

## Living in the Light - Autumn 2016



# Jesus Christ: the Light of the World – Westminster: A Light in the City

The Bible often refers to God and to Jesus in terms of “Light.” What does it mean to say that Jesus is “the Light of the World?” And how is Westminster letting Christ’s light shine?

This series of sermons will help us get in touch with how Christ’s light helps us to see the world through eyes of hope. And we will look at how we can let Christ’s light shine more brightly in our lives and in the city where we live. Join us for traditional worship at 8:00am, 10:30am, and contemporary worship at 9:20am.

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| September 4th  | <b>Jesus, the Light of Life:</b> The Gospel of John helps us to reignite faith. See again the ever-new word from this dynamic book.  |
| September 11th | <b>The Light of the Word:</b> After 3 generations of American biblical illiteracy, how do we reclaim the Bible as the central inspiration for vital life?  |
| September 18th | <b>Fellowship of the Light:</b> The Light of Christ makes Christian community possible. Learn how we live in the Light with one another.   |
| September 25th | <b>Children of Light: <i>Reclaiming the Lost Art of Compromise</i></b><br>Expanding on Dr. McDonald’s TEDxLincoln talk, think again about what it means for the Church to live as Children of the Light. |
| October 2nd    | <b>Light of the World: <i>World Communion Sunday</i></b> On World Communion Sunday, worship with our increasingly global congregation, and imagine a world shaped by a new civility.                     |
| October 9th    | <b><i>Our new Parish Associate, the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelborn</i></b> will be preaching – Come and welcome our new staff member for his first sermon with us.  |
| October 16th   | <b>The Light of Love:</b> The central light of Christ is love. Consider anew what love in action looks like.   |
| October 24th   | <b>A Light in the City:</b> John’s vision of the kingdom of heaven has God as the source of all light. Come walk in the light of God’s grace, on this powerful Reformation Day.                          |

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# Brighten Your Life with Music

## Wednesday Night Music Groups

### KIDS:

#### ***Cherub Choir*** (Age 3-Kindergarten)\*

6:30-7:25pm Room 210E

Lauren Boyer, Director

#### ***Alleluia! Amen!*** (1st-5th Grade Choir)

6:30-7:25pm Room 210

Samantha Matulka, Director

***\*Kindergarten will move to Alleluia! Amen! after Fall Musical.***

### ADULTS:

#### ***Westminster Carillon***

Handbell Group for High School & Adults

6:20-7:20pm Sanctuary

#### ***Westminster Choir***

Adult Choir for High School & Adults

7:30-9:00pm Sanctuary

#### ***Junior String Ensemble*** (Grades 3rd-12th)

Sundays from 10-10:20am Chapel

Bring your string instrument and join the multi-level music with great leaders.

*"Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!"*

#### ***Westminster Brass*** (Adult)

Arranged dates. Contact Masako Bacon if interested at [masako@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:masako@westminsterlincoln.org).

## The Rising Worship Service

9:20AM Sundays

Join the service with contemporary music in a casual setting. The Rising Band is inviting singers and keyboard players to join their ministry. Four band leaders (Will Hutchinson, Andrea Von Kampen, Ben Heinisch, and Andy Pappas) offer their unique gifts every week. Rise up and join!



### ***Welcome Lauren Boyer*** ***New Cherub Choir Director***

Lauren is a music education major at Nebraska Wesleyan. A voice major, she also plays percussion and has twelve years of piano study.

Westminster welcomes Lauren to shine with our Cherub Choir.



### **Children's Musical** ***"You Are the Light of the World"*** **Sunday, October 23rd - 10:30am**

Cherub Choir and Alleluia! Amen! Choir's will celebrate October with a music filled vignette of joyful songs. Join the rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:30 -7:25pm. Anyone inspired to share your artistic gift to make the set contact Masako at 402-475 -6702 ext. 111.

# Children of Light



## **Faith Village (Kindergarten-5th Grade) 9:00am & 10:45am**

Faith Villagers begin each morning with joyful songs and a chance to thank God for our blessings. Parents are encouraged to help their children make this a regular part of their Sunday morning. After gathering, our children are divided into age groups and head off to workshops centering on a common theme.

**September's theme is The Beatitudes.** Children will see the purpose of the teachings of Jesus. Living a life of faith will help them better understand themselves as well as help them lead others to Christ's love.

## **Kindergarten of Eden (Preschool) 10:45am, Room 210**

Children are welcomed by caring adults to this interactive Sunday school. This Fall we will be *Growing in God's Grace & Gratitude*. Through stories, songs, crafts and play children will learn they are loved of God. (Preschool story time is available at 9:00. Faith Village welcomes all children to grow in love for our Creator!)

