

“I Was Naked, and You Clothed Me.”

We have been blessed with a number of new members who came from the African country of South Sudan. The pain some of them went through in this war-torn area is beyond words. Suffice it to say, after the enemy troops came to their villages, tortured and killed family members and friends, those in the village who survived escaped with only what they could carry.

They faced a long journey across the desert. If they survived that far, they had to swim across a crocodile infested river. When they reached the other shore, bandits were waiting to steal everything they had. Those who make it to a refugee camp find 10,000 other people equally destitute.

Some of them found Christians in a camp who are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. They found love and support that helped them survive. In fact, they have had such an impact on some of the bandits, that they converted. There is an area about 10 miles wide that is safer now. Christian faith can change lives.

Moses and Sebit, two of our members who went through these camps, have asked if we would partner with them in sending a semi-truck full of clothes to these refugees. It will help the people who have almost nothing, and it will help the local pastors in the camps with spreading the good news. Moses and Sebit will make all the arrangements, and will travel back to Africa to make sure they get to the right people. It will take time to gather the clothes, and to obtain the proper permits from the government. They plan to travel there about a year from now, in 2018.

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CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Introducing:

The “Good Life Chorus”

Did you know that a new professional men’s choir has started rehearsing at Westminster? The group was founded under the direction of Dr. Jake Bartlett, Associate Professor of Music at Peru State College, and chorus President Jordan Zimmerman, Adjunct Professor of Voice at Doane University. The “Good Life Chorus” is a new Antelope Valley, NE chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Look forward to hearing their beautiful music in worship in December.



Genesis to Guinness *NEW LIFE GROUP*

Genesis to Guinness- G to G, is a Life Group for men of all ages. Gatherings at a local pub will focus on fellowship and discussion of a theological topic. G to G is based on a group founded by CS Lewis while he was at Oxford called the Inklings. The group meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 8 PM. Contact: Geoff Cline, geoffcline@mac.com.

A Message From Buildings and Grounds

We're sure that you noticed the plywood over one of the big stained glass windows in the sanctuary. A short time later, the original, restored window was installed. Did you notice how much more brighter and more colorful it is after restoration? Westminster would like to thank Jerry and Barbara Solomon for their generous gift which made this possible. Several Westminster members have provided funds to restore other stained glass sanctuary windows. Those folks are Ken and Kathryn Govaerts, Don Hamann, Gary and Faye Moulton, Jim and Judy White, and the M.E. 'Bus' Whitehead family. Westminster thanks them.



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Consecration Sunday

Bring Your Pledge Card

Please bring your pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 12 for Consecration Sunday. We will bring them forward and dedicate them together. We encourage parents to walk their pledge forward with their children so they can participate, and be role models of dedicating our stewardship gifts to God. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl at 402-475-6702. If you are unable to be with us on that day, please mail it to:

Business Administrator
Westminster, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68502

Annual Meeting | November 19

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting of the congregation to elect officers—Ushers, Deacons and Elders.

Green @ Heart Creation

November Challenge: America Leads the World!

Leading the world— that's often something we are proud of. But did you know that **America leads the world in food waste**? According to recent reports, 50% of our produce, some 60 million tons annually, is thrown away. And wasted food is the single biggest occupant in American landfills. Watch the Vine this month to understand how we earn this dismaying ranking and what we can do about it.

Your GREEN@HEART CREATION CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER:

"Celebrate abundance AND reduce food waste"



FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

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

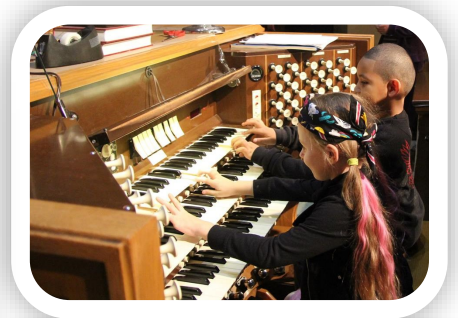
Clay Bradley, Vicki Davis, Martha Dennis, Jeanne Giles, April Kaul, Dave McBride, Lavon McBride, Alaina Orton, Brian Orton, Larry Peach, Jane Peters, Bill Roper, Ray Stevens, Katie Whitehead, and Shalla Young.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Success!

Can you imagine over 50 kids in costumes squeezed up in the choir loft to hear the majestic sounds of Westminster's Casavant pipe organ? This was the sight on Friday, October 20th as we hosted a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza along with the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The evening began with a piece entitled Rex: The King of Instruments for organ and narrator. Then the children were guided through questions as a young organ student performed several pieces. Pizza, grapes, and carrots in Cole Hall provided an opportunity for fellowship as these children from across Lincoln shared a meal. Participants had many opportunities for hands-on experiences as they rotated through stations set up in Faith Village. They enjoyed clicking on organ stops in our computer room, coloring pages in the art room, organ construction and design Q & A with John, and watching a video of famous organists. Perhaps the most popular station was up in the organ loft where each child had an opportunity to play the pipe organ. The evening closed with a performance of J.S. Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in d minor.



Each child went home with a free organ CD, 2 tickets to an upcoming organ concert, information about various concerts coming up in Lincoln, and other opportunities for children here at Westminster.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool Story Time | 9 am—Preschool-aged children may join Jennifer McCollough for a Bible Story or two, an activity and lots of community-building through play on Sundays at 9:00 am in Rm 210.

Kindergarten of Eden--Preschool Sunday School | 10:45 am — Kindergarten of Eden volunteers warmly welcome preschoolers in Rm 210 for lessons in Growing Grace & Gratitude. This curriculum has two free online components available for parents: a downloadable e-book of the weekly stories in text or audio form, and Grace Sightings activities that reach beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace. growinggracegratitude.org

Faith Village — K-5th Grade unit is Out of Egypt this month, based on Exodus 2-14. The children will learn that God worked through Moses to free the people of Israel from slavery, and works through ordinary people to do God's work in the world today. The Bible Memory Verse is Exodus 5:1: "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.'" We invite your children to join us from 10:45-11:40 am for workshops in Cookery, Music, Video and Science; or from 9-10 am for computer lab on Sunday mornings.

The Faith Village offering continues to grow! As of Oct. 22, \$24.62 had been received for the gifts of a bag of Moringa Tree Seeds and hygiene kits. We still have a way to go. Every gift, no matter how large or how small, is important to God, and is used for God's purposes. Passing on God's blessings to others through the gifts of their offerings is a tangible way to build a sense of stewardship in children. Thank you, parents for helping your children to make the offering a regular part of their Sunday morning routine.

Westminster is in need of volunteer substitutes for nursery staff on occasional WOW evenings and for occasional Sunday mornings. Please consider volunteering your time and love to our littlest ones! If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Barbara Hipple at 402-475-6702.

Faith Building Blocks

In November, 1st Graders, together with a parent, are invited to come explore The Symbols of Our Faith and their meanings—on Wednesday November 8, 6:30 – 7:30. (WOW dinner is at 5:45-6:30.) This interactive experience is fun for kids and adults. Together we will explore the church on a scavenger hunt to discover the symbols hiding in plain sight!

The next workshop, 2 by 2, God Makes a Promise to You! Will be held on January 17 for 2nd Graders and parents. They 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.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

THIS IS THE STABLE

Age 3 through grade 5 | Rehearsals on Wednesdays | 6:30 -7:30 PM | Room 210

Join the Westminster Children's Christmas Pageant & Help the shepherds and angels tell the world about Jesus' birth! Questions? Ask John Ross or email john@westminsterlincoln.org.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**PERFORMANCE ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 at 10:30
WORSHIP**

Join Us for A Chorale Masterwork | Sunday, December 17th

Westminster Choir will perform Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata during worship this Advent. Scored for a double brass choir and chorus, this majestic work requires the full strength of all of Westminster's interested singers to come together to express the meaning of this Latin text. We welcome new singers as well as those who could join us for our special event. **Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.** Please do not let occasional conflicts deter you from participating. Contact Laura Ross at laura@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-475-6702 for more information.

Masterworks
CHORALE



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

HOLIDAY OF TREES

Thursday, Nov 30 and Friday, Dec 1

The Heritage League is holding their 45th annual Holiday of Trees at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Hours of the event are Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. admission price is \$1 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from The Heritage League members. Proceeds from this year's ticket sales will go to "The BAY".



"C" is for Christmas: A Night in Bethlehem

Sunday, December 3, 5-6:30 pm

Ready to celebrate Advent? "**A Night in Bethlehem**" returns this year by popular demand! Once again, Faith Village will transform into Bethlehem for one night only! Capture the feel of the original Christmas! Wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Create unique keepsakes as you interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story. Talk with Mary and Joseph in The Stable, and hear about the miracle of Jesus' birth. Visit the Bethlehem Inn for our **traditional chili contest**. Join in singing **Christmas Carols** in the Psalmist's Tent. And much more! Sign up now to share your special chili and compete for the coveted Silver Ladle Award. Contact the church for more info, or contact Barbara if you would like to volunteer to bring Bethlehem and the Christmas Story to life! 402-475-67 <https://www.google.com/url?>





WESTMINSTER MUSIC

Our music groups are always accepting new members

Stop by a rehearsal, or contact John Ross at john@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-475-6702 x 111 for more information.

Rising into the Chapel

The Rising, our contemporary worship, has been experimenting with moving into the Chapel. Some positive feedback has been that the acoustics are much better and the worship atmosphere is wonderful. On a practical level, there is less set up time, and it frees up space in Fellowship Hall. This is an evolving experiment, so if you have ideas for improvement for this or for any of our worship experiences, please pass your thoughts on to the Worship Committee, John and Laura Ross or the pastors.

Do you play a brass instrument?

If so, we would love to have you join us!

Westminster Brass wants you! Rehearsals TBA.

Contact John Ross at 402-475-6702 or john@westminsterlincoln.org for more information.

Youth String Ensemble

String students are invited to join our Youth String Ensemble. We rehearse on Sundays 10:00-10:20 am in the Chapel. This group will perform a variety of musical styles several times this Fall.

Ringers Needed!

We need a few new faces to fill out the Westminster Carillon during the Christmas season. No ringing experience required, but it helps if you have a basic understanding of how to read notes and rhythms. Contact Laura Ross at laura@westminsterlincoln.org for more information.



WOW — Westminster on Wednesdays

Every week, we serve a home-cooked meal followed by adult education, WOWXL, and music!

Parenting Life Group: Wednesdays | Parlor | 6:30 PM

Parenting. Fellowship. Support. Prayer. Growing your child's faith. And fun! Adults share and discuss while children are nurtured in supervised care. Parents of infants and young children through age 5. Bring the family for WOW dinner and Preschool- grade 5 children are welcome to sing with the choir. If interested, contact: Barba-

WOW ADULT EDUCATION: "THE BUTTERFLY"

There is a radio show called "The Moth" that airs on Saturdays at 3 PM. It is comprised of true stories told by people who lived the event. Stories are an essential element to the human experience. We will have a three week series inspired by "The Moth", and prior to that Jesus, Aesop, Will Rogers, Shakespeare, John Grisham, Garrison Keillor and every other human. This WOW series will be about storytelling and actual story telling. Be prepared to hear stories and tell your own story. One Christian symbol is the butterfly which is similar to the moth, hence this series is called: "The Butterfly".



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.

MUSIC REHEARSALS

6:20 pm Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary
6:30 pm Alleluia! Amen! Grades K-5 | Room 210
6:30 pm Cherub Choir Pre-K | Room 210 — East
7:30 pm Westminster Choir | Sanctuary

Children's Choirs

Our children's choirs meet for singing, games and activities Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 210. Our Cherub Choir is for 3 to 5 year old's, and our Alleluia! Amen! Choir is designed for K-5th graders. Both choirs will sing in worship on the second Sunday of every month throughout the Fall. Christmas Pageant Rehearsals are on Wednesday's from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please join in on the fun!

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

NOV 1 Pork loin ,mashed potatoes & corn

NOV 8 Lasagna with garlic bread

NOV 15 PIE NIGHT— Everybody bring pie to share AND Fred & Susan will make soup & salad

NOV 22 NO WOW

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING

NOV 29 Baked chicken and potatoes



SUNDAY ADULT ED & BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Adult Education

For people of faith, the end of life represents a transition to eternal life with God.

Preparation for this stage of life involves spiritual, psychological, physical, medical, and financial matters. Join us in November as we discuss end of life issues. Hear from the professionals – a hospital chaplain, a physician, a hospice director, and an attorney – regarding how best to prepare for end of life.

November 5— “Psychological and Spiritual Issues” – Addressing Unfinished Business, Making Peace with God and Others – presented by Rev. Dennis Smith, Director of Chaplains at Bryan West Hospital

November 12— “Medical Issues” – Palliative and Hospice Care – presented by Timothy Stivrins, M.D. and Sarah Baltensperger of Home Instead

November 19 – “Legal Issues” – Health Care Directives, Wills and Estate Planning – presented by Andrew Loudon, J.D.

