



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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

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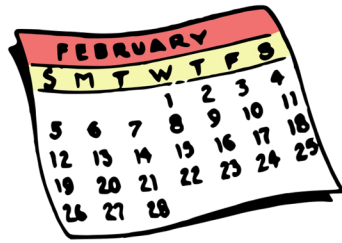
Despite Mother Nature's ice storm, the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship Service were well attended. It was a perfect night for hot soup, coffee and conversation prior to the service and imposition of ashes.

Thank you to everyone who provided the food items; served; cleaned up and participated in the Worship Service. *"Many hands make light work."*

--- The Worship Team



LENT 2023



Everyone should have received a copy of the 2023 Lenten Devotional "*Leaning In, Letting Go*" along with a 2023 Lenten Calendar. The calendar has daily suggestions to consider doing to increase our personal awareness of ways to serve God. Not to give up something like chocolate, coffee or soda for Lent, but give or do something for others regularly during Lent.

Example: Thursday, February 23 the activity was to find a jar to collect coins during Lent; February 26 was to bring food items and February 27 suggested collecting personal care items. The Collection Barrel is in the Narthex and ready to accept the food and personal care items. The containers of collected coins can be put in the barrel on Easter Sunday.

The Worship and Outreach Teams chose The Food Bank of Lincoln as the recipient of all of our 2023 Lenten Offerings.



Dear FCC Outreach Team,

Thank you for your 12/26/2022 donation of \$300 in gift cards. Your support is crucial to our agency's mission. Your generous donation makes it possible for us to continue providing services, at no cost, to those who come to us for help at their time of crisis.

Sincerely,
Marcee Metzger
Executive Director

Add these dates to your calendar

Saturday, March 25 - 1 pm to 3:30 pm
FCC outside cleanup

Saturday, April 1 - 9 am to noon
Sanctuary cleaning



First Christian Church Pulpit Supply March 2023

- Mar. 5 – Melissa Strong
- Mar. 12 – Melissa Strong
- Mar. 19 – Kara Hillhouse
- Mar. 26 – Kara Hillhouse

Those Serving in April

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:

April Wayne Duncan

Elders:

April 2 Wayne Duncan
April 9 Cecilia Burkhart
April 16 Debby Ortega
April 23 Sara Lugn
April 30 Jim Blosser

Deacons:

Brady Christianson, Kristie Christianson
Homebound Communion: **April 9th**

Homebound Communion:

**Wayne Duncan, Cecilia Burkhart,
Debby Ortega, Sara Lugn**

Hallway Hospitality:

April 2 Doug Effle
April 9 Mike Carlin
April 16 Geoff Putney
April 23 Vince Ortega
April 30 Rich Calver

Ushers/Greeters:

April 2 Monte Dietrick
April 9 D'Arcy Blosser
April 16 Jessica Effle
April 23 Elaine Parman
April 30 Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan

Acolytes:

April 2 Trev Greder
April 9 Kyson & Keaton Effle
April 16 Gianna Greder
April 23 Edryk Christianson
April 30 Trev Greder

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

Go and Do the Same

Our Worship chairperson, Marcia Foster shared the following message on Sunday, February 19, 2023.



Go and Do the Same
Luke 10:37

"I give all myself, I give all myself to You."

These lyrics from Leeland's worship song "Follow You" encourage us to give. To give of ourselves to God, ALL of our selves.

There are many ways that we can give, especially as we prepare to enter the time of Lent. As we begin our journey through a season of wilderness, we can be together each week, and worship will help enhance that journey and center us.

We'll start by gathering together on Ash Wednesday and leave our worship with ashes on our foreheads. We'll continue through Lent by worshipping each week and pondering music from our ensembles, and lyrics from the hymns and worship songs we sing. As we journey closer to Easter, we'll gather together during special services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will draw closer to God and look forward to the glorious celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

I ask you to consider how you can give during Lent. Your financial gifts can help the worship ministry of First Christian, especially during this time. Perhaps your gifts can be used to purchase new music for the handbells, recorders, choir or Torch Team. Your funds may help provide communion supplies for our congregation and our homebound members.

Perhaps you can give of your time by participating in worship and reading scripture or greeting others, or after worship by preparing coffee fellowship. Your prayers are also a very important way that you can give to First Christian Church.

There are many ways that you can give during Lent, and in all seasons, as we meet together in person and online each Sunday. We are approaching the last Sunday of this month and another opportunity for Faith Giving. As you think about ways you can be involved in the ministries at FCC, please consider how you can give of yourself and how your gifts may be used for God's glory.

Giving is an act of love. It's choosing to help someone else above ourselves. It's about making a sacrifice that echoes the self-giving love of God and it's about returning that love. We need YOU to reciprocate God's wondrous love by generously supporting the mission and ministry of First Christian Church in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska!

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

Prayers & Praises

March 2, 2023

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

Our Sympathy is extended to Marcia, Casey and Evan Foster in the death of Marcia's cousin, Craig Lefler, on February 22. His memorial service will be Friday, March 3.

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:

CrossBridge Christian Church, Lincoln and
Rev. Robert Fugarino

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

Wafa Gousous Director of Middle East Council of Churches in Jordan

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



Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting on
March 25th

Our book for discussion is:
Miss Benson's Beetle
by Rachel Joyce



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.

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, March 2 - Messenger Sent

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

Sunday, March 5

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:00 am SCRIP Orders Due
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Worship Team Meeting - Library

Monday, March 6

- 7:00 pm Deborah Group Meeting

Thursday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 12

- 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, March 16

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

Sunday, March 19

- 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 Board Meeting

Thursday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 25

- 1:00 pm Outside Clean Up