



THE MESSENGER

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The Spirit in the Arts Community Conversations 2019

It is our practice in January of each new year to invite community members to Westminster to enlighten us about their expertise as it relates to us in our city. This year we will explore several art genres with particular emphasis on how God's creative Spirit inspires the artist and the audience. Consider the words of a 90 year old hymn, "O God of beauty, oft revealed in dreams of human art".

January 6 | Dance | Lounge | 9 AM

Elizabeth Govaerts is a local attorney and has a Master's degree in liturgical dance. She has danced and choreographed services for WPC.

January 13 | Community Public Art | Lounge | 9 AM

Liz Shea-McCoy is a talented artist. She has managed (and produced art for) five city-wide community projects including bicycles, hearts, lightbulbs, currently hands.

January 20 | Drama | Lounge | 9 AM

Andy Park is the award-winning stage director, playwright, lyricist and puppeteer, who is the artistic director for the Nebraska Repertory Theatre and research assistant professor in the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film.

January 27 | Reprise | Lounge | 9 AM

Rev. Carl Eskridge is a City Council member, attorney, ordained Presbyterian minister and husband of artist, Janet.

Westminster 2019 Line up of Children, Youth & Family

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

January 4: ALL YOUTH LOCK-IN

7pm Friday Night – 9 AM Saturday

Middle school & high school youth will join in fellowship over the winter break to learn what it means to be a part of the WPC youth group. There will be food, games, & a movie! Interested youth are invited to rsvp by email. Contact MaKayla Bartels: makayla@westminsterlincoln.org

February 1: Family Fun Night! Movie & pizza from 6-8pm

February 3: ALL YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY (TBA)

March 11-16: SPRING BREAK DRAMA CAMP & performance! 9am-3pm

Over spring break, children K-6th grade are welcome to join WPC's 8th annual Drama Camp.

The Snow Queen, will be produced in partnership with the Missoula Children's Theatre.

Children will enjoy education in theatre topics such as: characterization, music, staging, movement, & more!

Want more information? Contact MaKayla Bartels: makayla@westminsterlincoln.org

April 7: Children's Spring Pageant 10:30 AM

April 20: Eggstravaganza Easter Party

May 3-5: ALL YOUTH Spring Retreat at Calvin Crest

May 12: End of the School Year ALL YOUTH Party (TBA)

May 19: Confirmation Sunday 10:30 AM

June 24-28: Vacation Bible School

3yrs old to 5th grade | 9am – noon

Come blast off "To Mars and Beyond" with this year's Vacation Bible School adventure! Our kids will explore God's awesome power at work within themselves & others. From our outpost on Mars, they'll blast off to distant planets on exciting missions. Through timeless Bible stories we hope to inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine. Interested in being a VBS leader? Or looking to spend your summer in space? Contact MaKayla Bartels: makayla@westminsterlincoln.org.

July 22-26: Creative Arts Camp

Grades K-5th | 9am – Noon

Calling all singers, dancers, & artists looking to shine in the summer sun! Join us, as we explore the "arts"! During this week, children will celebrate the wonders of creativity! Interested in being a part of the C.A.C. team? Contact John Ross: john@westminsterlincoln.org.

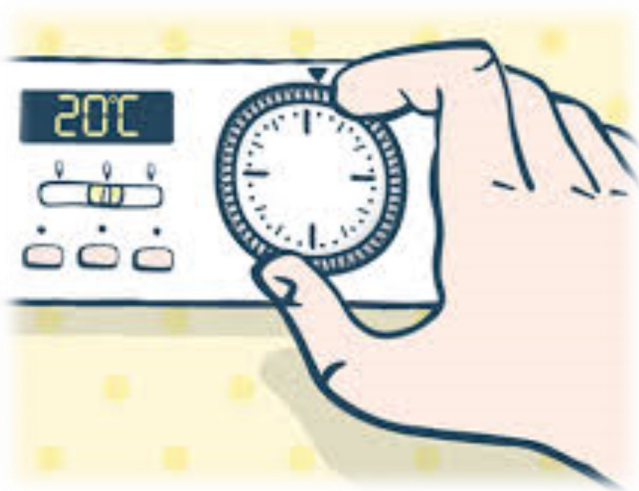
Styrofoam: Recycling the White Stuff

Remember to save any Styrofoam packaging! When that white stuff goes to the landfill it can take hundreds to thousands of years to break down. And along the way it can leach styrene into our air and water and endanger wildlife who ingest or inhale small pieces. Make it "value added" instead.

