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Diane Zabokrtsky **Certificate Graduation**

Diane Zabokrtsky, one of our newest members here at FCC, is completing her studies at Phillips Theological Seminary. She is finishing her final course this summer. She has officially graduated from the Pastoral Certificate Program. This program is comparable to the ELM program which was an ecumenical program in the Region that prepared participants for Commissioned Lay Ministry. Diane has been enrolled in this program for the past three years. Diane graduated and officially received her Certificate on May 15, 2021. Congratulations!

A Few Changes to Worship

You may have noticed that we have made a few changes to Worship at First Christian Church. First, face masks are now optional during our service. Please feel free to still wear yours if that is most comfortable for you. You will also see that there is more access to the building, with the Parlor and North Hallway now open. We have also started having light refreshments in the courtyard after Worship. Thank you for cooperating with all of our safety measures during the pandemic. It is you, our great congregation, that make FCC the spiritual home that it is!

Welcome New Members

The Christianson Family
Kristie, Brady, Hunter, and Edryk

Diane and Charles Zabokrtsky

Welcome to the FCC Family!

WELCOME VISITORS

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

Robert Reddish

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

Don't Forget SCRIP

See Donna after worship or send an email if you are interested in SCRIP. We have several cards on hand. Remember, SCRIP is a win-win for local businesses and First Christian Church.

Pastor's Corner

"Many things in life just happen, but positive change isn't one of them. Changing anything in our world requires someone to be the catalyst."

-- John C. Maxwell and Rob Hoskins

In the book *Change Your World*, authors John C. Maxwell and Rob Hoskins walk the reader through the various steps that lead to making positive change. So often it seems overwhelming to ponder how our world can be a better place and many of us feel powerless to make a difference. I am so grateful for the opportunity to explore ways in which I, as your pastor and one of your leaders here at FCC, can be a catalyst for positive change in our congregation and community. I was drawn to the John Maxwell Team because I believe it can equip me better to serve all of you and, in the process, help equip all of you to be the positive catalysts for change that are needed in our world today. I really resonate with the positive approach presented in all their material. I also have the sense that their values match our own. The above authors remind us that change begins with caring. At the heart of their message is the concept of transformation: the transformation of leaders that leads to the transformation of communities.

We find ourselves at point in time and history that cries out for transformation. They offer a quote from Peter Drucker that really spoke to me, "you cannot predict the future, but you can create it." As we move beyond COVID, there is an invitation to create meaningful change and transformation. Maxwell and Hoskins go on to remind the reader that we can use our past changes as inspiration for changes in the future. Moving towards transformation involves focusing on what we can do moving forward. This involves being open to seeing things in new ways. They cited organizational psychologist Benjamin Hardy who said, "True learning occurs when you can see the same thing with new eyes. They call this a Copernican Revolution. For example, when we as a people realized the sun did not revolve around the earth, but vice-versa. That single insight shifted how we saw everything. We were looking at the same stimulus but with a new frame."

We have a unique opportunity to "see things in a new way." This coming academic year we will have the privilege of working with two "Seminarians in Residence." Both of them will provide opportunities to see ourselves and our ministries here at FCC in new and fresh ways. Although I have only been with you for five years, they come on the scene without

many of the presuppositions that many of us have already formed. Although Kelly Tyrrell has been serving as our Church Administrator for the past couple of years, her additional service as an intern will involve seeing us with fresh eyes. The second intern, Leigh Todd Lestina, has come to know us better over the past few months and will also be serving our congregation in new ways. Each of them brings different gifts and interests and will serve with us in a variety of ways. They both hope to gain some experience with congregational pastoral work. They hope to serve in the areas of Worship, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, and visitation. They plan to attend meetings, lead classes, work with our adults and youth, and participate in community events. As they learn and grow, we will be invited to do so, too. I suspect they will share new insights, bring new gifts, and provide energy and enthusiasm. Sharing in their formation as future pastors and leaders is a gift and an honor for our congregation. We will officially welcome them into ministry with us next Sunday, June 13, during worship. I know they will find a warm welcome here and many opportunities to grow and serve.

As our "Seminarians in Residence" learn and grow may we join them on this journey of transformation.

