

## Education on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

### Adult Education - Lounge

#### *Images of Christmas*

#### **Dec 18** - "Christmas sans Hallmark"

Presented by: Rev. Shelbourn

Much of what we think is part of the Christmas story is not actually in the narratives in Luke or Matthew, but come from images of medieval art, inventive carols, and greeting card art. Rev. Shelbourn will explore what the infancy narratives actually tell and how Christmas became a holiday.

#### **No Class Dec 25 and Jan 1**

### Westminster Bible Class - Parlor

December's theme is "The Savior has been Born."

#### **Dec 18** - Luke 1:1-23; 57-66; 2:1-20 "The Forerunner of the Savior; The Savior has been Born"

Presented by: Steve Carveth

#### **No Class Dec 25 and Jan 1**

### Faith Village:

No class on Dec 18, Dec 25 and Jan 1

### Food Pantry

Westminster is always in need of monetary gifts, boxes and food items. Remember that the Food Pantry cannot take perishable items and out dated items. Help continue this wonderful mission at Westminster.

This Sunday's worship will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 and regular channel 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. or any time online at [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org).

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:** Penny Ford, Lisa McConnell, Steve McConnell, Christina Nevitt, Noah Nevitt, Larry Peach, Ed Plander, Roger Van Cleave

**Greeters:** Michael Gregg and Allen Wachter

**Host:** Jim Nissen and Ginger Nissen

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

**December 18, 2016**

### Welcome to Westminster!

We are so glad you are here today! There are refreshments in the Garden Room before and after worship.

### Journeying Together

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Marge ([marge@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:marge@westminsterlincoln.org)) or mark "Wish to Join" in the Friendship Pad. The New Member Class is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd and January 29th at 9:00am.

## Westminster Events & News

### 2016 Poinsettia Order

Share the joy of Christmas! Order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one to be displayed in the chancel on Christmas Eve. Cost of each poinsettia is \$15. Please make checks payable to Westminster and write POINSETTIA on the memo line. Orders must be received by Dec 21st to be included in the order of worship.

### Prairie Readers

Wed, Dec 21st at 1:00pm

This will be our annual Holiday Party. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation and fellowship.

### Westminster Youth Lock-In

Starts Fri Dec 30th at 7PM thru Sat Dec 31st at 9AM

Middle School & Senior High Youths

Free Event

Ready for a lock-in to kick off the new year right? Guests are welcome! Doors open at 7PM - Lock at 8PM! The night will feature a variety of games and challenges - Jeopardy / Sardines / Show-n-Tell / Midnight Movie - and we plan to do a Manikin Challenge! A couple the items you will want to bring:

- A snack to share
- Drinks for yourself
- Bedding
- Something meaningful to you (for Show-n-Tell)

Questions contact Barbara at 402-475-6702.

**Per Capita for 2016** is \$38.00 per member.

## Christmas at Westminster

Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>)

3pm Family Service: Ensembles

5pm Traditional Service: Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass, Alleluia! Amen!, Cherub Choir, Jr. Strings Ensemble

7pm Contemporary Service: The Rising Band

9pm Traditional Service: Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass, Alleluia! Amen!, Cherub Choir, Jr. Strings Ensemble

Christmas Day (Sunday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>) and New Year's Day (Sunday, Jan 1st)

10:30am Worship - ONLY

### Preschool Registration 2017

Thurs Jan 19th from 6-7pm Westminster Preschool offers part-day or full-day options for children ages 3-6 (Preschool & Pre-K). Our registration open house is the first opportunity for families to get registered with us! We fill up quickly, but families who register this night are given first priority. Children are welcome to attend. Tell your friends and family!

### Drama Camp

March 12-17, 2017 from 9am-3pm

K-6th Grader

Register at: [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org)

### Year to Date Pledge Comparison: % of Pledges

	Paid to Date	Pledged Amount	Paid to Date
2016	\$601,831	\$759,257	79.27%
		vs	
2015	\$631,785	\$742,372	87.56%

## WOW! (Westminster on Wednesday)

Join us weekly where you will find great food, education, music, and more!

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> dinner will be:

Chilli, Cinnamon Rolls,  
Fruit, Salad and Desert

Dinner is served from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. in Cole Hall  
\$4/children, \$6/adults, \$17 max per family

### WOW XL (6:30 Youth Café)

Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for XL sized fun, activities, and to grow in faith together.

### Stories Become Us (6:30 - 7:30)

Join us as we explore storytelling as a means of sharing our personal stories and our faith journeys. We will share stories of our childhood, adult years, happy times, sad times, faith experiences and favorite Christmas memories. All are welcome.

### Music Rehearsals (6:30)

Westminster Carillon (Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary)

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

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

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