Westminster Bible Class

Join us any Sunday in November | 9AM | Parlor

As we move toward Advent, our theme will be the everlasting covenant that God offers even when humanity fails to be faithful. This guides us towards the heart of the new covenant given in Jesus Christ, the mediator and bringer of salvation for all who believe and trust in him.

Unit 3 An Everlasting Covenant

Coffee and donut holes are waiting along with a friendly, spirit-filled group of Westminster friends.

November 5: Numbers 25; 1 Samuel 2:27-36 | “Faithful God, Unfaithful People”, led by Greg Hershberger

November 12: Jeremiah 31 | “Promise of a New Covenant”, led by Ellen Davis.

November 19: Hebrews 12:14-15, 18-29; Psalm 66 | “Mediator of the New Covenant” led by Ellen Davis.

November 26: 1 Corinthians 11; Jude 3 | “Remembering the Covenant” led by Bill North.

Westminster Thanksgiving Food Pantry Drive

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and thinking about all the things we are thankful for in our lives. We are truly thankful for YOU and ALL the support you give us year-round. Without you, our work would not be possible. And this day would be far less bright for the six families we serve every week. Grocery bags will be distributed as you leave worship on Sunday, November 12 & 19. A list of non-perishable items will be provided on each bag. The filled bags can be brought to the sanctuary on November 26, or left on the table in the Garden Room. Let’s come together and make this one of our best food pantry drives to date.



Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles engage in monthly Bible study, mission, prayer and nurturing of one another. **Circle 3:** November 1 at 10 AM. **Hostess:** Ginny Rohrbaugh, **Leader:** Linda Miller.

Circle 4: November 6 at 7 PM **Hostess:** Faye Moulton, **Leader:** Kathy Anderson. **Circle 5:** November 14 at 10 AM in the Lounge. **Leader:** Pat Hackley. **Circle 6:** November 28 at 7 PM in the Library.. **Leader:** Jane Hines.

Lunch Bunch— Tuesday, November 7 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at Lee's Chicken, 1940 W Van Dorn. Come for fellowship & good food. All are welcome. Questions? Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883.

History Buffs — Friday, November 10 | 9 AM

We will meet at the North end of the University of Nebraska Football Memorial Stadium for a tour including the "Tunnel Walk". Be sure to note this is on FRIDAY and not Saturday. There is no charge, but we are limited to 30 persons, so notify Bruce Sheffield 402-783-0394 if you plan to attend. Come and learn of the Husker History.

Prairie Readers— Wednesday, November 15 | 1 PM | Westminster Parlor

This meeting is given over to building the reading list for 2018.

World on a Plate — SAVE THE DATE! Friday, November 17 | 6:30 PM

If you enjoy cooking, fellowship over a good meal, and learning about current missionary work, World on a Plate is for you! Members explore international cuisine and PCUSA missions monthly at Westminster or in members' home. More to come about this month's meeting, watch for it in the Vine.

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture—Sat, Nov 18 | 8 AM | New location to be announced soon

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast led by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn. Watch for the new location to be announced in the Vine. Questions? Contact Jimmy— 402-475-6702.

Ladies Night Out— Tuesday, November 20 | 5-7 PM | Fireworks 5750 S 86th Street

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

Turning Pages Book Club | Monday nights in November | 6:30 pm

Book: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. A powerful story of mortality, the written word, and love, told with the backdrop of World War II Germany. We will be meeting with the female inmates at the County Jail. More Westminster members are always needed. A background check and a short training session at the County Jail is required before volunteering. Contact Deb Schorr at debschorr@aol.com. For more information.



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We want to partner with them with this project. We will be gathering clothing for the next year, starting now. Our goal is to fill a shipping container. As we gather this huge amount of clothes, we plan to store them in the old choir room. We will buy clear plastic tubs so we can keep the clothes dry and organized. The estimated cost for the container and shipping will be about \$6,000 to \$7,000.

We asked what kind of clothing they need, Moses and Sebit said, “Anything. These people have nothing.” Jesus called his disciples to “get in the boat,” and this time it looks like the boat will include clothes for those who have none. Remember when Jesus said, “I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink...

This is our time to embody those heavenly values.

This is one of many projects that your pledge will help to support in the coming year. Please bring your pledge to Consecration Sunday on November 12. And bring your clothes to the mission box in the Garden Room any time.

Sincerely, Andrew McDonald

