



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!

Please join us this Sunday, September 11th, for Praisefest! Come spend time with our Capitol area neighbors from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the FCC parking lot.

There will be free hot dogs and refreshments, Kona Ice, a bounce house and live music from The Torch! Volunteers are needed to bring cookies and help serve food. If you are interested, contact Beth Zager or the church office.

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will change up that schedule and dates are adjusted accordingly. Times may adjust as well due to special events/projects. Here is the fall schedule:

September 11 - we'll meet at 4:00 p.m. to help set up for Praisefest, assist with and clean up the event, taking a little time out to touch base as a group and catch up on our summer experiences.

September 25 - 5:30 to 7:30 - Fosters bringing snack supper

October 9 - 5:30 to 7:30 - Christiansons bringing snack supper

October 23 - 5:30 to 7:30 - Bowkers bringing snack supper

October 30 - 5:30 to 7:30

November 13 - 5:30 to 7:30

November 27 - ? (if youth and sponsors available-Thanksgiving Weekend)

December 4 & 18 - 5:30 - 7:30



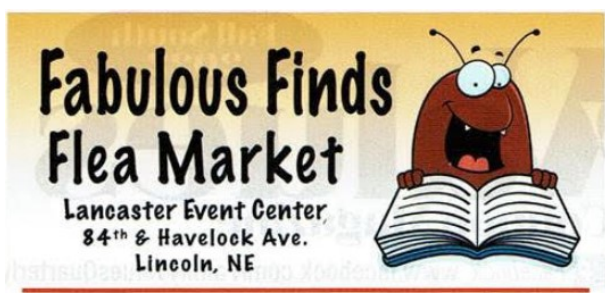
Fall Youth Group

It's that time of the year again and youth group for middle school

through high school is starting up this month. Due to sports activities on Wednesday nights which involve several of our youth, we are meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of each month.

Kamp Kaleo Flea Market

D'Arcy and Gwen will be setting up a 10' x 15' booth for Kamp Kaleo at the Fabulous Finds Flea Market at the Lancaster Event Center Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10. There will be over 90 other vendors. A generous donor is paying for our booth. All of our proceeds will go to Kamp Kaleo. Come check us out!!



Kamp Kaleo Junk Jaunt

In addition to the September 9 and 10 Flea Market, Kamp Kaleo volunteers will participate in the Nebraska Junk Jaunt on September 23-25 at Burwell. If you have treasurers you'd like to donate for this effort (not furniture as transportation is an issue), let Gwen Belden or D'Arcy Blosser know. You are also welcome to come help us at Burwell! We stay in the staff cabin and contribute \$ toward our food for the weekend which is prepared at Kamp. Let either of us know if you'd like to help with this project and we'll make sure to get your room reserved at Kamp.

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.

We are still looking for volunteers for these home game days:

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.

Letters for the Church

Dear Friends at
First Christian
Church,



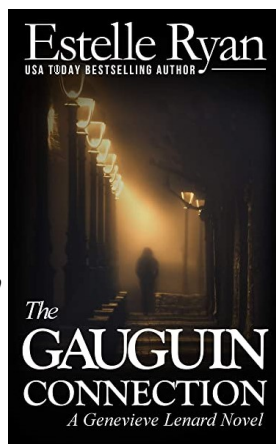
Thank you so much for the gift from
Georgeann Mantor Jordan. It was very
special to receive a gift in her memory.
This is a special place, and my hope is
that we will be able to use this gift in a
way that would honor her. The
members of the dream team are
touched and humbled by this gift.
Thank you from all of us.

Peace, Chris Boden
McPhee Elementary

Book Club News

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

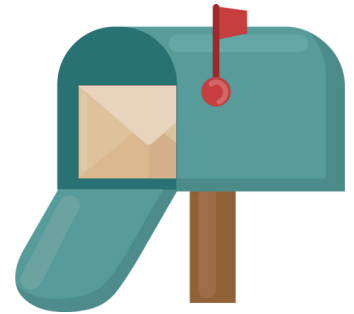
Our book for
discussion is:
Gauguin Connection
by Estelle Ryan



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

Address Update

Harold and Donna
Baker have moved
apartments and
have a new
address. Their
new address is



7202 Van Dorn, #22
Lincoln, NE 68506



Auto Pay Your Church Giving

Tired of writing checks? There
is an easy, convenient, and
secure way to electronically
transfer funds from your checking account to
donate to the church. Enrolling is easy – a debit
authorization form and voided check is all that we
need. Forms are available in the FCC office or can
be emailed to you upon request. In addition, auto
payment can be canceled at any time.

