited about the endless possibilities.

Third, we have engaged a new crew of song leaders. They will play on a rotating basis, playing contemporary songs as well as new versions of old classics. We will even get to hear some songs written by local artists and band members. Some of the gifted local musicians that will be joining us include Andrea von Kampen, Daniel Christiansen, and Andy Pappas.

We are very grateful for the excellent musical gifts shared by The Rising Band members: Maggie Stuckey, Kaitlin Phillips, Carmen Erway, Ben Kessler, Ben Heinisch, and Owen Killham. If you are interested in joining the band, please come talk with them after worship.

If you know someone who is interested in any of our services, traditional or contemporary, please invite them to join you. Our faith spreads as we reach out to invite family and friends!

Looking to a wonderful autumn season!

Andrew McDonald
Senior Pastor

Andrea von Kampen spent the past year living in Nashville where she studied songwriting. She will be one of our new musical leaders at The Rising.

FaithFULL Living

Adult Education, Sundays, 9 am, Lounge



International Mission

Mission in Nicaragua: August 2 with Andrew Loth

Andrew Loth is heavily involved in Nicaragua Community Partnership, which formed in 2000. The partnership is between the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy and the Community of Plan Grande Dos in the mountains of northern Nicaragua. It is facilitated by the Nicaragua Council of Protestant Churches (CEPAD) and promotes cross-cultural understanding, advocacy, and self –development.

Hunger & Mission in Developing Countries: August 9 with Alex Morse

Alex Morse is the Growing Project & Overseas Program Coordinator for Foods Resource Bank (FRB). In this role, Alex manages East & Midwest growing projects, as well as FRB's South America, Central America, & Caribbean programs. FRB raises money to help people in developing countries grow their own food.

Genesis Sunday (8/16) to September 13: The Road to Character

Kick off your Fall with intention! In this 5 week series, join us as we explore David Brooks' new bestseller, The Road to Character. What is the difference between a resume virtue and a eulogy virtue? Looking to some of the world's greatest thinkers and inspiring leaders, Brooks explores how, through internal struggle and a sense of their own limitations, they have built a strong inner character. No required reading for the class— all will be able to participate in the discussion.

Westminster Bible Class *Sundays, 9:00 am, Parlor*

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME
Aug 2	Isaiah 59:15-21	Our Redeemer Comes
Aug 9	Jeremiah 7:1-15	A Choice to Be Just
Aug 16	Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32	A Call for Repentance
Aug 23	Zechariah 7:8-14	God Demands Justice
Aug 30	Malachi 3:1-10	Return to a Just God

Scottish Pilgrimage with Homestead Presbytery

May 20-28, 2016 with an optional
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Discover our Presbyterian Heritage in
Scotland and the history of the land.
Enjoy magnificent landscapes and the
welcoming, friendly people. Learn
more online at: homesteadpres.org.

CREATIVE ARTS CAMP 2015

BIG UNDER THE SEA ADVENTURE! concluded a successful week on Sunday, July 19 with movement, skit, and songs. Throughout the week, 87 children participated in the arts camp and enjoyed the ocean-themed activities. The children explored the main scripture “I will bless you with a future filled with hope — a future of success, not of suffering.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Submarine Captain Cynbad (Cyndy Maddux) and Jewel the Dolphin (Marge Tomlinson, puppeteer) led the morning assembly sharing God’s Word with their strong commands. The divers (the CAC children) helped Jewel conquer her fear & unwillingness to swim deep through the week following each day’s focus.

One of the strengths of this camp is the availability of specialized teachers from the community: Sarah Brown (movement), Samantha Matulka (music) and Jana Sesow (art). Their dedication to encourage the children to express their individuality through creativity is exceptional. These teachers make themselves available to teach CAC every year. We are very grateful for their passion to teach children.

This camp would not have been as successful without the help of the many volunteers! The decoration crew met several days in the months leading up to CAC in order to make the set and props. Other volunteers helped with registration, preparing for art and craft classes, setting and resetting rooms, making and serving snacks, and leading children. CAC 2015 was blessed to have over 30 adult volunteers and 20 youth leaders. About a half of the youth leaders were “Graduates” of CAC. Thank you to the Westminster family for making this camp possible by volunteering and donating. Because of your generosity we can offer a high quality, yet affordable arts camp. Thank you for your prayers!



Men’s Tuesday Breakfast

Program begins at 7 am.

August 4

TBA

August 11

Tim Clare

The University of Nebraska System

August 18

Rev. Andrew McDonald

Bible Study

August 25

Nick Dean

The Efforts of the Boys & Girls Club

NEW HYMNAL “GLORY to GOD”

Thank you to those who have already contributed.