## **Middle School Sunday School (6-7<sup>th</sup> Grade) 9:00am, Lower Level**

Allowing 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders time to worship with their parents, this class meets at 9am and will give students a chance to Explore the Core of the Bible, approaching such questions as:

- What is the Bible, and how do I use it?
- What are the differences between the Old and New Testament?
- How are the Biblical characters important to my faith?
- How does the Bible relate to me, today?

This class is an important prelude to the Confirmation Class.

## **Confirmation (8-9th Grade) 9:00am, Confirmation Room**

"Walking in the Light" This years confirmation class has twenty-four students. Dr. Christine Dempsey teaches weekly Sunday morning class, two weekend retreats and special events throughout the school year. New youth are welcome to join this group.

## **Senior High (10-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) 9:00am, Youth Room, Lower Level**

Senior Highs are invited to become a part of something new, based on Matt. 25. This program is currently under construction - please join us and help us build it! Youth will look at what God requires of us as Christians and apply their gifts and talents to better serve God in our community.







By giving our children strong blocks to build with, we help them build on a ROCK, like the wise man in the Bible. These 12 blocks begin with **baptism** and culminate in **confirmation**. Including such foundational blocks as Kindergarten Bibles, The Sacraments, The Lord's Prayer and The Ten Commandments, families will grow together in faith. Most of the blocks are one session and are an interactive opportunity for children with their parents to promote strong and faithful families. Please contact Barbara if you would like for your child to participate at 402- 475-6702 or [barbara@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:barbara@westminsterlincoln.org).



#### Faith Building Blocks for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children: "Learning to Use My Bible"

Parent are invited to come to an interactive class with their child on Wednesday, October 12th from 6:30-7:30pm. All children who participate will receive a Bible during the worship service on Sunday, October 16th.

#### Faith Building Blocks for Kindergarten Children:

On Sunday, September 18th, during the 10:30am worship service, all Kindergartners and their parents will be invited to come forward to receive a gift of "Read With Me Bible."

#### Faith Building Blocks for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Children:

Together with a parent, children are invited to come explore the symbols of our faith and their meanings - on Wednesday, November 9th from 6:30-7:30pm. This interactive experience is fun for kids and adults. Together we will explore the church on a scavenger hunt to discover the symbols hiding in plain sight.



#### Preschool Sunday, September 18th

Preschool would like to welcome Westminster and community members to the Annual Preschool Art Show. Please come and see their wonderful creations and meet the young artists.



## Fellowship of Light: Faith that Moved Mountains

Join our adult studies as we explore ways that our Christian faith is lived out through the wide spectrum of the human experience. All seminars meet from 9:00-10:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Lounge.

Following the Resurrection, Christ gave his disciples the Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they set out to spread the good news. They faced challenges including prison and persecution. All but one would die a martyr. And yet, armed with their faith, the disciples took on the Roman Empire and transformed the world.

Join us as Adult Ed continues to explore the early church and the faith that moved mountains. Sunday morning Adult Ed classes will be:

September 4th	"The Other Disciples and the Early Church"	Led by: Rev. Bob Snell
September 11th	"Women and the Early Church"	Led by: Dr. David Peabody, NWU Professor of Religion
September 18th	"The Power of Anger and the Work of Love"	Led by: Adam Luedtke
September 25th	"From Sorrow to Joy with the Psalms"	Led by: Adam Luedtke

Wednesday evening Adult Ed classes will meet in the Westminster Theater:

September 7th	Movie <i>Risen</i> , Part 1 - which is about Christ's Post-Resurrection appearances.
September 14th	Movie <i>Risen</i> , Part 2 - which is about Christ's Post-Resurrection appearances.
September 21st	Part 1 - Max McLean's stage production of <i>The Gospel of Mark</i> will be presented.
September 28th	Part 2 - Max McLean's stage production of <i>The Gospel of Mark</i> will be presented.

November Series: How We Stop Human Trafficking  
Attorney General Doug Peterson  
Sunday, November 13th at 9:00am



# Light of Truth: Seeing What is Real

The Westminster Bible Class is an ongoing study group that meets year-round in the Parlor at 9 am. For the next three months, Westminster Bible Class will consider: The Sovereignty of God as a way of describing God's greatness and preeminence over all things in creation.

In September, we will explore God's kingdom of peace and the everlasting love of God.

In October, we focus on the "pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

In November, we focus on Revelation's breathtaking vision of the eternal reign of Jesus Christ. All things are new, all things worship and praise the eternal God, who is Jesus Christ, the "beginning and end," our Alpha and Omega.

These sessions will refresh, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Join us on our exploration.

