

God's Medicine

Art historian Andree Hayum says of the Isenheim Altarpiece, "this monument, once noticed, becomes an active presence in one's life." This sixteenth century twelve panel multi-stage polyptych from the hand of Matthias Grunewald surely represents one of the most powerful expressions of Christian faith ever painted. Literally and figuratively, it also corresponds perfectly to our forty day Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday to Easter. As guide and inspiration for that journey, on Wednesday evenings from February 29 to April 4, we will explore why Hayum calls this masterpiece "God's medicine." Following the WOW dinner we will meet in the Lounge. Bob Snell will lead our reflections.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS

Parent & Youth Meeting - February 8 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Perfectly Imperfect" is the theme for the youth conference at Montreat this summer. The conferences are designed for high school student, entering freshmen through graduated senior. The estimated cost per person is \$1,200 - which includes lodging, food, airfare and registration for the June 3-9 conference. Westminster would like a minimum of 10 youth to represent WPC. Come early for WOW dinner, then meet in Fellowship Hall to learn more. Talk to Tiffany if you are unable to attend but want to be considered for the conference.

Mark your calendars for the luncheon & dessert auction on March 18. You will want to stay to see the performance of "Alice in Wonderland" at 1:00 pm. The youth will prepare and serve a free will donation meal and sponsor a dessert auction. All funds generated will support the Montreat conference in 2012 and Germany trip in 2013.

Next Youth Group: February 26 and March 11.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Charles and Helen Bursik; and in celebration of my wonderful children Danny Kuzma, Katie & Jasa Rhone and grandson Adrian, by Shelley Kuzma.

Serving Today:

USHERS: Theresa Burrage, Tom Champoux, Amy Clare, Dan Hoffman, Kristi Larson, Emily Killham, Owen Killham, Steve Larson, Brittney Nelson, Amber Winter

DEACONS: Bryan Willnerd, Grace Willnerd, Shelley Kuzma, Carolyn McCall, Barbara Schleisser, John Paul Wirrick, Trinity McDonald

GREETERS: James Berringer and Dave Arunski

HOSTS: Jane Allman/Bob and Jean Carol Murphy

ACOLYTES: Emilee Bailey and Taylor Powell

CHURCH SACRAMENTS The next communion will be March 4th. Baptism will be March 11th.



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

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

February 5, 2012

Visit After Worship

You are invited to a time of hospitality and fellowship in the Garden Room following 10:30 a.m. worship.

New Members Classes

Journeying Together classes begin today. Didn't RSVP? It's not too late. Come to Fellowship Hall following 10:30 worship for a home cooked meal and chance to explore all Westminster has to offer. Can't make the February series, then join us on April 15, 22, 29. Talk to Tiffany or Marge if you want to participate in a future *Journeying Together* series.

Adult Education

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings

Civic Visions & Civil Discourse

State Senator Kathy Campbell - February 5

Senator Campbell will address the impact of “abysmal” public discourse on fulfilling the responsibilities and maximizing the opportunities of her office.

Westminster Bible Class

Join us in the Parlor for *The Present Word* using Galatians. Today: “Justified by Faith in Christ” bases on Galatians 2:15-21. Frances Knosp leader.

Crossroads

Young adults are invited to join the Crossroads class in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 am. Questions? Contact Sarah Baltensperger (402-421-1608) or Maggie Stuckey (402-730-3823)

Upcoming Seminars

Preparing for Life’s Final Quarter - February 12-March 4

Beginning February 12, a series that prepares us for deeper reflection on (and better conversation about) life’s final quarter will be offered. Many of us have journeyed along-side of loved ones as they approached the last years of their life. This series will feature discussions led by experts as well as ask broader questions about death and the legacies that death make possible. Speakers include Dr. Todd Sauer, Medical Director, UNMC’s Hospice and Palliative Care Services Center, Attorney Reg Kuhn, Ty Steinkuhler and Tony Skrdlant, Mutual of Omaha, Matt and Lee Nyberg, Home Care Assistance and Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald.

Letter From Birmingham City Jail - February 12 & 19

What better follow up to our reflections on civil discourse and the opportunity if not responsibility for Christians to “lead in the rejuvenation of healthier public conversation” than to read and discuss Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *Letter from Birmingham City Jail*? What better model could there be for that leadership than

this classic not only in moral discourse but also in American Literature? Bob Snell will lead our Sunday morning discussions in the Lounge. Copies of the letter/essay are available at the reception desk.

Brahm’s Requiem and God’s Voice - February 26-April 1

The season of Lent means to form us as Easter people by confronting candidly the timeless frailties and failures that led to the tragic sorrow of Good Friday in the light of Easter’s resurrection hope for this world as well as the next. In much the same way a requiem affirms life even in the face of death. Consequently it is not at all surprising that the requiem is an enduring musical form through which God has long spoken loudly and clearly during this very special season. Although a radical departure from what had gone before, Brahms’ *A German Requiem* is nevertheless just such a piece. In what ways a departure? In what ways nevertheless? Join us during Lent as Bob Snell leads us in exploring those questions, listening to this glorious music, opening ourselves to God speaking loudly and clearly, and growing as Easter people.

Church Events

Annual Food Drive will be held February 26. Grocery sacks will be handed out on February 12 and 19. The number of hungry people in Lincoln is increasing and our pantry can make a difference. We rely on your food and monetary donations.

Parent’s Night Out Bring your child(ren), birth to 5th grade to Westminster for a night of games, movies, crafts, snacks and play.

Registration forms are available in the Garden Room or at www.westminsterlincoln.org. \$25/first child and \$15/each additional child. All funds raised will support the Westminster Youth Group.

*February 10 - Valentines Day, caring and kindness

Parent’s Night Out is from 6:30-10:00 pm. You may drop off or pick up anytime between these hours.

MEN’S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join. Come to the Parlor each Tuesday morning for food and fellowship at 6:35 a.m. At 7:00 a.m., Rev. Bob Snell will lead a Bible study.

Lunch Bunch invites you to join them for lunch and conversation on February 9, 12:30 pm at Tico’s, 317 S 17 St. Our group is open to both men and women and offers shut-ins transportation. Those needing a ride, or to make a reservation, contact the church (402-475-6702) or Jeanne Giles (402-484-6651) by Wednesday, February 8.

WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

*Join your friends at WOW
for Dinner, Fellowship and More!*

5:45 -6:30 pm in Cole Hall

*February 8: Italian chicken with spaghetti, garlic bread,
salad, dessert*

\$3 children, ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 adults; \$14 max/family

WEDNESDAY EVENING CIVILITY - February 8

6:30 pm in the Lounge

Our Wednesday evening, reading and discussing of *In Defense of Civility*, by James Calvin Davis, ends this week. Bob Snell will moderate this one hour discussion immediately following our WOW dinner.

ANY ONE FOR VOLLEYBALL - CAN YOU DIG IT?

Small Groups Ministry is starting an adult co-ed volleyball experience in February. Come join us in the gym on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Renew old high school skills, meet new people, stretch those muscles! Bring your knee pads, tennis or gym shoes/socks (no black soled shoes, please).

KNIT N SIT

Drop in at the church library 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays to learn to knit, work on craft projects, find inspiration for creative expression, and enjoy fellowship! Everyone welcome.