

WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

*Join your friends at WOW
for Dinner, Fellowship and More!
5:45 -6:30 pm in Cole Hall*

11/30 Menu: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, rolls, corn, jello cake
\$3 children, ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 adults; \$14 max/family

KNIT TOGETHER

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.

BEGINNING THIS WEEK AT WOW

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCROOGE



Dickens' A Christmas Carol is a much beloved Christmas classic. We all know the story well. Let's re-read this perennial favorite and discuss it over four Wednesdays in Advent (**Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, & 21**). It will help us, too, awaken on Christmas morning and "chuckle till we cry." In the lounge from **6:30-7:30 p.m.**, after WOW's night dinner. Copies of the book available free of charge. Rev. Bob Snell will lead our discussion.

PANTRY CHALLENGE

Circle 4 challenges you to provide food for a week's food for People's City Mission. We pack for 3 families of 2, 2 families of 3 and 1 family of 4. Is your group up to the challenge?

MILITARY MINISTRY PROGRAM

Join us on Wednesday, November 30th for Service & Family, an evening for military members, veterans, and their families to find support and connection in the Westminster congregation. Invite a military friend or family from the community who may also benefit from the evening. Program will include a presentation by Danielle Sodergren, Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska. Time for questions, answers, and desired future programs. In the Parlor from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Come early for the WOW dinner; child care is available.

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Remember in prayer

Births: Grant John born November 16 to Katherine Gregg & James Mussman; grandparents Freda & Michael Gregg; great grandmother Willa Mussman. Bereavement: Comfort to Barb Sahling's family on the passing of her father, Clint.

USHERS: Wayne Beams, Tim Gergen, Faye Moulton, Barb Arunski, Lee Darnell, Steve Teget, Diana Wild, Katie/Walker Zulkoski
DEACONS: Bryan /Grace Willnerd, Shelly Kuzma, Mark /Vicki Davis, Sandi Larson, Jaraka Berringer
GREETERS: Ernie Hines/Kent Jagers
HOSTS: Rex & Wilma Messersmith/Larry & Judy Ehlers
ACOLYTES: Sidda Pultz/ Kaylee Eigsti

CHURCH SACRAMENTS The next communion will be January 1, 2012. Baptism will be December 11th.

You are invited to join in a time of hospitality and fellowship before and after 10:30 a.m. worship. Refreshments are provided in the Garden Room.



10:30 Worship - Televised 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..."*

November 27, 2011

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

THE BIRTH OF JESUS: A TWICE TOLD TALE

Every Christmas, we remember with joy, thanksgiving, and hope the birth of Jesus. But which story of that birth do we remember? Matthew has its version and Luke has its version. The same good news, but told differently. Join us as Rev. Bob Snell leads us through two compelling narratives.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS

PARLOR

Join Westminster Bible Class in the Parlor for *The Present Word* using Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Matthew. Today: "Facing Life with Worry" based on Matthew 6:25-34. Rev. Don Marsh, leader.

CROSSROADS

LIBRARY

Young adults are invited to join the Crossroads class in the Library each Sunday at 9 am. We are studying Rev. Doug Wysocky-Johnson's "Call Waiting" and taking part in a study leading into the holidays about the "Culture of Consumerism." Questions? Contact Sarah Baltensperger (402-421-1608) or Maggie Stuckey (402-730-3823).

MEN'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join. Come to the Parlor each Tuesday morning for food, fellowship and learning. At 7:00 am, John Neuberger of Crown Financial Ministries will be the speaker.

OPPORTUNITIES

"How can you give a gift of hope to a family across the world?" Heifer International has developed the areas of emphasis that must be addressed if we are to end world hunger and poverty. A charitable gift, purchased from Heifer International, will provide animals and training to help families build a better future for themselves and their communities. Please join us in the Garden Room November 27th, December 4th and 11th to purchase a unique gift for your family and friends this holiday season. You can choose from goats, chickens, and more! Please help make a difference!"



REJUVENATING HEALTHY DISCOURSE

A recent editorial in the *Journal Star* began by observing that "our national discourse has devolved to an abysmal level." Our local paper is but one voice in a nationwide chorus of concern deeply troubled by this decline. What are its consequences? What can be done about it? Do we in the church have a role to play?

These are some of the questions that will be explored throughout January and into February in conjunction with our annual Community Conversations. Governor Dave Heineman and State Senator Kathy Campbell are already scheduled to be with us. Two other prominent figures from public life will also be included in the lineup. All four 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, Associate Professor of Religion at Middlebury College, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, and author of *In Defense of Civility*. James is convinced that we in 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/workshop on Saturday, January 28, and will teach and preach on the same subject the next day.

Rounding out this substantive and exciting program, Wednesday nights in January will offer group discussion of *In Defense of Civility* in dialogue with what our weekly presenters are saying. Published at \$20.00, our Adult Ed ministry will make copies of this book available for \$5.00 beginning December 11.

Another important event in our congregational life made possible by opening the windows of heaven and stepping into God's future.

CHURCH EVENTS

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Watch the Presbyterian Church ad on our website, www.westminsterlincoln.com and forward to your friends via Facebook. Help us get the word out and invite a friend to church for Vivaldi's "Gloria" by Westminster Choir and Summit String Quartet.

#3 OF 10 REASONS TO Relax, Renew, Rejoice

Ladies, how would you like to sit down with some girl friends, eat a delicious lunch, enjoy a leisurely conversation, and then leave the clean-up to an uncomplaining group of men? That's what we're going to do at *Soul Connections*, Westminster's retreat for all women, Sunday, January 14th, 8:30 to 4:00. Registration begins on December 4th.

#4 OF 10 REASONS TO Relax, Renew, Rejoice

Freud is said to have asked "What do women want?" Well, among other things, we want to savor what we already value, we want to try new things, we want to nurture our relationships, and we want to enjoy our lives. We'll do all that and more at *Soul Connections*, Westminster's retreat for all women, Saturday, January 14th, 8:30 to 4:00. Registration begins on December 4th.

LIVE INTO HOPE- WHAT IS IN YOUR CLOSET

What does it mean to live into hope? It is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick and reach out to the lonely. I opened my closet to get a winter hat and I had 20 hats. For some reason I always pick my purple Vikings hat or my red Husker hat. The other 18 hats are like new and don't get the opportunity to keep me warm. Outreach is having a drive to gather gloves, hats, and socks. Three Sunday's in December (4,11,18) we will have a collection area in the garden room. Open your closet doors and give those unused clothes an opportunity to warm others. Live into Hope and clothe the naked.