



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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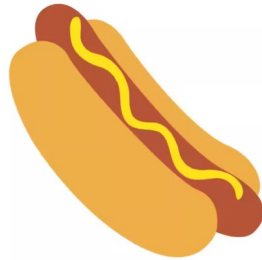
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Outreach Fundraiser

Come volunteer and represent FCC on June 11th at SuperSaver on 56th and Hwy 2.



We need volunteers to operate the grills and even if you can't commit to helping run the event show up for lunch in your FCC t-shirts to help promote the church!

SuperSaver will be providing all the food and grill supplies while the church will get to keep any profits made.

the meals will be 3\$ per and include a hot dog or brat, pulled pork, chips, and soda or water.

Open from 10am to 2pm on June 11th

Contact Geoff Putney if you'd like to volunteer to work the event!

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.

Youth Group Foodraiser

Last Sunday to help the Youth Group Foodraiser is the 15th!

Most needed items for Lincoln Food Bank

- Tuna and other canned meats
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Macaroni and cheese or other boxed dinners
- Brown rice and long grain white rice (not instant)
- 100% fruit juice
- Olive or canola oil
- Spices or Coffee
- Low sugar, whole grain cereals

for local Afghan family

- Tomato sauce paste (No spaghetti sauce)
 - Kidney beans
 - Gift cards to Russ's market
 - Canned fruit
- (No canned meat or pork for the Afghan family!)

\$2,000 has been collected for the Disciples Week of Compassion offering that directly aides those most in need around the world. THANK YOU for your generous support!

As of March 31st, our expenses have exceeded income by just over \$10,000. Heating and insurance expenses are higher than anticipated. Pledges are running a little behind for the year.

Faith Giving is lagging at over 80% less than needed. Faith Giving is necessary to support and sustain the basic operation and ministries of First Christian Church every week.

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



Pastor's Corner

“Commitment is the key.” John C. Maxwell

In a recent Minute with Maxwell leadership expert John Maxwell shared the above quote. It was a saying he had laminated so he could carry it with him in his pocket. He latched onto that saying during a particularly difficult time when he was moving through a challenging period of his own leadership journey. This simple statement really resonated for me. When times get tough it can be really challenging to remain committed. The challenge for many of us is that we have many commitments, sometimes too many. We have a sense of commitment to and for our family and friends. Many of us have a sense of commitment related to our work and vocation. And then there's the church. We need a number of people to keep things going here at FCC. Sadly, many of the things that have to happen here at the church are behind the scenes and people do not know all the planning and preparation that goes on in the background. Even those with a more public presence, like you pastor here, expend a lot of energy and effort out of the spotlight. Lent and Eastertide are prime examples. So much happens during those months that requires the commitment of many people.

Preparing for weekly worship and all the special seasonal services requires a great deal of commitment from the church staff; the pastor, music director and congregational administrative assistant. We also keep our cleaning staff quite busy and we have nursery staff as well. However, without the hosts of volunteers nothing significant would happen. From the commitment of the various church officers and members of the Board to all the committee and team chairs and members, a lot of committed people make it all happen. The Worship Team, our music director, the various musical groups from the Torch Team to the Sanctuary Choir, from all our handbell and recorder musicians to our various soloists, many hours are spent in planning, practicing and preparation. There are also committed individuals who prepare our worship space for all the various types of worship services. From the Lent/Easter display by the baptistery to all the flowers that adorn our sanctuary for Easter, hours are spent in making all these preparations. And of course, we cannot forget our volunteer technical staff that run the screen during worship and keeps the livestream going. We gave that group a lot of extra work during the spring. Not only did we livestream weekly worship, but we had volunteers up in the balcony for all the special services, for the funeral of Arlene Heimer and for a Regional event we hosted here at FCC just after Easter.

Although worship is central to our life as a congregation, there are many others who participate in ministry throughout the week. We have many individuals who lead in the educational ministries of FCC. A variety of individuals work with our children, youth and adults on Wednesday evenings. Our Elders and others voluntarily

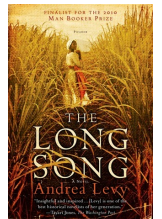
visit many of our members and deliver things like Easter Lilies and fill Scrip orders. Our Deacons help with many of those visits and make sure all is ready for worship, particularly overseeing the preparations for the Lord's Supper. Volunteers take care of our building and the grounds, including mowing and make the outside and the inside of our facilities look their best. And of course we cannot forget our Disciple Women who tend to the congregation and family after funerals with their luncheon hospitality. Our Disciple Men and Women worked together to host the Regional Creation Cares day-long workshop in April.

