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Board Meeting

This Sunday, July 28
6:00 pm - Parlor

All FCC members and friends are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Dear FCC members,

As some of you may have heard, our administrative assistant, Cheryl, will be retiring at the end of July. She has been with FCC for 15 years and has always gone above and beyond in service to our congregation. We will be celebrating her retirement after worship this Sunday July 28th.

Sincerely,

Geoff Putney, Board Chair



FCC Book Club

A reminder that Book Club will meet again **Friday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** at Carol Lawson's home. Our book for discussion is ***The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George.

Anyone 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.



Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past



From the July 25th, 1919 issue of ***The Church At Work*** we find this article entitled "It Is Finished."

Two tyrants have been dethroned. On July 27th thirty-one of the nations of the earth signed the peace treaty and permanently sealed the doom of the Kaiser. At midnight on June 30th, three days later, the United States of America sealed the doom of King Alcohol.

Let them wag their heads, let them mock at the crucifixion of prohibition by the assassins of the law, let them drive in their nails and press down their thorns, darkness will soon overwhelm them, and when the constitutional amendment adopted by the people of forty-five out the forty-eight states becomes operative, 'It is finished' will be written over the door of every saloon in this nation."



2019 Nebraska Disciples Men Recharge

"Who Do You Say I Am?"

Resource Person: Rev. Alexander Ruth
Assistant Director Disciples Men
Disciples Home Missions

August 9-10: Friday 4:00pm—Saturday 2:30 pm

Kamp Kaleo: Burwell, Nebraska

Questions? Contact Paul Few
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Pastor's Corner

**After saying farewell to them,
he went up to the mountain to pray. Mark 6:46**

After feeding the multitude, Jesus says farewell to the crowd and goes off to a mountain to pray. Undoubtedly, he was tired and ready for some rest and renewal. It must have been difficult for the crowd to say goodbye and see him leave, but it was time for him to move on. One of the most challenging facets of life together is saying goodbye. Inevitably, we have to say goodbye to those we love. As we move to the end of this month we come closer to an important transition in our life here at FCC. At the end of July, Cheryl Judds will retire. Cheryl has been our Administrative Assistant for almost 16 years. She has been a constant and stable force during all kinds of change. Pastors have come and gone, and so have parishioners, but Cheryl has been a steady and reliable presence. Perhaps it is that reality, and her gracious presence, that make saying goodbye all the more difficult. Amidst all of this we are also aware of this important transition for her; she is retiring to spend more time with family. As we grieve for our loss we celebrate with her. It is time for her, and us, to move on.

Joyce Rupp in her book *Praying Our Goodbyes* reminds us that the word "goodbye" is a short form of the phrase "God be with ye." As we bid Cheryl goodbye we will take time in worship on the 28th to express our hope and belief that God will be with her as she makes this transition. We also express the belief that God will be with us, too. As Rupp's book also reminds us, saying goodbye stirs up a wide variety of feelings. Every goodbye involves a journey through grief. The standard journey of grief involves 5 basic stages as laid out by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross in her groundbreaking book *Death and Dying*. Denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance are those 5 stages. While the death of a loved one is the most dramatic form of this journey, saying goodbye to someone we have come to love and cherish also involves movement through these stages.

I have to say that when Cheryl shared her plans with me during Lent this year, I moved quickly through

denial and bargaining (I was hoping I had not heard her correctly). As the Personnel Committee and I moved through the search process I have to confess that there was a little anger and depression. However, these feelings didn't last long as I accepted, and celebrated, this new chapter in her life. This process is made easier when the person leaving is moving on to something joyous and exciting. However, it is important to acknowledge the full range of our feelings as we move closer to saying our goodbyes. Often saying goodbye stirs up experiences of past losses, making this process a bit challenging. But in acknowledging all of this we become better able to truly embrace the journey and eventually more able to share our joy.

I hope you can join us for worship on the 28th as we say "God be with ye" to Cheryl and celebrate her wonderful ministry with us here at FCC. If you are unable to join us for worship and our time with her in our coffee fellowship following the service, I hope you'll take some time to thank her and wish her God's speed as she moves into this new chapter in her life. We can be confident that God goes with her, and remains with us, as we say goodbye.

In love and hope,

Pastor Karen

Welcome Visitors

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

***Ronnie Duhrkopf (and Scooby)
Gary & Donna Wilson***

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



Praise God for New Life!



Congratulations to Nick and Jane Calver, who welcomed twin boys on Tuesday, July 23: Nash Harrison Calver, 6 lbs. 11 oz. and Jase Eilert Calver, 6 lbs. 1 oz. Mom and babies are both doing well. Congratulations also to big sister, Cora, and the happy grandparents, Rich and Connie Calver.

Big Kamp Kaleo Rummage Sale

August 8-11, 2019

Thursday, 5 pm - 8 pm

Friday, 1 pm - 7 pm

Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm

Sunday, Noon - 3 pm

The Kaleo on the River Fundraising Committee is holding a rummage sale here at FCC-Lincoln to benefit Kamp Kaleo. We will continue to receive donations for the sale through August 4; a small amount of storage is left on the balcony above the gym or **we will have people available to help unload your donations in the alley on the north side of the church on Sat. Aug. 3 from 8 am to noon, and Sun. Aug. 4 from 1 to 3 pm.** Sorting and pricing will take place Aug. 5-8, daytime and early evening hours.

