

The Influencers - Sundays in January

Join us as we dialogue with dynamic leaders who are influencing and shaping our community. Learn about their passions and visions for Lincoln.



January 8th

Senator Kathy Campbell

NE State Legislature

Senator Campbell has served on the Health and Human Service Committee. She is a strong advocate for children's health care.



January 15th

Dr. Steve Joel

LPS Superintendent

Dr. Joel has been directly involved in a comprehensive instructional technology plan.

He developed The Career Academy, leading Nebraska into the next phase of K-12 education.



January 22nd

Pastor Tom Barber

People's City Mission

Pastor Tom's story is about being where God wanted him to be. He seeks to obey God by using his skills to care for those most in need.



January 29th

Pat Leach

Lincoln City Libraries

Pat is "Lincoln's Most Passionate Reader." In her role, Pat prepares Lincoln's City libraries for how reading will occur in the future.

2017 Hot Topic's

Lent Theme

Wednesdays 6:20 pm Chapel

March 8 - April 12, 2017

Parish Associate – Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn – will explore “People Encountered on the Journey to Jerusalem.” In Lent we retrace the steps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem and the Cross. Let’s meet those he met and briefly explore how the encounter with Jesus forms our own spiritual journey. Through the weeks of WOW during Lent, we will meet Jairus, a woman who touched the hem of Jesus garment, some sympathetic Pharisees, Galileans who were slaughtered by Pilate’s troops, Mary and her costly offering, a woman thrown at Jesus’ feet with an accusation, and, finally, Judas and the nature of betrayal.

2017 Church Growth Leadership Summit April 24—25, 2017

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 strategies. Come listen to these leaders, listen to other engaged churches, and listen for the Spirit to move! Your church can grow! This event is open to all.

Featured speakers include: Susan Forshey, Ross Thompson, and Richard Brown.

Family Fun Night: Dinner and a Movie

Fri, Feb 24th from 6-8:30pm

Cost: \$4 per person or \$10 for family

Bring your family, pillows, a blanket, and your favorite movie snack and snuggle up in your pjs for pizza and a movie. Please RSVP to Barbara at 402-475-6702.

Heritage Sunday, April 30, 2017

Scottish Heritage Parade 10:15am

Kirkin’ of the Tartan at 10:30am

During this Day of Celebration we will have a parade with bagpipes, banners and flags! During the worship service we celebrate with Kirkin’ of the Tartans which is blessing of a clans (family) Tartan. Everyone is welcome to join.

Creation Celebration 2017

Green @ Heart anticipates that this spring Westminster will be certified as an Earth Care Congregation for the third consecutive year. The third consecutive year we will mark that commitment with a church-wide Creation Celebration, April 23rd through May 21st. Watch for special worship, education, outreach and fellowship activities—or get involved in the planning. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to join in the fun. Contact Laurel Van Ham Pappas at 402-484-8467.

Upcoming Notable Events

Westminster preschool open house registration!



Thursday, January 19th from 6:00-7:00

Westminster Preschool offers part-day or full-day options for children ages 3 through 6 (Preschool and Pre-K). Our registration open house is the first opportunity for families to get registered with us! We fill up quickly, but families who register this night are given first priority. Children are welcome to attend. Tell your friends and family!

Find us Online: www.wpslincoln.org

Facebook: Westminster Preschool

For more information, contact Suzanne Schneider
suzanne@westminsterlincoln.org or (402) 475-6702



National Association for the
Education of Young Children



GET READY FOR DRAMA CAMP

March 13-17, 2017 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm



Missoula Children's Theatre is returning to Westminster! Over spring break, children K-6th grade are welcome to join WPC's 6th annual Drama Camp! This year's production, *Gulliver's Travels*, is produced in partnership with Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theater group. Children will enjoy education in theatre topics such as: characterization, music, staging, movement, and more!

Register online at www.westminsterlincoln.org.

Children & Family Ministry

Faith Village on Sundays

In January, Faith Village children will attend various workshops about Jesus and the Children. *Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.* —Mark 10:14. Jesus proclaimed through his words and actions that children are valued by God. The children will learn that they have important roles to play in the community of faith.

FAITH VILLAGE KIDS

HELP A VILLAGE.



Milk, cheese, yogurt and butter. In the fall of 2016, Faith Village offerings were used to purchase 2 kids (baby goats, that is) to provide a sustainable source of nutrition for a family in need.



Sudanese Sunday School Rides

The Outreach Team is working on getting substitutes together to help 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.

FAITH BUILDING BLOCKS

Wed, Jan 11th at 6:30pm

God Makes a Promise to You! 2nd Graders, along with a parent, are invited to experience the Bible story of a faithful man named Noah, reminding us that God loves all creation. Children will explore God's love, Noah's obedience, and how faithful people make choices that honor God. Questions please contact Barbara at 402-475-6702.

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2017

Join "Flame" the Red Panda for a week of learning, songs and activities. All children longing to be superheroes are invited to soar at Hero Central this June. This superhero adventure experience includes music, Bible study, science, crafts, snacks, games and more.

Creative Arts Camp

July 17-21, 2017

It will be this summer's July camp for your Kindergarteners through 5th graders. At Creative Arts Camp children will explore with crafts, art, music, drama, and movement in multi-cultural activities. All classes will be led by an expert in the area.

Congregation News & 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.

Start with Talent; Finish with Strength - Join us as CEO of Gallup, Don Clifton asked, "What will happen when we think about what is right with people rather than fixating on what is wrong with them?" This question led to the development of Gallup StrengthsFinder. Understanding your strengths can lead you to be your best you. Knowing your strengths can lead to stronger relationships, better parenting skills, improved work performance, and enhanced service in your faith life. Join Marijane Hancock, Certified Gallup Strengths Coach, to explore your strengths over four weeks at WOW. Participants will be asked to take the StrengthsFinder Assessment for a one-time cost of \$15.

