

ACADEMY OF THE LAITY

SUNDAY ADULT ED FORUM | Lounge | 9 AM

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.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Parlor | 9 AM

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.

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

Let's face it -- at Christmas we all would kind of like to be kids again. Take yourself back by enjoying The Joy of a Peanuts Christmas, a collection of the best Christmas strips by Charles Schulz from the 1950s to the 1990's. The whole gang is there to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends.

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: Gwen Thorpe, Steve Larson, Tracy Sanford, Carol Shelbourn, Ron Wachter and Matt Wood.

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

Acolytes: Carter Mulvaney and Mircalla McCune.

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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 Werrick



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

December 9, 2018

Welcome to Westminster

We are so glad you are here today.

A Special Thank You to our volunteers this week:

Pat Hackley, Martha Kingsbury, Jean Jeffrey, Linda Pabst, Josh Whitfield, and Jackie Champoux.

Due to all the snowy weekends, watch channel 10/11 on Sunday mornings for possible church closings.

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.

Westminster Events & News

New Volunteer Coordinator

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.

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."

Ladies Night Out | Billy's located at 1301 H Street

Tuesday, December 11 | 5-7 PM

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.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Wednesdays | 5-7 PM

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

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

Saturday, December 15 | Scooter's | 8 AM

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

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.

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*

Join us for fun, goodies and a holiday film!

*Note new time.

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. We are being 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.

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.

DECEMBER CREATION CHALLENGE TIP:

Start now to save any Styrofoam packaging that comes with your purchases. Westminster will have a collection container available during January and February, and everything we collect will be recycled in Omaha. Together we can keep piles of white stuff out of the landfill! See your December Messenger for more information.

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.

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.