

News Notes

WOW XL TRANSFORMS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR YOUTH
Westminster is pleased to offer a new youth group for grades 6-8 called WOW XL! This group will meet Wednesday nights during WOW from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**; meetings will be packed with motivation, music, message, and mayhem.

WOW XL stands for “Westminster on Wednesdays, Extra Large,” but the XL also stands for “Christ Lives.” Let Christ live through you and try on WOW XL - it may be just your size! WOW XL begins **Aug. 22**. Wear clothes that can get wet and dirty to start off our year!

PRAIRIE READERS - Aug. 15

Prairie Readers will welcome Rabbi Craig Lewis and other guests from the South Street Temple to join in discussion of Alice Hoffman’s *The Dovekeepers* on **Weds., Aug. 15 at 1 p.m** in the **Parlor**. All are welcome to attend!

TRANSFORMING OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The Sanctuary’s east stained glass windows have been out for routine periodic restoration; the windows are now back - brighter, stronger, and ready to weather the next 80 years. The outside features new, stronger clear protective windows, a quarter inch thicker than before, which will make them more durable, protective, and energy efficient, ensuring maximum protection for the beautiful interior stained glass.

We are grateful for the designated gift in the Capital Campaign that made this work possible! There is significant need to restore other Sanctuary windows as well. Contact Jim Nissen, Cheryl Rennick, or Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald for more information on how *you* can help.

♪ **SUMMER CHOIR** - continues through Labor Day ♪

Everyone is invited to join, one Sunday at a time. No robes necessary! Rehearsals are held in the **Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.**, with singing at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Serving Today:

USHERS: Lyle Hamilton, Cathy Hershberger, Greg Hershberger, Sharon Johnson, Hunter Maude, Jeff Pearson, Kiann Ridgeway, Robyn Uebele, Ashley Vorhies, Ron Wachter.

DEACONS: Nancy Delgado, Jane Grabenstein-Chandler, Gwen Hlave, Lois Katt, Ruthann Nahorny, Roger Van Cleave, Dallas Waggoner.

GREETERS: Scott Nelson and Nancy Stuckey.

HOSTS: Mary Orth and Lyle and Beth Hamilton.

ACOLYTES: Morgan Hagel and Shelby Lammers.

CHURCH SACRAMENTS: Next communion will be Sept. 2.



Experience 10:30 a.m. Worship televised on local cable Channel 13: 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and 1 p.m. Saturdays.

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

VISIT AFTER WORSHIP

You are invited to a time of hospitality and fellowship in the **Garden Room** following 10:30 a.m. worship.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Robert David Hayes, by Helen and Bob Hayes.

“YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND” ON GENESIS SUNDAY - Aug. 19

The heart of our church is a dynamic community that cares. Share the gift of faith and show others how we are spiritually alive, broadly inclusive, and growing in mission - invite at least one friend to church with you on **Genesis Sunday, Aug. 19**. Sign up in the Garden Room to help us let everyone know - You’ve Got A Friend at Westminster!

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Thinking of joining Westminster? Our next new member class is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 30, following 10:30 a.m. worship. Join us for lunch and a chance to learn about Westminster. Contact **Tiffany@westminsterlincoln.org** or **Marge@westminsterlincoln.org** to sign up.

Adult Education

This Sunday at 9 a.m.:

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING, PART III

In two previous series, a hearty group of faithful souls joined in the timeless theological quest that seeks to order both authentically as well as intelligibly our words about God, which they did by gathering together on Sunday mornings to read and discuss William Placher's eminently readable *A History of Christian Theology*. We continue our journey in Part III, from the Reformation into the present. Participation earlier is not a prerequisite; all are welcome. **Bob Snell** leads discussion in the **Lounge**.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS

Join us in the **Parlor** for *The Present Word*, led by **Rev. Ellen Davis**. This week's session: "God Promised a Righteous Lord," Isaiah 9:1-7.

