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GENESIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Join our church family for this annual event as we introduce our exciting programming for the Fall! This is a wonderful way to meet new people and discover the many ways you can be involved with your church family. There's something for everyone! Invite a friend.



Come to the Garden Room for a look at our upcoming opportunities

Throughout the year, multiple committees are hard at work developing programs that add meaning and depth to your faith journey through adult education, mission opportunities and fellowship. See page 2 for Genesis Sunday Event listings.



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Genesis Sunday, August 19

Childcare available all morning from 7:45-11:45 AM in Room 210.

Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are warmly invited into the care of Julie and Jennifer Fowler.

Genesis Sunday is the perfect time to tour our amazing Sunday school facilities and meet the loving volunteers who teach our children each week.

"For everything there is a season...."

PORK SANDWICHES! Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall following 10:30 worship.

Kindergarten of Eden Open House | 9:30 – 10:15 AM | Room 210

Begin to explore God's grace. Learn to respond with gratitude. Play in the warmth of God's love. And meet teachers. . (Please bring your completed Sunday School Registration forms, or fill one out here!)

Faith Village Tours and Theme Stations | Downstairs opposite the Youth Area

Grades Kindergarten through 5th and parents are welcome to visit a Sunday School like no other! Participate in sample activities designed to highlight our workshop rotation model. And stop by our "Seasons Photo Booth" for some fun! Please bring your completed Sunday School Registration forms, or fill one out here!

Sunday School Classes | 9-10 AM

Middle School and High School Youth and parents start out in the Youth Lounge for some important information, then separate into groups with their teachers for a preview of this year's

6th and 7th Grade—with Andrew Finkner

8th and 9th Grade—Confirmation with Mike Dempsey will take place on August 12

10th – 12th Grade—with Devon Nelson

Preschoolers and Elementary Children | 10:45 – 11:30 AM

Go to Kindergarten of Eden and Faith Village following the Children's Conversation.

Fellowship Meal for the congregation in Fellowship Hall | 11:45 AM

Ministry Displays in the Garden Room—Check out Children and Family Ministries and Youth and Young Adult Ministries and get involved!

Let the Games Begin

Children and Families Ministry will host a variety of theme games in the Gym and/ or the Garden, including the bounce house. Join the fun!



NEW PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents Night Out is NEW this Fall beginning WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

FREE of CHARGE | Wednesdays beginning August 22 throughout the school year | 5-7 PM

Ready, Set, Go... have 2 hours to take a breath, restore your soul & enjoy some free time while your newborns through 5th grade are lovingly cared for by Westminster Church Staff.

Your child will enjoy: games, meal, music, Bible Study and a bed time story just before you pick them up at 7 PM. Open to ALL. Please encourage your child (children) to invite a friend.



ADULT EDUCATION

“Chariots of Fire” | AUGUST 22 & 29 | Westminster Theater | 6:30-7:30 PM

As a complement to the Faith and Athletics series on Sunday mornings, we will begin the year with one staff member’s favorite movie. In two parts we will watch and discuss “Chariots of Fire”. If you are familiar, you will immediately understand how it addresses the topic.

YOUTH Grades 6-8 | Youth Café | 6:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Alleluia! Amen! (Grades K-5) & Cherub Choir (Pre-K) | 5:50 PM (Part of Parents' Night Out)

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30 PM

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30 PM



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS



END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY!!

Saturday, August 4th from 6:30-8:30 PM

Eden Pool: 4400 Antelope Creek Road

Come join us for a fun, family event to celebrate the end of summer! We hope to see you there! Sponsored by CFM.

Journeying Together | Library | August 12 | 9 AM

A class for those interested in becoming a member of Westminster is scheduled. Please mark "wish to join" in the Friendship Pad or contact Marge a marge@westminsterlincoln.org.

Westminster's Blessing of the Backpacks | August 12 | 10:30 Worship

All students (preschool-college, including adults) & your invited friends are welcome to bring your school backpacks to worship for the congregation to bless you and your backpacks.

It's easy to invite your friends. You could say something like: "Hey, my church is blessing backpacks this Sunday - would you like to come?"

An Invitation to Westminster Women

Fellowship Hall | Saturday, August 25 | 9:30 AM

You are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Fall Coffee. Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn will introduce the 2018-2019 Horizons Bible Study, "God's Promise – I am with you". This is a time for fellowship for all circle members before Circles start in September. Study books will be on sale for \$11 and the new PW Directories will be distributed. For more information, contact Linda Miller at 402-423-1311 or Eliza Sams at 402-420-2181.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Birth: Clayton Dee, born July 4, to Allison and Daniel Kuzma; grandmother Shelly Kuzma; grandfather Alan Kuzma.

