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## WESTMINSTER'S WILD BIRD SANCTUARY

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It's a bat! It's a plane?

No, it's a Chimney Swift!

Near sundown in the last few weeks, you may have seen a beautiful sight: swirls made up of hundreds of Chimney Swifts (a type of bird commonly mistaken for bats) swooping in to roost in the church's chimneys for the night. That's how conservation photographer Michael Forsberg became aware of the local populations of Chimney Swifts - he looked up and noticed the birds flocking to the chimneys at Westminster, which prompted a new photographic study centered on the swifts.

"I thought it was a good story to tell," Forsberg says.

Westminster is one of only two sites in Lincoln that hosts significant populations of Chimney Swifts; the other is Irving Middle School. Both structures have large chimneys, which, as the name suggests, is where Chimney Swifts make their homes. Westminster is unique, though; it's the only site where the swifts both roost *and* nest. Roosting sites are where the birds sleep for the night; nesting sites are more permanent places where the birds build nests and hatch their young.



*Photo by Michael Forsberg*

Chimney Swifts are classified as "near threatened" by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, with an estimated population of about 15 million. The trouble, Forsberg explains, has to do with the disappearance of their homes. In the U.S., the birds lived in huge tree cavities. As the push for urbanization grew, those trees were felled and replaced with buildings. The birds adapted, making chimneys their new homes.

But modern buildings often lack old-fashioned chimneys or have been retrofitted with grates to make the chimneys uninhabitable to birds. This is a problem for Chimney Swifts, which spend May through September in North America before migrating to the upper Amazon Basin for the winter. Without places to live, the birds cannot thrive, and their populations decline.

In early May, Forsberg and his team set up equipment around the chimneys at Westminster to document the swifts' behavior patterns. For a few minutes each night, remote cameras capture still images, video, and audio of the birds in an attempt to learn more about what makes them roost, nest, and otherwise tick. Forsberg says they've only just scratched the surface of the project so far - he anticipates having "lots of neat stuff to show" by fall.

Forsberg, a Westminster Presbyterian alum and photographer of more than 20 years, believes conservation is more important now than ever. Westminster is a sanctuary for more than just people; we are a sanctuary for these beautiful birds. Just before dusk, all you need to do is step outside and look up.

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# COMPLETE THE TITLE: VACATION BIBLE

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Vacation Bible School should probably be renamed. Yes, VBS takes place during summer vacation. Yes, the Bible is at the center of the VBS experience. But *school*?! No way!

Instead, how about:

- **“Vacation Bible Excitement”** - kids come for singing, skits, and games, and are filled with excitement about the Lord.
- **“Vacation Bible Experience”** - children are immersed in Bible stories through creative storytelling, scientific experiments, and meaningful crafts.
- **“Vacation Bible Adventure”** - children learn about kids around the world who are making a difference in their communities.
- **“Vacation Bible Meditation”** - pray and listen for God’s voice!
- **“Vacation Bible Journey”** - as children journey through stories from the Bible and learn about our neighbors around the world, doors to understanding and friendship are opened.
- **“Vacation Bible Escapade”** - no stones left unturned, no questions avoided; children are encouraged to express their faith.
- **“Vacation Bible Motivation”** - God calls us to be neighbors to people both near and far.
- **“Vacation Bible Expression”** - children will share their experience at 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, June 23 at Antelope Park, as part of Presbyterians in the Park.
- **“Vacation Bible Renewal”** - the teens and adults who so graciously give their time and talents are amazed at the way God can speak to them through the voices and actions of the children. Adults are renewed in faith through their service.

There are so many ways to experience VBS at Westminster! Please join us for this life-changing, deal-breaking, Spirit-filled week and complete the title of your choosing.

**For more information, contact:**

Betsy Guyer  
[betsy@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:betsy@westminsterlincoln.org)  
402.475.6702 x107

## Come one, come all!

There’s a party under the big top this summer! Join us for  
**“Everywhere Fun Fair”**  
Vacation Bible School:  
**June 17-21, 9 a.m.-noon.**  
See page 11 for registration!

# SMALL GROUPS - MAKE A CONNECTION!

## CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

### 2ND ANNUAL SUMMER CAMPOUT

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Want a way to REALLY enjoy fellowship and the great outdoors at the same time? Come join the fun on **Friday, June 21** at **Wagon Train State Recreation Area** for Westminster's second annual summer campout!