CROSSROADS

Crossroads is an Adult Education class specifically designed for young adults. Join us in the **Library** for discussions focusing on relating the Scriptures to modern life!

This Monday at 11 a.m.:

MATTHEW ON MONDAYS

On Mondays in August, we continue study of the Gospel According to Matthew, which might have been the most influential gospel in the early church. Now is the time to get in on the ground floor of this faith-forming adventure! New members are warmly welcomed. Join us at **11 a.m. on Mondays in the Lounge** for an hour of "listening for the word of God," led by **Bob Snell**.

This Tuesday at 7 a.m.:

MEN'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Come to the **Parlor** for food, fellowship, and education. This week, Channel 8 news anchor **Rod Fowler** presents "The Changing Nature of News in the Age of Instant Information." All men of all ages are invited to join - and bring a friend!

Coming soon! Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.:

RELIGIONLESS CHRISTIANITY???

In this year's *Christianity After Religion*, Diana Butler Bass writes, "I believe that the United States is caught up in the throes of a spiritual awakening, a period of sustained religious and political transformation during which our ways of seeing the world, understanding ourselves, and expressing faith are being, to borrow a phrase, 'born again.'" She anticipates the end of the church as we know it, but the birth of "a better way of being connected to God, Jesus, and the world." What on earth is she talking about? Let's get together and talk about it, on the first two Wednesdays of WOW, **Aug. 22 and 29**. We will read and discuss the introduction and first chapter of her book. Following the WOW meal, we will meet in the **Lounge** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**; **Bob Snell** will lead our discussion. Copies of the material are available in the Garden Room or at the reception desk.

RAISING KIDS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

In this small group book study, *Talking Back to Facebook: The Common Sense Guide to Raising Kids in the Digital Age* by James P. Steyer will offer a framework for group discussions on the effects of digital media on the social, emotional, and cognitive development of children. The book also offers specific, practical strategies for mediating the impact of media on the lives of children of all ages.

Westminster member **Chris Pultz** leads the study on **Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sept. 5 through Oct. 24**. Chris, a father of two, also leads technology staff development sessions for Lincoln Public Schools.

Mark Your Calendars!

COMING SOON: LIBRARY BOOK SALE! - Aug. 19

The annual book sale to raise funds for the Westminster library will be held on **Sunday, Aug. 19**. This year's selection includes many collectible-type books, as well as a number of encyclopedia sets. Drop off your donations in the library no later than **Wednesday, Aug. 15**.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS - Aug. 19

Plan to join us on Genesis Sunday. Grades 6-7 will transform their knowledge and bridge the connection between Faith Village and Confirmation! Grades 8-9 will transform their spirit as they grow in God and begin the process of developing a Faith Statement! Grades 10-12 will transform their sense of self and others by exploring the power of the Enneagram!

SAVE THE DATE! PARENT/CHILD IDEAS FAIR - Sept. 8

Join us for the Parent/Child Ideas Fair on **Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**! The fair includes: a keynote speech on "Transforming Family Traditions" by **Paul Ries**; workshops for adults, children, and both together; a Scholastic book fair; lunch by Raising Cane's (\$4/adults, \$2/children); and more! Registration is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

NOVEMBER WOW BOOK STUDY: *THE UGLIES*

Westminster is excited to offer a multi-generation book study for WOW evenings in November. Explore the dystopian future of Scott Westerfield's *The Uglies*, where at age 16, teens don't look forward to their driver's licenses, but instead an operation that will turn them from repellant "uglies" to in-crowd "pretties." Tally is part of this world, but her friend Shay, rather than have the operation, runs away to take her chances on the outside. The authorities offer Tally the worst choice she can imagine: turn her friend in, or never turn pretty at all. The choice she makes changes her world forever.

Copies of the book will be available at the Adult Ed table on Genesis Sunday for the reduced price of \$5. All are welcome!