



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

love all . live spiritually . rejoice in hope . show hospitality

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“Virtual” CROP Walk 2020

Due to the COVID pandemic and the possibility of famine in many parts of the world, Church World Services felt compelled to still have the annual CROP Hunger WALK. For the safety of the community, this year’s walk will be done virtually.

We hope you will join the First Christian Church CROP Hunger WALK’s Virtual Team. It is best if you go online to register on our team. Registration is quick and easy. Go to crop hungerwalk.org/lincolnne. There is a blue Registration button on the right side of the page to click. When asked about a team, put in “First Christian.” As a part of the team you ask friends, family members, and co-workers if they will sponsor you by contributing to your walk. You can ask for sponsorship in person or through email request. It is super easy from your CROP page and a lot of fun as you raise funds to lessen hunger throughout our community and world.

Our virtual walk can take a variety of forms. You can walk in your neighborhood, walk on a treadmill, or even walk in spirit. There is no need to show up at any particular time or place to participate. So if you’ve always wanted to try, but wasn’t sure about all of the logistics, this is a great year to participate. Go ahead, give it a try! The money you raise will di-

rectly result in helping to fight hunger. Remember, 25% of what we are able to raise, helps hunger in our area through support of Tabitha Meals on Wheels, the Northeast Area Food Pantry, the Eastridge Food Pantry, Indian Center, St. Mark’s on the Campus Pantry, and the Norris Food Pantry.

If you are interested in the WALK, but you still have some questions, please contact me. Let’s use this year as an opportunity to show that we are still a part of this important mission and ministry. Won’t you please join the First Christian Church Team!

Thanks – Tom Mason



First Christian Church is welcoming new members to the Prayer Team. Team members receive new prayer requests when members of the congregation, friends, or family need extra love and care. If you would be interesting in joining the Prayer Team, contact the FCC office at (402) 475-4289 or send an email to info@fcclincoln.org.

Pastor's Corner

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.” Romans 8:28

This passage from Romans comes from one of my favorite portions of scripture. The 8th chapter of Romans is one of Paul's most poetic. The introduction to this letter in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible tells us that this letter was written at the height of Paul's career between 54 and 58 C.E. It reflects the maturity of his life and faith. This particular verse comes from a section that describes the reality that “Human weakness is sustained by the Spirit's intercession and by the knowledge of God's loving purpose.” Paul wrote to the Roman church during troubling times. Christ had died about 20 years earlier. Paul wrote this letter to those who followed Christ and, because of that, they faced difficult times. The Church was still young and people struggled with issues of identity and purpose. They lived in unprecedented times and faced many new challenges. Paul knew they needed words of hope. They needed to know that God loved them and had a purpose for them.

Paul's words are just as powerful today in these challenging and unprecedented times. As we move through COVID, we are also challenged with issues of identity and purpose. We here at FCC are no exception. These times invite us to ponder our identity and purpose as a congregation. We have had to make a lot of adjustments in every aspect of our congregational life. Despite the many changes in our lives, we continue to engage in ministry and mission. Just as in years past, we are invited to ponder how we will continue to support that mission and ministry. Although things look different, we have continued with worship and fellowship. We continue to care for the building from which we serve. We continue to reach out locally and in our Region. We continue to reach out to our members and help people connect with God and one another. Staff and volunteers have worked together to facilitate mission and ministry on all these levels.

This year the theme for our stewardship campaign is “This I Know: Trusting a Known God with Your Unknown Future,” We do not know what the coming months or year will look like. None of us knows what the future will bring. Just as the early Christians in Paul's time did not know what their future would look like, we do not know either. But, we can trust in Paul's words. God has plans for us. God journeys with us and guides us. God's love sustains

us. We are called to respond faithfully, just as our ancestors did. We are called to commit to God's mission and ministry as it is expressed in our faith community here at FCC. We are called to give to support the ongoing mission and ministry of the church even, and especially, when we do not know what that will look like. We, like our ancestors, are called to affirm: “This I Know: Trusting a Known God with Our Unknown Future,” We can commit to that unknown future because God guides us and goes with us. Like the early church in Rome, we can embrace Paul's words: **“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.”**

May we have the courage to embrace, and embark on, this unknown journey confident in God's love and presence.

With love and hope,
Pastor Karen



Those Serving in October

If for any reason you will be unable to fulfill your requirement, please find a substitute and alert the FCC Office. We can also help find substitutes if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your service to FCC!

