



# SECOND CENTURY MESSENGER

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## Outsiders and Insiders

Steve Jobs, the computer genius who founded Apple Computer, said one of the most important set of words ever conceived was, “Let me tell you a story...” The act of intuition and imagination, was key to Steve Job’s vision. He put imagination together with an engineer’s rational awareness of the world, and it gave him a practical wisdom that guided him. Rationality alone is not enough. Our wisdom is guided by our stories.

For people of faith, the wisdom of our stories is not obvious or immediate. In fact, we need patience and discipline to take us to that a revelation. There comes a time – even a moment – of transformation. Our experience is that before this moment, I was an outsider. Then something happened, and I became an insider.

It happens as we read the Bible. We pick up this thick book, and read its confusing stories. The stories appear about ancient people who are very distant from us. The difficulty of their characters’ actions, the language of the stories, and their logic are disconcerting. Yet something sticks in our minds from these stories. We remember bits and pieces. A lingering, even haunting, memory sticks to us from these obtuse stories.

Then, in the midst of the events of our lives, something happens. Suddenly the story makes a connection. We look at the same biblical story again, and it is no longer “their story, back then.” It becomes “our story, my story, here and now.” We move from outsiders to insiders.

Then wisdom begins to take shape in us. The more we learn of the stories, the more we are given a compelling framework for living. Life takes on more meaning and depth. Life takes on more passion. We see, as if for the first time, our place in history and the nature of the world. It evokes a sense of joy and undying hope.

Our worship each year is a big cycle of stories. We start with Jesus birth. We end, past the resurrection, to his reign on heaven and earth. In between, it’s all about the stories that, as we hear them again, and open ourselves to them, give us wisdom.

I look forward to sharing that experience, each week in worship, where the Holy Spirit speaks. Beyond my words in the sermon, beyond the choir’s words in the anthem, beyond the Scripture’s words, there is more. I look forward to that revelation of the Holy Spirit, speaking to each of us, telling us you are not an outsider – you are an insider. This is your story. Now is your time to live -- in the light, love, grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

Andrew McDonald

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## ADULT EDUCATION AT WESTMINSTER

**The Birth of Jesus: A Twice Told Tale.** November 6 through December 18. Every Christmas, we remember with joy, thanksgiving, and hope... the birth of Jesus. But which story of that birth do we remember? The Gospel of Matthew has its version; and the Gospel of Luke has its version. The same good news, but told differently. Each a gospel in miniature; perhaps neither complete without the other. Join us as Bob Snell leads us through these two compelling, life-giving narratives

**Looking ahead to 2012:** In January, we'll continue the tradition of community conversations with Lincoln's leaders with an emphasis on Civility in Public Discourse. A special weekend event on January 29th will include James Calvin Davis, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Middlebury College and author of the book, *In Defense of Civility*. Mark your calendars now and watch future issues of "The Messenger" for details.

### WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS

*Sundays, 9:00 a.m.—Parlor*

Westminster Bible Class continues to study Christian Wisdom Literature, using "The Present Word" as their guide and referencing the Bible from the book of Matthew and Jesus teaching us about wisdom.

Nov. 6: "Forgiving as God's People"  
Matt. 5:17-26 **Rev. Ellen Davis**

Nov. 13: "Loving as God's People"  
Matt. 5:43-48 **Rev Ellen Davis**

Nov. 20: "Praying as God's People"  
Matt. 6:5-15 **Bill North**

Nov. 27: "Facing Life without Worry"  
Matt. 6:25-34 **Rev. Don Marsh**

### AN UPDATE FROM THE CROSSROADS CLASS

Hello from Crossroads! This small group of young adults (post-college to 40-ish) continues to study, grow, and learn together...and stay active in the life of Westminster. A few highlights from the fall include:

Completion of the **Seven Deadly Sins and their Corresponding Virtues**, sponsored by the Small Group Ministry.

Celebrated the fall season by having a **Crossroads Family Potluck Lunch** after church in early October, and invited several young adults and their families who are not active members of our class to join.

Participated in the **Day of Discipleship**, sponsored by the Outreach Ministry, on October 15. Hosted a trunk in the **Spooktacular Trunk or Treat** at the end of October.

Several of us attended (and enjoyed!) the October **Ladies Night Out** event at Marz Bar.

Looking ahead to the rest of 2011, we plan to study the lessons of Rev. Doug Wysockey-Johnson's "Call Waiting" seminar. We also plan to take part in a study leading into the holidays about the "Culture of Consumerism." Finally, we will participate in the St. Nick Project and complete an Advent study.

We cordially invite any and all young adults to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the library for study and friendship. We promise to have a full pot of coffee! If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Baltensperger or Maggie Stuckey. See you at Crossroads!

## FAITH VILLAGE

*(K-5th grade)*  
**9:00 and 10:45 am**



### Memory verse:

“The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7b

Faith Villagers begin each morning in their class groups. Please watch the board at the base of the stairs for each classes' location. We will wrap up our learning time with a few songs and a chance to thank God for our blessings with an offering. Offering envelopes are available in Faith Village for kids to take home. Parents are encouraged to help their children make

this a regular part of their Sunday morning routine.

Regular attendance at church and Sunday school are very important for children as they are creating the building blocks of their faith. Regular attendance creates a feeling of comfort, routine, and lasting friendships. Faith Villagers with perfect attendance will be recognized at the end of each month.

During November, villagers will explore the story of David, The Boy. God used the gifts of the boy David to accomplish God's purposes. God can use our gifts in the same way. Through interactive workshops, children will have the opportunity to:

1. Learn and retell the boyhood stories of David;
2. Recognize that the stories of David are found in the Book of First Samuel in the Old Testament;
3. Realize that God saw something special in David that no one else could see;
4. Identify stories from David's childhood that reveal the characteristics that helped him become a great king;
5. Discover that everyone has God-given gifts, and that God cares more about what is on the inside than how we appear on the outside;
6. Study ways God uses ordinary men and women to accomplish God's work in the world.

### **Kindergarten of Eden (preschool age)**

**Room #210 10:45 am.**

Using the Wee Believe curriculum, nurturing adults will help children build a foundational understanding of God's love for them. In November the children will be exploring the stories of Joseph through songs, group time, and creative activities.

An offering for the Food Pantry will be collected each week and children are encouraged to bring non-perishable items.

### **Volunteer Update:**



If you have been considering using some of your time and talents to help lead the children on their journey of faith, YOU ARE IN LUCK! There are still a few openings for Prophets in Faith Village throughout the year. Contact Betsy for more information: [Betsy@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:Betsy@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402 475-6702

**Reminders:** Westminster Church will be closed November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. Deadline for December Messenger will be November 15.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** -in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**  
**"FOLLOW THE STAR"**

**The Scripture Reading and Christmas Carols  
 from the world.**

Children will lead the Christmas pageant on December 18<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:30 worship service. This year's musical is based on the Gospel according to Luke 1:26 - 2:20 and Matthew 2: 1 - 12. The congregation will join in singing the carols. Yes, you will be involved in the pageant. Let's welcome the Baby with our hearts and voices together!

The children's pageant rehearsal has begun! Anyone age 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to join the rehearsal. Dress rehearsals will be December 14<sup>th</sup> (during the choir time) and December 17<sup>th</sup> (9:00-11:30 am). If you would like to share your skill at building sets and making costumes, please let us know, msako@westminsterlincoln.org or call (402) 475-6702 x111. We will need help especially for costuming children on the dress rehearsal day and the musical day.

**Wed, November 23** No Choirs or Handbell Choirs. Have a great Thanksgiving Celebration with your family!

**Christmas Special Music:**  
**JOIN THE CHOIR TO SING**  
**"GLORIA in D Major" RV589**  
**by Antonio Vivaldi with the**  
**Summit String Quartet**

Enjoy this delightful Christmas music. Anyone who is 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up is invited to sing this special music. The rehearsals begin November 2<sup>nd</sup> during Westminster Choir rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm. Join us in singing these exciting, powerful songs! Summit String Quartet is funded by Rae Hamilton.



**CRAFT SALES at "C" is  
 for CHRISTMAS**  
**November 27.**

Westminster's annual fellowship event includes Chili Fest, Advent Craft (children making crafts), Christmas Carol singing and Craft Sales. There are only three booths left for Craft sales. If you would like to share your craft, arts, knitting, jewelry, baked goods, etc, contact the church at (402) 475-6702 or marge@westminsterlincoln.org or Masako at msako@westminsterlincoln.org or for the details. The booth space is \$10. (The fee will be used to cover necessities for this event.) All other profit is yours.

**Christmas Eve at Westminster**

- 3 pm Youth Ensemble
- 5 pm All Children's choirs, Youth Bell, Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass
- 7 pm Band (contemporary style worship)
- 9 pm Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass, Westminster Choir, Westminster Carillon

**SING "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" -**

We will be singing Händel's "Hallelujah Chorus." at the end of the worship service on December 13. Meet at 10:00 am in the sanctuary to warm-up together. "Hallelujah Chorus" will be the Choral Response for the day.

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## JOURNEYING TOGETHER

### *A New Member Class*

Have you been thinking about joining Westminster? When you saw the new members join on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, did you picture yourself or a friend joining in the future? If you are considering membership, please speak with Tiffany.

Future *Journeying Together* classes are listed below. Each class is three weeks in length, with members joining during 10:30 am worship on the final Sunday. Please let us know if you are interested in registering for future classes.

November 6, 13 & 20    February 5, 12 & 19  
April 15, 22 & 29

## WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

**AJ and Lisa Elgert** are parents of a daughter Presley, who is 2 months old. Lisa is a HR Coordinator for Olsson Associates.

**Dara Peters** is a substitute teacher. She and her husband Bradley have a son Lennon. Dara enjoys teaching and spending time with family.

**Robyn Uelele** is a stay at home mom. Her daughter Liz is a member of Westminster's confirmation class. Robyn enjoys Big 10 football and her children's sport activities.

**Larry Wieskamp** is a retired medical technician. He enjoys bowling, fishing, antique shopping and movies.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Circle 1** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9:30 am  
Church Lounge  
Marge Young 402-327-8190
- Circle 3** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 10:00 am  
Rae Hamilton 402-467-0236
- Circle 4** Monday, Nov. 7, 7:00 pm  
June Blatt's home 402-489-3055
- Circle 5** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 10:00 am  
Church Lounge  
Pat Beams 402-423-2956
- Circle 6** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:00 pm  
Church Library  
Ashley Lammers 402-477-0706

The Mission Sewing group will not meet again until January 25th at 1:00 p.m. Questions? Please contact Jane Grabenstein-Chandler at 402-483-6533 or Martha McLeod at 1-402-792-2774.

## WESTMINSTER MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS



Many good things happen at Westminster. One of the best happens every Tuesday morning when a splendid bunch of Westminster men get together for food, fellowship, and learning. A Continental Breakfast is available at 6:35 a.m. (only \$2 and FREE for First Timers); the program follows at 7:00; dismissal is by 8:00. Here is the November lineup:

- November 1:** Bible Study - Rev. Bob Snell  
**November 8:** "Teach a Kid to Fish" - Dr. Karla Lester  
**November 15:** Bible Study - Rev. Ellen Davis  
**November 22:** Crown Financial Ministries  
"The Gideons" - John Neuberger  
**November 29:** "WPA Depression Art" Sharon Kennedy  
Curator of Cultural and Civic Engagement, Sheldon Museum of Art

All Westminster men, regardless of age or previous condition of servitude, are cordially invited to come be a part of this good happening. It's a GREAT way to start a Tuesday. Come!

