

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

Today: December 15

Christianity in America (FH-A)

Dr. Ken Moore will continue leading discussion on Christianity in America through December. Join us to learn about the personalities and movements that have shaped Christianity in the United States. This week's topic will focus on "Missions and Ecumenism."

Faith Foundations (Lounge)

Join Pastor Jen for the final class of Faith Foundations, a series built around the basics of Christian theology. Designed for adults in their 30s and 40s.

Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)

Gather with others for a study session from The Present Word. "Zechariah Prophecies About His Son John," (Luke 1:57-58, 67-79) led by Greg Hershberger.

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

The Exodus group will meet this Monday for a special study on "The Birth of the Messiah," looking at recent scholarship on the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke. 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! This week's presentation by Keith Ghormley, Associate Pastor at Zion Presbyterian Church, and our 13th Annual Reading of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."

*****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: Kendall Agee, Skyler Berringer, Tom Champoux, Van Duling, Jill Johnson, Barbara Moss, Todd Peterson, Bill Roberts, Joan Roberts

Greeters: Bruce Sheffield and Carol Walbrecht

Hosts: Ginny Rohrbaugh and Bob & Jean Carol Murphy

Acolytes: Ellyn King and Cael Dempsey

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

December 15, 2013

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, Dec. 24

- 3:00 p.m.** Family Service
- 5:00 p.m.** Family Service
- 7:00 p.m.** Contemporary Service
- 9:00 p.m.** Traditional Service

If you are ready to take the next step on your spiritual journey, consider joining Westminster as a member. Our "Journeying Together" class will be this Wednesday, Dec. 18, with new members joining Dec. 22. If interested, contact Marge Tomlinson at 402-475-6702.

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Save the Date

Upcoming Events at Westminster

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

Children's Christmas Pageant, Today

Hear the Christmas story and carols from around the world at our Children's Christmas pageant, today at 10:30 a.m. worship. *Please note there will be no Faith Village or Kindergarten of Eden today* – 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.

Neighborhood Caroling, December 20

Westminster Youth invite congregation members to join them for caroling on December 20. The group will meet at Westminster at 6:00 p.m. and spread Christmas cheer throughout the Sheridan neighborhood with plans to return by 7:00 p.m. All ages and talents welcome!

High School Youth Lock-In, December 20

Westminster will host a High School Youth Lock-In on December 20 at 7:30 p.m. **sharp**. Youth are welcome to invite friends, and the church will provide pizza and games (ugly sweater contest, dodgeball tournament, etc.). Cost is \$10 in advance; \$15 day of. If you're interested in being an adult chaperone, contact Rachel at 402-475-6702.

Advent Reminders

Give a gift of hope to a family across the world

A charitable gift, purchased from Heifer International, will provide animals and training to help families in developing countries build a better future for themselves and their communities. Please join us in the Garden Room **today** to purchase a unique gift for your family and friends this holiday season. You can help us make a difference!

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.

Donations needed for Westminster Food Pantry

In this Advent season and throughout the year, please remember the spirit of giving and help us feed the hungry in our community. We are especially in need of canned fruits and vegetables, as well as boxes with lids for packing.

Beat the Deadline, Register Today!

Next Sunday is our Early Bird registration deadline for our January 11 Women's Retreat "Creating Our Stories." Registration cost is \$25 through December 22 and \$30 after through January 5. Registration forms are available in the Garden Room and online.

Small Groups

Prairie Readers, December 18

Prairie Readers will meet Wednesday, December 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor for tea and Christmas goodies. No book for this month, but members who wish may bring a favorite piece that connects with the holidays. All are welcome!

WOW!

"Put more Spirit in your week!"

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

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

Pastor Jen will wrap up Advent in Art, a three-week journey through the Nativity Story from the eyes and paintbrushes of Master artists!

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.

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

This week's menu: Nachos, salad, fruit and desert.

\$3/children, \$5/adults; \$15 max/family

2013 Paid to Date	2013 Total Pledged Amount	% of Pledges Paid to Date
\$684,164	\$758,957	90.15%
2012 at this time:	2012 Total Pledge Amount	
\$625,248	\$755,000	82.81%