

HOLY WEEK SPECIAL SERVICES

Holy Week is the most important week for Christians to reexamine their faith and relationship with God. It's also a time to prepare for Easter in order to celebrate the true meaning. Westminster offers devotions and special services to nurture you and your family. Holy Week Services are planned to experience the stories of God's Greatest Love.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 21 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Stories of Deliverance - According to the Bible's Synoptic tradition, Jesus' last meal with his disciples was a Passover dinner, a joyful time for remembering, celebrating, and anticipating God's deliverance, an assurance that strengthened and empowered Jesus. Join us on Maundy Thursday as we, too, remember, celebrate and anticipate God's deliverance through scripture and song, story and sacrament, food and fellowship that we, too, might be assured, strengthened, and empowered.- Westminster Choir/Youth Ensemble

GOOD FRIDAY April 22 Noon Chapel / 7:00 pm Sanctuary
The Passion of Christ – Were you There?-Westminster Chancel Drama will deliver the Passion story of Christ (The Gospel According to John, Chapter 18 and 19). All of us will participate in the story as the crowd, so that we may experience the scripture in a creative way.-Westminster Chancel Drama, Elizabeth Govaerts (Liturgical Dance); Westminster Choir, David Anderson (French Horn), Megan Anderson (soprano)

EASTERSUNDAY April 24 - HE IS RISEN INDEED!

7 am Chapel: Dean Haist, trumpet

9 & 11 am Sanctuary: Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass, Westminster Carillon, Westminster Choir



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER CINNAMON ROLLS!

The Deacon's Easter Breakfast is Sunday, April 24. Join us for fruit, egg casserole and Miller & Paine cinnamon rolls from Braeda, 8:00 – 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. A free will offering is encouraged, with proceeds going to projects that will benefit our church. **Deadline for preordering cinnamon rolls is today at noon.** Stop by the Deacon's table in the Garden Room this morning to place your order, \$8/dozen or \$15/two dozen. Thank you for supporting the Westminster Deacons and the efforts of those who will prepare and serve this meal. *Come celebrate Easter at Westminster!*

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Serving Today:

USHERS: Cori Amend, Kerstin Eckstrom, Jay Fallick, Kylie Fallick, Lyle Hamilton, Cathy Hershberger, Greg Hershberger, Sharon Johnson, Kristin Larson, Eric Wachter, Ashley Vorhies

DEACONS: Scott Colborn, Marcie Ryan, Sue Shamblin, Karen Stevens, Claire Titus, Steve Titus

GREETERS: Michael Gregg/Marijane Hancock

HOSTS: Lee Sonderegger/Bob and Jean Carol Murphy

ACOLYTES: Alexandria Douglas/Liam Dempsey

CHURCH SACRAMENTS The next communion will be May 1st.
Baptism will be June 12th, please call Marge 475-6702, by June 8th.

Worshippers are Invited to join in a time of hospitality and Christian fellowship before and after 10:30 a.m. worship. Coffee, juice and donut holes are provided in the Garden Room.



**10:30 Worship - Televised locally on cable Channel 13,
Thursday at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.**



*"I am the vine,
you are the branches...."*

April 17, 2011



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A 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 the next 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 begin at 11:30 am on May 1st with a luncheon, and will also meet at 9:00 a.m. on May 8th and 15th.

MEN'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

All men are invited to join the Men's Tuesday Fellowship group each Tuesday at 6:40 am in the Parlor for a Continental breakfast (\$2 & Free for 1st Timers) and program. This week a Bible study will be presented by **Rev. Ellen Davis**.

PRAIRIE READERS - April 20th

Weston Crawford will facilitate the Prairie Readers' review of Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann on April 20th in the Parlor. Published in 2009, the book is a National Book Award winner. All are welcome!

JOIN US FOR DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY

5:45 - 6:30 pm in Cole Hall

\$3/ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 Adults; \$14 max/family

Roast Pork, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Salad, Fruit, Dessert



EASTER PARTY/EGG HUNT

Ages 3 yrs to 5th grade are invited to an Easter egg hunt/party *Saturday, April 23rd*, 10:00 - 11:30 am, with crafts, games and more!

