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Praisefest Wrap-Up

On September 17th we enjoyed a beautiful evening for Praisefest! Many enjoyed the bounce house, airbrush tattoos, Kona Ice and food. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help with planning, food, activities, music, setup and cleanup. It was a beautiful evening to share God's love with our neighbors and friends!



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More Praisefest 2023

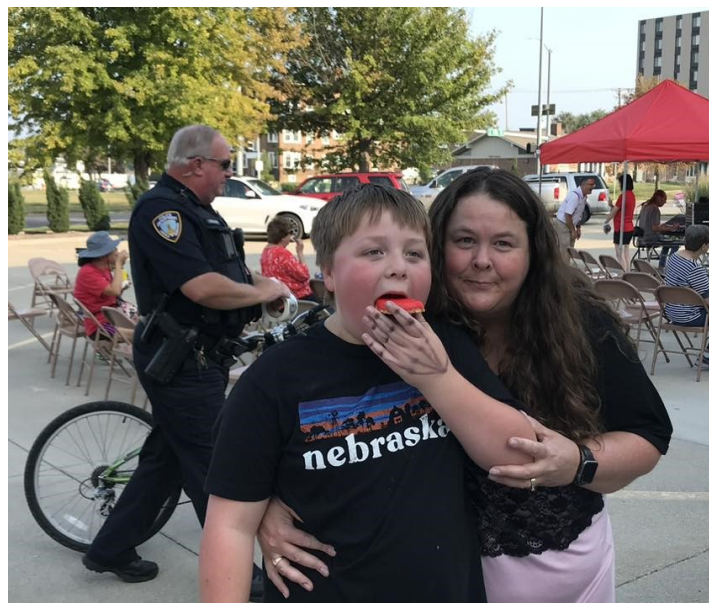
Dear Friends,

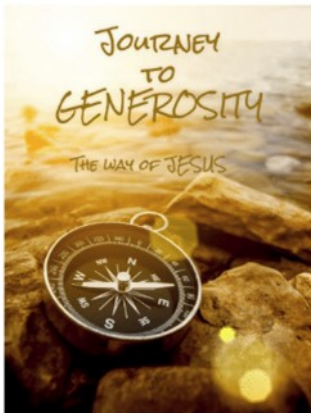
Perhaps the most difficult directive that we are given comes from the words of the Psalmist: “*Be still and know that I am God*” (Ps. 46:10). The word “still” is defined two different ways. The first way is “not moving or making a sound.” But I believe it’s the second definition the psalmist meant, and that’s “deep silence or calm.” Deep Silence. How do we get that? The hard way. It means tuning out all that is going on around us, and tuning in to what is going on in our heart and soul. Listening within for the still small voice of God.

At any given moment the noise in our lives can be overwhelming: phones ringing, chirping, and vibrating; emails that bombard you constantly; the demands of everyday life: family, work, tasks; neighbors blowing off canons after Husker touchdowns (this is purely hypothetical...just kidding, it actually happened regularly in my previous neighborhood); dogs barking; children running through the house; the beep of groceries crossing the scanner in the checkout lane; car horns of impatient drivers. And these are just the external noises—what about the internal dialogues that don’t ever cease? The constant worries that weigh upon us that play over and over in our minds. How do we find deep silence in the midst of all of this chaos? Only when we’re in the presence of Christ. Only when we come into God’s presence can we find the ability to tune out the cares of this world. But even then it will be imperfect, since we are imperfect creatures. There will still be times our minds are drawn back into the noise. A mantra I use sometimes when I find myself getting stressed out is “*Peace, Be Still,*” the words of Jesus to the storm. It’s what He wants for our souls as well: to have peace and to be still.

It won’t be easy, but I’m right there with you, in your attempts to find moments of stillness in your days. Seek out the deep silence and calm that comes from God alone, and practice being still. Being invited into God’s presence might very well be the greatest gift (besides Jesus) that God has given us. Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you in church!

Kara





Journey To Generosity

On Sunday, September 17 our focus was on Matthew 18:21-35, the parable of the unforgiving servant. This parable isn't about fairness – instead, it teaches us the importance of receiving the forgiveness of God and extending forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

We are stewards of our time, talent, money, and other resources. We are stewards of forgiveness. We are stewards of possibility for individuals, households, and larger communities.

Giving of our time, talent, money and other resources to First Christian Church is the response of a loving heart for God, trusting in His promises of provision.

To give is to show God's love and mercy to the world. Think about that as you contemplate your giving for the coming year. Many of us, perhaps most of us, maybe even all of us, can do more than we think we can.

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



Thank you Doug Effle, Geoff Putney, Mark Miller and Jim Blosser for installing the NEW parking lot banners.

CROP Hunger Walk

The CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 8th at Bethany Christian Church. Registration will begin at 1:00 pm, followed approximately at 1:25 pm the “Commissioning,” and at 1:30 pm the Walk will take place. This year the Walk will be only 1.5 miles long.

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, placing and giving out T-shirts to those who have donated \$100, registration, taking care of the Water Station (located at the church), and hanging out apples and other treats to the walkers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Minnie Stephens at: minniemouse1041@windstream.net or 402-466-1545.



