



# THE MESSENGER

March 2023

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship | April 2 | 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship | April 6 | 7 PM

Good Friday Worship | April 7 | 7 PM

Easter Sunday Worship | April 9 | 8 AM & 10 AM



We welcome you to Worship in the Sanctuary with us on Sundays at 9:30 am and/or worship virtually with us on our YouTube channel at <https://westminsterlincoln.org/youtube-videos>.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE CONGREGATION

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Westminster welcomes Kathleen Keefer of Clarinda, Iowa, who serves as present national Co-Moderator of Presbyterian Women. Kathleen, National Co-Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) who will be our guest speaker March 5 Gifts of Women Sunday.

At the Synod level her hats include chair of the Justice and Peace Committee, "Sower" editor, and representative of Missouri River Valley Presbyterian Women.

Her professional career focused on working with families who were overburdened and at risk. She investigated child abuse and neglect, supervised Child Protective Service workers who did investigations and was Program Manager of a Healthy Families America program. She has passion for social justice and for encouraging others to work with her in dismantling racism, ending systemic poverty and creating peace.



**Church involvement:** Vice Moderator for Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA); chair of the Peace & Justice Committee and Horizons Magazine for Churchwide, serves on the Racial Equity Committee, the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns and Gender Justice; facilitates the Justice & Peace Book Discussion Group for PW in the PC(USA); editor of the Synod newsletter - the Sower; editor of the Presbytery (MRV) weekly newsletter, Monday Morning in the Presbytery, facilitated the last three Horizons Bible Study. Kathleen is an ordained Elder and Deacon in the PC(USA)

**Community involvement:** Board of Directors for the Corner County Early Childhood Area - provides funding and oversight to non-profits providing early childhood services to families in my area.

**Professional life:** Twenty-five years as a Social Worker in the field of Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Protective Services and fifteen years as a Program Manager and Peer Reviewer with Healthy Families America - a family support program for families who are at risk and overburdened. Retired in 2016.

**Education:** Received a BA from Rowan University (Glassboro State College, Glassboro, NJ) in Communication/Advertising with a minor in Art; Teaching certification in Secondary Education English; MA in Counseling/Psych (Student Personnel Services)-Rowan University; began an MA degree program in Pastoral Ministries from the University of Dayton and received certification in Spiritual Direction from the Athenaeum of Cincinnati, Ohio. Reiki Master/Teacher from Oldenburg Franciscan Seminary.

**Personal life:** Kathleen has been blessed with a 33 year marriage - so far - to Robert Keefer, a Presbyterian pastor and has shared in his ministry for longer than that. We live among the rolling farmlands of Southwest Iowa with two big dogs - Reggie and Shiloh. We love to travel, drink good wine and read good books!!

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**March Sermon Series: "Why Do I Serve? Let Me Tell You My Story."**  
**Join us on Sundays at 10:45 am**

March 5 - Kathy Keefer | March 12 - Kathy Rohwedder. | March 19 - Allen Wachter | March 26 -TBA



### **Hearts & Hands | Church Library | Wednesdays at 1:30 - 3:00 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, March 7 | 11:30 a.m. at Mi Tierra NW**

Lunch Bunch will meet at Mi Tierra NW. This is their new location at 8320 Holdrege. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888, or [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com).

### **Faith and Cancer Support Group | Library | Tuesday, March 21 | 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 - Wednesday, March 29 | 5-7 PM**

The March Ladies' Night Out will be held at Mettle Grill, 5500 S 56th St #8. As always, feel free to bring a friend, sister, aunt, daughter or mother to all our gatherings. RSVP to Robyn Uebele at [robynu2@hotmail.com](mailto:robynu2@hotmail.com). Text or call Robyn 937-935-6858.

### **Prairie Readers | Wednesday, March 15 | 1:00 p.m. in Lounge**

The Book for March is *"The Woman in the Library"*, by Sulari Gentill.

**Discussion Leader:** Martha Van Sickle.

### **World on a Plate | Fellowship Hall, Friday, March 3 | Starting Dinner at 5:30pm**

Join World on a Plate to support the needs in Syria and Turkey. Our offering will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Syria and Turkey. Start looking for those Syrian and Turkish recipes or bring a dish from one of our local restaurants or stores. Join us in fellowship and serving those who are needing us.

