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FIND YOUR SMALL GROUP CONNECTION!

Get involved and connect with others at Westminster - join a Small Group! Small Groups offer the best way to find friendship from folks who share your passions and interests.

But how do you go about finding similar-minded friends at Westminster? Where do you *start* the search? Never fear - Small Groups Ministry is here and equipped with the tools and guidance to set you on the path to finding your own ideal group to join. Small Groups Ministry will have a special exhibit table in the Garden Room on **Sunday, May 19**; this is the perfect chance to explore all the benefits Small Groups have to offer!

There may be an existing Small Group you will be inspired to join - a number of already-established groups that meet on topics are: book study, Bible study, exercise, camping, and history. You may also be familiar with events

such as Westminster Club or Ladies' Night Out, which fall under the broad category of Small Groups.

Is Westminster missing that special something for you? No problem! Small Groups Ministry can help you form a new group centered around *your* interests! If you've ever thought of a topic that excites you and wanted to meet and make friends with other like-minded members, **you can do it!** Each group sets its own focus, agenda, and schedule. Some groups gather on a weekly or monthly basis; others meet just a few times per year. The amount of time you commit to your group depends entirely on you. It's simple to start a new group - let the Small Groups Ministry members show you how!

Want to know more about mission work in the context of Small Groups? A representative from Mission Outreach will also be on hand May 19 to answer questions about forming a mission-based small group, as well as provide information to existing groups on adding a mission component to current activities.

Small Groups Ministry wants every Westminster member to have the opportunity to realize the fun, deepening friendships and Christian fellowship that comes from belonging to a small group. **Join us in the Garden Room on May 19!**

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SMALL GROUPS LEAD THE WAY TO FRIENDSHIPS AND FUN!

HISTORY BUFFS PRESENTS: “LIFE IN A DIVIDED IRELAND”

SATURDAY, MAY 11

How much do you know about the history of Ireland and Northern Ireland? If your answer is “not much,” May’s History Buffs gathering is an event you simply must attend!



Westminster member **Michael Gregg** will present an enlightening overview of the countries’ historical background information and his own first-hand experiences of the sectarian violence with “Life in a Divided Ireland.” Join us at **9 a.m.** on **Saturday, May 11** for this unique learning opportunity! All lovers of historical topics are invited to attend, so bring a friend with you to the meeting in **Fellowship Hall**.



History Buffs will be on a break during the summer months.
Plan to join us when we resume meeting in September!

LET’S GO CAMPING! 2ND ANNUAL SUMMER CAMPOUT

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Campers, get ready to pitch your tents! Small Groups Ministry is pleased to announce our second annual summer campout at **Wagon Train State Park** on **Friday, June 21**.

Last year’s gathering drew nearly 30 fine outdoorsy folks, despite the previous evening’s rainfall. We’re hoping for an even bigger turnout this year! Will YOU be one of them?

Plan to join us for this fun early summer getaway in the great outdoors! We’ll organize a number of activities, including a potluck dinner, campfire with s’mores, and spending the night under the stars. RVs are welcome! Tent site fees are \$7; vehicle fees are \$5, or a state park sticker is needed.

Want more information on the campout? You’ll have the chance to speak with members of Small Groups Ministry on May 19.

Stop by the Garden Room table after worship to learn more about this camping group or any of the other Small Groups opportunities at Westminster!

Questions? Contact:

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ADULT ED: ABLOOM WITH KNOWLEDGE IN MAY

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Responding to the Cry of a Child

Did you know:

- 1 in 8 Nebraska families don't know where their next meal can be found.
- There were 30,282 calls to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline in 2011.
- There were 13,144 youth arrested in 2011.

In May, we will hear from guest speakers on the front lines, responding to the cries of Nebraska children. Join us in the **Lounge** for this important seminar led by Ken Moore.

Westminster Bible Class

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

- May 5 "A Living Hope,"
1 Peter 1:3-12; led by
Greg Hershberger
- May 12 "Equipped with Hope,"
2 Peter 1:4-14; led by
Bud Tenney
- May 19 "Hope Through
Stewardship," 1 Peter
4:1-11; led by **Rev.
Ellen Davis**
- May 26 "Hope in the Day of the
Lord," 2 Peter 3:1-15a;
led by **Rev. Ellen Davis**

Crossroads

Crossroads meets in the **Library** each week to discuss current and newsworthy events, as well as how these events impact our lives as Christians. Young adults are invited to join the discussion!

Mondays at 11 a.m.

