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MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS AMONG THE WORLD RELIGIONS

“Most people today see a heavy and dangerous storm of tensions between Christians and Muslims that is menacing the world. Since the Crusades, relations between our two faith communities – currently comprised of just slightly under half the human race – have rarely been at a lower point than they are today. Tensions, deep conflicts, and often murderous violence between us are leaving a trail of blood and tears as well as a mounting deposit of deeply painful and potently dangerous memories. ... But many of us sense of new wind of hope beginning to blow...” (Yale professor Miroslav Volf, *A Common Word*, Eerdmans Press: Grand Rapids., 2010. Page 18).

This is a tremendously important month in the life of our congregation. We have the unique opportunity to hear from a series of scholars about Islam. The road to peace in the world can be paved by growing understanding among the religions. Tolerance is born through knowledge.

I am excited about our visit from Dirk Ficca, the Executive Director for the Parliament of the World's Religions. Rev. Ficca heads a most challenging and hopeful task: to gather representatives of every religion on earth, to have them learn about one another and then to see what common concerns they can agree to work on together. We are happy to share his presence in Lincoln with the University of Nebraska. Rev. Ficca will speak at these events:

- Feb. 13 Westminster Worship at 8 and 10:30
Adult Education 9:00
- Feb. 14 Lecture at the University of Nebraska
Dudley Bailey Library in Andrews Hall.
3:30 – 5:00.

During this month, we will also be joined by Qur'an scholar Dr. Simon Wood of UNL and Farida Ebrahim to learn more about this important world religion.

Our hope is to create deeper understanding, which leads to deeper dialogue. We want to do our part to create an atmosphere of mutual respect. We need to have external dialogue with those who live and work around us. And we need an internal dialogue, in our heads and hearts, so that we have the will to care for those who are different, and the knowledge to know how to care. To paraphrase Hans Kung,

- peace in the world requires peace among the religions
- peace among the religions can lead to peace among the nations;
- peace among the nations can foster a shared ethic that leads to hope for the world.

Sincerely,
Andrew McDonald
Senior Pastor

ADULT EDUCATION

ENGAGING ISLAM

In February, we will seriously consider PCUSA's recently adopted document, "Toward an Understanding of Christian-Muslim Relations" through engagement with the Muslim faith tradition and calls for greater interfaith exchange.

Feb. 6 and 20: Rev. Bob Snell will lead us through a brief educational introduction.

Feb. 13: Rev. Dirk Ficca, Executive Director of the Parliament of World Religions will talk further about interfaith exchange and Christian-Muslim relations.

Feb. 27: Dr. Simon Wood, Qu'ran Scholar, UNL's Department of Classics and Religious Studies

Mar. 6: Farida Ebrahim - More about this religion and the experiences of practicing Muslims in Lincoln.

HEARING & HEEDING— The season of Lent encourages us to be disciplined and to have prayerful reflection on Christ's call and our response as the proper preparation for opening ourselves to God's redemptive power made real through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches his disciples what he expects from them (us) as well as what he hopes for them (us). So reading and studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount might be just the kind of disciplined and prayerful reflection Lent is looking for, which is precisely why we intend to offer just such an opportunity every Sunday morning throughout the season of Lent. Rev. Bob Snell will lead our study beginning on March 13 (through April 17). Join us!

Looking ahead...

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING, REDUX—By popular request we return to the timeless theological quest that seeks to order both authentically as well as intelligibly our words about God, by gathering together on Sunday mornings to continue reading/discussing William Placher's *A History of Christian Theology*. This series will begin Sunday May 1. Participation the first time around is not a prerequisite for participation the second time around; all are welcome!

Watch future issues of The Messenger for more details!

BE: THE BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - Lounge

Journey through the New Testament this year with the Bible Experience class. Join us in the Lounge at 9 am on Sunday mornings as we seek to deepen our understanding of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. All are welcome!

WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.—Parlor

Our study in February focuses on the promises of hope found in the Book of Mark. All are welcome! February lesson leaders are:

Feb. 6: Steve Solomon

Feb. 13: Kaye Wolfe

Feb. 20: Kent Wolfe

Feb. 27: TBA



CROSSROADS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - Library

For the past five years a core group of young adults has grown in its knowledge of scripture and the impact scripture has had on their lives participating in a group called **Crossroads**.

Please join our core group of **Sarah and Rob Baltensperger, Kim Boehler, Alyssa Diehl, Maggie Stuckey, Steve Teget**, along with **Joselyn Luedtke, Blake Waggoner**, and those whose professions have taken them out of Lincoln, but who join us when they're back, **Katie Baltensperger, and Elizabeth Thiele**.



**ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE
March 9 7:00 pm
Sanctuary**

Alleluia! Amen! will sing during worship on Ash Wednesday.

Alleluia! Amen! and Cherub Choir will meet 6:30-6:55 pm.



**LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT WOW
(Westminster on Wednesday)**

**March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13
6:20-6:35 pm in Chapel**

Lenten Devotions will be held every Wednesday evening (except Ash Wednesday) during Lent, beginning March 16th. All ages are invited to participate in this wonderful Lenten discipline opportunity with families. All choirs will adjust their rehearsal times as follow:

- Youth Bells 5:00-5:45 pm
- Alleluia! Amen!, Cherub Choir 6:45 -7:30 pm
- Westminster Carillon 6:40-7:30 pm
- Westminster Choir 7:40-9:00 pm

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SAVE THE DATE!

March 31, 2011

**A
Churchwide
Celebration**

With

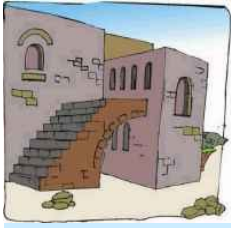
**Dinner at
Embassy Suites**



**REUNION CHOIR FOR
CELEBRATION DINNER**

Come and raise singing voices together to give God thanks and praise! Did you feel disappointed for not singing "Hallelujah Chorus" in December? Now, you have a chance! Everyone is invited to sing at the Celebration Dinner at the Embassy Suites on March 31 to celebrate Westminster's successful Capital Campaign and the wonderful work of God moving forward.

Rehearsal: 10:00 am—March 27 (Sunday)
Performance: March 31 (Thursday)
following dinner, approximately 7:15 pm.



FAITH VILLAGE

(9:00 and 10:45 am)
Kindergarten-5th Grade

This month in Faith Village we will incorporate art, computer and science to learn about the miracle of Jesus' healing! With our *One Says* "Thank You!" theme we will make thank you cards, make puppets and have loads of fun uncovering all the things we are thankful for in our daily lives!

Then He said to him,
"Rise and go; your
faith has made you
well."

Luke 17:19

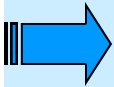
Kindergarten of Eden (Preschool Sunday School)

Through stories, crafts and song, the teachers of Kindergarten of Eden keep our youngest members excited and inspired as they learn about the miracles of Jesus! As parents, you can help by modeling the spiritual discipline of learning and worshipping each week! Ask how you can get involved!

Memory Verse for February

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith." Matthew 21:22

Thanks to all of the families who helped their children with January's memory verse! The children love to be able to recite Scripture! Check out www.myonlinebiblegames.com for free word jumbles, Bible hangman and more!



We need you! Please volunteer your gifts with the children of Westminster! All of the curriculum for our Sunday School is provided along with step by step instructions! 9:00 am teachers teach one Sunday per month, 10:45 teachers teach the same lesson three times during the month. If all of the adults who have children in Faith Village volunteered to teach once during the year- we would have no repeat teachers! If you are ready to share your gifts and the teachings of Jesus with our children, contact Nicole!!

In the planning stages are several family activities for the winter months and early spring! If you want to help the Children and Family Ministries committee organize or support these activities—let us know! Will it be a talent show? Spaghetti feed? Board game marathon? Stay tuned to find out!!



