

AUTUMN 2018





CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Pancake Feed & BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY

Hosted by the Life Groups Committee

Sunday, September 9 | Garden Room | 9-10:30 AM

Enjoy a buffet style breakfast pancake feed including sausage and eggs. Freewill offering.



Elders for the Earth

Sunday, October 7 at 5 PM—Tuesday, October 9 at 4:30 PM
Mahoney State Park Lodge

Adults 50 years and older are invited to a multi-day gathering in the spirit of Chautauqua. Join like-minded peers in exploring positive approaches to climate change. Enjoy an array of speakers, workshops/ play shops, good food, live music, local wine tasting, and plenty of time to simply relax and enjoy the beauty of Mahoney State Park. Commute or stay at the lodge.

Registration is now open at elders4theEarth.com.

Questions? Ask Tom or Laurel Van Ham Pappas.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Saturday, October 27 | SIGN UP NOW OPEN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW SO YOU DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!

The Westminster Mission and Outreach Committee is promoting a Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day again this Fall. Would you spare one Saturday morning out of the year to support local area charities hands on? Let's double our numbers this year!

For more info on the projects and to sign up, call or email Jennifer Smith at jsmith67@neb.rr.com, or 402-525-6560.



"Whatever you do to the least one of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me." Matthew 25:31



CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER CREATION CHALLENGE: Winterize your home before Winter settles in. Cooler weather is on its way, trust me. These tips will conserve energy and save you money. Watch the Vine and eVine this month for more helpful tips.

Before the chill arrives:

- ⇒ Check & repair caulking around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- ⇒ Reverse your ceiling fans to draw warm air downwards
- ⇒ Adjust the thermostat. Five degrees can make a difference.
- ⇒ Schedule service for your heating system and change the filter on your furnace.
- ⇒ Turn down the temperature on your water heater. Save money and prevent colds.



After the chill moves in:

- ⇒ Open drapes on the South facing windows during the day.

Westminster Food Pantry

Hunger and food insecurity has no color, race or religion, just an empty stomach looking for relief. For 26 years, Westminster has been feeding the hungry in Lincoln. Weekly, we provide food for six families. Consider becoming an asset to our community by donating to the local food pantry. You can pick up a list of needed items at the Food Pantry Box near the East entrance.

Journeying Together | The next class is September 23 | 9 AM

If you are interested in becoming a member or know of someone who is, please contact Marge

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Births: Chajen, born August 18, to Nyakeni Bichoik and Wiw Tut

Baptisms: Evelyn Irene, daughter of Mary and Drew Hofferber on August 26

Bereavements: Esther Amend on August 3; Nancy Olsson on August 27

FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

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

Genie Bahm, Debbie Benesch, Barbara Dinsdale, Karen Janovy, Sushil Lacy, Sandi Larson, David McBride. Julie Olson, Rob Otte and Harriet Peterson.



MUSIC PROGRAM & REHEARSALS

The beginning of the program year is a great time to join one of our music ensembles!

During the month of August, music volunteers (many new!) joined together in fun, intergenerational summer music opportunities. The month started with a women's choir, then men's choir, point-and-ring bells and chimes, and a ukulele jam! We're so impressed with the energy and momentum that these volunteers created. Thank you to everyone who tried something new with us this summer!

New Rehearsal Schedule

Did you know that music rehearsals have resumed? Many of our ensembles have found new times to rehearse this fall. All of our music ensembles are welcoming of new volunteers! Contact John or Laura with any questions.

- ♦ Westminster Carillon | Wednesdays in Sanctuary | 5:30-6:30 PM
- ♦ Westminster Choir | Wednesdays in Sanctuary | 6:30-8 PM*
- ♦ Youth Strings | Wednesdays in Chapel | 5-5:30 PM**
- ♦ Children's Choirs (Pre K-5 grade, part of Parents' Night Out) | Room 210 | 5:50 PM ***

***Our Children's Choirs are now integrated into the Wednesday night "Parents' Night Out." Along with assisting Pastor Val with setting the communion table, the children will sing the first Sunday of most months this year.

