

**Adult Education
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

Today: December 1

Preparing for His Coming: Introduction to Advent (FH-A)

Ernie Hines will lead this week's Adult Education class on Advent. Christianity in America will resume next Sunday, December 8.

Faith Foundations (Lounge)

Join Pastor Jen as she continues to lead this new series built around the basics of Christian theology: church, the Bible, Jesus and many other topics. The class is designed for adults in their 30s and 40s.

Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)

Gather with others for a study session from The Present Word. "Jesus' Birth Foretold," (Luke 1:26-40) led by Kent Wolfe.

Exodus on Mondays - (11:00 a.m. - Lounge)

The group will meet for its final session on Exodus this Monday, December 2, but will continue to meet throughout December for discussion and celebration of Christ's birth. Led by Dr. Ken Moore.

Men's Tuesday Fellowship (7: 00 a.m. - Parlor)

All men are invited to meet for breakfast, fellowship and education! "The History of Christmas Carols," led by Dr. Bud Tenney, with the 11th Annual Bob Rohrbaugh Memorial singing of "White Christmas."

*****If you would like to see this Sunday's worship again, it will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 at 12:30 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Saturday. Listen to the current week's sermon on KFOR (1240 AM) Sundays at 10 a.m.**

Serving Today:

Ushers: Lyle Hamilton, Cathy Hershberger, Greg Hershberger, Brian Lammers, Jeff Pearson, Kiann Ridgeway, Cory Stone and Tim Gergen

Greeters: Emily Killham and Dan Schafer

Hosts: Gwen Hlava and Van & Georgia Duling

Acolytes: Kaiden Bradley and Ansley Sothan

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

December 1, 2013

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Prepare Your Hearts! Advent is Here!

Thank you for joining us in worship this special time of year! In addition to our Sunday services, Westminster has a variety of classes, outreach opportunities and social activities for individuals of all ages. Join us in the Garden Room before and after worship for fellowship, coffee, juice and donuts.

Become a Member of Westminster!

Our "Journeying Together" class is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18. If you're interested in joining the Westminster family, contact Marge Tomlinson at 402-475-6702.

Save the Date

Upcoming Events at Westminster

For a full list of Westminster activities visit our website www.westminsterlincoln.org.

“C” is for Christmas, Today

Advent is here! Help us kick-off the holiday season with “C” is for Christmas this evening in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Holiday of Trees, December 5-6

The Heritage League will once again host its Holiday of Trees at Westminster, December 5-6 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will feature 25 beautifully decorated trees, shopping opportunities, raffles, refreshments and more! Tickets are \$1.

Westminster Choir Christmas Special Music, December 8

Join us next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. worship for “Hodie,” a special Christmas performance from our choir. The song, meaning “This Day,” was written by Randall Stroepe and announces the birth of Christ with vital rhythm and rich harmony.

Children’s Christmas Pageant, December 15

Hear the Christmas story and carols from around the world at our Children’s Christmas pageant, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. worship. Please note there will be no Faith Village or Kindergarten of Eden this day – Please enjoy the musical together with your family!

St. Nick Gift Wrapping Party, December 17

Thanks to everyone who signed up to be a St. Nick! You can still give the gift of Christmas cheer this season through gifts of money or time. Our Gift Wrapping Party will be Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends and a pair of scissors and wear comfy clothes! Treats provided.

Giving Opportunities

Donations needed for Westminster Food Pantry

Did you know that our Food Pantry feeds six families each week? In this Advent season and throughout the year, please remember the spirit of giving and help us feed the hungry in our community. Your non-perishable food donations and monetary contributions are appreciated!

Hat and Mitten Tree

This month, children are encouraged to bring new hats, gloves, scarves and mittens to decorate the small tree in the east stairwell, which will later be donated to children in need of warm winter clothes. Please make your contribution by December 18.

Small Groups

Lunch Bunch, December 3

Lunch Bunch will meet at Buzzard Billy’s (247 N 8th Street) this Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Stop by to enjoy for lunch and fellowship!

Reminders

Relax, Renew and Rejoice at Women’s Retreat

Remember to stop by the Garden Room to reserve your place at the January 11th “Creating Our Stories” Women’s Retreat! Early Bird registration is \$25/person through December 22. Westminster members who bring a non-member guest receive a \$5 discount.

WOW!

“Put more Spirit in your week!”

Join us weekly for Westminster on Wednesdays, where you will find great meals, education, music and more!

Art in Advent 6:30 p.m. - Lounge

Starting this week, Pastor Jen will lead Art in Advent, a three-week journey through the Nativity Story from the eyes and paintbrushes of Master artists. From the angel’s visit to Christ’s birth in the manger, the group will hear and see the Christmas story anew!

WOW XL 6:30 p.m. - Youth Room

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join us each week during the school year for a faith lesson and some XL-sized portions of fun.

Knit N Sit 6:30 p.m. - Library

Come join the group to work on crafts, find inspiration, or simply sit, chat and enjoy fellowship.

Narrative Grieving 6:30 p.m. - Parlor

During this small group, members are invited to read, write and share narratives about their grieving. Led by Jody Kellas.

Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall.

This week’s menu: Brisket and roasted potatoes, salad, fruit and desert. \$3/children, \$5/adults; \$15 max/family