

## Westminster Welcomes New Members



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# **Administration & Planning**

## **Focus Groups —Final Report—November 2018**

Westminster Presbyterian Church is in a time of change. We are facing some tough realities with the size of our congregation; a budget that is shrinking; large, complex and aging buildings and grounds; and grief over the loss of staff and members who were family to us. However, as Samuel Rutherford said, some graces grow best in winter and Westminster is full of hope, energy, and excitement as we move into our next phase. As a part of the transition, the Administration & Planning (A&P) committee planned, executed, and facilitated 16 focus groups with the congregation to hear thoughts and desires for the future and health of the church. Groups were held at the church, in members' homes, and at retirement facilities at varying times over a three-week period to allow for people to participate at a time convenient for them. Attendance at these focus groups sessions was just short of 150 participants. Our conversations were active and robust, often extending beyond the 90-minute time-frame planned. The history and longevity of the participants was impressive, with the average group having 300+ years of participation in the life of Westminster.

Conversations were focused on three central questions: 1) What do you see happening at Westminster now? 2) What needs to happen going forward? 3) What is missing? Though the discussions took on lives of their own, many central themes emerged.

### **Energy, Excitement, and Hope**

Participants were very excited about the renewed energy that Pastor Val has brought to our congregation. There is a “buzz” in the Garden Room that many long-time members have been missing. We have seen many new and returning members. Sadness over members who have moved on to other congregations continues, but most are ready to move forward with hope in rebuilding the church they call home.

Many expressed that they were nervous when our music department went through a transition; however, it is almost universally agreed that John and Laura have both continued our reputation for excellence in music and have even added to it. The music program is one thing Westminster is known for and was mentioned over and over as a highlight in the experience of our members. The inclusive spirit, including several low-commitment ways to use musical talent to praise God, is seen as a great addition to the program.

There is a sense that although Westminster went through a time of volunteer burnout, all hands are now on deck and ready to serve going forward. Participants who have volunteered under multiple leadership teams indicated that they did not expect staff and called pastors to do it all, and to do so would be patently unfair. Instead, they asked to be empowered to make a difference using their gifts. They asked that staff and our next pastor be the kind who searches out unique gifts of the members and utilizes them.

## **Role of the Next Pastor**

It's no secret that Pastor Val is receiving high marks from this congregation. Although most would love for her to stay, they acknowledged that there are some key personality traits and talents that we want our nominating committee to look for in our next call. It is new territory for Westminster to be moving forward with just one called pastor. The participants noted some key things we need this pastor to do that have often been the job of associate pastors. Although scholarly, relevant, challenging, and spirit-filled sermons remain a high priority, participants expressed a need for a warm and inviting person who personifies Jesus' love for us. We want someone to get to know us and to minister to us. We also recognize that because one pastor cannot be all things to all people at all times, we want someone who serves with humility, building collaboration and empowering staff and lay leaders to minister, to plan, to execute, and to try new things. We want someone filled with a strong faith and a firm Presbyterian theology.

## **Worship Diversity and Excellence**

Over and over, Administration & Planning heard that we have many different needs within this congregation. What we require is to honor those needs without diluting what we currently do with excellence. We do traditional worship very well. We are known for it in the community and we should capitalize on this strength. Most members were thrilled with the changes that Pastor Val has implemented in our sanctuary service to make it much more family friendly and inclusive for children. In particular, they noted the children bringing in the communion elements and the children's sermons in which children are developing relationships with the pastor.

There are some who enjoy a more adult-centered and seamless worship, but the majority acknowledged that the future of the church requires the presence of young families and is a bit more chaotic as a result. We also do a nice, meaningful chapel service.

The relationships, acoustics, and weekly communion meet a different need for that segment of our congregation. There is a strong desire to continue with this type of service.

The Rising has struggled to gain a foothold. That said, many who say an alternative style of worship doesn't work for them find it important to continue with it in some form. A group who would like to worship in a more casual, alternative venue shared that The Rising fills an important need for them. They had a meeting specifically about The Rising and expressed that timing and venue have been the biggest struggles for them. There is a lot of looking backward on "what might have been," but for those who are passionate about the future success of this worship experience, there is a great deal of energy and willingness to pitch in to make it happen.