WESTMINSTER CLUB - April 26th

Westminster Club meets Tuesday, April 26th at 5:30 pm. in Cole Hall for punch and fellowship, followed by a catered dinner at 6:00. Please bring your own table service and \$7.00 per person to cover the cost of the dinner.

Following dinner, the program, "Strictly for the Birds" will be presented by well known artist and sculptor, Cliff Hollestelle. He promised to bring a sample of his work for all to see. We hope you plan to include this evening in your activities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24, 10:00 - 11:30 am,

Ages 3 yrs - 5th Grade,

\$25 per child, \$50 max per family

To register, visit www.westminsterlincoln.org, email Nicole at nicole@westminsterlincoln.org or check the April Messenger.



Adult Education

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings

HEARING AND HEEDING— The season of Lent encourages us to disciplined and 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) and what he hopes for them (us). So studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount might be the kind of disciplined and prayerful reflection Lent is looking for. Join us today in Fellowship Hall as **Rev. Bob Snell** leads our study.

May 1st - We will take a break next Sunday to celebrate Easter. On May 1st we will have a one day **intergenerational seminar on "Glee."** It will offer a lively look at some episodes of "Glee" and how the outsider theme has biblical echoes. All ages are welcome! **Tom Pappas** will facilitate.

May 8 - June 26 - "Faith Seeking Understanding, Redux"

Last fall, a group of faithful souls joined in the timeless theological quest that seeks to order both authentically as well as intelligibly our words about God, which they did by gathering together on Sunday mornings to read and discuss William Placher's eminently readable, *A History of Christian Theology*. By popular request we are going to pick up where we left off. **Rev. Bob Snell** will lead the discussion. Books will be available.

BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Lounge

Join us in the Lounge today at 9 a.m. as we continue our exploration of the Gospel of John. Jesus is sent by the Father to make manifest a new covenant with God's people. In so doing, Jesus challenges the traditions of the Jewish faith. Tensions mount. The arrest of Jesus grows imminent. Come and learn more. **Dr. McDonald** will lead the discussion. All are welcome! We will take a break next week to celebrate Easter during worship.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS 9 am Sundays Parlor

Join the Westminster Bible Class in the Parlor for a study from "The Present Word." Today the lesson, "Hosanna!" will be presented by **Ernie Hines**. The class will not meet next Sunday.

CROSSROADS

Library

All young adults are invited to join the Crossroads Class on Sunday morning. Our time together is spent offering mutual acceptance, support for one another's goals and encouragement for life's challenges. While each of us faces unique 'crossroads' (new parents, changing jobs, going back to school, buying a first home, and many more), Crossroads reminds us that we are not alone on this journey through life. We are here for one another, no matter what the situation, and invite you to join us. We guarantee a full pot of coffee, lots of laughs, new friends, and a place to call home. Next week, we will take a break for Easter.

Hors d'oeuvres Potluck / Hunting Party

Westminster "middle adults," don't miss this adventure, Friday, May 13th, 6:30 PM, at Winsome Manor (home of Tom and Laurel Pappas). No hunting equipment necessary—all essential gear will be furnished.

Bring finger food for an hors d'oeuvres dinner buffet that we can visit throughout the hunt. Safari attire is welcome, but not required.

RSVP to Tom and Laurel at 402-484-8467 for further instructions and directions to Winsome Manor.



BOOK CORNER

Answering children's questions about God is not easy. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso's picture book, God's Paintbrush, is written in a way that allows children of all ages to think about God in a personal way and to realize that God has a unique relationship with each of us. Whether it is watching clouds, feeling lonely, being big enough to do something alone for the first time, singing a song -- these experiences can make God seem more like a friend. The pictures are colorful and multicultural, and questions at the end of each page help children explore God and their relationship to God. It's with the picture books in the WM library.