



THE MESSENGER

One God, One-in-Christ, One Westminster ~ all in gratitude!

Earth Care and Creation Celebration 24

Congratulations, Westminster, on being certified for the eleventh time as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation. This status speaks to the serious commitment that Westminster has made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, our congregation has affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into our worship, education, facilities, and outreach.



Beginning April 14th and continuing through May 12th we will be celebrating God's creation—and our call to earth care—through many aspects of church life. Although our small green team, Green@Heart, coordinates much of Westminster's earth care, this is truly a commitment of the entire congregation. Look for the little Green@Heart leaf throughout this issue of the Messenger and see the ways we are all involved.

Earth Sunday Worship

Sundays, April 14th & April 21st

Westminster observes Earth Day and begins this year's Creation Celebration with two special worship services. Inspiring sermons by Pastor Jimmy and Pastor Chris will raise our awareness of food as a matter of eco-justice, and scripture, music, liturgy and prayer will call us deeper into stewardship and gratitude for God's gift of creation.





Adult Education Speaker Series “Food for Thought”

All presentations take place in the Lounge and run about an hour, from 10:45 to 11:45 am.

Sunday, April 14th: Dr. Mike Hayes, Professor of Applied Climatology in UNL’s School of Natural Resources and the National Drought Mitigation Center. Drought, floods, extreme heat—how is climate change affecting global food security?



Sunday, April 21st: Kim Morrow, Lincoln’s Chief Sustainability Officer, and Tim Rinne, former State Coordinator of Nebraskans for Peace and Founder of Lincoln’s Hawley’s Hamlet. Why does Lincoln have a Local Food Plan? And what does it say?



Sunday, April 28th: Certified Master Chef Nazim Khan, Bryan Medical Center Executive Chef of Nutrition and Dining Services. What we eat affects the health of our planet—and our families! Chef will share his passion for healthy eating and demonstrate preparation of a delicious and nutritious entree.

What’s So Hot About Heat Pumps?

Sunday, May 5th: Rick and Dr. Matthew Shortridge are father and son partners at Harley’s Heating and Air Conditioning. Together, they’re committed to crafting eco-friendly home comfort systems, such as air-source and geothermal heat pumps. Joining them is Marc Skolnick, LES Manager of Energy Services, with good news about incentives. Why would I want a heat pump? How do heat pumps work? What kind of incentives are available to lower costs? What kind of preparation does it take? Get the answers from some enthusiastic pros.





Hostamania Will Be Here in a Matter of Weeks!

On May 12, our plant sale will have the usual large selection of landscape plants with a new emphasis on natives. This prized Westminster tradition works two ways. Gardeners share the extras as they divide and rearrange plants in their own yards. And shoppers find just the right additions for their own landscapes. Hostas? Yes! And woodland plants and sun lovers and shade lovers, and ground covers and more! Start potting your extras now and look for the spots you want to fill.



Intimate Views of Nature

April 14th-May 12th After a 41-year career in law and trust administration, Patrick Grewe now calls photography his occupation and his passion. Take a walk through this exhibit to enjoy the beauty of the natural world through the lens of Patrick's camera.



Walk the Walk

When you're "done" with a pair of sneakers or socks, do their last steps head to the landfill? Here's a better idea! Through May 12th bring them to church and drop them off just inside the parking lot doors. Your "holy" socks will be shredded and made into fabric for new socks. Any wearable sneakers will be sent to resale stores for someone else to wear, and those on their "last legs" will be recycled so the materials can be reused. It's sneakers only—and please do wash the socks first! :)

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>.



Hearts & Hands | Church Library | Wednesdays at 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Hearts & Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wednesday in the church library. 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 Franci Scheele at (402) 310-4212.

Lunch Bunch | Mi Tierra, 84th & Holdrege Tuesday, April 2, 11:30 A.M.

As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. All are welcome. This is our second time at this location. They have lots of room and easy parking! We look forward to seeing you! Call or text Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or email jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, April 17 Lounge at 1 p.m.

Kathy Anderson will lead the discussion of "*American Dirt*". *American Dirt* is a social issues thriller. It tells the story of a mother and son, Lydia and Luca, fleeing their home in Acapulco, Mexico.


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

Finding Comfort and Peace after the diagnosis of Cancer is often very difficult to say the least. However, sharing that uneasy feeling with others who have been on that journey, can be a surprising and helpful new dimension. Here at Westminster Presbyterian Church our support group is based on three specific features: sharing laughter, sharing burdens, and sharing blessings. All are welcome. Contact Bruce Sheffield at (402) 783-0394.

Ladies' Night Out | Tuesday, April 30th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us this month at Billy's. Their address is 301 H St. Bring a friend! Our prearranged price for family-style heavy appetizers is \$17 per person, drink and tip additional. Please RSVP to robynu2@hotmail.com.

History Buffs | Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 to 10:00 at Prairie Pines Nature Preserve

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Upcoming Events/Save the Dates

April 21 10:45 AM LiNK Sunday: Pretzel Bar

April 28 3:00 PM Youth Group: Chopped

May 5 7:00 AM Marathon Welcome

May 5 3:00 PM Youth Group: Mini Golf

May 19 10:45 AM LiNK Sunday: Pentecost Cookies

May 19 5:00 PM Youth Group: End of Year Party

June 3-7 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Hero Hotline

Register Here: <https://westminster.goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

July 14 12:00 PM Kiddie Pool Kickball

August 8 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Star City Shores Pool Party

Westminster Movie Night

Wednesday, April 24th, 6:30-8:00 pm



Meet in the lounge for a special screening of Common Good, starring Woody Harrelson. This award-winning documentary profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of farmers and scientists promoting “regenerative agriculture.” Suitable for high school and adult audiences. Bring your own beverage—popcorn and M&Ms provided!