*Westminster Choir will resume singing for 10:30 AM worship on September 9. We will sing the introit from the back of the sanctuary, process down the aisle during the opening hymn, and share God's Word through song during the offertory.

Tying into this year's programming/stewardship theme "For everything there is a season," Westminster Carillon is embarking on a full-year project learning excerpts of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. On September 16, we will ring the first installment, "The Entrance of Autumn."

The Good Life Chorus | September 23 | 10:30 Worship

The Good Life Chorus will be joining us once again in worship. This professional barbershop group is proud to call Westminster home, and they look forward to singing for worship several times this year.

**On the last weekend of the month, the Youth String Ensemble will make its Fall debut. The Strings are working on an arrangement of "Amazing Grace", and we look forward to this group integrating into other parts of the worship service this week.

WESTMINSTER CARILLON

Called to ring? Due to graduations and moves, Westminster Carillon has several openings. We need YOU to join the bell choir! Prior music reading experience is helpful, but not required. Contact laura@westminsterlincoln.org for more information.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Kindergarten of Eden (Preschool) | 10:45 AM | Room 210

Grace & Gratitude curriculum is used for our 3-5 year old's. In the Fall quarter, verbs, or as children would say, "action words," take center stage. In the grammar stage of our faith, God is the subject acting, and the people in the stories of the Old Testament are the recipients, or direct objects, of God's action. And so are we! God breathes life into Adam and Eve, and God gives life to us. God hears the prayers of Daniel, and God hears our prayers too. The thirteen stories reveal God's gracious acts. God continues to be the subject and never stops acting with us – the objects of God's grace and love.

Faith Village (K-5th Grade) | 9:00-10:00 and 10:45-11:30 AM | Lower Level

Each month start a new unit focusing on a different Bible story. **September's unit: Abraham and Sarah** - God called Abraham and Sarah and all their descendants into a special relationship as people of God. God promised to be with them just as God is with us today.

Middle School Sunday School (6-7th Grade) | 10:00 AM | Lower Level

New time – New Curriculum

Students may go to The Rising then class at 10:00 am or go to class at 10:00 am then to 10:30 worship. The new curriculum “Feasting on the Word” is a curriculum based on the revised common lectionary. Students will study passages of scripture for the weekly sermon.

Senior High Sunday School (10-12th Grade) | 10:00 AM | Youth Room

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**The Fall Retreat is
September 7, 8, 9, 2018
At Calvin Crest
Cost: \$98**

Our focus this year is:

“For Everything
There
Is A Season”

There will be lessons, hiking,
campfires, music, and games
to grow in fellowship!

spooktacular

Sunday, October 28 | 3-5 PM
Watch the Vine for details





Westminster is a place to worship, a place to serve, and a place to belong. One of our values 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 about any of these groups, please call 402-475-6702. And if you have an idea for a new Life Group, please contact Robb Otte at 402-770-9379 or robot4nu@gmail.com.

World on a Plate

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. *Contact person: Kathy Karstings.*

Faith & Cancer

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 every third Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the Parlor. *Contact person: Bruce Sheffield.*

History Buffs

History enthusiasts learn about a variety of historically relevant topics from guest speakers. Youth, men and women of all ages are invited to meet September through May on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the church. Periodic field trips maybe incorporated throughout the year. *Contact persons: Bruce & Margaret Sheffield.*

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies of all ages gather throughout the year from 5-7 p.m. at various Lincoln restaurants and pubs to enjoy an after-work drink and appetizer. These casual outings result in fellowship, connection with old friends and the opportunity to meet new women. No RSVP required; drop in at your leisure and bring a friend. Non-Westminster members welcome! *Contact person: Robyn Uebele.*

Lunch Bunch

This inter-generational group of men and women gather the first Tuesday of the month throughout the year at different Lincoln restaurants for friendship and lively conversation over lunch. All are welcome! *Contact person: Ed Plander at 217-779-3449.*

Knit & Sit

Meets year round on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Just come when you can. We warmly welcome any one who knits or crochets. If you would like to learn we'll teach you.

