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Our Winter theme for 2014 is “Next Steps on Your Spiritual Journey.” We believe Jesus leads us forward, to grow in faith throughout our lives. Enjoy this newsletter filled with options for growth.

For the sermon series, James 1 says: “Count it all joy when you are tested, for testing in your faith produces steadfastness, and steadfastness, in its full effect, gives you everything.” In other words, the good life is a marriage of faith and ethics. For the next steps on our spiritual journey, we will look at important issues in faith and ethics. Jesus was the embodiment of faith and ethics. He calls us to embody the two in our lives. We engage topics that help us to examine our beliefs.

These are challenging topics for challenging times. I do not expect that everyone will agree with all that I might say. As the Presbyterian Church founding documents say, there are topics about which people of good faith may disagree. I do expect that the Holy Spirit will move among us, as we talk and live together, to help us grow as Christ’s faithful disciples. Our sermon series follows.

Ethics for Everyone:

Claiming Our Call

Responsible Faith

Stories for the Journey

Developing Christian Character

Roles and Goals

Rules for Living

To Tell the Truth

Ethical Worldwide Views and Horizons

Test Case: God’s Vision for our Life

Test Case: The National Debt

Test Case: Modern Culture

Test Case: Do the Right Thing

Test Case: Professional Ethics

Test Case: Mass Shootings

Test Case: Wikileaks

Test Case: Homosexual Marriage?

As we open ourselves to journeying together with Christ, I offer the prayer of St. Augustine:

“Enable me to know you ever more on earth so that I may know you perfectly in heaven. Enable me to love you ever more on earth, so that I may love you perfectly in heaven. In that way my joy may be great on earth, and perfect with you in heaven.”

Looking forward to the next steps on our spiritual journey,

Dr. Andrew McDonald

Senior Pastor

Remember, Celebrate, Act!

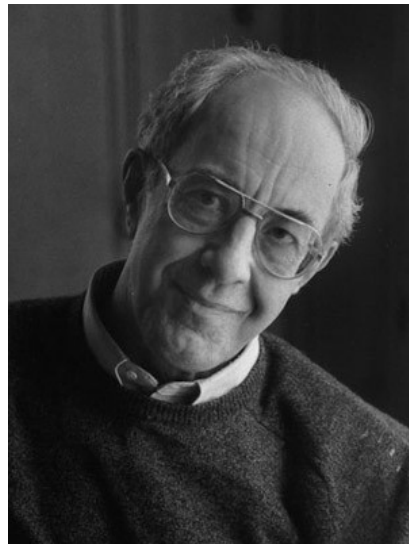
On January 17, Dr. McDonald will be delivering the keynote address at "Remember, Celebrate, Act!," an event that honors Martin Luther King Jr. and the achievements of Nebraskans who carry on his mission of equality and service. The event will take place in the Rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

A Spiritual Journey with Henri Nouwen

February Adult Education led by Senior Pastor Dr. Andrew McDonald

Spirituality had a bad reputation until a revival began in the late 1970s, significantly influenced by Henri Nouwen. Teaching at Yale, Harvard and Notre Dame, Henri's devotion, intelligence and insight made him one of the top influences on Christian life in the last half century. Dr. McDonald, who studied with Nouwen at Yale, will share insights from his spirituality as well as personal encounters with Henri. Special attention will be given to the influence of Vincent Van Gogh and Rembrandt. Also, there was one afternoon spent with Henri and Star Trek's Leonard Nimoy. Join us to think anew about your spiritual journey!

The book "Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World" by Henri Nouwen will be available to the congregation in January in the Garden Room.



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■ FOCUS: Bible

Rev. Jennifer Strickland
leads *FOCUS on the Bible*
beginning January 5

Many of us have read or heard scripture from the Bible, but do we know as much about it as we think? Join Pastor Jen for FOCUS on the Bible to find out more about Bible basics and what this special book has in store for each of us. This class is designed for adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

■ Book of Acts

Dr. Ken Moore begins his
new Monday morning
Bible study January 6 on
the book of Acts

In this study, participants will learn from the experience of the first Christians. What does it mean for us today that the Spirit of God had inaugurated a new age? In Acts we are invited to enter a life in this spiritual kingdom by faith in Jesus as Lord.

