

Opening Gala

And here come the suns!

OUT OF THE BOX, 366 N 48th

First Friday, April 6

5:30-7:30 PM



Light Refreshments .. Music.. AND

.....Sun-sational Artistic Creations

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Easter Brunch | April 1 | Fellowship Hall | 9:30-11 AM

Westminster Life Group's will be serving an Easter Brunch. The menu will feature cinnamon rolls, sausage, fruit and beverages. A free will offering will benefit the Westminster Youth travelling to Germany this coming summer. Join us and bring your out-of-town company!



WESTMINSTER ADULT COED SOFTBALL

For men & women 18 and older (by June 15) YMCA sponsored

Games: 8 weeks beginning May 2 – all on Wednesday evenings at 49er Field (56th & Calvert) **Deadline for registration April 9.** Contact Kevin Bryson at 402-525-6702 kbryson1@hotmail.com to register.

“Put me in coach!” Let's form a team!

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION SUNDAY –APRIL 8: Please join us in worship at 10:30 on April 8 as we recognize this year's members of the Acolyte Guild.

TEACHER CELEBRATION SUNDAY—APRIL 15: Join us at 10:30 worship to celebrate the many volunteers who bring our children's Christian Education program to life!

Foundation Birthdays March 2018

Colleen Batten, Laverne Bish, Martha Brown, Ellen Davis, Mark Davis, Nancy Dawson, Mike Dempsey, Carl Glen, Rita Kinkennon, Suzann Johnson, Gary Moulton, Linda Murphy, Tom Pappas, Dan Schafer, Erika Schafer, Sue Shamblin, Robyn Uebele, Mark Whitehead, Dale Young & Marge Young.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Birth: Goamar Gony born March, 27. Parents John Ruach-father and Nyalol Zuorjack-mother.

Marriage: Best wishes to Alyssa McBride and Michael Whitley who were married on March 10.

Baptism: Graham Llewellyn, son of Julia and Tyler Peterson on March 18.

Bereavements: Comfort for the family and friends of Chip Smith, who died on March 5; Martha McLeod, who died on March 14, Pat Beams, who died on March 18, Jerry Solomon, who died on March 19 and Stacy Berringer, who died on March 22.

Mehmedalija Plicanic is Retiring



There will be a reception for Mehmedalija on April 22nd after 10:30 worship.

Best of luck, Mehmedalija,
from Westminster Church,

YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Mehmedalija Plicanic is officially retiring May 1st after serving Westminster as our maintenance engineer since 2003. He leaves behind a legacy of “I can fix anything – grow anything”. When he was hired, his job description included maintaining Westminster’s building and grounds. He requested to also take on all the lawn and flowers, and he has done all those tasks with great pride and joy. We will always be grateful for the beautiful roses, stone landscape borders, and the orderly way he cleaned, painted and repaired our grand old building. Over the years he has saved us thousands of dollars in repair bills. Taking care of electrical, plumbing, roof repairs, building shelves, benches, ukulele racks and painted numerous areas. These are just a few of his many accomplishments!

Mehmedalija, his wife, Lejla, and their two sons were Bosnian refugees who moved to Lincoln from Germany in 1999. He became a U.S. citizen in 2004. Mehmedalija and his wife will be returning to Bosnia to fix up the family home which was damaged in the war. Building and Grounds would like to provide Westminster’s members with the opportunity to help them with this next part of their journey. If you would like to give a gift, please make checks payable to Mehmedalija Plicanic and give them to Cheryl Rennick before April 22, 2018.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BEING AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION:

Worship, music, children's conversations celebrating creation and our commitment to caring for our earthly home. **April 8: Musical - "The Oldest Story Ever"**

There will be **no 10:30 Sunday School on April 8** due to the Children's Pageant. Children who are not involved are invited to remain in worship with their parents to see the pageant.

VBS ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE:

Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

June 17 noon-2pm; June 18—20, 9 am- Noon

Children ages 4—Grade 5. Family kick-off on Sunday, June 17! Join us for 10:30 worship, followed by lunch, registration, and the beginning of an adventure down the river! Registration opens this month at www.westminsterlincoln.org.

