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Sept. 8th: 9am—11:30am **GENESIS SUNDAY**

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Invitational
Loving
Discipleship**

*Bring the whole family and invite a friend for a day
full of food, games, live music, and lots of wild surprises!*

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE MINISTRY

The Per Capita Connection

Westminster Friends,

Our call to give to support Westminster's Per Capita commitments for 2019 continues. On behalf of the Session, I thank all of you who to date who have responded to this call. It is truly humbling and inspirational to see generosity in action. But if you are just learning about this campaign or are still considering how you can respond, please know that we still need your help.

For 2019, Westminster is required to contribute \$45 in per capita dues times the total number of our active members for the prior year 2018...1,265 members. That adds up to a commitment of \$57,000 we will need to fulfill soon.

On behalf of the Session and the Financial Leadership Council, I ask each of you to consider a gift to support the per capita for each church member in your family. And in this this challenging budget year, I ask that you also consider making an additional gift toward the per capita... for one or more others in our congregation who may be facing financial challenges that prevent them from giving to the Per Capita at this time. Friends, we need you.

Gifts can be made by check, via special envelope in the Sunday offering, or on our website via the GIVE ONLINE tab where I just did... fast and easy. Also, so that we know to direct and recognize your generosity, please be sure to indicate "Per Capita" with your gift. Thank you!

Allen Wachter

Elder and Co-Moderator, Stewardship & Finance Ministry



2019 Presbyterian Connection PER CAPITA Fund Commitment

Please record our family's gifts to the Presbyterian Connection Per Capita fund as follows:

_____ Gift(s) x \$45 for the church members in my family \$ _____

_____ Gift(s) x \$45 as additional gifts to help another family's giving \$ _____

Name: _____ Total \$ _____

IRA CONTRIBUTION

Have you had the good fortune to live beyond 70 1/2 years? If so, we encourage you to consider a gift to Westminster as part of tax planning for your Required Minimum Distributions. For those who have made donations to Westminster from an IRA or a Donor Advised foundation fund, please take special note of your quarterly statement from the church. Tax deductible gifts are listed in the top portion of the statement, with the total identified as "Tax Deductible Amount." The lower portion of the statement reports all donations totaled by category. If the "Total YTD" is greater than the "Tax Deductible Amount," the difference between these figures is the non-tax-deductible total for the year. Please make sure your gifts are reported as expected, and contact the Admin. Exec. Joanne Gabriel at joanne@westminsterlincoln.org if any corrections are needed. Thank you. — Carol Bishop

Alert to a financial scam:

Pastor Val Putnam's correct email is:

val@westminsterlincoln.org

Do NOT respond to any other email address that says from Val.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The PNC Report

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) met four times in August. During those meetings we were able to select Leadership Skills and create a rough draft of the required Ministry Information Form (MIF). At this time, we would like to request additional feedback from the Congregation. Our MIF needs more audience participation! It is recommended that “links” be included to show that Lincoln, Nebraska is a great place to live. We need to communicate the beautiful City and State we live in. If you have recommendations for us to research, please send the link to me at jvdouglas@windstream.net. We’re moving ahead. Thank you. —Joyce Douglas



LOOKING AHEAD

September 2019

Sept. 3—Lunch Bunch Parkers at Bar B Q on A Street and 84 St.

Sept. 8th— Genesis Sunday, KOE & Sunday School resume (ages 3—5th gr.), & Confirmation meeting with students & parents

Sept 10th—Ladies’ Night Out at JTK; 201 N 7th Street Suite #107/Haymarket/Lincoln Station building (Happy Hour prices until 6 PM)

Wednesdays — 6:30-8:30 Knit and Sit, Prayer Ministry

Sept. 11th— “Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University” Seminar, Nine weeks on Wednesdays, 6-8pm, Lounge

Sept. 11th — Parents’ Night Out resumes, Wednesdays, 5—7 pm

September 13 – Gathering Place for the Youth

Sept. 13 and 14 — Fall Gathering for Homestead Presbyterian Women at Calvin Crest

Sept. 17—Faith and Cancer Group

Sept. 18—Prairie Readers, 1pm, Parlor

Sept. 20 — Life Line Screening, pre-registration is required. Please call 1-888-653-6450 for an appointment.

Sept. 21—”Sausage, Eggs, and Scripture” 8—9am, at Scooter’s 2901 S. 84th St.