■ Book of Daniel

Rev. Jennifer Strickland
Beginning January 8, Pastor Jen will
lead a Wednesday night Bible study
at 6:30 p.m. following WOW Dinner.
All adults welcome!

VISIONS ^{FOR} 2020

new adult education begins january 5

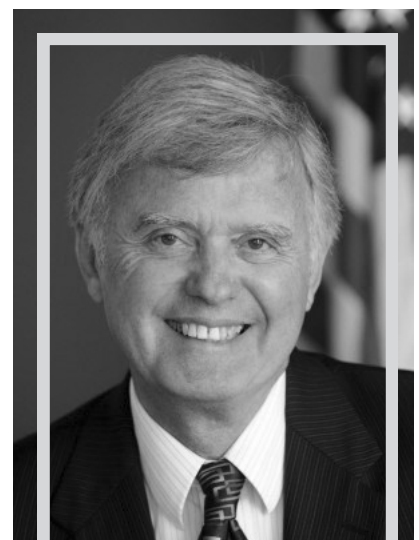
Join us Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for Community Conversations.

Guest speakers include:

January 5 Nebraska Senator Colby Coash, Lincoln, District 27
January 12 Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler
January 19 TBD
January 26 J.B. Milliken, President of the University of Nebraska



Senator Colby Coash



Mayor Chris Beutler



J.B. Milliken

4th Annual Westminster Women's Retreat



Creating Our Stories

Relax... Renew... Rejoice!

Saturday, January 11, 2014 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Women of all ages and faiths are invited to enjoy this day of renewal! Join us for keynote speaker Jody Kellas, professor of communication studies at UNL, workshops, lunch and fellowship! Want to bring a friend? Westminster members who bring a non-member guest will receive a \$5 discount on registration.

Registration (closes Jan. 5): \$30/person

Complete the registration form below and return with payment to
Westminster Presbyterian Church (attn: Cheryl Rennick) 2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68502

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a member of Westminster: Yes No

Do you have access requirements or special dietary requirements? Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail.

Would you like Childcare for children 0-4 years? Yes No

\$10 for first child; \$5 for second child; \$15 max per family

List ages and number of children.

To facilitate room layouts **please circle one session in each session group** you are considering attending, for a total of three choices out of nine sessions.

Session 1

Stories Untold/Women of the Bible
Narrative Grieving
"What Happy Women Know"

Session 2

Your Story in Art
Reformed & Always Being Reformed
"The Law of Attraction"

Session 3

Middle Chapters
Book Review
Tai Chi-Meditation in Motion

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Name(s):

Date:

Registration Fee Received: \$

Workshop Leaders & Descriptions

Keynote Speech: “Telling Y.O.U.R Story”

Jody Kellas

Humans are storytelling beings. Thus, who we are and how we make sense of ourselves, our relationships and our lives, can be understood as ongoing stories. Knowing, telling and appreciating Y.O.U.R. story is important for your well-being. The focus of “Telling Y.O.U.R. Story” will be on understanding and (re)framing your story in the context of your most treasured relationships.

Session 1

Stories Untold/Women of the Bible We Often Overlook

Rev. Jennifer Strickland

If you haven't met Shiprah or Puah, Deborah or Jael, Jephthah's daughter Tamar, Dorcas (also known as Tabitha), Priscilla or Rehab, it's time for you to discover the stories of these fascinating women of the Bible. Whether their tales depict scenes of strength, horror or ingenuity, each of them gives us insights into our faith history and asks questions of faithful women today.

Narrative Grieving

Jody Kellas

Matthew 5:4 reads, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Many of us have experienced the deep and sorrowful loss of a loved one, yet in a culture that hurries grieving and tends to be silent about death, we do not all get the opportunity to talk about our grief or losses with others. This workshop provides a place to talk about grief with others through narratives. Group members will read, write and share stories about topics related to grief such as loss and hope, life and death, and anger and love.