This VBS experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, "the shoe that grows" mission, delicious snacks, great games, and more! Hope to see you for some RAPID fun, Rafters! Adult and youth are invited to guide the young rafters on the river. Team building begins now—plan to participate in this church-wide and community ministry by contacting Barbara Hipple, 402-475-6702., or barbara@westminsterlincoln.org.



Vacation Bible School Team is going on now—plan to participate in this church-wide and community ministry by contacting Barbara Hipple, barbara@westminsterlincoln.org, 402-475-6702.



Creative Arts Camp July 23-27

This Summer's Art Camp for your Kindergarteners through 5th grade. 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. More information to come.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1. Children are invited to remain in worship with their parents. Also, NO 10:30 Sunday School on April 8 due to the Children's Pageant. Children who are not involved are invited to remain in worship with their parents to see the pageant.

FAITH VILLAGE

9 AM: features a computer lab. **10:45 AM:** This month, we learn to be Easter people and GO AND TELL! The resurrected Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded. "Remember, I am with you always to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:20 Children will explore this idea through workshops on Games, Cooking, and a special workshop on telling the good news to all of God's creation!

KINDERGARTEN OF EDEN at 10:45 AM in Room 210

April brings new lessons for our Preschool children as they learn about Jesus' life and that Jesus is Alive! Let your children explore God's love in their lives as they Grow in Grace and Gratitude! DON'T FORGET to check out www.growinggracegratitude.org to download the same weekly Bible stories that your child hears in class, plus activities to do at home—free!—for iBooks and Kindle.

NEW OFFERING PROJECT Faith Village children will be joining the church-wide project to provide wells for communities in Africa who do not have easy access to clean water. Children are learning to give generously as a sign of gratitude, and by joining their gifts together, they are witnessing to God's gracious and abundant work in the world. Please help by encouraging regular giving.

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 and Faith Village. Their contributions will go 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.

Happy Easter!!

Did you find the secret message on the Easter Garden Bulletin Board?





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Dear Friends,

One last time I want to say thank you for such a wonderful 19 years. It was a blessing serving among you. There were so many things we were able to do together. The list of what we accomplished together is incredible. Of course, as an overachiever, I dreamed of more. But you as a congregation were so responsive, thoughtful, committed, generous, and loving. I want to say, thank you for everything. I could not have asked for a better people to live with in faithful community. I am grateful to the whole church.

Pastoral ethics are clear. You can only have one captain steering the ship. It confuses the crew and the passengers if the old captain steps back behind the wheel. For clergy that means not coming back to do weddings or funerals or preaching. And in this new day, we are becoming aware that this has implications on social media such as Facebook, etc. Ethical pastors are clear on these things, and I was always grateful to my predecessors for understanding this professional duty. I will cheer Westminster on always, but it will be from a distance. I expect astounding and beautiful things to happen with your new pastor. Please know that I experienced the love of Jesus Christ in countless experiences with this congregation. I have been blessed. As I am no longer your pastor, let me say as your friend, you have my abiding love and enduring gratitude. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Andrew McDonald

Ethics for Departing Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (Homestead Presbytery)

In accordance with G-2.0905 and Standards of Ethical Conduct (as approved by the 210th General Assembly-1998), the Committee on Ministry (COM) has adopted the following guidelines for pastors and their former congregations. Therefore the Presbytery rejects any pastoral activities which invade another minister of the Word and Sacrament or commissioned pastor's arena or calling without specific approval by COM, including returning to former calling bodies for pastoral services.

