



The summer camps at Westminster are a joy to behold. The children make friends and grow in their faith. Nothing is more precious than seeing their wonderful faces. The church owes a great round of thanks to all the teachers, volunteers, storytellers, and helpers who make these camps so vibrant. To all those who helped



with Vacation Bible School or who will help with Creative Arts Camp – THANK YOU! The whole congregation, the parents and the children are grateful!

Sincerely,
Andrew McDonald





The *rising*

Invite a friend and come worship in a new way this summer with a local special guest musician!

July 5: Daniel Christian

Nashville recording artist Daniel Christian was a high school English teacher for 5 years before making music his full-time occupation in 2008. He has since won 2 National Country Music Festival awards, and earned 7 Omaha Entertainment Award nominations in his native Nebraska, including Best Singer-Songwriter, Best Alternative/

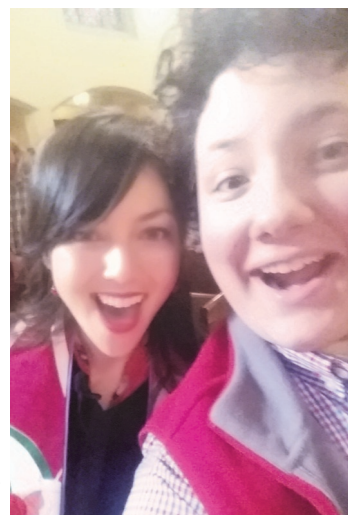
Indie Artist, Best Christian/Gospel, and Artist of the Year. His debut album, *I Am Merely Sand* (released in 2007) includes the song "New Sun Rising," which charted on the International Association of Independent Recording Artists' Top 100. He is a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the Nebraska Arts Council, and is a founding member of Nebraska's chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Association International. In 2014, Daniel completed a coast-to-coast tour of the US.

When God Calls...

It's a bitter sweet moment as we look forward to the youth mission trip later this month. We are excited to send the kids off to experience God's love through service and have them return and share their experiences. However, not too eager for the trip to end, as that brings the end of Colton Langsam's time with Westminster as the High School Youth Director. Colton will be moving back home to Lutz, Florida to join Air National Guard and spend time with his family, especially his mom as she has become sick during his time away.

Though he's only been here a year, it's been an incredible learning experience. During Colton's time at Westminster, he shared that his favorite thing was the weather; he was especially excited to see snow for the first time—a true Nebraska memory. But, even more sincerely, Colton grew to love and appreciate the people at Westminster for their willingness to open their arms and accept him. The high schoolers accepted him so thoroughly, that it didn't take long to find all his embarrassing Instagram photos, reminding Colton the power social media has and the bonding formed through laughter.

Colton says "I will miss the kids most." But working at Westminster, with our youth, has shown Colton what God is calling him to do. "I definitely want to go to seminary because of my experiences here." We can proudly and warmly wish Colton the best as he moves forward in his pursuit of God's calling.



Mission Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE! Neighbor Helping Neighbor project is on October 3, 2015. Those interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Moore.

Presby Build: Presbyterian Congregations are partnering with Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity to raise funds to help build a Habitat home in our community.

During July, there will be sign-up opportunities for Westminster members to volunteer with Presby Build! Men and women are needed to work at the site and provide lunch for volunteers. There are countless opportunities to help beginning in August through October. Please consider signing up!



TABLE TALK:

WHY JOIN WORLD ON A PLATE?

World on a Plate is a small group that focuses each month on mission PCUSA co-workers throughout the world and their ministries. Over delicious food, we learn about their mission work, challenges, and achievements in their respective countries and pray for their ministries and people of their country.

So why should you join in August? You'll have your own reasons, but here are a few reasons why others have joined:

"David and I have participated in the World on a Plate [WoaP] small groups over the last 12 months, primarily **because we were personally invited**. Diana Wild [...] extended to us an enthusiastic invitation to join her group. We have enjoyed the opportunities to explore the cuisine of multiple countries and share meals with folks that we didn't really know other than in passing. **Learning more** about the assigned country and Christian mission projects has piqued our interests, and the resulting **fellowship has really extended our enjoyment**." —Alice Szabat

"I have been enlightened by World on a Plate in several ways. I really like the notion of choosing a country and **researching and preparing "authentic" recipes that are new to me**. I have **learned so much** about mission work that Presbyterians are doing in places that I wouldn't have suspected. **It's also fun to dine** [...] with church friends whom I don't routinely encounter."

