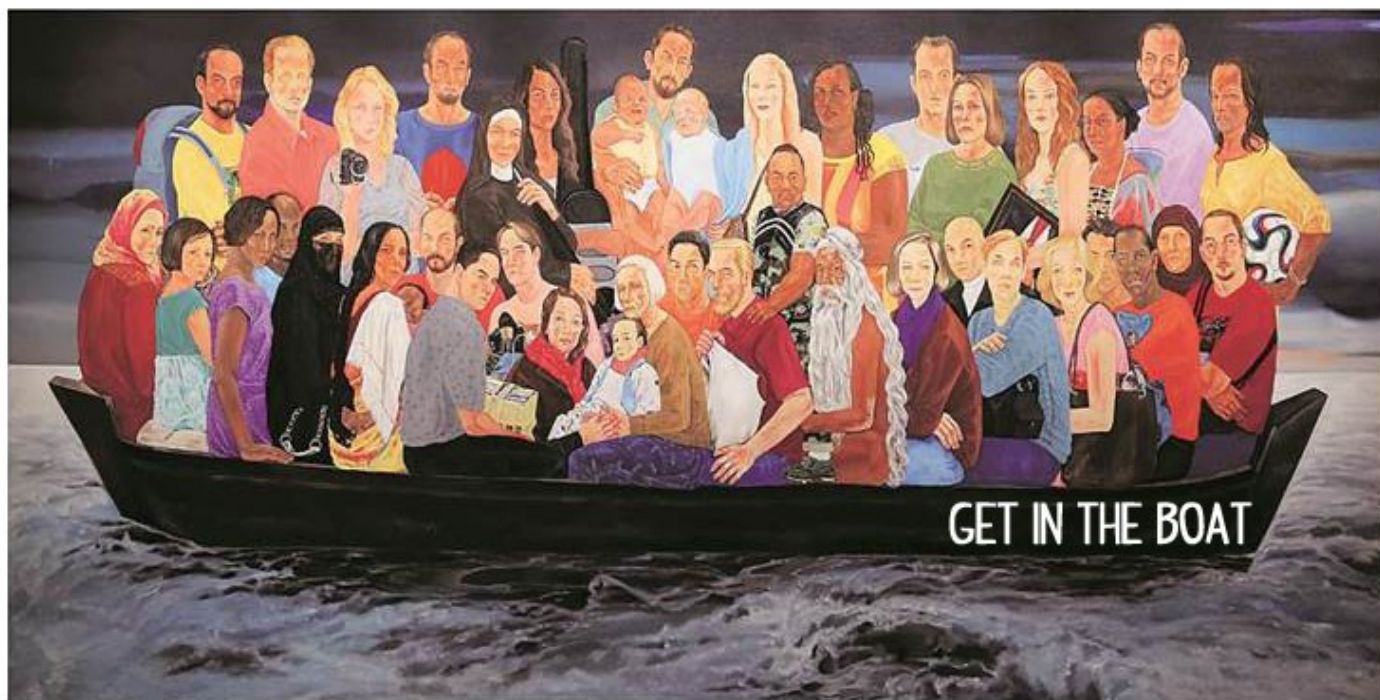

GENESIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Join our church family for this annual event as we introduce our exciting programming for the Fall! This is a wonderful way to meet new people and discover the many ways you can be involved. There's something for everyone! Bring a friend and "Get In The Boat".



Come to the Garden Room for a look at our upcoming opportunities and "Get In The Boat"!

Throughout the year, multiple committees are hard at work developing programs that add meaning and depth to our members' faith journey through adult education, mission opportunities and fellowship. See page 2 for Genesis Sunday Event listings.



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Genesis Sunday, August 20

Genesis Sunday is the perfect time to tour our amazing Sunday school facilities and meet the loving volunteers who teach our children each week.

Kindergarten of Eden Open House and Orientation | 9:30-10:15 AM

This is an informal opportunity for preschool children age 3-5 and parents to visit the Kindergarten of Eden, meet the teachers and other families, learn about the curriculum, do a craft together, and check out the great space in Rm. 210. Please be sure to register your child for Sunday School at this time. *This orientation is part of the Faith Building Blocks series.*

Faith Village Open House and Orientation | 9:30-10:15 AM

K-5th Grade children and families are invited to come check out this wonderful village on the lower level complete with theater, drama room, computer room, and art room. Meet other villagers and parents, learn about the rotation model curriculum and register for Sunday School.

Youth Sunday School Open House | 9:45-10:15 AM

Take this opportunity to meet teachers Andrew Finkner (Middle School) and Devon Nelson (Senior High), get a brief overview curriculum and register for Sunday School. Middle School (5th-7th) meets in Faith Village on the Lower Level, and Senior High meets in the Youth Café. *Please note that the Youth Group Kick-Off will be Sunday Evening, and includes a meeting for the parents.*

Confirmation Kick-Off “Get In The Boat” | Youth Room | 9:15 AM

Are you in 8th or 9th Grade? Are you ready to deepen your faith? We are having an organizational meeting for parents and confirmands! —with Donuts, of course! 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.

Hey Kids— join in the celebration with fun & games starting at 11:45 AM. Jump in the Bounce House, try your luck with the Beanbag Toss, test your skills with the Chicken Whack game & get your face painted!!

PORK SANDWICHES!

A Potluck Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall following 10:30 worship.

Pulled pork sandwiches & beverages will be provided. Families with last names beginning A-K bring a dessert; those L-Z bring a side dish. Freewill offering will be taken.

YOUTH-PARENT LAUNCH PARTY

Sunday, August 20 | Location TBA

Grades 6-12 5:00 – 8:00 PM

That’s right- we’re having Pizza! Bring \$5 per person to cover it. Adults—you’ll need your calendar.

Lohmen!!!! Woo Hoo! Let’s start planning some awesome stuff for next year!



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Westminster Classic Car Show

Sunday, August 27 | Church Parking Lot

Come join the fun!

The Westminster Classic Car Show is open to all members of the congregation who wish to display their vehicles. Bring them to the church at 9 AM, the show will start at 9:30 AM.

We will have someone watching over them during the 10:30 service. All forms of transportation are welcome including 4, 3, or 2 wheeled varieties. After the show we will continue the fun by driving in a convoy to a nearby eatery for lunch for all who wish to join.



Please call Michael Gregg at 402-326-4415, or Steve Hughes at 402-450-2524 with any questions.

COOK-OUT TIME-- Remember our Food Pantry--

Hunger and food insecurity has no color, race or religion, just an empty stomach looking for relief. Consider becoming an asset to our community by donating to the local food pantry. We are in need of pork & beans, chili, rice, cooking oil and spaghetti sauce.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Baptism: Stephen Lee, son of Sarah and Jeff Salem on July 9.

Marriage: Best wishes to Jaraka Berringer and Tyson Helm who were married on July 1.

Bereavements: Comfort for the family and friends of John Walters, who died on July 6, Nadine Thurber, who died on July 13, Richard Thompson, who died on July 20, and Frances Freeman who died on July 21.

FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

The following contributed to the Foundation in honor of their July Birthday:

Genie Bahm, Laverne Bish, Paul Blumer, Ann Case Landfield, Don Chandler, John Clinton, Mary-Ann Clinton, Jo Daniels, Dorothy Glen and Jim White.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Westminster Preschool will kick off the 2017-2018 school year on August 14.

This year is full of excitement as the Nebraska AEYC has partnered with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation to bring the Rooted in Relationships Pyramid Project to eleven center based classrooms in Lincoln. We are honored by the opportunity of having two of the eleven classes chosen for the three year Pyramid Project certification. The project includes professional development, individual teacher coaching, individual child assessment, and access to grants for additional social-emotional development materials.

The interactions in a child's earliest years are critical to future success in learning, social competency and prevention of mental health problems. The social-emotional development that takes place during this time is strongly influenced by the quality of the relationship between young children and their primary caregivers. This importance has been recognized in Nebraska both by public and private studies, planning efforts and initiatives.

Beginning August 20, Faith Village and Kindergarten of Eden will be back to normal hours.

Children Preschool through 5th Grade leave the 10:30 am worship service after the Children's Conversation.

Kindergarten of Eden (Preschool) at 10:45 am, Room 210

Your preschool child aged 3-5 years is invited to Grow in Grace & Gratitude as the new year commences. They will learn to show joyful gratitude to God, and learn reminders that we can trust God to take care of us—all through stories, crafts, games, songs and play.