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)

Foundation Birthdays

December 2016

Carol Bishop	Jim Bishop
Tim Gergen	Marijane Hancock
John Janovy	Irvine Linch
Charlotte Mills	Jean Patoka
Linda Petersen	Megan Woita
Linda Wood	

Jane Grabenstein-Chandler

In Honor of Bruce Sheffield

***Thank you for your support of the
Westminster Foundation. Happy Birthday!***

WOW Dinners

January 4th: NO WOW

January 11th:

Hotdogs and Fries

January 18th:

Soup and Baked Potato

January 25th:

Baked Chicken and Rice with Green Beans

All in the Family

Marriage: Best wishes to Alycia Kiburz and Jefferson Davis who were married on Fri Dec 16th.

Baptism: Murphy Joanna, daughter of Mallory and Brandon Kage on Sun Dec 4th.

Adult Education

Westminster Bible Class

Bible study is a perfect way to begin 2017. Westminster Bible Class is an open class, drop in as you wish or stay for the whole year. During the month of Jan we will praise God's Creation. Lessons from the Psalms will focus on praising this new world that God created. Why not join the group meeting in the parlor at 9am each Sunday?

Unit 2 (Jan) Praise from and for God's Creation

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
Jan 8th	Psalms 33:1-8; Psalm 96	Praising God the Creator; All Creation Overflows with Praise	Kent Wolfe
Jan 15th	Psalms 65; Psalm 67:6-7	Praise God the Provider	Bud Tenney
Jan 22nd	Psalms 104	Praise God the Creator	Rev. Ellen Davis
Jan 29th	Psalms 148	All Creation Praises God	Bill North

Requesting St. Nick Memories

Over the past 30 years, Westminster families faithfully sign up to support the St. Nick Project, to purchase gifts for others during Dec. It is the comments we hear as to how meaningful the experience has become for themselves and their families; that with this 30th anniversary, we would like for you to share your memories of St. Nick. Please email Teri Nelson at tnelson@cornhusker.net.

Journeying Together

If you are interested in becoming a member or know someone who is, please contact Marge marge@westminsterlincoln.org. The next New Member Class is scheduled for Sun, Jan 22th and Jan 29th at 9:00am.

Small Groups & Upcoming Events

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

Turning Pages

Westminster members meet with inmates at the County Jail on Monday nights for a 4 week time period once every 3 months for "book club". The next session begins in the Spring 2017. You do not need to attend every week. A brief 1 hour training session with jail programming staff and background check is required before volunteering in the facility at SW 40th & O Streets. For more information contact Deb Schorr at 402-421-1102. *"I was in prison and you came to me."* (Matthew 25:36).

Lunch Bunch

Tues, Jan 3rd at 11:30 am
Ruby Tuesday (2700 N Hill Rd)
Come for fellowship and good food. All are welcome. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883 with any questions.

History Buffs

Life and Work at The White House and Presidential Transitions

Sat, Jan 14th at 9:00am
Shalla Young will give a presentation from experiences she gained while working at The White House for 20 years during the 80's and 90's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ladies Night Out (LNO)

Mon, Jan 23rd from 5-7pm
Hickory Road BBQ (5571 S 48th St)
Invite your friends for a fun evening of getting to know WPC ladies over appetizers and drinks. All ladies are welcome; No RSVP required. Questions Contact Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Prairie Readers

Wed, Jan 18th at 1:00pm
Guest Speaker: Author Joe Starita
Book: *A Warrior of the People: How Susan LaFlesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor*
All are welcome to attend this special presentation to meet the author and have your books autographed.

Sausage, Eggs and Scripture

Sat, Jan 21st at 7:30am
Perkins (121 N 48th St)
Join the men that meet with Rev. Shelbourn for a dynamic Bible study on the letter to the Ephesians. For more information contact Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Presbyterian Women (P.W.)

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 Jan 4th at 10:00 am
Freda Gregg (402-423-3236)
2808 Woodsdale Blvd (02)

Circle 4

Tues Jan 3rd at 7:00 pm
Linda Burchard (402-477-5572)
3160 S 72nd St Apt 225 (06)

Circle 5

Tue Jan 10th at 10:00 am
Westminster Lounge
Pat Hackley (402-423-2909)

Circle 6

Tue Jan 24th at 7:00 pm
Jane Hines (402-488-8302)



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2017 Annual Session Retreat

The Westminster Session will hold its annual retreat at Lied Lodge on Jan 20-21. The leaders of the church will spend these two days discussing the future of Westminster, with a special focus on the coming year. We will set goals for every committee of the church, and look for steps on how each can achieve their particular goals.

Equally important, by the Session taking the time to have this extended discussion, we come to know and trust each other. We listen together for where the Holy Spirit is calling us. We come to consensus about what our top priorities are for the church. This focus from the Session is helpful for the church staff, as they are given the direction to actively work toward these goals.

Finally, after we set the goals, the Session convenes its January Session meeting, and sets the 2017 church budget. The size of the budget determines which priorities can receive the financial support that is needed. It is based on this extended discussion.

If you would like to know what you can do to help, there are three things to consider. If you see one of the Elders, tell them you appreciate their hard work and dedication. Second, if you have a vision for the future, talk with them, and share your ideas. Third, make sure you have your 2017 pledge in to the church office.

We look forward to a great 2017. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Andrew McDonald
Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