— Tom Pappas



"**Food is the great uniter**. Everyone eats, and hospitality over a meal is a source of universal enjoyment. There is a unique **sense of adventure** that accompanies trying the food and flavors of another country and culture. On the way, we **learn** about history, politics, and faith. [...] **World on a Plate honors both the mission of the church worldwide and the local cuisine** that gives nourishment." — Kathy & Doug Karsting

The Age of Reform:

The Religious Reformations of the 16th Century

Adult Education, Sundays, 9 am, Lounge

Join Dr. Christy Dempsey as she leads us on a brief survey of the Protestant Reformation from its beginning in 1517 to the end of the Thirty Years' War in 1648. Learn how the reformation contributed to modern denominationalism and also to an individual Christian consciousness.



July 5: On the Eve of Reform— We will look at the Medieval Church and the challenges placed on it by humanist scholarship, clerical abuses, and growing secularism.

July 12: A Christian Conscience— Meet the individuals who called for reform in the church and their mission to restore the church of Christ.

July 18: Confessionalization— How do individuals calling for reform create identifiable denominations within the Christian tradition? We will learn about a

process historians call “confessionalization” as second generation reformers clearly define their beliefs, thus creating the “confessional” churches.

July 26: A New World— What is the impact of the reformation? While we think of the reformation as a “religious event” the changes in church identity impacted all of European society. We will learn how the Reformation impacted European society from politics to education, from demographics to social mobility.

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

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME
July 5	Micah 2:4-11	No Rest for the Wicked
July 12	Micah 3:5-12	No Tolerance for Corrupt Leaders & Prophets
July 19	Micah 6:3-8	Justice, Love, & Humility
July 26	Micah 7:14-20	God Shows Clemency

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Program begins at 7 am

July 7

Bible Study

Rev. Ellen Davis

July 14

Financial Care-giving
in Families

Kristy Plander;

Dean of Nursing
Studies at Bryan
Hospital

July 21

Bible Study

Rev. Jennifer Strickland

July 28

YMCA Activities &
Future Goals

Chris Klingberger;

Sr Director
Northeast YMCA

Scottish Pilgrimage with Homestead Presbytery

May 20-28, 2016 with an optional Ireland extension
May 28-June 1, 2016

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.

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

We had a lot of great activities and education opportunities in May as we celebrated Creation Care! Here's what a few people had to say about some things we did:

Kid's Nature Bingo Game:

"It was fun to look for things."
— Louisa McConnell

Back Pew Farmer:

"Sarah Browning[']s ...] presentation on how changes in climate will effect gardening in Nebraska gave rise to a lively question and answer period."
— Michael Gregg

"George Edgar provided real down-to-earth views such as mulching grass clippings substitutes for fertilization, and using a 2" auger can easily substitute for the backbreaking job of turning compost."
— Bob Leavitt

Adult Education:

"The Divestment class created a great conversation between Bryan and me regarding the companies and industries that we want to support while saving for retirement. The light bulb lit up in my head when I realized that even though I may not shop or support certain retailers or companies I have been supporting them through my mutual funds."
— Grace Willnerd

Fair Trade Coffee:

"With fair trade coffee, you know your dollars are going to support the small farmer [...] and benefit local community development."
— Kathy Karsting

Creation Celebration



Garden Walk:

"It was a beautiful day and fun to see people's yards; I learned so much and got some ideas for my own landscape."
— Lavon McBride

"God's bountiful hand was visible in each of the beautiful and unique gardens on display for the Garden Walk. It was a wonderful experience!"
— Marilyn Maude

Congratulations to the 94 champions who took the *Creation Care 110 Challenge*.
trying out a total of (drumroll, please) **112 New Acts of Creation Care!**

Check out the **HUGE** list of Creation Care Acts online under Recent News!