We are one-third of the way to our goal!

We are looking for donors for the hymnals, at \$20 each. Hymnals purchased by the end of December 2015 will be counted as part of a matching gift! Let us celebrate our past 110 years and renew our praising voices unto the Lord! Pick up a Hymnal Donation form in the church office, or online at westminsterlincoln.org. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Boyd or Masako (402-475-6702X111 or masako@westminsterlincoln.org)

Confirmation Kick-Off!

Are you in the 8th and 9th Grade and ready to deepen your faith? 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. Dr. Christy Dempsey will be teaching this special class in the confirmation classroom (off of the youth café) on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:15.



Important Dates:

August 16: Genesis Sunday

9:15 am Parent/Confirmation meeting (REQUIRED!) to learn about confirmation, sign up for the retreat, register for confirmation, meet the leaders, & eat donuts!

August 21-23: Confirmation/Youth Retreat!

This trip is required for all confirmands. "A New Song!"

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Birth:

Congratulations to
Jame & Matthew Cartwright
on the birth of
Oliver Matthew & Wiley James
on July 3

Marriage:

Best wishes to
Kally Duling & Kenny Noth
who were married July 18

Bereavement:

Comfort for the family & friends of
Gene Deeter, who died on June 26;
Lil Albert, who died on July 15; &
Mary Ghormley, who died on July 23

Genesis Sunday: Annual Book Sale

It's that time again! August means Genesis Sunday and the Annual Book Sale. Check your shelves, your attic, and your closets for books you no longer want/need. Box them up and bring them to the Westminster Library!

From there, we will sort and categorize (anyone interested in volunteering, just ask Martha) and add to the sale tables for the week of August 16th.

We take more than just books: DVDs, CDs, games, puzzles, etc. are welcome too! Proceeds from the sale will go towards new material in the Library for your enjoyment. Please bring your donations no later than August 12.



Foundation Birthdays

Paul Blumer	Freda Gregg
Don Chandler	Pat Hackley
Jo Daniels	Carolyn McCall
Dorothy Glen	Brookley Rivera

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Reversing the Walls of Jericho

This is the first time we've been able to build a Presby-Home for a Presbyterian family, so we're REALLY excited! The Jony family has been selected to live in this home, and are members at First Presbyterian Church! Join us at 330 NW 15th St in Lincoln for a Wall Raising Party on Saturday, August 8th! The wall raising starts at 9 am, with a short service.

Originally from Sudan, Nyakoang Jony has lived in the U.S. for 20 years, and Lincoln since 2007. Nyakoang has worked at Cooks (Farmland Foods) for 6 years to support her family. She is a single mother of 5.

Interested in donating— there's still fundraising to do! You can make a donation to Homestead Presbytery and designate it for the PresbyBuild. Another option would be to buy a \$12 t-shirt, which is available for purchase between services at Westminster. All money from the shirts goes to the PresbyBuild AND you can volunteer on site in fashion.

If you're interested in being one of those fashionable volunteers (or just, you know, a regular volunteer— cuz that's cool too) and are 16 years old or older, then you can work on site! There's no experience needed— just call into Habitat for Humanity (402-477-9184) and ask for Michelle to sign-up to work on a Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from now through mid to late October. You can sign up for a half-day, full day, or to bring food for lunch.

Hungry?

You may have noticed that Adult Education will host a special guest speaker, Alex Morse, who works with the Foods Resource Bank on Sunday, August 9th. But, did you know that we are also incredibly excited to welcome Ruth Farrell to the pulpit? Ruth Farrell is the Coordinator of Presbyterian Hunger Programs, former mission co-worker in Peru and Africa, and is the treasurer of Food Resource Bank. We have the pleasure of hearing Ruth preach during all 3 services on Sunday, August 9th.

If you want more, Saturday, August 8th is the Foods Resource Bank annual meeting at St. Paul's Methodist Church (M and 11th St) from 9 am to 3 pm. The Foods Resource Bank is a Christian response to world hunger; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) is a proud part of this organization. The event is free and will include many workshops to help us understand what we, as a church, can do to become more involved. Westminster works against hunger every month through our Food Pantry, which supports 4 families.

Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry tries to make up for the shortages that many families have in the way of food supplies. Summer is a busy time, and we often see a drop off in food donations. In the last month, we've received about 165 items in our donation box. During that time, we packed 1,024 items. Thank you to those that donate food, and money and those that pack the boxes! Please continue to remember to bring your donations to the donor box at the east entrance, or designate your financial contributions to the Food Pantry the next time you are at worship.