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## LIFETIME MINISTRY EVENTS

### LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch invites guests to join them for Mexican food at 12:30 pm on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. The luncheon will be at the El Toro Restaurant in the northeast corner of the Van Dorn Shopping Center, 48<sup>th</sup> and Van Dorn.

Need a ride: contact the church office, (402) 475-6702, by Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. This group is for both men and women;

### WESTMINSTER CLUB

Because of Thanksgiving, Westminster Club will meet on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather in Cole Hall at 5:30 pm for punch and fellowship with a catered dinner to follow. We are in for a musical treat presented by the Swing Choir of Southeast High School.

If you have not been contacted by a caller, a reservation can be made by calling the church office (402) 475-6702 by Friday, November 11. Hope to see you there!

### PRAIRIE READERS -

Geraldine Brooks's newest book, *Caleb's Crossing*, is a first person narrative told by Bethia Mayfield regarding life in the 1660's. Bethia is the intelligent daughter of a Puritan pastor who had broken away from John Winthrop's Massachusetts Bay Colony and settled on Martha's Vineyard. Weston Crofford will be the leader for the **November 16** meeting at 1 pm in the parlor.

For most of the story, Bethia's struggles are internal as she realizes she is transgressing her religious communities' boundaries with her natural ability to learn and use languages and joy in exploring the island. Her accidental meeting with a young Wampanoag Native American who she renames Caleb, and their friendship gives the author a means to contrast the societies involved.

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## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

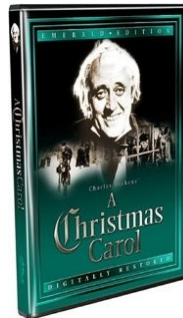
Following up on our sermon series on World Religions, our Adult Ed series on Engaging Islam, and our denomination's commitment "to know and befriend [our] Muslim neighbors," we have continued to meet with members of Lincoln's Muslim community to explore possibilities for our two communities getting together in the interest of hospitality, fostering understanding, developing relationships, building community, and mutual encouragement.

For example, we have talked about small groups from our two communities getting together over a period of months for food, fellowship, and conversation; a joint tree-planting project on Arbor Day or Earth Day; hosting a fellowship dinner of Abrahamic traditions that would include Muslims, Jews, and Christians; a discovery tour of Turkey; and more. If you are interested in such efforts, either in terms of planning, leading, or participating, please talk to Bob Snell, call him at the church or email at [bob@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:bob@westminsterlincoln.org).

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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCROOGE



Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is a much beloved Christmas classic. We all know the story well. Yet it is easily possible for our long familiarity with the broad strokes to obscure the fine details that made it a classic in the first place. What is the gospel Dickens proclaims and how does he proclaim it? Does the church's understanding of gospel even apply? Let's re-read this perennial favorite together and discuss it over four Wednesdays in Advent (*Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, & 21*). Perhaps it will help us, too, awaken on Christmas morning and "chuckle till we cry." We'll meet in the lounge from 6:30-7:30 pm, right after WOW's Wednesday night dinner. Copies of the book will be available free of charge at our first meeting. Bob Snell will lead our discussion.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

**Births:** Congratulations on the birth of Oliver Charles, born September 24, to Maddie and Doug Foral; grandparents Nancy and Jim Hlava; Graeme Michael, born October 16, to Beth and Glenn Papalardo; grandparents Sharon and Dan Wherry; Saige Danielle born October 23, to Megan and Scott Witt.

**Bereavement:** Comfort for the family and friends of Dorothy Kingery who died on October 5.

## FOUNDATION BIRTHDAY CLUB



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

Ken Daniels	Patty Olson
Martha Dennis	Marilyn Palmer
Dee Edwards	Jane Spence Peters
Rachael Hamilton	Bill Roper
Jean Hendry-Wedner	Ray Stevens
Katie McLeese	Ron Wachter
Stephenson	Lyle Young



It is one of the quiet but very powerful ministries at Westminster. The AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY sets up lighting and sound for worship, records worship services for the church archives, and edits the recordings for broadcasting the services on TV. For some people, TV is the only way to worship. Westminster recently installed a new system which simplified some maneuvers. Chris Pultz and Todd Eno have been serving in this ministry. They will help you master the system. "Running sound is not any more complicated than simple computer operation."

At the end of this year, Todd Eno is resigning after 14 years of his service. We are looking for 6 people to take a turn. We need one person for the audio and another for the camera. It would be great to have two people for per service. Please consider being a part of this ministry. Once you are trained, there is a 'paid' service for weddings and funerals. Wouldn't it be great to attain this skill to spread the Good News? We urge you to consider to 'jump in' to this ministry.

## Soul Connections

A time to *Relax...Renew...Rejoice!* is being planned again for women of all ages and faiths at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Mark your calendars for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Westminster Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. This year we will explore *Soul Connections* thru inspiring and informative workshops, uplifting worship, time for reflection, fellowship, and a delicious lunch.



As participants of last year's retreat will attest, this day is a refreshing "treat" after the holidays and something you will want to share with the special women in your life.

If you would like to help behind the scenes for this event, and have fun with committee friends along the way, contact Retreat Chairperson, Lori Howell at (402) 423-7489.

More details about our workshop topics and registration information will be included in the November *Messenger*. Event registration will begin in early December.



## CHRISTMAS GREENS

will be ready to pick up on Sunday, November 27th. If you forgot to place an order, there will be a few items available to purchase at that time.

### Changes for Westminster's Food Pantry

The holiday season is fast approaching and we hope that you will remember your Westminster Food Pantry when you are shopping. We will be undergoing many changes. For many years, we were able to purchase many food items for just 14 cents a pound at the Lincoln Food Bank. That was a terrific savings for us, but due to changes, we are no longer able to provide food at such little cost. At this time, we must rely on your generosity and prayers that our pantry can still provide food to the City Mission every week.

The pantry packs boxes for six families, but the need is so great that any family can receive a food box every other month. Our hope is that everyone can increase their donations of food.

If you prefer to give monetary donations, please be sure to put *Westminster Food Pantry* on the bottom of your check. Food that is not received from the congregation will be purchased from Ideal Grocery Store. They are willing to give us a discount and deliver to our door.

We have changed the list so perhaps you can cut it out and take it shopping with you. Your Westminster Pantry provides a wonderful service and outreach to our community. Thanks for your wonderful support and help. Hank and Nora Hinrichs

Toilet Tissue	Rice
Jello	Noodles
Syrup	Macaroni & Cheese
Pancake mix	Spaghetti sauce
Hand soap	Tuna or salmon
Dry cereal	Chili
Oatmeal	Fruit
Cooking oil	Fruit Juice
Sugar	Vegetables
Soda crackers	Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter	Soup
Spaghettios	Potato flakes
Spaghetti	



### Share the Reason for the Season – Crèche Display

To honor the spirit of the Christmas season, we are inviting people to share their family Crèche on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Delicate Crèches will be placed safely out of arms reach for our youngest children of Christ; more durable Crèches will be displayed to be seen and touched.

Crèches can be delivered to the church from November 27-December 2; they will be safely stored until the display is set up on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, they will be available for viewing.

To share your Crèche, email Cathy Hershberger [glclhusker@yahoo.com](mailto:glclhusker@yahoo.com) or Masako Bacon [masako@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:masako@westminsterlincoln.org)

Thank you for sharing your family's special display with the congregation and guests we will host on December 4.



Thank you Westminster for Believing in “St. Nick”!  
25 years of giving and over 10,000 receiving.

‘Dream it-Do it!’ And then, do it again—for 25 years!

‘St. Nick’ was presented to the Social Concerns committee at Westminster in 1987, as a response to the devastating farm crisis with high interest rates, hail storms, and areas of drought. Farm families across the state lost farms and crops, placing them in the unfortunate situation of poverty. Families who previously assisted neighbors were now reluctantly seeking food and assistance at various food banks.

