



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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

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We gathered at Wyuka Cemetery on All Saints Day to dedicate a headstone to mark the grave of our first pastor John M. Yearnshaw. After the prayer we celebrated communion that was laid out on a worker's bench just as the first congregants did in 1869. We concluded the service by placing a single rose at his grave.

**The Carillon Dedication will be
 Sunday, November 8, 2020. See
 you there!**



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"By this all men will know that you are my
 disciples, if you love one another."
 John 13:35

WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in volunteering at First Christian Church? The following teams will be seeking new members in 2021:

Membership
Education
Finance

Property
Hospitality/Meals
Outreach

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!!



When I arrived at church on Sunday I was greeted with a beautiful plant and a lovely hand written note. The note thanked me for my service as I begin my

5th year of ministry here at FCC. It has been, and continues to be, a joy serving FCC as your pastor. Thank you for the lovely plant and for the opportunity to serve with all you in faithful ministry here at FCC.

With a truly grateful heart,

Pastor Karen

Pastor's Corner

A friend recently introduced me to the work of John C. Maxwell who is a motivational speaker and pastor. He is a modern leadership guru who has written several books and gives presentations on leadership all around the world. As I was exploring his name on the internet I was struck by a video I found of a presentation he gave on the place of self-discipline in the life of leaders. He used the analogy of bridges versus tunnels. He said, when we're going "through" a tunnel discipline is difficult. But, if we see ourselves on a bridge, we're going "to" something. He used the image of a bridge as a metaphor for the link between good intentions and good actions. For Maxwell, the bridge is self-discipline. The bridge carries us over the water from good intentions to good actions. While a tunnel can get us to the other side as well, a bridge does so in a more lively way.

His imagery really struck a chord for me. When I served as a Mission Coworker in Prague, Czech Republic I came to see bridges and tunnels in a whole different light. The Vltava River flows through the heart of Prague and it is spanned by several bridges. The most famous of these bridges is the pedestrian Charles Bridge. It was built centuries ago and gives one a striking view of the city. Generally the bridge is crowded but it is an essential part of this ancient city. The challenge of this bridge, and bridges in general, is that it often takes more time to get from one side of the river to the other. But, it is a magnificent way to go! However, when I was in a hurry I would jump on the Metro which ran through tunnels well under ground. It was not a scenic way to see the city, but it was quick.

In these days of pandemic and protest, which path are we choosing? There are days I simply want to go quickly through a tunnel. I just want to get to the other side. But, often that journey is heavy and the walls seem to close in on all sides. If one keeps one's head down and moves quickly the end will come soon. It's not a scenic way to go, but, it can be quick. I find myself wondering what would happen if I made the decision to look at this time as a journey across a bridge? Taking the bridge usually takes more time, but, what a view! While on a bridge we are high above it all taking in the scenery. We're in the open air enjoying the sunlight and the breeze. Perhaps, if we take the time, we can gain a different perspective on all that is happening in our lives and our world.

It is becoming more and more clear that our current circumstances will not be changing any time soon. With that in mind, what would happen if we each chose the bridge instead of the tunnel? Undoubtedly, there will be days when the tunnel is best. But, let's take the time and make the effort to cross a bridge every now and again. Such a journey will undoubtedly change our perspective.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen

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!

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@fcclincoln.org.

So far we've received 16 pledges for a total of over 80,000! Remember, you have until Sunday November 15th to get your pledge in. Thank you in advance for your generosity to First Christian Church. You are the Church!!



Worship & Outreach

“Reverse Advent Calendar”

Special Food Collection for

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

The Worship and Outreach Teams are joining forces in December to sponsor a special food collection for Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. We will be doing a “Reverse Advent Calendar.” Each day, starting on Sunday, November 29th through December 24th, you will add each item to a box. On Christmas Eve, or Sunday, December 27th, bring the collected food to church to be donated to help alleviate some of the need for food during the winter.

November 29 - Box of cereal
 November 30 - Peanut butter
 December 1 - Stuffing mix
 December 2 - Boxed potatoes
 December 3 - Macaroni and cheese
 December 4 - Canned fruit
 December 5 - Canned tomatoes
 December 6 - Canned tuna
 December 7 - Dessert mix
 December 8 - Jar of applesauce
 December 9 - Canned sweet potatoes
 December 10 - Cranberry sauce
 December 11 - Canned beans

December 12 - Box of crackers
 December 13 - Package of rice
 December 14 - Box of oatmeal packages
 December 15 - Package of pasta
 December 16 - Spaghetti sauce
 December 17 - Chicken noodle soup
 December 18 - Tomato soup
 December 19 - Can of corn
 December 20 - Can of mixed vegetables
 December 21 - Can of carrots
 December 22 - Can of green beans
 December 23 - Can of chicken
 December 24 - Jar of jelly

If you are unable to deliver the food to the church, call or text Sara Lugn or call the church office at 402-475-4289 and we will make arrangements to have your donations picked up. Please also consider making a donation by mailing a check to the church, payable to FCC, with Advent written on the memo line. OR use AutoPay and put Advent in the subject line when you email your request to the FCC office. If you are enrolled in AutoPay, your donation request email will also be considered your FCCheck payment authorization.

