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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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""Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever."
Psalm 100:4–5 (NIV)

Sunday Service
We welcome you to Worship in the Sanctuary with us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and/or worship virtually with us on our YouTube channel at https://westminsterlincoln.org/youtube-videos

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WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL

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Look What We're Learning!

Halloween always brings an exciting batch of events to Preschool. Now it's time to take a break before Christmastime is upon us. We're working hard to practice for our Christmas Program that is just around the corner.

After our Weather & Seasons unit, we're excited to transition to On the Go where we will be learning about all things transportation.

Before Thanksgiving, we will be reading the book Balloons Over Broadway and constructing our own balloons and having a parade! Hopefully, the weather will let us take them outside.

Take a look at some of the themes we're learning about in November:

CLASSROOM THEME:
ON THE GO

SECOND STEP:
ACCIDENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 4TH ---
FIREFIGHTER VISIT

NOV. 18TH/19TH ---
VISION SCREENING

NOV. 23RD/24TH ---
BALLOON PARADE

NOV. 25TH - NOV. 30TH
NO SCHOOL
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!







A Note From Pastor Chris

Westminster Family,

In October we began a series in worship exploring our new Vision and Values. Our Vision is, "In our next chapter, we will work together to redefine the church as a place of belonging and hospitality for those who feel lost or left out." Along with that vision come four new Values for our life together at church and in the community:

"In our next chapter at WPC, we believe that living like Jesus and loving our neighbors as ourselves will ask us to live into the following values:

- Radical Welcome: We make room for every person to feel seen, valued, and accepted.
- Joyful Service: We take delight in placing others' needs ahead of our own.
- Deepening Faith: We expect our lives to keep changing as we learn how to follow Jesus.
- Better Together: We know we can't become more like Jesus on our own."

As we move into our Annual Giving Campaign for 2027, these ideas and ideals help us to have a clearer framework for our ministry and mission together. Stewardship Packets will be arriving soon for members, with information on how your giving impacts our work, which we believe is "Better Together!" Friends of the congregation and visitors may pick up extra packets at the church in coming weeks. Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 15, 2026.

As you consider how you might give of your time, talents, and treasure in 2027, truly our next chapter begins. On December 6, just around the corner, we will celebrate 100 years in our sanctuary, 100 years of ministry at the corner of Sheridan and South, and 100 years as a community in this place – more than 4/5ths of our congregation's history! On Monday, December 7, that means we truly begin "our Next 100 Years at Sheridan and South," and you are invited, encouraged, and welcome to join us as we seek to be Westminster: Better Together – in giving, in sharing, and in service!

With Gratitude,
Chris

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

November - Native American Heritage Month; archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month or nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov
13 World Kindness Day; randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day
15–21 National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week; pcusa.org/how-we-serve/justice-peace/hunger
20 World Children's Day; un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day
20 Transgender Day of Remembrance; glaad.org/tdor
25 International Dayfor the Elimination of Violence Against Women; un.org/en/observances/endingviolence-against-women-day
25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violenceagainst-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism
26 Thanksgiving; pcusa.org/resource/thanksgiving-prayers

Pianist Needed for Preschool Program
Preschool is looking for piano player to play at Christmas Program on Dec. 17th . Must be able to attend 2-3 morning practices during the week of the program. Contact Preschool Director if interested in helping out!

Hearts and Hands | Library | Wednesdays 1 –3 PM
Hearts and Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wednesday in the church library. Questions? Call Dorrie Gage at 402-730-9676

Explorers Bible Study - Mondays @ 11 a.m.
The bible study will meet in the Library at 11 a.m. Join others in exploring the Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Rome.

Lunch Bunch | Tuesday, November 3 | 11:30 a.m. | Granite City - 6200 O Street
Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, November 3, 11:30 A.M., at Granite City, 6200 "O" Street.
R.S.V.P. to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

Upcoming Events Cntd

Faith & Cancer Support Group | Tuesday, November 17 10:00 AM | Church Library

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, November 18 | 1:00 PM
Prairie Readers will meet Wednesday, November 18 at 1 PM in the lounge. This is a chance to nominate a favorite book as we select titles for 2027. This is an important process so please join us.

Ladies Night Out | Monday, November 30 | Venue Restaurant and Lounge | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Join us this month at Venue Lounge. As always, it promises to be a fun time of catching up. Feel free to bring a friend! Westminster Presbyterian Church Ladies' Night Out @ Venue Restaurant and Lounge 4111 Pioneer Woods Dr Ste 100, Monday, November 30, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We visit local restaurants to share in conversation and in a good meal. We have no agenda; our primary goal is to get-to-know one another better in a small group setting.
We would love to have a seat at the table for you; please RSVP to robynu2@hotmail.com by Sunday, November 29.
Questions or suggestions please email, text, or call Robyn 937-935-6858.
We want to have plenty of seating for all. We hope you can join us!

