

May
2021



HOSTAMANIA
Saturday and Sunday,
May 8-9. Details on
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**WORSHIP WITH US
IN THE SANCTUARY
OR ONLINE
ON SUNDAYS**



**VIRTUAL
COMMUNION
SUNDAY, MAY 2**

THE MESSENGER



Roughly 200 of us gathered for outdoor Easter Worship at Antelope Park
Westminster Friends,

As our first Spring together is blooming around us, I find myself especially grateful.
Yes, grateful for the gift of God's earth and the renewing of the seasons, but also for the
gift of our own sense of wonder.

As I shared in our first sermon of the “Stewardship Outside Stewardship Season,” our call to care for the gifts of God in our lives begins with our sense of wonder at God’s amazing creation. On May 9, Jimmy will share a sermon on being Good Stewards of Community, and I am looking forward to his word to us. As I reflect on the idea of caring for community, I want to express my thanks to our Sanctuary Task Force, as they have served our church very well in recent months to both assess and guide us back to sanctuary worship. To the twenty-five of our members who made the commitment to serve as Worship Guides, “Thank you!” Our Worship Guides will be with us weekly through the summer, answering questions, assisting with safe seating and sharing reminders. As I see the life of our church flourishing in recent weeks and months, I can see many ways we are being good stewards of community... Roughly 200 of us gathered for outdoor Easter Worship at Antelope Park in April, and members helped with ushering, sound, Easter Lily delivery, and more! Jana Dyer has helped lead our Confirmation class, sharing her perspective of faith as we discuss what it means to “confirm” our faith in Jesus. Quick reminder – Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 2! Tom Pappas and Steve Larson have reminded us that with Spring we are invited to spruce up the church grounds,

and many of you showed up to serve and help!

Members of our Worship and Outreach committee have successfully seen the Quarantine Food packing program through to its near completion as requests have dwindled with increasing vaccinations. This shows care for our church community, but also the most vulnerable in our Lincoln community!

Children / Youth committee has continued to do good work as we move toward announcing details of our hire for a Director of Children & Youth Ministries in May.

Church Life has led us in fellowship Zooms monthly, and Kathy Rohwedder has been our amazing host each event! I’m expecting soon we’ll hear she’s signed a contract with the Game Show Network! And on and on... there are so many ways we have continued to be a faithful community at Westminster, and I welcome ideas and thoughts on how we may grow our connections! As God calls us to be good stewards of the good gifts of the one life we get to live, may you be encouraged to find your role in caring for our church family in the months to come!

With Gratitude,
Pastor Chris



HOSTAMANIA

Hostamania is a plant sale that, for enough years to become a tradition, is usually on Mother's Day. This year is no exception, except it will again be a drive up event on Mother's Day weekend. There will be a selection of landscape plants available from 10AM Saturday, May 8, through 4PM Sunday, May 9. Like last year the plants will be at the home of Tom and Laurel. Call for address or see church directory.

Note: It is also a tradition for members with plants to donate to do so. Whatever seems like something good to pass along is welcome; start digging, dividing and potting now. If you have empty pots from the past or extras from planting 4 from a 6 pack those would be appreciated.

Call Tom for instructions. 402 202 4454.

ADULT ED: CREATION CELEBRATION VII

So you know enough to be concerned about creation, but don't know what to do about it? (Hint: Recycling barely makes a dent.) These presentations will give you some doable suggestions for being faithful to God's call. Both presentations are available via Zoom at 10:30 a.m., following Sunday worship.

May 2 | Tyler Mainquist | "Sustainable, Responsible, and Impact(SRI) investing"

Certified Financial Planner and active Christian layman. Do you have an IRA or a pension plan? Learn how your choices can help or hinder creation care.

May 9 | Christian Nielsen | "Choosing Effective Ways to Respond to Climate Change"

GIS Specialist and respected educator/presenter. Join a demonstration of EN-Roads, a free interactive app with more options than you can imagine.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89778163631?pwd=eWx0SE5YS2xJakZQVWhlTWxkaS9Xdz09>

Meeting ID: 897 7816 3631 **Passcode:** 21Creation

UPCOMING SCRIPTURES & SERMONS

“Stewardship Beyond Stewardship Season 3: Good Stewards of Finances”

May 2 | Luke 21:1-4

“Stewardship Beyond Stewardship Season 4: Good Stewards of Community”

May 9 | 1 Peter 2:9-17 | Jeremiah 29:1-9

“Stewardship Beyond Stewardship Season 5: Good Stewards of the Future”

May 15 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | Psalm 90

“Pentecost” **May 23** | Acts 2:1-21

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY OFFERING CELEBRATION & DEDICATION

May 22, 2021 | Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall | 10:00 AM

Masks and social distancing will be observed

The Birthday Offering is one of the Presbyterian Women's two special offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each.

This year our guest speaker will be Sue Anderson from *VOICES OF HOPE*.

Please RVSP to your circle leader no later than May 7, 2021.

ADULT EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY LUKE SERIES

Join us via Zoom as we continue our Study of Luke on Wednesdays.

