



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

**The week of Feb. 15, 2026**

*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family,  
inspired by Jesus Christ, to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

**Adult Education Following Worship Today | Lounge**

**Rachel Gibson, Action Vice President of the League of Women**

**Voters of Nebraska, will speak about legislative bills and priorities of**

**2026.** Rachel is currently the Vice President of Action for the LWNNE.

She previously served on the Fair Maps redistricting committee,

Education Policy Action Team and the Social Policy Action Team.

The Nebraska Legislative session started on January 7, and it has already

been a busy one! Join us for a summary of the session so far including

notable bills, legislative themes, and what to expect during this second

session of the 109th Legislature.

**ADULT EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES**

**“Encounters on the Way to Jerusalem”**

**A curriculum written by and taught by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn**

**Sundays at 11:15 a.m., Lounge near the Reception Desk**

Feb 22	Lent 1	“A Crowd of Thousands” Luke 12:1-7
Mar 1	Lent 2	“Bad News Reporters” Luke 13:1-9
Mar 8	Lent 3	“An Argument Among Disciples” Mark 9:30-41, 50
Mar 15	Lent 4	“Blind Bartimaeus and Faith” Mark 10:46-52
Mar 22	Lent 5	“Sympathetic Pharisees” Luke 13:31-35
Mar 29	Palm Sun.	“The Last Scribe to Dare Ask a Question” Mark 12:28-34



**Ash Wednesday Worship**

**Feb. 18, 6 PM in the sanctuary**

**Includes the imposition of ashes.**

## **Lenten Bible Study - Mondays February 23-March 30**

Join us on Monday mornings at 11 AM in the church library beginning February 23 to reflect on the Gospel According to Mark, the earliest of the Gospels. This study will be an opportunity to walk in the steps of the disciples as they follow Jesus to the cross. Explore what it means to be called. Discover anew who Jesus is. Walk the way of the cross during Holy Week. Please email your interest to Pastor Ellen at [edavis3655@gmail.com](mailto:edavis3655@gmail.com) so study materials are available for all.

## **Westminster Grief and Renewal Sessions**

Part of Westminster's journey with Ministry Architects is to create time and space to identify challenges or wounds from our congregation's past, name them, and work toward renewal so we can thrive in the future. Pastor Chris will be hosting two Sessions - one prior to Ash Wednesday worship and one two Wednesdays later (details below). These two Sessions are unique and offer different approaches. You are encouraged to attend both but may find attending one helpful and healing. RSVP's are encouraged but not required to attend.

RSVP Sign-Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AAAF2EA6FAC16-62321850-westminster>

### **Session I: Naming and Bridging**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 5:30-5:55pm**

**Where: The Sanctuary (before 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship)**

Session I will focus on naming wounds, our locus of control in those situations, and identifying a metaphor of journeying across a bridge to help us find new ground on which to stand for perspective and healing.

### **Session II: Deep Questioning and Radical Acceptance**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6:00pm-7:00pm (session will last no more than one hour but may be shorter)**

**Where: The Lounge Classroom**

Session II will use deep questioning and Radical Acceptance techniques to navigate our past *and* current wounds, including areas of harmful

and subjective nostalgia that we are prone to look to for future strategy (one of the challenges Ministry Architects has named for our congregation).

### **Meeting of the Congregation**

The Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026, following the worship service. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2025 annual reports, presentation from Foundation, the election of Nominating Committee At-Large members, the presentation of the 2026 budget and the approval of the pastor's terms of call for 2026. The February Messenger, which contains annual reports from the committees at Westminster as well as other information, is available on the church's website—[westminsterlincoln.org](http://westminsterlincoln.org).

### **Faith and Cancer Support Group**

Author and cancer survivor, Lynn Eib, describes the feeling of hearing the diagnosis of cancer like "driving down the road and hitting a patch of 'black ice.' I am out of control--scary!" The Westminster Cancer Support group is an informal place of safety from 'black ice' where we share laughter, burdens and blessings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 10 AM in the Church Library. All are welcome. Bruce Sheffield 402-303-2363.

### **Artist Deb Kubik Back in February**

The Westminster Art Committee is pleased to welcome the return of glass artist, Deb Kubik, during the month of February. Our Inaugural Art Show was May 11, 2025 with Deb's garden art in our parking lot. We now have the opportunity to enjoy her "indoor" art pieces.

Deb is a full time contemporary warm glass kiln artist. Warm glass can replicate the delicacies of watercolor by using the tiniest pieces of glass frit to "paint" a landscape or a friendly bunny. It can be bold using colors to compliment any décor. Collect pieces for holidays or for year-round enjoyment. Each piece is a "one of a kind" piece of art to be treasured in your home.

Her unique art will be in the cabinets near the parking lot entrance as well as in the Gallery Hall. A Representative will be present on Sundays if you wish to purchase her beautiful art for your home.

**Prairie Readers**

Prairie Readers will meet Wednesday, February 18 at 1 PM in the Lounge. Terri Wiksund will lead the discussion of *WAYWARD* by Emelia Hart. Please note the change in schedule. We will discuss *Dust Child* in March. Come and join us. Everyone is welcome!

**Week Beginning February 15**

<p><b><u>Sun. (Feb. 15)</u></b>          10 AM Breakfast Church, Fellowship Hall          11:20 AM Adult Ed., Lounge          12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Feb. 16)</u></b>          Church offices are closed in observation of Presidents’ Day.          11 AM Explorers Bible Study—          Pastor Ellen’s Home</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (Feb. 17)</u></b>          10 AM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library          2 PM Memorial Service for Chan Tyrrell at Roper and Sons Funeral Chapel          6 PM Communications &amp; Outreach, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (Feb. 18) Ash Wed.</u></b>          1 PM Hearts, Hands &amp; Hugs, Library          1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge</p>	<p>5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities Youth Areas – All          5:30 PM Grief &amp; Renewal Session, Sanctuary          6 PM Ash Wed. Worship, Sanctuary          6:50 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (Feb. 19)</u></b>          5 PM Bell Ringers Rehearsal, First Plymouth          7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (Feb. 21)</u></b>          10 AM Homestead Presbytery on Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Feb. 22)</u></b>          10 AM Worship, Faith Village; Sanctuary          11 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Sanctuary          11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge          12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams>