



THE MESSENGER

August 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE

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>.





A MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION FROM PASTOR CHRIS

Westminster Family,

August means new beginnings at church, as we celebrate the end of Summer with events like our Churchwide Pool Party, and as we bless our kids, youth, and school staff as they start a new year! All kids and youth (from daycare through 12th grade) are welcome to show up with (or without) their backpack to 9:30am worship on Sunday, August 11th! We'll say a few words of hope for God's presence with us as we begin a new year and we'll symbolically bless everyone's backpack.

After church we'll also have an ice cream social for all ages and a "Worship Readiness and Leader Prep" session for elementary, middle, and high school youth led by Pastor Chris in the sanctuary. This school year we will be inviting our children and youth to help lead in worship each Second Sunday of the month! That can be 'up front' or 'behind the scenes' (writing a prayer, etc). Parents are welcome to hang out in the pews to learn more as well!



*With Gratitude,
Pastor Chris*

**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 Francy Scheele, 402-310-4212.

Lunch Bunch | Parkers Smokehouse on "O" Street | Tuesday, Aug. 6, 11:30 AM

As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com so we have an accurate count.

Faith and Cancer Support Group | Tuesday, August 20 | Library at 7 PM

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.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, Aug. 21 | Lounge at 1 PM

Kathryn Govaerts will facilitate the discussion of Ann Patchett's book Tom Lake. In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake.

Ladies' Night Out | Thursday, August 29 | 5 – 7 PM at Billy's

You are invited to join us this month at Billy's Restaurant 1301 H Street. Nader will prepare an assortment of hardy appetizers served family style. Cost is the pre-arranged price of \$15/person; plus cost of drink, tax and tip. RSVP to Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com. Or text or call Robyn at 937-935-6858.

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August 8

All Church Pool Party

Westminster has reserved Star City Shores on Thursday, August 8 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!



August 11

Blessing of the Backpacks

If you are a student or educator of any kind, we invite you to come join us on August 11 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.

Ice Cream Nachos To celebrate the beginning of the new academic year, the Children and Youth and Church Life Committees will be serving ice cream from the UNL Dairy Store, waffle cone chips, hot fudge and more in the Garden Room after the service.



August 18

Youth Group: Kiddie Pool Kickball

The Youth Group will be getting together with the kids from Good Shepherd at 11:30 AM on Sunday, August 18 for lunch and a wild game of Kiddie Pool Kickball. All current and incoming Youth Group kids are invited to the party and encouraged to bring along a friend or two.

Please let Trish know if your youth will be attending so that we have enough food and can plan activities accordingly either by email at:

trish@westminsterlincoln.org

or

text: 402-570-0163.



August 24

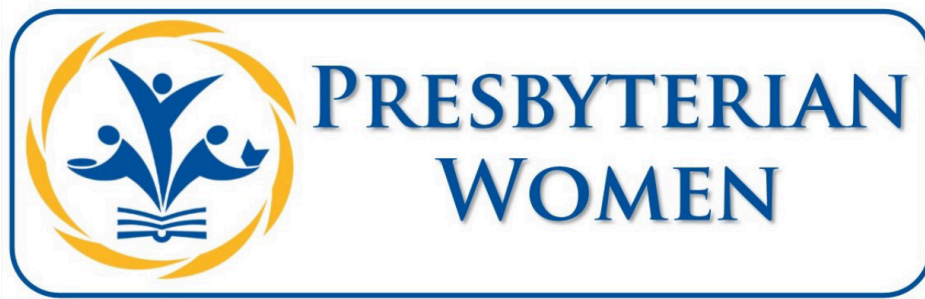
Calvin Crest Fun Day

Calvin Crest is having a party and you are invited! Come join the all-day event and spend the day relaxing in the sun. Activities include sand volleyball, human foosball, music, games, food and more. Check out the details here <https://calvincrest.org/familyfunday/> and get away for the day.

August 24-25

Instadium

Connect with other Middle and High School Students from area churches at this short and sweet overnight event we call INSTEADIUM. This is designed for Middle and High Schoolers and their youth leaders. The event officially starts at 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 24 and ends at 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 25, but you can spend more time at Calvin Crest if you arrive earlier in the day on Saturday for the 5th Annual Family Fun Day. Let Trish know if you are interested, trish@westminsterlincoln.org or (402) 570-0163. Details are here <https://calvincrest.org/instadium/>.



