

## An Invitation

In honor of the great Scotsman's birthday, join us for the Robert Burns Celebration,

Saturday, January 28

Social: 5:45 pm; Dinner: 6:30 pm - Hags included!

Scottish Rite Temple, 332 S Centennial Mall

Formal or business attire

Kilts and plaid welcome!

\$16 per person

For reservations, call Bruce Wood, 402-435-2144 or questions, call Herschel Talley, 402-580-5803.

## Youth Events

### Youth Group

12 Disciples Leadership Group [well, really we have 15 youth leaders in this elite group] will meet today for lunch, following 10:30am worship. Youth group will meet on Sunday, January 22, from 6:30-8:00pm for an evening lead by the Disciples. Come on January 22nd to let your voice be heard in planning activities for 2012.

February Youth Group events are scheduled for February 5 and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Coming soon ... the Souper Bowl of Caring!

The Westminster Youth Group will hold soup pots at church doors on *Souper Bowl of Caring* Sunday, February 5, 2012. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2011, almost \$10 million was collected by participants for local charities. The money collected will be donated equally to the Westminster Food Pantry and Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. Since the *Souper Bowl of Caring* began in 1990, more than \$80 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of Westminster in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 5.

**Church Building will be closed on Monday, January 16.**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Birth: Frances Ellen, born January 8 to Alisha and Chris Stokes.

Bereavement: Sharon Johnson's father, Arnold Rix on January 9.

### Serving Today:

**USHERS:** Tod Davenport, Jeanne Cuda, Stacy Graham, Dan King, Bill Rogerts, Joan Roberts, Matt Walker

**DEACONS:** Bryan Grosscup, Ruth Grosscup, Martha Dennis, Jane Hines, Carolyn Harp, Willa Mussman, Mary Orth

**GREETERS:** Gary Moulton and Susie Hughes

**HOSTS:** Mary Orth/Ginger & Jim Nissen

**ACOLYTES:** Tyler Spicer and Noah Bauerise

**CHURCH SACRAMENTS** The next communion will be February 5<sup>th</sup>. Baptism will be February 12.



**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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**Join us on Face book @**

**Lincoln Westminster Presbyterian Church**

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| Pastor                                    | Reverend Dr. Andrew L. McDonald, x 110                                       |
| Interim Associate Pastor                  | Reverend Robert Snell, x 116   |
| Parish Associate                          | Reverend Ellen Davis, x 117  |
| Business Administrator                    | Cheryl Rennick, x 105  |
| Director of Fine Arts                     | Boyd Bacon, x 111  |
| Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts | Dr. Masako Nakamura, x 111   |
| Associate for Community Life and Growth   | Tiffany Mullison, x 104  |
| Director of Children's Ministries         | Betsy Guyer, x 107   |
| Preschool Director                        | Suzanne Schneider, x 103   |
| Administrative Secretary                  | Marge Tomlinson, x 102   |
| Custodians/Maintenance                    | Richard Gruenemeyer, Lyudmila Fomina,<br>Tracy Hugelma, Mehmedalija Plicanic |



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

January 15, 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

Dates for future *Journeying Together* classes are February 5, 12, 19; April 15, 22, 29. Potential membership has perks – the first class always includes a fabulous home cooked meal and chance to explore all Westminster has to offer. 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

A recent Journal Star editorial began by observing that “our national discourse has devolved to an abysmal level.” This is but one voice in a nationwide chorus of concern troubled by this decline. What are its consequences? What can be done it? We in the church have a role to play.

These issues will be explored in January and February in our annual Community Conversations featuring:

- Governor Dave Heineman - Today
- Dr. James Calvin Davis - January 28-29
- State Senator Kathy Campbell - February 5

All will be asked to address the impact of “abysmal” public discourse on fulfilling the responsibilities and maximizing the opportunities of their office.

Keynoting the series will be a weekend featuring Dr. James Calvin Davis, Professor of Religion at Middlebury College, a Presbyterian minister, and author of *In Defense of Civility*. He is convinced that the church can and should “participate—perhaps even lead—in the rejuvenation of healthier public conversation.” Toward that end, he will lead an all day seminar on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and will teach and preach the next day.

### Westminster Bible Class

Join us in the Parlor for *The Present Word* using Genesis. Today: “God Preserves a Remnant” based on Genesis 45:3-15. Kent Wolfe, 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 in February

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

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 on February 12 & 19, in the Lounge. Copies of the letter/essay will be available in the Garden Room and 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

### WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

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

*5:45 -6:30 pm in Cole Hall*

*January 18: Ham & Potato casserole, salad & dessert  
\$3 children, ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 adults; \$14 max/family*

### WEDNESDAY EVENING CIVILITY

On Wednesday evenings, at 6:30 pm in the Lounge, let's get together to read and discuss *In Defense of Civility*, by James Calvin Davis. Davis writes, "I believe that religion can participate-perhaps even lead-in the rejuvenation of healthier public conversation." Davis is Associate Professor of Religion at Middlebury College and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Books are available through our Adult Ed ministry for \$5.00. Bob Snell will moderate these one hour discussions immediately following our WOW dinner.

### 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.

### 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. The “first serve” will be on February 1. 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).

### 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., Dr. Andrew McDonald will lead a Bible study.