Book Discussion: “What Happy Women Know”

Marijane Hancock

If your job or relationships are bringing you down or you are feeling a little blue, “What Happy Women Know,” can teach you the secret to recapturing joy. If you are like most women, you are great at making sure everyone around you is happy and your own happiness is an afterthought, if thought about at all. Now it's your time to seize the satisfaction that is waiting for you. This book will show you how.

Session 2

Your Story in Art

Jana Sesow

Create a unique self portrait expressing your own special individuality through painting.

Reformed and Always Being Reformed: Reorienting Ourselves to the Word

Rev. Ellen Davis

What does it mean to be a church — a people of God — who are reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God and the call of the Holy Spirit? That question will be our starting point as we explore this “motto” of the Presbyterian Church. We will explore what it means to listen, to change and to find our home in what God has in store for us as Christians and as the Church of Jesus Christ. Where we find ourselves at the end of the workshop will be the work of the Spirit in our individual lives.

“The Law of Attraction: How We Create Our Own Lives and ‘Realize Dreams”

Jackie Storm

This workshop will contain all the Law of Attraction basics: what it is, how it works and the three step process to using it to deliberately create things we desire in our lives. With this understanding, we will also discuss how we have created the lives we currently have, giving an opportunity for us to share stories. In this workshop, we will have a very profound spiritual discussion. The simple brilliance of the Law of Attraction always makes for awesome, thought-provoking ah-ha moments and conversation!

Session 3

Middle Chapters

Laurel Van Ham

There is something freeing about looking at life as a series of chapters, some already written, some being lived, and some not even drafted. A chance to reflect and journal about the unfolding story of your life... definitely a page turner!

Book Review

Pat Leach

As Christians we feel called to care for people with experiences far different from our own. As readers, we gain a view into others' lives that help us to understand better and grow in empathy. During this workshop, we will review several books that help us see the world from others' eyes.

Tai Chi-Meditation in Motion

Tracie Foreman

This ancient practice has been modified from defensive movements to create a gentle gathering and releasing of energy of 'Chi.' Those who practice these slow, gentle forms on a regular basis become aware of a marked improvement in balance, core strength, hip flexibility and overall well-being.



Save the Date

April 6-11

Mission Trip to Moore, OK

October 11

Day of Discipleship

All In The Family:

Calvin James, son of Katie & Walker Zulkoski, and **Tristan Patrick**, son of Nicole Nichols and Scott Johnson, baptized on December 8.

Congratulations on the birth of **Hadley Rowan**, born December 4, to Beth & Kris Anderzhon; grandparents Barbara & Dave Arunski.

Comfort for the family and friends of **Dick Wood**, who died on December 2, and **Adaleen Geiger**, who died on December 10.

Foundation Birthday Club

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

Kathy Anderson
Carol Bishop
Jim Bishop
Lorraine Dougherty
Jane Grabenstein-Chandler
Marijane Hancock
John Janovy
Irvine Linch
Scott Nelson
Teri Nelson
Jean Patoka
Roger Van Cleave
Larry Wieskamp
Linda Wood
Lois Zulauf

Annual Food Drive

With the start of a new year, our Mission and Outreach Committee is looking to support an increased emphasis on mission at Westminster! Help us get off to a good start by donating to our Annual Food Drive on January 26. Grocery bags with lists of suggested items will be distributed to the congregation after worship on January 12 and 19. Let's overflow our pantry with food for the hungry in our community!

The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place is always looking for volunteers the second Friday of each month. Volunteering is a great way for friends and/or family to get together to serve others. Interested? Contact Judy Roper at judy.roper@yahoo.com.

Prescott Partners

Winter is here and as Nebraskans we know how long the cold weather can last, even in to March. Prescott Partners is still accepting donations for new or gently used coats, hats, mittens and gloves for students at Prescott School. Donations can be made in the wooden donation cabinet in the reception area. Thank you for your support in helping children keep warm this winter!



HYMN FEST

Sunday, February 23

Westminster will host Rosalind Mohnson as part of the 2014 Lincoln Organ Showcase on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m. Mohnson, the Director of Music and Organist at Immaculate Conception Church of

Malden/Medford, Massachusetts, began her career as a student of music education at the University of Nebraska, and has since earned much recognition throughout the United States. She was also selected to perform at the 2014 American Guild of Organists convention in Boston.

The Lincoln Organ Showcase, a standing committee of the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, co-sponsors concerts featuring organs in Lincoln churches and institutes of higher education. Its mission is to promote appreciation and enjoyment of the organ and its literature.

ORGAN

QUICK FACTS

- Built in 1976 by Casavant, a Canadian organ company
- Consists of 4,247 pipes
- Largest pipe is 32 feet tall
- Smallest pipe is 1/8 inch tall
- Most outstanding feature is diversity of tonal design, allowing music to be played in a range of styles from 17th century to contemporary
- Dedication concert performed by the late Marie-Claire Alain

Gathering Our HEARTS, VOICES and GIFTS!

Westminster encourages you to share your gift of music and deepen your faith in fellowship by participating in one of our musical groups.

- Choir** | Repertoire for this vocal group varies from medieval to pop
- Carillon** | Celestial sounds made through teamwork on the handbells
- Brass** | Trumpet, trombone and more
- Band** | Contemporary style consisting of guitar, bass, drums, etc.
- Recorder** | Find a recorder in your closet or borrow one at church
- Ensemble** | Strings and woodwinds

Great Influence in Church Organ Music

History Buffs

January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Boyd Bacon and Masako Nakamura Bacon will give a presentation on three composers who have been a "Great Influence in Church Organ Music." The composers are Dietrich Buxtehude, Johaan Sebastian Bach and Hugo Distler. They will review their biographies and Masako will play some of their representative pieces. Education and entertainment! All ages welcome.

Children's ACTIVITIES

Faith Village classes are a great place for children in elementary school to learn about the Bible in ways that are meaningful to them. Each month students explore a theme through workshops in cooking, art, drama, music, computers, games, science, videos and storytelling. Class sessions open with group songs, the Lord's prayer and an offering. Faith Village is every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (following the Children's Conversation at 10:30 a.m. worship). Below are our upcoming workshops. Join us!

Faith Village (K to 5th Grade)



January: JESUS IS BAPTIZED

"This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

~Matthew 3:17

Baptism is a gift from God, given to us in love. Our acceptance of that gift is our acknowledgement of God's love for us and our place in God's family. During January in Faith Village, children will hear the story of Jesus' baptism in a variety of ways so that they come to understand God's presence is with us always.

February: PEER PRESSURE

"Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and do good."

~ Hebrews 10:24

As Christians we are called to be faithful to God and to make wise choices. Sometimes a wise choice will be different from the choices others around us are making. God wants us to make good choices to help other make good choices too!

March: JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

"Truly this man was God's son."

~ Matthew 27:54

Jesus, during the last week he lived on earth, journeyed to the cross in order to show God's powerful love for us. In spite of danger, Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to teach God's message of love and forgiveness.

Kindergarten of Eden is for preschool children ages 3-5 years. Classes meet on Sunday mornings, beginning at 10:30 a.m. worship and regrouping in Room 210 at 10:45 a.m. after the Children's Conversation. Nurturing volunteers lead children utilizing the Wee Believe curriculum, classes that teach Bible-based stories of God and God's People using a wide range of activities including stories, songs, crafts and games.