Green @ Heart

Westminster's 'green team'. When ways are discovered that Westminster can be more environmentally intentional, strategies are employed to raise awareness, eliminate waste, and reuse, recycle and reduce disposables. WPC has been recognized as a Earth Care Congregation by the PC (USA) since 2014.

Westminster Bridge Players

We are looking for teams of two to join to play Bridge once a month. We gather in member homes regularly from September to May. Play times and dates are determined each year based on player availability. Are you interested in joining? Please call Kathryn Govaerts at 402-483-1726, or Carol Bishop at 402-488-1082 to sign up.

Tour de Friends

Group rides are typically 12-15 miles round trip and are designed for cyclists of all levels. We meet May-September. Contact: Tracy Murray at 402-475-6702.

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

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

Contact: Jimmy Shelbourn.

Lohmen Group

Men and women of Westminster meet intermittently throughout the year to foster a broader Christian relationship and friendship with our "sister" church in Lohmen, Germany. This group hosts Lohmen members from Germany when they are visiting Lincoln. "Hostamania," the Lohmen group annual fundraiser, is a plant sharing sale held on Mother's Day Sunday. *Contact person: Nancy Leavitt.*

Prairie Readers

Book lovers are invited to attend this monthly book discussion group. Women and men gather at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor the third Wednesday of every month. *Contact : Faye Moulton.*

Turning Pages

Turning Pages is a book club for female inmates at the Lancaster County Detention Center. Westminster members facilitate this group of usually 10-16 inmates, meeting once a quarter for four weeks on Monday nights from 6:30– 7:30 p.m. A wide variety of books are read, with titles suggested by volunteers and inmates. Members do not need to commit to attend every meeting. A background check and a short training session at the County Jail is required before volunteering. *Contact : Deb Schorr.*

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles engage in monthly Bible study, mission, prayer and nurturing of one another. Women of all ages are welcome. PW Circles follow the expectations and goals of the National Presbyterian Women's Assoc. (PW/Presbyterian Church USA). Circles meet once a month September through June; meeting days, time and locations depend on the individual Circle.

Contact persons: Linda Miller and Rev. Ellen Davis

#1 Preschool Center in Nebraska-We are the first and Only center to reach level 5-the TOP level! In addition-we are also the only faith based program in Lincoln to be NAEYC Accredited | National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Prioritizing Staff Development: As the Director of Westminster Preschool in Lincoln since January 2010, Suzanne Schneider has used accreditation and rating programs like Step Up to Quality to not only improve the child development resources of the school but also to help the teachers grow professionally.

“We invest in quality initiatives, and it makes a big difference for everyone,” she said.

When Westminster Preschool initially enrolled in the Step Up to Quality program, they were rated a Step 3. Suzanne’s team worked through the process and made improvements, like updating their curriculum. They made it to the top, a Step 5, the first center to make it to that level in Nebraska.



“Our Step Up to Quality coach was great about understanding who I was and what our program needed. She helped us see areas where we could grow, and find really good staff trainings for us,” Suzanne said. Step Up to Quality’s program taps into Nebraska’s Early Learning Connection, which is a system that supports the career and professional development of all who provide programs and services for young children, from birth through age eight. It includes:

Professional development: for early childhood and school-age teachers

Support for implementation: utilizing early childhood coaches

Program quality assessments: Environment Rating Scale (ERS) assessments for early learning

Strategic planning with higher education: 2-yr and 4-yr and other adult learning organizations

Community engagement and outreach

Strength Training: More than 8,500 people work in child care in Nebraska. And, the state has the highest concentration of child care workers per 1,000 people employed in the entire country. Westminster Preschool devotes a lot of resources to teacher training and development, even though Suzanne is well aware of the high turnover rate in the industry (the average turnover rate at child care facilities is 30 percent).

PRESCHOOL ART SHOW!

Sunday, September 16

Westminster Preschool children will sing in the 10:30 worship.

