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Now Is the Time

Last Sunday's speaker from Rwanda was powerful. He told us, in short, how our denomination supports him as pastor of church in a country recovering from genocide. He told us of the difficult message of how his congregation members still bear massive bodily infirmities that come from such a brutal war. How do they move forward after such brutality?

The answer was his core message: reconciliation through Christ. They are experiencing healing and transformation through God's grace. Now, people whose family members were are worshiping together with those who committed the crimes. Through their church, they are rebuilding a new world.

One of our members told a non-church friend about it. The friend replied: "I can't even imagine that." But we can. It is real, and it is happening. And we Presbyterians are helping make that possible.

Every Sunday in worship, our core liturgy says, "In Christ, we are a new creation." (2 Corinthians 5:17). We witness to the experience of the life-changing, world-transforming presence of Christ. In our shared faith journey, we seek to become more aware and more faithful to Christ's message. We want this for our children, for each other, for the world. We want to embody that new creation in our own lives.

Westminster's members embody Christ's new creation in practical ways. We do it in worship, mission, music, small groups, education for children and youth, adult seminars, care for one another. We do it by opening our doors to build a stronger community. And so much more.

None of this happens by magic. It takes, as some put it, "the will to love." That will-power happens in stewardship. We make a promise to prioritize the world-changing love of Christ. We make a pledge.

Pledging happens next month. I hope you pray about how Christ is leading you to participate in His vision of reconciliation. Reflect on all the different ways, large and small, in which we support the work of Christ's love. God is empowering you to make a difference.

In our stewardship, we participate in the reconciling love of Christ. When Christians take Christ's message to heart, we see it can truly change the world.

Now is the season. Now is our time.

Andrew McDonald
Senior Pastor

WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC ACCREDITATION

Program among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

Westminster Preschool has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Suzanne Schneider, Director of Westminster Preschool. “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our high-quality program have teachers who create engaging classrooms, enhance relationships with their parents and families, and develop rich experiences for their students.”

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, Westminster Preschool went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts five years.

Since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. Nearly 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC – approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs. The NAEYC Accreditation system was created to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality early education programs.

“It’s a lengthy and rigorous process to achieve NAEYC Accreditation, and Westminster Preschool should be commended for seeking high standards,” said Rhian Evans Allvin, executive director of NAEYC. “Caring for children is not ‘rocket science’ – it’s brain science. Studies prove that the brain connections made in the first few years of life set a child’s path for success in school and in life. That’s why quality educators are so crucial. For parents and caregivers of young children who are searching for a high-quality early learning experience, Westminster Preschool’s NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that it offers a high-quality education in a nurturing and stimulating environment.”



Children & Families Ministry

Each week, our Kindergarten of Eden friends meet in Room 210 at 10:45 and explore stories from the Bible, learning about God's world and their place in it. We believe this foundation of faith and love will shepherd them as they learn and grow.

Our K-5th graders are engaged in a workshop rotation model each Sunday beginning at 10:45 AM in Faith Village. In October, the children will learn about peer pressure through the story of Simon Peter. As Christians, we are called to be faithful and make wise choices, even if these choices may be different from those around us. God wants us to make wise choices and help others make wise choices as well.

We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School to explore the wonder and excitement of being a child of God. Watch for upcoming information on an exciting opportunity in Faith Village during November!!

The Children and Families Ministry (CFM) provides support to the Director of Children's Ministry, a position we are actively and prayerfully seeking to fill. CFM is grateful to Westminster members who have answered and will answer the call to serve our children during this time. Thank you!

Westminster Youth on Sundays

Sunday Mornings All classes start at 9 am

6th & 7th Grade Class

This group meets in Faith Village for an hour of learning and to grow in faith.

Confirmation Class

This class is a 2 year course primarily composed of 8th and 9th graders. Join this group to go deeper into learning about your own faith and growing your relationship with God.

Sunday Nights

All high school youth are invited to join in this fluid group at 6:30 pm. High school youth group is non-traditional in the set-up; one week we could be playing games, a Bible study the next week, or heading out to play laser tag or paintballing. The overall theme that the HS Youth have decided upon is to study what it means to be a Christian teenager in 2015, starting with the power of prayer.