Confirmation Class 2019-2020

On August 26th, the Session voted to change Westminster Confirmation class to a one-year confirmation. The transition will take place this fall with the current 9th grade class completing their second year of confirmation and being confirmed in the spring.

The 8th grade class will not begin confirmation until fall of 2020 as they enter 9th grade.

This year, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be with Andrew Finkner for Middle School at 9 am on Sunday and following class they will attend worship together. Middle School youth group will also meet on Wednesday at 5:30 for a meal together and class from 6 to 7 pm taught by Andrew Finkner.

This change was necessitated by the curriculum that we will use this fall called “Professing Our Faith.” This is a Presbyterian curriculum. The past curriculum is not available at this time.



Personnel Transitions

A change has taken place in the financial staff at Westminster. Following a recent audit of the books for the church and the foundation, the auditor advised that internal financial controls be strengthened by separating accounting functions, discontinuing the concentration of responsibility in one staff position. Going forward, bookkeeping for offerings and receipts will be handled by staff, and the accounting function will be outsourced to HBE CPA, Inc. This will protect Westminster from any possibility of mismanagement or oversight and provide continuity in the event of staff changes.

This realignment of financial functions has reduced the Business Administrator's position to part-time. Julie Mack was offered the chance to stay on in that capacity but preferred not to do so. So, the tasks of counting the offering, making deposits and posting gifts to donor accounts has been rolled into the Executive Administrator position. Julie was also given the opportunity to apply for that newly defined position.

Concurrent with the Business Administrator change, Andrea Scott requested that she be replaced as Executive Administrator and allowed to transition to a half-time position. To accommodate Andrea's wish, she has shifted to the part-time Volunteer Coordinator job.

Beginning August 15, our new Executive Administrator is Joanne Gabriel. Joanne comes to us from St. John Lutheran Church in Beatrice, with extensive experience as a church secretary. She and her husband, Greg, plan to move to Lincoln as soon as they sell their home in Beatrice. Greg is a ELCA Lutheran pastor, currently serving in an interim position.

Changes are underway in the music department, as well. Recently John Ross informed the personnel committee that he has accepted a full-time position in IT at UNL, effective August 1. John requested the opportunity to remain as Organist, so you will continue to see John playing the organ and piano for worship and accompanying the Westminster Choir. He has also assumed responsibility for the children's choirs. Laura will continue as Choir Director for the adult choir, bell choir and summer choir. From the perspective of the congregation, the fine music program at Westminster will continue without disruption.

One familiar face has returned to Westminster. Tracy Murray is back a few hours per week to fill some gaps with the Vine and website. It's truly a blessing to have Tracy's support with these tasks, and they fit well with her schedule in her new photography job.

The personnel committee is currently seeking a new Director of Children's Ministries. But another great blessing... our own Sandi Larson has volunteered to serve in this capacity until a new director is hired up to one school year. Sandi will be in charge

FALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GATHERING

The Fall gathering for Homestead Presbyterian Women will be at Camp Calvin Crest, **September 13-14**. The keynote speaker is Jenny Lee, moderator of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA). We will be doing a hands on project. School kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Please join in the fun at Calvin Crest. Friday and Saturday fee is \$25.00. Saturday only \$15.00. Send Registration to Joan Berglund, 545 S 28th ST. Lincoln 68510.

In addition, you have an opportunity to help school children with supplies for the PDA Gift of the Heart School Supply Kit. Please consider donating to the SCHOOL KITS.

Presbyterian Women of Homestead Presbytery are gathering school supplies for children in cooperation with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Many families have experienced floods, and other natural disasters this summer and need a little help from all of us. Children are especially in need of supplies to make their school experience a positive one. Please consider donating to the school kits any of the supplies listed below. A display will be available in the Garden Room beginning August 12. Supplies needed for each of the kits are:

Gift of the Heart School Supply Kit

- 1 - pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 - 70-count spiral notebooks
- 1 - 30-centimeter ruler (12")

- 1 - hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 - new pencils with erasers
- 1 - large eraser
- 1 - box of 24 crayons
- 1—Cloth bag 12"x14" finished size cotton bag with cloth handles.



ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Bible Class Invites You

Sunday Bible Class meets each Sunday morning at 10:45 in the Parlor. Our focus in the Sunday sermon text. All are welcome. August Gospel texts for Year C in the Revised CommonLectionary are:

Sept. 1 Luke 14:1-14

Sept. 8 Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 15 Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 22 Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 29 Luke 16:19-31

Note: Faith Village and KOE will return on Sept. 8th for children ages 3—5th grade.