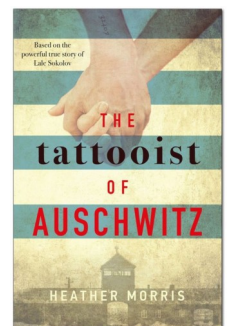
In love and joy,
Pastor Karen

Book Club News

Book Club will meet again Saturday June 12th at 9:30 am at Cheryl Judds house.

Our book for discussion is:
The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris

Some of the upcoming titles to be discussed include:



The Fountains of Silence by Ruth Sepetys

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.



This I Know: Finance Notes

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

Here is an update on how the church is looking financially: So far this year, our expenses have exceeded our income by nearly \$24,000. This is due to:

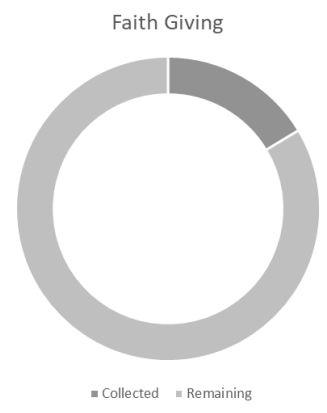
- The natural gas price increase caused by the extreme cold earlier this year.
- Pledges are running a little behind this year.
- Faith giving is lagging behind at over 60% less than needed.

Faith Giving is necessary to support and sustain the basic operation and ministries of First Christian Church every week. A monthly average of **\$65 per family** is all it takes to meet our 2021 Faith Giving Goal.

As of May 31, we have received only \$7,896 in Faith Giving. To those of your giving - thank you! For those of you who have held back - help us move the dial! We look forward to you showing your gratitude for everything FCC means to you.

Dark Grey: Received
Light Grey: Remaining

May the Spirit of God be with you,
Finance Team



STEPHEN MINISTRY

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.”

Ephesians 5:19a

Those Serving in June



If for any reason you will be unable to fulfill your requirement, **please find a substitute.** All of these positions need to be filled each morning. If necessary, the FCC office can help find a substitute if needed.

Worship Leader

June 13	Wayne Duncan
June 20	Marcia Foster
June 27	Wayne Duncan

Elders

June 13	Tom Mason
June 20	Wayne Duncan
June 27	Sara Lugin

Hallway Hospitality

June 13	Mike Carlin
June 20	Geoff Putney
June 27	Jim Christ

Ushers/Greeters

June 13	Jessica Effle
June 20	Monte Dietrick
June 27	Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan

There is a NEW position that we need volunteers for: **live-streaming worship!** Please contact Geoff or the FCC Office if you are interested in learning this position.

THANK YOU for volunteering. Your efforts at First Christian Church is what keeps Sunday worship alive and thriving!



Sanctuary Flowers \$45

Call the FCC Office at
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to info@fcclincn.org

If you have had any problems with online worship, please let us know in the FCC Office at
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Prayers & Praises

June 10, 2021

In the Nebraska Region:

- First Christian Church, Lincoln and Rev. Karen Moritz
- CCN Ministry Coordinators: Teresa Olberding, Paul Few, and Holly Gage

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Nishan Bakalian serving in Lebanon

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at



Lincoln First Christian Church

Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 10 - Messengers Mailed

Saturday, June 12

3:00 pm Bell Tree Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 13

10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 15

11:00 am Recorder Consort Rehearsal
Sanctuary

Saturday, June 19

3:00 pm Bell Tree Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 20 - Father's Day

10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, June 21 - Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, June 22

9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
11:00 am Recorder Consort Rehearsal
Sanctuary

Thursday June 24 - Messengers Mailed



Auto Pay Your Church Giving

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

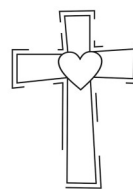
to electronically transfer funds from your checking account to donate to the church. Enrolling is easy – a debit authorization form and voided check is all that we need. Forms are available in the FCC office or can be emailed to you upon request. In addition, auto payment can be canceled at any time.

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
- NO fees, so your whole donation benefits FCC



Daily Devotions

Are you interested in receiving a daily devotion by email? For the past couple years, I have been sending a daily devotion, from a variety of authors, to the Elders, Stephen Ministers, and other friends. I would be happy to add you to my late night email. If you are interested, please email me at sl62smom@yahoo.com or let Kelly, our Church Administrator know, and I will be happy to add you to my email. If at any time you decide you no longer wish to receive it, just let me know.

Sara Lugin