Kindergarten of Eden (Preschool)

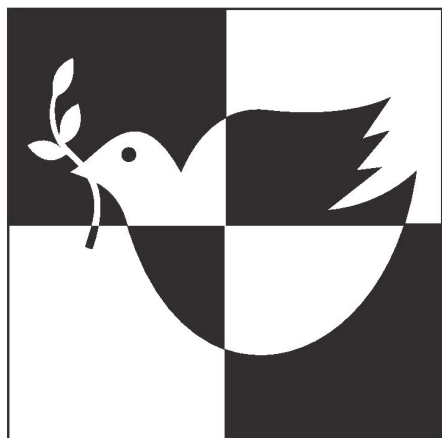
Toddler Sunday School

Toddler Sunday School is available for young ones ages 18 months to 3 years. Our leader, Jennifer McCollough, leads children in songs, stories and play each Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. following the Children's Conversation at 10:30 a.m. worship.

Nursery

Our professional nursery staff provides infants with a safe and loving place so parents can take part in worship, adult education and fellowship activities during Sunday mornings at Westminster. Care is available on the main level, across from the reception area, every Sunday from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. Infants (birth to 18 months) are cared for by adults. Swings and cribs are used, as well as toys for motor skill development. Parents and care-givers may check out a beeper to stay connected with staff.

FAITH



BUILDING BLOCKS

Faith Building Blocks helps children build a firm foundation of faith and strong sense of God's love and gives families opportunities to learn and grow in faith together. Our upcoming Faith Building Blocks events are:

Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

2 By 2: God Makes a Promise to You!

A Faith Building Block experience for second graders and a parent. The Bible story of a faithful man named Noah reminds us that God loves all creation and that God made a special covenant with Noah and all living things. Participants will explore God's love, Noah's obedience and how faithful people make choices that honor God.

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Prayer

A Faith Building Block Experience for Fifth Grade

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The Sacraments

A Faith Building Block Experience for Fourth Grade

Family Fun Night!

Westminster will host a Family Fun Night on Friday, February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join other WPC members and friends for a night of VeggieTales themed fun with crazy games, silly snacks, wacky crafts and much more!

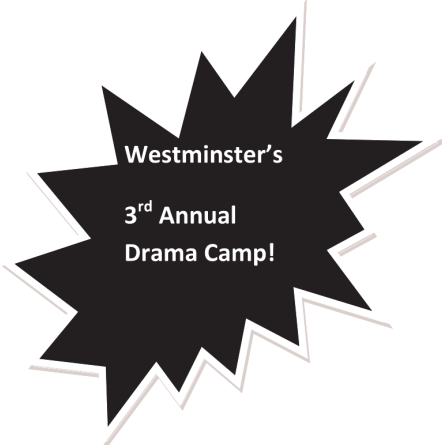
Eggstravaganza

Join us Saturday, April 10, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for crafts, games, face painting, storytime, a sing-along and, of course, an Easter Egg Hunt!



Save the Date for our Vacation Bible School!

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush and put on your creative thinking cap for "Workshop of Wonders" — our 2014 Vacation Bible School June 16-20.

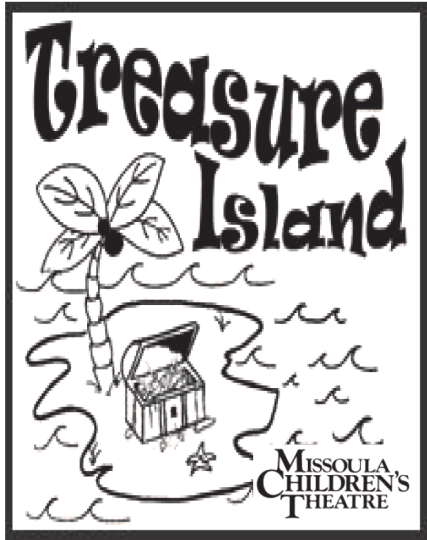


Drama Camp

Monday- Friday March 10-14

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Performances on Saturday,
March 15 at 3 & 5:30 p.m.



Uncover the buried treasure Week with
Treasure Island!

Looking for a spring break adventure for your K-8TH grader? Look no further than Westminster's 3rd annual full-week Drama Camp! This year's production, *Treasure Island*, is produced in partnership with **Missoula Children's Theatre**, the nation's largest touring children's theater group. Children will enjoy education on theater topics like characterization, music, staging, movement, and more! The week concludes with a pair of swash-buckling performances; Children will transform into your favorite characters right before your eyes!