1. Former pastors shall refrain from pastoral functions and shall not accept any position of leadership in their former congregation, nor attend meetings of the session, deacons, trustees, or official congregational meetings.
2. Former pastors shall not officiate at any sacraments, weddings, funerals, or other functions or rituals involving members of their former congregation or within its properties, except by invitation of the congregation's current moderator and with approval of COM. While Homestead Presbytery (HP) recognizes that congregations develop emotional ties to pastors, a congregation and members of its community are to be discouraged from making requests for pastoral services from former pastors, nor shall former pastors encourage such requests either directly or indirectly.
3. Former pastors shall in every way avoid any formal or informal participation or comment on the work or recommendations of the pastor nominating committee of their former congregation.
4. In any community activities, former pastors shall be cautious to see that their views are interpreted as their own and not attributed by association to their former congregations and their new leadership.



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5. In every way, former pastors shall demonstrate support of their successor and avoid any actual or resemblance or inference of interference or involvement with the former congregation.
6. Former pastors should be aware that their participation in any way in the activity of their former congregation could be disruptive and detrimental to the peace and harmony of that congregation. Former pastors shall not attend worship except at the invitation of the current pastor and with approval of COM.
7. In the considerations of any minister's retirement, a particular concern arises for the needs of other family members, especially the minister's spouse. Quite often family members have joined the church their spouse/parent was serving, have become very involved in congregational programs, invested great interest and energy in the church's life, and established deep personal relationships with other church members. The Presbytery has no direct jurisdiction over the non-clergy members of ministers' families, but the Presbytery urges the spouse, in the context of those relationships, not to do anything that would undermine the transition necessary for the church and the development of the relationship between the congregation and an interim pastor or new called pastor. It may be wise to consider not worshipping with the former congregation at all during the period of pastoral vacancy, or while an interim pastor is present.
8. 8. An exception to the above guidelines may occur when a former pastor lives in the community and the pulpit of their former congregation is vacant. COM may at its own discretion approve allowing the former pastors to use their own discretion in responding to these special requests. In all other cases they should refer such members to the person (s) with whom the session has made arrangements for pastoral care.
9. Former pastors should also promptly report all such requests, contacts and pertinent information to the session so proper follow up may be made on the part of the congregation.
10. Social Media: Former pastors should be sensitive to the changed relationship they have with congregational members and the role social media plays in those relationships. Former pastors are expected to treat social media interactions as they would in person interactions, in regards to the above expectations. Furthermore:
 - A. Recognizing that some social media connections have been nurtured purely as a result of the pastor-congregant relationship, former pastors shall remove those connections when they depart the congregation.
 - B. Recognizing that some social media connections are with a limited number of congregants who have become friends, when leaving a congregation the former pastor shall:
 - i) reveal those connections to the session, and
 - ii) refrain from any interaction on social media with those congregants that pertain to the former congregation during the interim period, and for a period of one year after a new pastor has been installed.
11. The COM shall take appropriate steps to resolve any questions that may arise in these areas (G-3.0307).



WESTMINSTER MUSIC EVENTS

University Ensembles Spring Line up at Westminster

Nebraska Trombone Ensemble

Spring Concert

Tuesday, April 10 | Sanctuary | 7 PM

Nearly 20 trombones will join together in Westminster's sanctuary to present their Spring concert. Please join us and bring your friends.



UNL Varsity Men's Chorus

Sunday, April 15 | During 10:30 Worship

When the Varsity Chorus gathers on stage, it's much more than a concert. It's an event! One that leaves the audience spellbound and wanting more. The choir has been transformed into one of the finest of its kind in the country. As always, feel free to invite a friend to worship.



University Singers Spring Concert

Thursday, April 19 | 7 PM

University Singers, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's premiere and historic flagship choral ensemble, presents the finest and most versatile choral singers in the entire University. Please join us in welcoming them as they present their Spring concert at Westminster.



WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

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

MUSIC REHEARSALS

- 6:30 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

APRIL DINNER MENU

Cole Hall | 5:45–6:45 PM

All dinners include salad, fruit & dessert.
\$4/Children, \$6/Adults, \$17 Max/Family

APRIL 4 Fred's Homemade Pizza

APRIL 11 Pulled Pork sandwich/potato casserole

APRIL 18 TACO BAR

APRIL 25 Salisbury steak/mashed/green beans

WOWXL—6:30 PM | Youth Café

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

Adult Education on Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

How can we Steward God's creation?