### **History Buffs Resumes on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lounge**

Dr. Ken Govaerts, Civil Engineer, History Buff, Story Teller speaking on "Historical accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln and other famous Civil Rights leaders." Dr. Ken's bio: Retired Civil Engineer and life-long educator, both university engineering faculty and corporate technical and engineering training.

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



## Monmouth College Chorale Concert

### Sanctuary | 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4

### Concert is Free and Open to the Public

The Monmouth College Chorale will present a concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 as part of the group's spring break performance tour to Colorado.

The 31-member choir, directed by Dr. Tim Pahel, will perform a wide variety of literature, from classical to folk and multicultural music. The Monmouth Chamber Choir, a select group of 15 students, will also perform several selections, including two vocal jazz pieces.

### The Monmouth College Chorale

The Monmouth Chorale, under the direction of Professor Tim Pahel, is a highly selective mixed ensemble which performs regularly on and off campus. The Chorale serves as the centerpiece for the annual "Christmas at Monmouth" concert and maintains an active and demanding rehearsal and performance schedule. Engaging students from nearly every major offered at Monmouth College, the Chorale gives students well-rounded musical experiences with high expectations for performance and competency. The group serves as an ambassador to alumni, prospective students, and the general public.

The Chorale has toured extensively both nationally, visiting nearly half the states in the country and including performances in New York City's Carnegie Hall in 2013 and 2018, and internationally, including trips to Austria, the Czech Republic, Spain, and Italy, where the group performed at the Vatican.

The Chorale frequently collaborates with other area ensembles such as the Galesburg Community Chorus and the Knox College Choir. Recent performances have included Brahms's Requiem, Verdi's Requiem, and Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*.

### Dr. Tim Pahel, Director

Tim Pahel is Professor of Music, Director of Choral and Vocal Activities, and Chair of the Music Department at Monmouth College. He directs the Monmouth College Chorale and Chamber Choir and teaches music history, conducting, and private voice.

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## Give “The Art Piece” A Name!

Last year on Earth Sunday Westminster’s chancel was graced with a remarkable piece of art created by Mark and Vicki Davis. We hated to take it down and immediately began planning for its permanent installation somewhere in the church building. Now we’re happy to announce that early in March “the art piece” will be displayed in its new home over the stairs that lead from the Narthex to the Garden Room.

One problem remains. For almost a year we’ve been calling this “the art piece.” So we’re also announcing a contest to give it a proper name. Floating Flora? Whirling Birds? Surely you can do better! Watch for the contest entry form in the Vine. All are welcome to participate, and multiple entries are encouraged. We aren’t awarding the winner a trip to Paris or free ice cream for a year—but consider the sheer honor of naming a work of art! The winner--and the winning name--will be announced on Earth Sunday, April 16th.

### Church Women United

Church Women United in Lincoln is inviting all women for the World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 3, 2023 - 10:00 A.M. at First Plymouth Congregational Church Chapel, 20th and D Street. This year's service is written by the women of Taiwan. Please respond to: Connie Karges with any questions at 402-488-2418 or [gilandconnie@neb.rr.com](mailto:gilandconnie@neb.rr.com).

### Eggstravaganza

**Wednesday, April 5 5:30 PM–7:30 PM**

Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Wednesday, April 5. Children from preschool to 5th grade are invited to come for an evening of fun. The hunt begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a group game. At 6, we will head to Cole Hall to enjoy an Easter themed dinner.



### Painting Pots for Habitat for Humanity Wednesday, March 8 5:30 PM–7:30 PM

On March 8, we will be painting flower pots for Habitat for Humanity. The pots will first be used as table decorations for the Habitat kick-off later in March and will then be used as gifts to new homeowners. All ages are welcome to take part in our pot painting celebration.

### Cinnamon Roll Bar Sunday, April 2 10:30 AM

Join us after the service on April 2 to enjoy fresh cinnamon rolls with your choice of topping. You will have the option of choosing to crown your roll with the traditional cream cheese frosting, caramel and pecans, fruit, chocolate and more!

## It's time to register for Summer Camp!

Come see why a week at Calvin Crest is the best week of the year! Participate in awesome worship and Bible study, play lots of games, and have fun, while singing and enjoying food and friends in a beautiful natural setting. Calvin Crest will introduce you to amazing outdoor adventures, where you can build your skills and develop your faith. Imagine experiencing the thrill of building a fire with friends for the first time, and enjoying carefree afternoons spent swimming under the summer sun. Live, learn, and play with a cabin full of kids just like you.

**June 2-12** - Explorers 1st/2nd with an adult

**June 11-17** - Middlers 3rd/4th Grades

**Junior Camp 4th/6th-** Jr.High Camp 6th/8th Grades  
Family Camp family units

**June 18-24** - Junior Camp 4th/6th, Jr High Ranch  
Camp 6th/8th, Explorers 1st/2nd with an adult

**June 25-July 1** - Jr High Camp 6th/8th, Family Camp  
family units

**July 2-9** - Sr High Work Camp 9th/12th, Junior Camp  
4th/6th

For more information or to register for camp, check the Calvin Crest website <https://calvincrest.org>.

### LiNK Wednesdays 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Wednesday nights are a great opportunity for kids to get together with their friends and have fun learning about God. Kids from nursery age through high school meet from 5:30-7:30 PM.

### Sunday Youth Group 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

The Sunday Youth Group meeting will focus on fellowship. Join your church friends to talk, play games, do homework together, or just hang out.



## VBS 2023: Make Waves!

**June 5-9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

*What you do today can change the world around you!*

It's time to get your kids registered for VBS! This summer, kids will learn that what they do today can change the world around them. When they put their trust in Jesus, they can "make waves" because of His Spirit living inside them. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God's Word, we'll help kids understand how they can share God's love with the people around them.

We will be collaborating with Good Shepherd Presbyterian, who will host this year's sessions at 8300 E Pointe Rd. Registration is \$15/child (\$45 max/family) before June 3. Register now at <https://vbsmate.com/westminsterlincoln>.

Adults and youth are also invited to discover how to make waves along with the kids. Whatever your interest or gift is, we have a place for you! You can build sets, create science/craft projects before VBS, work directly with the kids, provide materials, serve snacks, perform skits, or something else entirely. Sign-up at <https://vbsmate.com/westminsterlincoln> or contact Trish Souliere at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or at 402-475-6702 to explore the options.

### Youth Group: Bowling Sunday, March 5 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

The Youth Group will be headed to Sun Valley Lanes on Sunday, March 5. Please bring \$5 per person, max of \$15 per family.

## 2023 Easter Lily Donation Form

Share the joy of Easter! We will be ordering Easter lilies to place in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday services. You can make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one, to be displayed in the bulletin for Easter Sunday. Or you may donate money to one of the Westminster Endowment Funds.

**The donation level is \$15.** Please make checks payable to Westminster and write **EASTER LILY** on the memo line. Donations must be received by **March 27** to be included in the order of worship.

Mail your check and the information specified below to:

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**Attn: Joanne**

**2110 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68502**

\_\_\_ I/We would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward the purchase of an Easter lily/lilies.

\_\_\_ I/We would like to make a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for one of the following Westminster Endowment Funds. Endowments may be any amount.

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 memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_







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## Marathon Support Sunday, May 7

The Annual Lincoln Marathon course passes directly by Westminster, providing us the opportunity to be welcoming. All Westminster members are invited to extend our hospitality by staffing a welcome table to distribute donut holes, water, Gatorade, and bananas to runners and spectators.

## Save the Dates:

**Family Movie Night**  
June 23, 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

**Youth Group: Water Fun**  
July 9, 12:30 PM-2:30 PM

**Synod School**  
July 23-28

**Westminster Pool Party**  
August 10



## Westminster's Swanson Scholarship

Established in 1999 by the Swanson Family, this scholarship provides \$500 financial support per recipient per academic school year. Applications are available on the church website (<https://westminsterlincoln.org>) under the GIVE tab or in the church office. The scholarship is open to individuals in all courses of study; however, preference will be given to applicants demonstrating an interest in Education and Community Service. Application deadline is March 31.