## **The Education Church**

Christian Education for all ages is seen as a brand differentiator for Westminster. Adult education and Bible study are core components of many members' faith formation and growth. They believe continuing a strong program in this regard is paramount. There is strong support and praise for the hard-working adult education ministry and the volunteers who schedule diverse programs. It was mentioned that the variety of teachers from the community is a great strength of Westminster's. Many passionate adult learners would love to see a younger demographic in class but realize that a corresponding program for children at that same time would be necessary for its success. Some expressed need for a young adult group for education, Bible study, or both and are excited that there is an option for this age on Wednesday evenings outside of the church building. It is also clear that scheduling conflicts, such as the new member class and The Rising, can create issues for adult education.

# WHAT HAS KEPT YOU

The following graphics illustrate the written responses.  
The larger the font, the more times it was mentioned.

## The Education Church Continued

Children's education has long been a strength for this church but needs some re-evaluation. We have strong leadership currently and the involvement of Pastor Val with the children of the church is much appreciated. The curriculum and model in Faith Village needs attention. It is a struggle to find teachers when they must miss the worship service. The sheer number of volunteers needed to make the rotation model a success is out of proportion with the number of children involved on Sunday mornings. There is also some concern that the curriculum is not appropriate for the broad age-range. It requires some modification for the younger students and 4th - 5th graders are too mature for the lessons as presented. Parents of children this age or slightly older expressed that their children have often chosen to remain in worship rather than attend Sunday school.

Confirmation is a large source of conflict at this point. Most believe that while we have a solid program, two years is simply too long a commitment for families. This is particularly true for larger families who look at the commitment of six years or more. The 9:00 am time is also difficult as those families with younger children are making two or three trips to church on Sunday mornings for everyone to get to their classes. We are losing members to a shorter, more intensive confirmation program. Pastor Val has shared that there are several different curriculums available from the denomination that vary in length and intensity. Several groups are studying these issues and the congregation should look for changes in the next few months.

## Infrastructure

Participants love our building and grounds. We have a beautiful building and it is a draw to those in the community, as well as our own congregation.



The updated lounge looks great and is much more functional for adult education. There are many areas in need of similar treatment. Participants are concerned about the sound system in the sanctuary. It is particularly difficult for those with any level of hearing loss to hear during the 10:30 am service. Our home-bound members are concerned about the quality of the worship service as it is presented on TV. Members also expressed concerns about the "temporary" feel of Cole Hall for The Rising. The age of the TV monitor, the instability of the wireless network, and distracting activity in the area during worship were all mentioned as things to consider going forward.

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## Personal Connections

When asked to list highlights of their experience at Westminster, all participants put relationships in their top few. Most have developed those relationships through a small group.

Listening to the participants, the definition of “small group” was very broad – from washing dishes with Green at Heart, to serving on a mission trip, to playing in the bell choir, to participating in dinner, book, or bridge clubs. It was those friendships and supportive relationships that mattered. Some of these groups existed for a short season and others have continued for a lifetime. Some mentioned the need to make known which groups are “open” for new members and how to include newcomers in such groups in a way that is inclusive.

A lot was made of how to make certain each of our members – new and old – became connected with others. There was no consensus on whether things should be formal or informal but there was broad consensus on the need to belong.

## Process and Transparency

The congregation was thrilled to be asked to participate in these focus groups and to be “in the know” about what is going on. There were many requests for more regular sessions like these for members to share their thoughts. Lay leaders want more training and more responsibility. They are also busy and want it to be very clear what the expectations are. They acknowledge that they need help from staff to get it right but are nearly universally willing to roll up their sleeves when things need to be done. What they ask for in return is communication, appreciation, and support to try new things. We have loved the recent transparency of the financial and attendance information noted in the bulletins each week. There is a great affinity for Presbyterian government and process. We want our Session to be truly empowered. We are looking for a collaborative spirit going forward.

# WHAT DO WE NEED IN OUR NEXT PASTOR?

## Membership Growth

There was a lot of mentioned of “the missing generation” of families who have left our church and our aging congregation. Most everyone wants more young families. Part of that strategy needs to be a better connection with the Westminster Pre-school. There are some exciting new connections happening now with Parent’s Night Out and the Preschool Advisory Board, but work is still needed.

