



THE MESSENGER

June 2023



Hostamania 2023

Thank you to all the volunteer and donators that helped to make this years Hostamania another huge success!

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>.

MEET YOUR DEACONS Class of 2023



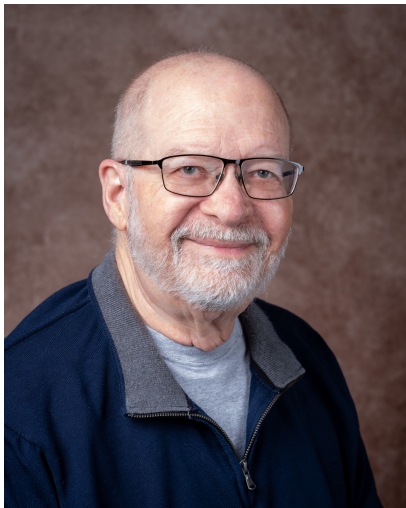
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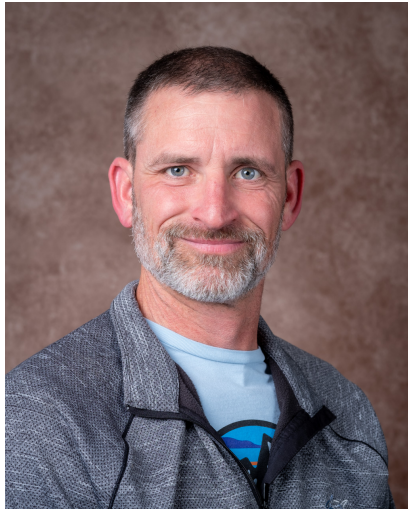


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YOUR SESSION IN ACTION, APRIL 2023

- Chapters 3 and 4 of Growing Young were the basis of the discussion led by Pastor Chris. Chapter 3, Empathize with Young People, identifies the needs of 15-29 year olds as “Identity, Purpose, and Fit. We discussed the need to meet young people where they are to connect empathetically. Among discussion topics was establishing prayer partners for the Young to foster relations with them. Authentic dialogue is stressed—honesty over certainty.
- Progress on the elevator continues, but it is a slow process due to the number of contractors and steps related to updating systems to code. Several estimates – both in dollars and time – came in under what was anticipated – some good news for us! Wiring is currently being done. It is difficult to estimate a completion date, which is dependent on inspections.
- Approved a grant request from the Foundation to fund wages for a Music Librarian. A tour of the Music Library was conducted on April 30.
- Financially, we are doing fine. February revenues, other than pledges, were at budget. Pledge revenue is way ahead of budget, which is typical for this time of year.
- The Welcoming Task Force is continuing to plan for the Covenant Conversation event. They met with Brian Ellison, Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and sent out emails to presbyteries regarding their support for the event. This event will focus on education and fellowship around issues of inclusion and welcome for LGBTQ+ Christians. On Sunday, Brian will preach and teach at Westminster.
- Committees are setting goals, which are due in August.
- Approved the wedding of Olive Paz and Ryan Earl on May 4, 2024.
- Accepted the resignation from the Session of Phoebe Ford. She will be a full-time college student in the Fall and is preparing for that life transition.
- Educated the Session on the process and content of the update to/revision of the PC(USA) Book of Order. Presbyteries throughout the country are voting approval currently. Homestead Presbytery will vote in May.

Mission/Outreach

Please help the Mission/Outreach team fill the big tote near the 27th street entry. For June we will be collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance HYGIENE KITS. You are welcome to make a full kit or simply bring items which will be used to build a kit. The need is great. Please give generously! Please do not add toothpaste to the kit.

1 - hand towel 15" X 28" to 16" X 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
 1 - washcloth
 1 - finger or toenail clipper
 1 - toothbrush (in original packaging)
 1 - sturdy wide tooth comb with 6 inches of teeth
 1 - bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
 10 - Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips
 Gallon plastic bags with zipper closure.

Your check is always welcome as well. Please make your check payable to Westminster and write PDA kits in the memo line.