Dudes Night Out | Tuesday, November 30, 2026 | 5pm | Rosie's Sports Bar & Grill
Join us for a good meal and lots of fellowship at Rosie's Sports Bar & Grill - 1502 Center Park Road
There is no agenda; the primary goal is to get-to-know one another better in a small group setting. We would love to have you join us at the table; please RSVP to garyhaller70@att.net by Sunday, Nov. 29th.
If you have questions or suggestions please email, text, or call Gary Haller at (817) 757-2980.

Adult Ed Series for November
November 1: Rachel M. Gibson, Vice President of Action for the of League of Women Voters NE, will present What is on your ballot and why it matters. Rachel M. Gibson is currently the Vice President of Action for the LWVNE. She previously served on the Fair Maps redistricting committee, Education Policy Action Team, and the Social Policy Action Team. Before starting at the League, she spent 10 years as an advisor, educator, and program coordinator in higher education. She earned Bachelor's and Masters from the University of Kansas.

November, 8: Living as a Christian in the Third Reich, Dr. Peter Reinkordt, professor of German at Doane University. Peter was born and spent several years of his childhood growing up in counties dominated by the National Socialists. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1972 in German Language and Literature. Reinkordt has taught at a private secondary school in Switzerland, at UNL, and Nebraska Wesleyan before settling at Doane College in 1984 and teaching there until 2011 full time, and as emeritus he taught one history course each fall until 2016. While his areas of special interest and research are German literature of the 20th century as well as German history and culture, he taught the range of classes involving German language acquisition. His focus on contemporary history of Europe deals with fascism, the Holocaust and recent developments with special emphasis on Germany, particularly post-WW II and more recently unification of East and West Germany since the fall of the wall in 1989.

November 15: No Adult Ed (congregational meeting after Service then officer training with lunch)

November 22: A Season of Giving - Peg Connealy, Co-president of the Heritage League of Lincoln, will speak about their community service activities.

November 29: No Adult Ed, Thanksgiving weekend.

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IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY !!!!!!

When: December 6, 2026, during and after the 10:00am church service
Why: To celebrate our Sanctuary turning 100 years old
Historic memorabilia: church blueprints, pictures and other artifacts will be on display in Fellowship Hall
Details: Potluck menu - Pork loin main dish, tea, coffee and water provided; sides and desserts to be provided by our congregational members.
(members with last name starting with A-O bring a side dish and P-Z a dessert dish)
Setting for lunch: Cole Hall (the original dining room)
For fun: Men and Women wear hats from the 1920's (an era where hats were worn to church).
Check your closets, there will be some loaners provided.
Original recipes: A variety of original recipes would be an added attraction.
Check your family recipes. Susie Hughes has an original 1950 church cookbook and is willing to share.

UPCOMING EVENT: 100 Acts of Kindness Challenge: Between January 1, 2027, and May 9, 2027, you are challenged to do 100 nice things for someone. A list of suggested Acts of Kindness will be in the December Messenger and E-Vine for you to start your plan.



Fall Clean Up Report

Building and Grounds scheduled "Fall Clean Up" for last Saturday, October 24 from 9am til noon. It was a spectacular success for three reasons.

- Most of the leaves we expected to collect were still in the tree canopies.
- Steve Hughes, Tom Welstead, Claire Titus, Bill Burbach, Carol Burbach, Gary Haller and Tom Pappas came to work and were fixing to finish up around 11am.
- At exactly 11 we were surprised by the arrival of six volunteers from UNL's community service project "The Big Event". We had applied for four student workers but literally didn't know we were approved until the arrival of Allison, Violet, Mattie, Claire, Lola and Lily. Bill stayed on and did some serious trimming and leaf blowing, and Tom supervised the UNL volunteers' work until 1pm.

The students, pictured below allowed us to collect an amazing amount of additional leaves. Stock value in leaf bags made a big jump.

Note: Watch for another Fall Clean Up for the big leaf drop.



A Note from Joanne Gabriel:

I thank you, dear people of Westminster, for the cards, cake, flowers, and gifts I received on my last Sunday at WPC and for the kindness you have shown me over the past seven years. I am deeply grateful to all of you!