Bring those chunks of Styrofoam to church during January and February (Please— NO peanuts or food containers). We will take them to a recycling facility in Omaha during March.

January Creation Challenge: "Turning Down the Heat"

Our creation challenge for January is "Turning down the Heat." We will be describing different ways of saving energy in our homes during the winter months. According to the U.S. Department of Energy "You can save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling by simply turning your thermostat back 7°-10°F for 8 hours a day from its normal setting. You can easily save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to 68°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home." Saving energy is part of our role of being good stewards of God's creation. We will share more ideas each week



Great News for South Sudan and Niger

Through the generous contributions of the Westminster congregation a total of \$5,607.05 has been raised and has been sent to our missionaries in South Sudan and Niger to aid in the building of water wells. At an approximate cost of \$3,500 each we have helped build one well and have donated enough funds to start building a second one. Please remember that our gifts assist whole villages in obtaining the water they need for sustenance and hygiene. Supporting our project is easy: simply note "Wells" on your check and drop it in the offering plate or use one of our readily available "Wells" envelopes in the pews. Thanks to all for your continuing support.



Mark Your Calendars

Coming Up In MUSIC

Nebraska Brass – Brass Variations

Sunday, February 17 | 3:00 PM

The Nebraska Brass present a program of “theme & variations”. Pre-purchase tickets through the Westminster music department, and a portion of those ticket sales stays with Westminster. \$15 adults/\$12 seniors/children & students free

Scottish Heritage Sunday

Sunday, February 24

Bagpipes and Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans! Join us for a celebration of our Scottish roots.



Celebrate Our Heritage

UNL Choirs

Tuesday, February 26 | 7:30 PM

UNL’s All-Collegiate Choir and flagship University Singers bring an evening of superb choral music to Westminster’s sanctuary. Free performance.

Forté Handbell Quartet

Thursday, March 7 | 7:00 PM

Based in Colorado Springs, Forté is an advanced quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. In pursuit of musical excellence, Forté strives to explore, innovate, inspire, and glorify God through the gift of music. Free-will offering. Please contact John Ross if you are interested in providing homestay accommodations for one or more of the Forté ringers during their time in Lincoln.

Join us at Westminster for fellowship & fun on

WEDNESDAY'S & SUNDAY'S

Parents' Night Out | Wednesdays | 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 friends. **No Parent's Night Out on Wednesday, January 2**

MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evenings

Youth Strings | Chapel | 5-5:30 PM

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

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30 PM

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

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30 PM

* Part of Parents' Night Out

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Café | 6:30 PM

Grades 6-8th meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Parlor | 9 AM

Resolutions are great tools for change – make yours to study the Bible more regularly.

One of the ways you can be accountable to that kind of resolution is participation in a Bible study group. Each Sunday in the Parlor at 9 AM, a friendly group of members and friends of Westminster meet to reflect, discuss and explore the Bible texts that are part of the Sunday lectionary readings used in worship. We invite you to join us this year of new beginnings. We are beginning the final chapters of our study of the Old Testament account of Job. We begin a study of the Gospel of Luke in late February as we move toward Lent and Easter.

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

January 6 | "Part 3 – Eliphaz's 3rd Response", Job 22.

January 13 | "Job's Response", Job 23-27.

January 20 | "Job's Soliloquy: Meditation on Wisdom", Job 28.

January 27 | "Job's Summing Up", Job 29-31.

Children, Youth & Family

MINISTRY

*All children are invited to attend 10:30 AM worship and participate in the Children's Conversation before going to Sunday School.

Sunday School

Nursery | 9 AM—Noon

Preschool Story Time | Rm 210 | 9 AM

Kindergarten of Eden | Ages 3-5 | Rm 210 | *10:45 AM

Faith Village | Grades K-5 | Lower Level | 9 & *10:45AM

Confirmation Class | 8th-9th Grade | Youth Area | 9 AM

Middle School | 6-7 Grade | Youth Area | 10 AM

High School | 10-11 Grade | Lower Level | 10 AM

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Baptism: Ricky Sanchez; Joaquin Angel, Houston Adriel, and Royal Acqui, sons of Elizabeth and Ricky Sanchez.