## Unit 1 (The Sovereignty of God)

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME
September 4	Isaiah 11:1-9	The Peaceful Kingdom
September 11	Isaiah 25:6-10a	The Mountain of God
September 18	Isaiah 40:21-31	Foundations of the Earth
September 25	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Everlasting Covenant

## Unit 2 (The Sovereignty of Jesus)

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME
October 2	Hebrews 1:1-9	The Imprint of God
October 9	Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew	Builder of the House
October 16	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	The Great High Priest
October 23	Hebrews 7:1-3, 19b-28	The High Priest Forever
October 30	Hebrews 12:1-13	Pioneer and Perfecter of Our Faith

## Unit 3 (The Alpha and Omega)

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME
November 6	Revelation 21:1-8	Everything Is Brand New
November 13	Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27	I See a New Jerusalem
November 20	Revelation 22:1-7	Living Waters
November 27 <b>Advent 1</b>	Revelation 22:11-21	Alpha and Omega



## Let Your Light Shine

Westminster is involved broadly in mission projects throughout Lincoln, to volunteer or for more information on any of these activities contact Joan Roberts at [roberts2520@windstream.net](mailto:roberts2520@windstream.net).

**Neighbor Helping Neighbor:** Saturday, October 8th in the morning. Everyone is invited to join in reaching out to people in need in our community.

**Food Pantry:** For 25 years, Westminster has been feeding the hungry in Lincoln. Weekly, we provide food for six families. Pick up a list of needed items at the Food Pantry Box near the East entrance.

**Gathering Place:** Westminster serves 50 meals on the second Friday of each month from 4:45-6:15 pm. The Gathering Place, is a south Lincoln family support center.

**Habitat for Humanity:** All faiths including Westminster come together to put God's love into action by building a safe, and affordable home for a family each spring and summer.

**Matt Talbot Kitchen Outreach:** The first Friday of even numbered months, Westminster provides the meals that evening. The team prepares dinner on site, dishes it up, and then cleans up thereafter.

**Disaster Recovery Team:** Week-long mission trips are available for anyone in the congregation who is not afraid of travel, rustic living conditions and demanding work in a challenging spiritual climate.



**Spooktacular:** Sunday, October 30th at the church. This event is free and open to the public as kids come around the cars to trick-or-treat. Contact the church office at 402-475-6702 with questions on getting involved.





# “Living in the Light: Rediscovering the Gospel of John”

Have fun as you nourish your mind, body and soul with your faith family at Westminster. Join us on Wednesday evenings starting September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 7:30 for WOW Talks. Rev. Dr. McDonald will lead an enlightening ten-week study of the Gospel of John.

John is the maverick gospel. Written in a different voice, many interpreters miss the power of this unique message. Discover anew what it means to walk in the light of Jesus. According to John’s gospel, Jesus’ first question is, “What are you looking for?” If you are looking for the same old story, this class may stretch your comfort zone. If you have never participated in a Bible study, this will be an excellent beginning. We will move from a “static” reading to a “dynamic” experience of Jesus as the Light of the world. We will discover anew how John’s book contains an ethical spirituality that is at the heart of the moral life. If you struggle with the idea of Jesus, he has a multidimensional invitation for you in the Gospel of John: “Come and see.”

## Westminster on Wednesday (WOW)

Join us weekly for great food, education, music and more!  
Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall.  
\$4/children, \$6/adults, \$17 max per family.

**WOWXL** (6:30 Youth Cafe) Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

**Knit N Sit** (6:30) Come knit, crochet, learn either craft, or do other projects for the church. Women, and men of all ages are welcome to attend this fluid group.

**Adult Education:** (6:30-7:30) Join us as we view and discuss movies, bring your favorite snack and enjoy the show.

**September 7th:** Movie “*Risen*” - Part 1. The movie is about Christ’s Post-Resurrection appearances.

**September 14th:** Movie “*Risen*” - Part 2.

**September 21st:** Movie “*The Gospel of Mark*” - Part 1.

**September 28th:** Movie “*The Gospel of Mark*” - Part 2.

### Music Rehearsals

(6:20) Westminster Carillon (Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary)

(6:30) Cherub Choir (age 3-Kindergarten, Room 210E)

(6:30) Alleluia! Amen! Choir (Grade 1-5, Room 210)

(7:30) Westminster Choir (Adult Choir, Sanctuary)

### September WOW Dinners

**September 7th:** Baked Chicken Breast,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans &  
Chocolate Cake

**September 14th:** Spaghetti, Garlic Bread  
& Lemon Cake

**September 21st:** Chef Salad, Baked  
Potato & Chocolate Chip Cookies

**September 28th:** Pulled Pork Sandwich,  
Coleslaw, French Fries & Ice Cream Treats

### Presbyterian Women (P.W.)

Presbyterian Women's Circles are the small groups based on study, friendship, and action. All Westminster women are invited to visit any of the following circles.

