



# THE MESSENGER

May 2023

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>.



2023 Westminster Presbyterian Women (PW) Honorary Lifetime Memberships were given to Marilyn Smith and Nora Hinrichs. Read more on page 2.

## Honorary Lifetime Memberships

Westminster Presbyterian Women (PW) are excited to give Honorary Lifetime Memberships to Marilyn Smith and Nora Hinrichs. Funds derived from this Honorary Life Membership support the PW leadership development grant program. Grants from this program enable individuals to engage in leadership development opportunities such as Churchwilde Gathering, Ecumenical Advocacy Days and the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Marilyn and Nora spend countless hours working in the food pantry at Westminster. They truly are living the Matthew 25 initiative. Nora and her husband Hank, took over the pantry management about 20 years ago and were great managers. They stepped away only because Hank became ill. However, by this time Marilyn and Chip Smith had moved to Lincoln and were active in helping to pack the groceries in the pantry. The two couples had been friends in Scottsbluff and worked well together. And so, Marilyn and Chip took over management of the pantry and remained until Chip became ill. Marilyn soon returned to the pantry and Nora joined her. Working in the food pantry here at Westminster is a volunteer position that is more like a full time, unpaid job. However, these two very dedicated ladies organize the pantry, organize the volunteers, shop for food, and maintain communications with our partner church. Marilyn and Nora are most deserving of these Honorary Lifetime Memberships which also honor the memories of Chip Smith and Hank Hinrichs for their contributions to our on-going pantry at Westminster.

## Swanson Scholarship Winner

The Westminster Foundation is very pleased to announce that Phoebe Ford is the winner of the 2023 Swanson Scholarship. Phoebe will be attending the University of Nebraska--Lincoln beginning this fall. She has been an active member at Westminster over the years, participating in preschool, Sunday school, Camp Calvin Crest, confirmation, and is currently a member of the session. 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, Phoebe!



**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, May 2 | 11:30 a.m. at Brewsky's**

Lunch Bunch will meet at Brewsky's, 70th & Van Dorn, at 11:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 2 at 11:30 A.M. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com).

**Faith and Cancer Support Group | Library | Tuesday, May 16 | 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.

**Prairie Readers**

Prairie Readers will meet Wednesday MAY 17 at 1 PM in the lounge. The book to be discussed is *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Weston Crawford will facilitate the book discussion. Two estranged siblings delve into their mother's hidden past—and how it all connects to her traditional Caribbean black cake—in this immersive family saga, “a character-driven, multigenerational story that's meant to be savored” (Time Magazine).

**History Buffs | Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lounge**

The 43rd Anniversary of Mt. St. Helen Eruption, Bruce and Margaret Sheffield presenting.

Bruce and Margaret Sheffield will relive their experience of this event as they scooped up the "raining" dust in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 300 miles East of the volcano.

**Ladies' Night Out**

Our May Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, May 30; 5-7 PM; HF Crave 4800 Holdrege St. Suite 100. [www.Hfcrave.com](http://www.Hfcrave.com) RSVP to Robyn Uebele at [robynu2@hotmail.com](mailto:robynu2@hotmail.com). Text or call Robyn 937-935-6858.



## Marathon Welcome Support

### Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 a.m.

Race day weekend is coming up! Because the course passes directly by Westminster, we will be hosting a welcome table to distribute donut holes to spectators and water and bananas to runners.



## Bag Lunch Book Discussion

### *"Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church"*

**Time:** Every month on the Third Tuesday,  
12:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)  
**Meeting ID:** 834 9224 9567 | Passcode:  
053099

Westminster Lincoln is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83492249567?pwd=Q0xhdythVXFZEQwSXBkLzUvbG5iUT09>

May 16, 2023 12:00 PM  
June 20, 2023 12:00 PM

## "6th Day!"

**"That piece of art created by Mark and Vicki Davis" has a name!**

Thank you to everyone who took part in a very competitive naming contest. After considering all 39 (!) entries, our panel of judges chose "6th Day," an entry with a clear reference to creation—that had unfortunately been submitted anonymously! Their choice was confirmed as brilliant and intuitive when the anonymous contest winner stepped forward and fessed up. Congratulations, Mark Davis!



## LiNK Wednesdays

Kids from nursery age through high school  
meet from 5:30-7:30 PM on Wednesdays

Wednesday nights are a great opportunity for kids to get together with their friends and have fun learning about God.

## VBS 2023: Make Waves!

*What you do today can change the world around you*  
June 5-9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Have you 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.



Save the date  
for the  
Preschool  
Marathon that  
we're hosting  
this year!



## 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>.



## MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday Youth Group

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

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

### LiNK Wednesday End of Year Party

May 17, 2023 5:30 PM

Antelope Park

All ages will meet at Antelope Park near the playground for the final meeting of the year.

### Family Movie Night

June 25, 2:00 PM-4:30 PM

Joyo Theater, 6102 Havelock Ave,  
Lincoln, NE 68507

### Synod School

July 23-28

### Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, concerns and praises, please send email to: [prayer@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@westminsterlincoln.org).

# Creation Celebration

## 2023 continues in May



### CREATION CELEBRATION SPEAKER SERIES

Sundays, 10:40-11:30, in the Lounge, following worship

### Reducing Your Energy Bills with New Tax Credits | Sunday, May 7

Lucyna de Barbaro, Conservation Consultant

"Incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about residential energy efficiency," Lucy will walk us through newly enacted rebates and tax credits that can make a difference for your pocketbook as well as the environment.

### HOSTAMANIA | SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 14TH

Attention gardeners: Dividing plants this spring? Bring your extras to share. Ready for a change? Take home something new.

### TAKE A SIP OF JUSTICE | SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 14TH

A coffee hour featuring Fair Trade Certified Coffee— directly supporting a better life for farming families in the developing world through fair prices, community development and environmental stewardship.

### Enough with the Crabgrass! | Sunday, May 21 st

Justin Evertson, Assistant Director and Green Infrastructure Coordinator of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum talks about simple ways to save money and effort on your landscaping while introducing beneficial plant and wildlife diversity.

## For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. (Matthew 25:35)



You are invited to join the Westminster Mission team as we live the gospel of Matthew.

A team of volunteers cook, serve, and clean up for Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach the first Friday on even numbered months. We arrive around 5:00 pm and ready to leave by 7:00pm. If you have questions or would like to be part of the team, please contact Gary Haller or the church office.

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.



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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY OFFERING CELEBRATION & DEDICATION**

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is one of two special offerings and is received in the spring each year. This offering gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The 2023 Birthday Offering will fund \$150,000 for the Making Miracles Group Home in Tallahassee Florida and \$99,400 for construction of a Kindergarten school in Demi Dollo, Ethiopia. All are welcome to contribute to this fund. Please note to Dennis, our church bookkeeper, it is for the PW Birthday offering.

There will be a celebration and dedication of these funds at a gathering on Saturday May 20th at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to your Circle leader by May 15th. If you are not a Circle member and wish to attend, RSVP to Susie at 402-440-9165.

## **Pentecost Birthday Cookies May 28, 10:30 AM**

To celebrate the birthday of the church, we will be sharing and frosting sugar cookies in the Garden Room after the service.