NEW HYMNAL “GLORY to GOD”

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Birth:

Congratulations to
Amanda & Will
Holman on the birth
of Deacon Joseph,
born June 3

Dani & Adam
Breitbart on the
birth of Benjamin
Robert, born June 23;
grandparents Mary
Kay & Bob Schoettger

Marriage:

Best wishes to
Nicole Johnson &
Justin Hywood
who were married on
June 6;

Traci Vrbka & Erik
Nore who were
married on June 12

Baptisms:

Holten Lee,
son of Erin & Ryan
Michaud;
Jenna Elizabeth,
daughter of Kristin &
Curtis Adkins;
Jackson Powell, Tay-
lor, & Brody Powell

Bereavement:

Comfort for the family
& friends of Elaine
Usher, who died on
June 3

Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Ministry has set a goal to introduce the new Presbyterian hymnal. It has been introduced to many churches beyond the Presbyterian denomination because of its high quality.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA began a new hymnal project in 2004. The committee carefully gathered hymns from earlier renditions of Presbyterian hymnals as well as other resources. This new hymnal includes:

1. Old beloved hymns (“I Love to Tell the Story”, “It is Well with My Soul”, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”, “His Eye is on the Sparrow”, etc)
2. Re-examination of language on both theological & social perspectives
3. Many global songs and selections from Taizé and Iona communities
4. Praise songs and 21st Century Hymns
5. More hymns (853!)

If you would like to see the contents of the hymnal, go to:
presbyterianhymnalproject.com/sneakpeek.html

Worship, Music & Fine Arts Committee asks your help for this new hymnal drive. 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!

You are invited to dedicate your purchased hymnals in honor or memory of a loved one. The dedications will be printed on the inside cover of the hymnal.

Please fill out the form below and return it with a check to the Westminster Hymnal Fund. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Boyd or Masako (402-475-6702X111 or masako@westminsterlincoln.org)

Let us celebrate our past 110 years and renew our praising voices unto the Lord!

I/We would like to donate!

Number of Hymnals _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Please Circle one: In memory of Dedicated to In honor of

Name(s) _____

Donor(s) _____

Upcoming Events & small groups



Westminster

groups

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

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, July 7, at 11:30 am
Knolls Country Club
(2201 Old Cheney Rd)
This will be the last chance to
eat here before it closes. Come
enjoy food and fellowship!

Tour de Friends

Second Sunday Ride

Sunday, July 12, at 3:30
Start: Holmes Lake Park,
parking lot #4 (by the sand
volleyball courts and restroom)
Destination: 84th St DQ
Distance: ~8 miles
round trip (Paved
Trail)



tourdefriends

Ladies Night Out

Monday, July 13, 5-7 pm
La Paz Mexican Restaurant
321 Cotner Blvd.
No RSVP needed; bring a friend
and gather for an appetizer and
cocktail!

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, July 15
1 pm in the Parlor
"The Boys in the Boat"
by Daniel Brown
Facilitator: Linda Burchard

Youth Mission Trip

July 12-17
The Youth are headed to Mil-
waukee, WI to share and learn
about God's Love through acts
of service. Please keep them in
your prayers!

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

Genesis Sunday

August 16

Confirmation Welcome Meeting

August 16 at 9:15 am
Youth Room

Youth Retreat Dates

August 21-23
All Youth Retreat at Camp
Calvin Crest!

Westminster Club

Upcoming dates for the Fall:
August 25
September 22
October 27

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

Foundation Birthdays

Marybell Avery
Rich Batten
Lynn & Ellen Davis (anniversary)
Lyudmila Fomina
Carol Jean Glenn
Kim Kubick
Earl Lampshire
Ginger Nissen
Maggie Stuckey
Jane Voorhies
Orlin Webert



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



Creative Arts Camp

July 13-17 // 9 am to Noon

Put **CAC Big Under the Sea Adventure!** on your calendar for this summer for your K-5th graders! We will dive deep as we explore creativity.

\$45/child

\$90/2 kids

\$100 max/family

Registration is available through Saturday, July 11th online at:

www.westminsterlincoln.org

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