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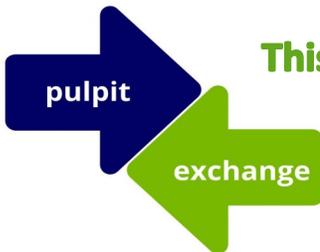
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This Sunday, June 23rd

Join us in worship this Sunday as we welcome Pastor Steve Pointon from Lincoln Fourth Presbyterian Church to our pulpit! He will deliver a sermon titled "Another Brick in the Wall" based on Ephesians 2:11-22. Pastor Karen will be worshipping with the congregation at Fourth Presbyterian Church.



5th Sunday Faith Giving

It's that time again! June has a 5th Sunday on the 30th. Following our custom, we're inviting everyone to chip in a little extra to help cover the deficit in our 2019 budget. Since it's our 150th year feel free to make gifts in increments of 150. We'll happily accept anything from 150 pennies to 150 dollars. Don't hesitate to add a few more zeros if the spirit moves you!

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to FCC and its ministries and mission.

Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past



Here's some great advice for today from the June 21, 1929 edition of *The Church at Work*:

TWO GOOD THINGS TO DO

The first is take a vacation. Everyone ought to have a vacation, such as is best fitted to his needs. A clear conscience is necessary if one is to enjoy his vacation.

The second is, pay up your church pledge before you go away. Irregular church attendance makes finance difficult during the summer. The Church at Work wishes every one a happy and profitable vacation.

Book Club News

A reminder that Book Club will meet **this Saturday, June 22nd at 9:30 a.m.** at Cheryl Judds' home. Our book for discussion is "*Still Life*" by Louise Penny.

For those that like to read ahead, below are some upcoming books for discussion:

July *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

Aug. *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Sept. *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

Oct. *This Blessed Earth* by Ted Genoways

Everyone is welcome to join in our discussions at any time. We usually meet on Saturday mornings, but check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates and times.

Pastor's Corner

While living in Prague, Czech Republic I was impressed by all the bridges. Many of them were newer and accommodated heavy traffic. However, the oldest and most well-known bridge is Charles Bridge which



was built centuries ago. Due to its age and importance it had been made into a pedestrian bridge that accommodated visitors from all over the world. As a river town it relied heavily on its bridges. Although there was a ferry that crossed the Vltava River regularly, bridges are the most efficient way to cross this body of water. Closer to home, I learned the importance of bridges while living in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Travel between Council Bluffs and Omaha was done by traversing one of three main bridges; the Dodge Street Bridge, the South Omaha Bridge or the North Omaha Bridge. Each bridge connected key locations on both sides of the Missouri River.

As a Mission Coworker I used the image of bridges to describe my ministry. In many ways I felt like a bridge between the Czech Republic and the U.S. I also understood my ministry as a bridge between the U.S. church and the church in the Czech Republic. During our recent flooding we learned the difficulties created when bridges are damaged or destroyed. Not only does it impede travel, it impedes commerce as well. Although Lincoln is not a river city, we are keenly aware of the importance of bridges.

In many ways we here at FCC are a bridge as well. Our Outreach Team regularly invites us to be a bridge that links people in our community to the love of God. We do this with individuals and families, we also do this with ministries serving our community. On the 30th of June we'll have the opportunity to learn about one of those ministries actually called "The Bridge." Bonnie Ehlert, the Director of Marketing & Development, will be telling us about this valuable ministry. The Bridge provides a variety of services with a focus on those dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues. As our congregation continues to explore ministry with those particularly struggling with substance abuse, the bridge we build with this agency will be a critical component in that process.

I hope everyone will join us for worship on the 30th of June to learn about this important partnership. God continues to guide us and empowers us to build bridges that enables us to tangibly share God's love and grace.

In peace and love, *Pastor Karen*

Welcome Visitors

The following people have recently visited and shared in Sunday morning services:

Cindy Bowker & Rhys Belden
Mary Chen & Mike Luft
Isabel & Jesse Kuebler

Please join us again in worship.
You are always welcome!



Transformations
T H R I F T S T O R E

As we highlighted in the last issue of the *Messenger*, there's a new thrift store in town! **Transformations Thrift Store** is opening this month at 14th and 'B' St. They are celebrating with a **Grand Opening on Saturday, June 29 from 11 am to 1 pm.** There will be food, music and door prizes. All are welcome!

A Transformations collection barrel is now located inside the alley entrance. We are collecting gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, youth, toddlers and infants. Please continue to donate all your home goods, décor etc. to the Kamp Kaleo Rummage Sale.

In addition to selling items, Transformations has a coffee center set up where people can come and talk and care for one another. Their hope is that a pot of joe, a couple of tables and some warm smiles will serve as a catalyst for ministry and relational connection. Transformations also provides volunteer opportunities that can offer meaning and purpose. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Elaine Parman.

