



WPC member Kelly Erwin and her daughters, Isabel and Scotlyn, were a few of the many dedicated volunteers who decked out their trunks for our Spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat event on October 26! Thanks to the hard work of our Children and Families Ministry, 2014 marked another successful year of creating family fun for the community!

"C" is for Christmas

**Sunday, November 30
5:00-7:00 pm**



Gather with great anticipation on the first Sunday of Advent! On Sunday, November 30, congregation members, family and friends are invited to this party for all ages. We'll sing carols, make crafts and enjoy the robust flavors of chili in our chili cook-off!

Booth space is available for those interested in sharing handmade items or other crafts for sale. If you'd like to participate or have any other suggestions for this year's event, contact Marge Tomlinson or Masako Nakamura Bacon at (402) 475-6702.

Presbyterian Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Each Thanksgiving, Westminster partners with other Presbyterian churches in the community to host a Combined Presbyterian Thanksgiving Eve Service. Join us this year at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church (5750 S 40th Street) for a celebration of thanks through worship and song.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Rabbi Craig Lewis and the South Street Temple invite you to their annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23. The service brings people of many faiths together with a sense of shared purpose. If you would like to volunteer with ushering, setting up a reception or providing baked goods, please contact Nan Devries at ndevries@usa.net. The reception is a wonderful component of this service!

How else can I help besides buying gifts?

There are many ways to help out St. Nick and participate!

1. Provide a financial gift to the project. Simply make your check payable to Westminster and memo it "St. Nick."
2. Drop off extra stocking stuffers, gift wrap, ribbon, gift boxes and tape at the church office. Be sure to put your name on your donations so we know who to thank!
3. Come to our Gift Wrapping Party on Tuesday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. and help us wrap presents!

St. Nick

Over the past 28 years, Westminster has provided gifts for more than 11,600 people in 181 small communities across the state.

Let's keep this meaningful Westminster tradition going strong! Through the St. Nick program, Westminster members are given the opportunity to reach families in rural Nebraska who are in need, especially during the holiday season. The families who signup for St. Nick often live lives that have been affected by health issues, unemployment, abuse and other life-changing situations. Their needs are very basic and often become a reality check for those of us creating our own Christmas wish lists.

Our goal for this year is to purchase gifts for 500 people, and your participation can help us make it happen! So, how does St. Nick work?

Sign-up Register to take part in the program in the Garden Room anytime November 2 to 23. Come with an idea of how many individuals you're able to purchase gifts for.

Get to know your family A brief family history will be mailed to each participant before December 1. This will tell you a little about the family and what each individual would like for Christmas.

Go shopping This is the fun part! Be sure to drop-off your purchased (unwrapped) gifts at the church by Sunday, December 14.

Come to our Gift Wrapping Party Gifts are brought to the church unwrapped, so it's easier for us to sort what gifts are going where. With that being said, we can make use of many hands on Tuesday, December 16, when we do wrap them! We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for wrapping and lots of holiday cheer.

Smile It feels good to make someone else's Christmas special!

If you have more questions about St. Nick, contact Teri Nelson at (402) 423-0986 or Freda Gregg at (402) 423-3236.



TAKE YOUR PICK:

Lots of Options for November Adult Education

A Christian Look at Corrections

Sundays in November, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall A

November 2 — Sheldon Crapo, Nebraska State Penitentiary Chaplain

November 9 — Kim Etherton, Lancaster Adult Drug Court

November 16 — *Safer Communities at Lower Costs: How God Is Addressing Challenges of Crime through Christ-centered Community Efforts*, Bob Milligan

November 23 — Ruth Karlsson, Released & Restored

Living the Questions

Sundays in November, 9:00 a.m. Library

Rev. Jen Strickland lead this class for both seekers and lifelong churchgoers convinced of Christianity's relevance in the 21st Century. Explore the future of Christianity and what a meaningful faith looks like today.

Westminster Engages the World

Wednesdays in November, 6:30 p.m. Lounge

November 5 — WPC members who traveled to Lohmen this summer will report on their visit to our sister church in Germany, including the celebration of Lohmen's 225th anniversary and 25 years of exchange visits.

November 12 — Fair Trade commerce is explored with a presentation by Ten Thousand Villages where, for more than 60 years, handcrafted products have been sold to help eradicate poverty.

November 19 — Westminster small group Green@Heart will guide discussion on *Years of Living Dangerously*, an Emmy award-winning video about the human impact of climate change.

November 26 — No WOW. Happy Thanksgiving!

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Join Westminster for 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.

November 4

What Do You Know About the Jewish Religion?

Rabbi Craig Lewis, South Street Temple

November 11

Bible Study

Rev. Andrew McDonald

November 18

The Ministries That We Support Through the Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska

Ken Moore

November 25

Bible Study

Rev. Jennifer Strickland

Westminster Bible Class

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

November 2

God's Divine Glory Returns
Ezekial 43:1-12

November 9

The Altar, A Sign of Hope
Ezekial 43:13-21

November 16

A Transforming Stream
Ezekial 47:1, 3-12

November 23

Transformation Continued
Ezekial 47:13-23

November 30

Let Zion Rejoice
Isaiah 52:1-2, 7-12

Music Calendar

University of Nebraska—Lincoln Varsity Men's Chorus

Sunday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. worship

Dr. Pete Eklund will bring this enthusiastic, rich-sounding choir from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln to share their voices with us. The group has been invited to prestigious events and concerts, despite its status as a non-auditioned choir. Westminster is privileged to welcome them!

Combined Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Southern Heights Presbyterian Church (5750 S 40th Street) will host this year's Combined Presbyterian Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service.

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. worship

Celebrate the end of the church year with joyful music.

Advent Begins

Sunday, November 30

We prepare our hearts for Jesus to come with an ensemble of music. Special music will be performed each Sunday in Advent.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. worship

Children ages 3 through 5th grade will share the true Christmas story with Bible-based script and carols from around the world.

Congregation Sing of "Hallelujah Chorus"

Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. worship

Join in this special tradition! No steps are required to participate. Music will be provided for those who wish to sing along.

"Gloria" RV589 by Antonio Vivaldi

Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m. worship

The most well-known of Vivaldi's *Glorias*, this song includes joyful melodies and rhythms. Join Westminster Choir in singing this wonderful Christmas music. Rehearsal will take place on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary beginning November 5.

Christmas Pageant Auditions November 5

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to audition on Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210 for our upcoming Christmas Pageant. This is a rare opportunity for the children to take a leadership role in worship service, as well as learn the Bible story and lesson in a very memorable way. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. beginning November 12. Dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

No WOW Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving! Regular rehearsals resume on Wednesday, December 3.

Exploring Forgiveness in Faith Village

Preschool through 5th Grade Sunday School meets after the Children's Conversation during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Faith Village 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. (K-5th Grade) Lower Level November: Forgiveness

Through three well-known Bible stories, children will come to understand that God calls us to forgive others just as God forgives us. Through a variety of workshops children will explore these concepts:

- the Bible teaches that God forgives
- God will always forgive us of our sins when we repent
- We can ask for forgiveness when we do things that are wrong
- We can choose to forgive others
- Being able to forgive helps us live happier lives
- Forgiveness is good for our own health
- Forgiveness is necessary for good relationships with others
- We need to accept God's forgiveness and forgive ourselves when we do wrong

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Matthew 6:12

To learn this concepts, we'll enjoy the stories of Joseph and His Brothers, the Forgiving Father, and Forgive Seventy Times Seven.

Preschool Story Time 9:00 a.m. Room 210

Children will join Jennifer McCollough for a Bible Story or two, an activity and lots of community building through play.

Kindergarten of Eden 10:45 a.m. (Preschool) Room 210

Welcome to WEE Believe!

Our theme for Fall 2014 is *We Belong to God*. Young children will learn about God's love for them and that God loves them no matter what. Most of the Bible stories will be explored for two sessions. We do this so that young children have the opportunity to learn through repetition. Some stories we will cover this Fall include Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Hannah and David.



Faith Building Blocks: Signs of Faith

First graders and a parent are invited to come explore symbols, an important element of Christian faith! On Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. following WOW dinner, families will explore the meaning of these faith symbols and tour the Sanctuary and Chapel on a Symbol Scavenger Hunt.

Save-the-Date for 2015 DRAMA CAMP!

