

**Charitable IRA Rollover Renewed for 2014**

The House and Senate have just renewed the charitable IRA rollover opportunity. The President is expected to sign the bill shortly. The opportunity is available only until December 31, 2014. This means there is very little time to take advantage of this great opportunity!

**Provisions:**

- IRA owner must be 70 and ½ years or older
- Can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from IRA to qualified charity
- Transfer counts toward required minimum distribution and is not taxable to the IRA owner

This is a very attractive provision for taxpayers who don't itemize or who are high earners and subject to the medicare tax. The direct transfer opportunity allows charitable donors to avoid inclusion of the transferred amount in their adjusted gross incomes.

There are important areas on identified need that you can help meet through the Westminster Foundation. If you are interested, contact Foundation President Al Moore, Dr. McDonald or Business Administrator Cheryl Rennick. Qualifying transfers must be made before the end of 2014.

2014 Paid to Date	2014 Total Pledged Amount	% of Pledges Paid to Date
\$675,105	\$750,000	90.01%
2013 at this time:	2013 Total Pledge Amount	
\$693,414	\$758,957	91.36%

**\*\*\*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, Freda Gregg, Michael, Gregg, Jim Laux, Sean Mulvaney, Laurel Van Ham Pappas, Tom Pappas  
 Greeters: H Seward and Bob Schoettger  
 Hosts: Jane Allman and Lyle and Beth Hamilton  
 Acolytes: Charlie Kirkland and Jacob Tunnison

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*Lead Vocalist* Jana Miller ..... x 109  
*Director of Children's Ministries* Betsy Guyer ..... x 107  
*High School Youth Director* Colton Langsam  
*Middle School Youth Director* Devon Nelson  
*Preschool Director* Suzanne Schneider ..... x 103  
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*"I am the vine,  
 you are the branches...."*

**December 21, 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!

**Community Conversations Return in January**

Our tradition of Community Conversations continues with a roster of speakers who have roles in public life that impact us all. Let's start the new year with our faith informing our life together as citizens.

- January 4: Chris Beutler (Jamie Phillips)  
State of the City Lincoln
- January 11: Nancy Shank  
Vital Signs of Lincoln
- January 19: Judge Rob Otte  
Our Third Branch of Government
- January 25: Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley  
or Chief of Staff Matt Matt Meltonberger  
Executive Branch

## Upcoming Events

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

### **“Gloria” In D major RV. 589** by Antonia Vivaldi

10:30 a.m. worship Today

The text of the Gloria is augmented from the Gospel according to Luke 2:14, the angels celebrated and announced the birth of Jesus Christ (which has been used in Catholic Mass most mornings). Vivaldi divided this into 12 movements. He used many text-painting (express words in music) like other Baroque composers. The main motif of “Gloria” goes back to perfect 8<sup>th</sup> (1 octave up and down) to express praise and joyful coming of Jesus. “Et in terra pax” (And Peace on Earth) has hesitating descending lines and chromaticism which depicts Christ’s coming from Heaven with anticipation of His journey on earth – to the Cross. “Domine Fili Unigenite” (Lord, Son Only Begotten) has restless joyful movement in a fugue, somewhat describing Christ as a “mediator”, on the earth working among us (staying in middle range). “Cum Sancto Spiritu” (With Holy Spirit) is in double fugue (like canon but in intervals). The fugue is used to express “perfect” – without end.

**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.

## Upcoming Small Groups

### **Silver Screenings** (Sunday, December 21)

Members who would like to gather for the movie “Exodus-Gods and Kings”, you and your friends are invited to join us today at Southpointe Marcus Theatre for the 3:25 p.m. showing. Meet Pastor Jen and other Westminster members around 3:00 in the lobby and we will try to sit together. Afterwards we can grab a snack at a nearby eatery and debrief. Note: it’s a 2.5 hour movie!



### **“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.

### **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!

### **Get Ready for Drama Camp** (March 9-13, 2015)

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Performance on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Looking for a spring break adventure for your K-8th grader? Look no further than WPC’s 4th annual full-week Drama Camp! This year’s production, *Hansel & Gretel*, is produced in partnership with Missoula Children’s Theatre, the nation’s largest touring children’s theater group. Children will enjoy education on theater topics like characterization, music, staging, movement and more! Register online at [westminsterlincoln.org](http://westminsterlincoln.org).

## Adult Education

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

### **Advent Study (Lounge)**

Join Pastor Jen to experience the Advent story with music and Scripture readings, that will bring this ancient narrative to life.

Week 4: The Angels

### **Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)**

Glory to God in the Highest(Luke 2:8-10)

*Next Sunday, December 28 (No Class)*

### **The Gospel of Luke (No Class until January 5)**

Led by Ken Moore.

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

(No meeting on December 30)

## **WOW!(Westminster on Wednesday)**

Join us weekly for Westminster on Wednesdays, where you will find great food, education, music and more! **WOW will not meet on December 24 or 31, but will resume on January 7.**

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. \$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.