Westminster On Wednesdays (WOW)

Join us weekly where you will find great food, education, music, and more!

Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall. \$4/children, \$6/adults, \$17 max per family.

WOW XL (6:30 Youth Café) Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

Knit N Sit (6:30 Library) Come knit, crochet, learn either craft, or do other projects for the church. Women and men of all ages are welcome to attend this fluid group.

Adult Education (6:30 Lounge) Adult Education will continue their 'One Podcast, One Westminster' discussion series. Watch the church website for the podcasts and background information at westminsterlincoln.org/one-podcast

Music Rehearsals (6:30 pm)

Westminster Carillon (Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary)

Cherub Choir (age 3-Kindergarten, Room 210E)

Alleluia! Amen! Choir (Grade 1-5, Room 210)

Westminster Choir (Adult Choir, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary)

October WOW Dinners

Oct 7: Hamburgers & French Fries

Oct 14: Baked Potato Soup, Grilled Cheese

Oct 21: Cowboy Beans & Rice, Sautéed Squash

Oct 28: Worms with Tomato Guts, Monster Teeth, Green Goopy Witches Brew, Steamed Brains with Cheese Sauce



Christmas is Coming!

It's a little scary to think about it being just around the corner– but it also brings wonderful events (besides the birth of Christ). Keep these upcoming events in mind!

C is for CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 29 from 5-7 pm

Let's gather with the anticipation of GREAT JOY on the First Sunday of Advent. Renew friendships and fellowship with Children's Craft, Chili Cook-off, and Carol Singing.

Booth Space is available for those interested in sharing handmade items or other items for sale. Please contact Marge (marge@westminsterlincoln.org or 402.475.6702) or Masako (masako@westminsterlincoln.org) if you are interested!

28th Annual ST NICK PROJECT

Christmas is a time of giving, but for some families dealing with health issues, loss of job, or other circumstances, makes it next to impossible to give to their loved ones. This year, we hope that you will join us in purchasing gifts for over 500 people across rural Nebraska. In turn, we promise you the gift of 'joy in your heart' for the happiness you bring to another.

Sign-Up to purchase gifts

November 8- 22

in the Garden Room

Gift Wrapping Party

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 in Fellowship Hall

For more info contact Teri Nelson (402.423.0986) or Freda Gregg (402.423.3236)

All in the Family

Births: Congratulations to Emily & Owen Killham on the birth of Jonathan Thomas, born September 1;
to Kali & Jared Schoettger on the birth of Maeve Celine, born September 3,
grandparents Mary Kay & Bob Schoettger;
to Celeste Chapp & Taylor Buuck on the birth of Trinity Lorelei, born September 7,
grandparents Laurie & Tony Chapp;
to Amber & Levi Scholl on the birth of Max Alexander, born September 15;
Great-grandparents are Susie & Gale Sup;
To Chris Campbell Eells & Derek Eells on the birth of Brooks Michael, born September 23;
Grandparents Carol & Mike Campbell

Baptism: Madison Marie, daughter of Elizabeth & Kyle Zillig

Marriages: Best wishes to Daniel Kuzma & Allison May who were married on August 22, in Atlanta, GA
to Mallory Heck & Brandon Kage who were married on September 6
to Tisha Cuda & Cody Tobin who were married on September 26

Bereavements: Comfort for the family & friends of Ginny Welty who died on September 9;
Alice Schnabel who died on September 20

Foundation Birthdays

September	October
Kendal Agee	Debbie Benesch
Ann Case Landfield	Fern Bieck
Barbara Dinsdale	Lynn Davis
Ginny Hand	Jane Hines
Kevin Harford	John Hoppe, Jr.
Marcia Hollestelle	Sandy Howerter
Karen Janovy	Stuart Howerter
Francy Knosp	Al Landfield
Sushil Lacy	Marilyn Maude
Sandi Larson	Julie Olson
Dave McBride	Ramona Riley
Beth Pappalardo	Frances Seward
Harriet Peterson	Sandy Sostad
Pat Shipley	Jason Woita
Joan Wentz	
Marge Wilnes	
Carolyn Wogamott	

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Stuart Howerter
Al Landfield
Marilyn Maude
Julie Olson
Ramona Riley
Frances Seward
Sandy Sostad
Jason Woita

Men's Tuesday Breakfast
Meets at 7 am in the Parlor.

October 6
Old English at the State Penitentiary
Dr. Robert Hall, UNL

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Puritans and the World
Ernie Hines

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Noam Chomsky, Linguists & Politicks
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Food Pantry Update

Thanks so much for your contributions to the Food Pantry! There are many people waiting for food and are so appreciative when they receive one of our boxes. In the past month, we have reached our goal of 110 items three times. We spend about \$1200 a month for groceries in order to completely fill the boxes for six families, so we will also accept monetary donations (just write Food Pantry in your check's memo line). Also, a big thank you to those members who help pack the boxes for the Mission.

Deacon Spotlight: Ron Coniglio

When my wife, Laura, and I made the decision to join Westminster Presbyterian Church we also decided that we would be active members in the church beyond our attendance at Sunday services. When we were invited to become deacons, we saw the opportunity to get to know other members of Westminster as well as to help serve the mission of the church.

Laura passed away this last January and I find my participation as a deacon allows me to continue to do the work that the two of us set out to do when we were installed this last year. Part of a church's strength is in its members' efforts to develop, grow, and move the mission of the church forward, and being a Westminster Deacon is a joyful avenue for me to participate in those efforts.

This year, all classes are centered on the theme of “Living a Christian Life”. October’s focus is: Giving Bold Testimony. All are welcome to attend this Sunday morning class at 9 am in the Parlor.

Date	Scripture	Topic
October 4	Acts 8:9-24	The Spirit is Not for Sale
October 11	Acts 9:19-31	Saul Earns Credibility
October 18	Acts 10:24-38	Peter Takes a Risk
October 25	Acts 11:1-18	Trusting the Spirit

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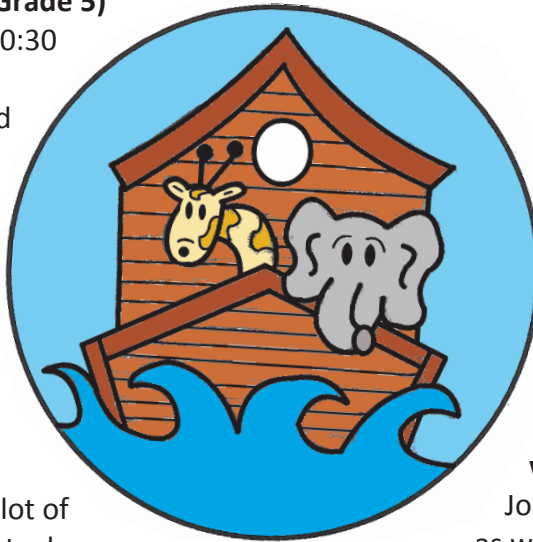
Don't Rock the *ARK*!

"Don't Rock the ARK!"

Children's Musical (Age 3—Grade 5)

Sunday, October 11 during 10:30
am Worship Service

The story of Noah will be told through the unique perspective of the Elephants. The storm clouds are forming and the boat is almost ready! Take a flustered Noah, add a wife, three rambunctious sons, and two of every living creature on the earth and you've got chaos! It'll take a lot of faith to get them through forty days and nights of life on this crowded vessel. We will hear the familiar Bible lesson through the children's efforts.



Celebrating Westminster's 110th Anniversary

"Glory to God" Hymnal Drive Report

Thank you for your generous donation toward purchase of new hymnals. We now have a fund for 291 hymnals and 1 large print. Our goal is 750 hymnals. Help us reach our goal!

Christ the King Celebration with 110 Musicians

Join in singing "The Hallelujah Chorus" as we celebrate the triumphant King. All music groups will join in the praise.

