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Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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

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Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday April 2
10:30 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday April 6
5:30 p.m. Soup Supper in Gym
7 p.m. Worship

Good Friday April 7
Noon Worship

Easter Sunday April 9
8:15 a.m. – 10 a.m. Breakfast in Gym
10:30 a.m. Worship

Good Friday 24-hour Prayer Vigil

We invite you to participate in our upcoming 24-hour prayer vigil beginning at 1 pm on April 7th. We will be holding this event in order to lift up our church community, our city, and our world in prayer.

The prayer vigil is divided into 30-minute windows, and you are welcome to sign up for as many windows as you would like. You may pray from the comfort of your own home or come to the chapel to pray in person. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and lift up our concerns, hopes, and gratitude to God.

To sign up for a prayer window, simply call the church office or choose your time slot with the SignUpGenius link below. We will also have sign-up sheets available in the church parlor beginning March 26th for those who prefer to sign up in person.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to participate as well. Let's come together in prayer and show the power of community in action.



Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!
Blessings,
The Worship Team

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49ada823a3f49-good#/>

Youth Group News

Our small but mighty youth group has been busy this winter! Bowling, Souper Bowl Sunday, serving Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, and going to Youth Retreat in addition to our twice monthly meetings have been highlights of the winter. Here's a little recap:

We met on Jan. 8, 22 and 29, and Feb. 26. Our focus of study has been what it means to live a love ethic; 1 Corinthians 13 has been our guiding scripture, along with Micah 6:8.

On January 29, youth and sponsors spent an hour bowling at Parkway Lanes, followed by a yummy snack supper and silly prizes at the church. Needless to say, one of the sponsors is not disclosing her score for the evening! Evan Foster was the high score for the night.

Souper Bowl Sunday on February 12 was a success! In addition to canned goods and other items which were delivered on Feb. 13, a check for \$442 was mailed to The Gathering Place after all contributions were received in early March. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this mission project! The Gathering Place folks were excited that we chose them for our Souper Bowl Sunday offerings.

On Feb. 18-20, three of our youth along with one adult headed to the Winter Youth Retreat sponsored by the Youth & Outdoor Ministries Committee of the region and conference and held at the Aurora, NE Youth Leadership Center. Youth and sponsors from Lincoln and Omaha spent two days exploring the fruits of the Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5: 22-26. They also enjoyed playing black light dodge ball with a larger group of youth from Colorado and Nebraska and s'mores around a warm campfire.

Our youth served soup and helped with the clean up for the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. We'll assist again on Maundy Thursday.

Finding March meeting dates proved challenging with spring break and other activities but upcoming meetings will include April 2, April 23 and 30. We'll focus on spiritual gifts and our strengths in these areas. Summer will approach soon after and we're looking at participation in Senior High Camp at Kamp Kaleo (see separate article).

Thank you to our congregation for your support of our youth!!





Kamp Kaleo Registration Opening Mid-April

Even though Easter is still a week or so away, summer will be here before we know it!! And along with summer comes church camp! Here are the dates and ages for Kamp Kaleo:

May 30-June 2 - Adventures in Community designed for adults with developmental disabilities

June 4-9 - Junior High/Middle School Camp – students entering 6th-8th grades

June 9-11 – Little Kampers – Ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade

June 11-16 – Senior High Camp – 9th-12th grades including 2023 graduates

June 18-22 – Junior Camp – 3rd through 5th grades

June 25-30 - Faith and Fine Arts AND Faith and Nature/Science Camps-7th grade through 2023 HS graduates

Our church pays for ½ the cost for each camper. We hope to have lots of campers from FCC!

Registration for summer camps will open in mid-April. Look for links on the Kamp website:

www.Kampkaleo.com.



Kaleo on the River (Kamp Kaleo) News!

The Kaleo on the River board recently announced the hiring of a new interim camp administrator, Rev. Brad Hindsley, who will begin on May 1, 2023:

“Brad brings a vast amount of experience and a unique set of skills that he will use to continue to revitalize Kaleo. (He) attended Robert Morris University in Chicago where he double majored in Culinary and Hospitality Management and also earned his MBA. Brad has over 16 years of experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry, having owned and operated his own restaurant and catering business for 12 of those years. During that time Brad also worked in higher education for 12 years, first as an adjunct professor and later as the Division Chair and Executive Chef of the Culinary Arts Program at Robert Morris University in Chicago. Brad answered his call to ministry at Kamp Kaleo in 2017 and after completing seminary at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL in 2020, Brad received his first appointment as the Senior Pastor of two small congregations in Indiana.

Brad has been a part of the Kaleo Community for the last six years (as a camp counselor, director and current Fundraising Committee chair) and brings, not just his passion and love for Kaleo to the table, but also offers us his spiritual guidance, his knack of offering radical hospitality, his discerning business acumen, and his cooking skills too!”

Also, the Kamp website has been completely overhauled and has lots of great information to share about the different camps as well as what Kaleo has to offer to the Nebraska community. Check out the great work by Geoff Putney in bringing the website up to date!

