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Outreach is planning to get the Westminster Disaster Response team back into operation in order to provide a volunteer work crew to aid in reconstruction efforts to the flood victims here in Nebraska.

If you are interested in volunteering, or just want more information, please contact Steve Hughes at skh@eskays.com to be placed on an email list to be informed as we plan for mission trips.

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Confirmands and leaders (above): Michael Dempsey, Cael Dempsey, Sierra Walker, Ansley Sothan, Mariah Janssen, Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn, and Rob Baltensperger.



High School Graduates (above): Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn, Noah Nevitt, Brady Jex, Betsy Zander, Audrey Smith and Jampe Gergen



Westminster Preschool Awarded \$49,500

Westminster Preschool is one of the providers that is receiving a new grant, and it will assist 10 children out of the 85 listed in the article (from the Lincoln Journal Star).

“3,665 children under age 5 in Lincoln live in families that fall below the poverty* threshold. Most children under 5 who live in families below the poverty* threshold live with single moms (54%), followed by married couples (36%), and single dads (10%). Lincoln Littles funding can support working families with a portion of tuition if they earn under 200% at the Federal Poverty Level.*”

Preschool Grant , Continued:

"A new fund created to help working families that don't qualify for state child care subsidies but still can't afford the cost of quality day care contributed \$524,000 to help fill the gap. The money — the first distribution from the child care fund in what will become an annual giving day — will go to 11 child care providers who have agreed to add a total of 85 spots for more children and use the money for tuition assistance for needy families. Two years in the making, the Lincoln Littles Early Childcare Fund is a partnership between the Lincoln Community Foundation and the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. Others receiving grants are: KinderCare Learning Center, Educare Lincoln, CEDARS, Children's Place, World of Knowledge Child Development Center & Preschool, St. Mark's Presechool/KIDZONE, Fingerprints Child Development Center, and Kids First Inc."

*Dear Westminster family,
Thank you so much for the prayers and encouragement over my last four years as a seminarian at Dubuque Theological Seminary. I have passed my classes, my ordination examinations and am holding a diploma that says Masters of Divinity. All of these are marks that certify me ready to take a call in our denomination. While I am looking forward to serving God as I am led, I am sad to put behind a period that has filled my life with so much hope and peace. I ask for your continued prayers as I set on the next leg of my journey. It is a leap of faith. Again, thank you. You have been a most generous congregation as my "congregation of care."*

*Grace and peace,
Christy Dempsey*

PRESBYTERIAN TRIENNium



Westminster's own Grace Hemmerling, Andrew Finkner, and Devon Nelson will be attending the Presbyterian Triennium, a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) at Purdue University Lafayette, Indiana July 16th through the 20th. This includes five days of conversation, recreation, learning, worship and fun. Andrew Finkner, Westminster's Middle School Youth Director and Devon Nelson, Westminster's High School Youth Director, will serve as group leaders. The theme is "Here's My Heart" and participants at the Triennium will re-enter their lives with a fresh sense of inspiration grounded in the context of personal and communal worship.



Welcome to Our Church



There will be a New Member's Inquiri Class on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30pm for those interested in joining Westminster or learning more about the ministry and mission of the church. There is no obligation to join the church if you attend the class. We welcome you to Westminster.



Our Over the Road ministry now includes Lyft! We need a volunteer who has an iPhone to reserve and coordinate rides. Please reach out to Pastor Val at val@westminsterlincoln.org



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

WELCOME!

Sara Campbell will be joining us as the Education and Communication Coordinator on June 1, 2019. She and her husband are relocating from Atlanta. We welcome Rob and Sara both to Westminster!



SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Westminster Foundation proudly announces the 2019 Swanson Scholarship recipient Audrey Smith. Audrey will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall. Congratulations to Audrey!

Westminster Wish List—



Buildings and Grounds

Adorned with beautiful plants and trees, Westminster's grounds help to create a welcoming atmosphere for members and guests. To help maintain and enhance Westminster's gardens, the Building and Grounds committee is looking for some power tools. We are in need of a: Lawn Mower, Trimmer, Leaf Blower, and a Snow Blower.

Since there are very few electrical outlets outside the Church, we are requesting gas, rather than electric power tools. Used equipment in good working condition (or new equipment or a donation if the Spirit moves you!) would be gratefully accepted. Gifts are tax deductible. For additional information, or to make a donation, please contact John Paul Wirrick at (402) 314-0257.

