



# THE MESSENGER

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*You Are Invited*

*August 14th*

## genesis Sunday

You've got a friend at Westminster! Join our church family as we introduce our exciting programming for Fall! There's something for everyone! Bring a friend and start the new year journeying together!

### **Genesis Carnival**

Join us for 10:30 a.m. worship service, then come to our kids' carnival! Children can get their faces painted, play games and get to know other children in our church community.

### **Sunday School Open House and Registration**

This is the perfect time to tour our amazing Sunday School facilities and meet the loving volunteers who teach our children each week. During this time, you'll also have the opportunity to fill out or drop-off a registration card for your child. For planning purposes, it's important we know how many children to expect each Sunday!

### **Confirmation Kick-Off**

Are you in the 8th and 9th Grade and ready to deepen your faith? Confirmation will prepare you for a deeper relationship with God, direct you in your faith walk, and teach you about the history, polity, and theology of the Presbyterian tradition.

### **Potluck Lunch** (After 10:30am Worship Service)

With all the events taking place stop by and enjoy a delicious potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches & beverages will be provided for lunch. Please bring your own table service & serving utensils for your dish. Families with last names beginning Q-Z bring a dessert, while A-P should bring a side dish.

### **Book Sale**

The reception area will be filled with books, DVDs, CDs, games, puzzles, etc. for you to purchase. Do not forget to check out all the wonderful reads, family game night activities, and movies to fill your winter weekends.

### **Ministry Fair**

Throughout the year, multiple committees are hard at work developing programs that add meaning and depth our individual faith journeys. Join us in the Garden Room for a look at our upcoming Adult Education classes and mission opportunities. This is a wonderful way to meet new people and discover the many ways you can be involved at Westminster.

# Children & Families Ministry

**Beginning August 21, Sunday School will be back to normal hours. Children Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade leave the 10:30 am worship service after the Children's Message.**

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| <b>9:00am</b>  | Preschool Story Time<br>Kindergarten-5th<br>6-7th<br>Senior High | Room 210<br>Faith Village (Lower Level)<br>Lower Level<br>Youth Room (Lower Level) |
| <b>10:45am</b> | Preschool<br>Kindergarten-5th                                    | Room 210<br>Faith Village (Lower Level)  |

## Middle School 6-7th Grade

Sunday's at 9:00am the Middle School students will be Exploring the Care of the Bible, and diving into such questions as:

- \*What is the Bible, and how do I use it?
- \*How does the Bible relate to me, today?
- \*How are the Biblical characters important to my faith?

This class is an important prelude to the Confirmation Class.

## Sudanese Sunday School Rides

The Outreach Team is working on getting a team together to give rides to the Sudanese children so they may attend the 9am Sunday School program at Westminster. Please contact David Szabat at 402-475-2555 for more information or to volunteer for this program.

## JUNIOR STRINGS Ensemble

Who: 3-12th Grade

Starting: Sunday, August 21st from 10-10:20am

Where: Chapel

Bring your string instrument and join the group. From beginners to advanced players. Multi-level music and great leaders help the players.

## Annual Book Sale

Can you believe it? It is only weeks until this year's annual Book Sale. Sunday, August 14th is the date - mark it on your calendar, and start checking your closets and shelves for books, DVDs, puzzles, games, etc. to donate. Donations can be left in the library any time before Friday, August 12th. This is the library's only source of income for purchasing books and supplies. Last year's sale was very successful - help make it two in a row.

## Westminster on Wednesday (WOW)

Join us weekly for 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.

**WOWXL** (6:30 Youth Cafe) 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) 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:** (6:30-7:30) Join us as we discover, Faith that Moved Mountains: Exploring the Early Church.

**August 24th:** Faith: What It Is and Why It Matters - Presented by: Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

**August 31st:** Rome and the Early Church - Presented by: Rev. Bob Snell

### Music Rehearsals

(6:20) Westminster Carillon (Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary)

(6:30) Cherub Choir (age 3-Kindergarten, Room 210E)

(6:30) Alleluia! Amen! Choir (Grade 1-5, Room 210)

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

### August WOW Dinners

August 24th: Hotdogs, Hamburgers, &  
Coleslaw

August 31st: Mac N Cheese & Green  
Beans

## JOIN SUMMER CHOIR!

Resumes on Sunday, August 7th. We rehearse at 9:30am in the sanctuary, learning an anthem, then socialize a bit and sing for the 10:30am service. Newcomers are most welcome. Check out the joyful singing and develop meaningful friendships.