## Sunday Schedule

The Session is aware that changes may need to be made to the existing schedule on Sundays and throughout the week to meet the needs of a smaller congregation, a smaller staff, and a changing culture. A task force has been formed to study this. It was strongly suggested that we have a clear plan about who we are and what we want to be, and not sacrifice that or water it down. This is a delicate balance and may result in a solution that looks very different from our current situation to which we are accustomed.

## Looking Ahead

Change isn’t easy, but change can be exciting. As this congregation looks to the future, there will be times when things that have served us well may go away. This will feel like a loss. There will be new things that may not serve us personally, but ultimately will serve God’s church. We will see new ideas that bloom and new ideas that crash and burn. That is OK. But as Presbyterians, we know that our elders are called into service to prayerfully make decisions for the overall health and vibrancy of our congregation. There are truths about which people of good character and principles may disagree. This is healthy and not a bad thing when it is expressed in ways that do not disturb the peace, unity, and purity of the church. At no time is this more likely than in times of change.

The A&P committee thanks Pastor Val for the idea and framework to hear from the congregation through these focus groups. We also thank all those who offered honest thoughts, offered their homes, and offered refreshments as we listened to what you want in our current and future church. We ask that you pray for our church leaders that they may make decisions that represent the will of our congregation, and more importantly, God’s will for the growth and continuation of this church that so many of us call home.



**Thanks to these WPC members who hosted groups in their homes:**

Matt Kirkland, Joan Roberts, Joyce Doulas, Carolyn and Rob Otte, Emily & Ryan Shelstad, Lisa and Chip DeBuse, Marge Young.

**Thanks to the A & P Committee members for facilitating groups and taking notes:**

Karen Janovy, Emily Killham, Joyce Douglas, Allen Wachter, Dan Hoffman, Marybell Avery.

**Special thanks to:**

Pastor Val for the idea and for her presence & guidance at every focus group session and Emily Killham for writing the final report.

-Marybell

**Two for School!**

Westminster has been a longtime supporter of Prescott Elementary School, in our neighborhood at 20th & Harwood Streets. During December we are being asked to help fulfill a teacher “wish list” by providing boxes of Ziploc bags (any size) and facial tissues. You are welcome to bring as many of these two items as you like to the church and place them in or next to the wooden “kiosk” box by the office. Look for the “Two for School!” sign. Thank you for sharing this kindness with Prescott School and supporting our neighbors! Questions, call Karen Hoffman at 402-314-1374.



**Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation**

The Westminster Foundation wishes to thank you for your loyal support in the past, and to encourage your prayerful consideration, in this holiday season, of a year-end gift to help ensure a sound future for Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Just in the past year, the Foundation has provided financial support for the church in the amount of \$100,000. In order to maintain the necessary level of support, your generous gifts are vitally important.

As you may recall from previous publications, “The Westminster Foundation is the union of many gifts, small and large, held in trust and managed by the Foundation Board of Trustees for the benefit of Westminster, its programs and properties. The Foundation exists solely to support the overall mission of our church. Every year, every day, the Foundation is an integral part of the life of our church.”

“The gifts you give today have the potential of bearing fruit for the church over many generations. From the Bible, we learn that Abraham and Sarah were told by God that they were “blessed to be a blessing.” With our support for the Foundation, we too are blessed to be a blessing to future

**Check out the Westminster Presbyterian Church website to view our up to date monthly schedule of events at:**

<https://westminsterlincoln.org>.

Just click on “Upcoming Events” to view details.

# “C” is for Christmas!

Sunday, December 2 | 5-7 PM

Come CELEBRATE with Westminster at “C” is for Christmas! As we await the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us open our hearts to the joy that characterizes the season.

We have a great reason to be joyful!

T’was the night before Advent,  
When all through the town,  
Every cook was up stirring,  
The ingredients they had found.

There’ll be **CRAFTS** to make!  
And **COOKIES** to buy!  
An evening to sing **CAROLS**,  
and **CHILI** to try!

The gauntlet was thrown,  
only the best chili would win!  
Spiciest? Most original?  
Let the tasting begin!

The **CHILDREN** will laugh,  
and appetites be filling,  
our families will gather,  
show ‘em what fellowship is really.

While **C** is for **CHRISTMAS**,  
and we all know it is true.  
let’s join together, with fun for  
me & for you.

Let’s gather in **CELEBRATION**,  
let’s sing His name on high,  
for **CHRIST** is the joy of the  
season, let’s show each other why!