Marriage: Lorrin LaFleur and Spencer Adams on July 7.

Bereavements: Comfort for the family and friends of Ramona Riley, who died on July 18.

FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

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

Paul Blumer, Ann Case Landfield, Mary-Ann Clinton, Don Chandler, Jo Daniels, Christy Dempsey, Dorothy Glen, Freda Gregg, Dan Hoffman, Marcia Hollestelle, Christina Nevitt and Jim Smith.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

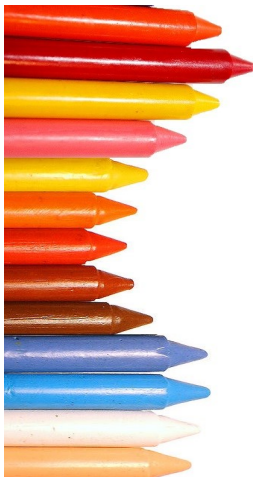
Westminster Preschool will kick off the 2018-2019 School Year on August 13

As another school year approaches, we reflect on the past year and celebrate some of our successes. Westminster Preschool was the first and only program to achieve a level 5 rating from Nebraska Step Up to Quality, the highest rating possible. We also maintained our NAEYC Accreditation for another year, making us the only Accredited/Step Up to Quality Level 5 program in the entire state of Nebraska! We had a graduating class of 42 children who are headed off to 18 different schools across Lincoln and the surrounding areas. In the Fall we had so much fun creating artwork for the art show and singing for you in worship—we will do it again this year! In the winter we played in the gym quite often as we thought winter would never end! We had a wonderful winter program for our parents and over 300 people came to watch us perform. In the Spring we hatched 20 baby chicks and 1 baby duck, it was the highlight of our year. The Preschool formed its first ever Westminster Presbyterian Preschool Advisory Committee. The members of the committee include Susan Mulvaney, Karen Janovy, Emily Shelstad, Dan Hoffman, and Suzanne Schneider. We hit the ground running and have already tackled several projects and look forward to strengthening the partnership between the Preschool and Westminster Presbyterian this year.

We look forward to the upcoming school year and we are excited by the leadership of Rev. Dr. Val Putnam. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious and we are inspired to have one of our best years ever! If you would like to volunteer in the Preschool, reading to children, or helping with classroom projects please feel free to contact Suzanne Schneider to make arrangements, we would love to have you!



Meet our 2018-2019 Preschool Staff



Summer Sunday School Continues through August 12

In the summer months, those ages 3 and younger may play with Julie, Jennifer and Bailey in the nursery and the toddler room anytime from 7:45 - 11:45 AM.

9 AM—Faith Village Computer Lab for K-Grade 5.

10:45 AM--Downstairs in Faith Village, our 3 and 4 yr. old preschool friends continue to join our K-5th grade friends for our summer video/ lesson series, Buck Denver asks... What's in the Bible? featuring lessons on the New Testament. We will walk down to the Faith Village Theatre following the Children's Conversation at 10:30 AM Worship. Parents may pick up their children following worship in the gym, or at the Theatre. We thank those who have helped this summer.



MUSIC

Upcoming Music Making Opportunities

Greetings from your music staff! We hope that you find yourself immersed in relaxing, meaningful, and joyful activities this summer. Summer can be a great time to explore, so we have created five opportunities to step out of your comfort zone and experience new ways of participating in worship at Westminster. To join in these events, simply show up in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM and we will prepare an easy piece of music to be presented at the 10:30AM worship. All ages and musical experiences welcome for each event, and we encourage new friends to join in the fun!



Women's Choir | Sunday, August 5

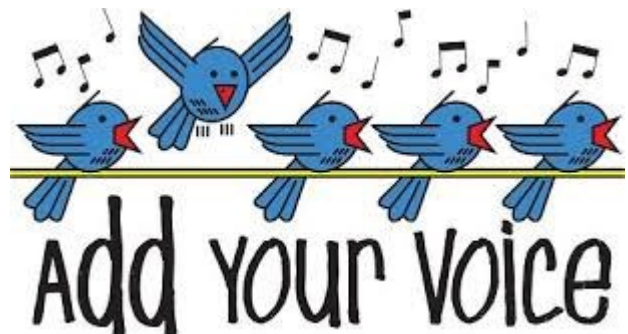
Women and girls of all ages are invited to join in this pick-up choir on the first Sunday in August. We will sing a fun, easy anthem under the direction of our Associate Director of Music, Laura Ross. This is a time for generations of women to sing together.

