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*"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."
-2 Corinthians 3:17*

Sunday Service

We welcome you to Worship in the Sanctuary with us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and/or worship virtually with us on our YouTube channel at <https://westminsterlincoln.org/youtube-videos>



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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Justice & Peace Calendar – July

04 Independence Day

05 Immigration Sunday;

pcusa.org/events/immigration-sunday/july-5th-2026-0800am

30 National Support Public Education Day;

nationaltoday.com/national-support-public-education-day

Adult Ed Series for July:

July 5: Independence Day weekend, no Adult Ed.

July 12: "A Walk in the Garden" at WPC with Tom Pappas.

July 19: Positive Psychology – the HERO in You with Dr. Marijane England, UNL Associate Professor of Practice Emeritus in Management.

July 26: The Butterfly is back by popular demand! Westminster's version of The Moth where our Christian friends tell stories from their lives that have impacted their life of faith. On this Sunday the Butterfly will make a reappearance via engaging stories from some of our own.

Explorers Bible Study

Explorers Bible Study will take a break for the summer. We will resume Monday, September 14.

Hearts and Hands | Library | Wednesdays 1 – 3 PM

Hearts and Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wednesday in the church library. Questions? Call Dorrie Gage at 402-730-9676

Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, July 7 | Brewsky's

Lunch Bunch will meet 11:30 A.M. Tuesday, July 7, at Brewsky's, 70th and Van Dorn. RSVP to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

Faith & Cancer Support Group | Tuesday, July 21 | 10:00 AM | Church Library

Pastoral Care Cell Phone: 531-510-4929

If you are a member and have a need for pastoral care, such as a bereavement or hospitalization, call 531-510-4929. One of the pastors will answer or get back to you.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, July 15 | 1:00 PM

Prairie Readers will meet July 15 at 1 PM in the lounge. Dan Brown does not disappoint with his 2025 book Secret of Secrets. Set in the beautiful city of Prague the complex mystery is bound to lead to a spirited discussion. Come join us!

Ladies Night Out | Tuesday, July 21 | 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Catalyst Restaurant

Ladies, you are welcome to join us Tuesday, July 21st 5–7 PM at Catalyst (located close to Art & Soul and South Hiro 88) <https://catalysttaproom.com/> We visit local restaurants to share in a good meal and conversation. We have no agenda; our primary goal is to get-to-know one another better in a small group setting. Please RSVP to robynu2@hotmail.com by Sunday, July 19th.

Upcoming Youth Events

- Blessing of the Backpacks/Kick-Off Sunday | August 9, 2026
- Wednesday Nights Return! W3 Resumes | August 12, 2026
- Youth Group: Back to Church Retreat | August 14–15, 2026

July Art Display – Quilts of Valor

For the month of July the Westminster Art Committee has invited the Quilts of Valor Foundation to display several quilts in the gallery space. This foundation began in 2003 when founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. Since then Quilts of Valor members have made and awarded over 400,000 quilts to service members and veterans across the country. To become involved with the Quilts of Valor Foundation you can:

- Join. Become a member – individual, quilt business, or start your own group.
- Nominate. Submit a service member or veteran to receive a quilt. Go to info@govf.org.
- Donate. Make a gift to support supplies and shipping.

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Youth News

Summer VBS: Roadtrip! | July 13-17

VBS is back and we are hitting the road! Get ready to buckle up for an incredible journey! This summer, kids are invited to join us for Roadtrip!, our fun-filled Vacation Bible School adventure from July 14-18. We're taking off for a week packed with high-octane excitement as we explore the amazing destinations God has planned for our lives. Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Every day will be a new stop on our journey, featuring engaging Bible stories, spirited worship music, hands-on crafts, hilarious games, and tasty treats, all designed to help children from 4 years through 5th Grade discover that following Jesus is the greatest adventure of all!

Event Details

- When? Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17
- Time? 9:00 AM-12:30 PM (Daily)
- Who? Children 4 years-5th grade
- Cost? \$15 per child, maximum \$45 per family

What to Expect on Our Roadtrip:

Fueling Up: Energetic opening and closing rallies complete with singing and cheers!

- Pit Stops: Small group time where kids connect with leaders and friends.
- Scenic Routes: Creative Bible lessons that teach kids about God's love.
- Roadside Attractions: Fun-filled games and crafts!