Matthew on Mondays

This in-depth faith-enhancing study of the Gospel according to Matthew concludes on **May 6**. Come to the **Lounge** to bid **Rev. Bob Snell** a fond farewell!

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Writings That Defined the Early Jesus Movement

Join **Rev. Robert Jeambey** on WOW evenings in May for a survey of the historical contexts and circumstances that prompted the writing of certain authoritative documents within the early Jesus movement. Discover current scholarship of the Westar Institute and other published resources, which follows different trajectories of the movement and how the Christian church became an institution. Meet at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Lounge**! Class will meet on May 1, 15, and 22.

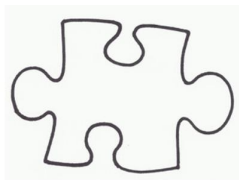
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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY FOR MAY:



The Essential Piece May 12

It's a wonderful thing that we're all different! Each of us has strengths and skills to share, and when we link our individual strengths together, we are invincible! Just as each piece of a puzzle is unique and important, it takes all the pieces of the puzzle to make a beautiful and complete picture. The same is true of Christians together in community! All individuals are uniquely gifted by God and when we join together, we realize the wonder of God's amazing love.

On **Sunday, May 12** during 10:30 a.m. worship, we will recognize the essential pieces of the Westminster children's education puzzle! We will honor children and youth who have had good, great, and amazing attendance in Sunday school during the 2012-2013 school year. We will also give plaudits to the many teachers, workshop leaders, and volunteers who helped nurture the faith journeys of our children. Please plan to join us as we express our gratitude for their time and talents! Add your blessings and gratitude to the beautiful picture of God's love growing at Westminster.

Pentecost is coming! Sunday, May 19

This year, on Sunday, May 19:

- Remember to wear **red** to worship to celebrate Pentecost!
- You will also have to opportunity to transform the lives of children at risk, youth, and young adults by supporting the annual **Pentecost Offering**. Giving to the Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering help support: the Young Adult Volunteer program, a one-year service opportunity for adults age 19-30; Ministries with Youth programs; and Child Advocacy programs. You too can make a lasting difference in your community!



May is Canned Fruit Month at the Westminster Food Pantry!

Need for donations of non-perishable food items continues each week, and some items are in shorter supply than others. **You can help!** We hereby declare May as Canned Fruit Month for the food pantry. In addition to the bags of groceries you regularly donate, this month we ask you bring an additional can or two of fruit to add to the pantry. Thanks for your continued support!

- Hank and Nora Hinrichs

Ladies' Night Out set for May 30

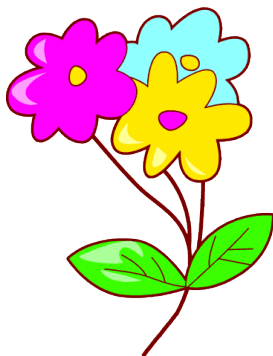
Westminster's Small Groups Ministry is pleased to announce the May edition of Ladies' Night Out! The next fun, social gathering for ladies of all ages and walks of life is set for **Thursday, May 30** at the **Lodge at Wilderness Ridge**, located at 1800 Wilderness Woods Place. Join us on the patio from **5 to 7 p.m.**; if weather is less than ideal, the group will move indoors instead. No RSVP is needed to join the fun! Invite all your lady friends - mothers, sisters, daughters, friends, and neighbors are all welcome, regardless of membership status at Westminster.

Nearly 30 ladies descended on local bistro Henry's on South for the spring Ladies' Night Out gathering, held on Tuesday, April 16. The group assembled at Henry's during happy hour to share nosh plates and lively conversation. Plenty of laughs and smiling faces were seen seated around the restaurant's tables.

Questions about Ladies' Night Out can be directed to Maggie Stuckey: magjostu@gmail.com.



Photo by Robyn Uebele



Celebrate Mother's Day!

Join us for worship on **Sunday, May 12** as we honor and celebrate mothers and all their hard work. Give a gift of appreciation that will last much longer than flowers - bring Mom with you to worship!

Please note!

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 27**,
in observance of Memorial Day.

CELEBRATE YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Confirmation Sunday: May 19

Westminster will welcome youth confirmands as members of the congregation on Sunday, May 19. The 2013 class is the second group to experience the enhanced two-year confirmation program, taught by Dr. Christine Dempsey. This year's class explored three segments:

1. **Who is a Christian?** - This section emphasized church history and identity. Youth studied the foundation of Christianity within the Roman Empire and how Christianity influences modern American values.
2. **Bible Tradition** - Youth compared New Testament books in the context of the historical eras, with an emphasis on tying the Old and New Testaments together and understanding a living faith.
3. **Proclaiming Faith** - Youth worked on their active faith in the third segment of the year's program. How to identify as Christians in a secular world was heavily discussed, as were church creeds and Presbyterian beliefs. Confirmands wrote their faith statements in this portion of the class.