Adult Forum Invites You

Forum in the Lounge 10:45 on Sundays

September 1 Pastor Jimmy will present “Cathedrals, Abbeys and Kirks”.

September 8 No program - Genesis Sunday and there is a meal after worship.

September 15 Ernie Hines will begin a series on Early Church Fathers.

September 22 Early Church Fathers continues.

September 29 Early Church Fathers continues.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH—PW CIRCLE 4

Tuesday, September 3, 7:00pm (note change of date due to Labor Day)

Hostess: Joyce Douglas, 8919 Lammle Circle

“Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University” seminar

Starts Sept. 11, 2019 * 9 week program * Wed. 6 – 8pm

Cost: \$119 for one person,
same cost for a couple

Class size is limited to the 1st ten
persons who sign up.

Classes will be held in the Lounge.
Childcare is available.

Everyone is welcome!

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FAITH THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

Marge Young



Marge Young doesn't know whether she's the oldest member of Westminster Presbyterian, but she figures she's pretty close to it.

At 98, she qualifies for the designation, and church is very much part of the fabric of her life; you can find her at Sunday services most every week.

Her long association with Westminster is just one part of a life richly blessed with family and friends.

Marge calls The Landing home, and this Minnesota native is very much a Nebraskan now. She moved to Lincoln in 1953 — she lived in one of the original Strauss houses in Eastridge — when her husband, Lyle, became a professor of civil engineering with the UNL College of Engineering until his retirement in 1986. He served as the college's associate dean for 22 years and its interim dean for the Omaha and Lincoln campuses for two years. But that's getting ahead of the story.

Raised on a farm near Dawson, Minn., as one of three children of Ruth and George Swenson, of Swedish heritage, Marge attended a country school and belonged to Providence Valley Lutheran Church, which her grandfather helped start. After two years at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, she transferred to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. It was there, on a freezing night during a student sleigh ride, that she met her future husband.

As history would have it, the United States entered WWII, and Lyle Young enlisted in the Army Air Corps, ending up at Chanute Air Force Base in Champaign County, Ill., while Marge graduated and taught sixth grade in Watervliet, Mich. That didn't stop the two from getting married on Oct. 3, 1942, in Champaign during one of Lyle's leaves. Marge was pleased both her parents and his made it to the ceremony, with her mom carrying the wedding cake in the backseat of the car.

It was her father-in-law who dubbed her Marge; her given name, Marguerite, was too long, he told her. And so Marge has stuck all these years, although the folks at The Landing have taken to calling her Marguerite.



*Photos by Jim Kinkennon
And family photo courtesy of the Youngs*

As the wife of a 2nd lieutenant, Marge was able to live with Lyle for several months until he was deployed to the South Pacific. During the 21/2-year separation, she lived at home with her parents on the farm; their first daughter, Lois, was born during that time. She wrote of those years in a book “Dearest Marguerite: Letters from a Soldier to the Wife He Left Behind.”

Lyle’s discharge in 1946 with the rank of captain led to his teaching for eight years at the University of Minnesota before transferring to the University of Nebraska. Lyle died in 2012 at the age of 93.

But Marge was not idle during that time. Three more children, Crystal, then Tom and finally Nancy, came into the family. She sewed clothes for them all and became accomplished in working with ultrasuede, even making an amber-colored sports jacket for her husband that became one of his favorites. She passed on her tailoring skills to her daughters, and Nancy, an author in Overland Park, Kansas, wrote several books featuring seamstresses, including “The Pattern Artist.”

At one point Marge and Lyle and friends sold Christmas trees at Prairie Pines, a tree farm they ran at 121st and Adams streets for 21 years. “It was always work, but work is a blessing,” Marge said. “That’s what keeps us going.”

And then there was square dancing for fun and substitute teaching for work, as well as activity through the League of Women Voters as a lobbyist at the Legislature and serving as president of the Faculty Women’s Club at UNL.

Busy as she was, she never neglected family. “She was the glue that held the family together,” said daughter Lois, who lives in Boulder.

Add to her interests, eight grandkids and 15 great-grandkids. She tries to remember birthdays with crisp dollar bills equal to the birthday years and a few two-dollar bills to be set aside for saving.