Register with the form below for your chance to uncover the buried treasure! Space is limited! Register before March 1 for only \$125 (Late registration after March 1 is \$150, if space is available) Registration fees are nonrefundable, and include a commemorative MCT T-shirt and two complimentary tickets to the show March 15

Yes! I want to uncover the buried treasure!

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____ Address (with Zip Code) _____

Preferred Phone _____ Parent Email _____

Allergies/Special Needs (list on reverse if more space needed) _____

Emergency Contact: Name/Relationship _____ Preferred Phone _____

Please return with payment to:

Westminster Presbyterian Church;

2110 Sheridan Blvd; Lincoln, NE 68502

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Paid _____	Check# _____
Date _____	initials _____



Parent Education Workshops

Westminster Preschool presents a Parent Education Workshop the third Wednesday of each month. Open to all parents of Westminster students and the public! Upcoming topics include:

February

ASTHMA & ALLERGIES

March

CYBER SAFETY

April

WHAT TO EXPECT IN KINDERGARTEN

Registration OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 23 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for an opportunity to see our program, meet our staff, and register for our summer session as well as the 2014/2015 school year! Our program fills up quickly every year and this is a great opportunity to ensure your child's future attendance.

Westminster Preschool provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can develop spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, intellectually and culturally. Our program balances child-initiated and teacher-directed activities, with an emphasis on creativity and play.

We are licensed by the state of Nebraska, and Westminster is the only church-based preschool in Lincoln that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). We are also one of five child care programs in Lincoln approved by the National Association of Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies.

Parent's Night Out

Parents! Enjoy Valentine's Day and take advantage of Parent's Night Out! Infants through children in Grade 5 may be dropped-off at Westminster and picked-up anytime between 6:30 and 10:00 p.m. We'll provide games, movies, crafts, snacks, and even a bounce house! Sign-up by contacting Rachel at 402-475-6702 or email rachel@westminsterlincoln.org. Registrations are due Friday, February 7. Cost is \$20/child; \$10/each additional child in family. All funds will support the Youth Group's 2015 trip to Germany.

*The evening will be canceled if less than 10 children are registered.

Music for Youth

Westminster also supports multiple music programs for youth and children. Groups include:

Cherub Choir (age 3-preK)

This vocal group is process-focused teaching little children singing, rhythm and other media

Alleluia! Amen! (K-5th Grade)

This vocal group sings in worship once each month. Students learn music through singing and games.

Jr. String Ensemble (3-8 Grade)

This musical group consists of youth with various skill levels who are asked to bring their own instrument.

TGIS



Westminster High School Youth are looking forward to a busy winter and spring! All events listed below are from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

January 26

Cake Challenge

Come prepared to be your own "cake boss" and take on opponents of another team! Cakes will be donated to Matt Talbot Kitchen.

February 9

Laser Quest Cost \$10

February 23

Progressive Dinner 6-8 p.m.

*We are looking for parent volunteers to host a portion of the meal or assist a host

March 23

Movie at theaters "Noah" or "Son of God" Cost \$10

April 6

Seder Meal with Rabbi Lewis!

April 27

Service Opportunity TBD

May 11

End of Year Party

Questions? Contact Maria at 605-940-6115 or marianiech@aol.com



TGIS met on Sunday, December 8, for cookie baking. Pictured above, left to right, are Maddie Whitehead, Bailey Jex, Liz Uebele, and High School Youth Director Maria Niechwiadowicz.

Thank God I'm Saved!

Don't forget High School Youth also meet for "Thank God I'm Saved!" every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. The group will kick off the new year beginning January 5.

LEADERSHAPE

LeaderShape is taking a winter break and will resume meeting Wednesday nights in February!

WOW XL

WOW XL is our Middle School Youth group for Grades 6-8. Join us Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 for XL-sized portions of fun!

