



THE MESSENGER

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Outstanding News! We are over half way to our goal!

Our goal has been to reintroduce The Westminster Foundation to the congregation and to inspire gifts in a series of strategic and general endowments. There have only been two such campaigns in the past, and each has raised 1 million dollars in support for the church. Our goal this campaign is to raise between \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

It is with great joy that I share with you that we are over half way to our goal. So far, we have gifts in hand and in pledges for a combined campaign total of over \$500,000. To God be the glory! And to all the generous people of this church, thank you for all of your support!

The gifts are spread out over all our strategic areas and more: to preserve the stained glass windows, to care for the organ, to help grow the church, to increase our mission outreach, to provide technology support for the Sunday School, to support major events in education and fellowship, and to endow portions of the building for its preservation, and to add support to our outstanding music programs.

We also have received named endowments in the areas of music, the arts, preservation of the columbarium. We will share more about these in the future.

And we have received a large boost in the General Endowment to help support the church in its year to year needs as determined by the Session.

Finally, people have shared with our Business Administrator information about what they expect to leave to the church in their will and estate plans. As more of this information comes in, she will be able to share the general amount. This will be extraordinarily helpful to The Foundation in their ability to plan for the future.

It is deeply meaningful to see the willingness and excitement of the congregation in sharing these gifts. It comes out of a deep experience that God has truly blessed us. And we have been blessed to be willing and able to care for countless future generations.

It is a highlight of my ministry to be part of such an important and enduring project. I hope you can see what I see – a decade from now, a hundred years from now, the people of faith will still be blessed by these good works. That is truly amazing.

Thank you for your generosity and wonderful spirit of celebration.

Andrew McDonald

Senior Pastor

Westminster is **green** @ heart

Focus on Earth Care

Adult Education

Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

May 17: Tyler Mainquist
Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing

May 24: Branched Oak Farm
Buy Fresh, Buy Local

WOW Classes

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Back Pew Farmer Panel featuring
Westminster's Master Gardeners
May 6—Sara Browning
May 13—Edgar

Youth Activities

Confirmation Class May 1-3
8th and 9th Graders will participate in a
clean-up project at their Calvin Crest retreat

Worship

Sundays at 8:00, 10:30, and 11:45 a.m.
Special earth care themes in music and word

Special Events

Hostamania Sunday Morning, May 10th
Treat your garden to something new—
hostas, flowers, edibles

Creation Care 110 Ride Sunday Afternoon, May 17th
Family friendly bike ride to Pioneers Park—
or drive to the park for crafts, games, refreshments,
bike-give-away, and Blessing of the Bikes

Garden Walk Sunday Afternoon, May 31st
Enjoy a stroll through the gardens of several Westminster
members.

In the Garden Room every Sunday in May

Joel Satore Photo Exhibit

Lincoln's own, internationally known, nature photographer

Fair Trade Coffee

Served courtesy of Green @ Heart members and for sale
to enjoy at home

Virtual Garden Walk

Slide show of Westminster members nurturing talents

Creation Care 110 Challenge

Could you make a simple change to care for creation? Register the change you, your family, or your business will make to help Westminster reach 110 creation care commitments

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set the air conditioner two degrees warmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a cloth bag to the grocery store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride a bike, walk, or take the bus once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Buy LES Sun Shares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace a few light bulbs with CFLs or LEDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Take 5-minute showers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stop buying bottled water | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule an energy audit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat meatless one day a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Your own idea—or see more in the Garden Room |

Adult Education

WOW Prayer Time: A Silent Space for God

A space each Wednesday at 6:30 pm for individuals to meditate or pray in the chapel with others. Materials will be provided that demonstrate several silent contemplative prayer methods but participants can pray however they are called. Every third Wednesday of the month we will practice Lectio Divina, which is an interactive prayer often called praying the scriptures

Westminster Bible Class Sundays, 9:00 am, Parlor

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
May 3	3 John 1-15	Co-Workers with the Truth (concludes the April unit)	Ellen Davis
May 10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Gifts of the Spirit	Ellen Davis
May 17	1 Corinthians 12:13-31	The Spirit Creates One Body	Ellen Davis
May 24	Acts 2:1-7; 1 Corinthians 14:13-19	Gift of Languages	Bud Tenney
May 31	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The Greatest Gift is Love	Ellen Davis

Presbyterian Women

All Westminster women are invited to visit or join the following circles.

Circle 3

Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00 am
2720 Van Dorn St.
Carolyn McCall (402-435-0383)

Circle 4

Monday, May 4 at 7:00 pm
1845 South 48th St.
Martha Dennis (402-489-6345)

Circle 5

Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 am
Westminster Lounge
Pat Hackley (402-423-2909)

Circle 6

Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm
Westminster Library
Jane Hines (402-488-8302)

Gospel of Luke Study

The Gospel of Luke Bible Study will meet in the Lounge on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. The class is taught by Rev. Dr. Ken Moore. All are welcome!