April 4, 11, and 18:

Continuing our popular

“WOW at the Movies”

Series with the Emmy Award winning
Years of Living Dangerously.

April 25 | Lounge

Nebraska's own George Norris, public
power crusader, comes to life in the
person of Lincoln's own David Landis.





SUNDAY ADULT ED & BIBLE CLASS

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION | Lounge | 9 AM

How can we steward God's creation? A different speaker each week will help us explore practices that keep our environment clean and beautiful.

April 8: Scott Benson, LES Administrator - Our energy efficiency partnership.

April 15: Scott Williams, Omaha Biofuels Cooperative - A live demonstration of modern alchemy.

April 22: Lori Grubber, Lincoln City Forester- People and trees, a marriage made in heaven.

April 29: Cheryl Rennick, Westminster's Earth Care champion - Stewardship under our own roof... & floors!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Join us any Sunday in April | 9AM | Parlor

As we continue our journey in acknowledging God and understanding who we are and whose we are, our focus in April will be what it means to following the Risen Christ. Drop in or join us for the whole month. Come once in awhile or each Sunday. We look forward to sharing our study together with you.

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

April 1: Easter Sunday, No Bible Classes

April 8: The Risen Lord Appears | John 21:1-14 | led by Kent Wolf

April 15: Follow Me | John 21:15-25 | Ellen Davis

April 22: The Lord God the Almighty | Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11 | Greg Hershberger

April 29: Blessings, Glory, Honor, Forever | Revelation 5:6-14 | Gary Haller



Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 3 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at China Buffet and Mongolian Grill this month, 120 North 66th Street. Come for fellowship & good food. Lunch Bunch meets at a different dining establishment on the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Questions?
Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883.

History Buffs

Saturday, April 28 | 9 AM | Lounge

We are honored to have Jim McKee speak to us again. He will tell us about the physical move of the Capitol from Omaha to Lincoln. This will include interesting information about the building of our present capitol structure.

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Sat., April 21 | 8 AM Scooter's 2901 S 84th St.

Men of Westminster are invited to a breakfast Bible study on the third Saturday of each month. We meet in the private dining room of Scooter's, just south of 84th and Van Dorn. Dr. Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9 am. For more info, call Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Presbyterian Women's Circles are small groups based on study, friendship, and action. All Westminster women are invited to visit any of the following circles:

Circle 3: 1st Wed | 10 AM

Circle 4: 1st Mon | 7 PM

Circle 5: 2nd Tues | 10 AM

Circle 6: 4th Tues | 7 PM

LNO—Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, April 10 | 5-7pm

Billy's – 1301 "H" Street

Invite your friends for a fun evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over appetizers and drinks. Appetizers \$10 + tax. All ladies are welcome! Please RSVP Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Faith & Cancer

Tuesday, APRIL 17 | 7 PM | Parlor

No matter where you are in your journey, this group is where cancer survivors can come together for fellowship, prayer and study. This Life Group meets at the same time every third Tuesday of each month. Contact : Bruce Sheffield.

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, APRIL 18 | 1 PM

Westminster Parlor

Book Selection:

"Home Front" by Kristin Hannah.

Facilitator: Diana Wild.

Tour de Friends 2018 Kick Off Ride

April 22 | 1:30 PM

We are meeting in Westminster parking lot and riding downtown (mostly by trail) to Blaze Pizza. All rides are no-drop, meaning the group won't leave anyone behind. Helmets are required and you'll need to carry your own water, and bring money for pizza. Most rides are between 8– 12 miles. Contact : Tracy Murray @ 402-475-6702.



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Auction Finale

**Enjoy a simple lunch...
then bid on your favorite creations!**

Sunday, April 29, following worship

Friends are welcome at both events! All proceeds will be applied to the purchase of LES solar panels, giving Westminster a small break in our electric bill and establishing *"Our Place in the Sun"*.

This investment in clean energy is one way that Westminster lives out our commitment, as an Earth Care Congregation, practicing respect and good stewardship of all creation.