The youth have given prayerful consideration and deliberation to their faith statements, and will share excerpts of those statements at both 8 and 10:30 a.m. services on May 19.

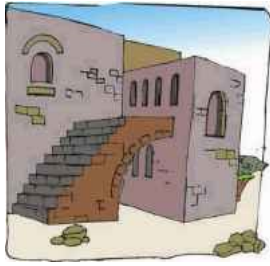
Baccalaureate Sunday: May 26

More than a dozen youth with ties to Westminster will graduate from Lincoln area high schools this May. We will celebrate their high school achievements and wish them the best in their futures on Sunday, May 26.

Graduating youth are invited to wear their caps and gowns to 10:30 a.m. worship, when they will be introduced to the congregation and

Youth News Briefs:

- **Senior high youth group's** last meeting before summer break will be on **May 12**. Youth will enjoy a **miniature golf** outing at Adventure Golf Center (near 56th and Old Cheney). Join us!
- **May 19** is the last day of Sunday school until August. Enjoy summer break!
- WOW XL will have a year-end **MAY-hem** bonanza on **May 22**. Youth in grades 6-8 will be treated to an *MMMM good!* party full of music, motivation, message, and of course mayhem! The mighty hour starts at **6:30 p.m.**; come to the **Youth Room**. Remember to wear clothes that can get dirty and wet! As a special treat, current 5th graders are invited to this night of MAY-hem, too! Come check out the WOW XL experience and see what you have to look forward to in the fall!
- Need a fun volunteer activity for the summer? Youth in grades 6-12 can help out with a variety of activities at **Vacation Bible School** (June 17-21) and/or **Creative Arts Camp** (July 15-19). Call 402.475.6702 and ask for Betsy (for VBS) or Masako (for CAC) to offer your time and talents!



SHARING AND SHOWING KINDNESS

“The scripture says, ‘It is kindness that I want.’”

— Matthew 12:7

Faith Village (9 and 10:45 a.m.)

As Christians, we respond to God’s love by striving to be caring persons, sharing with others, and treating one another with kindness. During May in Faith Village, children will have opportunities to:

- respond to God’s love by sharing with others;
- discover ways to share and show kindness;
- see how acts of sharing and kindness can improve the lives of others;
- Experience giving and receiving acts of kindness;
- Learn the tools, techniques, and resources they need to share and show kindness to others.

Kindergarten of Eden (10:45 a.m.)

Using the Wee Believe curriculum, nurturing adults help children build a foundational understanding of God’s love for them. Prayers, songs, stories, and crafts enrich children’s budding faith. Children also collect items for the food pantry each week.

Please note:

- There will be no Sunday school classes on **May 26**. Families are encouraged to attend worship together.
- Summer Sunday school will not meet on **June 23**. Please join us for worship at Antelope Park as part of **Presbyterians in the Park!**
- **Volunteers** are needed to lead one Sunday in Faith Village and/or Kindergarten of Eden. Contact Betsy for more information: 402.475.6702 or Betsy@westminsterlincoln.org.

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

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.

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

NEWS NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for Presbyterians in the Park and Westminster's Classic Car Show June 23

Enjoy worship in the great outdoors! The 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday, June 23** moves to **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 there will be a delicious potluck lunch afterwards. Join us!



Westminster's annual **Classic Car Show** will also zoom into Antelope Park on 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)**.

All In The Family:

► *Baptisms*: Brooklyn Gene, daughter of Amanda and Peter Kontos; Thomas Maxwell, son of Susan and Sean Mulvaney; Juliette Michelle, daughter of Katie and Jasa Rhone; Frances Ellen, daughter of Alisha and Chris Stokes.

► *Bereavements*: Comfort for the family and friends of Don Purvis, who died on March 28; and for the family and friends of Richard Emery, who died on April 22.

Explore summer camps at Calvin Crest!

Children and youth can experience a number of unique opportunities to grow spiritually, physically, and emotionally this summer at Camp Calvin Crest! Choose from nearly two dozen different camp experiences available in June and July this year. Camp activities range from traditional worship and Bible study to horseback riding, mountain biking, and nature education. Camp experiences for the whole family are available, too!

For details on available camps, pick up a brochure in the information racks or log on to calvincrest.org. Scholarships are available!