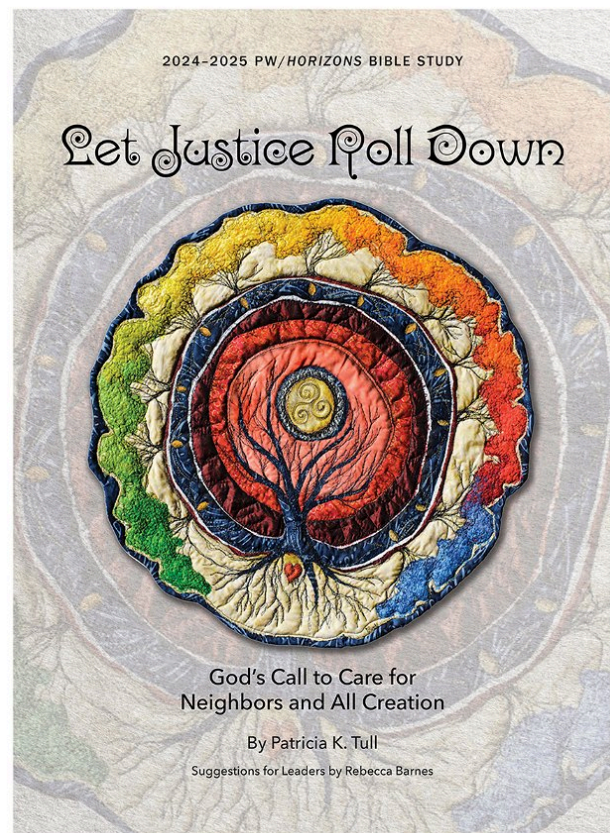
Presbyterian Women's Annual Kick-off

Saturday, August 24, 10 AM in Cole Hall

All women of Westminster are invited to gather for fellowship and information about the year ahead. We center on fellowship that leads to friendships, a Bible study on social justice and eco-justice that leads to deeper understanding of scripture, and mission opportunities that lead to caring for our neighbors.

Study books will be available, also coffee and treats.

*Questions? Contact Linda Burchard.
(402) 477-5572,
lindajburchard@gmail.com*





Westminster Preschool

August 2024



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are in **Back to School** mode at Westminster Preschool! Our teachers are busy getting their classrooms ready for the new year to welcome our students. We currently have 59 preschoolers enrolled for Fall 2024! Our teachers are also taking several trainings during Work Week, from CPR to integrating more Art into the classroom.

UPCOMING DATES

July 26TH
Last Day of Summer Camp

July 29th - August 9th
Preschool closed for Teacher Work Week

August 7th
Open House
6 PM - 7:30 PM

August 12th
First Day of School for MWF students

August 13th
First Day of School for T/TH students





OPENINGS

- ✓ Tuesday/Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Age 3-5
- ✓ Tuesday/Thursday
9:00 - 12:00
Age 3-5

Contact Laurie at (402) 475-6702 or laurie@westminsterlincoln.org if you would like more information.



Thank You from Josh Whitfield

I wish to thank the many Westminster members that came to my Individual Support Plan (Party). I hope while enjoying cheeseburgers and everything else that started with a “C” you were able to learn a little more about me, my life, how I make the decisions and how you are important in my life as natural supports. Thank you for taking time out of your day to be with me.

After sharing my goals for the next year, several members asked how they could better support me. I said by just being a friend, talking to me and being patient with me.

But then my friend Amy Taft, a State of Nebraska HHS service Coordinator, told you about the Enable Savings Account Gifting Program. I have had an Enable account for a long time and you can gift to my account.

If you remember, my goals are:

- 1. Buying that Shiny Blue Truck by April 2025 for PooPatrol so my support staff won't have to drive me all over Lancaster County scooping yards in their cars. My goal is \$35,000. I have saved in my PASS Plan for the last 2 1/2 years \$26,000.*
- 2. Albert Noah Pooper and I are going the 5 modules of Service Dog Training. Albert and I are in the middle of Module 1 right now. Each module costs \$1500.*

Here is the new website <https://givetoenable.com/> with instructions how to give. Click on find a member and you will see my picture with Albert. Givers who file Nebraska income taxes can also deduct up to 10,000 for contributions to Enable accounts. Thank you and blessings to all my church people.

Josh Whitfield



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