**See your bulletin this Sunday
for more information!**

We Need You! **Volunteers Opportunities Aug. 3-11**

Volunteers and Trucks / Trailers Needed:

- Sat., Aug 3 from 8 am to Noon to deliver donated items to FCC Gym.
- Sun., Aug. 4 from 1 to 3 pm to deliver donated items to FCC Gym.
- Contact D'Arcy Blosser at 402-429-6902 or Gwen Belden 402-430-8399 for information and directions.

Volunteers / Sorters & Pricers Needed:

- Monday - Thursday, Aug. 5 to 8 to sort, organize and price items. Help when you can between 9 am and 8 pm.
- Thursday - Sunday, Aug. 8 to 11 to assist at sale organizing and cashiering (see sale times above).
- Contact Sue Shear at 402-730-6541 to schedule times you can work.

Volunteers / Packers Needed:

- Sunday, Aug. 11 from 3 to 5 pm (approximately) to pack up remaining items and clean up.
- Contact Gwen Belden at 402-430-8399 or D'Arcy Blosser at 402-429-6902.



August Act of Kindness

Our August Act of Kindness will be to collect school supplies for many of the refugee families resettled in Lincoln in 2019 through Lutheran Family Services. The majority of the children will be attending elementary schools in the Lincoln Public School System.

Below is a list of school supplies needed for kindergarten through 5th grade:

- #2 wooden pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers
- Pencil box/ pouch
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Blunt tip scissors
- Blue and black ink pens
- Glue sticks
- Bottles of Elmer's Glue
- 12" rulers
- Packages of loose leaf lined paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Assorted color construction paper
- 3 Ring binders
- Index cards
- Folders
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Cleaning wipes
- Backpacks
- Lunch box or bag



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

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 28

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
11:30 am **Farewell Coffee Fellowship for Cheryl Judds**
6:00 pm **Board Meeting** - Parlor

Monday, July 29

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Tuesday, July 30 - 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 31 - 6:30 pm **Elders' Meeting** - Conf. Room

Friday, Aug. 2 - 6:30 pm **Book Club** - Carol Lawson's home

Saturday, Aug. 3

8:00 am - Noon **Rummage Sale Drop Off** - Gym

Sunday, Aug. 4 - *SCRIP Orders Due*

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
Noon **Pastoral Relations Comm. Mtg.** - Conference Rm.
Noon - 3 pm **Rummage Sale Drop Off** - Gym

Monday, Aug. 5 - *Kelly Tyrrell out of the office (thru Aug. 9)*

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Thursday, August 8

5 - 8 pm **Rummage Sale** - Gym

Friday, Aug. 9

1 - 7 pm **Rummage Sale**

Saturday, Aug. 10

9 am - 1 pm **Rummage Sale**

Sunday, August 11 - *Homebound Communion*

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
Noon - 3 pm **Rummage Sale** (all items 1/2 price!)

Monday, Aug 12

Noon **Messenger Deadline**

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Noon **Foundation Meeting** - Parlor

Thursday, August 15 - *Messenger Mailed*

Those Serving in August

10:30 am Worship

Elder:

Aug. 4 Donna Ruhl Aug. 18 D'Arcy Blosser
Aug. 11 Tom Mason Aug. 25 Connie Calver

Deacons: Scott Dietrick, Doug/Jessica Effle, Vince Ortega,
Dick Pickel, Polly Putney, John Swanson

Communion Prep: Vince Ortega & Dick Pickel

Ushers / Greeters:

Aug. 4 Elaine Parman
Aug. 11 Carla Pinneo
Aug. 18 Hanna Pinneo Boring
Aug. 25 Robert Reddish

Acolytes:

Aug. 4 & 11 Christian & Rebecca Swanson
Aug. 18 Keaton & Riley Bowker
Aug. 25 Keaton Bowker & Evan Foster

Hallway Hospitality:

Aug. 4 Jim Christ
Aug. 11 Rich Calver
Aug. 18 Tom Mason
Aug. 25 Mike Carlin

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

Aug. 4 **Need Volunteer**
Aug. 11 **Need Volunteer**
Aug. 18 FCC Foundation; D. Everett, D. Pickel
Aug. 25 **Need Volunteer**

Homebound Communion Teams: (August 11)

Sara Lugn & Scott Dietrick
Debby Ortega & Doug/Jessica Effle
Donna Ruhl & Polly Putney
Tom Mason & John Swanson

Prayers & Praises - July 25, 2019

In the Nebraska Region:

- North Side CC and pastor Susan Ellis
- Omaha FCC and pastor Josh Sawyer
- Pawnee City FCC and pastor Duane Westing

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Victoria Peagler serving in Botswana
- Marilyn Cooper serving in Ecuador

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



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