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

Synod School, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies' annual midsummer ministry, will be held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, on July 21-26. Log on to lakesandprairies.org/school.html to view course descriptions and read registration details!

FOUNDATION BIRTHDAY CLUB

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

Betty Beam	Carol Campbell
Mike Campbell	Beth Carveth
Dan Cuda	Ellen Davis
Ken Koop	Ray Mitchell
Jim Nissen	Karen Olson
Jon Peterson	Margot Peterson
Mike Rasmussen	Peggy Rasmussen
Cheryl Rennick	Ted Schirmer
Scott Stuckey	Chick Thorne
Dale Tinstman	Chan Tyrrell

WESTMINSTER MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

- May 7** Bible study, led by Rev. McDonald
- May 14** "Helping That Heals - Guatemala Mission Trip," presented by Rev. Dr. Ken Moore
- May 21** Bible study, led by Rev. Ellen Davis
- May 28** "Make-A-Wish Nebraska," presented by Missy Davis-Schmit, Make-A-Wish Regional Program Director, Southeast Nebraska



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Circle 1** Weds., May 1 9:30 a.m.; Lounge
Ginny Welty; 402.464.7642
- Circle 3** Weds., May 1; 10 a.m.; Parlor
Linda Miller; 402.423.1311
- Circle 4** Mon., May 6; 7 p.m.
6339 Bo Creek Ct.
Judy White; 402.423.4757
- Circle 5** Tues., May 14; 10 a.m.; Lounge
Jane Grabenstein-Chandler;
402.483.6533
- Circle 6** Tues., May 28; 7 p.m.; Library
Jane Hines; 402.488.8302

Mission Sewing will next meet on **Wednesday, May 22** at **1 p.m.** in the **Lounge**. Contact Jane Grabenstein-Chandler at 402.483.6533 for more information.

WOW (Westminster on Wednesdays)

"Put more Spirit in your week!"

WOW Dinner

5:45-6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall

\$3/children; \$4/adults; \$14 max per family

- May 1:** nachos and coffee cake
- May 8:** spaghetti with meat balls and garlic toast
- May 15:** refrigerator frolic!
- May 22:** hamburgers and brats/hot dogs and ice cream sandwich cake

All meals are served with salad, fruit, and dessert.

Head south for lunch with the Lunch Bunch!

This traveling group will trek south of Highway 2 to Carlos O'Kelly's (3130 Pine Lake Rd.) on **Tuesday, May 7** at **11:30 a.m.** Call Jeanne Giles (402.484.6651) by Monday, May 6 to RSVP and/or request a ride to the gathering.

Prairie Readers' book selection for May is Anne Tyler's *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*. All book lovers are invited to attend the **May 15** discussion, facilitated by Weston Crawford. Join us at **1 p.m.** in the **Parlor**.

Westminster Club will hold its final meeting for the spring on **Tuesday, May 21**. Boyd and Masako Bacon will present **"Our Westminster Organ."** Plan to join us for this intriguing demonstration!

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 before May 15 is \$25 per child, \$50 maximum per family; after May 15, the cost 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.**

Contact Betsy Guyer at betsy@westminsterlincoln.org or 402.475.6702 for more information, or register online today at westminsterlincoln.org.

Register now 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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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 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

CREATIVE ARTS CAMP 2013 REGISTRATION

Child's Name: _____ Grade (in fall): _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone # (____) _____

Address (with ZIP code): _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact

Name/Relationship: _____

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CATCH HOSTAMANIA!

Sunday, May 12; 9 a.m.-noon



Attention all gardeners and lovers of spring: **Hostamania** will soon be here!

On **Mother's Day, May 12**, from **9 a.m. to noon**, the east entrance walkway will be transformed into Westminster's annual plant sale fundraiser, Hostamania. The name might make it sound like a monoculture (horticulture talk for a single variety) event, but plenty of plant types will put in an appearance: Ajuga, Lamium,

Alyssum, Amaryllis belladonna, grasses, ground covers, elephant ears, and more!

- If you have beautiful, bountiful plants to share in your yard, please dig, split, pot, and donate them to be sold.
- If you buy an multipack of bedding plants at a nursery and only need some of them, the surplus plants would be a welcome contribution.
- If you have extra gardening tools or empty pots, consider donating them for sale, too.
- Most importantly, come shop for plants, and invite your garden-friendly friends and neighbors!

As in previous years, the proceeds from this sale will be used to support activities with the Lohmen group; this year in August, a group of 14 German friends will visit Westminster! Help support these endeavors and beautify your garden, too!