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Westminster: 110 Years!

Westminster Presbyterian Church has been in ministry for 110 years as of this month! There is so much to celebrate, we will have events all year long throughout our ministries!

Please join us in worship on February 8th to kick off the 110th anniversary of the founding of Westminster. We will have special music and joyful surprises. Stay after church for a light lunch in Cole Hall at 11:30.

Worship, Music and the Arts is looking at gathering:

- 110 people to join in a mass choir/musician event this fall
- 110 people to join in a grand art project

Mission/Outreach is looking to gather:

- 110 cans of food every week to feed the hungry
- 110 trees to be planted in Pilger (spring)
- 110 school starter supplies for children (August)
- 110 scarves, hats, and mittens for the homeless (September)
- 110 people to go on a mission trip (summer)

Children and Families Ministry is looking to increase participation to:

- 110 children at Vacation Bible School
- 110 children at Creative Arts Camp
- 110 children in Sunday School
- 110 people at WOW

Small Groups would like to invite:

- 110 people to our Lenten Book Study beginning in February
- 110 people to join our small groups in the coming year
- 110 people to join in a giant bike ride with Tour de Friends

Stewardship sees a vital need to see:

- 110 people inspired to move from “givers” to “pledgers”
- 110 ideas for our “Stewardship of the Earth” (already being gathered by “Green-at-Heart”) to be implemented among the congregation

The ideas are still flowing. If you have a “110 Idea”, please share it with me or any of the Session leaders. God has blessed us so richly with this wonderful church. Most centrally, we are grateful to God for the gift of life in Christ joining us together in the mission and ministry of this wonderful church. We look forward to a great year of celebrations!

Andrew McDonald
Senior Pastor

2014 Annual Reports Edition

Reverend Dr. Andrew L. McDonald
Senior Pastor

Reverend Jennifer Strickland
Associate Pastor

Reverend Ellen Davis
Parish Associate

Cheryl Rennick
Business Administrator

Boyd Bacon
Director of Music & Fine Arts

Dr. Masako Nakamura Bacon
Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts

Suzanne Schneider
Preschool Director

Betsy Guyer
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Building & Grounds

During the past year, we continue to benefit from the forward thinking of our sanctuary remodeling. We want to give a special thanks to those who gave toward restoring and repairing our sanctuary stained glass windows in 2014: Don Hamann, Jim & Judy White, Ken & Katherine Govaerts, Pat Hackley, the family of Robert Dawson, & Gary & Faye Moulton.



The in-floor heating is truly an energy saving step forward and it WARMS our congregation. In 2014, we also took advantage of LES's grant and replaced a great deal of our light fixtures with more energy efficient ones. We want to thank Bison Electric for the assistance in this.

We replaced one of our chillers. Without this, we would have been quite warm this past summer. The freezer in the kitchen was replaced.

We continue to look at ways to make our building more efficient, accessible, & welcoming. The challenges with a building the size & age of Westminster are never ending. Thanks to the congregation, the Green At Heart, the staff, & the Buildings & Grounds committee: Dale Burrage, Theresa Burrage, Jeremy Gegg, & Jana Voracek.

Budget & Finance

The Budget and Finance Committee spent the year monitoring the church's finances on behalf of the Session and congregation. Due to the generosity of our members we were able to finish 2014 with a surplus, small, but a surplus. Our combined church budget, including the Westminster Preschool, is approximately \$1.28 million. In addition to the generous support of our members, it would be impossible for us to accomplish our fiscal goals without our church staff being fiscally responsible in all they do. Thanks to each one of them for their diligence.

The 2015 budget is a challenging one for the Session and Budget and Finance Committee asks each of our members for your continued financial support of Westminster. In particular, if you have not yet made a 2015 pledge, please do so. This small act on your part will aid the Session as it undertakes the mission and ministry of your church in the coming year.

With thanks & gratitude, Harry Seward, III & Rachel Pultz

Deacons

One of the opportunities offered by the deacons is the “Ride-to-Church”. Dan King heads up this committee and solicits drivers from the deacons and our church population. As our church family ages, the need for drivers increases. We are in constant need of help for this most appreciative service.

Deacons also visit members who cannot attend service, but wish to remain in contact with the church. This includes senior members, members with special needs, members in rehab, or others unable for other reason to come to church. We call on these members and help them stay connected with their Westminster friends.