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.

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Program begins at 7:00 am

May 5

Dr. Andrew McDonald
Bible Study

May 12

Jody Freeman
From Roper and Sons
Time Management verses
Energy Management

May 19

Pastor Larry Moffett
From First United Methodist
Bible Study

May 26

Jody Freeman
From Roper and Sons

Music & Worship

Music Sunday May 17 10:30 am Worship

Celebrating Confirmation Sunday with all musicians. Westminster Carillon, Choir, Brass, Children's Choirs, and Jr. String Ensemble gather their joyful noise unto the Lord!

Thank you to all the Musicians for the commitment during the school year. The children's choirs last rehearsal of this school year is on May 13th. Westminster Choir and Carillon will meet until May 20.

BUT, praising voices never cease! Summer Choir will begin on May 31, rehearsing on Sunday Mornings from 9:30-10.

Summer Bells will arrange meeting times based on the ringers availabilities.



Alleluia Ringers Concert May 25 7:30 pm

Free Admission (Freewill Offering)

The Nationally Acclaimed handbell choir, Alleluia Ringers from Concordia University in Wisconsin, is coming to Westminster. Besides performing throughout the United States, the Alleluia Ringers has made 3 tours of Germany, 3 tours of Norway, once to Latvia, and performed twice at national events of The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR). They are also heard on the New Music CDs for AGEHR Publishing—Handbell Musicians of America.

Why I love being a Deacon Pam Oliver

I have always wanted to help others; In the Bible it says, "we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." When I joined the church, I wanted to 'pitch in' and help. I prayed to God to use me and I was thrilled when Jen called me and asked me to consider being a Deacon. I was honored to say the least. I was doing cartwheels in my head.

The Office of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.

As a child, I always looked up to the Deacons and the Elders in my church. They were always there to help you. I too, want to be there for others. Thank you, God for using me at Westminster Presbyterian.

The Rising is seeking a piano player to play with the praise band at our 11:45 service. If you are interested, please contact Jana at jmiller0111@gmail.com.



May 28 – A Special Day to Make Special Things Happen in Lincoln and a Special Day to Make Special Things Happen for Westminster Preschool!

Give To Lincoln Day (G2LD) is your chance to make a real impact on Lincoln's quality of life. We encourage everyone to join us for a record-setting day of giving on May 28th. Together, we have the power to raise thousands of dollars to support Lincoln's nonprofit organizations. Every donation you make on May 28th helps your favorite charities even more because they will also receive a proportional share of our \$300,000 challenge match pool! Westminster Preschool is a participant in G2LD for the first time this year!

How It Works

On May 28th, the Lincoln community will come together for 24 hours of giving from 12:00am to 11:59pm. Gifts will be made online at http://givetolincoln.razoo.com/giving_events/g2l15/home



Gifts will also be accepted in person during regular business hours at the Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South. If you plan on participating in this city-wide event we ask that you please consider Westminster Preschool and the children of Lincoln.

Missions and Outreach

- In May we take a Pentecost offering. It benefits children at risk, youth ministries, and Young Adult Volunteers all over the world. 40% is kept by Westminster for local use.
- Green @heart and the Outreach Committee will sell Fair Trade Coffee every Sunday in May. Fair trade coffee is certified as being produced to fair trade standards (and no child labor, no sweat shops). Fair trade organizations create trading partnerships based on dialogue, transparency, respect, and seek greater equity in international trade. These partnerships contribute to better trading conditions to coffee bean farmers, help them earn better incomes to in turn aid their families.
- Outreach is looking for volunteers to serve at The Gathering Place. Westminster serves the second Friday of every month, from 4:45 to 6:15. We serve food, wipe tables and sweep up afterwards. Those wanting to volunteer should contact Susan Moore at skm68502@juno.com.

Please Note:
There is no Sunday School on May 24, 2015. Families are encouraged to worship together.

Kindergarten of Eden (preschool age) Room #210 10:45 am
Using the We Believe curriculum, nurturing adults help children build a foundational understanding of God's love for them. Children collect items for the food pantry each week. Prayers, songs, stories and crafts enrich children's budding faith.

Faith Village: Peacemakers

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. — Matthew 5:9

Throughout the Bible we read stories of people who tried to bring peace and justice to all of God's people. Their stories inspire us and help us learn how to be peacemakers today.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins Sunday May 31, 2015 for children 3yrs-Kindergarten in Kindergarten of Eden (Room #210) and for 1st-5th grade in Faith Village at 10:45 only. (There will be no Sunday school on June 28, 2015 Come worship with us at Antelope Park!)

