



THE MESSENGER

July 2022



We have a lot to be thankful for at Westminster this year, and we will continue to lift up such areas during our Moment of Gratitude in worship. All are welcome to share a moment or area for which they are thankful, or you may submit a moment for Pastor Chris to share on your behalf – in name or anonymously.

Requests to share or have Chris share may be emailed to Chris (chris@westminsterlincoln.org). Due to our worship planning patterns, it may be 1-3 weeks before your moment appears in worship.

A LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION FROM PASTOR JIMMY SHELBOURN

Dear friends –

The rhythm between work and rest is a biblical mandate for all of us. The first chapter of the Bible – a wonderfully crafted hymn of the created order – has God active on six days and, on the seventh, resting. The Ten Commandments have a day of rest for us to attend to spiritual matters, but the Deuteronomic form of that commandment, has an attached rationale that also shows us how Sabbath benefits those who keep it: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh is a Sabbath to the Lord and you shall do no work . . . for you shall remember that you were slaves in Egypt.”

It is a matter of trusting that God can provide for us, without us constantly striving for what we need without taking a break.

Pastor Chris is applying that to his calling among us at Westminster Church as he is on a vacation that has a Sabbath rest from the modern obsession to be always connected through mobile devices. As his associate, I applaud Pastor Chris for that. The last two weeks of June will have our pastor returning refreshed and ready for the next challenges of pastoral ministry.

I myself will be away most of July, as Carol and I finally are on track to take the trip to Scotland that was cancelled in 2020 and again in 2021 due to Covid.

How about you? Are you setting aside time for “R & R” and to focus on our relationship with God? Pastor Chris has set for us a good example.

Jimmy Shelbourn
Stated Supply Associate Pastor

The church building will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Virtual & sanctuary communion on Sunday, July 3.

Westminster Presbyterian Church News

Homestead Presbytery Administrative Office Move

The Homestead Presbytery Administrative office has moved to Westminster. With due diligence, our hosting one office space for administration was approved by Session at our May meeting. Jes Draper, the Administrative Assistant for Homestead, is utilizing the office space just off the Westminster library. Her usual hours are M-F 9-4:30, with flex hours. If you have any questions about this move, Joyce Douglas (Co-Chair of Homestead's Administrative Committee) or Pastor Chris are happy to discuss them with you!

Swanson Scholarship Winner

The Westminster Foundation is very pleased to announce that Grace Hemmerling is the winner of the 2022 Swanson Scholarship. Grace will be attending Nebraska Wesleyan University for her sophomore year beginning this fall. She has been an active member at Westminster, a camp counselor at Calvin Crest and is involved in a number of activities at Wesleyan. She is working toward a B.A. degree in Elementary Education. The Swanson Scholarship is generously given by Libby and Steve Jacobs in honor of Libby's parents, Mary and the late Bill Swanson who are long-time members of Westminster Church. Congratulations, Grace!



Meet Westminster's New Preschool Director, Sarah Dankenbring



Hello! I'm Sarah and I serve as Director for the Westminster Preschool Program. I have 20 years of experience working with children, youth and families. My professional background consists of work in a group home, program manager for child care, as well as infant, toddler, and preschool care. I absolutely love working with children of all ages and their families. In addition to serving as Preschool Director at Westminster, I work as a coach and trainer for the Rooted In Relationships project for Lancaster County, as well as a coach for Step Up to Quality Initiative for the state of Nebraska. I'm married to my husband, Cory, and together we have 2 sons, Kyler and Nolan. We enjoy spending time with our church community, being outdoors, and playing with our miniature schnauzer, Jack.

A Letter From The Children & Youth Ministry

Life is short. In the scheme of things, this cliched saying is absolutely true. Our planet has been here for millions of years – our universe billions. On our headstones will be the etching of when we were born and the date when we died but what matters most, are not the two years mentioned. What really matters is the dash. That little dash - because that's our life. That represents the short time we have to make a difference, or not.

For our children and youth ministry volunteers, what they have been doing during that dash is incredibly significant. There are undoubtedly a whole host of things our volunteers could be doing with their time, and this is one of the places they have chosen to give it.

Time is one of the most precious resource in our lives. Look at the dash. How many hours are in there? It's not billions. It's not infinite. Money can be printed, but time cannot. Once one gives an hour of their time, it is gone forever. That hour one of our volunteers just gave will never be replicated. Their time volunteering must be valued but we can never put a value on that time. How can one value something that is priceless?

Our volunteers bring so much to us here in the church and to the children and youth in our small corner of the world. Skills, advice, experience, friendship, vision, leadership, inspiration etc. All those they bring, but time they give. In our time poor world they bear the gift of time. They choose to donate the most precious commodity in the known universe. We may count that time in numbers. We may attempt to count their time in cash value. Though such methods have their reasons, we will all be poorer if we don't realize that the giving of your time is simply and utterly magnificent.

So today and every day we thank you for the precious gift of your time, of your love, and of your talent and experience. Thank you for all you do to shine God's light into the world.

