



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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

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Praisefest!

Praisefest is happening Sunday, September 11th this year! We need volunteers to bring cookies and help serve food, if you are interested contact Beth Zager or the church office.

Even if you can't volunteer, come over for free hotdogs, refreshments, and live music by The Torch. Come spend time with our Capitol area neighbors September 11th from 5 to 7 PM.

Volunteers Needed

Again this year, FCC will be collecting donations for Husker home football game parking in our parking lot. Coffee, cookies and bottles of water are offered to those making donations.



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

Jim Christ and Monte Dietrick oversee this ministry and are inviting you to join them. At least one more volunteer is needed each home game day. Your time commitment begins 4 hours before kickoff.

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
- October 1st vs. Indiana @ 6:30 pm
- October 29th vs. Illinois @ TBD
- November 5th vs. Minnesota @ TBD
- November 19th vs. Wisconsin @ TBD

Thanks to Susan Pallas-Duncan (Sept 3), Wayne Duncan (Sept 10) and Elaine Parman (Sept 17) for signing up to assist with this ministry.

Look at your calendar and then let the church office know which date works for you.

THANK YOU
to all for the
birthday wishes
and delicious cake
following worship
on August 14.

Donna Ruhl



Pastor's Corner

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:5-7

One of the key elements of the Christian life is fellowship. Fellowship with God and with one another. On Saturday evening August 20th about 30 of us gathered in Bethany Park for a time of food and fellowship. Our Membership Team set up the event and provided beverages for all those attending, It was a beautiful evening and many of the adults visited while the children and youth in attendance amused themselves with games and time on the nearby playground. Some of these photos display the bountiful food provided. We had a great time and enjoyed this opportunity for fellowship in a more casual setting.



Our Membership Team is busy planning additional opportunities for fellowship this fall. More information will be forthcoming about gathering as a group to attend the musical Godspell at the Ta Da Theater on October 16th.

While we make time for fellowship after worship, outside activities provide more time and space to get to know one

another. As we deepen our fellowship with one another we also connect with God. So, let's not underestimate the importance and significance of our time together. Like those in the early Church we continue to be invited to walk in the light and love of the Lord as we come together in God's name.

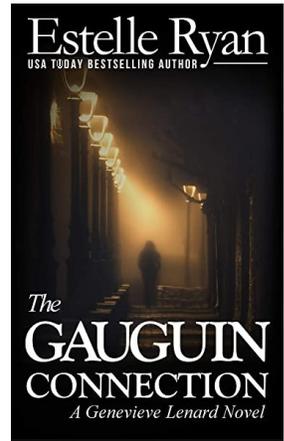
In peace and love, Pastor Karen



Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting September 10th in the church parlor!

Our book for discussion is:
Gauguin Connection
by Estelle Ryan



Those Serving in September 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:

September Wayne Duncan
September 18th Leigh Lestina

Elders:

September 4 Jim Blosser
September 11 Deb Ortega
September 18 Elaine Parman
September 25 Monte Dietrick

Deacons:

Carla Pinneo, Lindsay Swanson, Susan Pallas-Duncan

Communion Prep:

Carla Pinneo, Lindsay Swanson
Homebound Communion: **September 11th**

Homebound Communion Teams:

Carla Pinneo & Deb Ortega
Lindsay Swanson & Elaine Parman
Susan Pallas-Duncan & Monte Dietrick
Jim Blosser & TBD

Hallway Hospitality:

September 4 Doug Effle
September 11 Mike Carlin
September 18 Geoff Putney
September 25 Vince Ortega

Ushers/Greeters:

September 4 Jessica Effle
September 11 Lindsay Swanson
September 18 Monte Dietrick
September 25 Susan & Wayne Pallas-Duncan

Acolytes:

September 4 Edryk Christianson & Kyson Effle
September 11 Trev & Gianna Greeder
September 18 Rebecca & Katrina Swanson
September 25 Christian Swanson & Edryk Christianson

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

Finance Notes

This year we are making stewardship our focus once a month from August through November. This coming Sunday, August 28, is Stewardship Sunday (so to speak) for August.

In the ancient world, eating was a big deal. It was natural for people in the ancient world to use the language of a banquet to describe the time when God would fulfill all of God's promises. Our text on Sunday (Luke 14:1, 7-14) uses the language of a great feast to describe the realm of God, that great time when the human community will live in love, peace, grace, freedom, dignity, justice, and abundance.

In the presence of such possibility, what do you do? A part of the answer is, "You participate with stewardship." From this point of view, stewardship is participating appropriately in the banquet. Yes, you give. You write your check. You commit your time to expressions of love, efforts for peace, support for actions in behalf of freedom, standing up for justice.

But here is the wonderful logic of God. In the act of giving, you receive. As you put your money, your time, your energy into the movement towards the realm, you experience the qualities of the realm more fully in your own life.

God invites you to think of life as a great dinner. God sets the table with possibilities of love, peace, grace, freedom, dignity, justice, and abundance. Please join us in worship on Sunday, as a way of saying "**Yes**" to this invitation.

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

What I Like about FCC!

What I like best about our church is that we welcome all and affirm the dignity of everyone who joins us in our journey of faith.
~Jim Blosser

Prayers & Praises August 25, 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 George Bowker, *Brad Bowker's father who passed away recently*
- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Family and friends of Annie DeLosSantos, *sister of Vince Ortega who passed from cancer recently.*
- Laurie Aufdemberge, *with breast cancer, sister of Kristi Bowker*

Friends:

- Kirby Gould and family. *Her husband John Gould entered hospice following a stroke.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- Carson Mousel, *grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer*
- 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:

- Plattsmouth First Christian Church and Rev. Michael Lincoln

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Martha Mensendiek serving in Japan



Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at www.globalministries.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"

1 Peter 4:10

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 30

- 9:45 am Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

Sunday, September 4

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

Tuesday, September 6

- 9:45 am Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

Sunday, September 11

- 9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Praisefest

Monday, September 12 - Messenger Deadline

GodSpell

We are planning on attending the play Godspell at the TADA theatre on Sunday October 16 at 2:00 pm.

We cannot order tickets until 30 days before or September 16. So I will need to know who wants to attend prior to September 16th. Tickets are \$20 each.

Please contact Connie Calver at 402-432-2112 email: Connie.calver@yahoo.com

September Birthdays

- 5th Keaton Bowker
- 6th Gary Larsen
- Polly Putney
- 7th Rich Calver
- 18th Marcia Foster
- 21st Marj Snodgrass
- 24th Donna Baker