The profits generated by Transformations Thrift Store will support the ministry of Atlas, a mentoring ministry that walks alongside those who are hurting.

For more information on Atlas go to:
<https://www.atlaslincoln.org>



Our July Act of Kindness Opportunity

Clinic with a Heart (CWH), located at 1701 S. 17th Street, is a faith-inspired organization, serving the uninsured and underinsured in Lincoln through a ministry of healthcare. **CWH** was officially sanctioned as a non-profit organization and opened its first free healthcare clinic in Lincoln in May, 2003. Free clinics are held every Tuesday and Thursday, and the first and fourth Monday of the month. Free services for medical, dental, vision, hearing, physical therapy, chiropractic, mental health and spiritual care are all provided by volunteers. As an urgent care clinic, **CWH** strives to serve as a gateway to various human service agencies in our community helping their patients find permanent healthcare homes.

Please join your Outreach Team in serving those less fortunate as we partner with **CWH** to serve the uninsured and underinsured in our community with hospitality, dignity and grace. All services provided at **CWH** are free of charge to the patient. All funding is provided by community donations, fundraisers, grants, and partner sponsorships. **CWH** gives personal hygiene kits to those they serve as most do not have access to these basic need items. Our July Act of Kindness goal is to provide several kits that will include inspirational notes from our youth.

Items needed for the kits: *(travel, small & large sizes)*

- Bar or liquid shower soap
- Bubble bath
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Hair brushes/combs
- Razors for men and women
- Shaving cream
- Body or hand lotion
- Lip balm (Chapstick, Carmex, Vaseline etc.)



Thank you for your continued support of our monthly Act of Kindness and for always overflowing the Collection Barrel with requested items for the month.

Prayers for Our Ministry Partners June 20, 2019

Our Timothy's:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry, Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

- Louisville Christian Church and pastor Cathy Stander
- Minden First Christian Church and pastor Joe Tira
- Murray Christian Church and pastor Michael Njus

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Victor Makari serving in Israel/Palestine
- Maria (Charo) Breckenridge serving in Zambia

Find more information and stories
about our Global Ministry partners at
www.globalministries.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

“And the peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



First Christian & First Presbyterian Pentecost Worship, June 9 Auld Pavilion at Antelope Park



Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/fcc.lincoln.neb>

Be sure to check out our Facebook page each week for great information about coming events and Sunday worship services, including scripture references.

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 23 - *Pulpit Exchange* (see page 1)

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
11:30 am **Blood Pressure Readings Available** - Parlor
Noon **Elders' Meeting** - Conference Room

Monday, June 24 - *Karen out of the office thru June 30*

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Sunday, June 30 - *Faith Giving Sunday* (see page 1)

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
*Guest Speaker: Bonnie Ehlert, Dir. of Marketing
Bridge Behavioral Health*
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

Monday, July 1 - 5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Thursday, July 4 - *Independence Day* *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, July 7 - *SCRIP Orders Due*

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

Monday, July 8

Noon **Messenger Deadline**
5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Room

Thursday, July 11 - *Messenger Mailed*

Those Serving in July

10:30 am Worship

Elder:

July 7 Debby Ortega
July 14 Gary Larsen
July 21 Sara Lugn
July 28 Debby Ortega

Deacons: Jim Christ, Dan Cowger, Susan Pallas-Duncan,
Wayne Duncan, Polly Putney, Robert Reddish

Communion Prep: Polly Putney & Robert Reddish

Ushers / Greeters:

July 7 Donna & Harold Baker
July 14 Cecilia Burkhart
July 21 Scott Dietrick
July 28 Jessica & Doug Effle

Hallway Hospitality:

July 7 Geoff Putney
July 14 Jim Blosser
July 21 Vince Ortega
July 28 Dick Pickel

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

July 7 **Need Volunteer**
July 14 **Need Volunteer**
July 21 FCC Foundation, M. Dietrick, G. Greder
July 28 Music Ministries

Homebound Communion Teams: (July 14)

D'Arcy Blosser & Jim Christ
Connie Calver & Dan Cowger
Kathy Harris & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Gary Larsen & Wayne Duncan



Mark Your Calendars with These Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Evening Activities Resume;

Sanctuary & Bell Choir Rehearsals, Youth Group, Adult Study, Snack Supper

Saturday, Sept. 7

Picnic & Celebration at Wyuka Cemetery with Terri Hold Owens, DOC General Minister

Sunday, Sept. 8

Worship with Guest Speaker, Terri Hord Owens

Sunday, Sept. 22

Praisefest! In the church parking lot from 5 - 7 pm