Register here <https://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>.

Youth Group: Join Us at Matt Talbot | Sunday, July 19

There is something powerful about a shared meal. It's more than just nutrition—it's community, dignity, and a moment of rest. On Sunday, July 19, the WPC Youth Group and their families are invited to show up, roll up our sleeves, and support our neighbors by serving dinner at Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach (2121 N 27th St). Matt Talbot is a pillar in our city, providing hunger relief and outreach services to those in need. Whether you've served a dozen times or are looking for your first volunteer opportunity, we would love to have you

on the team. We will be preparing and serving a meal for 100-130 people, and we need a strong group of youth and parents to make it happen!

Choose Your Shift

We have a few different ways you can jump in and help throughout the afternoon and evening:

- The Cooking Team (Arrive at 3:30 PM): Help the kitchen crew prep, chop, and cook the dinner from scratch.
- The Serving Team (Arrive at 4:45 PM): Plate the food, distribute meals to guests, and provide a warm, welcoming environment.
- The Clean-Up Crew (Finishes around 7:00 PM): After dinner, all volunteers pitch in to clean the kitchen, wash dishes, and sweep the floors to leave the facility sparkling.

"Service is not just about the food we serve; it's about the presence we offer. A friendly face and a warm welcome can change the trajectory of someone's entire day."

Ready to Serve?

If you and your family are willing to help with this vital community service, please claim your spot today using the sign-up link below.

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/DQdHRLmT3bK86x2D9>

Let's show up strong for our Lincoln community and make this dinner a bright spot in our neighbors' week!

Splashtacular Fun: Join Us for our End-of-Summer Pool Party! | August 5

As the summer sun begins to set on another incredible season, there is only one right way to celebrate: a massive community pool party! Grab your towels, flip-flops, and favorite swimsuits because it's time to make a splash before the school year kicks into gear.

Whether you are a toddler dipping your toes in the water for the first time, a teenager eyeing the high dive, or an adult looking to relax and catch up with neighbors, this night is for everyone. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join the fun!

New Venue Alert! Take note: we are switching things up this year! While we usually host this event at Star City Shores, we are moving the party to a fantastic new spot. Join us at Eden Pool (4400 Antelope Creek Rd) for a fresh change of scenery and just as much excitement!

Mark Your Calendars: Wednesday, August 5th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Eden Pool, 4400 Antelope Creek Rd

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What to Expect

Eden Pool has something for everyone in the family to enjoy: a water slide, a diving board, a wading and baby pool and plenty of lounge chairs to relax on! There is no better way to wrap up the summer than surrounded by great music, refreshing water, and even better company. We can't wait to see you all on deck!

Fueling Our Next Adventure: VBS Donations & Loans Needed!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we are incredibly excited to welcome our kids for an amazing week from **July 13–17!** To bring our theme to life, we are building an immersive, interactive transportation world. To make it a success, we need your help to gear up! We are looking for donations (or temporary loans) of items that will help us build roads, create pit stops, and drive our decorators' imaginations wild.


Our VBS Wishlist:

We need items of all shapes and sizes. Take a look below to see if you have any of these items looking for a second life:

- Toy Vehicles: Cars, trucks, construction vehicles, trains, and planes of all sizes (from tiny Matchbox

cars to large ride-on toys).

- **Road & Track Play Rugs:** Any area rugs or play mats featuring roads, tracks, or city grids.
- **Luggage:** Small to medium suitcases (perfect for travel-themed setups and staging).
- **Traffic & Safety Gear:** Real or toy traffic cones, pylons, and road/traffic signs.
- **Garage & Pit Stop Supplies:** Old tires and **empty, thoroughly rinsed** car maintenance supply bottles (like empty motor oil or windshield wiper fluid containers).

 *Note on Loans: If you have a prized item you are willing to **loan** to us for VBS week, please label it clearly with your name and phone number. We will take excellent care of your fleet and have it ready for you to pick up after VBS concludes!*

Drop-Off Details

Because our decorating team needs to hit the ground running, all items must be dropped off the week prior to VBS.

- Drop-off Week: Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10
- Collection Location: Reception Desk at the top of the East stairs
- Drop-off Hours: 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Thank you so much for your generosity and support in helping us gear up for an unforgettable week!