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HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

April 14— Palm Sunday— 9:30 am

Join the children in the procession of palms as we begin the march toward the cross.

April 18— Maundy Thursday Worship—7:00 pm

Share in the Lord's Supper as Jesus shared a meal with His disciples on the night of his betrayal.

April 19— Good Friday Worship—7:00 pm

Contemplate Jesus' death on the cross at Golgotha as the Westminster Choir and friends sing William Billings' mournful *When Jesus Wept* with LSO cellist Jessica Dussault.

April 21— Easter - 9:30 am

Alleluia! He is risen! Celebrate Christ's victorious resurrection with the Westminster Choir, Carillon and Brass.



All Things Bright and Beautiful . . .

Creation Celebration 2019 🕊 March 31 to April 28

Worship

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 | Sanctuary

"The Lord God Made Them All"—Worship, music, and children's conversations celebrating creation and our commitment to caring for our earthly home.

April 28—Earth Day Worship

Special Music by the Westminster Choir

Rev. Lauren Van Ham, Dean, Chaplaincy Institute

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings | 10:30 | Lounge

A different speaker each week will help us explore practices that keep our environment clean and beautiful.

March 31—Dr. Lucas Sabalka

"General Assembly Resolutions: What on earth?"

April 7—Jill Heng, co-owner of Olive Creek Farm

"To Till and to Keep: Sustainable Organic Farming"

April 14—Dr. Ramesh Laungani, Doane University

"Co-Creators: Citizen Science"

April 21—Easter - No class

April 28—Intergenerational Earth Day Celebration

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"



LNO - Ladies Night Out

April 16 | 5-7 PM | Billy's, 1301 H Street

Join Westminster friends for dinner, drinks, and a fun evening as Chef Nadar works his magic with local/sustainably raised food.

History Buffs

April 6 | 9-10 AM | Lounge

Mike Rasmussen talks about his favorite historical figure, Teddy Roosevelt, the great conservationist.

Brunch

April 6 | 10:30 | The Hub Cafe, Union Plaza

Following History Buffs (whether or not you attend), enjoy friends and locally-raised food in this unique restaurant



To See with the Heart

This year both our Lenten Study and our Creation Celebration are encouraging us to see with the heart, to become deeply and gratefully aware of God's goodness and the beauty that surrounds us. Now we share our observations in a series of exhibits:

Preschool and Children's Ministry—

March 31-April 14

"Our Children Enjoy God's Creation"

Lincoln Camera Club—

April 16-May

"Signs of Spring"

Westminster and Good Shepherd Youth—

April 28-May

"Let the Earth be Glad"

Posters with earth care messages created by youth, displayed here and at Good Shepherd

EVERYONE! —

March 31-April 28

"Scrapbooking Creation"

Add your photo, poem, sketch, journal entry to the giant album page in the Garden Room.



All Things Bright and Beautiful

April 28 | 10:30 | Fellowship Hall

Intergenerational creation celebration immediately following worship.

All ages welcome!

... The Lord God Made Them All



We are excited to have the Rev. Lauren Van Ham as our guest preacher for Earth Day worship on April 28. As an Eco-chaplain, Lauren is dedicated to living sustainability on earth, our only home. Her passion and training in the fine arts, spirituality and earth's teaching have supported her specialization in eco-ministry. Her education includes a degree from Carnegie Mellon University, Naropa University and The Chaplaincy Institute. Lauren attended the Parliament of the World Religions in Toronto to talk about Eco-ministry. Following worship Lauren will lead an education hour regarding eco-ministry. She is the daughter of Laurel Van Ham.

2019 Easter Lily Order Form

Order a lily in memory or honor of a loved one to be displayed in the chancel on Easter morning, or donate money to one of the Westminster Endowment Funds. **Cost of each lily is \$10.** Endowments may be any amount. Checks should be made payable to Westminster, memo "LILY".

**Specify all information on the form below
and return to:**

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2110 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln NE 68502

I/We would like to purchase _____ lily/lilies.
I/We would like to make a gift of \$ _____ for one
of the following Westminster Endowment Funds.

Please check one:

- _____ Mission and Outreach Endowment
- _____ Music and Worship Endowment
- _____ General Purpose Endowment
- _____ The Great Commission Endowment
- _____ Facilities Endowment
- _____ Education Endowment

Given by

_____ in loving memory of _____ OR

_____ in honor of _____

_____ I will take my lily home following the service.

_____ The Deacons may deliver my lily to the elderly
and homebound.

**Orders must be received by April 15
to be included in the order of worship.**



Saturday May 4th
5:30pm to 8:30pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
\$30 per person

Online registration coming soon

**Gather your friends and family for a fun filled evening to
support the Westminster preschool!**

Childcare provided . Catered by Venue . Register by 26 April

First Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday May 4th 2019

The event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church and will include silent auction items, dinner catered in by Venue, and a few lively rounds of trivia! All proceeds will go towards completing some necessary projects in the preschool; including window replacements, playground renovations and technology updates for the children.

