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## Messenger

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### Volunteers Needed

Again this year, FCC will be collecting donations for Husker home football game parking in our parking lot.



Last year this volunteer ministry raised just over \$1,000 for Faith Giving.

Jim Christ and Monte Dietrick volunteered to oversee this ministry and are inviting you to join them. Three volunteers are needed each home game day.

The first three home football games are as follows:

September 3rd vs. North Dakota @ 2:30 pm  
September 10th vs. Georgia Southern @ 6:30 pm  
September 17th vs. Oklahoma @ 11 am

Your time commitment begins 3 to 3.5 hours before kickoff or until the lot is full. There are signs to be put out advertising our lot. Jim and Monte offered bottles of water and cookies to those making donations. Look at your calendar and see which date works for you.

Thank you, Monte D. Dietrick



### Regional Assembly is coming soon!

Friday November 4th and Saturday the 5th, both in-person and virtually. FCC can send 3 delegates in addition to the pastor. If you are interested in attending contact the church office or pastor Karen for details. The registration deadline is July 31st. This is a great way to represent FCC and contribute to the life of the Region.

### WELCOME VISITORS

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

*Gwen Zedrick*

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

## Pastor's Corner

**“When I graduated from college my father said that if I would do three things every day intentionally I would be very successful. He said ““John, believe in people, value people and unconditionally love them.””**

**John C. Maxwell, Minute with Maxwell**

In his Minute with Maxwell on the 14th of July John Maxwell spoke of the importance of believing in people. He said, this is critical because many people do not believe in themselves. For John Believing in others begins with believing in ourselves, then we become able to believe in others. To be successful we do not necessarily need others to believe in us, but we will never be successful if we do not believe in ourselves. Once we become able to believe in ourselves we become able to believe in others. We cannot give something we do not have. The place to begin, according to John, is to say something good about ourselves each and every day. He urges us to fill our hearts and minds with words of positivity. Jesus shared a similar sentiment when he responded to the question posed by the Pharisees:

**When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ (Mt. 22:34-40)**

I was really struck by the sentiments shared by John Maxwell and Jesus. So often our harshest critic is ourselves. No wonder it is

often so difficult to believe in and love others when we struggle to do so for ourselves. I believe this is true for ourselves as individuals and as a congregation. It is easy to see the things that seems problematic about ourselves and our church. I want to invite us all to accept John’s challenge and say something positive about ourselves every day. I suspect each of us has heard about or keeps a gratitude journal, let’s show some gratitude towards ourselves. Let’s fill our hearts and minds with words of positivity each day. As we do this for ourselves I want to invite us to do the same about our congregation. What can we say that is good about our congregation? I want to start by setting aside a little space in the Messenger to share one positive thing about FCC. I invite you to send in your thoughts to me directly or to the church office and we’ll share it in the Messengers. It can be something short and sweet. If you do not mind we will include your name or you can remain anonymous if you prefer. If I do not get any volunteers I will start looking for them and I may ask you! So, I’ll begin.

**I love the loving and caring people here at FCC.**

See, that wasn’t so hard, was it? Let’s fill our hearts and minds with words of positivity each day. As we do so we will become able to see the positive in ourselves, in our congregation and ultimately in the world around us.

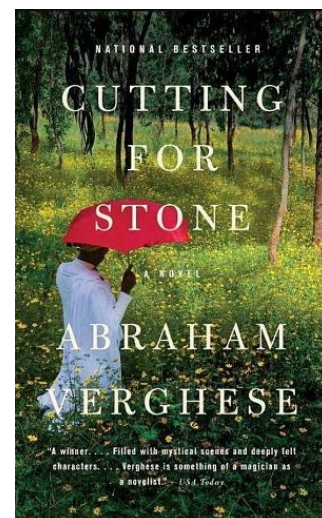
With joy and love, Pastor Karen

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## Book Club News

**Book Club will be meeting August 13, Marcia Foster will be hosting!**

**Our book for discussion is:  
*Cutting for Stone*  
by Abraham  
Vergheze**



## Those Serving in August 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 Leader:**

August      Marcia Foster

### **Elders:**

August 7      Elaine Parman  
August 14     Monte Dietrick  
August 21     Cecilia Burkhardt  
August 28     Wayne Duncan

### **Deacons:**

Kristi Bowker, Keaton Bowker, Riley Bowker, Brad Bowker

### **Communion Prep:**

Kristi Bowker, Brad Bowker

Homebound Communion: **August 14th**

### **Homebound Communion Teams: (August 14th)**

Kristi Bowker & Monte Dietrick  
Keaton Bowker & Cecilia Burkhardt  
Brad Bowker & Wayne Duncan  
Riley Bowker & Jim Blosser

### **Hallway Hospitality:**

August 7      Mike Carlin  
August 14     Geoff Putney  
August 21     Vince Ortega  
August 28     Rich Calver

### **Ushers/Greeters:**

August 7      Monte Dietrick  
August 14     D'Arcy Blosser  
August 21     Jim Blosser  
August 28     Susan & Wayne Pallas-Duncan

### **Acolytes:**

August 7      Hunter & Edryk Christianson  
August 14     Riley Bowker and Evan Foster  
August 21     Rebecca & Katrina Swanson  
August 28     Christian Swanson & Kyson Effle

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

# All Hands on Deck

THANK YOU to everyone who is supporting the mission and ministries of First Christian Church through Faith Giving. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, twelve families have contributed to Faith Giving.

***Faith Giving is necessary to support and sustain the basic operation and ministries of First Christian Church every week.***

**\$65 monthly per family** is all it takes to meet our 2022 Faith Giving goal.

For those of you who are 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.

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



**10th Phyllis Thurber and Katrina Swanson**

**12th Nick Calver**

**13th Mildred Brockemeyer and Donna Ruhl**

**16th Jared Calver and Sara Lugin**

**21st William Deterding**

**25th Jim Christ**

**31st Keaton Effle**

# Prayers & Praises July 21, 2022

## In Our Church Family:

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

## Relatives:

- Family and friends of Doug Wielage, Jessica Vocasek's uncle who passed away suddenly last week.
- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Roger Christianson, with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson
- Annie DeLosSantos, with liver cancer diagnosis, sister of Vince Ortega
- Laurie Aufdemberge, with breast cancer, sister of Kristi Bowker

## Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockmeyer
- Dan Principato recovering from surgery for Dercum's disease, friend of the Vocaseks
- Family of Barb Kuzma, with brain tumor, friend of Kristi Bowker

## Our Timothys:

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

## In the Nebraska Region:

- North Platte First Christian Church and Jean Anderson

## Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Carlos Sediles serving in Mexico



Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at

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



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply from the heart."

1 Peter 1:22

# Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

## Sunday, July 24

- 9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Elders Meeting - Parlor

## Tuesday, July 26

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

## Sunday, July 31

- 9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

## Monday, August 1 - Messenger Deadline

## Tuesday, August 2

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

## Thursday, August 4 - Messenger Sent

## Sunday, August 7 - Scrip Orders Due

- 9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

## Tuesday, August 9

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

## Wednesday, August 10

- 12:00 pm Foundation Meeting - Parlor

## Sunday, August 14

- 9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

## What I Like about FCC!

"I love the loving and caring people here at FCC."

- Karen Moritz

