

ACADEMY OF THE LAITY

SUNDAY ADULT ED FORUM | Lounge | 9 AM

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery- Moved to Faith Village | 8 AM-Noon

Preschool Story Time | Faith Village | 9 AM

Kindergarten of Eden | Ages 3-5 | Faith Village | *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

Pick up for all children newborn - 5th grade will be in Faith Village until further notice.*All children are invited to attend 10:30 AM worship and participate in the Children's Conversation before Sunday School.

SUDDENLY IT'S THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Do you know who discovered the Poinsettia? What movies have become Christmas Classics? What code is found in the Twelve Days of Christmas? "Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas" answers these questions and more. Read, laugh, learn & enjoy! Available for check out from the book display in the Garden Room.

This Sunday's worship will be televised on Windstream channel 13 and Spectrum channel 1302 on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. Listen to the current week's sermon on KFOR 1240 AM on Sundays at 10 a.m. or anytime online: 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: Ray Stevens, Joyce Douglas, Adam Ferguson, Annie Ferguson, Brandi Jording, Shawn Jording and Steve Titus.

Greeters: Amy Fricke, Margo Gamet, Tim Gergen, Gary Haller, Nancy Delgado, Michael Dempsey and Marijane Hancock.

Acolytes: Colten Graham and Sam Baltensperger.

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High School Youth Director: Devon Nelson

Middle School Youth Director: Andrew Finkner

Preschool Director: Suzanne Schneider x 103

Communications Coordinator: Tracy Murray x 101

Administrative Secretary: Marge Tomlinson x 102

Custodians/Maintenance: Richard Gruenemeyer, Ryan McClain,

John Paul Wirrick



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

December 16, 2018

Welcome to Westminster

We are so glad you are here today.

A Special Thank You to our volunteers this past week:

Pat Hackley, Martha Kingsbury, Linda Pabst, Barb Andersen, Jim Kinkennon, Dale Burrage, Dorothy Smiley, Kelly Braswell, Francy Scheele, Pat Voelker, Diana Wild, Josh Whitfield, Jackie Champoux, Maureen Hergert and H Seward.

The church office will be closed on Christmas day and on New Year's Day.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Today during 10:30 worship

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.

Westminster Events & News

Westminster is in an exciting phase of transition and transformation. We need volunteers to help with various clerical tasks- mailings, answering the phone, filing, folding, and stuffing bulletins, helping in the Business Office with clerical tasks, light maintenance projects, and we're looking for a group that would help organize the supply closet in the Children's ministry area. Volunteers can come in weekly or monthly for an hour or two. Please contact Maureen Hergert (Volunteer Coordinator) at mhergert75@gmail.com and we will find a spot for you.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Wednesdays | 5-7 PM

KNIT-N-SIT | Wednesdays | Library | 6:30-7:30 PM

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.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, December 19

Westminster Parlor | 12-2 PM (Note new time)

Join us for fun, goodies and a holiday film!

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.

Check out our website to view our up to date monthly schedule of events at: <https://westminsterlincoln.org>. Just click on "Upcoming Events" to view details.

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Our children will sing "Away in a Manger" during the 5:00pm service on Christmas Eve. Join us at 4:30 in the sanctuary for a quick rehearsal. Westminster children and all visitors are welcome!

MUSIC REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS

All of our music ensembles are welcoming new volunteers! Contact John or Laura with any questions.

Youth Strings | Chapel | 5:00-5:30 PM

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30-6:30 PM

Children's Choirs | 210 | 5:50-6:20 PM

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30-8:00 PM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE GROUPS

Circle 3- First Wednesdays at 10 AM

Circle 4- First Mondays at 7 PM

Hostess: Kathy Anderson, 5411 South Dove Lane

Circle 5- Second Tuesdays at 10 AM

Circle 6- Fourth Tuesdays at 7 PM

TWO FOR SCHOOL

Westminster has been a longtime supporter of Prescott Elementary School. We have been asked to help fulfill a teacher "wish list" by providing boxes of Ziploc bags (any size) and facial tissues. Thank you for sharing this kindness with Prescott School and supporting our neighbors! Questions, call Karen Hoffman at 402-314-1374.

FOOD PANTRY

Donate to the Westminster Food Pantry this Christmas Season! Pick up your Gift Card(s) at the Front Desk. This is a fun gift idea for your friends and it will also help people in need.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services

Monday, December 24, 2018

3:00 PM | Carols, candles and special music from The Good Life Chorus.

5:00 PM | Families join with children's voices, the Westminster Choir, and the Nebraska Brass to welcome in the Christ child.

7:00 PM | Celebrate Christmas Eve with the Rising band in Cole Hall.

9:00 PM | Celebrate Christmas Eve the Westminster Carillon, Choir, and the Nebraska Brass.

DEC. CREATION CHALLENGE TIP: Recycle the White Stuff

The corollary to "Some assembly required" is often "Some Styrofoam included". As you dispose of gift packing, please set aside those chunks of plastic. We'll be collecting it during January and February to take it to a recycling facility in Omaha in March. Sorry, no disposable food items or packing peanuts.

Have you changed your fire alarm battery yet?

If the sound is weak or nonexistent, it's time replace your batteries. If it has been more than six months since you last replaced the batteries (whether your detector is battery-powered or hardwired), change them now regardless of the test result. We are offering free 9 volt batteries available for pick up at the front desk Monday through Friday between 8-5 PM.

Remember to wear your name tags on Sundays. It helps all of us and especially the new people who appreciate seeing your name & face together.