Mark your calendar for **June 20-24** for **Vacation Bible School!!!** Theme and cost to be announced soon! Watch the Vine and Messenger for more information and how you can be a part of the fun!

Please contact Nicole Effle, Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries, 475-6702 ext. 107 or nicole@westminsterlincoln.org, if you have questions, comments or want to volunteer!

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

9 am on Sundays in the Youth room

Join us for fellowship and advanced discussions of spirituality with dynamic and incredibly good-looking teachers (Bill Etmund, Sarah Gergen, and Chris and Alisha Stokes). Great food, juice, and coffee are supplied. Spiritual guidance and concepts are discussed to address the specific challenges of High School students as they prepare for the transition to college. Parents: Please encourage your Sr. High student to attend – We promise to enrich your child's spirit as they prepare to face the world on their own.

SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 6



The first week of February is often referred to as Scouting Anniversary Week and the first Sunday in February is called Scout Sunday. In honor and

recognition of our members and friends who are scout members, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, we are encouraging all scouts and their leaders to wear their scout uniform to 10:30 worship on Sunday, February 6th.

SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Swanson Scholarship Fund was established in 1999 by Libby and Steve Jacobs of West Des Moines, IA, daughter and son-in-law of Mary and the late Bill Swanson, long time members of Westminster. The Swanson Scholarship Fund is an expression by the donors of their faith in Jesus Christ and the importance of continuing education to the Christian life. The scholarship provides financial support for undergraduate education in the amount of \$500 per recipient per academic year.

The applicant should be an active Westminster member or have a parent or guardian who is an active member. The applicant should currently be a full time student or have been admitted for full time study at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2011-2012 school year. Application packets are now available in the church office. Applications should be returned to the office to the attention of Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald by May 1st.



The Annual Spring Stated Meeting is scheduled for February 20th, immediately following 10:30 worship in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Agenda includes the presentation of the annual reports.



WOW DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

5:45—6:30 pm

\$3 Children, Ages 3—12 yrs; \$4 Adults;
\$14 max/family

February 2: Baked Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit and Dessert

February 9: Hot Dogs w/fixins, French Fries, Salad, Fruit and Dessert

February 16: Hamburger/Tater Tot Casserole, Salad, Fruit and Dessert

February 23: TBA

*Plan to stay for choir, adult ed,
knitting & fellowship!*

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



The annual food drive for the Westminster Food Pantry will be held on February 13, 2011. Although the need for donated items is continuous throughout the year, this special day is being set aside to concentrate our efforts of participation in this mission of our church. Each week the following items are furnished by the Food Pantry:

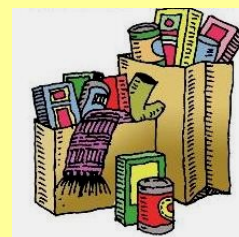
10 rolls of toilet tissue	13 packages of jello or pudding	6 bottles of syrup
6 boxes of pancake mix	9 bars of hand soap	6 boxes of dry cereal
6 boxes of oatmeal	6 bottles of cooking oil	6 boxes of salt
6 packages of sugar	6 boxes of soda crackers	6 jars of jelly
6 jars of peanut butter	7 cans of canned meat	7 packages of rice
14 cans of spaghetti	8 packages of spaghetti/pasta	6 packages of noodles
16 boxes of mac & cheese	6 cans of spaghetti sauce	13 cans of tuna
7 cans of stew or chili	13 cans of beans (red/pinto/black)	28 cans of fruit
7 cans of fruit juice	7 cans of tomatoes (sauce or sliced)	37 cans of vegetables
15 cans of pork and beans	9 cans of creamed soup	13 cans of other soup
6 boxes of potato flakes		

The items above are packed each week by the Food Pantry volunteers and distributed by the People's City Mission to 3 families of two, 2 families of three, and 1 family of four.

Grocery sacks with suggested items to purchase will be handed out after worship on January 30th and February 6th. At worship on February 13th the congregation will be asked to **bring their sacks of groceries to the front of the sanctuary during the service**. If it is not possible to bring your donations to worship on February 13th, they may be placed in the donation box at the top of the stairway near the east entrance at any time. Monetary donations are also needed and appreciated to buy items not received from the congregation.



The hunger faced by some families in our community is a constant, year-round problem. We hope the efforts of our congregation can provide some assistance in this area.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women, **YOUNG, OLD** and **NEW MEMBERS** are **Welcome!**

The Bible Study for this year is **REVELATION**.

Just call the hostess for the circle you prefer.
PLEASE COME!

Meeting places, times, and hostesses are as follows:

Circle 1 Wed. Feb. 2, 9:30 am Church Lounge

Marge Young 327-8190 *or*

Jane Fredrickson 792-2949

Circle 3 Wed. Feb. 2, 9:30 am

Rae Hamilton 467-0236

Circle 4 Mon. Feb. 7, 7 pm

Linda Burchard 477-5572

Circle 5 Tues. Feb. 8, 10:00 am Church Lounge

Pat Beams 423-2956

Circle 6 Tues. Feb. 8, 7 pm Church Library

Ashley Lammers 477-0706

CALLING: Anyone interested in sewing?!!

Mission Sewers meet February 23, 2011 at 1 p.m. in the church Lounge. Contact Jane Grabenstein-Chandler, 483-6533 *or* Martha McLeod, 792-2774



WESTMINSTER MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

Each Tuesday morning in the Parlor a superb group of perspicacious, sagacious, even owlish, Westminster men gather for food, fellowship, and learning. At about 6:35 a.m. a Continental Breakfast - only \$2 and FREE for First Timers - is available; the program begins at 7:00; dismissal is by 8:00. The good programs for February are as follows:

Feb. 1: TBA

Feb. 8: Brad Bryan, Executive Director Of City Impact - "How City Impact helps the Youth of Lincoln"

Feb. 15: Rev. Bob Snell - Bible Study

Feb. 22: Sharon Wherry, President of the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools - "Getting Students Future Ready and How Graduation Rates Affect Our Economy"

All Westminster men are invited to come and be a part of this great time. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

LIFETIME FEBRUARY EVENTS

Lunch Bunch – February 8th

Lunch Bunch invites guests to join them for lunch and conversation at 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. February's luncheon will be at Carmela's Bistro at 4141 Pioneer Woods Drive, just north of 70th & Pioneers. The group (both men and women) carools to different restaurants while offering shut-ins transportation from their homes. Those needing rides should contact the church office, 475-6702, by Monday, February 7th. A car leaves the church at noon.

Prairie Readers – February 16th

John Janovy, Jr., distinguished local author and the Paula & D.B. Varner Professor of Biological Science at UNL, will be the discussion leader for Prairie Readers on February 16th when the group meets in the church parlor at 1 p.m. He will discuss his *Pieces of the Plains, Memories and Predictions from the Heart of America*, published locally in 2009. Janovy is the author of 14 books and over 90 scientific papers and book chapters. He has been Director of UNL's Cedar Point Station, Interim Director of the University of Nebraska State Museum, Assistant Dean of Arts & Sciences, and secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Parasitologists. Faye Moulton, the Prairie Readers convener, urges guests to attend, saying, "It is not often we can have an author of his caliber to be with us. Do plan to attend, you won't be disappointed."



Westminster Club—February 22nd

Westminster Club will meet at 5:30 pm Tuesday, February 22nd in Cole Hall. The program, "Robotic Medical Services of the Future" will be presented by **Dr. Shane Farritor**, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Watch The Vine for more information as the time gets closer.



www.wpslincoln.org



We had a wonderful Holiday Program on Sunday January 9th with three performances and about 75 children participating. With all of the family and friends coming to watch, we had about 300 people in attendance. We even had special guests, Mike and Tony Gardner, Megan and Max Weber, Miss Jean's husband, children and grandson. Even though Miss Jean could not be there, having her family was very comforting.