2ND Sundays

Begin January 12

Beginning Sunday, January 12, join your WPC family for a **second helping** of fellowship on the **second Sunday** of each month! All WPC friends and families are invited to enjoy a heaping plate of community and some delicious lunch too. Lunch on January 12 will feature a taco bar with hard and soft shell tacos, chips and salsa. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 children 10 and under.

Don't have second thoughts; come enjoy 2nd Sundays at Westminster!

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Westminster men will start the New Year with a great lineup of programs. A continental breakfast (only \$2 and FREE for first-timers) is available soon after 6:30 a.m. with an hour-long program beginning at 7:00 a.m.

January 7

Getting to Know You

Roger Ghormley

Westminster member

January 14

Bible Study

January 21

Leading with Spirit and Energy

Professor Donde Plowman

Dean of the College of Business, UNL

January 28

Bible Study

Rev. Ellen Davis

Westminster on Wednesdays

Each Wednesday, Westminster is a hub of activity for all ages! Join us for dinner, education, music and much more.

5:00	Youth Bells
5:45	Dinner
6:20	Westminster Carillon
6:30	Alleluia! Amen!
.....	Cherub Choir, Knit N Sit, WOW XL, Adult Education
7:30	Westminster Choir

All Youth Ski Trip

All Westminster Youth are invited to join us for a ski trip to Mt. Crescent in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on January 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Transportation provided by parent volunteers. Pricing is as follows:

Area Ticket Type	Adult 13+	Junior 12-	Rentals
Ski and Board	\$34	\$29	\$23
Tubing	\$13	\$13	-
Zibob	\$20	\$20	-

WOW Menu for January

Served Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Served with salad, fruit and dessert. \$5/adults; \$3/children; \$15 max per family

Jan. 1: No WOW

Jan. 8: Homemade Nebraska Buns, French Fries

Jan. 15: Cowboy Beans and Rice

Jan. 22: White Pizza

Jan. 29: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy



Westminster has a vibrant community of Small Groups that meet regularly to enjoy fellowship and common interests. Whether you're a current member or new to Westminster, joining a Small Group is an excellent way to make friends and grow spiritually with others in our church community. If you have questions about joining a Small Group, or would like to start one of your own, contact Small Groups Ministry Moderator Robyn Uebele at 937-935-6858.

Friendship & Fellow Interest

Barky Parky Pack

Dog lovers gather to socialize with their canine companions at Holmes Lake. Meets intermittently weather permitting.

Robyn Uebele 937-935-6858

Faith & Cancer

Cancer survivors come together for fellowship, prayer and study. Meets every third Tuesday of the month.

Janice Rohwedder 402-730-5568

Genesis to Guinness

Men of all ages join for fellowship and Biblical discussion. Meets every first and third Tuesday of the month.

Geoff Cline 402-261-9282

History Buffs

History enthusiasts meet to enjoy guest speakers and periodic field trips. Meets the second Saturday of the month.

Bruce Sheffield 402-783-0394

Knit n' Sit

Group members enjoy conversation and time to work on creative projects. Meets weekly on Wednesdays.

Francy Scheele 402-477-1102

Ladies' Night Out

Women gather for a casual evening of fellowship over after-work drinks and appetizers. Meets monthly.

Robyn Uebele 937-935-6858

Lohmen Group

Group members meet to foster broader relationship with our sister church in Lohmen, Germany. Meets intermittently throughout the year.

Tom Pappas 402-202-4454

Lunch Bunch

Members meet for fellowship over lunch. Meets the first Tuesday of the month.

Jeanne Giles 402-484-6651

Men's Tuesday Morning

Men meet for early morning fellowship and Bible study. Meets weekly on Tuesdays.

Mark Whitehead 402-488-8578

Prairie Readers

Reading enthusiasts meet to discuss selected books. Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

Faye Moulton 402-423-7608

Presbyterian Women Circles

Women meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Various groups meet monthly.