39th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

The 39th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is just around the corner and promises to be a meaningful and inspiring event. Scheduled for May 4th from 7:30-9 a.m. at Delray 817, the theme for this year's breakfast is "Creating Cultures of Resilience and Peace for our Community and for the World."

The keynote speaker is Jerry White, the Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative and recipient of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize. As a renowned advocate for peace and social justice, Mr. White is sure to provide valuable insights and inspiration for attendees.

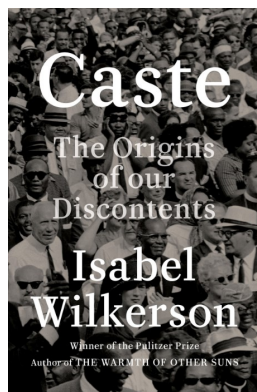
To register for the event, simply visit <https://bit.ly/LNKinterfaith2023>. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a delicious breakfast buffet. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in the community and engage in meaningful dialogue about the importance of resilience and peace in today's world.

Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting on May 13th

Our book for discussion is:
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents
by Isabel Wilkerson

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.



Go and Do the Same

“And he said, He showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise” Luke 10-37



Go and Do the Same
Luke 10:37

First Christian Church began a “journey into the wilderness” on December 26, 2022, when Pastor Karen started vacation, then a three-month medical leave of absence. Our journey has been one of faith, reflection, prayer, sacrifice, and HOPE, as we discern the direction GOD is taking us. As with most journeys, FCC’s has had a few bumps along the way, which might be GOD’s way of letting us know that GOD is in control and will get things done as GOD has planned.

Before we begin the next phase of our journey, we need to pause and reflect on a few of the amazing things that GOD has helped us accomplish so far this year:

- Increase in average worship attendance
- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service
- New members
- First-time visitors in worship
- Revitalized care ministry
- An Adult Sunday Morning class
- Increased outreach: Souper Bowl Sunday; Lenten collection barrel

The focus has been on the non-financial aspects of Stewardship, giving of our time and talents. Now the focus shifts to financial stewardship and Faith Giving.

As of February 28th, our expenses have exceeded income by just under \$13,000. Heating and administrative expenses were higher than anticipated. Pledges are running a little behind for the year and we have received less than \$500 in Faith Giving.

Again this year, the Finance Team has designated the last Sunday of each month as “Faith Giving” Sunday. Faith Giving is necessary to support and sustain the basic operation and ministries of First Christian Church every week. This year, \$3,500 in Faith Giving is needed every month to meet our approved budget obligations.

As Susan Pallas-Duncan reminded us, tax season is a great time to consider giving a portion of your tax refund to Faith Giving. Please reciprocate God’s wondrous work and love by generously supporting the mission and ministry of First Christian Church.

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

Those Serving in May

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:

May Cecilia Burkhart

Elders:

May 7 Elaine Parman
May 14 Wayne Duncan
May 21 Cecilia Burkhart
May 28 Debby Ortega

Deacons:

Riley Bowker, Brad Bowker
Homebound Communion: **May 14th**

Homebound Communion:

Elaine Parman, Wayne Duncan,
Cecilia Burkhart, Debby Ortega

Hallway Hospitality:

May 7 Doug Effle
May 14 Mike Carlin
May 21 Geoff Putney
May 28 Vince Ortega

Ushers/Greeters:

May 7 Monte Dietrick
May 14 D'Arcy Blosser
May 21 Jessica Effle
May 28 Elaine Parman

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

First Christian Church Pulpit Supply April - May 2023

April 2	Eduardo Bousson
April 6	Kara Hillhouse
April 9	Kara Hillhouse
April 16	Ellie Thober
April 23	Ellie Thober
April 30	Kara Hillhouse
May 7	Kara Hillhouse
May 14	Rachel Johnson
May 21	Kara Hillhouse
May 28	Jane Holtzclaw

Upcoming Birthdays



April

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

May

3rd Kristie Christianson
19th Connie Calver
22nd Mike Carlin
27th Kristi Bowker

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz
- LaVonne Ogren

- **Our Sympathy**, is extended to Leigh and Jacob Lestina in the death of Jacob's Father, Todd
- Tito Vigan, Sarah Mason's husband, for healing from a spinal stroke..

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

Friends:

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

Our Timothy's:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- Fairbury First Christian Church and Rev. Darlene Novotny

Our Global Ministries

Missionaries:

- G. Lou serving in China

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



Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

A full calendar of events is available online at our website FCCLincoln.org

Sunday, April 2

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am SCRIP Orders Due
- 10:00 am Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship
- 5:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, April 3

- 7:00 pm Deborah Group Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, April 5

- 5:30 pm Supper - Parlor
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday

- 5:30 pm Soup Supper - Gym
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

- 12:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

- 8:15 am Breakfast - Gym
- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship

Thursday, April 13

- 5:30 pm Supper - Parlor
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, April 16

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship
- 6:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Thursday, April 20

- 5:30 pm Supper - Parlor
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary