Greetings!

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...

~ Genesis 1:1

Faith Nixon Symposium
Sunday, March 1 | 11:30am
Westminster Hall

This year’s symposium will be a joint effort with Tim Hart-Andersen and a guest speaker and will focus on the stewardship of the creation. Look for more information in the bulletin and on Westminster’s website.

Moms Group as Covenant Group
Wednesdays | 10:30-noon | Nursery
Beginning March 4, Moms Group will serve as a Lenten Covenant Group and will consider this year’s theme – Losing Paradise: Faith and the Ecological Crisis – through a parenting lens. Moms with children of any age are invited to join us. Child care is provided. Contact Marie with questions and to RSVP.

Wednesday Nights during LENT
~ beginning March 5
5:15–6:45 – Dinner in the Refectory
6:00–6:30 – Taizé Worship in Westminster Hall
6:00–7:30 – Children’s Choirs and Activities including Parent-Child Time Together in the Founders Room happen as usual

Palm Sunday
Sun, April 5 | 9:30am | Nursery
Join us for a Nursery families Palm Sunday program complete with a story, songs, and a parade!

SAVE THE DATE!
Parents Night Out
Potluck & Bowling
Saturday, April 18 | 6-9pm at St. Francis Bowling Center, St. Paul.

CIRCLE TIME
Circle Time stories for March come from God Loves Me, a Bible story program for young children. The primary goals of this curriculum are to acquaint young children with the stories of Scripture and to help them experience a warm and nurturing place to learn about God. Each storybook retells a Bible story through simple words and illustrations, includes a prayer, and provides suggestions for learning-through-play activities. Each story ends with an “I wonder…” question and a prayer. Pose this question to your little one and see where the conversation leads! Then end your conversation with the prayer provided.

- 3/1 – Blue and Green and Purple Too! The Story of God’s Colorful World
  - Genesis 1:1-19
  - I wonder what parts of God’s colorful world you love to look at...
  - Dear God, thank you for your wonderful, colorful world. It is so good! Amen.

- 3/8 – It’s a Noisy Place - The Story of the First Creatures
  - Genesis 1:20-25
  - I wonder which of God’s creatures is your favorite...
  - Dear God, thank you the fish and birds and animals that fill up your world. They are so good! Amen.

- 3/15 – Adam and Eve - The Story of the First Man and Woman
  - Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-20
  - I wonder if you know that our great God made you too...
  - Dear God, thank you for making each baby, each child, each grown-up in your wonderful world. Amen.

- 3/22 – Take Good Care of My World! The Story of Adam and Eve in the Garden
  - Genesis 1:28; 2:18-20
  - I wonder if you want to help take care of God’s world too...
  - Dear God, thank you for giving us such a wonderful world. We want to take good care of everything in it. Amen.

  - Genesis 3
  - I wonder if you know that God still loved Adam and Eve...
  - Dear God, this story makes us feel sad. Help us to obey you. Amen.

Check Out the Check-In Window Book. It’s an easy way to promote early literacy and provides a way to talk with your child about aspects of faith.

This month’s book is Quiet by Tomie dePaola, a perfect practice for the season of Lent. “To be quiet and still is a special thing.”

Make a Joyful Noise! - music & movements for the wee ones | 3 - 2 1 0 9

March’s song of the month is Kum Ba Yah!

FAMILY MATTERS – A Parent Fellowship Group
Each week during Education Hour | Bates Room (3rd Sunday - Bushnell)
Family Matters is a place of welcome and connection for Westminster parents with children of all ages. During Lent we will serve as a Covenant Group and consider this year’s theme through a parenting lens. Please join us!

The Parenting Journey...

The Parenting Journey is intended to give you something to consider and perhaps incorporate into your personal parenting journey. It is inspired by the book Becoming the Parent You Want to Be by Davis and Keyser.

Davis and Keyser’s first principle for the parenting journey is Developing a Vision for Your Family. I think the essence of this principle is this: What values do I want to teach my children? One value might be that they know they are loved, no matter what. Another might be to appreciate quietness and stillness.

Here at Westminster, when we baptize a child, we promise to love, support, and encourage them. How might we act on that promise with our children? In the next few months I’ll share some suggestions from Wonderful Ways to Love a Child by Judy Ford, MSW and family therapist.

During this season of Lent and in keeping with the Check-Out the Check-In Window book for the month, find time to practice being quiet and still with your child. Ford recommends creating a circle of quiet, which help children unwind and relax. It is through these circles of quiet that your child will discover the difference between the outer world and his own inner world. Through silence (quiet), your child will come to know herself and learn to understand her need for solitude.

Blessings! Here’s to the journey!