

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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

Messenger

430 S. 16th St.

Lincoln, NE 68508

402.475.4289

www.fcclincoln.org



Rev. Dr. Karen Moritz, Pastor
Kelly Tyrrell, Church Administrator
Mark W. Miller, Director of Music Ministries

Sara Lugn, Stephen Ministry Leader
www.fcclincoln.org
info@fcclincoln.org

Volume 71, No. 20
October 21, 2021



2022 Stewardship Campaign

Many of us thought 2021 would be the year we got back to “normal.” However, COVID-19 has changed everything we thought we

“knew” about church. After weathering choppy waters through the pandemic, we are starting to right the course and move forward. Now is the time to keep that momentum going, and we can’t do that without **All Hands on Deck!** Pledge cards have been mailed - OR - you can coordinate electronic giving with Donna Ruhl and Susan Pallas-Duncan. Pledges will be received through **Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 21st**. Each donation to the stewardship campaign advances the mission of the church to *love all, live spiritually, rejoice in hope, and show hospitality* to others. We want First Christian to be all new in ‘22, and to do that, we need you. Let’s see **All Hands on Deck!**

If you have had any problems with online worship, please let us know in the FCC Office at 402-475-4289

WELCOME VISITORS

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

Jim & Bonnie Daly

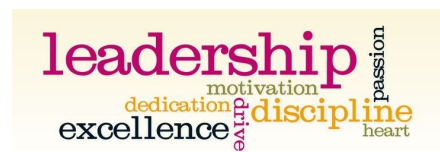
Please join us again in worship.
You are always welcome!



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Thank you for the lovely calls, cards, and sentiments expressed at the passing of our father Glenn Mason. We appreciated and felt the prayers for him and us as he journeyed to his death. Your kind words and expressions of care and concern for him have been beneficial and received with grace.

In Christ’s Love,
Tom & Sally Mason



Positions are open for 2022 Leadership! We need leaders of all different types to achieve the mission of our church to *love all, live spiritually, rejoice in hope, and show hospitality*. Several positions are still open. Terms are 1 year, and the by-laws state that no one serve more than 3 consecutive terms. If you are interested in a position, don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Karen, Geoff Putney, or Jim Blosser.

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

As I mentioned in my last Pastor's Corner, one of the things that drew me to the John Maxwell Team and their leadership training was what they call the "John Maxwell Team DNA." The DNA of this organization aligns with my perception of the church. The founder and leader of this organization is John C. Maxwell, a person of faith who served as a pastor for many years before beginning the John Maxwell Team. The organization has 10 values that resonate for me and may resonate for you as well. Now I would like to explore the final 6 values.

Value #5-Live Intentionally. *We gain traction in our personal growth when we live intentionally. "Move from success to significance." Success is about me, significance is about others.*

This value really resonated for me. It is so easy to get caught up in the idea of success. We look at our numbers, our budget, and the number of our programs. However, the real issue for us as people of faith is not success but significance. What impact do we have on people's lives that adds depth and meaning to life? How would we be different as a congregation if we pondered significance instead of success?

Value #6-Exceed Expectations.

I think this value urges us to consider our particular contribution to the lives of others. How might we uniquely serve our congregation, our community, and the Church as a whole? As we consider our niche, how might we exceed expectations?

Value #7-Equip other people.

This is a critical value as we prepare for the upcoming year. I ask myself this question as the pastoral leader of this congregation. I have begun this leadership training program with the hope of gaining some insight into this important value. I welcome any feedback others may have regarding this value. What would help you grow as a leader? How can I be an important part of this area of growth? How might other leaders in the congregation equip members for leadership?

Value #8-Be Consistent. *"Long term consistency trumps short term intensity."*

In many ways we have demonstrated some proficiency in this area. Now that this congregation is 152 years old, we can say that we have been a consistent presence in the shadow of the capitol. How

might we strengthen our consistent ministry as we move forward?

Value #9-Be a Catalyst for Transformation. *A trainer loves to lead, a leader seeks transformation.*

Although we talk about change a great deal, as a community of faith we are really called to be agents of transformation. This invites us to ponder "how does our life of faith call us into transformation and equip us to be agents of transformation as well?"

Value #10-Allow Room for Faith.

For us as a community of faith, this may seem to be a "no brainer." And yet, I think it is easy to lose sight of this very foundational value. We can be easily side-tracked by the values of our culture and our time. Sometimes it is easy to measure ourselves by the world's standards and not by those of Christ.

