Adult Education Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

A Christian Look at Corrections (Fellowship Hall A)

Released and Restored presented by Ruth Karlsson. Next Sunday, November 30 The Power of Programs in Corrections, presented by Brenda Fisher.

Living the Questions (Library)

Pastor Jen leads this exploration of Christianity and what a meaningful faith looks like today. Both seekers and churchgoers in their 20s and 30s are encouraged to attend.

Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)

A Transforming Stream (continued) (Ezekial 47:13-23) Next Sunday, November 30, Let Zion Rejoice

The Gospel of Luke (Will not meet until December 8) Led by Ken Moore.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Tuesday, 6:45 a.m. - Parlor) Bible Study, led by Rev. Jennifer Strickland.

Holiday Shopping for the Food Pantry

It's time to start our holiday cooking and baking, which means we'll all be heading to the store. This Thanksgiving, consider adding a few extra items to your cart for the Food Pantry (and take advantage of those holiday deals!). The Food Pantry is always in need of food to help families in need. Whether it is a bottle of cooking oil, a package of rice, some canned fruit or vegetables, or a box of pancake mix, your donations matter!

***This Sunday's worship 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.

If you or someone you know has been admitted to the hospital, please contact the church office at (402) 475-6702 to notify our pastors. It's helpful to know the hospital and length of stay, so calls can be made as requested.

Serving Today:

Ushers: Barbara Arunski, Stacy Berringer, Jim Laux, Sean Mulvaney, Laurel Van Ham Pappas, Tom Pappas, Dave Shamblin, Sue Shamblin Greeters: Sarah Gergen and Greg Hershberger Hosts: Gwen Hlava and Ginger and Jim Nissen Acolytes: Cael Dempsey and Brody Powell

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

November 23, 2014

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Welcome to Westminster!

Please join us in the Garden Room before and after worship for donut holes, coffee and juice. We're glad you're here!

Journeying Together

Consider taking the next step of your spiritual journey by becoming a member of Westminster. Our next New Member class is scheduled for December 7 and 14. For more information, email <u>marge@westminsterlincoln.org.</u>

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

Sign-up! Become a St. Nick! (Through November 23)

Want to help a family in need this Christmas? Every year, Westminster members buy gifts for families in rural Nebraska who could use some special holiday cheer. Stop by the Garden Room to sign-up anytime by November 23.

Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wednesday, November 26)

You're invited to Southern Heights Presbyterian Church (5750 S 40th Street) for a combined Presbyterian Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to sing in the joint choir, please arrive at 6:00 p.m. Bring your choir robe and music from Westminster. Email masako@westminsterlincoln.org for details!

"C" is for Christmas (Sunday, November 30)

Kick-off Advent with this annual celebration! Congregation members, family and friends are invited to this party for all ages from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We'll sing carols, make crafts and enjoy the robust flavors of chili in our chili cook-off! If you'd like to enter your famous chili recipe in this year's cook-off, email marge@westminsterlincoln.org.

Sneak Peek

On November 26th, *VeggieTales In The House, a Netflix original series*, debuts. This all-new series features the same characters you know and love, along with the same faith-based values and teaching you've come to expect from VeggieTales. We care about what young people are watching and are excited VeggieTales is launching this new series on Netflix that helps teach meaningful life lessons and makes children smile.

Holiday of Trees (Thursday, December 4, Friday, December 5)

The Heritage League will sponsor its Holiday of Trees at Westminster. Enjoy 25 beautifully decorated holiday trees, shopping opportunities and home-cooked food for lunch or dinner. Tickets are \$1/person with proceeds benefitting Christian Heritage programs.

Prescott Partners

Thanks to those of you who brought school supplies and used pairs of shoes to benefit Prescott School. They are now in need of new/gently used coats, hats, mittens and scarves, so look through those closets for outgrown items that still have life and warmth left, and place them in the barrel in the church office. Call Karen Hoffman with questions: 402-475-3060. Thank you!

Upcoming Small Groups

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 Tanya Shaw. Suggested \$5 donation.

Keeping It Green... a tip from Green@Heart

On a cold day like this we can really appreciate the comfort of our sanctuary. Did you know the warmth you're experiencing comes from under the floor? The good planning and volunteer effort of our staff and members a few years ago resulted in a heating system that now saves us \$4,000 a month during the winter. We're cozy, more of our budget goes to ministry, and we've lowered our carbon footprint. Win, win, win!

Church building will be closed November 27 & 28.

WOW!

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

There will be no activities, classes or rehearsals this Wednesday, November 26. WOW will resume December 3. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

WOW XL (6:30 p.m. Youth Room)

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

High School Youth Group (6:30 p.m. Confirmation Room)

Youth in grades 9-12 meet each week during the school year for engaging activities and the opportunity to grow in faith together.

Knit N Sit (6:30 p.m. Library)

Get crafty, find inspiration, or simply enjoy fellowship.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Have Begun!

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to take part in "Love Came Down," our Christmas Pageant scheduled for December 14 during 10:30 a.m. worship. Rehearsal takes place during WOW at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210.

**Sing "Gloria" by Vivaldi with Westminster Choir

You're invited to perform with Westminster Choir during this year's special music scheduled for December 21 at 10:30 a.m. worship. Rehearsals have begun and will continue during WOW from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on December 3, 10 and 17.