The plan is to gather there around 5 p.m. and enjoy a potluck supper at 7 p.m., followed by a campfire marshmallow roast at 9 p.m. Please bring your own meat to grill and drinks for the potluck; groups will be assigned to bring another dish (fruit, salad, dessert, etc.) to share.

Plan to camp out overnight and prolong the experience until the next day! Wagon Train is located just south of Lincoln and has an excellent lake for boating or fishing, so bring equipment if you've got it.

Fees for this excursion are: \$7 for tents; \$5 or a state park sticker for admittance.

Last year's event was a lot of fun, and we expect this year's campout to be even better. Will YOU be part of it? We hope you will join us!



#### Questions? Contact:

Rob Bennetts  
402.783.3094

Bruce Sheffield  
402.783.0394

*Please contact Bruce Sheffield  
to RSVP.*

**If you enjoy camping, you might also enjoy ...**

### SUMMER CAMPS AT CALVIN CREST: EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES!

Children, youth, and families can all experience a wide variety of unique opportunities for spiritual, emotional, and physical growth with summer camps at Calvin Crest! Nearly two dozen different camp experiences are available this year. Activities include traditional worship and Bible study, horseback riding, mountain biking, swimming, hiking, and nature education. For details on available camps, pick up a brochure in the information racks or log on to [calvincrest.org](http://calvincrest.org). Scholarships are available!

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**Celebrate summer!**  
**Ladies' Night Out planned for June 25**

Calling ladies of all ages and walks of life - you are invited to Ladies' Night Out! This exciting social event is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 25**. Plan to join us at **Cliff's Lounge South** (5310 S. 56th St., in the

Edgewood Shopping Center) from **5 to 7 p.m.** Small Groups Ministry will provide appetizers for the group that gathers, and will accept a small donation for those who wish to partake.

No RSVP is needed to join the fun at Ladies' Night Out! All ladies are welcome; there's no need to be a member at Westminster. Invite your friends, mothers, sisters, daughters, and neighbors to join you!

Questions about Ladies' Night Out can be directed to Maggie Stuckey: [magjostu@gmail.com](mailto:magjostu@gmail.com).



**If you enjoy social gastronomic gatherings, you might also enjoy ...**

**LUNCH BUNCH - JUNE 4**

The Lunch Bunch is a long-running intergenerational fellowship group that usually meets for lunch and lively conversation on the first Tuesday of every month. Guests and newcomers of all ages are always welcome to join the group! Transportation is available for those who need a ride, too.

June's gathering will be held at **11:30 a.m.** on **June 4** at the **Cracker Barrel Old Country Store**, located at 6900 N. 27th St. This restaurant was chosen in an attempt to visit different areas of Lincoln during the warmer summer months. Cracker Barrel's menu features hometown cooking and breakfast dishes served all day.

Please RSVP to Jeanne Giles at 402.484.6651 by June 3 so adequate seating can be arranged for this outing. The Lunch Bunch hopes to see you soon!

**Create your own  
dinner group!**

Dinner groups have a long history of being formed at Westminster. Adults of varying ages, marital status and gender can gather in homes or go out for dinner and fellowship. Why not start your own Small Group and see what fun and friendship unfolds? Contact Small Groups Ministry for more information on getting a gathering of your own going!

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## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

### **Older Adult Sunday June 9**

Westminster will honor members of our congregation age 75 and older at 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship on **Sunday, June 9**. Flowers will be given to these members as they arrive on Sunday morning, and refreshments in the Garden Room will follow worship.

We look forward to celebrating the faithfulness of our older members on Older Adult Sunday. Please plan to join us!



### **Canned Fruit Month continues!**

The featured item for June at the Westminster Food Pantry will be canned fruit. Please remember to bring extra cans of fruit along with your regular weekly grocery donations! Boxes with lids are also needed. Thanks for your continued support!

*- Hank and Nora Hinrichs*

### **Get your VROOM on! Classic Car Show June 23**



Westminster's annual **Classic Car Show** will zoom into Antelope Park on **Sunday, June 23**. This exhibit is open to all classic forms of mechanical transport: 4-, 3-, or 2-wheeled; cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles; ancient and modern. Any member of the congregation is welcome to display vehicles!

For more information, contact:

**Michael Gregg (402.423.3236)**  
or **Steve Hughes (402.450.2524)**

### **A Farewell to Tiffany**

We have been blessed by the work of Tiffany Mullison for the past two years. At that time, we had some staff transitions taking place and Tiffany stepped in to lend a hand. Her position was an experiment to test out some new ideas, with the funding in something of a "grant" overseen by the Pastor and Personnel Committee. As the end of those funds has come about, we want to say a huge thank you to Tiffany for her hard work, her creativity, her joyful friendliness, and her boundless energy. She has been a blessing to Westminster. We are grateful to her and want to say "Thank you" for all she has done. We wish her all the best.



## TOP FIVE REASONS TO JOIN SUMMER CHOIR:

- ♪ Practice what the Bible tells us - *"Sing praises to the Lord."*
- ♪ Build your muscles! (By climbing up and down the stairs to the choir loft in the Sanctuary)
- ♪ Participate in the joy of singing. (Or simply discover the joy of singing.)
- ♪ Free cardiovascular exercise!
- ♪ Enjoy wonderful friendship and fellowship with other Westminster members!

**Summer Choir begins June 2.** To join, simply come to the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in June. You'll learn the music to be sung at 10:30 a.m. worship that day.

This is a "one Sunday at a time" commitment - join us whenever you are available!

### Calling Dukes and Duchesses for "Kingdom Quest"!

*Hear ye, hear ye!* Creative Arts Camp (July 15-19) seeks Dukes and Duchesses (volunteers) to help the Knights (children) prepare for their quest. **You too can join the quest for God's Kingdom!** Lend your leadership skills for checking in children with a warm welcome at registration, helping with crafts and activities, shepherding children between camp sessions, and more. Contact Masako to sign up: 402.475.6702 x111 or [masako@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:masako@westminsterlincoln.org).

### Can you hear the bells?

Join Westminster Carillon and Youth Bells for an exciting early summer handbell concert on **Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m.** Come to the **Landing** (3500 Falkner Dr., near Hy-Vee) to hear the beautiful bells!

**If you enjoy music, fine arts, and worship, you might also enjoy ...**

### Synod School 2013: "Belonging to God" July 21-26

Spend your summer break at Synod School! The Synod of Lakes and Prairies' annual midsummer ministry offers a wide variety of mind-stretching courses, worship, and plenty of singing, all in one week-long experience at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. For full course descriptions and registration details, log on to [lakesandprairies.org/school.html](http://lakesandprairies.org/school.html).



# ENJOY SUMMER EDUCATION AT ALL AGES

**Sundays at 9 a.m.**

## Sinning Like a Christian

William H. Willimon's *Sinning Like a Christian: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins* will be the focus of a new Sunday morning book study in June and July. In this book, Willimon categorizes sin as "the problem we have between us and God ... a rebellion against our true Sovereign, an offense against the way the Creator has created us to be." As he addresses each of the seven traditional deadly sins, he challenges shallow, feel-good Christianity for failure to grapple with humankind's propensity to do evil. Join us in the **Lounge** for study and discussion! Copies of the book are available for \$10 at the church office. Adult Ed moderator **Ernie Hines** will lead discussion.

## Crossroads

Young adults are invited to join the Crossroads class in the **Library**. This group meets each week to discuss current and newsworthy events, as well as how these events impact our lives as Christians. William Barclay's *Plain People Look at the Beatitudes* is the current topic of study and discussion.

## Westminster Bible Class

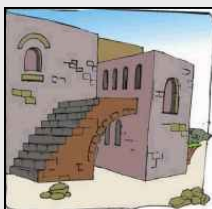
Join us in the **Parlor** for a study session from *The Present Word*.

- June 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy,"  
Isaiah 6:1-8; led by  
**Rev. Lynn Davis**
- June 9 "Give Thanks," Isaiah 12;  
led by **Greg Hershberger**
- June 16 "Meaningless Worship,"  
Isaiah 29:9-16a; led by  
**Bud Tenney**
- June 23 **Presbyterians in the  
Park - no class!**
- June 30 "Joyful Worship  
Restored," Ezra 3:1-7; led  
by **Kent Wolfe**

**Mondays at 11 a.m.**

## Matthew on Mondays

Study of the Gospel according to Matthew continues through the summer under new leadership from **Rev. Dr. Ken Moore**. New members are always welcome to join the in-depth faith-enhancing class in the **Lounge**. (Class will not be held on June 10 or 17.)



## Summer Sunday School (10:45 a.m.; begins June 2)

*Summer Sunday school meets after the Children's Conversation during 10:30 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary.*

Preschoolers are invited to **Kindergarten of Eden** this summer to explore the "Fruits of the Spirit" through interactive lessons and "Character Builders," an animated video series. In these fully-animated episodes, children will learn valuable lessons and important spiritual truths. Children will enjoy learning positive character traits through heartwarming stories and fun-filled songs.

**Faith Villagers** (kindergarteners through 5th graders) will focus on in-depth study of the Ten Commandments this summer. Through a great animated film series and other exciting activities, kids will come to understand God's Commandments on their own level.

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# NEWS NOTES

## WESTMINSTER MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

*Tuesdays; 6:45 a.m. in the Parlor*

- June 4** Bible study, led by Rev. McDonald
- June 11** "A Medical Mission at Home," presented by Teresa Harms, executive director, Clinic With a Heart
- June 18** Bible study
- June 25** "The Bronx in the Middle of the Last Century," presented by Don Costello, associate professor emeritus, UNL Computer Science and Engineering
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### Feeling WOW withdrawal? Try Knit N Sit this summer!

WOW programming may be over for a while, but Knit N Sit will continue to meet throughout the summer months. You are invited to stop by the **Library on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** to be part of this dynamic fellowship group! Bring a craft project to work on, share stories, or simply sit and enjoy friendly conversation. Laughter is on the agenda!

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### All In The Family:

- *Baptisms:* Emma Nicole, daughter of C. Leigh and Jason Hellbusch; August Van Cleave.
- *Bereavements:* Comfort for the family and friends of Carol Lampshire, who died on April 28.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Circle 4** Mon., June 3; 6:30 p.m.  
Potluck supper at  
5819 Franklin  
Shirley Grauer; 402.489.3292

**Mission Sewing** will next meet in September.

Watch for details on the fall **All Circle Gathering** scheduled for **Saturday, Aug. 24!**

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### Calling all bibliophiles! Join Prairie Readers on June 19

*Parlez-vous français?*

Whether you're a francophone or simply enjoy a good bit of literary historical fiction, Prairie Readers' June meeting will be sure to please. Linda Burchard will lead discussion of *The Paris Wife* by Paula McClain. This novel provides a fascinating glimpse into the Parisian literary community during the 1920s and the extraordinary relationship between author Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson. All book lovers are invited to join the discussion at **1 p.m.** in the **Parlor on June 19.**

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### FOUNDATION BIRTHDAY CLUB

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

Jody Batten	Rich Batten
Jud Douglas	Michael Gregg
Bruce & Sidna Hazen	Karen Hoffman
Jean Jeffrey	Margot Peterson
Bill Roberts	Willie Shafer
Tom Smith	Maggie Stuckey



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# CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

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God has given to each of us certain talents and gifts that are to be utilized for the glory of Jesus Christ. Please consider the gifts and talents of our church community and recommend those who you feel are qualified for these offices. You may also recommend yourself. All active members are eligible.

Please talk to one of these committee members if you have questions: Shelley Kuzma, Francy Scheele, Bob Schoettger, Nancy Stuckey, Grace Willnerd, Gail McNair, moderator, and Dr. Andrew McDonald (ex officio).

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office:** (circle any that apply)    Foundation    Session    Deacon    Usher    Nominating Committee

Name of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where the Nominating Committee can reach you if they have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

## What qualities make this nominee eligible for the office?

It would be helpful for you to tell us what specific gifts they have. All nominees should have qualifications which include: cooperativeness, openness, maturity of judgment, willingness to learn, regular attendance at worship and ability to follow through on assignments.

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## Nominees should have unique characteristics:

**Foundation:( 6 year term)** Record of financial support of Westminster and demonstrated marketing or financial expertise.

**Session: (3 year term)** Willingness to chair a Session committee or ministry during their term; ability to recruit members for a committee; demonstrated leadership abilities (whether at Westminster, in business, or other civic involvement) and ability to “agree to disagree” and move on after airing a minority view.