The need is even greater this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Let’s show the Spirit of Christmas during this Advent season to help the less fortunate in Lincoln this year.

Sara Lugn & Elaine Parman



Advent Devotionals are coming soon! Would you be interested in an Advent Devotional Study? The study would be via Zoom and hosted by Pastor Karen. If you would be interested in such a study, let the church office know, 402-475-4289 or info@fcclincn.org.



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@fcclincn.org.



Those Serving in November

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

Wayne Duncan

Elders

November 8	Monte Dietrick
November 15	Wayne Duncan
November 22	Jim Blosser
November 29	Connie Calver

Ushers/Greeters

November 8	Nichole & Jared Calver
November 15	Monte Dietrick
November 22	Dick & Roxie Pickel
November 29	Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan

Hallway Hospitality

November 8	Rich Calver
November 15	Tom Mason
November 22	Mike Carlin
November 29	Geoff Putney

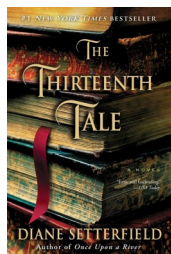
Acolytes

November 8	Keaton Bowker & Evan Foster
November 15	Christian Swanson & Edryk Christianson
November 22	Riley Bowker & Hunter Christianson
November 29	Katie & Rebecca Swanson

Book Club News

Book Club will meet again Saturday November 21st at 9:30 am via Zoom. Invite information will be coming out soon.

Our book for discussion is:
The Thirteenth Tale
by Diane Setterfield



Some of the upcoming titles to be discussed include:

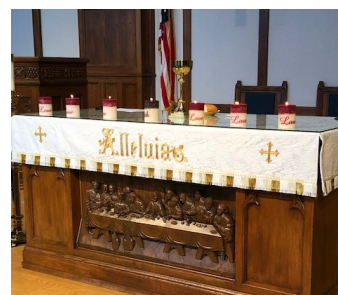
Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham
All the Gallant Men by Donald Stratton and Ken Gire

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.



Last Sunday at First Christian Church's All Saints Day worship, the following souls were lifted up in remembrance.

Josh Alburts	John Griffith
William Alburts	Harry Gilmore
Amanda	Rita Gilmore
Bob Blosser	Grace
Eugene Brockmeyer	Karie
Kit & Harold Butzer	Sharon Kresl
Ray Calkins	Lennon
Claude Cocodrilli	Marcella Ruth Lestina
Tom Dayton	Sandra Manley
Jacob Dietrich	Virgil Martin
Scott Dietrick	Margaret Mason
Donna Dorn	Nancy
Rose Dow	Don Parman
Wayne Duncan Sr.	Jay Robinson
& Mary Ellen Duncan	Don & Marvel Ruhl
Bev Fran	Martha Still
Nancy Fields	Annika Swanson
Gerry Echels	Ford & Cora Templeton
Marvalee Henkes	Albert Theover
Lyle Gifford	Bruce Todd
Tom Watson	John Yearnshaw
Clyde & Blanche McDaniel	



Prayers & Praises November 8, 2020

In the Nebraska Region:

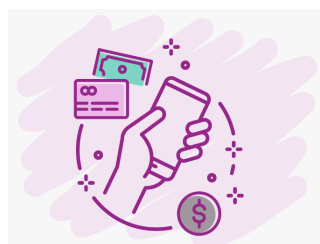
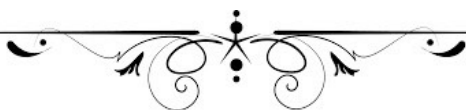
- Nebraska Regional Board, Committees, and Staff
- Retired Ministers in Nebraska

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Kelsey Riebel serving in Ecuador



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



Auto Pay Your Church Giving

Tired of writing checks? There is an easy, convenient and secure way

to electronically transfer funds from your checking account to donate to the church. Enrolling is easy – a debit authorization form and voided check is all that we need. Forms are available in the FCC office or can be emailed to you upon request. In addition, auto payment can be canceled at any time.

Auto Pay makes life easier for you by:

- Knowing you are faithfully supporting so many important vital ministries
- Realizing the joy in being the faithful steward God calls you to be
- Eliminating the need to write a check regularly helping your personal budgeting process

Auto Pay benefits to FCC:

- Provides a more predictable income flow for better church financial management
- Reduces time and effort in processing collections by FCC staff/volunteers
- Increases faithful offerings to the church due to regular automatic donations

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 5 - Messengers Mailed
FCC Office Closed

Sunday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 11th

12:00 pm FCC Foundation Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, November 12th

FCC Office Closed

Sunday, November 15

10:30 am WORSHIP - Sanctuary
12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Fellowship - Zoom
6:00 pm LAST Board Meeting - Zoom

Monday, November 16

12:00 pm Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, November 17

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

Thursday, November 19 - Messengers Mailed

FCC Office Closed

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.



Sanctuary Flowers \$45

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