**is coming to Westminster!!**

Starting this fall, Westminster will be launching e-Giving. This will allow for you to give: on line, set up automatic giving on line and text giving. Look for more information in the coming months!

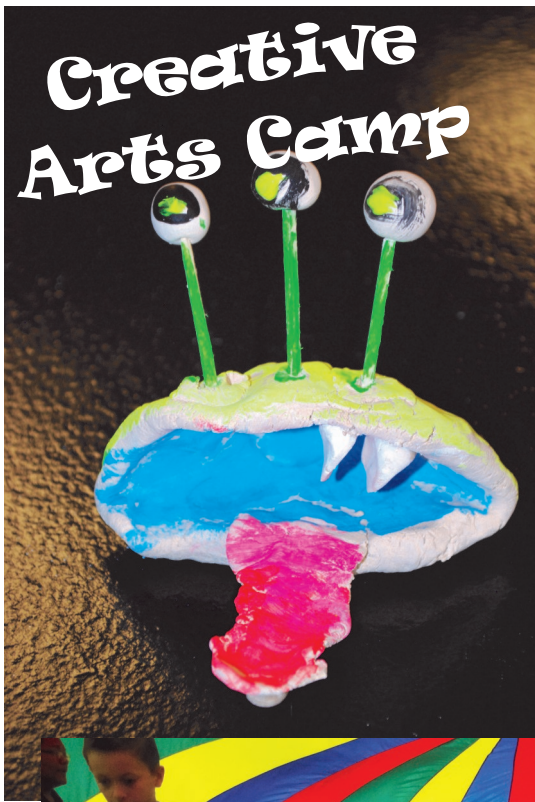
## Westminster Brass

Meet as arranged. Join the Westminster Brass that plays on festive Sundays! Bring your brass instrument and join the group.

## Hygiene Kits

The Outreach Team is putting together Hygiene Kits in August. They are collecting items for these kits from now until Genesis Sunday. Each "kit" has a hand towel, washcloth, wide tooth comb, nail clipper, bar of soap, toothbrush, and band-aids. Last year's team was able to put together 110 kits. Let's match that again this year. Any questions feel free to contact Joan Roberts at [roberts2520@windstream.net](mailto:roberts2520@windstream.net).







## CREATIVE ARTS CAMP 2016

Galaxy Express concluded a successful week on Sunday, July 17 with their movement, skit and songs. Fifty-four children participated in the week-long arts camp and enjoyed the galaxy theme activities. The children explored the main scripture *“God’s majestic voice thunders God’s commands, creating miracles too marvelous for us to understand.”* (Job37:4-5)

One of the strengths of this camp is to have specialized teachers from the community: Sarah Brown (movement), Samantha Matulka (music) and Jana Sesow (art). Their dedication to encourage the children to express their individual creativity is exceptional. These teachers make themselves available to teach CAC every year. We are very grateful for their passion for the arts and teaching children.

Many volunteers made this camp successful. The decoration crew met many days to make the set and props. Other volunteers helped with registration, preparing for art and craft classes, setting and resetting rooms, making and serving snacks, donating materials, and leading children.

### Sudanese Members Learn English

The Sudanese members of Westminster reached out to the church to get help with becoming better with the English Language. We posted a message about this need in the Vine and it was answered by Dave Atkinson. Dave had become interested in helping individuals with English as a second language while in the military and had started the process of becoming a trainer with Lincoln Literacy Program. He now is currently teaching a class on Monday nights from 6:30-8pm. The plan is to continue the program at Westminster until the end of August when these two individuals can begin the English as a Learning Language (ELL) program geared for Refugees through Lincoln Literacy. This program runs from September – May and volunteer teachers help refugees to understand, speak, read, and write English. The two current students have been assessed by Lincoln Literacy for competency and Dave has started them on the ELL format. Let’s give a big shout out to Dave for seeing a need and stepping up to help our Sudanese members.



Long time member Marjorie Walker celebrating her 102nd birthday.