With a new year underway, we are talking about winter, lifecycles, animals of flight and the 5 senses this month. As we get into February, we celebrate Dental Health month and will have a visit from local pediatric dentist, Dr. Brent Johnson with Pediatric Dentistry, PC. We will learn about proper dental hygiene and everyone gets a new toothbrush! We have been having a great time in Chapel Chat with Miss Nicole who provides fun and exciting ways to learn about God each week.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Baptisms: Holden Wayne, son of Beth and Kris Anderzhon and Barrett Matthew, son of Sara and Justin Gragg on December 26; Alexa Marie, daughter of Mikala and Chad Hoge on January 9.

Bereavements: Prayers for the family and friends of Elb Schmidt, who died on January 18.



FOUNDATION BIRTHDAY CLUB

The following members celebrated birthdays during January and renewed or became members of the Foundation Birthday Club:

Kathy Anderson	John Janovy
June Blatt	Sharon Schafer
Carol Bishop	Gen Schmidt
Stan Campbell	Larry Shafer
Ruth Elwell	Nancy Stuckey
Ernie Hines	Chris Whitehead
Cliff Hollestelle	Matt Wood
Susan Jackson	

RELAX, RENEW, REJOICE!

PHOTOS FROM THE WESTMINSTER 2011 WOMEN'S RETREAT



What a joyous day to Relax, Renew and Rejoice!



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Westminster's New Member Class

Westminster is a church that is spiritually alive, broadly inclusive and growing in mission. If you are interested in becoming a member of Westminster and would like to attend a new member class, please mark the ritual of friendship pad during worship, speak to one of the pastors or call Marge at 475-6702. The next new member class is scheduled to meet at 9 am on February 20, 27 and March 6.



IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Please notify the church as soon as possible if you or a family member are to be hospitalized so that the pastors are made aware of your need.


Hospitals do not contact us when members are hospitalized because of privacy laws.

IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER...

Reminder: When the weather threatens, there is always a possibility that meetings will be cancelled and the building may be closed. Please call the church, 475-6702 or 475-6705 before venturing out—if no one answers, there will be a message informing you that the building is closed and your meetings have been cancelled. For evening meetings, the information will be available by 3:30 pm and will also be posted on Facebook.

The information will be available by calling the church by 6:30 am if the church will not be open for the entire day or will be opening late.

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All My Relatives

February 2011 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Ed. Sunday School Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:30 am Worship 10:45 am PS -5 Sunday School</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Mtgs PEO Meeting 7:00 pm Recovery Group</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:45 am Men's Fellowship Noon OA 3:45 pm Youth Ensemble 4:30 pm Personnel Committee 5:00 pm Adult Ed Ministry 6:00 pm Building & Grounds Outreach Ministry A & P 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Circle 1 5:00 pm Youth Bells 5:45 pm WOW Dinner 6:30 pm Carillon 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Knit Together 7:00 pm Women of Faith 7:30 pm Westminster Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 am Koop Group 9:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:30 pm Recorder Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> 
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WESTMINSTER YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

In Romans 12:13 we are told: *Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* The Westminster congregation certainly obeys that command.

As you are probably aware, Sunday, February 6 is the FOOTBALL Super Bowl. On that day, Westminster will also have our S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl (of Caring)!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. The Westminster Youth are joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots that Sunday. What is collected stays in the community to help fight hunger, but we report our total to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters so that they can come up with a grand total.

Please join the youth of Westminster, and more around the country, as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 6th.

Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, over \$71 million has been given to help those in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring most often benefits local food banks and soup kitchens, but world hunger organizations, denominational missions and other international ministries have also been recipients of Souper Bowl of Caring dollars. Our collection will go to the Westminster Food Pantry and the Matt Talbot Kitchen. May God bless our gifts.

