

Adult Education | Lounge | 9 am

Imagine the first Christmas... for Mary and Joseph... the bewilderment and confusion they experienced, the faithfulness and trust in God they exhibited, and ultimately, the wonder, awe, and joy they shared.

December 17 – “The Incarnation through the Eyes of God” by Rev. Dr. Shelbourn.

December 24 – No Adult Ed

Westminster Bible Class | Parlor | 9 am

The Early Church Proclaims Faith in Christ:

Faith is central to Christian faith. Christ is the basis of salvation, how we live life no matter what it brings.

DECEMBER 17: Faith to Preserve | Acts 14; Colossians 2:6-7 | led by Gary Haller.

DECEMBER 24 & 31: No Bible Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL *following the Children’s Sermon at 10:30

- worship Preschool Story Time | Rm 210 | 9 AM
- Kindergarten of Eden | Ages 3-5 | Rm 210 | *10:45 AM
- Faith Village | Grades K—5 | Lower Level | 9 & *10:45AM
- Middle School | 6-7 Grade | Lower Level | 9 AM
- High School | 10-11 Grade | Lower Level | 9AM

There will be NO REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL on December 24 and December 31. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to join us in Faith Village for a video following the Children’s Conversation in the worship service.

This Sunday’s worship will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 on Thursday at 12:30 pm and regular channel 13 on Saturday at 1 pm. Listen to this week’s sermon on KFOR 1240 AM on Sundays at 10 am, and any time online at 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: Steve Larson, Sammi Lowery, Tracy Sanford, Carol Shelbourn, Jennifer Smith, Ron Wachter, and Matt Wood.

Greeters: Gary Haller and Michael Gregg.

Acolytes: Aubrey Winter and Rachel Hoffman.

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“I am the vine, you are the branches....”

December 17, 2017

Welcome to Westminster!

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

The Mitten Tree is now up in the Garden Room to help spread kindness and warmth this Christmas season. The purpose of our Mitten Tree is to collect cold weather apparel and accessories for those in need as the winter season’s sub-zero temperatures set in. Acceptable items include new mittens, gloves, hats, scarfs, and earmuffs; please no previously used items.

**The Rising Band invites you to “Carols & Cold Ones”
Cottonwood Café — 440 S 11th Street
Sunday, December 17 | 7 - 9 PM**

Please join the Rising Band of Westminster Presbyterian Church at Cottonwood Cafe for a Christmas Sing-a-long with your favorite beverage! We will sing as many holiday favorites as we can, while enjoying fellowship with friends and family.

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles

Circle Groups engage in monthly Bible study, mission, prayer and nurturing of one another. Women of all ages are welcome.

Circle 6: No meeting in December.

Circle 4: Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 pm (changed from Monday because of holiday) Hostess: Linda Burchard

World on a Plate

Holiday preparations are in full swing and we will not be gathering for a December World on a Plate meal. Thank you for joining us this year for fellowship and celebration of world wide mission!

Life Groups Committee

We will be organizing short-term small groups to study and pray together during Lent. During Lent, the participants will read and discuss a book by Marjorie Thompson entitled “Forgiveness: a Lenten Study.” The six-sessions are designed specifically for small groups. These will meet at various times during each week, depending on the schedule of the participants.

Dr. Thompson is a Presbyterian minister and author of a best-seller – *Soul Feast: an Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. Join one of these groups for the season of Lent (Feb. 17- Mar 31). The Committee will be recruiting facilitators to lead the groups as soon as the holidays are over. [Facilitators who led last year’s study of Dr. McDonald’s “Forty Days of Focus” are urged to consider leading a group again in 2018.]

Prairie Readers

Dec. 20, 1 PM | Parlor.
Social time. Christmas film. Bring snack food.

Christmas Eve Worship December 24th

The glorious culmination of our Advent journey. Celebrate Faith, Hope, Joy and Love this candlelight worship with Westminster.

10:30 AM— Advent IV—“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.” In the winter stillness, we anxiously await the birth of Love incarnate.

3:00 PM— Come carol the Good News with The Good Life Chorus, a new professional men’s “a capella” chorus who have made Westminster their home.

5:00 PM— Join with children’s voices, Youth Strings and the Nebraska Brass to welcome the Christ child.

7:00 PM— Celebrate a rockin’ Christmas Eve with the Rising band.

9:00 PM— Proclaim the Good News of Jesus’ birth with the Westminster Choir, Carillon, and the Nebraska Brass.

Open Sing “Hallelujah Chorus!”

At the conclusion of our 10:30am Advent IV worship service on Dec. 24th, we will sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s *Messiah*. Anyone interested in singing is invited to join the Westminster Choir on Dec. 24th at 9:45am on the sanctuary floor near the piano to rehearse. All are welcome!

Children Sing & Ring on Christmas Eve!

All children are invited to join the Alleluia!Amen! and Cherub Choirs in singing "Away in a Manger" for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service, and they'll accompany themselves with handchimes! Open rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 6:30pm in Room 210.

WOW! Westminster On Wednesday

Join us for WOW—Westminster on Wednesday where you will find great food, education, music, and more.

WOW Dinner

Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15 PM Cole Hall.
\$4/children, \$6/Adults, \$17 max per family.

DECEMBER 20th Meal:

Tatar tot/green bean casserole & Cookie Exchange salad, dessert & fruit soup

Remember to bring your cookies to participate in the cookie exchange!

No Adult Ed on Dec. 20 & 27

WOW XL | Youth Café at 6:30 PM

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

WOW! MUSIC Rehearsals on Wednesdays

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 6:20 PM
Alleluia! Amen! | Grades K-5 | Room 210 | 6:30 PM
Cherub Choir | Pre-K | Room 210- East | 6:30 PM
Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 7:30 PM

Parenting Life Group: is now on break.

We will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Year to Date Pledge Comparison: % of Pledges

	<u>Paid to Date</u>	<u>Pledged Amount</u>	<u>Paid to Date</u>
2017	\$554,580	\$709,474	
2016	\$601,831	\$759,257	78.17 %

Westminster Youth are going to Lohmen Germany this summer! Interested youth should contact Jaime Hemmerling (jhemmerling@neb.rr.com) before Sunday, Jan 7.