Worship Leader

Kristi Bowker

Elders

October 11	Jim Blosser
October 18	Sara Lugin
October 25	Connie Calver

Ushers/Greeters

October 11	Carla Pinneo
October 18	Hanna Pinneo Boring
October 25	John & Lindsay Swanson

Hallway Hospitality

October 11	Geoff Putney
October 18	Vince Ortega
October 25	Dick Pickel

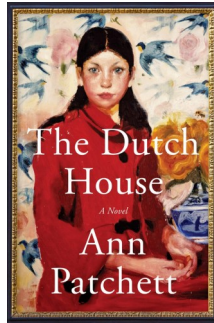
Acolytes

October 11	Kyson Effle & Christian Swanson
October 18	Katie & Rebecca Swanson
October 25	Evan Foster & Riley Bowker

Book Club News

Book Club will meet again soon! Joining in by Zoom is also an option to participate. Stay posted for more information.

Our book for discussion is:
The Dutch House
by Ann Patchett



Some of the upcoming titles to be discussed include:

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham

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, or change of location.

Stewardship Campaign 2021



By now you should have received a letter from First Christian Church highlighting our financial goals for 2021. We were just shy of our 2020 pledge, so our goal is to increase in 2021. The 2021 budget will go to cover all of our ministries and prepare us for the time when FCC can run at full capacity again. If you have any questions about how to submit your pledge, call the FCC office at (402) 475-4289, or send an email to info@fclincoln.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity to First Christian Church. You are the Church!!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

“Pray continually.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Dial-a-Sermon
402-205-5988



There is a new option to stay connected to First Christian. Just call 1-402-205-5988 to hear Pastor Karen’s sermon for the current week. We are offering this service for all of those who are not yet ready to worship in person but may not have access to our online offerings. Spread the word!

Ministry Cabinet

The last ministry cabinet meeting of the year is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 6:00 pm**. This will be an opportunity for all of the committee and team leaders to recap their 2020 and review the budgets they have set for 2021. This will also be a time to discuss membership and leadership for 2021. Several committees are seeking not only membership, but leadership also! Have you ever thought of joining a ministry team? The following groups will be looking for new, active participants:

Communications
Education
Finance
Outreach

Membership
Hospitality/Meals
Property

As we move through COVID-19 restrictions, we need to be ready when we are able to move church activities back to full capacity. Leadership is essential for First Christian Church to best serve the community and to follow it’s call to ministry in the Capitol City. Please ask Pastor Karen, Jim Blosser, or Geoff Putney if you have any questions about what each position involves. Thank you!!

Sanctuary Flowers \$45



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Prayers & Praises October 8, 2020

In the Nebraska Region:

- Verndon Christian Church and Rev. Daniel Spencer
- Weeping Water FCC and Rev. Richard Ream

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Larry Colvin serving in Ghana
- Sean Amato serving in Egypt



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

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!!!

<https://disciples-ne.org/online-registration-page/>

VIRTUAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2020

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

October 16th and 17th

FRIDAY

- 6:00 – 7:30 pm We Gather – The Table Is Set
 6:00 – 6:40 pm Keynote Speaker and Dessert
 Rev. Dr. Tex Sample
 6:40 - 6:50 pm Break
 6:50 – 7:30 pm Worship Service with
 Communion – Rev. Lori Tapia

SATURDAY

- 9:30 – 9:40 am Welcome and Introductions
 9:40 – 10:30 am *Common Connections:
 Finding Authenticity*
 Dr. Kittie Grace
 10:30 – 10:40 am Break
 10:40 – 11:30 am Worshipful Business Session



Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 8 - Messengers Mailed
FCC Office Closed

Sunday, October 11

- 10:30 am WORSHIP - Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Fellowship - Zoom

Pastor Karen Out of the Office October 12-17

Monday, October 12

FCC Office Closed

Thursday, October 15

FCC Office Closed

Sunday, October 18

- 10:30 am WORSHIP - Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Fellowship - Zoom
 6:00 pm Ministry Cabinet Meeting - TBD

Monday, October 19

12:00 pm Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, October 20

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
 11:00 am Filming Weekly Worship Video -
 Chapel

Thursday, October 22

 - Messengers Mailed

FCC Office Closed

6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting - Conf. Room

Don't Forget SCRIP

See Donna Ruhl after service any Sunday to see what she has on hand - OR - special orders go in the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Donna or the FCC office to get your orders. Thank you for continuing to support the SCRIP program.

Regional Assembly

Oneness in Christ
 Keynote - Rev. Dr. Tex Sample
 Sermon - Rev. Lori Tapia
 6 Conversations in Small Groups

**OCTOBER 16TH &
 17TH, 2020**

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