‘St. Nick’ was created 1) to identify these rural families, 2) provide Christmas gifts to parents and children, and 3) educate our congregation on the unique circumstances of poverty in rural Nebraska.

- 1) With the help of Joanne Komenda, who previously worked for the Nebraska Food Banks, state-wide Community Action agencies which house food pantries, were able to provide names of families (fictitious names for confidentiality), Caseworkers submitted names of the most in need. Caseworkers over the years, have provided names of 10,076 people who received gifts from Westminster.
- 2) Once selected, the family submitted three gift choices for each family member. Parents have consistently requested basics. Warm clothes, shoes, socks, and blankets. Yes, Barbie is still on the list! St. Nick always finds toys for the children even if they’re not on the list! Food, laundry detergent and gas cards are often requested by parents. Towels, silverware and cookware are mom’s choices, which of course are for the family too. Thousands and thousands of gifts have been delivered to 157 small communities across the state. Each year, nearly 200 Westminster families answer the call from “St. Nick” to purchase just the right gift for these families. Members purchase gifts, provide financial assistance, bring in gift wrap, stocking stuffers for adults and children, and of course help wrap the parent’s gifts at the wrapping party. (Gift wrap is provided for the children’s gifts, but they’re left unwrapped for parents to see and give as they choose.)
- 3) One of the primary purposes of “St. Nick” was to educate ourselves about circumstance of poverty in rural Nebraska. Caseworkers are asked to provide a brief history of the family explaining their situation, allowing us to have a more personal perspective. The problems existing today remain as they were in 1987. Self-employed farmers without insurance as well as the seasonal and part time workers. High fuel costs to heat drafty farmhouses and below standard housing, as well as the need to drive long distances to find employment. Illness whether an adult or child, has devastating effects on the entire family, emotionally and financially. Many live miles from Omaha and Lincoln treatment centers. Family members have been in accidents, homes have burned, and women and children abused. Over the years, we have received thank you notes from some of the families. They often express their gratitude that some unknown “St. Nick” brought such joy and hope at such a difficult time in their lives. It’s the unspoken sharing of God’s love.

Here we are twenty-five years later. Member’s children from years ago, remember shopping with their parents for a ‘St. Nick’ family when they were young and want to share the experience with their children! We hope you will join the Westminster Christmas tradition and sign up in the Garden Room this November.

Thank you Westminster for believing in ‘St. Nick’!

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## Westminster Presbyterian Slate of Officers

The following members have been nominated for office at Westminster. Voting will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:30 worship on November 20, 2011.

### SESSION

Carol Campbell  
Jud Douglas  
Daniel McCollough (yth)  
Gail McNair  
Ray Stevens  
Deb Van Dyke-Reis  
Carol Walbrecht  
Shalla Young  
Scott Nelson (2 yr)  
Hans Zander (yth)

### DEACONS

Matt Anderson (yth)  
Nancy Delgado (2 yr)  
Jane Grabenstein-Chandler  
Lois Katt  
Martha Kingsbury  
Carolyn McCall  
Trinity McDonald (yth)  
Karen Olson  
Sarah Parker  
Ed Plander  
Jeanne Plander  
Caroline Schainost  
Barbara Schliesser  
Willie Shafer  
Matt Walker

### USHERS

Barbara Arunski  
Tom Champoux  
Amy Clare  
Wendi Coffman (2 yr)  
Blythe Guyer (yth)  
Shane Guyer (1 yr)  
Susan Jackson  
Jon Jackson  
Jill Johnson  
Emily Killham  
Owen Killham  
Brian Lammers  
Hunter Maude (yth)  
Brittney Nelson (yth)  
Linda Peterson  
Peggy Rassmussen  
Mike Rassmussen  
Kiann Ridgeway  
Robyn Uebele