Ellen Davis 402-475-6702

Westminster Club

Group members gather for dinner, programming and fellowship. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Dal Ronnau 402-488-9672

Sports & Recreation

Campers Group

Camping enthusiasts gather to enjoy dinner, fellowship and the outdoors. Meets periodically as weather permits.

Bruce Sheffield 402-783-0394

Couple Bridge Group

Couples gather to play Marathon Bridge. Various groups meet monthly.

Jane Grabenstein-Chandler 402-483-6533

Wingin' a Prayer

Group member meet for spiritual and physical fitness. Meets intermittently throughout the year.

Betsy Guyer 402-475-6702

Mission & Discipleship

Day of Discipleship Team

Adults and youth gather for a day of volunteering at agencies throughout Lincoln. Meets annually each Fall.

Deb Van Dyke-Ries 402-435-6644

Disaster Recovery Team

Group members plan mission trips as needed to assist with disaster recovery and ministry.

Jim White 402-840-5079

The Gathering Place

Group members volunteer to serve a hot meal the second Friday of the month.

Judy Roper 402-489-1234

The Green Team

Conservation enthusiasts help raise environmental awareness among our church community. Meet periodically throughout the year.

Tom Pappas 402-202-4454

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

Members assist with all aspects of an evening meal the first Friday of each even month.

Judy Roper 402-489-1234

Mission Sewing

Seamstresses gather to sew items for distribution to local charities. Meets intermittently throughout the year.

Jane Grabenstein-Chandler 402-483-6533

Prescott Partners

Group members assist Prescott Elementary School through service and donations.

Maureen Hergert 402-423-6644

Worship & Music

Westminster Choir

Choir members share their gift of music with the congregation during Sunday worship. Meets weekly on Wednesdays.

Masako Nakamura Bacon 402-475-6702

Westminster Carillon

Carillon members perform special music through hand bells periodically at Sunday worship. Meets weekly on Wednesdays.

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Westminster Bible Class

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

January 5

Honoring the Sabbath

Luke 6:1-11

Greg Hershberger, leading

January 12

How to Live as God's People

Luke 6:17-31

Francie Knosp, leading

January 19

Jesus Teaches About Relationships

Luke 14: 7-18, 22-24

January 26

Jesus Teaches About Compassion

Luke 16:19-31

February 2

Hear and Do the Word

James 1:19-27

February 9

Treat Everyone Equally

James 2:1-13

February 16

Show Your Faith by Your Works

James 2: 14-26

February 23

Control Your Speech

James 3:1-12

Upcoming SMALL GROUPS

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' meet for cocktails and appetizers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. No RSVP required! Upcoming dates include:

Monday, January 20 Toast (570 Fallbrook Blvd. #105)

Monday, February 17 Macaroni Grill (6800 S 27th St.)

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch meets the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and conversation! Meeting places for the next three months include:

January 7 Grandmother's (6940 A Street)

February 4 Beacon Hills (5353 N 27th Street)

March 4 The Eatery (2548 S 48th Street)

Prairie Readers

Start of the New Year right with friendly conversation over a good book! All are welcome to join Prairie Readers on Wednesday, January 15, at 1:00 p.m. at Westminster. The book for the month is *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson. Led by Judy White.

Westminster Club

Westminster Club resumes Tuesday, March 25. Watch the Messenger for program details and join your Westminster friends for a great catered dinner and program. Fellowship begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and programming at 6:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1

Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Westminster Lounge

Ramona Riley (402-466-5715)

Circle 3

Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Westminster Parlor

Linda Miller (402-423-1311)

Circle 4

Monday, Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

5411 S Dove Lane

Kathy Anderson (402-430-6084)

Circle 5

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Westminster Lounge

Jane Grabenstein-Chandler
(402-483-6533)

Circle 6

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Westminster Library

Jane Hines (402-488-8302)

Mission Sewers

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Westminster Lounge

All Westminster women are invited to visit or join one of the following circles. Just call the number listed for monthly details. The 2013-2014 Bible Study, AN ABIDING HOPE: The presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy, and a Circle Directory will be available through the circle leaders.



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