



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Dear FCC Members and Friends,

We have an opportunity to **love** those around us and around the world by giving to the Week of Compassion offering. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), working with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. They have helped with recent severe weather events in the Midwest and while we pray for peace in Ukraine, Week of Compassion is partnering with organizations to provide relief to those impacted. You can support Week of Compassion by writing a check or giving electronically to the church; simply designate Week of Compassion on your donation. Thank you so much for showing Christian love and supporting the mission and ministry of First Christian Church.

Sincerely,
The Outreach Team

Don't Forget SCRIP

See Donna Ruhl 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. Special orders go out the first Sunday of each month Contact Donna or the FCC office for orders.

Save the Dates for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday April 14th

Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

First Christian Church Sanctuary

Good Friday April 15th

Worship 12:00 pm

First Christian Church Sanctuary

24 Hour Virtual Prayer Vigil

1 pm Friday through 1 pm Saturday

Worship at the First Christian Chapel or at home

Easter Sunday April 17th

Easter Breakfast 8:15 am

First Christian Church Gymnasium

Worship 10:30 am

First Christian Church Sanctuary



“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

Giving is an act of love. It's choosing to help someone else above ourselves. It's about making a sacrifice that echoes the self-giving love of God and it's about returning that love.

In 2022, \$3,500 in Faith Giving is needed **every month** to meet our approved budgetary obligations. So far this year, we have received a total of \$1,691 in Faith Giving.

We need YOU to reciprocate God's wondrous love by generously supporting the mission and ministry of First Christian Church in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska!

May the Spirit of God be with you,
The Finance Team



Pastor's Corner

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Romans 12:13

I want to begin by thanking everyone for sharing in my celebration of 35 years in the ordained ministry. One thing I really cherish about this congregation is your willingness to live out the Apostle Paul's invitation in the above passage from Romans. I think it really deepens our lives when we can rejoice and weep with one another. As you might imagine, celebrating 35 years of ordained ministry has left me somewhat reflective. I never imagined that I would reach this landmark, so many pastors never do.

My ministry has taken me to some incredible places and I have been privileged to serve God and God's people in so many ways. Ministry has literally taken me all over the country and around the world. Although I served as a hospital chaplain for almost two years before my ordination, I was ordained to that ministry which also included training others for chaplaincy. I was ordained in Jacksonville, Florida. Ironically, this was the same city in which my parents had been married. Before their divorce they were married 23 years and I hoped my service to God would last at least that long. You can imagine my surprise when it far exceeded that time frame!

As many of you know, I have served as a hospital chaplain in psychiatric and general hospitals as well as a chaplain educator, as a university campus pastor twice, as a Mission Coworker to the Czech Republic, and as a parish pastor. FCC is the third congregation I have served full-time. I feel very blessed to be your pastor at this time in my career. Although I suspect most pastors never really retire, I have not made it a secret that I hope to retire from service here in the next four or five years.

One thing that really stands out to me about ministry here is the loving way in which I have been treated. While we have our challenges, the love and concern of people here is quite remarkable. Although life in a pandemic has been challenging on so many levels, I have noticed that people here have really stepped up to show love and compassion for one another: whether it's through the ministry of the Elders, the service of the Deacons, the faithfulness of the various Teams and the Board, or the constancy of the rest of the staff. I am so grateful for the way love and compassion are lived out here at

FCC and I know I am not the only one.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life and ministry here at FCC. I am so grateful for the show of affection this past Sunday with the cake, the beautiful flowers, and the cards. Thanks you for sharing in this time of rejoicing with me.

With a truly grateful heart,
Pastor Karen



Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting again Saturday, March 26 at 9:30 am via Zoom or in-person at Kristi Bowker's home in Waverly. Zoom information will be sent out soon.

Our book for discussion is:

The Meaning of Names

Karen Gettert Shoemaker



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

WELCOME VISITORS

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

Shirley Peterson

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

Those Serving in April 2022

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:

April 3	Leigh Lestina
April 10	Cecilia Burkhart
April 17	Cecilia Burkhart
April 24	Cecilia Burkhart

Elders:

April 3	Wayne Duncan
April 10	Monte Dietrick
April 14	Cecilia Burkhart
April 17	Jim Blosser
April 24	Deb Ortega

Deacons:

Karl Ahrendsen, Brady & Kristie Christianson, Gwen Belden

Communion Prep:

Gwen Belden & Kristie Christianson
Homebound Communion: **April 10th**

Homebound Communion Teams: (April 10)

Monte Dietrick & Karl Ahrendsen
Cecilia Burkhart & Kristie Christianson
Wayne Duncan & Brady Christianson
Jim Blosser & Gwen Belden

Hallway Hospitality:

April 3	Vince Ortega
April 10	Doug Effle
April 17	NEED VOLUNTEER - EASTER
April 24	Mike Carlin

Ushers / Greeters:

April 3	Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan
April 10	Lindsay Swanson
April 17	Jess Effle
April 24	Jim Blosser

Acolytes:

April 3	Rebecca & Katie Swanson
April 10	Riley Bowker & Evan Foster
April 17	Hunter & Edryk Christianson
April 24	Christian Swanson & Kyson Effle

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

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

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

March Menu

March 23rd: Creamy beef pasta bake, roasted veggies, garlic bread

March 30th: Meatloaf, steamed rice, honey-glazed carrots

\$6/meal, RSVP to FCC Office

April Birthdays:

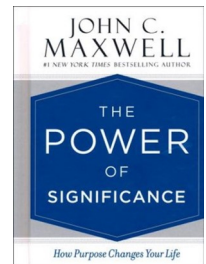


1 st	Wayne Duncan
4 th	Vic Burgess, Will Everett
5 th	Megan (Blosser) Hobbs
	Hannah Everett
7 th	Tezra Greder
14 th	Joan Dietrich
16 th	Marvin Thurber
18 th	Roger Vocasek
22 nd	Riley Bowker
25 th	Susan Pallas-Duncan
26 th	Scott Calver



Amazing opportunity for people-oriented, professional self starter - part time (20 - 30 hours/week) administrative assistant position available at First Christian Church, 430 S. 16th, Lincoln. Proficiency in Windows 10 and Microsoft Office. Flexible work hours and great compensation. Check us out at fclincoln.org. Send cover letter and resume to jimblosser51@aol.com.

Lenten Book Study
The Power of Significance
by John C. Maxwell



March 23 Session 3
Embrace Intentional Living
March 30 Session 4
Be Willing to Start Small
April 6 Session 5
Live with a Sense of Anticipation
Holy Week
No Wednesday Night fellowship
April 20 Session 6
Seize Significance Opportunities Every Day

Prayers & Praises March 17, 2022

In the Nebraska Region:

- Elmwood Christian Church and Rev. Mark Sewell
- Elwood First Christian Church

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Our mission coworkers serving in Kenya
- Raul Santiago-Rivera serving in Puerto Rico



Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at

www.globalministries.org



First Christian Church YouTube Channel

Have you missed any of our Worship Videos? No problem! They are all archived on the First Christian YouTube Channel. Go to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVejAW8D_mqv8Jmk5rzj43g

to see all of our videos starting with March 22, 2020.

At-Home Communion



For those attending our weekly church service via YouTube, we are offering at-home communion. A month's supply will be placed in a sealed bag to be picked up at church or one of the Elders will deliver it. If interested, contact Cecilia Burkhart.

FCC Social Media!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 17 - Messengers Mailed

Sunday, March 20

9:00 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship with Leigh Lestina
Sanctuary
6:00 pm Board Meeting - Parlor

Monday, March 21 - Thursday March, 24th
Kelly Tyrrell Out of Office

Tuesday, March 22

9:45 am Handbell Quartet - Sanctuary
10:45 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 23

5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
6:00-7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
6:00-7:30 pm 6-12 Youth Group - 3rd Floor
6:00 -7:00 pm Adult Education - Library

Sunday, March 27

9:00 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am Elders Meeting - Library

Tuesday, March 29

9:45 am Handbell Quartet - Sanctuary
10:45 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 30

5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
6:00-7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
6:00-7:30 pm 6-12 Youth Group - 3rd Floor
6:00 -7:00 pm Adult Education - Library

Friday, April 1 - Easter Lily Orders Due

Sunday, April 3 - SCRIP Orders Due

9:00 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, April 4 - Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
9:45 am Handbell Quartet - Sanctuary
10:45 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 6

5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
6:00-7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
6:00-7:30 pm 6-12 Youth Group - 3rd Floor
6:00 -7:00 pm Adult Education - Library

Thursday, April 7 - Messengers Mailed