# Adult Education at 9:00 am Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Forgiving someone who has harmed or hurt us is one of the most challenging commandments given to us by Christ. Recognizing how difficult this can be, can you even imagine forgiving someone who has murdered your family? Join us in June as we explore the spiritual practice of forgiveness and the power of reconciliation. Dr. Adam Luedtke will lead our discussion on June 4 and 11 drawing upon profound biblical examples, contemporary research, and leading experts in the fields of theology and psychology. Sunday, May 28 – No Adult Ed Scheduled Sunday, June 4 – "The Spiritual Practice of Forgiveness" – by Dr. Adam Luedtke.

# Westminster Bible Class - Parlor

**Sunday, May 28** – Jonah 4; Nahum 1-3, God's Pervasive Love, led by Ellen Davis. We are reminded of God's love focused in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## God's Urgent Call

Pentecost begins our summer lesson series for Westminster Bible Class, which meets in the parlor each Sunday except the Sunday of our summer outdoor worship service. It is fitting that we begin our study of God's call on Pentecost, for isn't that what Pentecost is all about? The coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of all demands a response by the faithful Christian. This series of lessons of God's Urgent Call reminds us that as God called persons in the past, we know God continues to call people today – even us! Join us for the whole summer or drop in whenever you are able. **Sunday, June 4** – Judges 4-5, "Deborah and Barak" led by Bud Tenny.

#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL begins June 4 | 10:45 AM

Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to join us for our summer video/lesson series, *Character Builders*, based on the Fruit of the Spirit. This Sunday's worship will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 on Thursday at 12:30 pm and regular channel 13 on Saturday at 1 pm. Listen to this week's sermon on KFOR 1240 AM on Sundays at 10 am, and any time online at <u>www.westminsterlincoln.org.</u>

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: Josh Lovell, Sarah Lovell, Matt Olson, Dorothy Smiley, Eric Wachter, John Paul Wirrick and Sydne Wirrick-Knox. Greeters: David Anderson and Rob Otte. Host- Christina Nevitt Acolytes: Julian Anderson and Tanner Yorges. FOLLOW us on Twitter: @LincolnWPC LIKE us on Facebook and JOIN our FB Group: Lincoln Westminster Presbyterian Church Subscribe to our Podcast on iTunes: Sermons from Westminster Presbyterian Church

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May 28, 2017

"I am the vine, you are the branches...."

# Welcome to Westminster!

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

#### Lohmen News Sunday, July 16

We're turning the tables on our Lohmen guests when they visit in July. When Westminster visits Germany, our days and evenings are filled with good things to do. Too busy? The standard response is, "You can sleep in Lincoln." Our Lohmen group has been busy designing a memorable week for them. We are loading it up with chances to connect with WPCers, area highlights, and faith experiences. They can sleep when they get back to Lohmen.

# Pentecost Sunday Celebration

#### Sunday, June 4

Come celebrate the birthday of the Christian church. Pentecost is next Sunday— Wear red to worship!

## **Cancer Support Group**

The diagnosis of cancer is often, perhaps usually, a traumatic emotional experience. Suddenly the person is transported to an uncomfortable, anxious mental state of concern about "what will happen to me, my loved ones, my job, and many other things." Fortunately, at Westminster, there exists a small, informal group that allows each person to listen and share those concerns with other Cancer survivors and feel uplifted to a new, purposeful life. This support group meets monthly- 3rd Tuesday, 7PM in the parlor. If this helps fill a need for you, please join us. Call Janice Rohwedder for further information <u>402-730-5568</u>.

## Westminster Club

Westminster Club met for the last time Tuesday, May 23 after nearly 40 years of fellowship and ministry together. The final program was provided by Boyd, Masako and Bennett Bacon. Westminster Club was born in the early 1980's out of the earlier Presbyterian Mariners movement. The club has served as a social and service opportunity for older adults 55 and older at Westminster for nearly 40 years. The life of individuals and families have changed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Mission, ministry and fellowship are found in other ways today, and while we may be saddened that the 'old' has gone, the 'new' provides growth and opportunity in new directions. Our thanks to that 'great cloud of witnesses' who nurtured and encouraged one another throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century as Westminster grew and changed with the ever-changing times. May God bless them and all who follow with energy and enthusiasm for sharing the Good News through faith and fellowship, nurture and mission.

## Presbyterians in the Park is June 25

Mark your calendars, more info to come.

# Tour de Friends | Trail Ride Thursday June 1 at 5:45 - Meet at the Children's Zoo Parking Lot

We will meet at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center by the statue of the turtle located at 228 N 21st Street. We will be riding on the trails of Southwest Lincoln. Approximately 16 miles. Feel free to invite a friend along and wear your helmet for safety.

## Presbyterian Missionary, to visit Westminster

Jim McGill, most recently serving Malawi, Africa, will be visiting Westminster on June 2nd and 4th. Please join us in welcoming him to Westminster.

**Friday, June 2 | 6:30 PM** - there will be a pot luck dinner at the church where Jim will give a power point presentation of his work in Africa. Jim serves as coordinator of protected water in the Development Department of the Synod of Livingstonia. All are encouraged to bring a dish to share and attend this event. To reserve your place at the table, call the church at 402-475-6702. Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach committee and World on a Plate.

**Sunday, June 4** - Jim will be delivering the message during the Sunday services. Westminster has had missionary connections dating back to the '70's when we supported Dr. and Mrs. Paul Jewett, missionaries to Malawi and India.

# 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.

# Join Summer Choir

#### Every Sunday in June | 9:30 AM

All voices, experienced or not, are welcome to join.

#### **Music Rehearsals**

6:30 pm Westminster Carillon | Chapel7:30 pm Westminster Choir | Sanctuary

## "Westminster Build Day"

#### Saturday, June 17th | 8 AM - 3 PM

"If I had a hammer . . . " You are invited for a day of purpose and fun! Our Life Groups Committee is sponsoring Westminster Church members and friends to work at a Habitat for Humanity site. The location is to be announced. Lunch will be served. No tools necessary. Work a half day, or all day. No skills required. Minimum age is 16. Those under 18 will need parent/guardian signature. Call Tracy to sign up at 402-475-6702 or call Rev. Shelbourn at 402-239-5555. Rev. Shelbourn is dismissing the June "Sausage, Egg and Scripture" so the men who have been attending can help at Habitat instead of going to the regular breakfast and Bible Study.

## 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 to register.

## Learning Frontiers

A collaborative research project by UNL and LPS to learn more about early learning and development, is seeking families with a child starting kindergarten in the fall *but not* currently enrolled in preschool. A stipend may be available. Visit their website at <u>learningfrontiers.unl.edu</u> or contact Amanda Witte at 402-472-2490.