**Deacon: (3 year term)** Deacons are ordained to serve those who are in need in a very direct and personal way. Also need a desire to share the sense of fellowship and camaraderie among the Deacons.

**Usher: (3 year term)** Ushers offer a genuine sense of welcome and help to create a place and attitude of meaningful worship.

**Nominating Committee: (1 year term)** The mission of the Nominating Committee is to search for the future leaders of Westminster. The Nominating Committee is a committee of the congregation.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:



# CREATIVE ARTS CAMP 2013

JULY 15-19

9 a.m.-noon

Kindergarten-Grade 5 (in fall)

(3 classes: Kindergarten, 1-2 grade, 3-5 grade)

## KINGDOM QUEST!



**“Seek first the kingdom of God....” Matthew 6:33**

**Hear ye, Hear ye!** Explore your artistic gifts in a variety of art forms with **Medieval themed** activities.

Each class will be directed by an expert in the area from the community!

**ASSEMBLY:** Listen to Words of Wisdom and get ready for our quest!

**ART:** multi-media creation

**CRAFT:** Let the fun begin (as children arrive, engage in an exciting activity)

**MOVEMENT:** Use your whole body for expression. Great exercise!

**MUSIC/SKIT:** Learn fun rhythms and songs and a skit

\$40 per Child/\$90 max for a family (before June 15)

\$45 per Child/\$100 max for a family (after June 16)

*Partial Scholarship Available*



♣ Extended care is available through Westminster Preschool for \$10/day. Your child (up to age 12) can stay at Westminster before and after CAC (7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.); special activities will be available. Children will need to bring a lunch. **Reservation is required prior to the camp week. Please make note on your check (memo: CAC extended care)**

♣ Registration will be closed after reaching maximum enrollment.

♣ Communication will be via emails.

Contact Masako Nakamura Bacon: [masako@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:masako@westminsterlincoln.org) or 475-6702 x11

*Please cut the portion below and return with a check to:*

*Westminster Presbyterian Church CAC; 2110 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68502*

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### CREATIVE ARTS CAMP 2013 REGISTRATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (in fall): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (with ZIP code): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Emergency Contact

Name/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Office Use Only

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date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

# Westminster's Everywhere Fun Fair Vacation Bible School

Monday~Friday June 17~21

9 a.m. ~ noon



**Everywhere Fun Fair** takes children (preschool through 5th grade) to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including in their own neighborhoods! Children will also be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors. The week's adventures include interactive fun and great music, super science, cool crafts, global games, and more!

Paid registration is \$30 per child, \$60 maximum per family. (**Registration costs are nonrefundable.**) Extended care (7:30-9 a.m. and noon-5 p.m.) is available for an additional \$50 for the week and **must be reserved in advance.**

For more information, contact Betsy Guyer at [betsy@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:betsy@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402.475.6702 x107. Register online today at [westminsterlincoln.org](http://westminsterlincoln.org), or use the form below.

**Yes! I want to join the Everywhere Fun Fair excitement!**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in fall) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address (with ZIP code) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Needs (list on reverse if more space needed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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# PRESBYTERIANS IN THE PARK

*Sunday, June 23; 10:30 a.m.*



Enjoy worship in the great outdoors!

The **10:30 a.m.** service on **Sunday, June 23** moves to the **Band Shell at Antelope Park** for **Presbyterians in the Park**. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, sunglasses, sunscreen, and plenty of water. Children will present what they learned the previous week at Vacation Bible School, and **Rev. Carl Eskridge** will provide a special guest sermon. Music will be supplied by the new **Oasis**.

After worship, plan to join us for the delicious potluck picnic lunch at the Auld Recreation Center! A free will offering will be collected. Bring a dessert (last name beginning with A-J) or side dish (last name beginning with K-Z) to serve 10-12 with a serving spoon. Consider bringing an allergen-free item (nuts, dairy, gluten, etc.) for those with food allergies. If you do elect to provide a dish free of one or more of these common allergens, please label it as such so members of the congregation with food allergies can enjoy it safely.

**Remember:** there will be no Sunday school classes on June 23. Worship at 8 a.m. will be held in the Chapel.