#### Circle 3

Wednesday, Sept 7th at 10:00 am  
Nora Hinrichs (402-423-2730)  
4801 S 76th St

#### Circle 4

Tuesday, Sept 6th at 7:00 pm  
Joyce Douglas (402-489-6627)  
8919 Lamie Circle

#### Circle 5

Tuesday, Sept 13th at 10:00 am  
*Westminster Lounge*  
Pat Hackley (402-423-2909)

#### Circle 6

Tuesday, Sept 27th at 7:00 pm  
*Westminster Library*  
Jane Hines (402-488-8302)



Contact Ellen Davis if  
interested in joining a circle!  
(edavis11@neb.rr.com)

### All in the Family

**Marriages:** Best wishes to Rozlynn Randolph and Michael Dibbern who were married on August 6.

**Baptisms:** Trinity Lorelei, daughter of Celeste Chapp, Tanner Smith and Sawyer Smith on August 7.

**Bereavements:** Comfort for the family and friends of Thomas Thompson who died on August 9, and George Schell who died on August 14.

### Foundation Birthdays

#### August birthdays

Elly Dawson	Barbara Dinsdale
Mary-Ann Clinton	Ginny Hand
Bob Hayes	Karen Janovy
Sushil Lacy	Ann Case Landfield
Faye Moulton	Julie Olson
Harriet Peterson	Joan Wentz

### Elders for the Earth

#### "A Retreat in the Spirit of Chautauqua"

When: October 3-6th

Where: Mahoney State park

A multi-day interdisciplinary gathering including fellowship, lectures, music, the arts, being in nature and even some fun in the midst of the climate crisis. Local elders are coming together to learn and share their collective wisdom. To sign up or for more information visit [www.Elders4theEarth.com](http://www.Elders4theEarth.com).

### Journeying Together

If you are interested in becoming a member or know someone who is, please contact Marge [marge@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:marge@westminsterlincoln.org). The next New Member Class is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th and Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



# Upcoming Events & Small groups



For more information  
or a list of current  
Small Groups, contact  
Geoff Cline at  
geoffcline@mac.com.

## TEDxLincoln Features Two From Westminster

Today, as a country, there seems to be more that divides us than unites us. TEDxLincoln 2016 will explore the ideas that bring us together. TEDxLincoln will showcase diverse perspectives, unifying ideas and stories that celebrate a community of people - with sometimes opposite opinions - that still choose community. This year's speakers include two member from the Westminster community - Lincoln City Libraries Director, Pat Leach, and Westminster Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald. You are invited to join the event on Friday, September 23, 2016 at Kimball Hall, UNL City Campus from 9:30AM - 4:00PM.

### Prairie Readers

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Parlor

**September:** Wednesday, 21st

Discussion Leader: Pat Leach,  
Director of Lincoln City Libraries

Topic: Reviewing some of 2016  
year's notable books.

**October:** Book: *The Pearl That  
Broke Its Shell*

Author: Nadia Hashimi

Discussion Leader: Diana Wild

**November:** Creating a reading list  
for 2017

**December:** Holiday Party

### Westminster Club

You are welcome to join us for  
our fall programs. Lunch begins  
at 11:00am and is \$10. All  
attendees must bring their own  
table setting. RSVP to the church  
office 402-475-6702.

**Tuesday, September 27th:**

Topic: Japan Trip

Presenters: Tom and Laurel  
Pappas

**Tuesday, October 25th:**

Topic: Scottish History

Presenter: Jimmy Shelbourn

### Lunch Bunch

This group gathers the first  
Tuesday of each month at 11:30  
to share lunch together. The  
more the merrier, so we'll see  
you soon!

**September 6th:**

Sakura Chinese Restaurant  
(6145 O St)

### Ladies Night Out (LNO)

This Small Group is for all ladies  
to chat over a cocktail and  
appetizers once a month from  
5-7 pm. Contact Robyn Uebele  
(robynu2@hotmail.com) with  
questions or for RSVPs.

### World on a Plate

This Small Group focuses on  
mission around the world!  
Members bring a dish that  
represents the country they will  
learn about each month and  
everyone gathers to discuss the  
missions going on in  
that country. Contact Kathy  
Rohwedder to join  
(kathrohwe@yahoo.com).

### History Buffs

History Buffs is happy to begin  
it's FIFTH year. We meet on the  
2nd Saturday of each month at  
9 am in the Lounge, all are  
welcome in this informal group.

**September 17th:**

Topic: The History of Codes,  
Secrets, & the Wireless  
Networks

Presenter: Mike Dempsey

**October 15th:**

Topic: Escaping Nuremberg:  
How Hitler's Henchman Fled  
Justice

Presenter: Gerald Steinacher  
PhD. - UNL History Professor

**November 12th:**

Topic: History of Shipbuilding;  
The Cunard and White Star  
Lines

Presenter: Michael Gregg

**December 10th:**

Topic: Count Von Zeppelin's  
Flying Machine

Presenter: Bruce Sheffield



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## Seeing a Different Light