Thankfully, we have a deeply committed group of people who lead and participate in all our ministries here at FCC. There's always room for more. As we resume many of our activities following COVID we need volunteers more than ever. Whatever your gifts and interests, there is a place for you here. As we move into the summer months we continue to need faithful and committed volunteers. In this issue of the Messenger we have some opportunities to contribute to our life and ministry here at FCC. If you have a gift for gab and a desire to break out your FCC t-shirt, come join us on June 11th for our Outreach/Fundraiser event. If you would rather be behind the scenes, bring something for our Youth Group Food-raiser. John Maxwell said it well, commitment really is the key. Thank you to everyone who shares their sense of commitment with us here at FCC!

With a truly grateful heart, Pastor Karen

Book Club News

**Book Club will be meeting on
June 4th at 9:30 AM. D'arcy
Blosser will be hosting.**



**Our book for discussion is:
The Long Song
by Andrea Levy**

***Anyone is welcome to join in our
discussions at any time. We usually meet
on Saturday mornings, but check the FCC***

FCC Social Media!



Those Serving in May 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:

May 1	Leigh Lestina	May 1
May 8	Kristi Bowker	May 8
May 15	Kristi Bowker	May 15
May 22	Kristi Bowker	May 22
May 29	Kristi Bowker	May 29

Elders:

May 1	Deb Ortega
May 8	Cecilia Burkhart
May 15	Wayne Duncan
May 22	Monte Dietrick
May 29	Jim Blosser

Deacons:

Karl Ahrendsen, Brady Christianson, Kristie Christianson, Gwen Belden

Communion Prep:

Kristi Bowker, Riley Bowker
Homebound Communion: **May 15th**

Homebound Communion Teams: (May 15th)

Deb Ortega & Keaton Bowker
Elaine Parman & Riley Bowker
Cecilia Burkhart & Brad Bowker
Wayne Duncan & Kristi Bowker

Hallway Hospitality:

May 1	Rich Calver
May 8	Vince Ortega
May 15	Doug Effle
May 22	Geoff Putney
May 29	Mike Carlin

Ushers/Greeters:

May 1	D'arcy Blosser
May 8	Monte Dietrick
May 15	Susan & Wayne Pallas-Duncan
May 22	Lindsay Swanson
May 29	Jess Effle

Acolytes:

May 1	Riley Bowker & Evan Foster
May 8	Rebecca & Katrina Swanson
May 15	Hunter & Edryk Christianson
May 22	Christian Swanson & Kyson Effle
May 29	Rebecca & Katrina Swanson

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

May Menu

May 18th: Pizza and Trivia!

\$6/meal, RSVP to FCC Office



June Birthdays

2nd	Jaymi Ortega
8th	Bailey Taylor
9th	Debby Ortega
11th	Eric Fawl Kelly Tyrrell
22nd	Eugene Brockemeyer Beth Zager
23rd	Trevallion Greder
26th	Nichole Calver



Prayers & Praises

May 15, 2022

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Dick & Roxie Pickel
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Jessica Vocasek
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Greg Ogren, *prayers for healing, still ill after surgeries and treatments, son of LaVonne Ogren*
- Mark Carpenter, *with colon cancer, brother of Jill Carpenter and Dick & Roxie Pickel*
- Lorie Chrastel, *Mark Carpenter's fiancée, prayers for recovery from a stroke*
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Annie DeLosSantos, *with liver cancer diagnosis, sister of Vince Ortega*

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- Carson Mousel, *grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer*

Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge *at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, *Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Humboldt Christian Church and Rev. Howard Blecha

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Eleazar Fernandez serving in the Philippines

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/UCVeJAW8Dmqv8Jmk5rzj43g>

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 15

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship with Leigh Lestina
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship Celebrating our Graduates - Parlor
- 11:45 am Worship Team Meeting - Library
- 6:00 pm Board Meeting - Parlor

Tuesday, May 17

- 9:30 am Handbell Quartet - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 22

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Elder's Meeting - Parlor

Monday, May 23 - Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, May 24

- 9:30 am Handbell Quartet - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 2:30 pm Downtown Clergy Gathering

Thursday, May 26 - Messengers Mailed

Sunday, May 29

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 31

- 9:30 am Handbell Quartet - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4:15