Mark your calendars for our 2015 Drama Camp Hansel and Gretel! The three- week camp will take place March 9 to 13, 2015.

Special Thanks to Our Spooktacular Donors!

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Dates Set for Youth Trip to Germany!

The dates have been set for our youth trip to Germany and it's time to reserve your space! Join us for an informational discussion of the trip, costs and potential fundraising on Sunday, November 9, at 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Feel free to grab a plate of 2nd Sunday lunch and bring it with you!



Westminster confirmands helped out at Matt Talbot Kitchen during Neighbors Helping Neighbors on October 11.

2nd Sunday Lunch

November 9 at 11:30 a.m.

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 this month will feature BBQ. \$6/adults, \$4/children 10 and under.

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

Deacon Spotlight: Willie Schafer

A Sunday volunteer driver arrives at the retirement home with his wife in their compact car. Their assignment is to pick up a couple in need of a ride to church. The male rider is over six feet tall, and both he and his wife have canes. A third passenger has a walker, and needs to ride in the front seat. So the tall man, his wife and the driver's wife have to squeeze into the back. Needless to say, it's a tight squeeze!

Although we do our best to accommodate as many of our senior members as possible, we need your help to continue this important ministry.

Please consider joining our Over the Road team, even as an occasional driver! For more information or to volunteer, contact Dan King at (402) 480-6213 or dannythek@gmail.com.



Westminster members volunteered at Kids Against Hunger as part of a Lincoln-wide outreach effort Neighbors Helping Neighbors on October 11.

Presbyterian Women

All Westminster women are invited to visit or join one of the following circles. Just call the number listed for monthly details.

Circle 3

Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 10:00 a.m.
664 Everett Street
Suzann Johnson (402-489-4940)

Circle 5

Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10:00 a.m.
Westminster Lounge
Pat Hackley (402-423-2909)

Circle 4

Monday, Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m.
3727 Chapin Circle
June Blatt (402-314-6222)

Circle 6

Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Westminster Library
Jane Hines (402-488-8302)

Prayer Request for Rev. Palmer and Family

We hold in prayer Westminster's former pastor of 25 years, the Rev. Bob Palmer and his family in the unexpected death of his son Robert. Robert passed away on September 4 from pneumonia. As his obituary says, he was a young-at-heart 57-year-old. Please keep the Palmer family in your thoughts and prayers. Robert was father to Paige and Max and step-father to Lexie, Casey and Daniel.

November Small Group Updates

Small Groups at Westminster span a wide variety of age groups and interests — there's something for everybody! Plus, starting your own Small Group is easy! For more information or a list of current Small Groups, contact Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Small Groups November Tour de Friends

Tour de Friends will continue rides into November, but due to limited daylight, will ride the first and third Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. (November 2 and 16). Keep your ride suggestions coming!

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 11:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome to join us for lunch the first Tuesday of each month. This month we'll meet at Perkins on 48th and O streets!

History Buffs

Saturday, Nov. 8 at 9:00 a.m.

This month history fans will meet at the Telephone Museum (2047 M Street) in Lincoln.

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Barbara Schliesser will facilitate discussion of "Unbroken" by Lauren Hillenbrand.

Yoga for the Soul

Monday, November 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for an hour of yoga in the sanctuary! All levels welcome. This month's class will be led by Tayna Shaw. Suggested \$5 donation.

Silver Screenings

We're still looking for individuals interested in joining our newest Small Group! If you're a movie enthusiast and want to join the conversation about the latest flicks, contact robynu2@hotmail.com to be added to the emailing list. Movie suggestions are encouraged. All ages welcome!

World on a Plate Small Group Returns for Fall!