**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

Lunch Bunch will meet at Hacienda Real, 3130 Pine Lake Rd, on Tuesday, June 6, at 11:30 A.M. Please R.S.V.P. to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com so that the restaurant can prepare for our group.

Faith and Cancer Support Group | Library | Tuesday, June 20 | 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, June 21 at 1 PM in the lounge. The book to be discussed is "*Still Life*" by Sarah Winman, The facilitator is Barbara Schliesser. "This sweeping, historical tale brings together an unlikely group of friends – a young English soldier, an aging art historian, a pub owner, a pianist and more – in an epic set against the backdrop of mid-to-late-20th-century Florence." –USA Today

Ladies' Night Out

Our June Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, June 29; 5-7 PM; Billy's 1301 H Street <https://www.billysrestaurant.com/> Family style appetizers, \$15. Plus the cost of drink, tax and tip. As always, feel free to bring a friend! This is a very fluid group – we are happy to see you whenever it works into your schedule. We do ask that you RSVP your attendance so we will have a seat at the table for you. RSVP to Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com. Text or call Robyn 937-935-6858.

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/Vine are due to Tracy and Joanne Gabriel at joanne@westminsterlincoln.org by 5 pm on Monday of each week.

Bag Lunch Book Discussion

“Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church”

Time: June 20, 2023 12:00 PM 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>

Adult Education in June

Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn will help us explore the PC(USA) Book of Confessions
Discover how the Church has grappled with issues over the centuries
Each Sunday in June at 10:45 in the Lounge.

June 4	The Ecumenical Creeds – Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds
June 11	The Reformation Confessions and Catechism
June 18	Confessions During Conflict – Westminster and Barmen
June 25	Recent Confessions – C. ’67, Brief Statement of Faith, & Belhar

Dig in for Pollinators

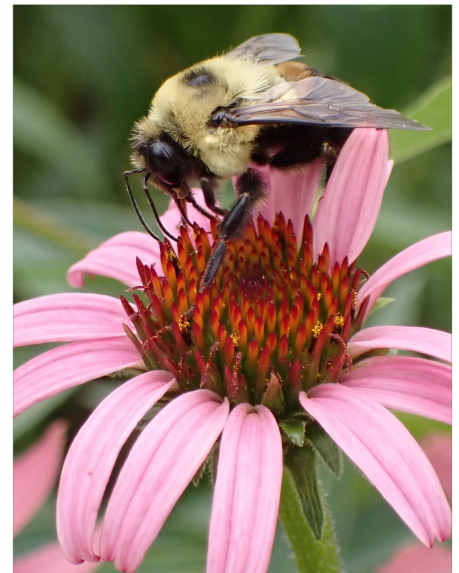
Pollinator Week is a seven-day celebration across North America—June 19-25 this year. And Westminster will literally be digging into the celebration on the morning of Thursday, June 22nd. Join us at the corner of Normal and South to install a pollinator garden that will attract the bees and butterflies so essential to our food supply and ecosystem.

The Lincoln Parks Department will provide all planting material, planting instructions and assistance during the event. The Parks Department also plans to have a small gathering with the reading of a proclamation at the site.

If you’re interested in participating, please contact Laurel Van Ham. Spots may be limited. Note that volunteers are asked to wear close-toed shoes and bring gloves, sunscreen and water if they like.

For more Pollinator Week events go to:

<https://www.nebraskapollinatorweek.org/events>



Graduate Class of 2023

**Graduate, Phoebe Ford**

School: Lincoln Southwest High School

High School Activity Highlights: Honor Roll with Highest Distinction, Academic Letter, 2 pins. National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Leader, Varsity Swimming - Team State Champion and Individual Medalist, Cross Country.

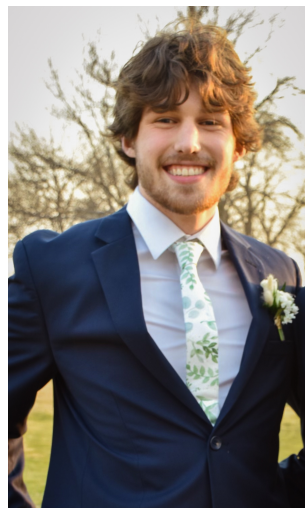
Future Plans: Majoring in Animal Science at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

**Graduate, Carter Sup**

School: Lincoln Southeast High School. He has played lacrosse for the Lincoln Rampage team 6 years. He enjoys working on cars. He will be attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the fall.

**Graduate, Daniel Schafer**

School: Lincoln Southeast High School. Daniel participated in basketball, cross-country and track, President of National Honor Society 2022-2023, Academic All-State for Basketball 2022 and 2023. Honor roll highest distinction, academic letter award. Daniel will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on a Regents Scholarship majoring in Bio-Chemistry.

**Graduate, Charlie Kirkland**

School: Lincoln Southeast HS. Attending Aurora University to study business and play college lacrosse.

Open House Reception Honoring Steve and Susie Hughes in 50 Years of Marriage

Come help us celebrate with cake and the Museum will be open for you to enjoy the various cars and antique displays!



Place: Museum of American Speed, located at 599 Oakcreek Drive, Lincoln

When: Friday July 7, 2023 | Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Thank You! Thank You!

Eighteen members of the Westminster family have recently volunteered to take a turn at washing our Sunday morning dishes once every other month. Here's a **BIG THANK YOU** to Becky Bockrath, Sarah Baltensperger, Marijane England, Joan Roberts, Tom Pappas, Laurel Van Ham, Mary and Larry Peach, Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Dorrie Gage, Lisa and Steve McConnell, Beth and Kris Anderzhon, Megan and Jason Woita, Sue Shamblin, and Maureen Hergert. Your generous service is appreciated!

Thank you, too, to Judy Seward, Carolyn McCall, Julie and Loy Olson, and Martha Kingsbury, who have volunteered to be substitutes when conflicts arise, as we know they will!

We could use a few more folks on the substitute list and it's an ideal way of helping if your kids have lots of Sunday games, you're a snow bird, sometimes you work on Sundays, you have responsibilities out of town, etc. Feeling a nudge? Contact Laurel Van Ham quick—before it passes!



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

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



VBS 2023: Make Waves

What you do today can change the world around you!

VBS is June 5-9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM!! Have you registered for VBS? Registration is \$15/child (\$45 max/family) before June 3. Register now at <https://vbsmate.com/westminsterlincoln>.

End of Year LiNK Wednesday Worship Service

Many thanks to everyone who came to the worship service and picnic in the park last Month. It was a beautiful evening, a beautiful service, and a beautiful meal. We look forward to seeing you back in the Fall.

Please join us for our summer LiNK events:

June 25, 1:00 PM: Family Movie at the Joyo: The Sandlot

August 6, 9:30 AM: Kids Against Hunger Worship Service

August 10, 6:00 PM: Summer Pool Party

Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Events

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 AM During June & July
Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall



June 6: Theatre Arts for Kids Theatre Arts for Kids will take you on a high energy musical adventure from page to stage featuring Orphans on Broadway. This interactive performance will feature songs and scenes from Annie, Newsies, Matilda, Anastasia, Oliver, Once On This Island and James and The Giant Peach!

June 13: All Together Now! for Kids Musician, educator, and author Aaron Fowler will have his audience singing, moving, playing instruments, and sharing stories.

June 27: Saltdogs at the Library for Kids Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit libraries to read books and sign autographs.

July 11: Beautiful Birds of Prey for Kids Learn about and meet some of the Raptor Conservation Alliance's cool bird ambassadors. These fascinating raptors are an important part of the Nebraska ecosystem.

July 18: Jeff Quinn is back with an all-new magic show, and he needs you to "COME TOGETHER" to make the magic happen! He will need lots of volunteers during this fun and interactive magic.

July 25: Have an Arctic Blast with Edgerton Explorit Center. While going through the states of matter of water, dry ice, and liquid nitrogen, this demonstration is full of "arctic blast"-ing fun-filled learning. See what happens to objects when they come in contact with super-cold substances.



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Westminster Extends a Warm Welcome to our Newest Members

Please welcome Stephan and Housnyse Biheng, Russell Napier, and Scott and Stephanie Rogers.
They all joined Westminster on April 23, 2023.

