



THE MESSENGER

October 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 better story of faith exists, and it has the capacity to heal the world--if we only embrace, articulate, and live it more courageously.”

Sunday 10/13 - *A Few Words about the Creator and Us*

Sunday 10/20 - *A Few Words about the Spirit and Us*

Sunday 10/27 - *A Few Words about Jesus and Us*

Sunday 11/3 - *A Few Words about the Good News and Us*

Saturday 11/9 - Community-Wide Event featuring Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Author and Pastor (9:30a.m. - 2:00p.m. at Westminster)

Sunday 11/10 - Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow Preaching and leading Adult Education hour at Westminster

A worship and sermon series reminding us of the goodness of God and our active role in God's world!

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Westminster Friends,

As we move into a season of considering how we might support our church in 2025 through time, talents, and our financial commitments, let's hear and live out a word of hope and good news together! In our worship services we'll be exploring the goodness of God, using themes from the recently published book, "Everything Good about God is True," by Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow.

If you've ever felt cornered or unsure of how to talk about your faith with "that one cousin" at the divided Thanksgiving gathering, or how to share words of compassion with a friend going through a difficult time – this series is for you! If you've ever asked big, hard questions about God or been asked by your children or grandchildren – this series is for you! If you are wandering, hoping, holding onto faith by a string – this series is for you! If you feel strong in faith and seek a word of hope in worship – this series is for you!

As we explore themes from the book in worship, you'll be encouraged to consider your own voicing of your faith, as well as your own commitment to serve God as a part of the Westminster church community. Oh, and don't forget to mark your calendar for a few special dates: First, our second ever Service of Service, where we'll pack 1,000 hygiene kits for the Lincoln Hygiene Network, will take place on Sunday, October 20th at 9:30am in the gym. Service of Service is a time of worship and service to our neighbors combined at one time. Look for more info in the eVine. Also, block off the weekend of Saturday, November 9-10th, as Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, author of our theme book, will join us for a community-wide Saturday speaking engagement from 9:30am-2:00pm (lunch option available with registration) and in worship on Sunday morning. Rev. Reyes-Chow is a pastor, author, public theologian, and former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA). And, yes, he also has a great sense of humor!

This Fall, let's be reminded of the goodness of the God who knows us, welcomes us in Christ, and sends us to serve together in love as One Westminster Family!

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 Franci Scheele, 402-310-4212.

Lunch Bunch | Mazatlan | Tuesday, October 1, 11:30 AM

As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. All are welcome. Lunch Bunch will meet at Mazatlan, 211 N 70th St., on Tues., Oct. 1, at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com so we have an accurate count. See you there!

Faith and Cancer Support Group | Tuesday, October 15 | 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, October 16 | Lounge at 1 PM

Prairie Readers will meet October 16 at 1 PM in the Lounge. We all look forward to this special event in our yearly calendar. Pat Leach will be our guest and will review selected titles from the Notable Books List created by the American Library Association. Everyone is welcome!

Ladies' Night Out | Tuesday, October 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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Spooktacular | October 30

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

On Wednesday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30, put on your best costume and come to Westminster to play games, trick or treat, and have a frightfully fun evening.

Here are some of the activities you can look forward to:

- Trick-or-treating
- Photo Booth
- Food Trucks – Golden Goat Pizza, World Plates, Kona Ice, Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck
- Giant Games – Spikeball, Pong, Connect 4, Jenga

And more!

You can help us make this event possible in a couple of ways:

1. Please consider donation bags of candy, packaged snacks, pencils, and/or any small handouts for the children. Look for collection buckets at the top of the steps by the East entrance.
2. Decorate your car trunk or table with a fun theme then pass out treats to the children.

Vehicles should plan to arrive by 5:00 PM to find a spot and put the finishing touches on decorations. Contact Sarah Baltensperger sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com or Stacy Graham babyruth19@hotmail.com with any questions. Sign up online here <https://forms.gle/zywWi4NeFDnpRmTMA>, in the Garden Room, or call the church at 402-475-6702.

Youth Group:

Roca Scary | October 20

Meet at Roca for an evening of fun and frights. The event is \$29 per attendee and covers your admission to the farm, the Psycho Path, and the Sinister Circus



**WPC Presents
Spooktacular**

Wednesday October 30
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us for trick-or-treating, giant yard games,
food trucks, and more!