Communion duties are divided between elders and deacons on a monthly basis. Although the rotation is posted annually, schedules change so other deacons need to step up and accept responsibility. They do.

The Deacons group hosted 17 funerals were held at Westminster during 2014. From serving coffee and cookies to providing a full lunch, the group helped many of our church families get through a most difficult time.

Our major fundraiser is the Easter Breakfast. The sale of Miller and Paine Cinnamon Rolls is a highlight of the event and this year’s presale of rolls was a record breaker! The deacons have a good time preparing for the breakfast on the day before, and an even better time Sunday morning when our guests arrive. Thanks to all church members who participated and brought guests.

Our final service projects of each year are provision of cookies each Advent Sunday and “C is for Christmas” . We provide all things beginning with a C for the chili feed— crackers, corn bread, cheese, cookies, etc. Thanks again for your participation. It has been a successful and heartwarming year. We always have room for more members to join our service and commitment to Westminster.

Willie Shafer, 2014 Moderator

Adult Education Ministry

It was our ministry’s goal to provide a variety of engaging experiences for members of WPC. There was a broad range and some offerings were innovative and unique. A highlight was our Mom’s & Dad’s Panels held on Mother’s and Father’s Days. What a tender learning and growing experience that was!

Pastor McDonald provided an outstanding study of the life, beliefs, and ministry of renowned Christian teacher and scholar, Henry Nouwen. A bonus for us was that Nouwen was one of Pastor McDonald’s seminary professors.

Adult Education Members:

Jeanne Plander
Ed Plander
Hannah Paczkowski
Dale Minter
Ken Moore
Maggie Stuckey
Tanya Hoham
Pastor Jen, staff

A once-in-a-blue-moon highlight of the year was our October series of US Senate candidates. We had the four for an hour to visit with us about a life of faith in politics and public life.

An innovation at WOW was a hobby series including “Back Pew Farmer”, geo-caching, and stained glass. Spiritual practices were emphasized with the series on Tai Chi and prayer disciplines.

Tom Pappas, Moderator

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Member Care Ministry

This Ministry has consistently had 7 members to assist in providing care to our Congregation. Our 3 Ministry Goals are covered at each meeting with the overview provided below:

Care for the Congregation:

1. This year's Cook 'n' Carry was administered by Dorrie Gage with assistance from Faye Moulton and Diana Wild. The contact method between committee members from telephone calls to group email has been highly successful. In 2014, more than 30 meals were provided.
2. The Prayer Chain has also been activated via email. When notice of an illness or needs of our members, over 40 individuals in the Prayer Chain are notified. A weekly prayer list is also provided for on-going prayer support. During 2014, almost 50 emails of prayer requests were sent. If each person prayed only once, over 2,000 prayers were provided.
3. "Older Adult Sunday" was held on May 11th. Approximately 215 cards to members over 75 invited them to attend a special service so we could honor them with carnations. We also had a table in the Garden Room during May with information on Senior Care.
4. During "C" is for Christmas, Christmas cards were sent to members who had not been to church recently. Kay Ballard prepared the cards using pictures taken at church activities and the cards were available for attendees at "C" is for Christmas to sign. Our Ministry also won the Chili Contest and proudly holds the Silver Ladle Award! The \$30 Gift Certificate received was given to Pastor Jen to be used for a youth event.

Member Care Ministry

Joyce Douglas, Moderator
Dorrie Gage
Judy Buss
Kathy Rohwedder
Susan Moore
Kay Ballard
Mary Beth Johnson
Sandra Miller
Rev. Ellen Davis, Staff

Encourage Participation in Worship:

1. Presbyterians in the Park was held on June 22nd. Even though it may appear similar each year, we have made several improvements as suggested by the Committee. We estimate over 125 individuals were served.
2. "Genesis Sunday" on August 17th was held in the Garden Room to explain our Ministry. We also helped with the pre-dinner set-up.

Watch Over & Shepherd the Congregation:

1. When the red attendance books are reviewed, we receive a list of members who have not attended church recently. These members are sent handwritten notes from our Committee Members. These notes include upcoming events they might want to participate in as well as "we miss you" thoughts.
2. Member Care also takes charge of the Church Directory. A full directory was provided in 2013 and replacement pages were distributed in February of 2014. Updating the Directory with new members is being discussed at this time. The guidelines are for a full directory every four years, with an update in-between.