Food & Friends

World on a Plate Fall Kick-off will be held Friday, August 28 at 6:30 PM. We will kick-off with the mission country of USA!!! What a great time to get involved in this group. Tom and Laurel Pappas have offered their home for this event. East Coast, West Coast and Southern cuisines...bring a dish, learn about mission work in the USA, and enjoy fellowship with friends.

Now is the time to sign up, contact the church office or Kathy Rohwedder at kathrohwa@yahoo.com or call (402) 202-9889.

Westminster Club welcomes you to join us as we begin our new fall program Tuesday, August 25. The programs and the catered dinner planned for this Fall will offer a wide variety that will interest everyone.

Our first program will be an exploration of the world around us through the photography of Westminster member Greg Hershberger. Greg has studied photography and honed his skills resulting in some beautiful and memorable photos which he will share with us along with some of the technical aspects of photography. Other programs this Fall on the fourth Tuesday of September and October will explore mission and music.

We meet in Cole Hall for punch and fellowship at 5:30 followed by a catered dinner and program. Cost is \$10 but first time attendees are our guests. Please bring your own table service (plate, cup, and silverware). Please call the church office (402-475-6702) by the Friday prior to the meeting to make a reservation.

W.O.W. Resumes on Wednesday nights beginning August 19th!

Join us for a family dinner, activities, and study!

Adults will have the opportunity to learn about **The Enduring Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**. 70 years after Dietrich Bonhoeffer's death at the hands of the Nazis regime, what can we learn from Bonhoeffer's writings, teachings and life? Join us for a contemporary DVD presentation of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life through this detail rich and inspiring journey by author Eric Metaxas. Individuals and Small Groups are all invited to take advantage of this opportunity to learn and discuss. No prior reading or knowledge needed—just come and learn with us—together!

W.O.W. Fellowship and Dinner 5:45-6:30 PM

DVD showing and brief discussion - 6:30- 7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19th Session 1: What is the Church? 2: Living in Christian Community

Wednesday, August 26th Session 3: Religionless Christianity 4: Come and Die

Second Sunday Lunches
will resume in September

LifeTouch

In October, members that have joined Westminster since April of 2014 will have the opportunity to take photos for the directory. Registration will be available in September.

Picture dates are:

Friday, October 2
from 2-9 pm

Saturday, October 3
from 10 am-5 pm

Young Adult Events

Plans are subject to change. Check the Westminster Church Facebook Page and The Vine for updates!

- **August 27:** 5:30-7:30
Pizza Night at Bread & Cup
- **September 17:** 6-7:30
Potluck picnic at the Sunken Gardens
- **October 15:** 6-8
Pumpkin Carving
- **November 19:** 6-8
Friendsgiving Potluck
- **December 17:** 5:30-7
Christmas Cookie Decorating

Upcoming Events & small groups



Westminster

Tour de Friends

First Sunday Ride

Sunday, August 2, at 3:30

Start: Holmes Lake Park,
parking lot #4 (by the sand
volleyball courts & restroom)

Destination: 84th St DQ

Distance: ~8 miles round trip
(Paved Trail)

Bark in the Park

Monday, August 3 at 6:35 pm

The Lincoln Salt Dogs are
once again holding "Bark in
the Park". Berm seats are
available for just \$5 for
anyone that attends the
game with their dog. If you
would like to gather before
the game and sit together,
contact Robyn Uebele at
robynu2@hotmail.com

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, August 4, 11:30 am

Golden Corral (3940 N 26th)

Join us for food and
fellowship! Questions?

Contact Jeanne Giles (402)
484.6651

Summer Choir Resumes in
August! We rehearse at 9:30 in
the Sanctuary, learning one
anthem to sing for 10:30
worship. Newcomers are most
welcome. Check out the joyful
singing & develop friendships!

Prairie Creek Inn Concert

Wednesday, August 5

All are invited to a free concert at
Prairie Creek Inn (2400 S 148th St,
Walton)! Carpool from Westminster
parking lot, departs at 5:50 pm.

Concert is 7-8:30 in the Stahr Family
renovated 1900s barn (no air condi-
tioning); seating is first-come, free
will offering, light concessions (bbq,
ice cream, soda, & water) available.
Music is a mix of gospel, folk, &
campfire music. Contact Robyn with
questions robynu2@hotmail.com.

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, August 11, 5-7 pm

Bin 105 (105 N 8th Suite #101)

RSVP to Robyn Uebele (to pre-order
appetizers). Invite a friend, have a
cocktail, and see this really unique
space and fun wine bar!