## 2018 Poinsettia Order Form (Please cut out & return to the church)

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. Please specify all information on the form below and return to:

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

Attn: Marge

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln NE 68502

Cost of each poinsettia is \$15. Please make checks payable to Westminster and write POINSETTIA on the memo line. Orders must be received by December 19 to be included in the order of worship.

### PLEASE PRINT:

\_\_\_ I would like to purchase \_\_\_ poinsettia(s)  
and/or

\_\_\_ I would like to make a cash donation to the  
Westminster Library.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will take my poinsettia home.

\_\_\_ The Deacons may deliver my poinsettia to the elderly.



# Mark Your Calendars

## Coming Up In Worship

### Ringling Side-by-Side

**Sunday, December 2**

Children ringing alongside their parents and grandparents, Westminster Carillon members ringing alongside novice bell ringers, this point-and-ring opportunity is a fun, easy way for anyone to experience the bells at Westminster. No music reading or bell ringing knowledge required. Come at 9:30 a.m. to the sanctuary to prepare a simple Christmas anthem for 10:30 worship. For more information, contact Laura Ross.

### Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 9 | 10:30 AM**

Invite your friends to a traditional worship service of Lessons and Carols. Based in the English tradition begun over 100 years ago, this service will alternate beloved Advent and Christmas scripture readings with congregational carols and special music offerings from various Westminster ensembles. Don't miss this marvelous Christmas experience.

### Children's Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 16**

In what will be a year-long series, Smidge and Smudge, the famous Westminster church mouse duo, embark on a journey to learn more about each of the seasons in the church year. Instead of just focusing on Christmas, Smidge and Smudge learn from their friends how this important time of the year fits into a bigger picture.

Our winter pageant begins in the sanctuary where Smidge and Smudge are making a plan to clean up all the chocolate chip cookie crumbs in Cole Hall when Pastor Val's lead church cricket sends them on a mission. The pair then visit three different settings, learning about Advent, Christmas, and finally Epiphany. We hope you'll join us for this new and exciting exploration of our faith!

### Open Sing "Hallelujah Chorus"

**Sunday, December 23**

A Westminster tradition. At the conclusion of our 10:30 a.m. worship on Dec. 23, we will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. All singers are invited to join the Westminster Choir at 10:00 a.m. on the sanctuary floor near the piano for a brief rehearsal.

### Join us for a Concert!

#### Lincoln Choral Artists Concert

**Thursday, December 13 | 7:30 PM**

Featuring Dulces Voces and Organist John Ross

\$10/adults and \$5/students

Celebrate the hope of the season with a Renaissance Christmas concert featuring a program to uplift throughout the ages. As a part of the concert, the audience is invited join the ensembles in a Carol Sing-a-long led by Westminster's beautiful Casavant pipe organ.

**REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!!**

# Preschool!

Do you know a child that would benefit from a high-quality nationally accredited preschool program?

Westminster Preschool offers part-day or full-day options for children ages 3 through 6 (Preschool and 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! For more information, contact Suzanne Schneider (402) 475-6702 [suzanne@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:suzanne@westminsterlincoln.org)

Find us Online: [www.wpslincoln.org](http://www.wpslincoln.org)  
Facebook: Westminster Preschool



**Open House Registration for the  
2019-2020 School Year!**

**Thursday, January 24 | 6-7 PM**



  
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## Session Notes

Westminster session in November confronted several challenges for our church as we prepare for the call of a new senior pastor. Among them is the maintenance of a vibrant ministry in the face of declining membership and financial support.

Before it can prepare a Mission Information Form, detailing the state of the church, session addressed the need to determine a more accurate count of membership. The church rolls have not been formally reviewed for several years.

To this end, session has voted to send letters to those individuals on our rolls for whom we have no record of attendance for the past two years. The message is simple: we miss you and please rejoin us soon for worship. In the same way, elders are encouraging active members to extend the same invitation to friends they have not seen at church recently.

An accompanying concern is finances. Elder Bill Walstad, moderator of the Finance Committee, notes that current income is well below budget, making it difficult to meet current commitments.

Looking to the immediate future, session also heard a report from a Sunday morning task force on potential adjustments to our current worship and education times. Primary discussion focused on the time of our contemporary worship, The Rising, and the difficulties faced by families with youth in a range of ages involving different programs. There was also discussion of a reduction in the length of confirmation classes, and potential move of some Sunday youth programs to Wednesday evening. The consensus of session was to delay any action on programming changes until the January session retreat.