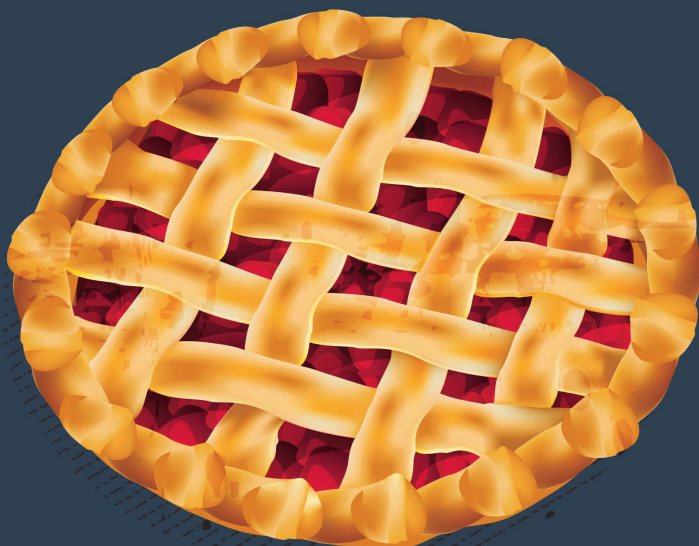
It's time to signup for World on a Plate! Join us over the next four months as we explore mission work and cuisine from around the world. We are looking for people who enjoy cooking, sitting down to a good meal, fellowship and learning about the current missionary work.

This group meets the third Friday of the month at Westminster or in participant homes. The guidelines are simple. We choose the country we want to visit (preferably countries where PCUSA has missionaries). Each member is responsible for one dish: appetizer, main entrée, side dish, desert or drink. A member or two of each group will be responsible for sharing the ongoing mission work in that country. In the spirit of mission, we will have a monetary bread basket collection that we will donate to a local food program.

In November, we will be traveling to Kenya with Greg Hershberger! Our collection will go to the Trinity Methodist Kenyan Mission. Contact Kathy Rohwedder at kathrohwa@yahoo.com or call (402) 202-9889 to get involved!

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9th annual Pie Fellowship



Remember to bring a pie to WOW Dinner on Wednesday,
November 19! We'll provide the whipped topping!

Wednesday, November 19

Westminster Preschool Fundraiser!



Speaking of pie, you can buy one to help support Westminster Preschool! This month, Westminster Preschool is partnering with Village Inn to raise money for the preschool, as well as handle your holiday baking. Order forms are available at the church office and can be returned anytime before Friday, November 21. Gift cards are \$13.50 each (good for one pie).

All in the Family

Best wishes to **Caitlin Conroy** and **Charles Schwahn Jr.** who were married on October 11.

Dylan James, son of Emily & David Downs, and **Michael Henry**, son of Sarah & Jeff Salem, were baptized on September 28. **Zoe Michele**, daughter of Katie and Stuart Martens, was baptized on October 12.

Comfort for the friends and family of **Bill Nelson** who died on September 24.

Foundation Birthday Club

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

Vicki Davis
Rachael Hamilton
Marilyn Palmer
Jane Peters
Bill Roper
Ray Stevens
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WOW!

WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAYS!

Need a night to unwind this Fall from the hustle and bustle of school activities and work meetings? Join us for WOW on Wednesday nights at Westminster! Every week, we serve a home-cooked meal from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., followed up by a fun selection of adult education, youth activities and music rehearsals. Here's our regularly scheduled lineup:

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

Adult Education Schedule

*Westminster Engages the World
(Wednesdays in October)*

Through this series we'll take a look at different ways Westminster engages with and is part of the larger world. Topics include:

November 5 — Recap of WPC members' trip to our sister church in Lohmen, Germany

November 12 — Ten Thousand Villages will share a presentation with us on fair trade

November 19 — Westminster small group Green@Heart will discuss climate change through the documentary *Years of Living Dangerously*

WOW Dinner

Come to WOW Dinner and have a delicious, nutritious, home-cooked meal complete with salad, fruit, veggies and desert. Served every Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall.

November 5: Pizza

November 12: Macaroni & Cheese

November 19: Ham and bean soup, salad and PIE!

November 26: No WOW

\$4/children ages 3-12, \$5/adults, \$16 max per family.



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Important Reminders

Thanksgiving Dinner November 6

Don't forget to RSVP for Thanksgiving Dinner! Our celebration will be on Thursday, November 6, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All reservations need to be made by Tuesday, November 4, at Noon. RSVP online at westminsterlincoln.org.

Congregation Meeting Scheduled for November 16

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, November 16, at the close of 10:30 a.m. worship. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank You from the Stewardship Committee

Thank you to everyone who brought their pledges to Consecration Sunday on October 26. If you have yet to turn in your pledge, please do so by Sunday, November 9. Pledges can be dropped-off at the church office or in the offering plate.