February Family Night

Join us for a night of fun family fellowship celebrating the care of God's Creation!

- Families welcome with children ages pre-K through 5th grade
- Friday, February 27 (6:00-8:00 pm)
- Dinner celebrating local bounty
- Family games and activities using re-purposed & recycled materials
- Cost is \$15/family
- Reserve your spot today!



Stewardship Committee

The theme for the Westminster Stewardship Committee this year was “Gratitude”. We established three goals for the year.

- To thank the congregation at every opportunity for the generous support they give to the programs
- To increase the number of pledgers & the number of members using the auto pay feature for pledges.
- To develop an educational tool to inform new & old members of the stewardship methods used by Westminster to receive funds for the annual budget.

The first two goals were accomplished, and work continues on the third.

Consecration Sunday was held on October 26, where congregation members brought their yearly pledges to the front of the church to formally make their commitment to funding the church for 2015. The leadership of the church, elders and deacons, had turned in their pledges before Consecration Sunday to set an example for others about their dedication to the mission of the church.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 6, with entertainment by the Junior String Ensemble under the direction of Masako Bacon. Scott Young from the Lincoln Food Bank provided inspiring comments about gratitude, challenging everyone in attendance to give ten seconds per day to be grateful. Chris Pultz created an inspiring video “Consider the Great Things He has Done” with photos from Allen Wachter.

The generosity of the congregation continues to inspire our committee and the Session as we seek to be faithful to the calling we have. Many contributions are made, not all of them monetary, which extend the reach of Westminster. We are grateful to the congregation and proud to be a part of the great work God has called us to do.

Greg Hershberger, Moderator

Committee Members:

Cyndy Maddux
Scott Nelson
Susan Jackson
Mike Rasmussen
Brian Lammers
Greg Hershberger, Moderator
Rev. Andrew McDonald, Staff
Cheryl Rennick, Staff

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee works closely with the Senior Pastor to ensure the staff at Westminster is adequately positioned and funded to carry out the missions of the church. This year primarily focused on the Youth Director Positions and sufficient support for the Contemporary Worship Service. Funding is a continuing concern and the budget is closely monitored to ensure that we provide proper compensation to our dedicated employees. The Committee works within the budget established by the Session.

This year the Committee started on a review of the Job Descriptions of staff. Many were out of date, as job responsibilities evolve to meet the needs of the people we serve. We struggle to keep up with the functions and responsibilities that many of our dedicated staff assume on their own.

Our Goals this year are to complete a review of the Job Descriptions and to see that Westminster’s Policy and Procedures are reviewed by the appropriate committee.

Mahalo to the Committee– Kathy Anderson, Martha Brown, Carolyn Otte, Kent Jagers, and Dr. Andrew McDonald. Also thanks to Cheryl Rennick for her involvement in our budget discussions.

Ray Stevens, Moderator

Committee Members:

Allen Wachter, Moderator
 Carol Campbell, Vice Moderator
 Donna Wyatt
 Ken Moore
 Andrew McDonald, staff

New Member Ministry

“Go and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19

Initiatives & Celebrations

2014 saw growth in our membership & new opportunities to welcome visitors to experience Westminster.

- Hosted 6 “Journeying Together” New Member Classes
- Inspired the congregation to “Invite a Friend” to visit Westminster for worship & fellowship Genesis Sunday
- Distributed over 400 neighborhood door
- Mailed out Christmas cards to all members who joined the church in 2014
- Connected new members into the life of the church and in particular by working more closely with both Small Groups and Member Care Committees and by inviting new members to help serve at the annual Presbyterians in the Park event
- Endorsed and promoted Westminster as host for the 2014 Leadership & Growth Summit held in April
- Supported the launch of The Rising contemporary worship service and the opportunity it presents to inspire those seeking an alternative worship formant to visit Westminster
- Secured a grant from Homestead Presbytery to continue the radio ministry broadcast of Westminster’s Worship
- Grew the membership of the church in 2014 from 1,287 to 1,295

Looking ahead:

This ministry is excited about the coming year and the chance to set new goals and vision new ways to inspire the community to visit and members to welcome them, sharing the joyful spirit of Christ with them as they do, and invite visitors to join the church. We also hope to continue helping new members get connected and engaged in a lifestyle shaped by the love of Christ and the energy and passion of the Westminster members.

Nominating Committee

The 2014 Nominating Committee presented the following slate at the annual congregational meeting, held Sunday, November 16, 2014. The slate was unanimously elected.

Session (3 year)

Rob Baltensperger
 Dan Hoffman
 Sandi Larson
 Susan Moore
 Matt Nyberg
 Bob Rediger
 Joan Roberts
 Erika Schafer
 Gwen Thorpe

Session (1 year, Youth)

Thea Kerns
 Maddie Whitehead

Foundation (6 year)

John L. Hoppe Jr.
 Leslie Jaggers

Deacons (3 year)

Beth Anderzhon
 Kris Anderzhon
 Harold Bowen
 Laura Coniglio
 Ron Coniglio
 Candy Hemmer
 Shelley Kuzma
 Faye Moulton
 Gary Moulton
 Pam Oliver
 Sarah Parker
 Chip Smith
 Marilyn Smith

Deacons (1 year)

Lee Darnell
 Willie Shafer, moderator

Ushers (3 year)

Penny Ford
 Josh Lovell
 Sarah Lovell
 Carolyn McCall
 Lisa McConnell
 Steve McConnell
 Christina Nevitt
 Matt Olson
 Patty Sita
 Rock Sita
 Dorothy Smiley
 Roger Van Cleave
 Susan Horne– 1 Year

Youth Ushers

Sebastian Baillie
 Jake Kearns
 Abby Peterson
 Katie Whitehead

Ushers (8:00)

Jock Paleak
 Grace Willnerd
 Bryan Willnerd

2015 Nominating Committee

Dan Wherry– moderator
 Dorrie Gage
 Brian Lammers
 Bob Leavitt
 Debbie Minter
 Gwen Thorpe

2014 Nominating Committee

Nancy Delgado
 Jane Hines
 Marcie Ryan
 Jennifer Strand
 Dallas Waggoner
 Dan Wherry
 Gail McNair– moderator



Worship, Music, & Fine Arts Ministry

Many Thanks to members of Worship, Music, & Fine Arts Ministry for their dedicated service throughout 2014. The highlight (and major goal) of 2014 was to begin the alternate worship service. Bob Schoettger led the Alternate Worship Service Committee to coordinate the launch of the new service, The Rising. Jana Miller leads and coordinates the musicians.

Another goal of the committee was to up-grade the choir robes as the current ones are quite

worn and to have common robes for all the musicians. We are blessed to accomplish that goal from generosity through many people from just one plea in The Vine. It is overwhelming to have such support shared from the congregation. The robes have been ordered and will be delivered before Easter. Another goal for this year is to prepare to introduce “Glory to God”, the new Presbyterian hymnal, to the Westminster Congregation.

The Tomlinson family regularly takes care of worship supplies for the sanctuary and the chapel. Their diligent work improved worship experiences. Martha Kingsbury serves as a librarian to keep choir music orderly. A group of faithful people provide communion bread for 8 AM worship. We are grateful for these quiet, yet indispensable, services to God.

Our special thanks to the AV team who handle sound and video every Sunday. Their ministry allows Westminster to provide worship services on television and the website. The radio ministry allows people who are not able to attend church the chance to listen to the sermon from anywhere, at any time.

Our celebration is our growing ministry: new members have joined the Westminster Carillon, Westminster Choir, Junior String Ensemble, and 85 children are registered for Creative Arts Camp in July.

Committee Members:

Steve Hughes, moderator
 Bob Schoettger, vice moderator
 Scott Colborn
 Martha Kingsbury
 Mary Tomlinson
 Mike Tomlinson
 Sydne Wirrick-Knox
 Boyd Bacon, staff
 Masako Bacon, staff

8 AM Communion Guild:

Nancy Dawson
 Pat Hackley
 Pat Leach
 Marilyn Maude
 Lynn McCown
 Karen Stevens
 Gwen Thorpe

A.V. Crew:

Chris Pultz
 Jeff Adamson
 Todd Eno
 Mike Dempsey
 Liam Dempsey

The committee goal for 2015 is to support worship & art related events:

March– Lenten Special Music
 Nebraska Brass Concert

April– Holy Week Worship Service
 Easter
 Children’s Musical Scene
 Heritage Sunday