Maintenance of our grounds, equipment and building remain another on-going challenge. Building and Grounds elder Jim White reported that roof repairs were imminent and that his committee is preparing a long-term maintenance program. Music and Worship elder Jim Kinkennon reported that an expensive refurbishment of the pipe organ console is becoming critical.

Ernie Hines, Clerk of Session

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Westminster members serving a meal at The Gathering Place. Photo by Claire Titus.

Westminster is a place to worship, a place to serve, and a place to belong. We value building healthy relationships with one another and we believe it is important for everyone to discover a place where they can connect and grow. You are invited to become involved with any of our life groups and/or committees at any time. For more information call 402-475-6702.



## WEDNESDAY'S & SUNDAY'S

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### Parents' Night Out | Wednesdays | FREE | 5-7 PM

Ready, Set, Go... have 2 hours to take a breath, restore your soul & enjoy some free time while your newborns through 5th grade are lovingly cared for by Westminster Church Staff. Your child will enjoy: games, meal, music, Bible Study and a bed time story just before you pick them up at 7 PM. Open to ALL. Please encourage your child (children) to invite friends. **No Parent's Night Out on Wednesday, December 26 for Christmas Holiday.**

### MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evenings

Youth Strings | Chapel | 5-5:30 PM

Alleluia! Amen! (Grades K-5) | 5:50 PM \*

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30 PM

Cherub Choir (Pre-K) | 5:50 PM \*

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30 PM

\* Part of Parents' Night Out

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Café | 6:30 PM

Youth Grades 6-8th meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

### Academy of the Laity

Adult Education Forum | Sunday Mornings | Lounge | 9-10 AM

During the month of December, we will offer an Advent series taught by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn entitled, "Messianic Hope: Expectation & Fulfillment"

**December 2** | The roots of the concept of messiah as it developed in ancient Israel

**December 9** | How messianic expectation developed in the years just prior to and during Jesus' life, including a look at the Maccabean Revolt.

**December 16** | A look at how the Resurrection faith of the Church altered and enlarged the conception of Messiah, including some appropriations that are theologically brilliant and some that are not biblically sound.

**December 23 & 30** | No Academy of the Laity Scheduled

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Parlor | 9 AM

Join us all month or a Sunday here and there while we explore scripture together.

**Coffee and donut holes are waiting along with a friendly, spirit-filled group of friends.**

**December 2** | "Voices for God", Job 32-42:6.

**December 9** | "The Messiah is Coming", Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-75, 3:1-6.

**December 16** | "Joy Comes", Isaiah 12:2-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20.

**December 23** | "A Prayer and a Promise", Psalm 80; Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-55.

**December 30** | No Bible Study Scheduled

## Children, Youth & Family

# MINISTRY

\*All children are invited to attend 10:30 AM worship and participate in the Children's Conversation before going to Sunday School.

### Sunday School

**Nursery | 9 AM—Noon**

**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**

**Confirmation Class | 8th-9th Grade | Youth Area | 9 AM**

**Middle School | 6-7 Grade | Youth Area | 10 AM**

**High School | 10-11 Grade | Lower Level | 10 AM**

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

**Baptism:** Veronica Millie, daughter of Heather and Matt Schimdt.

### Kindergarten of Eden:

In Advent we see God's grace poured out. With Mary and the shepherds, we ponder and rejoice at this miracle. With Simeon and Anna, we marvel in God's grace. With the magi, we worship the newborn king. Through the stories of Luke, we are introduced to the beginning of Jesus' ministry as he is baptized by John in the Jordan River and then is tempted in the desert for forty days. Jesus announces his ministry quoting Isaiah 61 and people are at first amazed at his words and then angered at what they might mean. Jesus calls people to follow him, continuing to teach about God's upside-down world where the unexpected receive blessings and following God's way to live means loving, forgiving, and giving.

### Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade | ROOM 210 | 9 AM

Any child Preschool– 5<sup>th</sup> grade, is welcome to join us! Children will explore Bible teachings & celebrate fellowship! Each Sunday we will sing songs & use our artistic gifts to create.