Thank you!

Buildings and Grounds

SUMMARY OF SESSION MEETINGS ON APRIL 29 and MAY 13



April 29

*Current Membership was reported at 631.

*Over the first four months of 2019 expenses exceeded income by \$13,747, and a concern was expressed for the traditionally lean giving months of summer.

*Pastor Putnam reviewed the ten months she has served as Interim Pastor: adjusting staffing to reflect actual finances, restructuring Sunday worship schedule, altering Deacon duties to increase contact with church members, and eliminating non-essential services. She believes the main tasks of her interim work are complete and the church should be ready soon to elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee.

*The Church Pillars Task Force presented proposed a Mission Statement, a Vision Statement, and the following proposed Core Values:

1) *Be in community;* 2) *Growing the love & knowledge of God;* 3) *Find greater peace in life;* 4) *Make a difference in the world;* 5) *Promote environmental stewardship.* Elders are to reflect & comment on the proposals before May 13.

May 13

*Four confirmands met with the Elders to present faith statements: Cael Dempsey, Mariah Janssen, Ansley Sothan, and Sierra Walker. The Session voted to receive them on May 19.

*Rev. Sue Collier of Homestead Presbytery's Committee on Ministry met with the Session and said that Westminster is ready to create a Ministry Information Form (MIF) and elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee. Dr. Collier will train the PNC after they are elected.

*The following motions were approved: 1) *the Pillars Task Force prepare to hand their work off to the PNC;* 2) *The Nominating Committee begin the process of proposing members of the Pulpit Nominating Committee;* and 3) *The PNC is empowered to create the MIF.*

*Tom Pappas & Gary Haller were named to attend the Presbytery on May 16 in North Bend.

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* 20th of each month: deadline for Messenger

Thank you!

At worship, please ask an usher if you would like assistance with a hearing device.

Nametags to arrive mid-June.

ACADEMY OF THE LAITY



SUNDAY FORUM

The Old Testament books Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Job collectively are called "Wisdom Literature". Plan on attending **A Survey of Wisdom Literature** to enhance your faith foundation.

June 2 **Job** - presented by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn

June 9 **Psalms** - presented by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn

June 16 **Psalms** - presented by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn

June 23 **Proverbs** - presented by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn

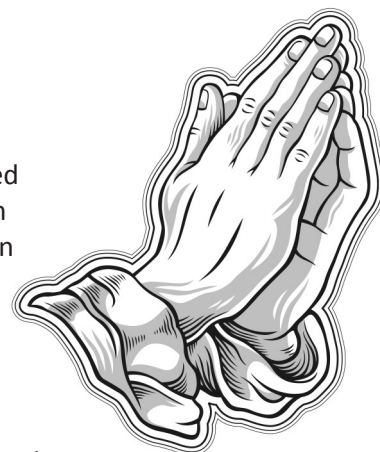
Song of Songs - presented by Pastor Val Putnam

June 30 **Ecclesiastes** presented by Rev. Bob Snell

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Bible Class is a unique opportunity to explore and discuss not only the texts used in Sunday worship but to discuss the sermon itself while it's still fresh in our minds. Join an energetic, vocal group exploring the Bible in this new way each Sunday or drop in when you can. Of course, donuts and coffee are always available. We have six able leaders who take turns opening the discussion.

Sunday texts in June will be available each week in the bulletin, but if you'd like to study them before worship, send Rev. Ellen Davis (edavis11@neb.rr.com) your email address and she'll keep you up to date.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

When you think of the Ten Commandments, what comes to mind? Have you ever thought of them as "Love Carved in Stone?" No, I doubt many have, but the author of the 2019-2020 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study has. Eugenia Anne Gamble is a Presbyterian pastor with 30 years' experience who is not only a preacher but also an author, speaker and retreat leader who loves to make the Bible come alive for others.

Four different circle groups will begin meeting monthly in September to explore this new study. If you are interested in joining a group, contact Rev. Ellen Davis at ellen@westminsterlincoln.org for more information.



Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn will present an introduction to the study on Saturday, August 24 in Fellowship Hall with refreshments beginning at 9 a.m. All women of the church are invited to this fall gathering and to any of the circle groups in September. More information will be available closer to the date. Watch both the Vine and the Messenger for updates.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

June 2—Acts 16: 16-34

June 9—Acts 2:1-21

June 16— John 16:12-15

June 23— Luke 8:26-39

June 30—Luke 9:51-62

SAUSAGE, EGGS, AND SCRIPTURE:

Sat. June 15th at 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 9a.m. For more info., Scripture, call Jimmy at 402-475-6702.



MUSIC EVENTS & CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

June Summer Music

June 2nd Pick-up Ukuleles

Summer is a great time to learn a new instrument! If you have felt tempted in the past, this is your time to join our pick-up ukulele group. Meet in the sanctuary at 8:45am to learn a simple song. Bring your instrument from home or borrow one from the church's set.

June 9th Jane Voorhies plays accordion

Have you ever sung hymns with an accordion? Westminster member Jane Voorhies will help to give new life to familiar hymns with her lively accompaniments.

June 16th Pick-up Choir

Our choir is looking to grow, and summer pick-up choir is a great way for new singers to meet our music volunteers and experience a rehearsal with John and Laura! Join us at 8:45am in the front pews to learn a fun anthem to be sung from the chancel steps.

June 23rd Pick-up Handbells

Pick-up handbells can engage the whole family in music making this summer! No music or handbell experience is necessary. Plan to arrive by 8:45am and we'll guide parents, children, grandparents, and friends through a ringing experience.

June 30th Psalm 98 Players*

As promised, the Psalm 98 Players will be making their second appearance in June! All instrumentalists, middle school through adult, are encouraged to join this ensemble. We hope to include woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion in our musical community of faith. This month, we'll prepare patriotic music in preparation of the Fourth of July.

*RSVP to John Ross,

john@westminsterlincoln.org, by Sunday, June 9th if you wish to play with Psalm 98 Players on June 30th. You will be given music prior to our rehearsals, which will take place on June 16th and 23rd immediately following 9:30am worship.



Music Outreach

Westminster Carillon took our handbells on the road to present a concert for the residents at the Grand Lodge at the Preserve on Sunday, May 19th. The program included Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, *Fantasy on Westminster Quarters*, *America the Beautiful*, and two hymn arrangements. The residents also heard performances by several piano and violin students. Following the concert, the audience and the musicians enjoyed a potluck and some time to mingle. Thank you to our music volunteers who helped to make our music outreach event a success!



Creative Arts Camp

Mark your calendars for this year's Creative Arts Camp, July 22-26, 9am-noon. Campers will love a week of hands-on time with handbells and chimes, storytelling, reading and writing, drama, art and more! More information and registration online at westminsterlincoln.org.

Like Us On Facebook! We have a new Facebook page dedicated to the music department at Westminster. Like **Lincoln Westminster Music** to get all the latest updates about music and to see recent photos and videos.



WESTMINSTER WELCOMES YOU!

Movement Mondays

Join your musicians, John and Laura, for Movement Mondays in June! We'll gather at 9am in Westminster's parking lot to prepare for a leisurely stroll down Sheridan Boulevard and the beautiful surrounding country club neighborhood. All are welcome!



Prairie Readers:

1:00 p.m., June 19, in the Parlor.
Book: America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
In a compelling, richly researched novel that draws from thousands of letters and original sources, bestselling authors Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie tell the fascinating, untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph—a woman who kept the secrets of our most enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy.
Facilitator: Judy White

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is June 4th at 11:30am at the Eatery, 2548 South 48th St.
If you have questions, please contact Larry Wieskamp, 402-802-6883.

Ladies' Night Out

- Tuesday, June 25th 5-7 PM at Billy's (\$10.00 per person, plus the cost of drink, tip and tax. Assortment of heavy appetizers/family style) Questions? Please contact Robyn Uebele: robynu2@hotmail.com or 937-935-6858.

Theology on Tap

Wednesdays: 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.



Green Team:

Whose turn to do the dishes?

In 2007 Westminster made a commitment to stop using disposable cups on Sunday mornings. That was twelve years ago, and we've been using the cups out of our kitchen ever since—just like we do at home. Also, just like at home, someone washes the dishes after we use them. We are grateful for the volunteers who take a turn in the kitchen every few weeks. And we could use a few more hands.

The process works best with a team of two or three people, takes a total of maybe 30-45 minutes (some of that in the kitchen, some in the Garden Room) and is not difficult. Groups that are hosting a reception do their own set-up and clean up and also provide a couple helpers if plates and silverware are involved, so the job is almost exclusively cups and glasses.