Faith Village (K- 5th Grade) 9:00-10:00 and 10:45-11:40 am

August 27 - September: People Who Made a Difference

Through a variety of rotational workshops, children will see that all kinds of people of faith can make a great difference. Faith Village begins each week with a song, an offering, and prayers. Shepherds then take the children to their workshop of the week. We ask that parents wait to pick up their children until 11:40 each week to allow for a regular routine. We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School to grow with love for our Creator.

Middle School 6th – 7th Grade 9:00 am Faith Village beginning August 27

Providing 6th and 7th graders time to worship with their parents, this class meets at 9 am and will be a Bible 101 class, where students meet with youth leader Andrew Finkner and dive into the Bible to explore such questions as:

What is the Bible, and how do I use it?

What are the differences between the Old and New Testament?

How are the biblical characters important to my faith?

How does the Bible relate to me, today?

This class is an important prelude to the Confirmation Class.

Senior High Youth 9:00 am Youth Cafe, Beginning August 27.

The youth will examine current issues in light of their faith, and put that faith to the test by putting themselves into the picture.



WOW WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAYS

WOW Returns Wednesday, August 23

Need a night to unwind this Fall from the hustle of school activities and work meetings? Join us for WOW—Westminster on Wednesday! Every week, we serve a home-cooked meal followed by adult education, WOWXL, Knit N Sit and music rehearsals.

JOIN US

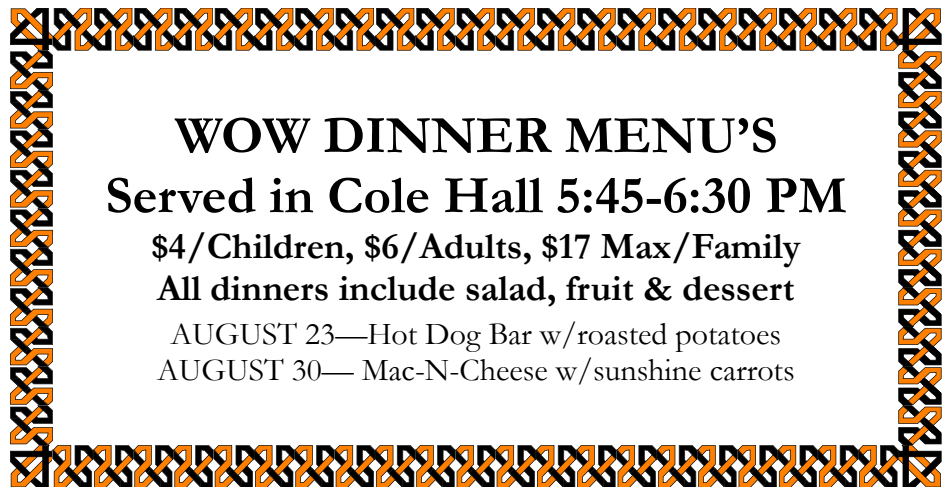
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WOW DINNER MENU'S
Served in Cole Hall 5:45-6:30 PM
\$4/Children, \$6/Adults, \$17 Max/Family
All dinners include salad, fruit & dessert
AUGUST 23—Hot Dog Bar w/roasted potatoes
AUGUST 30— Mac-N-Cheese w/sunshine carrots

ADULT EDUCATION— 6:30-7:30 PM | Westminster Lounge

The Hebrew Prophets:

A Passion for Justice (Not Crystal Balls)

It is often mistakenly believed that the prophet's role was to predict the future. However, the Hebrew prophets of the Old Testament played a very different role. Many were tapped by God to deliver divine messages during times of political and religious corruption. Thus, they were frequently critical of their societies, preaching about justice and morality. Not a popular profession you might venture. No wonder Jonah ran in the opposite direction when God asked him to go to Nineveh.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge starting August 23rd to learn more about the Hebrew prophets.

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn will enlighten us as to the courageous role that various Hebrew prophets played during Old Testament times.

- **August 23** – Elijah and Elisha
- **August 30** – Amos, Hosea, Micah

WOWXL—6:30 PM | 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 PM | Library

Come knit or crochet with us. If you don't know how, we will gladly teach you. Women and men of all ages are welcome to attend this fluid group.