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Artist of the Month - Warren Cradduck

Work by Warren Cradduck will be exhibited in the gallery and display cases this November. He is a framer who has been framing for artists and craft makers for 40 years. His business is in his home and his clients have found him by word of month alone as he doesn't advertise. He has done work for galleries like Kiechels, the Burkkholder Project and the Museum of Nebraska Art. During his career he has framed paintings, needlework, stamps, jewelry, medals, diplomas, awards, a flag, a christening dress and wedding invitations just to name a few. One of the most unusual objects he framed was a football coaches ' lucky sox. Warren uses archival quality materials and accepts commissions. All sales are made by contacting him at 402-483-1530.

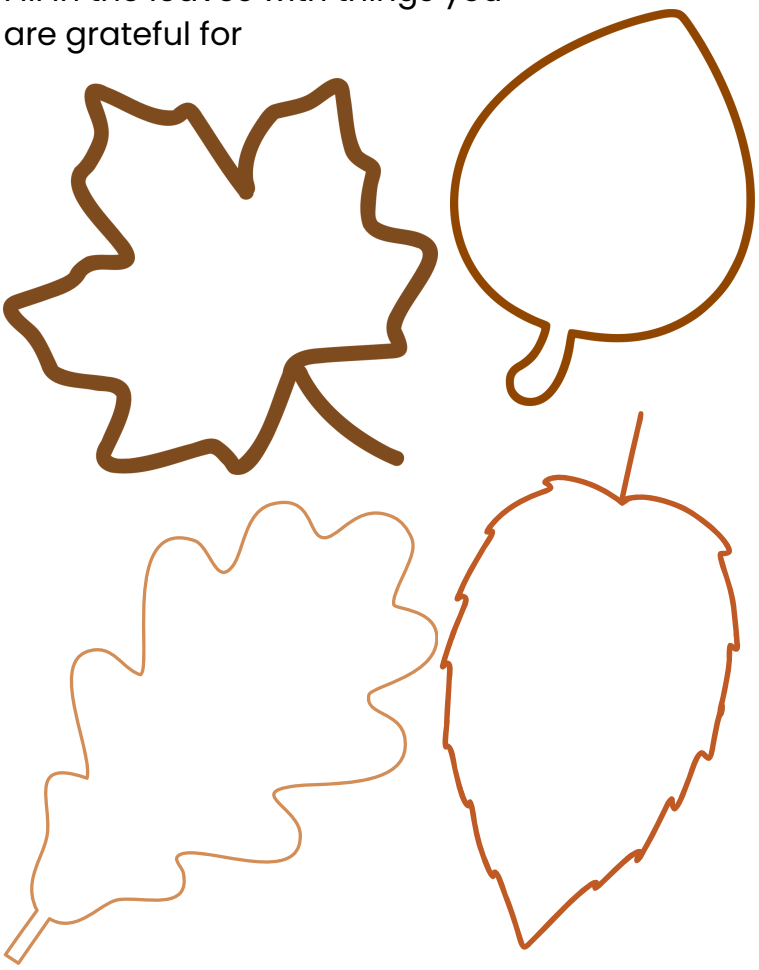


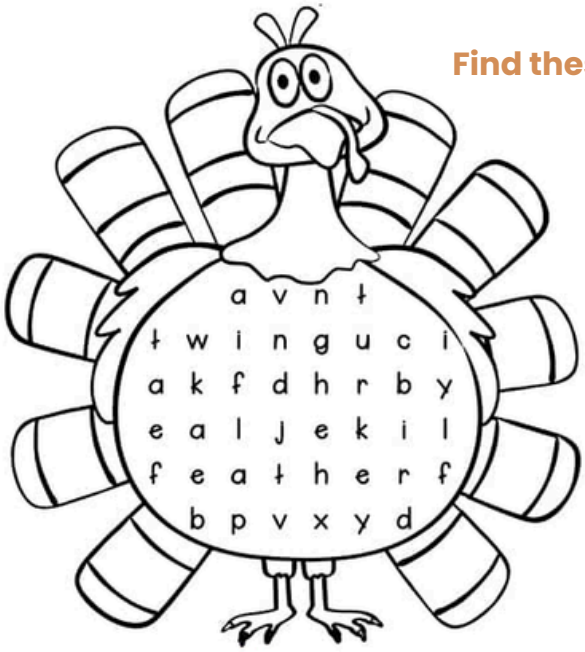




Kid's Corner

Fill in the leaves with things you are grateful for





Find these words!

turkey
bird
flap
eat
feather
wing
fly
beak

Youth News

W3 (Welcome to Westminster on Wednesdays)
Join us on Wednesdays as we gather for W3, our midweek program for all ages! We have an exciting lineup planned across our age groups, so bring the whole family and invite a friend.
At Westminster, our doors and our circles are wide open. W3 isn't just for church members—it is for everyone. We encourage our students to invite their friends, neighbors, classmates, and acquaintances.