This is also a great opportunity to see what a choir rehearsal is like at Westminster and to meet the other volunteers and staff!

Men's Choir | Sunday, August 12

Similar to the Women's Choir the previous week, the Men's Choir welcomes men and boys of all ages to join in song. John Ross, our Director of Music, looks forward to introducing a simple piece of music to our male choir members, and he invites new friends from the congregation to sing as well.

We anticipate a good-sized group of female participants the week before, and we aim to inspire equal or greater representation from our men.





MUSIC



Ringin' Side-by-Side | Sunday, August 19

Back by popular demand, we are offering another point-and-ring bell opportunity. Children ringing alongside their parents and grandparents, Westminster Carillon members ringing alongside novice bell ringers, this side-by-side ringing opportunity is a fun, easy way for anyone to experience the bells at Westminster. No music reading or bell ringing knowledge required.

Ukulele Jam | Sunday, August 26

You may have read that Westminster acquired a new set of ukuleles last Spring, and we want to put them to good use! Join our Alleluia! Amen! director Kaitlyn Beck for an introductory ukulele experience. Children and adults alike are invited to learn a few simple chords to create a beautiful piece of music for worship. If you already own a ukulele, you are welcome to bring your own, but we should have plenty to go around to those who are new to the instrument!



Justice Choir | Sunday, September 2

Participate in a mixed choir experience over the Labor Day weekend! Men, women, children and youth are all invited to join in a pick-up choir over the holiday weekend. We will learn a piece from the Justice Choir Songbook. Founded in 2017, "Justice Choir is a template to encourage more group singing for social and environmental justice... to engage in the empathetic, collaborative and collective power of singing together to create change."



CONGREGATION NEWS

The Shoe That Grows

In recent months, Circle 4 of Presbyterian Women collected funds to purchase *"The Shoe That Grows"*, to add to the clothing drive that is in process for people in Sudan. The circle was able to purchase 24 pairs of shoes that will grow along with the feet of children who will wear them. These shoes allow children to experience daily life without worrying about exposing their feet to soil-transmitted diseases and rough terrain.

The shoes have arrived and have been added to the clothing that our Sudanese members will be sending when the drive is completed.



Creation Challenge for August

It's back to school time and that means having to navigate the dreaded drop off and pick up lanes at school. One way to make it more manageable and fun is to make a commitment to carpool.

Carpooling not only reduces gas consumption and traffic congestion, it encourages us to connect with our neighbors and community. It's a great way for children and parents to get to know other people in the neighborhood and build new friendships. Think of the fun conversations you could have on your way to and from school. And while you're at it, consider carpooling to work too!

CARPOOLING

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MEET YOUR DEACONS

BARBARA ARUNSKI

Where are you from? I am originally from St. Louis, MO. I lived in Branson, MO, and Shenandoah, IA before moving to Lincoln.

Do you work or volunteer outside of the home? I babysit my grandchildren twice a week, and more. I volunteer at Matt Talbot and teach at Sunday School.

What brought you to Westminster and how long have you been a member? The music brought me here. I have been a member for about 15 years.

What is your favorite aspect of being a deacon?
Being helpful!

What do you like to do for fun? I like to go to concerts, movies, read, travel, and play with my grand children!

Tell us something about yourself that most people don't know or is unique to you?
I was a World Champion Foosball player.

Anything else you would like to share?
I LOVE Children.

~Barbara Arunski



Remember our Food Pantry--

Hunger and food insecurity has no color, race or religion, just an empty stomach looking for relief. Consider becoming a valuable asset to our community by donating to the local food pantry. Watch the vine & eVine each week to see the current needs of our Food Pantry. Gift certificates are available at the front desk for giving donations in someone's name.



ADULT EDUCATION & BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Adult Education Forum

Sunday Mornings | Meet in the Fellowship Hall | 9-10 AM

Faith and Athletics

Who isn't aware of the impact of sports on our community, state and nation? It's easy to sense how pride in our state, or high school, rises or falls with the success or disappointment of our sports teams. People of faith are impacted by this phenomenon from the inside and from afar. Let's explore how faith and sports interact by hearing from some well-known and some local experts.