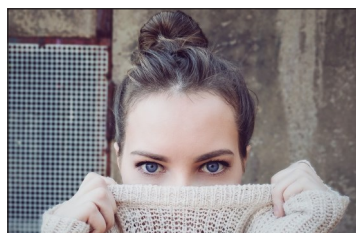
Washing dishes is a humble but worthy task that can be accomplished by almost anyone. There are no special requirements—or exclusions—based on age, sex, pay grade or social standing. Are you ready to help out? Tom Pappas will be happy to put your name on the schedule and pair you with an experienced teammate. Thanks for being willing to take a turn!

Faith & Cancer



**June 18th
7 PM in the 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.



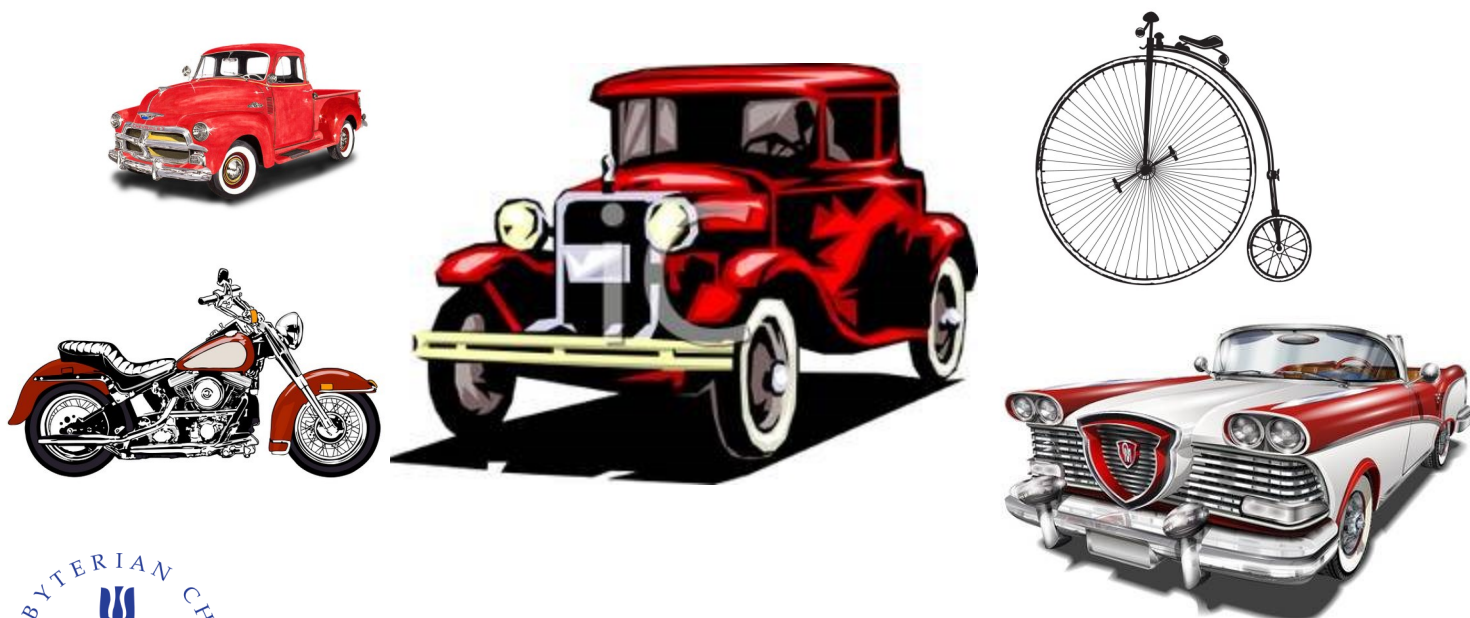
**Knit & Sit in the Church Library
6:30 PM (every Wed.)**

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.



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START YOUR ENGINES...CAR SHOW 6/16/'19

WESTMINSTER'S OWN CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The classic car show is back and will be held on **Father's Day, June 16th**, in the church parking lot. All forms of mechanical conveyance are welcome, including classic (to you), cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles. The show will start at **9am** and will also be after the 9:30 worship service for an hour or so. Security will be provided during the 9:30am service. Any questions, please contact Michael Gregg, 402-326-4415.

MESSENGER VIA E-VINE

If you would be interested in receiving the Messenger once per month via email, please let us know by calling the Church Office at 402-475-6702 or email: andrea@westminsterlincoln.org.

Please consider helping our impact on the environment. Thank you!