Things that Grow



Westminster Preschoolers are excited to do another art show. Watch for their handiwork of flowers and vegetables in the Garden Room windows.



The Lincoln Children's Museum Night of Fun!

From treetops to airplane runways, to lunar landscapes, there is no destination too high or too far that can't be reached through the power of play! The Lincoln Children's Museum provides limitless possibilities to create, explore, and learn to children of all ages. The Westminster Children and Youth Committee and the Westminster Preschool invite you to join your friends for a night of fun at the Lincoln Children's Museum on April 25, 5:30 PM -7:30 PM; we will have the whole facility reserved just for us.

Space is limited so if you plan to attend, please RSVP to Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or Sarah at sarah@westminsterlincoln.org.



VBS 2024: Hero Hotline

Called together to serve God.
June 3-7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

It is time to register for VBS! Sign your children up to enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

We will be collaborating with Good Shepherd Presbyterian again this year, but sessions will take place at Westminster, 2110 Sheridan Boulevard.

Registration is \$10/child (\$30 max/family) before May 31 . Register now at <https://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Adults and youth are also invited to become heroes 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://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or at 402-475-6702 to explore the options.

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

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 2-8 Explorers 1st/2nd with an adult

June 9-14 Middlers 3rd/4th Grades
Junior Camp 4th/6th
Jr. Ranch Camp
Jr.High Camp 6th/8th Grades

June 15-16 Family Camp family units

June 16-21 Junior Camp 4th/6th
Jr.High Camp 6th/8th Grades

June 23-29 Jr.High Camp 6th/8th Grades
Jr.High Ranch Camp
Middler Camp

June 28-30 Family Camp family units

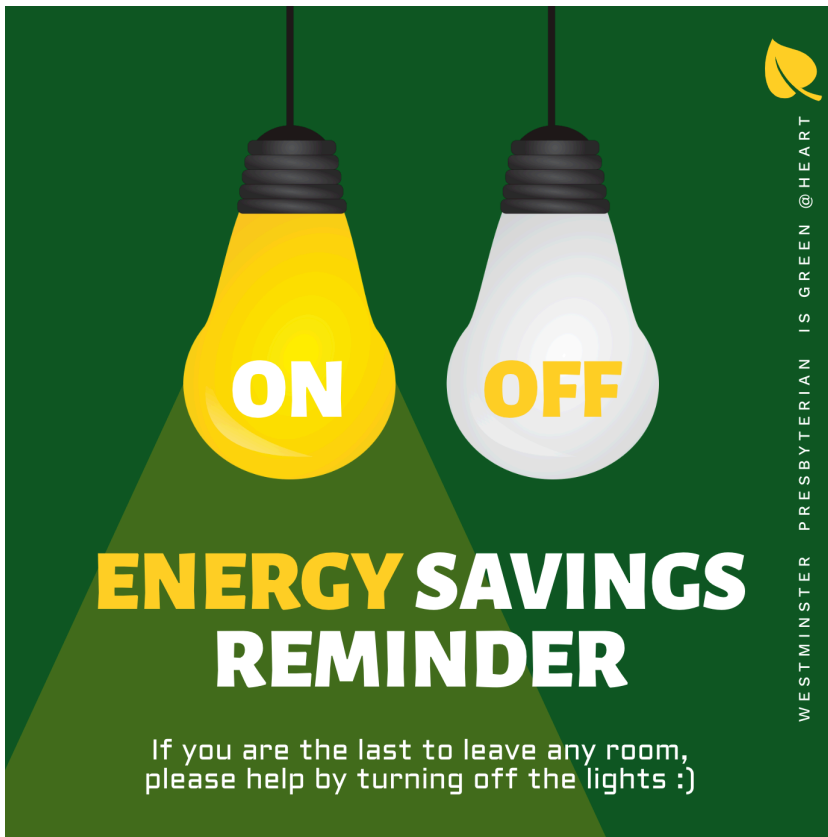
June 30-July 6 Sr High Work Camp 9th/12th
Junior Camp 4th/6th



For more information or to register for camp, check the Calvin Crest website <https://calvincrest.org>. Westminster will give \$50 per person toward Calvin Crest camp registration fees. Just indicate on your registration that you are interested in a scholarship.



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Lights Out!

Seems every family has one (usually dad)—the person who reminds everyone else to “Turn out the lights!” when leaving a room. But that person doesn’t live in our church building. When lights are left burning in empty rooms at Westminster they are quite literally “burning” the fossil fuels that contribute to global warming. They are also adding to the “Utilities” line item in our budget instead of items like “Children’s Ministry” or “Associate Pastor.”



So Westminster is starting a “Lights Out” campaign. Please—if you or your group members are finishing up in a

classroom, meeting room, office—turn off the lights as you leave. Same for the lights in hallways if you’re leaving a part of the building that no one else is using. Just channel your inner dad! It may take a little while to learn where the light switches are, but we can do this!