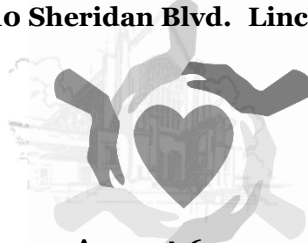


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 6, 2023

When Life Shows Up to Church: Kids Against Hunger

Prelude

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
by Aaron David Miller

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: Where we are now, in this time of worship,

All: We feel the presence of God.

One: In our words, in our song, in our hands-on service

All: We sing the beauty of God.

One: In each person, in each soul, connected by the Spirit

All: We see the face of God.

***Hymn #769**

For Everyone Born

***Call to Confession**

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

*God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world, and so we pursue things that do not truly nourish us. Forgive us, redirect us, and fill us with your love, so that we might love well.
Amen.*

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Reflection “What do we do when those who hunger show up?”

Rev. Chris Peters

Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” By Aaron David Miller

*Please rise in body or spirit for these parts of worship.

Giving to Westminster’s Mission and Ministry

At Church: An offering to support Westminster may be placed in our red Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and near the top of the stairs in the sanctuary on the Garden Room / South side. Look for the red baskets and signs that read “Giving Basket.” Ushers monitor the baskets and collect the offerings following the service.

For online giving, scan the QR code.



Ministers: The whole congregation

Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Carol Boehler, Diana Wild, Carol Shelbourn, Sarah Baltensperger

Greeters: David and Kathy Anderson

Dishwashers: Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Kay Burbach



*“I am the vine,
you are the branches . . .”*

The week of August 6, 2023

*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family,
inspired by Jesus Christ, to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

Adult Education in August | 10:45 AM

Aug. 6: Inclusion at Westminster, Rev. Chris Peters, Fellowship Hall
Aug. 13: Welcoming Task Force Conversation, Garden Room
Aug. 20: Welcoming Task Force, Kathy Rohwedder, Fellowship Hall
Aug. 27: Welcoming Committee, Rev. Brian Ellison, Guest Speaker,
Fellowship Hall

Blessing of the Backpacks | Sunday, August 13

If you are a student or educator of any kind, we invite you to come join us on Aug. 13 to receive your blessing for the coming year. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to receive blessings to begin the school year with the positive energy of prayers for their safety, health, happiness, and continued growth.

AND Sunday Sundae Bar

To celebrate the beginning of the new academic year, the Children & Youth and Church Life Committees will be serving ice cream from the UNL Dairy Store in the Garden Room after the service, along with a whole array of carefully curated sundae toppings.

All Church Pool Party

Westminster has reserved Star City Shores on Thursday, August 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM to celebrate the end of the summer holiday. There are pools and play areas, interactive water features, and water slides. Bring your friends and come cool off with us!

Presbyterians in the Park | Sunday, October 1

The worship service will be at the Antelope Band Shell with lunch afterwards at the Auld Center. There will be more details coming.

Presbyterian Women's Fall Kick-Off

Saturday, August 19 | 10:30 AM in the Parlor

Shampoo ... St. Louis ... Sacred Encounters

All women of Westminster are invited to come and discover the connections. PW enters a year of opportunities to do purposeful Bible study, meaningful mission, build lasting friendships in Circles, and find a caring and inclusive community here and beyond Westminster. Do come! Oh, and there will be scones! Questions? Contact Linda Burchard (402) 477-5572, lindajburchard@gmail.com

Beyond Words: From Mere Welcome to True Belonging

Registration is now open for Covenant Conversation being held at Westminster, Saturday, August 26 from 9 AM – 4 PM. Check out the schedule and workshops at the link below! Join us for a great day!

<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-nebraska/?fbclid=IwAR1iRFs3ivqX0U9EXNyPsGfYKiQNG8oPnSipEZZSDFdsBvPybsnMnogTFlo>

At this event, we'll join with friends from Homestead, Missouri River Valley, and Central Nebraska presbyteries to explore the following questions:

- As Christians who believe that God's love truly extends to all people, how can we show true hospitality to anyone who walks through our church doors, especially members of the LGBTQIA+ community?
- We've said we're welcoming, but how can we show this welcome beyond the walls of our churches and offer God's love to the broader community?
- At Covenant Conversation: Nebraska, we'll worship, learn, and converse together about how we can live into a "new day" in the church and renew our commitments to witnessing to God's love for the whole world.

Technical Difficulties Apology (for Sunday 7/30)

Due to system outages at the church, which appeared to be caused by storms over the weekend, we were not able to livestream or adequately record the worship service with sound on Sunday, July 30th. We apologize for the inconvenience of missing that service, but we are

taking steps to help us address such problems in the future. Today there will be a pre-recorded service uploaded to YouTube while our in-person service takes place in the WPC / Preschool Gym.

Green Tip of the week:

Water is known as “the universal solvent.” Dirt and stains on most washable surfaces can be addressed with water and a clean washcloth, rather than using a chemical cleaner and single-use paper towels. Washcloths can be washed and reused. Remember the mantra: Reduce, reuse, repurpose, recycle. If you have other tips to share, send them to Pastor Jimmy at jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org

Prairie Readers in August

Prairie Readers will meet August 16 at 1 PM in the Lounge. Weston Crawford will facilitate the discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby VanPelt.

Used Book Sale

This year's Used Book Sale will be held in Fellowship Hall August 13-20. Start checking your shelves for items to donate—books (of course!), puzzles, games, CDs and DVDS—and bring them to the church library NO LATER THAN AUG 9. This is the sole source of funds for library materials, and we always have lots to choose from, so donate and then buy!

Hearts & Hands

Hearts & Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wed. from 1:30 – 3 PM, in the church library. Our mission is to knit and crochet items for the People's City Mission—hats, scarves, baby items, toys, etc. We donate finished items in November before the holidays. All needle work folks are welcome to come visit and see what you're missing! Laughter is free. All yarn donations are welcome! Questions? Call Francy Scheele, 402-310-4212

The Mission focus for August is Willie's Underwear Project. This project was started by Willie Shafer, a long-time member of Westminster. Sadly, Willie is no longer with us, but her legacy continues. Willie's Underwear Project is exactly what it sounds like - providing underwear and sweatpants and t-shirts and socks to school nurses and counselors

for when a student is ill at school or has an accident and needs a change of clothes to be able to return to class. Sometimes a parent can't be reached, or the parent can't get a change of clothes to the school quickly or a change of clothes just isn't available in the household at the time. This would mean the child has to sit in the nurse's office until a solution is found.

You can donate items in the bucket at the top of the stairs near the 27th Street entrance or give a gift card or check to the Westminster Office. If giving a check, write Willie's Underwear Project in the memo line. Mission/Outreach thanks you for your generosity.

Week Beginning August 6

<p><u>Sun. (Aug. 6)</u> 9:30 AM <i>Kids Against Hunger</i>, Worship in the Gym 10:45 AM Adult Education, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (Aug. 7)</u> 6 PM Preschool Open House, FH 6 PM Presbytery Subcommittee, Lounge</p> <p><u>Tues. (Aug. 8)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Personnel, Zoom 6 PM Building & Grounds, Lounge</p> <p><u>Wed. (Aug. 9)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library</p>	<p>4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Aug. 10)</u> 6:30 PM All Church Pool Party, Star City Shores</p> <p><u>Sat. (Aug. 12)</u> Homestead Presbytery—Calvin Crest</p> <p><u>Sun. (Aug. 13)</u> 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30 AM Sunday Sundae Bar, Garden Room 10:45 AM Adult Education, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams>