



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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

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### Membership Activities

One of the most requested items on our recent activity survey was attending a play together. It just so

happens there is a play coming up at the Lincoln Community Playhouse. "Calendar Girls" will be showing in October, featuring First Christian's own Cecilia Burkhardt. It is a funny and heartwarming play. The show we are planning to attend as a group is Friday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 and available for sale now! Please let Connie Calver know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. Proof of vaccine is required to attend and masks are required in the Playhouse. Can't wait to see you there!



### 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 will be going out soon - 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:

*Reverend & Mrs. Joungman Lee*  
*Bob & Donna Bogatt*

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

## Pastor's Corner

During my Study leave this year, I participated in the International Maxwell Certification training. Due to problems with my leg, I was unable to attend in person, but I was able to do the training virtually. It was an intense experience and I am still processing all I learned. One of our opening presentations was by the founder John C. Maxwell on the DNA of the John Maxwell Team. The core values of the John Maxwell team (JMT) was one of the things that drew me to this organization. The DNA, or core values, of this organization aligns with my own personal values and my perception of the core values of the church.

The founder and leader of this organization, John C. Maxwell, is a person of faith and served as pastor for many years before beginning the John Maxwell Team. The DNA of this organization includes 10 core values that resonate for me and may resonates for you as well. Now I would like to explore the first 4 values.

**Value #1-We value people.** Maxwell went on to say: *“Value people every day, believe in them unconditionally and love them.”*

Valuing people is the very heart of the Gospel and our reason for being. We live in a time when many people do not have a sense of their own value. Sometimes I struggle to get all the tasks of ministry done and I fear that valuing people, including myself, gets lost. So, Maxwell gives us a clear reminder of where all life and ministry begins: valuing people.

**Value #2-Have a positive attitude.** Attitude makes all the difference. It sets one apart.

In this season of divisiveness and struggle it is so easy to get caught up in all the negativity. As we struggle personally and as part of a global community, we are facing challenging times. Having a positive attitude will enable us to face and deal with these challenges. I know I struggle with this personally, with all that is happening it is so easy to become negative. Having a positive attitude will not solve all our problems, but it will enable us to face them head on and move forward.

**Value #3-Grow Daily.** The only guarantee for tomorrow is that one grows today. *“As we grow we grow people around us.”*

I suspect many of you have come to realize that this is a high value for me. I strive to grow personally and professionally every day. Our willingness to embrace growth and change impacts our life as a community as well. It can be uncomfortable to grow, but growth and change are part of our lives as living beings. So, instead of fighting it we are invited to embrace it.

**Value #4-Lead by Example.** Like Jesus, we want to invite people to *“follow me.”*

We are blessed to have a few leaders in this congregation who embrace their roles of leadership. We grow as leaders by following leaders. As Maxwell pointed out, we are blessed to follow the greatest leader, Jesus. But it cannot stop there. By following great leaders, we become able to lead others and help them become the leaders God calls each of us to be. As a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation we affirm the importance of lay leadership in our life together. The laity is called to work in partnership with the pastor. We have lay leaders in worship and an Elder at the Table every Sunday as a reflection of this value. Our Board is made up of Lay Leaders. We are called to follow Christ and then to lead others in our journey together. I'll talk more later about the central place of leadership in our life together.

I hope my reflections on these core values inspires us all to ponder our personal and shared values. Hopefully we will be empowered to face even the most challenging times as we value people, work on developing a positive attitude, grow daily, and lead by example.

In peace and joy,  
Pastor Karen

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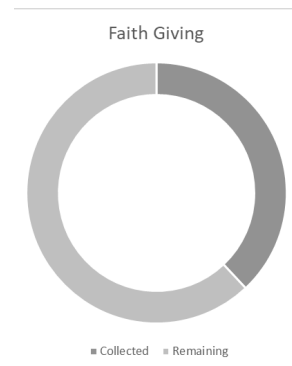
### This I Know: Finance Notes

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

We are so excited that more people are getting involved with Faith Giving and giving generously. Thank you!! However, we are 75% through 2021, and still haven't hit 50% of our Faith Giving Goal. To end 2021 on a positive note, we still need a little more. There is a 5th Sunday in October (the 31st) but you are always welcome to give before then, too! Thank you for your engagement with the financial success of the church!

With hope for the future,  
*The Finance Team*

Dark Grey: Received  
Light Grey: Remaining



# LEADERSHIP

Positions are open for 2022 Leadership. We need you!! Are you great at organization? A whiz with numbers? Do you love to host a good party? 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*. The following positions are open:

- Board Chair
- Vice Board Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Finance Secretary
- Elders & Deacons
- Committee Chairs & Members

Terms are 1 year, and the by-laws state that no one serve more than 3 consecutive terms.

Many hands make light work, and we are in a season where we need all hands on deck. If you are interested in one of these positions, or just have questions about what it all entails, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Karen, Geoff Putney, or Jim Blosser.

## 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 13th

LAST NIGHT The Gospel of Matthew

### October 20th - 27th

Service Project TBD

### November 3rd - November 17th

Native American Spiritual Beliefs & Practices

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

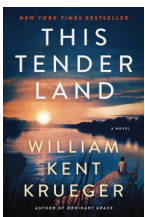
## Our October Menu

October 13th - Beef lasagna, breadstick, green beans

October 20th - White chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, Mexican street corn

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. We usually meet on Saturday mornings, but check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates, and times, or change of location.*

## Worship Servers



Check the bulletin board in the Chapel or Parlor Hallway to see all of the servers for the month of October. If you are unable to serve your position, please find a substitute!

## 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.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Colossians 4:6

# Prayers & Praises October 7, 2021

## FCC Social Media!



In the Nebraska Region:

- Verndon Christian Church and Rev. Daniel Spencer

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Jeffery Mesendiek serving in Japan

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at

[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



## Invitation to Welcome Refugees

(taken from [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org))

Please mark your calendars and REGISTER NOW at [cwsglobal.org/togetherwewelcome](http://cwsglobal.org/togetherwewelcome)

**“Together We Welcome,”** a national faith gathering to strengthen support for refugees, immigrants, and migrants. This event will be held from **November 7-11**. It will be ALL VIRTUAL and ONLY between the hours each day of 6-9 pm Eastern Time. Each day between 6-7 pm ET will be a learning track specific to Afghan refugees. Also, there will be 4 learning tracks between 7-9 pm ET, which will highlight Refugee Resettlement, Asylum, Climate, and Advocacy.

This conference is sponsored by Church World Service, and is co-sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with support from Week of Compassion and other CWS member denominations. Each of us, as refugee/immigration related staff of the various denominations, are grateful to participate in the planning for the conference, and pray it will be WELL ATTENDED by Disciples as well as others. Spanish language interpretation will be available for the conference, as well.

Early Bird Registration is only \$25 until October 8<sup>th</sup>, and Registration until Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> would only cost \$35.

## Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 7 - Messengers Mailed

Friday, October 8

9:45 am Hand bell Quartet - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 10

10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 12

10:30 am Recorder Consort Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 13

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

Friday, October 15

9:45 am Hand bell Quartet - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 17

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

Pastor Karen Out of Office  
October 18th - 20th

Monday, October 18- Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

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, October 21 - Messengers Mailed