- Open Gym Time: 5:30 PM
- Community Dinner: 6:00 PM
- Stories, Discussion & Games: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

If you've been looking for a casual, welcoming community where your child can plug in, build life-giving friendships, and feel a deep sense of belonging, W3 is the place to be.
We can't wait to see everyone there!

Sunday Morning Kids
Children from kindergarten to 5th grade are invited to join us in Faith Village for an in-depth look at a story from the Bible. We play games, make crafts, cook, perform science experiments and more. All children are welcome!

Youth Group: Bowling/Laser Tag | November 8
3:00 PM-5:00 PM
All youth are invited to join us at Sun Valley Lanes on Sunday, November 8 for bowling and laser tag. Please rsvp to Trish, (402) 570-0163, and bring $10 for admission. Assistance is available.

Pie and Fellowship | November 18 | 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Kick off the holiday season with this culinary cornucopia. We share a special meal of delectable soups before moving on to dessert. You are invited to bring your favorite dessert to share and to sample the wonderful desserts brought by other families! We will provide whipped topping.
An optional game of Mind the Gap style trivia is on the table as well. If you enjoy games, you are invited to build a team of your own by including members from Boomer, Gen X, Millennial, and Gen Z generations or come ready to assemble a team on site. If games are not your thing, come to enjoy the food and the company.
If possible, please RSVP to Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-570-0163 to give our chefs an idea of how much food to make.

Youth Group: Hanging of the Greens | November 28
10:00 AM
The Youth Group is invited to meet on Saturday at 10:00 AM to help dress the church for the holiday season. Refreshments will be served after the decorating is completed.

Youth Group: Gift Wrapping Fundraiser | November 29-December 6-December 13 & December 20
10:00 AM-11:00 AM
No time to wrap gifts? No problem — we have you covered. Bring your presents to church on any Sunday between November 29 and December 20 and let our talented gift-wrapping specialists make your holidays easier. Drop off your unwrapped, clearly labeled gifts in the Garden Room before the service and pick up your beautifully wrapped packages after the service. $3 to $7 per gift, depending on shape and size. Proceeds will help the WPC Youth Group's mission work and travel.

Call for Baked Goods | December 13
Advent is coming and the Youth Group will be sponsoring a baked goods auction at the Advent Workshop again this year to support various mission initiatives throughout the year. We are calling for our talented and creative bakers to donate something special to the cause. Cakes, pies, brownies, bars, breads, or anything you would like to make is welcome.
Contact Trish at **trish@westminsterlincoln.org** if you are interested in helping us out. Please indicate ingredients if possible. Master creations can be delivered between 10-2 on the Friday before the Advent Workshop or on the morning of the workshop.

Advent Workshop/Baked Goods Auction/Chili Cookoff
December 13 | 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
We invite you to join us at the Advent Workshop after worship in Fellowship Hall on December 13. Make a craft, sample chili and cinnamon rolls, cast your vote for your favorite chili, and enjoy the company over a cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

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Youth News Continued

The WPC Youth Group will again sponsor a baked goods auction to raise money for mission projects throughout the year. Part of the auction will be silent and part will be emceed. In addition to the auction, there will be items available for immediate purchase. Stock up for the holidays

The annual chili cookoff will take place on December 13 as well with the coveted Silver Ladle award on the line. You are invited to come check out this year's entries and select the best entry. In keeping with Nebraska tradition, we will also have cinnamon rolls available for you to enjoy with your chili.

All Church Caroling! | Wednesday, Dec. 16 | 5:30 p.m.
Join us as we spread joy through the neighborhood with Christmas carols of hope on Wednesday, December16! We meet in the Garden Room at Westminster at 5:30 pm. After caroling, you are invited to share a meal in Cole Hall.

Youth Group: Christmas Party | December 23 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
It's a party! The Youth Group will get together on December 21 to play games, enjoy Christmas treats, and swap gifts in the white elephant gift exchange.

Youth Group Lock-In | Friday, January 1 8:30 PM-Saturday, January 2, 8:30 AM.
The annual Youth lockin will take place on Friday, January 1. Watch the evine for updates.

Thanks Westminster!

The "Green Barrel" was filled several times during September and October with personal care items that benefit the Lincoln Hygiene Network. Presbyterian Women are grateful to those who packed period kits and contributed products. Each item will help a person in our community to achieve health and well-being. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!