Presbyterian Women (PW) is on the MOVE with LOVE

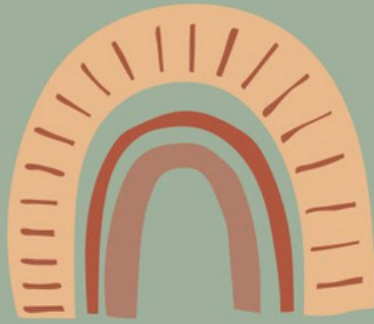
- Continue to fill the Lincoln Hygiene Network barrel by the east entrance stairs.
- All hands on deck for the Service of Service on October 20.
- PW Presbytery Hybrid FALL GATHERING--Lincoln First Presbyterian on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:00-Noon
- Contribute to the THANK OFFERING for national and global health-related projects and initiatives that help families.

135 years of giving for over 1,600 projects

8 projects funded this year including one in our Synod

Do EVERYTHING in LOVE





Westminster Preschool



October 2024



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are off and running at Preschool with all things Fall and Harvest! We've enjoyed learning about animals on the farm and why leaves change color. In October, we're excited about our all school field trip to Pearson Pumpkin Patch and Costume Parade at the end of the month.



UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 3rd

Stroll Country Club Night

Oct. 7th

Cookie Fundraiser Kickoff

Oct. 11th

School Field trip to
Pearson Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 14th-15th

No School
Fall Break

Oct. 16th-17th

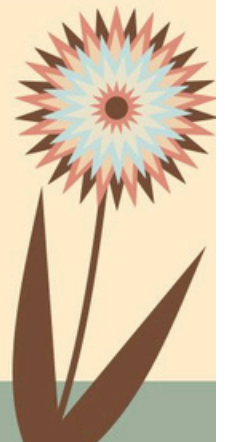
Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 30th-31st

Costume Parade

Oct. 30th

Spooktacular





BIBLE STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE

Green Hearts

In September we began a series of short actions as a way for everyone in the Westminster family to get a taste of the Presbyterian Women's study of Environmental Justice.

In October our study centers on Land Justice. We are beginning to recognize that people who have lived close to the land have much to teach us. Here in Nebraska we live on the past, present, and future homelands of the Pawnee, Ponca, Oto-Missouria, Omaha, Dakota, Lakota, Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Kaw Peoples, as well as the relocated Ho-Chunk, Iowa, and Sac and Fox Peoples.

"The earth is the Lord's" says the psalmist. Indigenous people around the world witness to this truth by treating the land with gratitude and respect. But our Western culture is generally more intent on using the land than on appreciating it. Our action for October is to practice reverence for the land. Sometime this month go outside and treat yourself to twenty minutes of simply experiencing gratitude and awe. And if that feels good, tell someone about it!

W3 Welcome to Wednesdays at WPC:

Wednesday activities continue from 6:00-8:00 PM. Kids from kindergarten through high school are invited to join us for dinner, community, discussion, and fun.

October Adult Ed schedule:

Oct. 6: Rachel Gibson from the Nebraska League of Women Voters will explain the upcoming Nebraska ballot initiatives.

On Nov. 5, Nebraskans will have the opportunity to vote on several important Ballot Initiatives. Three initiatives have been certified for the ballot, a paid sick leave program and two competing abortion initiatives. There is also the potential of three more, two on marijuana legalization and regulation and one on publicly funded private school scholarships. Rachel Gibson, current Vice President of Action for the League of Women Voters Nebraska, will present a non-partisan review of the Ballot Initiatives – what they state, what they are meant to do, and potential implications. Rachel has served as the Director of Education Policy in addition to working on the Fair Maps Redistricting Committee and the Social Policy Action Team. She spent 10 years as an advisor, educator, and program coordinator in higher education at the University of Kansas, Wichita State University, and Creighton University. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration, both from the University of Kansas.

Oct. 13: Elder Sebit Deng will tell his immigration story as a journey of faith.

Oct. 20: Service of Service, packing kits for Lincoln Hygiene Network



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Westminster Cabaret for a Cause | Sun., Oct. 6 at 2 PM

Join us for an afternoon of powerful songs filled with hope and new beginnings as we celebrate local Lincoln talent and give back to the community. Bring a nonperishable food item for the pantry at WPC for admission.