Wednesday Night Music Groups

KIDS:

- Cherub Choir (Age 3-5 Choir)
6:30-7:25 pm in Room 210E
Kaitlin Beck, director
- Alleluia! Amen! (Kindergarten—5th Grade Choir)
6:30-7:25 pm in Room 210
Samantha Matulka, director

ADULTS:

- Westminster Carillon
Handbell Group for High School & Adults
6:20-7:20 pm in the Sanctuary
- Westminster Choir
Adult Choir for High School & Adults Choir
7:30-9:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Join a Music Group!

Other Music Groups

- Junior Strings Ensemble (Grades 3-12)
Sundays from 10:00-10:20 am
in the Chapel
Bring your string instrument & join the multi-level music & great leaders.
- Westminster Brass (Adult)
Arranged Dates.
Contact Masako Bacon if interested
(masako@westminsterlincoln.org).

Upcoming Events & small groups



Westminster

groups

LifeTouch Photos

Members that have joined Westminster since April of 2013 will have the opportunity to take photos for the directory. Register online at westminsterlincoln.org or call the church office (402.475.6702)

Picture dates are:

Friday, October 2

From 2-9 pm

Saturday, October 3

From 10 am-5 pm



Green@Heart

Tuesday, October 6 at the Lied

A group from Westminster will be in the crowd to hear Bill McKibben – college professor, writer, Methodist lay preacher, and “America’s environmentalist”. Dr. McKibben will share examples of grassroots climate-focused actions and how Nebraskans can become involved. Admission is free– but by ticket only. Contact the Lied Center ticket office for your ticket! (402.472.4747)

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, October 6 at 11:30 am

Famous Dave’s (2750 Pine Lake) Join us for fun and fellowship. Call Larry Wieskamp (402.802.6883) for more info.

History Buffs

Saturday, October 10

9:00 am in the Lounge
History of Keeping Secrets (Computers) by Mike Dempsey

Second Sunday Lunch &

World on a Plate

Sunday, October 11

Following 10:30 worship, the World on a Plate small group will host Second Sunday Lunch in the Fellowship Hall featuring a menu of Nicaraguan food in honor of our January Mission Trip to Nicaragua!

Ladies Night Out (LNO)

Tuesday, October 13; 5-7 pm

Billy’s Restaurant (1301 H St)
Special appetizers offered for \$10, plus drink cost, tax, and tip. Adequate parking available. RSVP required by 10/12 to Robyn Uebele (robynu2@hotmail.com)

Young Adult Wine Tasting

Wednesday, October 14

From 5-7 at Bin 105

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, October 21

1:00 pm in the Parlor
Westminster’s own Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries, will come to tell us about some of her favorite books from the American Library Association’s list of Notable Books for 2015. All are welcome!

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



Westminster Club

Westminster Club

Tuesday, October 27

You are welcome to join us as we continue our fall program. Dinner begins at 5:30 and is \$10. All attendees must bring their own table setting. RSVP to the church office (402.475.6702)

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

Circle 3

Wednesday, October 7 - 10 am

Mary Beth Johnson’s Home
6005 Berkeley Dr.
(402.420.1952)

Circle 4

Monday, October 5 — 7 pm

Kathy Anderson’s Home
5411 South Dove Lane
(402.430.6084)

Circle 5

Tuesday, October 13

10 am in the Lounge
Pat Hackley (402.423.22909)

Circle 6

Tuesday, October 27

7 pm in the Library
Jane Hines
(402.488.8302)



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SPOOKTACULAR!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 FROM 3-5 PM

FREE Community Trunk-or-Treat

Westminster Parking Lot (27th & South)



Do you ever feel like you need an excuse to put on a costume as an adult, just for the fun of it! Yes? Great! We can use you and your excuse to dress up for Halloween! Volunteer to coordinate your costume and car trunk with a fun theme for our Spooktacular! Trunk-or-Treat event.

Vehicles need to arrive by 2 pm to get into place and put finishing touches on your decorations. Google "trunk-or-treat" for ideas. Be ready to pass out candy to at least 300 people.

Costumes aren't your thing? We can still use your help with donations of candy, snacks, pencils, or any small hand-outs for the kids.

Contact Grace with questions: graceruth@gmail.com or 816.210.5966