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HOLY WEEK CALENDAR – The journey of Lent leads to the celebration of Easter

Palm Sunday, April 9 | 10:30am

“Requiem” by Gabriel Fauré Melissa Srb, harp Westminster Choir . Our music will focus on Jesus’ journey to Calvary. All children are invited to join the palm parade. Come by 10:20 am in Cole Hall to line-up and process with the first hymn to re-enacting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 | 7:00 pm — Sanctuary

Remembrance of the Last Supper with Communion. Alleluia! Amen! Choir and Westminster Choir.

Good Friday, April 14 | Noon —Chapel, 7:00pm —Sanctuary

Both services will feature a dramatic reading of John’s account of the trial and crucifixion along with special music and a homily by Dr. Shelbourn. Westminster Choir.

Easter Sunday, April 16—

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join us for an Easter Celebration:

7:00 am —Chapel – Dean Haist, trumpet

9:00 am—Sanctuary – Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass, Westminster Carillon, Westminster Choir

10:00 am —Chapel – Contemporary, The Rising Band

11:00 am —Sanctuary Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass, Westminster Carillon, Westminster Choir



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST

Join the Deacons annual Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday April 16, 2017. Strata, hash brown casserole, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, and fruit, will be served from 8:00 to noon. Tickets are available in the Garden Room at the Deacon's table each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 and 11:30 to noon:

\$6/Adult	Easter Morning:
\$4/Children 12 & under	\$5/Children 12 & under
\$20/family	\$7/Adult and \$20/family

This fundraiser is to help with the Deacon mission of serving in ministries of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ, both in church and community. Deacons serve to be the family of God to all people in Christ's community, ministering with compassion and serving with joy. This year's focus for the Deacons is to reach out to minister to the homebound while providing bereavement duties while continuing to fulfill all ministries of a Deacon.

2017 Easter Lily Order Form

Order a lily in memory or honor of a loved one to be displayed in the chancel on Easter morning, or donate money to one of the Westminster Endowment Funds. Cost of each lily is **\$16**. Endowments may be any amount. Checks should be made payable to Westminster, memo "LILY".

Specify all information on the form below and return to:

Westminster Presbyterian Church Attn: Marge
2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68502

I/We would like to purchase _____ lily/lilies.

I/We would like to make a gift of \$_____ for one of the following Westminster Endowment Funds:
Please check one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission and Outreach Endowment | <input type="checkbox"/> Music and Worship Endowment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Purpose Endowment | <input type="checkbox"/> The Great Commission Endowment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Endowment | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Ministries Endowment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Endowment | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Events Endowment |

Given by _____

_____ in loving memory of _____ OR

_____ in honor of _____

I will take my lily home following the 11 am service.

The Deacons may deliver my lily to the elderly and homebound.

Orders must be received by April 11th to be included in the order of worship.



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

THE UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Westminster Performance

April 18 | 7:30PM

The University Singers final concert will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The University Singers will reprise the music that they will perform at the University Chancellor's installation ceremony in the Lied Center, plus they will repeat a portion of a recent concert they held at Boys Town in Omaha helping them celebrate their 100th Anniversary, and new music especially for this concert.

The concert is free and open to the public.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE

Enjoy a dozen, or more, cinnamon rolls made in our very own Westminster Kitchen!

The cinnamon rolls pre-sale is in the Garden Room each Sunday at the Deacon's table. They will be available for pick-up at the Deacon's Easter Breakfast. The cost is \$9.00 per dozen or save by ordering two dozen at \$17.00. Stop by the Garden Room or call the church office to reserve your delicious cinnamon rolls with white icing.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Birth: Congratulations to Lisa and A. J. Elgert on the birth of Pierce Grey, born March 1.

Marriage: Best wishes to Beth Kalemkarian and Erik Fern, who were married on March 11.

Baptism: Calvin Royce, son of Annie and Adam Ferguson on March 26.

Bereavements: Comfort for the family and friends of Irvine Linch who died on February 13, Dale Tinstman who died on February 16, Wilma Messersmith who died on February 26, and James Hancock who died on March 14.

FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

The following contributed to the Foundation in honor of their March Birthday.

Bennett Bacon	Ellen Davis	Matt Olson
Rob Baltensperger	Mark Davis	Todd Peterson
Sarah Batensperger	Nancy Davis	Stanley Rediger
Colleen Batten	Chip DeBuse	Barbara Solomon
Martha Brown	Carl Glen	Lee Sonderegger
Linda Burchard	Suzann Johnson	Mark Whitehead
Geoff Cline	Martha McLeod	Dale Young
Kristen Cline	Linda Murphy	



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

ADOPT AND EGG PROGRAM

Eggs are available for "Adoption" at the East Entrance. Grab a bag or two of empty eggs, fill them up with goodies for the Easter Eggstravaganza Hunt. Return the filled eggs by April 9th. Thank you for helping to make this event exciting!

