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The Confirmation Retreat was held at Camp Calvin Crest , April 28-30.
Confirmands will join Westminster on May 21 at 10:30 worship.



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Church Directory Photos Additional Photo Sessions

Friday, May 12 from 2-8 pm and Saturday, May 13 from 10-4 pm. We need 22 more sittings to qualify for a binder instead of a stapled booklet directory. Call Tracy for an appointment at 475-6702 or sign up at church on April 30 or May 7.

Masako's & Boyd's Farewell Reception

June 11, following worship

Please join us as we thank Masako & Boyd for their years of service and wish them farewell.

If you would like to give a gift in their honor, please make out your check to Westminster Church, and mail it to attn: Cheryl Rennick. More details to come, watch for them in the Vine.

HOSTAMANIA

Sunday, May 14

The Lohmen group is hosting Hostamania at the east entrance. Many good things converge at Hosatmania—lots of plants have been donated (hosta and otherwise- some people bring rhubarb, asparagus, and marmalade) and are available for your landscape. The funds raised help us host our German visitors in July. Horticulture is taught and learned. And God smiles as we celebrate creation.

MUSIC SUNDAY

May 21 | 10:30 am Worship

Celebrating the Confirmation Sunday with all musicians. Westminster Carillon, Choir, Brass, Children's Choirs and Jr. String Ensemble gather to make joyful noise unto the Lord!

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 4

Come celebrate the birthday of the Christian church. On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32. Wear Red!



Dr. Ross Thompson was one of the Keynote speakers at the Church Growth Conference. The conference was attended by people from five different states.



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Jim McGill, Presbyterian Missionary, to visit Westminster- sponsored by the Mission and Outreach committee.

We are excited to host an evening of food and fellowship with Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Co-worker Jim McGill on Friday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Westminster’s Outreach Committee and our “World on a Plate” group are hosting the potluck supper, where Jim McGill will share about the work he and his wife, Jodi, have been doing in Malawi, Africa for 20+ years. Jim has worked in the areas of clean water and sanitation, with the Synod of Livingstonia’s three hospitals, as well as the shallow wells work of the Marion Medical Mission.

Jodi McGill has been working with the Synod’s three hospitals, the congregation-based malaria prevention program, HIV/AIDS prevention and care, and a variety of other public health programs. Jim and Jodi’s next assignment will be to Niger, where they will be doing the same kind of work.

Jim spent many years in Africa doing geophysical research for the Geology Department at Duke, and as the child of Presbyterian missionaries to Congo. The McGills are the parents of six children, twins Jason and Michael, Salome, Selina, and twins Joseph and John.

We invite you to come share this wonderful opportunity to hear about the mission work that our co-workers do on our behalf. You are welcome to bring a dish to share, or simply come. Tableware will be provided. Contact Carolyn Harp – charp3@neb.rr.com or 402-261-6897, OR call Westminster Church 402-475-6702, to reserve your place at the table.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Marriage: Best wishes to Jane Peters and Stephen Gage who were married on April 1.

Baptisms: Pierce Grey, son of Lisa and A. J. Elgert on April 9; Evelyn Elizabeth, daughter and Oliver Hastings and Elliot Franklin sons of Emily and Ryan Shelstad on April 23.

Birth: Congratulations to Joselyn and Adam Luedtke on the birth of Raylee Joyce, born April 3; grandparents are Teri and Roger Van Cleave; great grandmother Mary Lois Schell.

FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

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

Jody Batten
Betty Beam
Beth Carveth
Dan Cuda
Nancy Dawson

Gary Haller
Martha McLeod
Jon Peterson
Margot Peterson
Bob Rediger

Joan Roberts
Dan Schafer
Erika Schafer
Chick Thorne
Chan Tyrrell



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

FAITH VILLAGE 9:00 and 10:45 am

Grades K – 5th are invited to learn experientially about “Sharing and Kindness” in Faith Village.

Please note that May 21 marks the last day of regular Kindergarten of Eden and Faith Village classes, as well as youth Sunday school for the summer. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on May 28.

KINDERGARTEN OF EDEN

10:45 am | Room 210

Our loving volunteers welcome your preschool children in Room 210 for interactive learning as they Grow in Grace and Gratitude! May lessons focus on an exploration of the value of wisdom, grace in God’s generosity and justice, and grace in action.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Thank you to those of you who returned Fish Banks! It is not too late to send them back with your children. They may turn them in at Kindergarten of Eden or Faith Village. Their contribution help others live a better life in ways even children can understand: sharing bread with the hungry, providing shelter for disaster survivors, and helping others to help themselves by teaching life skills.

Vacation Bible School- Discover Your Strength in God

All children longing to be SUPERHEROES are invited to soar at Westminster’s VBS Hero Central, June 19 – 23! This superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission hero work, delicious snacks, great games, and more! Hope to see you there for some SUPER fun, Heroes! “Do good! Seek peace and go after it!” –Psalm 34:14b. (Register online at www.westminsterlincoln.org.)

Adult and youth Heroes are invited to train the young superheroes in use of their powers. Hero Central has a need for YOUR super power, whatever it may be. We can help you discover your strength in God, too! Team building begins now—by indicating your desire to participate in this church-wide ministry contact Barbara Hipple, barbara@westminsterlincoln.org, 402-475-6702.

