

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

**Advent Study (Lounge)**

On Sunday mornings, join Pastor Jen to experience the Advent story with music, Scripture readings, and hands-on missional activities that will bring this ancient narrative to life here and now. Each week we'll be studying different witnesses to Christ's birth and asking ourselves what we can learn from them. Come and prepare your mind, heart, and body for the coming of our Savior.

Week 3: The Shepherds

**Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)**

Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 95:1-7a)

Next Sunday, December 21 Glory to God in the Highest

**The Gospel of Luke (Monday, 11:00 a.m. - Lounge)**

Led by Ken Moore.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Tuesday, 6:45 a.m. - Parlor)**

The History of Christmas Carols and the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Rohrbaugh Memorial singing of "White Christmas: with accompaniment by Jean Patoka.

2014 Paid to Date	2014 Total Pledged Amount	% of Pledges Paid to Date
\$664,231	\$750,000	88.56%
2013 at this time:	2013 Total Pledge Amount	
\$684,164	\$758,957	90.15%

**\*\*\*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: Van Duling, Carolyn Harp, Bailey Jex, Jill Johnson, Bill Roberts, Joan Roberts, Dave Shamblin, Sue Shamblin  
Greeters: Kathy Anderson and Cyndy Maddux  
Hosts: Lee Sonderegger and Van & Georgia Duling

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- Business Administrator Cheryl Rennick ..... x 105
- Director of Fine Arts Boyd Bacon ..... x 111
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- Lead Vocalist Jana Miller ..... x 109
- Director of Children's Ministries Betsy Guyer ..... x 107
- High School Youth Director Claire Eckstrom
- Middle School Youth Director Devon Nelson
- Preschool Director Suzanne Schneider ..... x 103
- Administrative Secretary Marge Tomlinson ..... x 102
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Mehmedalija Plicanic, Ryan McClain



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

**December 14, 2014**

**Welcome to Westminster!**

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

**St. Nick Needs Your "Helping Hands"**

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Join our annual St Nick Gift Wrapping party in Fellowship Hall. It's a fun evening of fellowship, Christmas carols and treats for all. Come casual, bring scissors and a friend or two, we'd love to see new faces as well as our familiar elves. **Remember gifts are due back to the church today.**

## Upcoming Events

For a full list of Westminster activities visit our website [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org).

### “Love Came Down”

Today at 10:30 a.m. worship

Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will share the true Christmas story with Bible-based scrip and carols from around the world.

**No Faith Village or Kindergarten of Eden.** Please enjoy the musical together with your family.

### Christmas Caroling

Wednesday December 17

Bring joy to those in the neighborhood around Westminster by singing Christmas carols. All ages are invited to gather in Cole Hall at 6:45 p.m. to go caroling, returning at 7:30 to the church for hot cocoa and fellowship.

Saturday, December 20

Bring a few friends and join us from 7-8 p.m. at Brewsky's in the Haymarket for Carols and Cold Ones. We will be enjoying adult beverages and singing our favorite Christmas carols. Ages 21 and over.

### “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi

Westminster Choir and String Players

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

## Upcoming Small Groups

### Prairie Readers

Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m. - Parlor

No book for December. Special Christmas program - the movie “A Child’s Christmas in Wales” based on the book by Dylan Thomas.

### “Give a gift of hope to a family across the world”

Heifer International has developed the areas of emphasis that must be addressed if we are to end world hunger and poverty.



A charitable gift, purchased from Heifer International, will provide animals and training to help families build a better future for themselves and their communities. Please view the bulletin insert to purchase a unique gift for your family and friends this holiday season. You

can choose from goats, water buffalo, chickens and much more. Donations to Heifer International can be placed in the offering place or in Cheryl Rennick’s mailbox. Please designate Heifer International in the memo line and include your order form. Honor cards to present as gifts of your purchase can be found at the front desk in the reception area. Please help us make a difference.

### Decorate our Hat & Mitten Tree!

Many children here in Lincoln are not able to enjoy a crisp winter day or new fall snow because they don’t have hats and mittens to keep them warm. Again this year, children are being asked to bring NEW hats, gloves, scarves and mittens to decorate the small tree in the east stairwell. These items will be donated to Friendship Home before Christmas. Please make your contribution by December 18.

**Looking for some light seasonal reading?** Adult and children’s books for the holiday are on display in the church library. Check out one or a few to add to the enjoyment of your Christmas celebration.

### Prescott Partners

Are 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!



In January Westminster will be recognized as Nebraska’s first Earth Care Congregation. Share your ideas for a year-long celebration of creation at the (ta-da) **Giant Brainstorming Session!** Help Westminster commemorate our first 110 years and prepare for the next 110 –Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge. All are welcome.

## WOW! (Westminster on Wednesday)

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

Come to WOW dinner and have a delicious, nutritious, home-cooked meal complete with salad, fruit, veggies and dessert. Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall. This week’s menu: Baked Chicken. \$4/children ages 3-12, \$5/adults, \$16 max per family.

### 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.

### Lectio Divina (6:30 p.m. Parlor)

Join Adam Luedtke for a contemplative and interactive prayer practice that focus on an Advent theme in preparation for Christmas.