## Westminster Bible Class

The Bible Class meets Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parlor. The theme “Life on God’s Terms” continues throughout August. Paul seeks to show that God has acted to set us right through Jesus Christ in whom there is hope. In Christ, we can live as new creations in Christ through love, which fulfills God’s law.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Scripture</u>       | <u>Theme</u>             | <u>Leader</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| August 7th  | Romans 8:28-39         | Safe in God’s Love       | Bud Tenney    |
| August 14th | Romans 9:6-18          | Living Under God’s Mercy | Ellen Davis   |
| August 21st | Romans 11:11-24        | God Prunes and Grafts    | Ellen Davis   |
| August 28th | Romans 12:1-2, 13:8-10 | Love Fulfills the Law    | Bill North    |

## Adult Education on Sundays

### Faith that Moved Mountains: Exploring the Early Church

Following the Resurrection, Christ gave his disciples the Great Commission. They were to make disciples of all nations. Inspired by Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit, they set out to spread the good news. They would face challenges including prison and persecution. All but one would die a martyr. And yet, armed with their faith and their stories, the disciples took on the Roman Empire and transformed the world. Join us in August as Adult Ed explores the early church and the faith that moved mountains. Sunday morning Adult Ed classes will be:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Title</u>   | <u>Presented by</u>                                 |
|-------------|--|---|
| August 7th  | <b><i>See Special Adult Education Series (below)</i></b> |   |
| August 14th | The Historical Context of the Early Church               | Dr. Patrick Hayden-Roy,<br>NWU Professor of History |
| August 21st | The Art of Storytelling and the Early Church             | Dr. Deborah Minter,<br>UNL Professor of English     |
| August 28th | Peter and the Early Church                               | Rev. Bob Snell                                      |

## Special Adult Education Series

Adult Ed will be premiering a remarkable documentary about Creation Care on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Director Elizabeth Gaylynn Baker traveled the world to create ***We Know Not What We Do*** (Biblical reference intended). You will see a significant Nebraska influence in the content of this film with appearances by Rev. Kim Morrow, Mary Pipher, John Hansen and others.

Note that this screening will be in two one-hour viewings in order to make time for discussion. Part One will be on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and Part Two will be on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend both or either session.

# Upcoming Events & small groups



For more information  
or a list of current  
Small Groups, contact  
Geoff Cline at  
geoffcline@mac.com.

## Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, August 2nd at 11:30 am  
Location: Pizza Ranch (8420 Lexington Ave)  
Come for fellowship and good food. All are  
welcome. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-  
6883 with any questions.

## Prairie Readers

When: Wednesday, August 17th  
1pm in Westminster's Parlor  
Book: *To Kill A Mockingbird* and  
*Go Set A Watchman* By: Harper Lee  
Presented by: Martha Van Sickle  
Prairie Readers is doing a Compare and  
Contrast for August on the above two classic  
reads. Everyone is welcome to join in the  
conversation and fellowship.

## Foundation Birthdays June/July birthdays

Don Chandler  
Jo Daniels  
Lynn & Ellen Davis – Anniversary  
Dorothy Glen  
Freda Gregg

## All in the Family

**Marriages:** Best wishes to Kendal Agee and  
Will Minich who were married on July 2; Jessica  
Powell and Justin Oliver who were married on  
July 9; and Anelle Strauss and Eric Williams  
who were married on July 16.

**Bereavements:** Comfort for the family and  
friends of Helen Wagner who died on June 26.

## Westminster Club

When: Tuesday, August 23rd in Cole Hall  
5:30pm Fellowship and punch  
6:00pm Dinner  
7:00pm Presentation Domesti-PUPS  
Presenting: Dick Spearman  
Domesti-PUPS is a therapy dog program.  
Dick will inform us on how the dogs are se-  
lected, trained and for what uses. We hope  
to see you there everyone is welcomed.

## Presbyterian Women of Westminster

"Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes"  
is the title of the 2016-17 Bible study women of  
Westminster will begin this fall. On Saturday  
morning, August 27 at the Fall Kickoff from 9:30-  
11:30, all interested women are invited to meet  
for coffee, goodies, conversation and an intro-  
duction to the study by Rev. Ellen Davis. We will  
have Charleen Cochell as our guest, our Home-  
stead (Presbytery) Presbyterian Women Cluster  
leader. Representatives of Westminster Women  
who attended the Synod Women's Gathering this  
summer will also bring a report. If you have never  
participated in a circle group, you are encouraged  
to do so this Fall. "Who Is Jesus" is a Bible study  
journey to expand our understanding of who Je-  
sus was and is – a journey of our hearts and  
minds. To begin the study with other women of  
the church, come to the Fall Kickoff or contact  
Rev. Davis at 402-304-0557.



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## Youth Information

### ***Westminster Youth Retreat: Walking in the Light***

Who: Youth in Grades 8-12th

When: Friday, August 19th - Sunday, August 21st

Where: Calvin Crest Retreat Center

### ***Middle School, Confirmation &***

### ***Senior High Welcome!***

Who: Parents and youth grades 8-9th

When: Genesis Sunday - August 14th at 9:15am

Where: Youth Room

### ***Bible Dedication***

Who: New Confirmands

When: Sunday, August 21st at 10:30am worship