Summer Sunday School begins June 4!! Children ages 3- 5th Grade are welcome to join us for our summer video/ lesson series, *Character Builders*, based on the Fruit of the Spirit. We will walk down to the Faith Village theatre following the Children’s Conversation at 10:30 Worship. Parents may pick up their children following worship in the gym (straight thru Faith Village) or at the theatre (all the way down the hall past the gym). We invite adults and youth to sign up for a week or two to stay with the children and follow a brief, simple lesson plan. Two are needed each week.



WOW WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAYS

Join us weekly where you will find great food, education, music and more! 5:45-6:15 pm
\$4 Children, \$6 Adults with a \$17 maximum per family.

WOW Dinner Menu's

May 3— Mac & Cheese
May 10— Homemade Pizza!!
May 17— Hamburgers & Hotdogs

Salad, Fruit & Dessert

WOWXL Youth Café

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

Creation Celebration—Restoring Eden

Back Pew Farmer— May 6 & 10 | 6:30 PM

Back by popular demand, Back Pew Farmer will feature local experts and Westminster Master Gardeners who will discuss timely topics and answer gardening questions. Join us on Wednesday evenings as we explore a panel—led Question & Answer about habitat and sustainable gardening. **All ages are welcome!**

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MUSICIANS

The children's choirs last rehearsal of this school year is on May 17, also last WOW evening. Westminster Choir and Carillon will meet until May 24. But praising voices never cease! Come to Summer Choir starting May 28. Meeting at 9:30-10 am rehearsal on Sundays.

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



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS | 9 am

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 as we seek to understand how we at Westminster can work toward "restoring Eden".

A different gifted speaker each week explains the significance of climate change—and our important role in Restoring Eden.

Sunday, May 7 – "Our Symbiotic Relationship with Pollinators" presented by Louise Lynch, PhD.

Sunday, May 14 – No Adult Ed – Mother's Day – Hostamania

Sunday, May 21 – "Landscaping with Climate Change in Mind" presented by Benjamin Vogt, Prairie Garden Consulting and Design and Author of "A New Garden Ethic".

Sunday, May 28– No Adult Ed – Memorial Day Weekend

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. Please join the group meeting in the parlor at 9 am each Sunday.

Unit 3 (May) God's Pervasive and Sustaining Love

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
May 7 Marathon Sunday	Jonah 1	God's Sustaining Love	Ellen Davis
May 14 Mother's Day	Jonah 2	God's Love Preserved Jonah	Bill North
May 21	Jonah 3; Nahum 1-3	God's Love for Nineveh	Gary Haller
May 28	Jonah 4	God's Pervasive Love	Ellen Davis



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 5

Tue, May 9 | 10:00 am | Westminster Lounge
Pat Hackley — 402-423-2909

Circle 6

Tue, May 23 | 7:00 pm | Westminster Lounge
Jane Hines 402-488-8302

History Buffs

Saturday, May 13 | 9:00 am
Jimmy Shellbourn will present the history of bagpipes and origin of lyrics to "Amazing Grace". Title "Bagpipes... 'Make a Joyful *NOISE* to the Lord" Psalm 100. Please join us for this joyful experience.

Turning Pages Book Club at the County Jail. We will meet again this summer in ministry with female inmates. First time participant Jane Voorhies comments, "I wish to encourage you to join Turning Pages. It is a supportive way to visit those in prison, as directed in scriptures. The format of meeting once a week for 4 weeks gives us time to become comfortable speaking with the group and mull over first reactions to the assigned reading. The core members of the group guide us and it was a satisfying experience." The background check to volunteer at the facility can take 2-3 months and a training session is required so if you are interested please contact either of us soon.

Deb Schorr at debschorr@aol.com or Maggie Stuckey at magjostu@gmail.com

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, May 17 | 1:00 pm | Love Library South in the Peterson Room and Sheldon Museum of Art Program is discussing and seeing exhibits, photographs, and papers of Nebraska author Wright Morris. Call Faye Moulton, 402-423-7608 for additional information. All are welcome!

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Saturday, May 20 | 8:00 am
Piedmont Bistro- 1265 S Cotner Blvd
Men's Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Shelbourn.
Questions: contact Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Ladies Night Out

Mon, May 22 | 5-7 pm
Parthenon— 5500 S 56th Street #8 (56th & Hwy 2)
Invite your friends for a fun evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies. No RSVP required, drop-in at your leisure. If the weather permits, we'll be dining al fresco on the deck.
Contact Robyn at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Westminster Club

Tuesday, May 23 | 5:30 –7:30 pm | Cole Hall
We will be meeting for dinner and a program.
Watch the Vine for more information. We hope you will plan to attend.

Tour de Friends Thursday Bike Rides | 5:45 pm

This is a bicycle riding group that meets once a week, come if you can and bring a friend or two. This relaxed group that rides at an easy, conversational pace. 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 to request an invite to our group.



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Restoring Eden

Creation Celebration 2017

Then the Lord God put the human in the Garden to tend it and to keep it.

~Genesis 2:15

Register in the Garden Room for these Special All-Church Events

Visit a Food Forest- Saturday, May 6th

Southern Heights, 40th and Old Cheney

Come for any part or the whole afternoon:

1:00 PM Pollinator Hotel-Making Demonstration

1:30 PM Refreshments and Tour of the Forest

2:15-3:15 PM Help wake up the beds

The Hub & The Hamlet- Saturday, May 20th

Come for lunch, tour, or both.

11:45 Meet at the Hub Cafe, 21st & P, for lunch

1:15-2:15 Tour Hawley Hamlet, 26th and T

A block of gardens that created a neighborhood,
a block of neighborhood that created a garden!

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