### Faith Village K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade | Lower Level | 10:45 AM

In December, children in Faith Village will learn what it means to rejoice in our promised Messiah. Jesus is born & the fulfillment of that promise is God's way of connecting hope to God's people. Through our curriculum rotations we will celebrate the peace that the Messiah brings us during Advent.

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## Sign Up for A New Member Class

# GROW WITH US!

Westminster is a faith community that is continually evolving. We are looking to grow our wonderful church! If you are visiting and are interested in connecting with Westminster please fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews, or contact one of our New Member Committee Members: Matt Kirkland, Emily Shelstad, or Pastor Val Putnam to learn more about our next New Member Class!



**We've Been Very Busy This Year!**

# KNIT & SIT

These are the items we are donated to the City Mission this year. We have made over 250 scarves, hats, sweaters and other warm items & toys!



**December Creation Challenge:**

# SAVE THAT STYROFOAM!

We all know that Styrofoam can't be recycled, right? And in the landfill it can take hundreds of years to decompose. And it can leach styrene when it's heated and choke animals when it breaks into smaller pieces. So what to do with all that packaging that comes with our Christmas shopping?

Bring it to church! Because Styrofoam CAN be recycled. It just takes a special process that's available in Omaha. So please start now to save your Styrofoam (EPS) packaging. We'll begin collecting it at the church after Christmas, and we'll deliver it for recycling as the kick-off to next April's Creation Celebration.

## **Here's what to do-**

- Save any EPS packing material or products marked #6.
- Remove any tape, loose parts, etc.
- Large pieces can be broken to a manageable size
- Sorry, no disposable food items or packing peanuts





### **Knit & Sit | Wednesdays | Church Library | 6:30 PM**

We warmly welcome you to come to knit, crochet, do other hand work, or just sit and enjoy the fellowship. We can also help you learn to knit and we have some supplies to share. We meet year round, just come when you can.

### **Theology on Tap: Where young adults gather to discuss faith!**

We focus on fulfilling our day to day spiritual needs by providing a safe place to have fun & explore God's call in each of our own lives. Join us on Wednesdays @ 8pm! Contact Edison McDonald at 402-802-1109 for location information .

### **Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, December 6 | 11:30 AM**

We are meeting at Stouffer's located at 5600 S 48 Street. Come for fellowship & good food. All are welcome. Contact: Ed Plander at 217-779-3449.

### **History Buffs | Saturday, December 8 | Lounge | 9 AM**

Will Thomas Ph .D., former Chairman of the UNL Dept. of History will be speaking for History Buffs on December 8th, Saturday at 9 AM in the lounge on the topic of " Slavery in Early Washington D.C.".

### **Ladies Night Out | Billy's | Tuesday, December 11**

Invite your friends for an evening of getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church Women over appetizers \$10 + drink cost, tax and tip. All ladies are welcome to join. Send RSVP's to robynu2@hotmail.com.

### **Sausage, Eggs & Scripture | Saturday, December 15 | Scooter's | 8 AM**

Men of Westminster are invited to a breakfast Bible study on the third Saturday of each month. We meet in the private dining room of Scooter's located at 2901 S 84th Street. Pastor Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9 AM. For more info, call Pastor Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

### **Faith & Cancer | Tuesday, December 18 | Parlor | 7 PM**

No matter where you are in your journey, this group is where cancer survivors can come together for fellowship, prayer and study. This Life Group meets at the same time every third Tuesday of each month.

### **Prairie Readers | Wednesday, December 19 | Westminster Parlor | 1 PM**

Join us for fun, goodies and a holiday film!

### **Presbyterian Women's Circles**

All Westminster Presbyterian Women are invited to visit and/or join one of the following circles:

**Circle 3** | First Wednesdays | Meet at Church | 10 AM

**Circle 4** | First Mondays | Green Gateau | December 3 | 5:30 PM

**Circle 5** | Second Tuesdays | Church Lounge | 10 AM

**Circle 6** | Fourth Tuesdays | Church Library | 7 PM



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# Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Times

## Monday, December 24, 2018

**3 PM**

Carols, candles and Special Music

**7 PM**

Celebrate a rockin' Christmas Eve with the Rising band in Cole Hall.

**5 PM**

Families join with children's voices, the Westminster Choir, and the Nebraska Brass

**9 PM**

Find warmth, joy, and love in our beautiful sanctuary for a candlelight service with the Westminster Carillon, Choir, and the Nebraska Brass.