FCC NEW Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 2 pm

Deborah Group will meet on Monday, October 2, 7 pm at Hanna Pinneo - Boring's home - 1311 N. 37th Street.

Our study this year is based on Lamentations and is titled *Into The Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*.

All women are welcome to join us! Contact D'Arcy Blosser for more information....
402-429-6902.



A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear FCC Friends,

Please forgive me for the delay in sending this note of thanks. I was so moved by your generous "love gift" given to me on my final Sunday. I am also grateful for your "gift of love" which was a part of my entire ministry with you all.

I am so grateful that my full-time ministry ended here at FCC. Please know that your love goes with me as I move into the retirement phase of my life. I hope you all know that my love remains with you in my absence. Thank you so much for everything.

With a heart filled with gratitude and love,

Pastor Karen



Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting on Saturday, October 21 at Cheryl Judd's house - 3901 Santa Rosa Lane.

Our book for discussion is:
We Hope For Better Things By Erin Bartels

The November book is :
The Last Castle by Denise Kiernan

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.

Volunteers Still Needed



FCC Faith Giving has increased by \$467 from parking lot donations for the first two Husker home football games.

Jim Christ and Monte Dietrick oversee this ministry and invite you to join them. At least one more volunteer is needed each home game. Your time commitment begins 4 hours before kickoff to set up signs and get supplies to the parking lot.

Home football games are as follows:

- September 30 vs. Michigan @ 2:30 pm
- October 21 vs. Northwestern @ TBD
- October 28 vs. Purdue @ TBD
- November 11 vs. Maryland @ TBD
- November 24 (Friday) vs. Iowa @ 11:00 am

Look at your calendar and then let the church office know which date works for you. Hint: this is part of Stewardship, giving of your time.

Thank you Brad and Kristi Bowker for volunteering for the first two games.

Save the Date

October 29, 2023- Stewardship Celebration Lunch after Worship in the gym followed by Trunk or Treat in the parking lot from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The Finance and Outreach Team



Those Serving in October

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:

Brady Christianson

Elders:

October 1	Debby Ortega
October 8	Sara Lugn
October 15	Jim Blosser
October 22	Elaine Parman
October 29	Wayne Duncan

Deacons:

Brady Christianson, Kristie Christianson
Homebound Communion: **October 8**

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Debby Ortega, Sara Lugn, Jim Blosser, Elaine Parman

Hallway Hospitality:

October 1	Mike Carlin
October 8	Geoff Putney
October 15	Vince Ortega
October 22	Rich Calver
October 29	Doug Effle

Ushers/Greeters:

October 1	D'Arcy Blosser
October 8	Jessica Effle
October 15	Elaine Parman
October 22	Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan
October 29	Monte Dietrick

Acolytes

October 1	Kyson & Keaton Effle
October 8	Trev Greder
October 15	Edryk Christianson
October 22	Gianna Greder
October 29	Kyson & Keaton Effle

New Administrative Assistant

Hello, my name is Mariana Tines. I am the new administrative assistant in the office. I also run a local sewing & alterations business called MT Alterations. In addition, I play piano as a hobby in my spare time. Thank you for this opportunity to work for this wonderful community!



October Birthdays

1 st	Cecilia Burkhart
11 th	D'Arcy Blosser, Don True
20 th	Lillie May Everett
29 th	Jim Blosser

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

October 25th - Downtown Lincoln Assoc. -
Halloween in the Haymarket - 5 to 7:30 pm.
Contact Jim Blosser to volunteer:
jimblosser51@aol.com

October 29th - FCC Parking Lot Trunk or
Treat - 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Email the church office if
you can volunteer to setup your trunk.

November 12th - Veteran's Day Parade -
2 pm start. Contact Jim Blosser (see above email)

Prayers & Praises September 28, 2023

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Vic Burgess
- Bobbi Carlin
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Our Sympathy is extended to Tony and The Rev. Kara Hillhouse in the passing of Tony's father, Glenn Hillhouse on Saturday - September 23, 2023.

Friends:

Our Sympathy is extended to the families of: The Rev. Ellie Thober. Ellie passed away September 14, 2023. Her Memorial Service will be October 20th @ 10 am at St. Martha's Episcopal Church - Papillion, NE.

David & Kathy Harris. Kathy lost her brother Kent on September 10th and her brother John in December of 2022. If you want to send a card, contact Elaine Parman for their address in TX.

- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- 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:

- Unadilla Christian Church and Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Mexico

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, October 1, 2023

- 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

Monday, October 2

- 7 pm Deborah Group- Hanna Pinneo-Boring's

Wednesday, October 4

- 5:30 pm Supper
- 6:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal

Sunday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 11

- 5:30 pm Supper
- 6:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal

Sunday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 18

- 5:30 pm Supper
- 6:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal

Sunday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 25

- 5:30 pm Supper
- 6:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School- Library
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir- Sanctuary
- 10 am Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Stewardship Celebration Lunch - gym
- 1:30 pm Trunk or Treat - church parking lot