I hope these reflections invite us all to consider and celebrate what our central values are and how they guide us. To think about where we are going requires reflection on who we are and what we value. Examining these core values has been meaningful for me and I hope has been valuable to each of you, as well.

In peace and love,
Pastor Karen

This I Know: Finance Notes *The Finance Team*

Updated Faith Giving
as of 10/7/2021

Dark Grey: Received
Light Grey: Remaining



Sanctuary Flowers \$45

Call the FCC Office at 402-475-4289 or email to info@fclincoln.org

Those Serving in November

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.

Worship Leaders:

Nov. 7 Jessica Effle
Nov. 14 Jessica Effle
Nov. 21 Jessica Effle
Nov. 28 Leigh Lestina

Elders:

Nov. 7 Doug Effle
Nov. 14 Monte Dietrick
Nov. 21 Jim Blosser
Nov. 28 Connie Calver

Deacons:

Susan Pallas-Duncan, John Swanson, Elaine Parman, and Carla Pinneo

Communion Prep:

Elaine Parman & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Homebound Communion: **November 14**

Homebound Communion Teams: (November 14)

Cecilia Burkart & Carla Pinneo
Monte Dietrick & Dick Pickel
Doug Effle & John Swanson
Sara Lugn & Elaine Parman

Hallway Hospitality:

Nov. 7 Doug Effle
Nov. 14 Jim Christ
Nov. 21 Rich Calver
Nov. 28 Vince Ortega

Ushers / Greeters:

Nov. 7 Jessica Effle
Nov. 14 Monte Dietrick
Nov. 21 Charles & Diane Zabokrtsky
Nov. 28 Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan

Acolytes:

Nov. 7 Riley Bowker & Evan Foster
Nov. 14 Rebecca & Katie Swanson
Nov. 21 Christian Swanson & Kyson Effle
Nov. 28 Hunter & Edryk Christianson

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

Helping to run the live-stream cameras
Hosting outdoor fellowship after service

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

Individual Communion cups are available upon request. If you've been missing the experience of communion, contact the FCC Office, Pastor Karen, or one of the Elders to set up a time to receive communion. All packets are pre-sealed for your safety.



What's On Wednesdays!



K-5 Education 6:00-7:00 pm
6-12 Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm
Adult Education 6:00-7:00 pm

October 27th

The Lord's Supper Class - Intergenerational

November 3rd - November 17th

Native American Spiritual Beliefs & Practices

The nursery will also be open from 5:15-7:30 pm.

Our October Menu

October 27th - Spinach artichoke sauced chicken breast, mashed potatoes, roasted veggies

Don't forget to RSVP. We can't wait to see you there!



Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting on Saturday October 30th at 9:30 am at Marcia Foster's home.

Our book for discussion is:

This Tender Land

by William Kent Krueger

Some of the upcoming titles will be:

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Anyone is welcome to join in our discussions at any time. Check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates, and times, or change of location.

Prayers & Praises October 21, 2021

In the Nebraska Region:

- Weeping Water FCC
- Wilsonville United Baptist Christian Church and Rev. Keith Theobald

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- All those serving in Israel/Palestine

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at

www.globalministries.org



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be having its Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving Offering on November 14th & 21st. This year's offering will benefit the colleges, universities, and graduate theological institutions affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The fifteen colleges and universities and the seven theological institutions in covenant with the DOC encourage students in their intellectual pursuits and nurture them as leaders to transform church, society, and the world. Our congregation's gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps support these efforts in education and leadership formation. Look for an insert in your bulletin on Nov. 14th & 21st with more information on how to get involved, or contact the FCC office at 402-475-4289.

FCC Social Media!



Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 21 - Messengers Mailed

Friday, October 22

9:45 am Hand bell Quartet - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Calendar Girls - Lincoln Community Playhouse

Sunday, October 24

10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am Elders Meeting - Library
6:00 pm Cabinet Meeting - Parlor

Tuesday, October 26

10:30 am Recorder Consort Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 27

5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
6:00 -7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
6:00-7:00 pm Intergenerational Class - Parlor

Friday, October 29

9:45 am Hand bell Quartet - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 31

10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, November 1- Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, November 2

9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conf. Room
10:30 am Recorder Consort Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 3

5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
6:00 -7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
6:00-7:00 pm Adult Education - Library
6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group - 3rd Floor

Thursday, November 4 - Messengers Mailed



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16