Contact Tom Pappas to enroll and get the Zoom link. tpappas@windstream.net

PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayer requests, concerns and praises, please send email to: prayer@westminsterlincoln.org.

Requests will be forwarded to the Prayer Ministry Group. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Ministry Group, please email your name, phone number and your email address to :

prayer@westminsterlincoln.org.

Messenger Articles Reminder:

All information for The Messenger is due to Tracy Hoffman at tracy@westminsterlincoln.org by the 18th of each month. And all announcements for The eVine are due to Tracy and Joanne Gabriel at joanne@westminsterlincoln.org by 5 pm on Monday of each week.



We have begun the race to the finish!

The 2020-2021 school year has been unique, innovative, challenging, and delightful and we are eager to celebrate the end of this joy-filled year!

Westminster Preschool is a proud participant of Go NAP SACC, Nebraska. From mealtime, to playtime, to story time, children have many opportunities each day to learn and practice healthy habits! Go NAP SACC is a trusted process that helps child care facilities go the extra mile to support children's healthy eating and physical activity. (<https://unlcms.unl.edu/ianr/extension/negonapsacc/welcome>) As we embrace the concept of educating the whole child, we look for ways to incorporate physical activity into all parts of the school day. Just as we know that young children learn best through play, we also know that they are made to MOVE!!

This year we are celebrating our first annual Westminster Preschool Marathon! For the last 26 school days of the year, the classes have a movement challenge to complete. Then, to finish out our year, we will have our final Marathon during the last week of school! Each class will follow an outdoor obstacle course around Westminster and race through the finish line to their parents, who will enjoy an outdoor picnic lunch with their child! Our good friends at Kona Ice will be here to put an icy, delicious cap on the day!

It will be a wonderful end of the year celebration, an excellent way to incorporate some extra physical activity and the perfect substitute to our regular annual family event.

Thank you for your prayerful support of Westminster Preschool this and each year!





SPRING CLEAN-UP
**Thank you all for a
very Successful Spring
Clean Up right before
Westminster's first
Sanctuary Worship of
2021!**



Westminster Presbyterian Church , Lincoln, NE Guidelines for Sanctuary Worship

To register for Sanctuary worship, visit: westminsterlincoln.eventbrite.com by 9:30am each Friday.

Worship Guides: To welcome our congregation back to Sanctuary Worship, a team of “Worship Guides” has been recruited to serve as greeters and guides on Sunday mornings. If you have a question, concern, or joy to share on a Sunday morning, please speak with a Westminster member wearing a Worship Guide name tag.

Registering: To help us communicate with attendees in the event of a known COVID case at Westminster and to follow session-approved guidelines for numbers, attendees are required to register for worship online or by calling the church office.

What to Expect: Facilities: Please enter using the East Doors. At the top of the stairs will be a Worship Guide at a table with a sanitizer station and extra masks (sewn and disposable). The Guide will answer any questions and help direct you toward the Narthex to enter worship. Additionally, the sanctuary elevator on the North side of the building will also be available as-needed for entering and exiting the sanctuary. Please inform a Worship Guide for elevator assistance.

- Masks will be required indoors at Westminster’s facilities at all times, including during the service.
- Sanitizer stations will be spaced throughout the entry, Garden Room, and Narthex.
- Please use appropriate 6-foot distancing between households while indoors at Westminster.
- Additional Worship Guides will greet your household in the Narthex, and one will guide you to your seats based on appropriate distancing practices in our sanctuary and the number of attendees already seated.
- At first, you will not find Bibles, hymnals, or other “touchable” items in the pews. This will be reviewed with ongoing assessment by the Worship Task Force.
- Following the service, Worship Guides will dismiss by row (similar to a wedding). Worshippers will be asked to exit through the West entry “front” doors and to circle back around to the parking lot.

What to Expect: Worship Service: Services will be abbreviated (~30-35 minutes). For the time being, there will be no singing, communion, or childcare/nursery with ongoing assessment by the Worship Task Force regarding viability and safety.

- Following the service, there will be no fellowship or lingering in the building. Staff will not be expected to be available for fellowship or contact at this time with ongoing assessment for comfort and staff vaccination schedules.
- No individual, church member or staff person, will be required to attend Sanctuary Worship at this time.

Other Information: Background (full version of this section available at westminsterlincoln.org): These guidelines were revised and/or developed by the Westminster Worship Task Force comprised of Westminster members representing the medical, county government and LPS communities as well as Session, Worship & Music and Buildings and Grounds and approved by Session in March 2021.



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Westminster Garden Party Fundraiser

Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am

We are excited to announce the unveiling of the Garden Room renovation plan! On Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am, the Westminster Foundation will host a Garden Party Fundraising event for this project.

Two years ago, a task force was created to explore ways of updating the Garden Room. Ultimately, the task force hired Colby Washburn, an interior designer at Interiors by Joan, to create a plan for us.



Watch the Westminster Website for up to date Sanctuary Worship Guidelines

We invite you to come see the floor plan along with the furniture and artwork that were selected by Colby and approved by Session. We are hopeful that Westminster members will help by sponsoring a piece of furniture or contributing to the overall project.

All contributions will be gratefully welcomed and acknowledged.