May– Music Sunday
 Alleluia Ringers Concert

June– Presbyterians in the Park

July– Creative Arts Camp

August– Genesis Sunday

September– Hymn Festival

October– Children’s Fall Musical

November– Hosting a Guest Choir
 Advent Decoration

December– Children’s Christmas Pageant
 Choir Advent Special Music
 Christmas Eve

Youth And Young Adults Ministry

The Youth and Young Adults Committee (YAYA) oversees the programs and activities that educate, entertain, and celebrate the young adults of Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 2014, YAYA saw excellent growth in attendance for the middle school youth group, WOW XL, led by Devon Nelson. The growth in the High School age group was also very good under the tutelage of Claire Eckstrom.

YAYA Members
Mark Davis, Moderator
Sarah Gergen
Christy Dempsey
Claire Eckstrom
Devon Nelson
Liz Uebele
Quinn Van Dyke Ries
Rev. Jennifer Strickland, Staff

We will continue to promote both important programs for the youth of Westminster and appreciate the help of the parents in making these programs a success by having their kids attend. Having all the young adults of WPC active in the youth groups and Sunday School classes is the most important contribution of the parents and we appreciate their help immensely.

Activities, such as the overnight lock-in, Calvin Crest retreats, laser tag, rock wall climbing, and the bonfire at the Chapp residence help make youth group fun. These events are a great way for all the kids to experience Christ in a supportive environment of friendship and family. We always say 'the more the merrier', so encourage your kids to be involved.

YAYA also coordinates the confirmation program at Westminster. Confirmation is an important part of the faith journey in all our lives. The confirmands participate in a superior program of learning, which assists them as they walk along the path of their faith. The Westminster confirmands are in the very capable hands of Christy Dempsey, for which the members of YAYA are very grateful. We look forward to continued growth, both spiritually and in attendance in 2015.

— Mark Davis, Moderator

Children & Families Ministry

- Sunday School averages 60 children weekly (pre-K through 5th). Expansion of Sunday School leadership team will include many members of our congregation
- We have over 100 Hearts and Hands serving and teaching our young this year, with almost 1 in 5 from the expanded congregation.
- The Sunday School offering in 2014 was used to purchase backpacks for the backpack program
- NEW for 2014-15 School Year is the advanced attendance tracking system for Faith Village. Students are scanned into the computer each week, providing us with more accurate numbers and quick ability to see who is missing from our flock.
- Family Fellowship Night in February featured a Pirate theme and offered families time to have a meal, watch a movie, and play games together.
- Vacation Bible School continues to be a cornerstone of summer. This year's Workshop of Wonders, under the direction of Carrie Lee, had 120+ children being encouraged to grow & build their faith in God.
- Drama Camp featured "Treasure Island" and allowed students K-8 to put on a complete production in a week's time. Leadership was again The Missoula Children's Theater, under the direction of Betsy Guyer.
- 'Eggstravaganza' was our largest community Easter event to date with over 200 children in attendance! They participated in games, crafts, songs, the Easter story, and a massive egg hunt!
- 'Spooktacular' continues to be a popular community event, with nearly 400 children attending. Special guests from the community included the Bookmobile, the firefighters, and neighborhood businesses (who also provided trunks).

Children & Families Ministry
Emily Killham, Moderator Stacy Graham
Karen Hoffman Carrie Lee
Rob Bennetts Kelly Braswell
Amy Neemann Sonia Harford
Sara Baltensperger Betsy Guyer, Staff

Administrative & Planning Committee

The A&P Committee's work for this year centered on goal setting for both the current year and the next. As a group we spent the majority of our time monitoring progress of committee goals during the year. This being the second year of this process, we felt it has added progress and coordination of each ministries efforts.

We prepared a brief overview of the church long-range plans based on any outstanding objectives from previous strategic plans and feedback that emerged from the associate pastor search.

We have requested each ministry committee consider and forward provisional objectives to serve as a starting point for the Session Retreat at the end of January 2015. In addition, we've asked each group to consider objective measures for these goals to more easily track and measure their progress.

In November, the committee review various duties and responsibilities as part for the new third service "The Rising". We have requested each ministry adopt these items that can best be incorporated into their committee's oversight.