### NOMINATING

Jane Allman  
Arlen Beam  
Beth Hamilton  
Sue Shamblin

### FOUNDATION

Lillie Larsen  
Jim Nissen



### **The GFWC Heritage League Woman's Club**

will celebrate its 39th annual Holiday of Trees fundraising event again this year at Westminster on December 1st and 2nd from 10 am to 8 pm. The ticket price to attend the event is \$1.00 for those over the age of 8 and may be purchased at the door, or from a Heritage League member. There will be twenty five beautifully decorated trees as well as a Coffee House for lunch or dinner, a Boutique, a Pantry with home baked goods, and Attic Treasures with gently used items, and a Raffle for a bicycle or a gourmet food basket. Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus will visit. Ticket proceeds from this year's event will be given to the Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska's Hilltop House Campaign. Westminster's Preschool will again decorate a tree. Co-chairs for this year's events are Janice Crewdson, Joyce Genoways and Donna Hilton.

# November 2011 Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>6</b> 8:00 am Worship Service St. Nick Sign-up Adult Education Sunday School Confirmation Class Worship Service 10:45 am Sunday School 11:30 am New Member Class</p>	<p><b>7</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Chapel Chat 1:00 pm Chapel Chat 6:00 pm Preschool Staff Mtg 7:00 pm Recovery Group</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:45 am Men's Fellowship 11:00 am Chapel Chat 12:00 pm OA 1:00 pm Chapel Chat 4:30 pm Personnel Comm. 5:00 pm Adult Ed. Ministry 6:00 pm Outreach Min. PS Parent Adv. Admin &amp; Planning 7:00 pm Deacons meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30 am Circle 1 5:00 pm Youth Bells 5:45 pm WOW Dinner 6:20 pm Carillon 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Salt &amp; Light 7:00 pm Women of Faith 7:30 pm Westminster Choir ACOA</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 am Koop Group 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30 am Strong Fathers</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00 am PEO Chapter Presidents' Meeting</p>
<p><b>13</b> 8:00 am Worship Service St. Nick Sign-up Adult Education New Member Class Sunday School Confirmation Class 10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Chapel Chat 1:00 pm Chapel Chat 4:30 pm Member Care Min. 5:00 pm Stewardship Comm. 5:30 pm YAYA Worship &amp; Music Min Children &amp; Families 6:00 pm Small Group Min Building &amp; Grounds 6:30 pm New Member Min</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:45 am Men's Fellowship 10:00 am PW Circle 5 11:00 am Chapel Chat 12:00 pm OA 1:00 pm Chapel Chat 4:30 pm Budget &amp; Finance</p>	<p><b>9</b> 5:00 pm Youth Bells 5:45 pm WOW Dinner 6:20 pm Carillon 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Salt &amp; Light 7:30 pm Westminster Choir ACOA</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 am Koop Group 9:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30 am Strong Fathers</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
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### **First Annual Day of Discipleship A Huge Success!!**

On October 15, over 101 volunteers from Westminster and around the community, went out to the Friendship Home, Fresh Start, CEDARS Youth Services, Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity, and the Good Neighbor Center to help with special projects! Because of the efforts of so many, the Friendship Home has a beautiful and well-lit children's area (including a Winnie the Pooh mural); Fresh Start has a brightened outdoor area, donations organized and sorted,



bed frames installed, and floors repaired; the TLC moms at CEDARS have a newly painted dining room, living room, and recreation center for pregnant teens, moms and their children; almost 12,000 nutritious packages of food were put together at Kids Against Hunger for children around the world, a family will have a new foundation for their new home through Habitat for Humanity; and the Good Neighbor Center has newly painted rooms for their clients.

Thank you to all who participated and made this a truly meaningful experience! We were overwhelmed by the response from this wonderful day, and people are asking - when/how can we volunteer again?! Stay tuned for more opportunities through Mission Outreach at Westminster!

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, **November 20, 2011** immediately following the 10:30 worship. The agenda includes the nomination and election of officers and the Annual Corporation Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.