KINDERGARTEN OF EDEN

10:45 am | Room 210

Preschool children gather for interactive learning as they Grow in Grace and Gratitude! April lessons focus on justice, celebrating the coming of Jesus to Jerusalem and his resurrection on Easter, learning that Jesus is with them always, and blessing others.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 15th from 10am-11:30 am

Games, crafts, and an Easter Egg Hunt for children 3 years-5th Grade. There will be a peanut free room. Please mark your calendars and join us for this great event.

FAITH VILLAGE 9:00 and 10:45 am

The children are learning that the Bible is the special book of our faith and contains God's teachings that help us know how God wants us to live. As we enter the time of our Creation Celebration, we will be emphasizing that God is creator of all things in heaven and earth, and that God's creation is a work in progress.

2017 CHURCH GROWTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Monday April 24th—Tuesday, April 25 | Westminster Presbyterian Church

Join a two-day summit to discover practical strategies to grow your church! How do churches grow? There is no "one size fits all" answer. A diverse group of successful church leaders will share a variety of insights to help us rethink how mainline churches can move into the future. Come, listen to these leaders, listen to other engaged churches, and listen for the spirit to move.

Outside Voices: Discipleship: Developing discipleship for all ages within your congregation. Dr. Susan Forshey, Dubuque Theological Seminary

Christian Education: What went wrong in Christian Education? How can we change it? —Dr. Ross Thompson, University of California, Davis. Nationally known educator and former Westminster member.

Mission: Patrice McMahon is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her research is at the intersection of international security, conflict and human rights. She has written several books regarding the impact international aid organizations have in the world— whether the organization is wasting money or having a negative or positive impact. What can we learn from this? How will it inspire us to do mission differently?

Leadership: Richard Brown has been putting together his own leadership puzzle for his entire adult life. That includes his college years. He was one of two Midshipman selected to serve as an officer position as a junior. In his senior year, he was appointed as Midshipman Battalion Commander, the highest leadership position available to a student. Named the USMC Honor Graduate, he served his active duty as an infantry officer with the 1st Marine Brigade in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Prior to leaving the Corps Richard was selected ahead of his peers for promotion to Captain. In 1978, he began a thirty year career in sales with Pfizer, Inc. Four years later, he was one of the youngest individuals at the time promoted to District Manager. Richard helped found PRE, or Professional Resources Enhancement, in 1998 as a means of bringing his unique vision of leadership to small business, coaches, teachers, and young adults. Richard is now a certified speaker, coach, and trainer with the John Maxwell Team. In 2012, Richard published the book "Become THE LEADER Your PEOPLE DESERVE."

Register at: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edjt06mp7a17d19a&llr=o6bzz6iab>



WOW WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAYS

Join us weekly where you will find great food, education, music and more! Note Time changes through Lent. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm in Cole Hall until April 5th and back to regular schedule 5:45-630 pm on April 12. \$4 Children, \$6 Adults with a \$17 maximum per family.

WOWXL Youth Café

April 5 | 6:40 pm

April 12 | 6:30 pm

Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

Lenten Devotion

April 5 | 6:20-6:35 in the Chapel

Faith Building Blocks

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm. Fourth Graders are invited to learn about the Lord’s Supper in preparation for Maundy Thursday Communion.

Music Rehearsals—During Lent, Through April 5th

- 6:30 Westminster Carillon, Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
- 6:40 Cherub Choir, Age 3-Kindergarten, Room 210E
- 6:40 Alleluia! Amen! Choir, Grade 1-5, Room 210
- 7:40 Westminster Choir, Adult Choir, Sanctuary

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Creation Celebration—Restoring Eden—Westminster Theater

Join us on Wednesday evenings in April as we explore the impact of climate change across the globe. *Before the Flood*, a documentary produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, examines areas of the world that are suffering the ramifications of climate change. *Before the Flood* will be shown in the Westminster Theater on Wednesdays, April 19th and 26th from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

All ages are welcome!

WOW Dinner Menu’s

April 5— Pulled Pork, beans and slaw
 April 12th—Soup and toasted cheese with fries
 April 19th— Baked chicken with roasted red potatoes and creamed spinach
 April 26th—Homemade Runzas and tater tots

Salad, Fruit & Dessert



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS | 9 am

Lean In to God this Lent

April 2 —John 19 —Passion: The Crucifixion and April 9 —John 20-21 —The Resurrection and Epilogue.

The Adult Education Ministry would like to invite all members of Westminster to “lean in” to God this Lent. Grow your faith and strengthen your relationship with God as we explore the “Book of Glory” during Lent. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which the Christian Church is built. The Gospel of John relays this story. The first half of this gospel is known as the “Book of Signs” and describes the miracles of Christ. The second half is known as the “Book of Glory”. To the gospel writer, “glory” meant the passion, crucifixion, and vindication of God’s purpose in Christ through resurrection. Join us on Sunday mornings during Lent as we explore the “Book of Glory!” May we hear The Good News...anew! Presented by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn.

Is this Eden? No, it’s Nebraska!

But we are still responsible to tend and keep it (Genesis 2:15).