IMPORTANT DATES

Youth Group Carol Joy Holling High Ropes Course

The Youth Group will meet at the church on July 9 at noon until 6:30 p.m. to go to Carol Joy Holling. An instructor will lead our group through high and low ropes challenges. We will stop for dinner on the way back to the church. We should be back at the church by 7 PM. \$10 per person, scholarships available.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/LqQZqRhthf38Y8vR8>.

Synod School July 24-29

Ferncliff Mission Trip | Postponed

Westminster Pool Party August 11 | 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

We will wrap up the summer with an all-church Pool Party at Star City Shores.

Bring your family and friends and join us from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Life Group Gatherings

Hearts & Hands | Church Library

Wednesdays at 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Feel free to bring anything you'd like to work on. Some creative things you can enjoy doing with your hands are coloring, rock painting, embroidery, knitting, and stitching. Men and women and ALL craft projects welcome! Questions: Call Francy Scheele at (402) 310-4212.

Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, July 5 | 11:30 AM

Lunch Bunch will meet at Stauffer's Cafe & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th St, on Tuesday, July 5.

RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or email to jimkinkennon@gmail.com. (The RSVP is very important.)

History Buffs | Saturday, July 16

The Onomastics of an Indian Woman (Sacagawea) Presented by Gary Moulton

The term "onomastics" relates to the study of names—place-names usually, but also to personal names. Gary was led to this topic when he wondered if during the Lewis and Clark expedition terms for Sacagawea changed over time and if those changes were the result of circumstances. For example, did expedition journalists (particularly Lewis and Clark) use more familiar or affectionate names for her as they got to know her better? Did she go from "Indian squaw" to "our Indian woman," from "interpreter's wife" to "Sacagawea" as time passed? And did specific names for her reflect particular attitudes? After examining all references to her in the journals, Gary has some interesting suggestions for answering these questions. All are welcome.

Faith and Cancer Support Group | Library | Tuesday, July 19 | 7 p.m.

Cancer is associated with many emotions wrapped up within. In our support group at Westminster we can share those thoughts and feelings with others who are experiencing similar concerns. All are welcome. Contact Bruce Sheffield at 402-783-0394 or Janice Rohwedder at 402-730-5568.

Ladies' Night Out - Tuesday, July 19 | 5-7 PM

Billy's Restaurant located at 1301 H Street

RSVPs due to Robyn Sunday, July 17. Email Robyn Uebele robynu2@hotmail.com. Text or call Robyn 937-935-6858. Feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to all our gatherings.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, July 20 | 1:00 p.m. in Lounge

Book: The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyons

Discussion leader: Becky Bockrath

World on a Plate | Friday, July 22 | Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

World on a Plate is going to Greece. Don't go looking for your passports, we are just heading east on South Street to the Pappas Oikos! Mark your calendar, RSVP, and start researching that great Greek cuisine! Please RSVP to kathrohwa@yahoo.com or text (402)202-9889, ask for address if you need it.

Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Events— July 2022

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall/East Parking Lot

Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m., Edgerton Explorit Center: Experience the Wonderful World of Waves; the science of sound and the many sound waves we experience every day. See dramatic demonstrations of how you can not only hear, but actually see sound waves using various items including fire and the amazing Ruben's Tube!

Tuesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m., Nebraska Wildlife Rehab: Learn about the work of caring for injured, sick, and orphaned animals and birds, and how you can help urban wildlife to survive and thrive.

Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m., Magician Jeff Quinn: There's DEFINITELY something fishy about Jeff Quinn's new magic show! The entire family will have a whale of a good time with Jeff's all-new ocean-themed show.

Tuesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m., Heavy Equipment Encounter: Parks & Rec, the Fire Department and Public Works bring their big rigs for kids to see and touch.



Messenger & eVine Reminders:

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

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

GIVE A HAND WHERE YOU CAN!



We are looking for ushers to start in July for a once a month commitment through the end of the year.

Please contact Kim Kubick if interested:
kim.kubick@hotmail.com.



We have openings for Fall in our preschool program! We are currently accepting registrations for our multi-age (3-5 years old) preschool classroom.

Classes begin Monday, August 15th. We have a variety of schedules available including part-time, full-time, part day, and full day. Please email our director, Sarah Dankenbring at sarah@westminsterlincoln.org or call us at (402)475-6702 to set up a tour!





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Adult Ed: “Scripture and Sermon Discussion”

We are having a casual 20-minute *Scripture and Sermon* discussion with the preaching pastor as we walk through our “Sunday School Stories Grown Up” summer series. We will meet in the Lounge at 11 am each Sunday during the Summer Series.

A vibrant graphic for a pool party. The background is a bright blue pool with a pattern of light blue circles. Green palm fronds hang from the top corners. The word "POOL" is written in large, stylized letters: the 'P' and 'L' are red with yellow outlines, while the 'O's are orange slices. Below "POOL", the word "party" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. Underneath "party", the date and time "August 11, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM" are printed in a smaller white font. At the bottom, a dark blue wavy line represents the pool's edge. Below this line, the text "We will wrap up the summer with an all-church Pool Party at Star City Shores. Bring your family and friends and join us from 6:30-8:00 p.m." is written in white.

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