It is an exciting time in the Church and in the Preschool and we are thrilled to organize a collaborative event where preschool families, congregation members, and the public can come together in fellowship for the good of our preschool.

To make this event a success we need your help!

We are currently in need of silent auction items. Items can be handmade or purchased, big or small. Experiences are always well received, i.e. husker tickets, art lesson, photography session, etc. All items will be accepted, but we do ask that coupons are not submitted (i.e. 50% off selected items). Items can be mailed to or dropped off at the preschool.

Please consider donating to the event or reach out to family and friends who might have something to contribute to the silent auction

There will also be a wine bottle raffle. For \$5 you will be able to select a mystery bottle of wine. Please consider donating a bottle of wine that retails for more than ten dollars.

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event!





CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Nursery | 9-11:30 AM

Kindergarten Of Eden Preschoolers ages 3yrs old & up | Room 210 | 9:45 AM

Faith Village K-5th grade | Lower Level | 9:45 AM

Using the rotation model curriculum, children will learn through art, science, storytelling, & more!

Children's Education Hour | Lower Level Faith Village | 10:30 AM

While you attend an education class or group, bring your kids to Faith Village! Our nursery will be offered for any child younger than 3 years of age, older children are welcome to meet in Faith Village.

Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us after worship on **April 14th** for an exciting Easter egg hunt at Westminster. Mark your calendars and join us for this great event!



There is also an opportunity to participate in the Adopt-an-Egg program. Feel free to grab a bag (or two) of empty eggs and fill them for the hunt. Eggs are available at the East entrance. We will need the filled eggs returned by April 12th.

Thank you for your help with this exciting event!

NEEDED

In need of a washer and dryer in good working condition for the church. If you have one available, please call the church office, 402-475-6702. This will enable the church and preschool to do laundry on site. Thank you.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

RETURN FISH BANKS | April 21 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Fish banks were sent home in March to collect spare change for One Great Hour of Sharing! A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.



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.



WESTMINSTER MUSIC EVENTS

Rhythm Party | April 7 | 10:30 AM

Do you wonder what the dots and lines in the hymnal mean? Are you interested in our ensembles but worried about reading music? Then this one-time workshop is for you. Join John and Laura in the sanctuary during the education hour to explore rhythm basics. Open to kids and adults.

Nebraska Trombone Ensemble | Monday, April 8th | 7:00pm

Join UNL's trombone studio for their end of the year recital. This free concert will feature music spanning many genres, from classical standards through rock 'n' roll favorites

Good Friday Pick-Up Choir with LSO Cellist | Friday, April 19 | 7:00 PM

You're invited to join a pick-up choir on Friday, April 19th. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 6:00pm to rehearse a simple round, accompanied by Lincoln Symphony Orchestra cellist Jessica Dussault. This haunting music will prepare us during 7:00pm Good Friday worship to remember Jesus's suffering and death.

Messiah on May 5th | 9:30am Worship

Strings, harpsichord and trumpet will join with the Westminster Choir to glorify *Messiah* during worship on May 5th. We will explore the Resurrection portion of Handel's beloved masterpiece with instruments, soloists, and chorus. Plan to attend and invite your friends!

SESSION REPORT

Two major actions were taken by the Westminster Session at its March 25 meeting. First was approval of a new Financial Leadership Council to better coordinate stewardship activities and control of church expenses. Its membership will include representatives of several session committees (Budget & Finance, Personnel and Building & Grounds), and a member of Foundation, the pastor and business administrator. The council will meet monthly with Elder Allen Wachter as its coordinator.

Second, was formation of a subcommittee to draft the Ministry Information required as one of the first steps in seeking a new pastor. Members include Emily Killham, Allen Wachter, Rob Otte, Sarah Baltensperger, Sandi Larson, Jim Kinkennon, Andrew Finkner, and Dan Schafer. Known as an MIF, the form details the status of the church, along with its future expectations, and the nature of the Lincoln community. Its completion and acceptance must precede the formation of a pastor search committee.



WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER

Parents' Night Out

Families & friends, Parents' Night Out is on! The weekdays are filled with activities & work to be done, but know that Wednesday evenings are for YOU. Bring your newborns—middle school age youth to Westminster. While you enjoy time to feed your soul, let us feed your kiddos dinner & fun! During the 5-5:30 pm drop-off time, children play games! A free meal is served in Cole Hall until it is time for music, where your children will learn how to use instruments & sing new songs. We end the evening of fun with a lesson & a bedtime storytelling to get everyone settled for the night. All are welcome & are encouraged to invite friends & family to join in! We ask that you sign in at the top of the stairs facing the main entrance to fill out important contact information, and then you're free to go grocery shopping, go on a date, or take some time to reflect on your spiritual life. Whatever you do, you don't want your kids to miss out on this time to grow at Westminster!

With your help, we can continue to grow the outreach & mission we offer to families! Parents' Night Out has a regular attendance of 40-50 children/youth & is currently taking food donations. Below is a list of regularly used items for dinner.

Food Donation Items:

Milk
Small bags of Fritos in bulk (50-70)
Bags of shredded cheese
Hamburger Meat (tubes)
Spaghetti noodles
Spaghetti sauce
Bread/ Peanut butter/ Jelly
Fruit: apples, clementines, grapes, or easily cut-up fruit
Cookies or small dessert

MUSIC REHEARSALS

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30-6:30 PM

Children's Choirs | 210 | 5:50-6:20 PM

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30-8:00 PM

Knit & Sit | 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.



SUNDAY ADULT ED & BIBLE CLASS

ADULT EDUCATION Meets in the Lounge | 10:40 AM

March 31: Dr. Lucas Sabalka, “GA Resolutions: Why support a fee on carbon emissions?”

April 7 : Jill Heng, co-owner of Olive Creek Farm, “To Till and to Keep: Sustainable Organic Farming”

April 14: Dr. Ramesh Laungani, “Co-Creators: Citizen Science”

April 21: No class on Easter Sunday

April 28: Earth Sunday, all-church intergenerational experience co-led by Rev. Lauren Van Ham and Children’s Ministry

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Join us any Sunday | 10:40 AM | Parlor

As we approach Holy Week and Easter in our journey through the Gospel of Luke, we invite you to join us at 10:40 in the Parlor to grapple with the meaning of the sacrifice and gift of new life through Christ. An Easter devotional will be available April 14 for use on Easter when the class will not meet.

As always, coffee and donut holes are available.

April 7: “ Reaching the City of Destiny” Luke chapters 18-21

April 14: “The Passion Narrative” Luke chapters 22-23

April 21: Easter Sunday—no class. An Easter devotional will be available April 14 for use on Easter.

April 28: “ Luke’s Story Continues: An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles” Acts 1



Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 2 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at Dinos this month, located at 2901 South 84th 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 6 | 9 AM | Lounge

Mike Rasmussen talks about his favorite historical figure, Teddy Roosevelt, the great conservationist.

LNO—Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, April 16 | 5-7 PM

Billy's 1301 H Street

Invite your friends for a fun evening of getting to know WPC ladies over dinner and drinks. All ladies are welcome, and invite a friend! Please RSVP Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Sat., April 20 | 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. Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9 am. For more info, call Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

Faith & Cancer

Tuesday, April 16 | 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 17 | 1 PM

Westminster Parlor

Book: *The Kitchen House*
by Kathleen Grissom

Facilitator: Susie Hughes

Orphaned onboard a ship from Ireland, seven-year-old Lavina arrives at a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen house; she becomes deeply attached to her new family.

Theology on Tap: 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.



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VOLUNTEER ALERT

Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer? Your church could use your help to answer the phone at the front desk, fold and stuff bulletins, assist in the offices, help with children and youth ministry, grounds and building support, set up for worship and fellowship on Sunday morning and many other opportunities to serve. If you are interest, please call the office, 402-475-6702, with your name and what you are willing to do and you will be notified, trained for your specific duties and greatly appreciated.

Recently a group of women knew of a pressing need to clean a storage room that was long overdue for cleaning and organization. They now have the infamous name "Westminster Mouseketeers". This affectionate name came about due to hazardous duty as well as encountering unexpected mice. It took these courageous women over 45 hours to strip, clean, throw, sort, clean again, purchase items and restock. Just this one volunteer task save the church over a weeks salary for one employee. As we think of the number of volunteers listed in the Vine weekly, we are saving staff time and money. Please consider your part in being a Westminster volunteer.

Special thanks to our Westminster Mouseketeers! Maureen Hergert, Julie Olson, Lavon McBride, Sue Shamblin, Carolyn Otte and Lisa DeBuse.