# **ACADEMY OF THE LAITY**

# SUNDAY ADULT ED FORUM | Lounge | 9 AM

**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.

# SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Parlor | 9 AM

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

**December 9** | "Restoration and More", Job 42:7-17.

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Nursery | 8 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 children are invited to attend 10:30 AM worship and participate in the Children's Conversation before Sunday School.

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.

#### SUDDENLY IT'S THE SEASON OF ADVENT

And there is no better way to welcome Christmas than by browsing through the "Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury". Writers known and unknown share their most memorable holiday moments of the spirit of giving, holiday traditions, and the true meaning of Christmas. You're sure to find a story or two that makes you laugh or cry and brings back memories of your own celebrations. 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: <a href="www.westminsterlincoln.org">www.westminsterlincoln.org</a>.

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:** Caroline Schainost, Marcia Hollestelle, Scott Roberts, Shawn Roberts, Eric Wachter, John Paul Wirrick and Sydne Wirrick-Knox.

Greeters: Mike Rasmussen, Mitch Schainost, Bruce Sheffield,

Emily Shelstad, Bill Walstad, and Jim White.

**Acolytes:** Aspen Hemmerling and Colten Graham.

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"I am the vine, vou are the branches...."

December 2, 2018

# **Welcome to Westminster**

We are so glad you are here today.

# A Special Thank You to our volunteers this week:

Pat Hackley, Sarah Parker, Barb Andersen, and Harry Seward, Jr, Tom Pappas, Ken Govaerts, Jim White, and Jean Jeffrey, Wes Putnam, Josh Whitfield, Lisa DeBuse, Joan Roberts, Gary Molten and Greg Hershberger.

# Join us tonight for "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! Families are invited to come make CRAFTS, taste CHILI from our cook-off, hear advent stories, & sing CAROLS in Fellowship Hall. For those looking for gifts, we will also have vendors selling their crafts in the Garden Room!

# **Westminster Events & News**

# **GROW WITH US!**

Westminster is a faith community that is continually evolving. We are looking to grow our wonderful church! If you are visiting today 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, <a href="mattkirkland3@gmail.com">mattkirkland3@gmail.com</a>, Emily Shelstad, <a href="mattkirkland3@gmail.com">emily.shelstad@gmail.com</a>, or Pastor Val Putnam to learn more about our next New Member Class!

#### **ANGEL TREE**

There's one week left to finish shopping and get your Angel Tree gifts back to the church. If you haven't picked up a tag, there's still time. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church before December 9th. Be someone's Angel this Christmas.

# Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, December 4 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at Toast | 570 Fallbrook Blvd #105 Come for fellowship & good food. All are welcome. Contact: Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883.

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

Will Thomas Ph .D., former Chairman of the UNL Dept. of History will be speaking on the topic of " Slavery in Early Washington D.C."

# Special Music on Sunday, December 9 | 10:30 AM

Invite your friends to a traditional worship service of Lessons and Carols on December 9th at 10:30am. Based in the English tradition, this service will alternate our favorite Advent and Christmas biblical readings with congregational hymns and special music offerings from various Westminster ensembles. Don't miss this marvelous Christmas experience.

# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Wednesdays | 5-7 PM

Restore your soul & enjoy some free time while your newborns-5th graders are lovingly cared for by Westminster Church staff. Your child will enjoy: games, mostory just before you pick them up at 7 PM. Open to ALL. Please encourage children to invite friends.

# Lincoln Choral Artists Concert Featuring Dulces Voces and Organist John Ross Thursday, December 13 | 7:30 PM \$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.

#### 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

# Two for School!

Westminster has been a longtime supporter of Prescott Elementary School, in our neighborhood at 20<sup>th</sup> & 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.

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

We warmly welcome you to come to knit, crochet or 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. Come when you can.

#### **CREATION CHALLENGE TIP:**

# **Settle into Winter with a Good Book**

"Drawdown", edited by Paul Hawken, bills itself as "The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming." It's actually a collection of 100 proposals, each carefully analyzed in terms of costs, savings, and potential to help our planet. Don't plan to read it straight through. Instead, just open anywhere, find a photo you like, and learn about a well-researched idea. This New York Times bestseller has hope on every page!

# Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Monday, December 24, 2018

#### 3:00 PM

Carols, candles and The Good News with special music.

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

#### 9:00 PM

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