In Faith Village, children will continue a journey through the Bible with the video series "Buck Denver asks...What's in The Bible?" Another great animated series by VeggieTales creator Paul Vischer. We will move through the NEW Testament this summer

Leader & Student attendance Recognition Day: Sunday, May 17.

Please join us in 10:30 worship as we honor the children who have been regular attendees in Sunday school this year, and the adults who have used their Hearts and Hands to nurture our children.



Thank you to everyone who helped with Eggstravaganza.

It was a huge success this year with over 150 children in attendance, and we were able to offer a peanut free room. We celebrated the occasion with songs, stories, crafts, games and of course the egg hunt. We could not have done it without the generous help of this great congregation. Thank you for your help and support with the Adopt an Egg program and to those of you who attended and helped at the event.

The CFM committee is now collecting empty egg cartons. Instead of recycling them... bring them to church!

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Births: Congratulations to Katie and David Dement on the birth of McKinley Cole, born April 25; grandparents Kay and Dana Cole.

Baptisms: Christopher Bartley, son of Al-isha and Chris Stokes; Thomas Paul, son of Lorie and Ben Heinisch; Caleb Thomas, son of Lisa and Matthew Marquardt.

Foundation Birthdays

Bennett Bacon	Matt Olson
Jody Batten	Jon Peterson
Betty Beam	Mike Rasmussen
Bill Browne, Jr.	Peggy Rasmussen
Beth Carveth	Ted Schirmer
Nancy Dawson	Scott Stuckey
Ted Forke	Chick Thorne
Sandy Gallentine	Chan Tyrrell

Upcoming

Events & small groups



Westminster

groups

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

Tour de Friends

Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 pm
Antelope Park, Auld Pavilion to
Sheldon Art Museum Sculpture
Garden

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, May 5 11:30 am
Green Gateau (330 S 10th St #110)

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, May 7 5-7 pm
Sebastian's Table (126 N 14th)
Join us for delicious tapas, a cock-
tail, and lovely conversation. Bring
a friend, no RSVP required! Hope
to sit outside!

History Buffs

Saturday, May 9 at 9 am
Jacque Kennedy:
The White House Years
Led by Sarah Parker

Mother's Day (May 10th) "Celebration Sunday"

Hostamania

Make plant shopping part of your
Mother's Day Tradition. The Loh-
men group sponsors Hostamania
to support the mission partner-
ship with our German sister
church.

Older Adult Sunday

Celebrating those marking 50+
years of membership at
Westminster.

New Member Class

May 10 and 17

Confirmation Sunday

May 17, 10:30 Worship

Creation Care 110 Ride

Sunday, May 17 2:30 pm
Van Dorn Park to Pioneers Park
Blessing of the Bikes at 3:15 pm
in Shelter House #1 at Pioneers
Park (by the playground)

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, May 20
1 pm in the Parlor
"Book Blurb" Session
Members will have an opportu-
nity to recommend books they
have especially enjoyed. All are
welcome to attend; it's a great
way to find books to add to
your reading list.

Westminster Club

Cole Hall at 5:30 pm for punch,
dinner, & programs. Dinner is
\$10. This will be the last meet-
ing for the Spring.
May 26th
"The Military Family"
with Ellen & Lynn Davis

Last WOW for the school year is May 13th

5:45-6:30 WOW Dinner
6:20-7:20 Westminster Carillon
6:30-7:25 Children's Choirs
7:30-9:00 Westminster Choir

CONFIRMATION CLASS

May 1-3

Confirmation Retreat

May 6

**Special Session Meeting
at 6:30; after meeting
Rehearsal for Confirmation**

May 16

**Run Thru & Set up
from 9-10**

May 17

**7:30 in Chapel
9:00 Pictures
10:30 Service**

Creative Arts Camp

July 13-17 // 9 am to Noon

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

Early registration is available through
Saturday, June 13th at
www.westminsterlincoln.org.



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



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Vacation Bible School
June 22-26
9 am to Noon



"In God we
live, move, &
exist." Acts
17:28a
A life with
God is one of
movement!

Mark **VBS G-FORCE** on your calendar for your preschool through 5th graders! In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life.

Early registration ends Friday, May 15th at www.westminsterlincoln.org.
You can still register until June 19.

110 Bike Ride

Sunday, May 17th: Grab your bike, helmet, the whole family, and a **green** shirt!

Meet us at Van Dorn Park at 2:30 for an easy 8 mile-round-trip ride to Pioneers Park. There will be snacks, drinks, crafts, games, and a kid's bike give-away also. You won't want to miss this!

Just you, 110 of your friends, and God's green Earth!



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