Preschool Children's Art Show

Sunday, September, 16 | Fellowship Hall

Preschool would like to welcome Westminster Church Members and surrounding community members to the Annual Preschool Art Show. Please stop by and check out all of their wonderful creations and meet & greet with the young artists.



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National Association for the
Education of Young Children



YOUTH GROUP LOHMEN TRIP 2018

History, culture, delicious ice cream , or “eis” and countless memories were shared on our trip to Lohmen, Germany. Eleven fortunate youth and adults spent eight days filled to the brim with activities and fellowship. We began our journey with a tour of the Bastei: a maze of larger than life sandstone pillars, breathtaking forest, and the ruins of an ancient German castle. During the following days, we were taken to some of the most beautiful and historic sights in all of Saxony.

We had guided tours through the Königstein Fortress, the Zwinger Courtyard, the rebuilt city of Dresden (including the famous Frauenkirche and treasury Chamber of Augustus the Strong), Saxony’s parliament building, Prague, Terezín, a Nazi prison in the Czech Republic, and Pirna, the birth place of John Tetzl.

We grew profoundly close to our gracious hosts in Lohmen through working together cleaning a graveyard and building a new fence for their parish, sharing authentic German meals, and worshiping together in service and Bible study. We will not soon forget the awe-inspiring works of God’s creation we saw boating on the Elbe river and hiking through the Saxon Switzerland National Park, but the most impactful things we took away from this trip were the relationships we built with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will strive to keep this partnership strong and enduring, so that others can experience the sharing of God’s love as we did. See more of our experience here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/tGXbyTdXyNqUcFcF9>

Blessings, Andrew Finkner





PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

WOW is now PNO — Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night out | Wednesday Evenings | 5-7 PM

Parents you have 2 hours to restore your soul & enjoy some free time while your newborns-5th graders are lovingly cared for by Westminster Church staff. Feel free to go on a date, go to the grocery store, or to stay here for Adult Education.

Children's Schedule:

5:00-5:30: Gym Time
5:30-5:50: Meal at Cole Hall
5:50-6:20: Children's Music
6:20-7: Learning Time & Bed Time Stories

Middle School Youth will help with games & eat together from 5-6 PM.

Adult Schedule:

5:30: Dinner
6:30-7:30: Wednesday Adult Education
6:30-7:30: Knit-N-Sit



ADULT EDUCATION ON WEDNESDAYS | LOUNGE | 6:30-7:30 PM

Beginning September 5, we will begin a six week book study, Crucial Conversations led by Marijane Hancock and Tom Pappas. It is a valued resource promising "Tools for talking when stakes are high". Six "stand alone" lessons, valuable whether or not you have read the chapters or attended before.

YOUTH Grades 6-8 | Youth Café | 6-7 PM

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

Knit & Sit | Wednesdays (All year round)

Church Library | 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.

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Alleluia! Amen! (Grades K-5) | 5:50 PM *

Cherub Choir (Pre-K) | 5:50 PM *

* Part of Parents' Night Out

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30 PM

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30 PM



ADULT ED FORUM & BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Adult Education Forum | Lounge | 9-10 AM

September: Academy of the Laity

RELIGIOUS CLASHES: What Religious and Cultural Conflicts of the Past Can Teach Us Today

September 2: No Adult Education Forum, Labor Day Weekend

September 9: "Tabor— The Medieval Taliban" presented by Dr. Stephen Lahey, UNL Classics and Religious Studies Professor and Chair.

September 16: "Jews in Reformation Theology & Polemics" presented by Dr. Stephen Burnett, UNL Classics and Religious Studies Professor.

September 23: "The Theological Roots of Racism & Race" presented by Dr. Max Perry Mueller, UNL Classics and Religious Studies Assistant Professor.

September 30: "The Rise of Fundamentalism" presented by Dr. Simon Wood, UNL Classics and Religious Studies Associate Professor.

