

## Adult Education at 9:00 am

### Creation Celebration—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 as we seek to understand how we at Westminster can work toward “restoring Eden”.

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

**Sunday, May 7** – “Our Symbiotic Relationship with Pollinators” presented by Louise Lynch, PhD

### Westminster Bible Class —Parlor

We are reminded of God's love focused in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**April 30—John 10:1-15** – God’s Preserving Love, led by Steve Carveth.

**May 7- Marathon Sunday- Jonah 1-** God’s Sustaining Love, led by Ellen Davis

### Faith Village on Sundays— 9:00 and 10:45 am

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

### Kindergarten of Eden— 10:45 am

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.

This Sunday’s worship will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 and regular channel 13 on Thursday at 12:30 pm Saturday at 1 pm. Listen to this week’s sermon on KFOR 1240 AM on Sundays at 10 am, and any time online at [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org).

If you or someone you know has been admitted to the hospital, please contact the church office at 402-475-6702 to notify our pastors. It’s helpful to know the hospital and length of stay, so calls can be made as requested.

### Serving Today:

**Ushers:** Carol Shelbourn, Shalla Young, Matt Olson, Dorothy Smiley, Eric Wachter, John Paul Wirrick and Sydne Wirrick-Knox.

**Host:** Jim & Ginger Nissen

**Greeters:** Joan Roberts and Erica Schafer.

**Acolytes:** Julian Anderson and Rachel Hoffman.

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*“I am the vine, you  
are the branches...”*

April 30, 2017

## Welcome to Westminster!

We are so glad you are here today! There are refreshments in the Garden Room before and after worship.

## Journeying Together

If you are interested in becoming a member, class will be held in the library at 9 am on May 14.

## Lohmen News

Our Lohmen connection is a long-lived and unique partnership between a small village church (which was in communist East Germany when we started) and our traditional American church. Over the decades we have built up the traditions of worship, serving others, sharing local culture, and enjoying cuisine. Our Lohmen group is open to all and we love to welcome newcomers.

## Westminster Events & News

### Church Directory Photos- Additional photo sessions

Friday, May 12 from 2-8 pm and Saturday, May 13 from 10-4 pm. This will allow those who missed their appointment, or those who could not make an appointment for April, to still be in the directory. 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 signing up at church on April 30 or May 7.

### “Forty Days of Focus”

If you missed signing up for a group – perhaps you wintered in Arizona? – there is another opportunity to join. Greg Hershberger will lead a group on Tuesdays at 7 pm from May 2 - June 6 at the church. This is a six week study written by Dr. McDonald to foster Christian discipleship and an opportunity to meet new friends and deepen relationships with those you already know. Call the church office to enroll 402-475-6702.

### Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, May 2 | 11:30 am | Piedmont Bistro  
1265 S. Cotner Blvd #38  
Come for fellowship and good food. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883 with any questions. All are welcome.

### Tour de Friends | Trail Ride Thursday

5:45 pm | Thursday, May 4 -We will be riding the Rock Island Trail to Zesto's for ice cream. We will meet at the Children's Zoo parking lot. Bring some money for a snack if you want. Invite some friends to come along. Casual, conversational riding pace. Helmets required. Approximately 12 miles.

Per Capita for 2017 is \$39.25 per member

## 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!**

### Westminster Preschool Mother's Day Tea

We are in need of tea cups and tea pots for the Mother's Day Tea on May 11 & 12. If you have any that you'd like to donate please drop them off at the church office- they will be put to good use throughout the years to come.

### Hostamania Emergency!

Each Mother's Day the Lohmen group hosts a plant sale featuring donated plants from Westminsterites' landscape beds. The early spring is pushing our flora out of the ground at a faster pace and anyone who wishes to contribute plants should get them dug and potted, the sooner the better. Need help? We can help. Call Tom 402 484 8476.

### 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 includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission hero work, snacks, great games, and more! Visit [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org) to register.

## WOW! Westminster on Wednesday

Join us weekly where you will find great food, education, music, and more!

### May 3<sup>rd</sup> WOW Dinner

Mac & Cheese  
Salad Bar, Fruit and Dessert

Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. in Cole Hall.  
\$4/children, \$6/adults, \$17 max per family

### WOW XL Youth Café at 6:30 PM

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

### Music Rehearsals

6:30 pm Alleluia! Amen! | Room 210  
6:30 pm Cherub Choir | Room 210  
6:30 pm Westminster Carillon | Chapel  
7:30 pm Westminster Choir | Sanctuary

**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](mailto:debschorr@aol.com) or Maggie Stuckey at [magjostu@gmail.com](mailto:magjostu@gmail.com).