

WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

Join your friends at **WOW! 5:45 - 6:30 pm** in Cole Hall.

November 9 Menu: Homemade mac & cheese, salad, roll.

Don't forget Pie night on November 16th.

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

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. Please consider inviting a military friend or family from the community who may also benefit from the evening.

Our first night of programming will include a Service and Family presentation by Danielle Sodergren, Outreach Coordinator for Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska. A time for questions and answers and to talk about desired future programs and events will also be part of the evening.

Join us in the Parlor, from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Come early for the WOW dinner; child care available during the meeting.



An elite leadership group, the **12 Disciples**, met for the first time October 23. Imagine our delight when 14 youth responded to this call for service! Next meeting is scheduled for **today** from **10-10:25 am** in the Youth Lounge.

The twelve disciples were ordinary men whom God used in an extraordinary manner. The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples into powerful men of God who turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). May the same be said of us!



November 27 @ "C" is for Christmas

Families, groups and individuals, sign up in the Garden Room now for the Chili Cook-Off at "C" is for Christmas. Prizes given for the best chili, runner up and hottest chili.

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Serving Today:

USHERS: Cori Amend, Jefferson Davis, Lyle Hamilton, Cathy Hershberger, Greg Hershberger, Barbara Arunski, Eric Wachter, Ashley Vorhies

DEACONS: Katherine Brandenburg, Roger Van Cleave, Dallas Waggoner, Cindy Hill, Gwen Hlava, Ruthann Nohorny, Brenda Waggoner

GREETERS: David Arunski/ James Berringer

HOSTS: Ginny Rohrbaugh/Lyle & Beth Hamilton

ACOLYTES: Tyler Spicer/Noah Bauereis

CHURCH SACRAMENTS The next communion will be November 20th. Baptism will be December 11th.

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.

Visit us on the web: www.westminsterlincoln.org



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

November 6, 2011

Remember in Prayer

Bereavement: Comfort for the family of Dorothy Welchoff.

Journeying Together

Westminster is a church that is spiritually alive, broadly inclusive, and growing in mission. If you are interested in exploring membership at Westminster, **please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship today.**



New members class

Enjoy a home cooked meal while building an appetite for Westminster. Child care will be provided. Anyone is invited to attend this hour of lunching and learning about Westminster.

New member class will continue on Nov. 13th and 20th at 9 a.m.; new members will be welcomed into the congregation on November 20th

MEN'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join. Come to the Parlor each Tuesday morning for food, fellowship and learning. A Continental Breakfast is available at 6:40 am. At 7:00 am, Dr. Karla Lester will lead a study on "Teach a Kid to Fish".

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

After an exciting response to the Day of Discipleship, many of you are asking...when can I volunteer again? Kids Against Hunger is looking for additional volunteers once or twice a month to assist with packaging sessions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact their scheduler, De Tonack, dtonack@neb.rr.com, who will add you to their lists of volunteers and contact you with the list of available dates and times for volunteering! You may have the opportunity to select the time that works best for you! Thank you for all of your enthusiasm...more opportunities to come!

WESTMINSTER CLUB

The gathering will be held on **Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 p.m.** for our catered dinner and program. Following dinner, we will be entertained by the Swing Choir from Southeast High School. If you have not been called, you may make a reservation by calling the Church Office (402) 475-6702 by Friday, November 11th.



ST. NICK SIGN UP today in the garden room.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, November 20** 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.

<u>2011 Paid to Date</u>	<u>2011 Total Pledged Amount</u>	<u>% of Pledges Paid to Date</u>
\$581,660	\$761,000	76.43%
2010 at this time:		
\$533,008	\$682,159	78.14%

Adult Education

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings

THE BIRTH OF JESUS: A TWICE TOLD TALE

Beginning today and running through December 18th.

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.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS

PARLOR

Join the Westminster Bible Class in the Parlor for a study from The Present Word and using Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Matthew as references. Today's lesson, "Forgiving As God's People" based on scripture from Matthew 5:17-26. Rev. Ellen Davis will be the study leader.

CROSSROADS

LIBRARY

Young adults are invited to join the Crossroads class in the Library each Sunday at 9 am. Questions? Contact Sarah Baltensperger or Maggie Stuckey.

ART SHOW AT NEW LOCATION

The art show in celebration of the church's 105th anniversary continues in its new location in Memory Lane. Works by 44 members of the church and their families are displayed along the walls and windows and in the glass case in the Garden Room. Be sure to read the artists descriptions of their work in the book located at the beginning of the stairs. This is also where you will find contact information if you are interested in buying a piece from the artist. All sales are between the artist and buyer only.

The show will hang until November 20th. Artists must pick up their work after the 10:30 service on that day. Please contact me if you need to make other arrangements

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 p.m., 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.



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, talk to Bob Snell, email him at bob@westminsterlincoln.org, or call him at the church.

#1 OF 10 REASONS TO RELAX, RENEW, REJOICE



On January 14th, Westminster will be full of friends having a wonderful time at "Soul Connections," Westminster's second retreat for women of all ages. On January 15th, other women will be hearing about the retreat and wishing they had been there, too. Which group would you rather be part of? Registration starts on December 4th.