A cast of involved Nebraskans will share their insights regarding a faithful response to climate change and its impact on the environment. Join us on Sunday mornings in April and May as we seek to understand how we at Westminster can work toward “restoring Eden”.

Sunday, April 23 – “The Implications of Climate Change for Nebraska”
presented by Lucas Sabalka, Climate Reality Leader.

Sunday, April 30 – “Creating Habitats for Monarch Butterflies and Other
Pollinators” presented by Carolyn Butler, Nebraska
Wildlife Federation.

Westminster Bible Class

Westminster Bible Class is an open class, drop in as you wish or stay for the whole year. The Westminster Bible Class study this Spring will consider the love of God, central to our Christian faith and experience. Join others who find support in Bible study to be enriched in our understanding of God’s love and to experience a deeper gratitude for the lives we live loved by God, through faith in Jesus Christ, by the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Lenten and Easter season, we will be reminded of God’s love focused in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that love indwelling and leading the church as well as our own lives by the work of the Holy Spirit. Please join the group meeting in the parlor at 9 am each Sunday.

Unit 2 (April) God’s Caring, Saving, and Upholding Love

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
April 2	Psalm 23	God as Our Shepherd	Gary Haller
April 9 Palm Sunday	John 3:1-21	God’s Saving Love in Christ	Greg Hershberger
April 16 Easter Sunday	NO CLASS	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
April 23	Romans 5:6-11; 8:31-39	God’s Reconciling Love	Steve Carveth
April 30	John 10:1-15	God’s Preserving Love	Steve Carveth



LIFE GROUPS

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Circles are the small groups based on study, friendship, and action. All Westminster women are invited to visit any of the following circles:

Circle 3

Wed, April 5th | 10:00 am | 6611 E Shore Drive
Barb Schliesser — 402-4489-6219

Circle 4

Mon, April 3rd | 7:00 pm | 5411 South Dove Lane
Kathy Anderson — 402-430-9081

Circle 5

Tue, April 11th | 10:00 am | Westminster Lounge
Pat Hackley — 402-423-2909

Circle 6

Tue, April 25th | 7:00 pm | Westminster Lounge

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 4 | 11:30 am | Granite City
6150 "O" Street (Gateway Mall)
Come for fellowship and good food. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883 with any questions. All are welcome.

History Buffs

Saturday, April 8 | 9:00 am
We are honored to have Joe Starita speak to us again. He will tell us about Susan LaFlesche, the first Native American to become a physician and able to treat her own tribe bringing modern medicine of that time to them. Mr. Starita has spoken to us previously about Chief Standing Bear and his story in [I Am A Man](#).

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Saturday, April 15th | 8:00 am
Piedmont Bristo- 1265 S Cotner Blvd
Men's Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Shelbourn.
Questions: contact Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Ladies Night Out

Mon, April 17th from 5-7pm
Billy's – 1301 "H" Street
Invite your friends for a fun evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over appetizers and drinks. Appetizers \$10 + tax. All ladies are welcome! No RSVP required- drop-in at your leisure and invite a friend. Contact Robyn at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Westminster Club

Tuesday, April 18 | 11:30 am | Cole Hall
We will be meeting for lunch and a program. Watch the Vine for more information. We hope you will plan to attend.

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, April 19th | 1:00 pm | Westminster Parlor
Book for the month: The Life of John G. Neihardt by Timothy Anderson. Facilitator: Timothy Anderson. All are welcome!

Tour de Friends

Thursday Evening Bike Rides | 5:30 pm
If you are never going to ride on the Tour de France, but you like to bike, consider the Tour de Friends. If you haven't gotten on a bike in years, but would like to get started, Tour de Friends is for you. If your dream of exercise so far is a fantasy, Tour de Friends will make your dreams come true.
We are going to ride once a week, come if you can. This relaxed group will get you started. We're as much interested in making friends as in making miles.
To receive notifications on when and where to meet, inclement weather cancellations and invitations to other rides— download the "Groupe Me" App from the iTunes App Store. Once you have it downloaded, contact Tracy at 402-475-6702 and she will send you an invite to our specific group.
Early spring rides will be about an hour. We will build up stamina and ride longer as the summer progresses. Who knows. Miracles do happen.



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HERITAGE SUNDAY

April 30 | 10:00 AM

Celebrate our Scottish heritage with bagpipes, "fiddle ensemble", parade with banners and flags! Come to the Gym to join the parade at 10:15. Wear your plaid outfit or favorite accessory!

During worship, there will be the traditional **"Kirkin of the Tartans" Ceremony** which is a blessing of a clans (family) Tartan.

Following worship will be a meal of "Bangers and Mash & Smashed Peas" (sausage, mashed potatoes, and peas) with traditional onion gravy (please bring two dozen short-bread cookies to share). The meal is \$5/person, children 10 & under free, max. \$15/family.

There will be a bounce house, Welly toss, and other Highland games as well as Braveheart face painting. Everyone is welcome to join.

Because of YOU, Westminster is **green@heart**

