

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
\$687,324	\$750,000	91.64%
2013 at this time:	2013 Total Pledge Amount	
\$715.130	\$758,957	94.23%

*****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: Lyle Hamilton, Karla Jensen, Brian Lammers, Jeff Pearson, Kiann Ridgeway, Chris Whitehead, Mark Whitehead, Diana Wild
 Greeters: Kay Ballard and Dale Burrage
 Hosts: Gwen Hlava and Jim and Ginger Nissen

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

December 28, 2014

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!

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.

Giant Brainstorming Session

Led by Maggie Stuckey and Rev. Jen Strickland

Wednesday, January 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Lounge

Westminster is about to be certified as Nebraska's first Earth Care Congregation – recognizing the efforts of many members and the commitment of our staff to be good stewards of the creation that God has entrusted to us.



In 2015, as Westminster turns 110, we want to celebrate that good stewardship and find ways to do even better. How does that happen? With your good ideas! All are welcome – please come.

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.

Adult Education

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)

December 29 (No class)

Next Sunday, January 4, *A Model for Prayer*

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)

St Nick Update

This year we had 165 Westminster families purchase gifts or give financial support, to provide gifts for 557 people (158 families). Hundreds of adult gifts were wrapped by 63 cheerful and spirited Westminster elves at the St Nick wrapping party.

This year caseworkers delivered gifts to the following towns or areas: Crete, Wilber, DeWitt, Oakland, West Point, Pender, Bancroft, Laurel, Hartington, Pilger, Concord, Wayne, Rosalie, Creighton, Plainview, Osmond, Fremont, Norfolk, South Sioux City, Dakota City, Wahoo, Ashland, Mead, Ainsworth, O'Neill, Loup City, Kearney, Columbus, Albion, Broken Bow, Atkinson, Ewing, Valentine, Cuming, Thurston, Burt and Wayne.

The St Nick Project wants to thank *everyone* who had a part in making this, our 28th year, such a success! Thank you for remembering these families in their time of need. You have brought home and excitement into their homes and hearts.

Merry Christmas to all!

The St. Nick Project.

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 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.

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!