Through it all she maintained an active role at Westminster, teaching Sunday school, serving on the Session and wherever else she was needed. Now Sunday services keep her connected, and committee involvement is a thing of the past.

“I’m aging out on this,” she said. And deservedly so.

Article by Patty Beutler

Starts
Sept. 11

Parents' Night Out

Treat yourself Wednesday evenings 5 - 7 PM

Enjoy two hours to take a breath and restore your soul. Delight in the free time to have a date night, run errands, or just R & R.

Toddlers through fifth graders will be lovingly cared for by the Westminster Church Staff. Children will enjoy:

- music
- games
- dinner
- Bible lessons, and
- a bedtime story



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Mondays at noon: deadline for E-Vine * Wednesdays at noon: deadline for Vine

* 20th of each month: deadline for Messenger

Thank you!

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENINGS



Life Line Screening—The Power of Prevention

Westminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/20/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

Music—Join Us!

We're excited for adult music rehearsals that resumed on August 21st! The Westminster Carillon (Bell choir) meets at 5:30pm and the Westminster Choir at 6:30pm. Both groups are welcoming new members. Contact Laura Ross at: (laura@westminsterlincoln.org) if you'd like more information.

History Buffs Fall Schedule

9AM in the Lounge

Sat. Sept. 14 Life of King James IV/I Jimmy Shelbourn

Sat. Oct. 12 Two Irish Aviators Michael Gregg

Sat. Nov. 9 The Korean war Dave Atkinson

Sat. Dec. 14 Slavery in Washington D.C.

from 1820 -Civil War

Dr. Will Thomas (UNL)



Congratulations on your Ordination, Christy Dempsey! We will miss you at Lincoln Westminster Presbyterian Church as we celebrate you stepping into your call from God.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Ladies of all ages join in fellowship and to experience new restaurants throughout Lincoln. Bring a friend, sister, mother, daughter and feel free to drop-in at your leisure. Contact Robyn if you would like to be added to our monthly E-vite, or, if you have questions. RSVPs are appreciated to insure ample seating.

Tuesday, Sept 10th JTK; 201 N 7th Street Suite #107/Haymarket/Lincoln Station building
(Happy Hour prices until 6 PM)

Monday, Oct 14th Billy's (\$10/assortment of heavy appetizers, family style. Plus drink cost, tax and tip)

Tuesday, Nov 12th Venue; 4111 Pioneer Woods Dr, Suite 100 (Happy Hour prices until 6 PM)

Tuesday, Dec 17th Billy's (\$10/assortment of heavy appetizers, family style. Plus drink cost, tax and tip)

LUNCH BUNCH

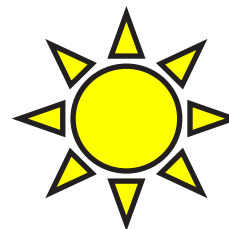
Sept. 3 @ Parkers Bar B Q on A Street and 84 St.

Questions? Contact Ed Plander. Thank you!

SAUSAGE, EGGS, AND SCRIPTURE

Sept. 21 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, (2901 S. 84th) just south of 84th and Van Dorn, at 8a.m., and Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn leads the study, which concludes promptly at 9a.m. For more info., call Jimmy at 402-475-6702.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Who can't spare one Saturday morning out of the year to support local area charities hands on? Let's double our numbers this year! The Westminster Mission and Outreach Committee is promoting a Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day again this fall, the morning of Sat. **Oct 19th**, 2019. Please consider serving our community.

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



Elders for the Earth

Adults 50 years and older can save the date now to enjoy a fall getaway at Platte River State Park, **Sunday, October 13th through Tuesday, October 15th.** Enjoy an array of speakers, Drawdown Jeopardy, good food, live music, local wine tasting, and plenty of time to simply relax in these beautiful surroundings.

Faith & Cancer— Sept. 17—7 PM in the Parlor

"Faith is a Journey - When we're lost in a dark wood and we need to find our way home, prayer is as good a path as we're likely to find."



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

Prairie Readers will meet at 1:00pm, Wednesday, September 18, 2019,
in Westminster Parlor.

Book: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

Facilitator: Glenna Harrell



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Knit & Sit Prayer Ministry

Church Library 6:30 PM (every Wed.)
We warmly welcome you to come to knit,
crochet, do other hand work,
or as we pray
for the concerns and joys of the church.



Please write your prayer requests here and tear off and put into the offering plate.

Also, you may email andrea@westminsterlincoln.org

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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!