Auto Pay makes life easier for you by:

- Knowing you are faithfully supporting so many important vital ministries
- Realizing the joy in being the faithful steward God calls you to be
- Eliminating the need to write a check regularly, helping your personal budgeting process

Auto Pay benefits to FCC:

- Provides a more predictable income flow for better church financial management
- Reduces time and effort in processing collections by FCC staff/volunteers
- Increases faithful offerings to the church due to regular automatic donations
- NO fees, so your whole donation benefits FCC

Pastor's Corner

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - Martin Luther

When I googled the phrase "quotes about prayer" several items popped up. Prayer is such a central part of the spiritual life, no matter what faith tradition one follows. There are so many forms of prayer; individual and corporate, written and spontaneous, private and shared, formal and informal. In our recent Elders meeting we discussed the chapter entitled "Prayer" in Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk's book *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life*. During that time of conversation and reflection we talked about the various forms of prayer mentioned above. We also spent some time talking about the Prayer Ministry of our congregation. We also discussed that at one point we had developed a Team of individuals who had volunteered for this important ministry. Some of those people have moved away and this seemed like a good time to revamp our communal prayer life. The Elders want to extend an invitation to everyone to be part of this important and vital ministry. As leaders in our faith community the currently serving Elders and Pastor will be integral to this ministry, but we know there are others who may have the spiritual gift of prayer and we want to invite them to join us.

"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice." - Billy Graham

Most of the prayer requests we get here at FCC are related to emergencies and times of struggle. We often hear from those dealing with illness or those making the journey with family or friends who are struggling. Our prayer concerns also include those who are grieving and dealing with the pain and loss that brings. As Graham pointed out, the more we come to God in prayer the more it becomes interwoven into the fabric of our lives. Sometimes it is easier to

lift up others in prayer, particularly when we know they are in need. Such prayer seems more comfortable for many of us, but I think it also leads us deeper into prayer for ourselves as well. Like building skill in anything, as Graham pointed out, practice is essential. So, if you are interested in practicing and going deeper into prayer join us on our Prayer Team. We don't meet as a group so no meetings are involved. When we get prayer requests the church office will send out a notice that prayer has been requested. Depending on the preferences of those on the Team, notices will be sent out via email or phone calls. The Prayer Team, like the rest of the congregation, will also be invited to pray for those we list in our newsletter *The Messenger*.

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie ten Boom

I hope you will consider joining us in this important ministry here at FCC. If you have questions or want to sign on let me know. Please feel free to talk with any of our active Elders as well; Cec Burkhart is the Chair, or feel free to contact Elaine Parman, Jim Blosser, Deb Ortega, Wayne Duncan, or Monte Dietrick. Put yourself in the driver's seat and make prayer your steering wheel and not just a spare tire!

With a prayerful heart, Pastor Karen



Blessing of Backpacks, August 14th

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 Elaine Parman
September 11 Deb Ortega
September 18 Jim Blosser
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

Our stewardship theme this year is the closing line from the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:37), "**Go and Do the Same**". The implication is that God calls us to "go and do the same" as the Samaritan with all our resources.

"*Go and Do the Same*" is a simple command to do for others what the "good" Samaritan did for the man who fell among robbers. Be kind, compassionate, generous, and concerned for others in need. Give of yourself. Give financially. Make a difference.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through and with us. Your prayers and participation are keys to helping us get to the next level of discipleship.

Save The Date:

Sunday, November 13, 2022 -
Commitment Sunday Celebration
Lunch

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

What I Like about FCC!

FCC is a second family to me.
Everyone is so welcoming,

~Doug Effle

Prayers & Praises September 8, 2022

In Our Church Family:

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

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Laurie Aufdemberge, *with breast cancer, sister of Kristi Bowker*

Friends:

- Kirby Gould and family. *Her husband John Gould passed away after a stroke. The memorial service will be on the 23rd in Kansas City.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- Carson Mousel, *grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockmeyer*
- 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:

- Shubert Christian Church and Rev. Dennis Fullbright

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Xiomara Cintrón-García *serving in Colombia*

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



Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 10

9:30am Book Club Meeting - Library

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

Tuesday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 18

9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
6:00 pm Board Meeting - Parlor

Monday, September 19- Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 22 - Messenger Sent

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY



"For Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20