Sunday Morning Bible Study | Parlor | 9-10 AM

Whether you study the Bible daily, or just feel compelled to pick it up now and then, this class is for you. Beginning September 2, we will explore texts in the Fall lectionary. Who knows, you may study a text at 9 that is being used that day in worship. Our goal is to become immersed in the books of the Bible. No text needed other than the Bible. You may want to bring a notebook if you are a notetaker.

September and October lessons will focus on Mark's Gospel, the first of the gospels written.



September 2: Introduction to the Gospel, "The Beginning of the Gospel of Mark", Mark 1:1-15.

September 9: "New Wine in Old Wine-skins", Mark 1:16-3:12.

September 16: "The Mystery of the Kingdom of God", Mark 3:13-6:6.

September 23: "Do You Not Yet Understand?", Mark 6:7-8:26.

September 30: "Summons to Discipleship of Suffering", Mark 8:27-9:50.

Join us on Sundays, "this chair is for YOU!"



Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, September 4 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at The Eatery at 2548 S 48th Street. Come for fellowship & good food. Lunch Bunch meets at a different dining establishment on the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Contact: Ed Plander 217-779-3449

History Buffs

Saturday, September 8 | Lounge | 9 AM

Jim Sherwood will be speaking to us on "Nebraska Football, The Early Years 1890's-1945".

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Saturday, Sept. 15 | Scooter's 2901 S 84th St | 8 AM

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Ladies Night Out

Monday, September 17 | 5-7 PM

Parthenon at 5500 S 56th St # 8

Invite your friends for an evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over dinner at the Parthenon. All ladies are welcome to join. Send RSVP's to robynu2@hotmail.com.

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, September 19 | Parlor | 1 PM

Book: *"Promise Me, Dad"* by Joe Biden
Facilitator: Barbara Schliesser.
All are welcome.

Knit & Sit

Wednesdays | Church Library at 6:30 PM

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Faith & Cancer

Tuesday, September 18 | 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.

Tour de Friends

Sunday, September 23 | 4 PM

We are meeting in Westminster parking lot and we will take a scenic ride to the Pioneers Park to C&L Dairy Sweet 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.

Presbyterian Women Circle Groups

Circle 3- First Wednesday at 10 AM

Circle 4- First Monday at 7 PM

Circle 5- Second Tuesday at 10 AM

Circle 6- Fourth Tuesday at 7 PM



CHURCH BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for recommendations of Westminster Presbyterian Church members who will consider serving as Elder, Deacon, Usher and (foundation trustee) beginning in the Spring of 2019. In particular, the committee is searching for individuals who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation.

Please take a moment to recommend leaders by placing their name in the offering plate or calling the church office at 402-475-6702.



With regret and thanks for her service, Business Administrator, Cheryl Rennick will retire Oct. 31, 2018.

Cheryl's last day in the office will be September 28, 2018. She will remain an active member of Westminster.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS ON SUNDAYS!

This helps all of us. And new staff, new members & guests especially enjoy seeing your names and faces together.

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."



MEET YOUR DEACONS

CHRIS STOKES

Where are you from? Kansas City, MO.

Do you work or volunteer outside of the home? I am a pilot at United Airlines and fly the Boeing 777 on international routes. I am also in the Air Force Reserve in Hawaii, and own three Valvoline Instant Oil Change locations.



Chris Stokes
Wife: Alisha
Children:
Summers (21),
Mae (17),
Ruthie (8),
Vivian (7),
Frances (6),
Christopher (4),
& Thomas (2).

What brought you to Westminster and how long have you been a member?

I am the 4th generation who has gone to WPC and I have been a member since 2002.

What is your favorite aspect of being a deacon? I like serving the church and the older members. The history of the senior members is super interesting to hear.

What do you like to do for fun? I like to go sailing in the Caribbean Sea, play with my children, and travel with my wife, Alisha (not in that order!). I also like to golf, play tennis, and work out.

What is your favorite food? I love Lamb Korma at the Oven followed by Ivanna Cone ice Cream.

Tell us something about yourself that most people don't know or is unique to you?

I am an excellent dancer, mostly hip-hop and interpretive dance.



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2018 LOUNGE RENOVATION



BEFORE



AFTER