Bereavement: Comfort for the family and friends of Judy Ehlers, who died on Dec. 6; Wayne Whitmarsh, who died on Dec. 7; and Jeanne Giles, who died on Dec. 24.

Kindergarten of Eden:

Our winter Grace & Gratitude curriculum will continue to use colorfully illustrated stories of God's grace. As we read about baby Jesus' coming, we remind our preschoolers that God loves so dearly. This unit also introduces the act of baptism & the works of Jesus as he grows up into a man of healing. Each story describes new found joy having God in our lives to take care of us. Our leaders will use a variety of songs, crafts, & interactive play to make these lessons fun & easy for all to understand.

Preschool-5th Grade | ROOM 210 | 9 AM

This winter will focus on baby Jesus now grown up into adulthood. Following the curriculum from 10:45 am Sunday School, there will be stories of miracles. For example, our children will enjoy counting the loaves of bread & fish that Jesus fed to 5,000 people! Through interactive play & songs, our children will better understand what it means to help those in need & spread God's love to everyone around them.

Faith Village K-5th Grade | Lower Level | 10:45 AM

In January's unit, our children in Faith Village are learning about the promise of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus was sent by God to lead the sheep! Following Advent, they heard the news of Jesus' birth & will now start to hear more about Jesus as a grown-up. Our children will hear the storytelling of Jesus feeding 5,000 & other miracle stories from the gospel. These passages from the Bible are wonderful displays of God's power. Our goal is to inspire our children to show compassion for others in their day to day lives, like Jesus did in his adulthood.

Sign Up for A New Member Class

GROW WITH US!

Westminster is a faith community that is continually evolving. We are looking to grow our wonderful church! If you are visiting and are interested in connecting with Westminster please fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews, or contact one of our New Member Committee Members: Matt Kirkland, Emily Shelstad, or Pastor Val Putnam to learn more about our next New Member Class!



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

We warmly welcome you to come to knit, crochet, do other hand work, or just sit and enjoy the fellowship. We can also help you learn to knit and we have some supplies to share. We meet year round, just come when you can.

Theology on Tap: Where young adults gather to discuss faith!

We focus on fulfilling our day to day spiritual needs by providing a safe place to have fun & explore God's call in each of our own lives. Join us on Wednesdays @ 8pm! Contact Edison McDonald at 402-802-1109 for location information.

Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, January 8 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at Parker's Bar B Q located at 84th & "O" Street. Come for fellowship & good food. All are welcome. Contact: Ed Plander at 217-779-3449.

History Buffs | Saturday, January 12 | Lounge | 9 AM

John and Laura Ross will be presenting to us about "the life of George Friedrich Handel and "Messiah".

Faith & Cancer | Tuesday, January 15 | 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.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, January 16 | Westminster Parlor | 1 PM

Our selection for January is "Books for Living" by Will Schwalbe. Facilitator: Weston Crawford. Schwalbe focuses on the way certain books can help us honor those we've loved and lost, and also figure out how to live each day more fully. Rich with stories and recommendations, Books for Living is a treasure for everyone who loves books and loves to hear the answer to the question: "What are you reading?"

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture | Saturday, January 19 | Scooter's | 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 located at 2901 S 84th Street. Pastor Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9 AM. For more info, call Pastor Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Ladies Night Out | Tico's | Tuesday, January 22 | 5 PM

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

Presbyterian Women's Circles

All Westminster Presbyterian Women are invited to visit and/or join one of the following circles:

Circle 3 | Wednesday, January 9 | Meet at Church | 10 AM

Circle 4 | Monday, January 7 | Hostess: Kathy Anderson, 5411 South Dove Lane | January 7 | 7 PM

Circle 5 | Tuesday, January 8 | Church Lounge | 10 AM

Circle 6 | Tuesday, January 22 | Church Library | 7 PM



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REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!!

Preschool!

**Open House Registration
for the 2019-2020 School Year!
Thursday, January 24 | 6-7 PM**



Westminster Preschool offers part-day or full-day options for children ages 3 through 6 (Preschool and Pre-K). Our registration open house is the first opportunity for families to get registered with us! We fill up quickly, but families who register this night are given first priority. Children are welcome to attend.

Do you know a child that would benefit from a high-quality nationally accredited preschool program? Tell your friends and family!

For more information, contact Suzanne Schneider (402) 475-6702 suzanne@westminsterlincoln.org

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Facebook: Westminster Preschool