

Adult Education
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

A Christian Look at Corrections (Fellowship Hall)
Juvenile Justice Ministry presented by Eldon Dietrich

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 2: Joseph

Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)

Worship Christ's Ministry (Hebrews 1:1-9)
Next Sunday, December 14 Make a Joyful Noise

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

Led by Ken Moore.

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

Travels of the Magi, led by Dr. Steve Carveth

Holiday Shopping for the Food Pantry

During the Christmas season, as you shop for gifts and plan family meals, take some time to consider a donation of food for the Westminster Food Pantry. There are many families that have a difficult time feeding their families from week to week. Over the holidays, these needs are magnified. We hope that in the spirit of the Christmas season, you will continue to keep the pantry in your thoughts. If you would rather make a financial donation, any amount is appreciated.

***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: Amy Clare, Cindy Hill, Steve Hill, Barbara Moss, Chip Smith, Marilyn Smith, Amber Winter
Greeters: Shalla Young and Steve Hughes
Hosts: Janice Rohwedder and Ed & Jeanne Plander
Acolytes: Brielle Anderson and Carter Sup

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Preschool Director Suzanne Schneider x 103
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Mehmedalija Plicanic, Ryan McClain



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

December 7, 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!

Journeying Together

Consider taking the next step of your spiritual journey by becoming a member of Westminster. Our New Member class begins today at 9:00 am in Cole Hall and will continue next Sunday at which time those wishing to join will meet with members of Westminster's session. For more information, email marge@westminsterlincoln.org.

Upcoming Events

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

“Love Came Down”

Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. worship
Children ages 3 through 5th grade will share the true Christmas story with Bible-based scrip and carols from around the world.

Sing “Hallelujah Chorus” Together

Sunday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. worship
Meet next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal. No steps required.

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 by Sunday, December 14.

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

History Buffs

On Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. we will meet at the entrance of Bryan Hospital EAST for a tour of the home of William J. Bryan, which is adjacent to the hospital. Then at 10:00 a.m. we will meet at the medical staff conference room to hear a presentation from Jim McKee on the life of Bryan. All are welcome !

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.

Chrismons: Proclaiming Christ at Christmas -

The tradition of Chrismons began in 1957 when Frances Kipps Spencer (1917-1990), a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, set out to create decorations appropriate for the church Christmas tree.

"Chrismons" are special ornaments hung on Christmas trees and used in decorations that remind us of the true meaning of the Christmas season and point us to the Christ child. The dictionary defines a Chrismon as "a monogram of Christ." Each Chrismon represents Jesus Christ--his life, ministry, nature or teaching. The symbols are non-denominational and are recognized by most Christians. If a Christmas tree is decorated with Christian symbols, the tree is known as a "Chrismon Tree." The evergreen tree, which symbolizes eternal life, provides a background for white lights and gold and white Chrismon designs. The lights proclaim Jesus is the light of the world, and the Chrismon ornaments declare His name, life and saving acts.

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

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!

WOW!

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: BBQ pork, baked beans & corn bread. \$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.