August 5 | Chad Cade is a long time softball and baseball coach and leader. He has worked with countless Lincoln players over the years including Alex Gordon (Kansas City Royals).

August 12 | Ken Govaerts competed at the university level in track for Oklahoma State University, and Ray Stevens competed at Nebraska in track. Both are Westminster members.

August 19 | Sarah Sasse-Kildow was State High School Golf Champion two years in a row and was an All-American golfer for UNL.

August 26 | Craig Sundberg grew up at Westminster, quarterbacked the Huskers in the 1980s and was the MVP of the 1985 Sugar Bowl.

Bible Study

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us any Sunday in August | Parlor | 9 AM

Join us all month or a Sunday here and there while we explore scripture together.

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

August 5: God's Justice | Romans 2:1-12

August 12: Global Economic Justice | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

August 19: Loving and Just Behavior | Romans 12:9-21 | led by Bill North.

August 26: Practicing Justice | Colossians 3:5-17



LIFE GROUPS

Westminster is a place to worship, a place to serve, and a place to belong. One of our values at Westminster is to build healthy relationships with one another and we believe it is important for everyone to discover a place where they can connect and grow. You are invited to become involved with any of our life groups at any time. For more information call 402-475-6702.

Knit & Sit | Wednesdays | Church Library at 6:30 PM

We warmly welcome you to come to knit or crochet for the People's City Mission, whether you are experienced, a beginner, or want to learn how. We have some supplies to share; donations are always welcome. We meet year round, just come when you can.

Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, August 7 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at Misty's located at 6235 Havelock Ave. Come for fellowship & good food. Lunch Bunch meets at a different dining establishment on the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Contact: Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, August 15 | Westminster Parlor | 1 PM

Book: *Ordinary Grace* by William Krueger. **Facilitator:** Kathryn Govaerts .

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture | Saturday, Aug. 18 | Scooter's 2901 S 84th St | 8 AM

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. Pastor Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9 AM. For more info, call Pastor Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Faith & Cancer | Tuesday , August 21 | Parlor | 7 PM

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.

Ladies Night Out | Monday, August 13 | Billy's 1301 "H" Street | 5-7 PM

Invite your friends for an evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over appetizers and drinks. Appetizers are \$10 + tax. All ladies are welcome to join. Send RSVP's to robynu2@hotmail.com.

Tour de Friends | Sunday, August 26 | 6 PM

We are meeting in Westminster parking lot and we will take a scenic ride to the UNL Dairy Store for ice cream and loop back to Westminster. Helmets are required and you'll need to carry your own water. Bring some ice cream money. Most rides are between 8- 12 miles. Ride Leaders: Todd Hoffman & Tracy Murray. Contact : Tracy Murray @ 402-475-6702 to be added to the TDF GroupMe App.



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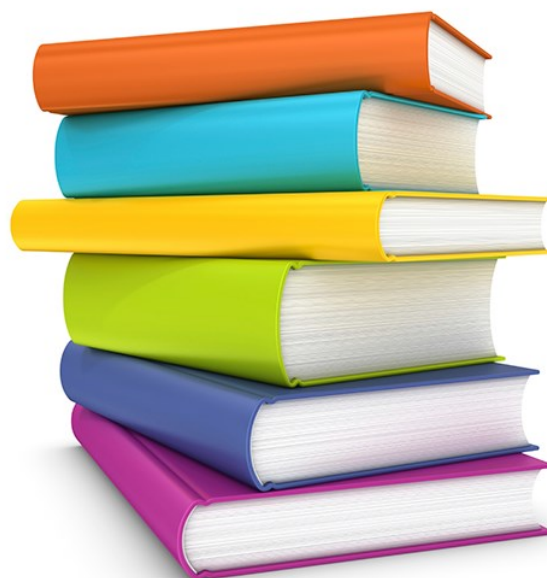
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THE BIG BOOK SALE

WESTMINSTER'S Annual Book Sale | Aug. 19-26

You'll definitely want to come for this big sale because LOTS of great titles are showing up. Highlights include children's books, activity books, cook books, westerns, CD's, games & puzzles, and so much more! There will be something for everyone!

You can help the church library by donating unneeded items anytime before August 15. Bring your donations to the library marked for the book sale & we'll take it from there.



All of the proceeds from this event go directly to the library for the purchase of books and supplies.

Thanks for your continued support!