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

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, August 19

1 pm in the Parlor

"Benediction" by Kent Haruf

Facilitator: Diana Wild

Tour de Friends

Third Thursday Ride

Thursday, August 20th, at 6 pm

Start: Pinnacle Bank Arena

Destination: Holmes Lake

Details: ~16 miles round trip
(Paved Trail) Refreshments for
riders at a Haymarket restaurant
following the ride.

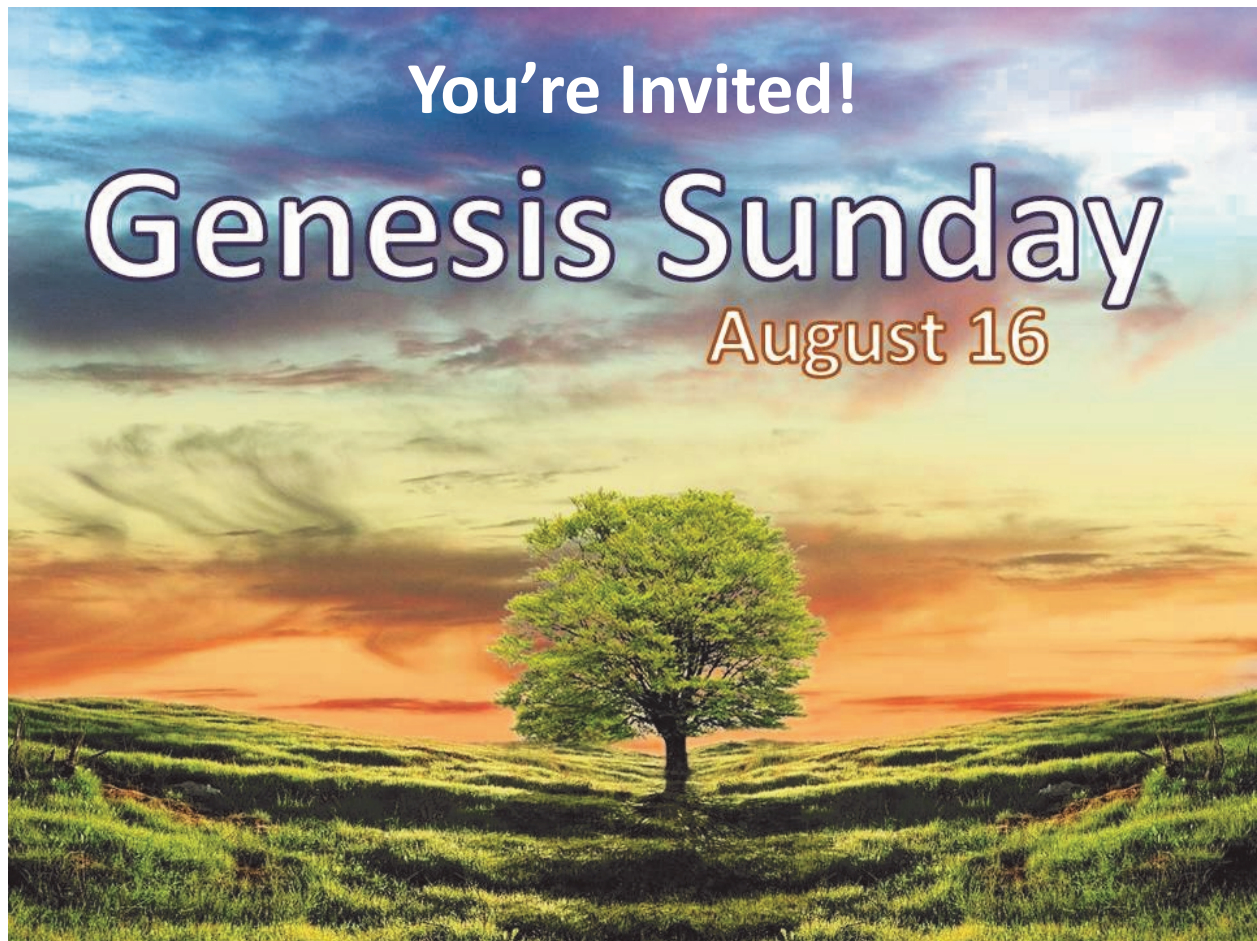
Turning Pages

Another round of Turning Pages
begins this month at the
Lancaster County Corrections
Facility. You don't need to
attend all 4 weeks to be part of
this book club. Contact Pastor
Jen for more info.





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Program, Ministry, Small Group Displays in the Garden Room
Book Sale in the Reception Area
Potluck Lunch
Games, Activities, & a BOUNCE HOUSE!

Meat & Beverages will be provided for lunch.

Please bring your own table service & serving utensil for your dish.

Families with last names beginning Q-Z bring a dessert, while A-P should bring a side dish.