A&P Members:

Andrew McDonald,
Staff

Gwen Thorpe

Dave Atkinson

Shalla Young

Jim Smith, Moderator

Finally, Administration & Planning was able to review various leadership and moderator assignments for the coming year. Those leadership positions were reviewed with the Session to become effective in the New Year.

We had a lot of good discussion and ideas to help goal-setting and programming for the future. We are blessed to have a small, but diligent group of committee members working for this congregation.

— Jim Smith, Moderator

Westminster Foundation

The Westminster Foundation exists to support the ministries of our congregation. It has endowment funds to support specific ministries, as well as a general fund that helps to enhance the general work of the congregation.

The Foundation, in partnership with the Session, identified 6 strategic areas vital for the future of Westminster. Our shared vision is to grow endowments in these areas in the next few years. Growth will come from people who feel God has blessed them to be a blessing to future generations. In 2014, we received the following:

- Stain Glass Window Endowment: \$1,485, we need an additional \$39,434 to reach our goal
- Facilities Endowment: \$500; we need an additional \$1,245,450 to reach our goal
- Preschool scholarship Endowment: \$3,530 for continued help for young children in our community
- General Purpose Endowment: \$6,600 was received through memorials
- Worship & Music: \$1,110 was received through memorials
- Foundation Birthday Club: \$12,156 was received to add to the Foundation's General Fund
- A new youth-oriented endowment was started with a gift of \$25,729

We want to express our sincere and deepest thank you to all of the individuals and families that included the Foundation as a onetime gift or through memorial gifts. Your continued support has grown our Foundation.

Gifts in memory of: Carolyn Taylor, Dick Skelley, Jud Douglas, Ken Daniels, Larry Ehlers, Mary Swanson, and Deloris Larsen were received by the Foundation in 2014. Other Gifts: Jim and Ginger Nissen.

Foundation Trustees:

Jody Batten

Lillie Larsen

Jim Nissen

Kevin Harford

Karen Janovy

Ken Koop

Marilyn Maude

Ross McCown

Allen Moore

Julie Olson

Bill Roper

Ron Wachter

Harry Seward, Session

Andrew McDonald, staff

Cheryl Rennick, staff

Small Groups Committee

Westminster Small Groups are as diverse as the members of our church. Our mission is to serve as a resource connecting members with each other in order to foster experiences of belonging, growth, and service.

New Friendship & Fellowship Groups: *World on a Plate* members explored international cuisine and Presbyterian missions every month. Other group formation included the *Young Adult Group* for singles and couples and *Silver Screenings*, a movie buff group.

New Sports & Recreation Groups: A new cycling group, *Tour de Friends*, took off this past year. Members cycled twice a month, spring through fall. Another creative small group, *Yoga for the Soul* was held in the sanctuary on the last Monday of each month.

Mission & Discipleship: *Turning Pages*, *Knit at Home*, and *Green @ Heart* groups reached out in mission this past year. For more information, go to the Westminster Church website westminsterlincoln.org, go to Small Groups under the Opportunities link.

Bible and Book Study Groups: In the fall of 2014, a congregation-wide book study took place. 13 different groups gathered for a 6-week discussion of the book *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion* by Martin Thielen.

small Westminister groups

Groups are forming and starting a Lenten Study this month. 2 books have been chosen by Small Groups Ministry. Small Group committee members will be in the Garden Room February 1 and 15 to help answer questions, sell books, and help people connect with a group if they are interested in joining others for discussion.

Westminster Bible Class Sundays at 9:00 AM

February 1: Feasting & Fasting
Daniel 1:5, 8-17 & Matthew 6:16-18
Led by Kent Wolfe

February 8: Serving Neighbors,
Serving God
Luke 10:25-34
Led by Ellen Davis

February 15: Serving the Least
Matthew 25:31-36
Led by Bill North

February 22: Clothed and Ready
Ephesians 6:10-20
Led by Kent Wolfe

Book #1: 24 Hours that Changed the World

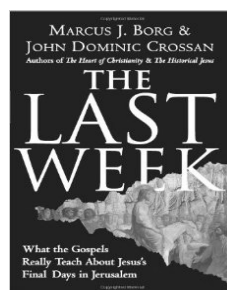
In his best-selling book, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, pastor and author Adam Hamilton helped readers relive, experience, and understand the significance of Jesus' final hours.

Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land for a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. (\$8.00)



Book #2: The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem

Top Jesus scholars Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan join to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus. As both authors reacted to and responded to questions about Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, they discovered that many Christians are unclear on the details of events during the week leading to Jesus' crucifixion.



Using the Gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg & Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus' final week of life. Beginning on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry is Roman governor, Pontius Pilate & Roman soldiers, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new hero, praised by the people as he rode in on a donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg & Crossan is a more dangerous Jesus than the one in traditional church teachings. (\$12.00)

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11:30 AM
Sakura China Buffet (6145 O St)

Gospel Mass

The Choir invites you to join them for this music event on March 15! Wednesday rehearsals begin February 4, 8-9 pm

Second Sunday

February 8
An extra special lunch to celebrate 110 years of Westminster! Meal: 3 types of Baked Pasta, Salad, & Cheesy Garlic Bread

History Buffs

Saturday, Feb. 14, 9:00 AM
"Civil War Washington"
Dr. Kenneth J. Winkle Sorensen
Professor of American History,
UNL

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, Feb. 17,
5:00-7:00 PM Schilling Bridge
Cork & Tap House (575 Fallbrook Blvd Suite 109)

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, Feb. 18 1:00 PM
in the Parlor
"The Light Between Oceans"
By M.L. Stedman
Layne Pierce Lincoln City Libraries & Coordinator One Book, One Lincoln

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 18 at 7:00 pm
Alleluia! Amen! and Westminster Choir will sing for this special service. Let's begin this year's Lenten Journey together with Ash Wednesday Worship .

Cherub Choir (Age 3-preK)
6:30-6:55pm in Room 210 E.
Alleluia! Amen (K-5)
6:30 pm & will move to the sanctuary with the director. They will be seated after they sing.

Barky Parky Pack

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1:00-2:30 PM
National "Love Your Pet Day"
Frank Shoemaker Marsh
(N 27th & Bluff Rd.)

Lenten Devotions

Wednesdays during Lent
Begins February 25 at 6:20pm
Pastor Jen will lead in the Chapel

NEBRASKA BRASS CONCERT

March 1, 2015 at 3 PM
*Music of the Americas —
From Pole to Pole*

Enjoy the wonderful sounds of brass to blow your winter blues away. Watch out for coupons in the bulletin, exclusively for Westminster families.

Presbyterian Women

Circle 3
Friday, Feb. 6 at 10 AM
4400 S. 80th St #224
Jean Patoka
(402-488-1833)

Circle 4
Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 PM
2650 Calvert
Faye Moulton
(402-423-7608)

Circle 5
Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 10 AM
Pat Hackley
(402-423-2909)

Circle 6
Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 PM
Jane Hines
(402-488-8302)

Men's Tuesday AM Breakfast

All Westminster men are invited on Tuesday mornings for food, fellowship, and learning in Westminster's Parlor. Breakfast (only \$2 and FREE for first timers) is available by 6:30AM. The program follows at 7, and dismissal is by 8 AM.

February 3
Humor in Retirement
Ken Moore

February 10
History of the Nebraska State Capitol Building
Bob Morey

February 17
Bible Study
Dr. Andrew McDonald

February 24
21st Century Libraries
Pat Leach, Library Director,
Lincoln City Libraries

Foundation Birthday Club

The following members celebrated birthdays during January & renewed or became members of the Foundation Birthday Club.

Arlen Beam	June Blatt	Dwain Carlson
Ruth Elwell	Gen Schmidt	Ernie Hines
Cliff Hollestelle	Barbara Jones	Pam Martin
Todd Peterson	Larry Shafer	Nancy Stuckey
Amber Winter	Donna Wyatt	



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Save the Date: April 30, 2015

An invitation will be coming to you soon
to join us for dinner
at the Embassy Suites
in downtown Lincoln, NE

In celebration of
the 110th anniversary of the founding of
Westminster Presbyterian Church,
& the 60th anniversary of the founding of
The Westminster Foundation.

Great food, lots of friends, joyful laughter, wonderful music,
and some very special surprises.

Save the date. More information will be coming your way soon.

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A hash tag (#) is used in social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc) to categorize a post (picture, statement, event) under a certain topic. Using the **#BlessedToBeaBlessing** tag in social media this year is one way for us to track all posts about Westminster and the exciting events we are doing to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the founding of Westminster Presbyterian Church.