ADULT EDUCATION & BIBLE CLASS

SUNDAY MORNINGS | 9 am—10 am | Meet in the Lounge

Adult Education

Celebrating the 500-Year Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

The publication of *The Ninety-Five Theses* by Martin Luther in 1517 is considered the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Join us in August as we commemorate the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We will explore the historical context of the Reformation and the role that Luther, Calvin, and Knox played in this transformative movement. The series will culminate with a discussion of what defines and distinguishes the Presbyterian church from other denominations.

Come learn about the historical heritage of your faith!

August 6 “The Role of Calvin and Knox in the Protestant Reformation” by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn.

August 13 “What Distinguishes Presbyterians from Other Denominations” by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn.

Building Stronger Communities through Early Childhood Education and Well-Being

August 20 “The Importance of Early Childhood Education” by Dr. Marjorie Kostelnik, Dean of UNL College of Education.

August 27 “The importance of Early Psychological Well-Being” by Dr. Mary Fran Flood, UNL Psychology Professor.

September 3 Labor Day, No Adult Education

Westminster Bible Class

GOD’S URGENT CALL—Join us any Sunday in August | 9AM | Parlor

Throughout the summer we have considered the impact of God’s call on several Old Testament leaders and prophets. During August, our study for the summer concludes with an exploration of God’s call to faithful Christians of the First Century church and how God is calling us in the 21st Century.

Unit 3- Calls in the New Testament

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
August 6	Acts 1; 6-7	Called to Witness	Ellen Davis
August 13	Acts 8	Called to Break Down Barriers	Ellen Davis
August 20	Acts 9:1-31	Called to Preach	Bill North
August 27	Acts 10	Called to be Inclusive	Ellen Davis



LIFE GROUPS

Westminster is a place to worship, a place to serve, and a place to belong. One of our values at Westminster is to build healthy relationships with one another and we believe it is important for everyone to discover a place where they can connect and grow. You are invited to become involved with any of our life groups at any time. For more information call 402-475-6702.

An Invitation to Westminster Women:

You are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Fall Coffee on Saturday, August 26th, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shellbourn will introduce the 2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study, "Cloud of Witnesses – The Community of Christ in the Book of Hebrews." This will be a time of fellowship for all circle members before their circles start in September. Bible Study books will be on sale for \$11.00 and the new Directories will be distributed. For more information, contact Linda Miller at 402-423-1311 or Eliza Sams at 402-420-2181.

Lunch Bunch

Meets at different restaurants on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM.

Watch the Vine & eVine to find out each month's location. Come for fellowship & good food.

Tour de Friends

We will be taking a little break from the hot summer heat. Group rides will resume on September 14.

Knit & Sit

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM in Church Library | We meet year round, just come when you can.

We warmly welcome any one who knits or crochets. If you would like to learn we'll teach you.

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, August 16 | 1 PM | Westminster Parlor

Book: *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. The Wright Brothers is a 2015 non-fiction book written by the popular historian David McCullough and published by Simon & Schuster. It's the dramatic story-behind-the-story about the courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly—Wilbur and Orville Wright. Facilitator: Marissa Kemp.

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Saturday, August 19 | 8 AM | Piedmont Bistro- 1265 S Cotner Blvd

Men's Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn. Questions: Contact Jimmy— 402-475-6702.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, August 21st | 5-7 PM | Billy's 1301 "H" Street

Invite your friends for an evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over appetizers and drinks. Appetizers are \$10 + tax. All ladies are welcome to join. No RSVP required & you can drop in at your leisure.

Westminster Bridge Players

Meeting regularly September to May. Interested? Call Kathlyn Govaerts 402-483-1726, or Carol Bishop 402-488-1082.



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Annual Book Sale August 20-27

You'll definitely want to save the date for this big sale because LOTS of great titles are showing up along with boxes of educational materials from a retired music teacher! There will be something for everyone! Fiction, non-fiction, religious, DVD's, CD's & so much more.

And you can help the church library by donating unneeded items anytime before August 16. Bring your books, audio books, DVDs, games & puzzles to the library (bagged or boxed, please) marked for the book sale - we'll take it from there. All of the proceeds from this event go directly to the library for the purchase of books and supplies.

Thanks for your support!



