



# First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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## Messenger

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

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### Lent & Holy Week at First Christian Church





# Easter at First Christian Church





## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Wherever you spent your Easter day, and whatever you found yourself doing, I pray that you felt the joy of the Easter Resurrection in your heart. Like I said during our worship service today: we don't have to get all gussied up in our Sunday finest clothes, we don't have to fill the sanctuary with lilies, we don't have to fine-tune all the details - little or big - in order for Christ to be raised. He already is, and it happened in a quiet tomb, with no witnesses, no fanfare, no pomp and grandeur. Easter happens every day, friends: whenever we choose hope over despair and love over hate we are experiencing the promises of resurrection. Don't believe that it's a once-a-year event, because it isn't. It's an every day, every second, every breath event. So whatever is going on in your life right now, remember that resurrection is the promise, meaning the struggles and concerns of the world are temporary and will one day be deemed. We are an Easter People. He is Risen!

Halleluia!

*Pastor Kara*

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### FCC has ten, 8' round tables up for adoption!

The church has received 10 NEW round tables to replace the old, heavy ones we've used for over 20 years. The OLD ones are available for adoption at \$20 each. Please contact the church office if you are interested in purchasing one, several or all 10 of them.

Be sure to ask your friends, neighbors and everyone you know. Perhaps they are in need of one or more.

Thanks - The Property and Hospitality Teams

## HVAC System Update

Good news - Phase One of HVAC Project - Chapel and Parlor System is installed and ready to go! Some wall and floor repairs will be completed soon. Sanctuary Phase will begin once weather gets better for outdoor work.



Goal = \$50,000

Raised as of 4/1/24  
\$1,100

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### Deborah Group Meeting

Monday, May 6 at 7 pm

Carla Pinneo's home - 1300 N. 80th St.

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



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### Don't Forget SCRIP

See Donna Ruhl after worship or send an email to the church office, if you are interested in SCRIP. The next special order will be **Sunday, April 7**. We have several cards on hand. Remember, SCRIP is a win-win for local businesses and First Christian Church.

# Easter Lilies 2024

The following is a listing of purchased Easter Lilies:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Donna Baker	Harold Baker
Jim & D'Arcy Blosser	Our parents
Blosser Family	Wilma Hogarth, Della Eggleston, Arlene Heimer, Etta Neunaber and Doris Hazen
Mike & Bobbi Carlin	Jim & Anne Carlin and Nadine, Marilyn & R.D. Bailey
Monte Dietrick	J. R., Wilma, Scott & Mary Jo Dietrick
Wayne & Susan Duncan	Parents
Casey, Marcia & Evan Foster	Stan Foster and our grandparents
Greg & Tezra Greder	Gary & Doris Greder and John Schmidt
Phyllis Knosp	Clarence Knosp
Gary Larsen	Church members that have passed in the last year
Sara Lugn	Eugene & Mildred Brockemeyer
Vince & Debby Ortega	Our Parents Joe & Isabel Ortega and JB & Marge Miller
Elaine Parman	Loved Ones
Carla Pinneo	Robert Tienken and Virgil Pinneo
Geoff Putney	Dona Quimby
Donna Ruhl	Loved Ones
<u>Name:</u>	<u>Honoring:</u>
Jim & D'Arcy Blosser	Ruby & Hazel Waller and Theo & Henry Hobbs
Mike & Bobbi Carlin	Trey, Chelle, Taylor, Bailey, Hanna & Manny and Jackie Bailey
Vince and Debby Ortega	Our children and grandchildren
Carla Pinneo	Carol Tienken and Barbara Pinneo
Geoff Putney	Polly & Rae-Hope Putney
Friends	FCC Leadership
Friends	Jim Christ
Friends	Wayne Duncan & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Friends	Donna Ruhl

*The fresh flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the staff of First Christian Church.*



**Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast will be May 2, 2024.** This 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with the theme, *One World, One Song*, will include the inaugural performance of an original song commissioned by the committee. The song, entitled "Love for All", has been written by Sullivan Dutra, Minister of Music at College View Seventh-day Adventist Church. The hope is to have a large choir consisting of singers of all ages, faiths, cultures and languages. The song will be recorded and videotaped, and the video will be the feature presentation at the breakfast.

If you would like to participate in recording the song please go directly to the locations on the date listed:

**April 2 - 6:00 pm, for recording the music at College View Church (48th & Prescott).** They would like everyone who will sing to be present for this. It will probably take a couple of hours for this recording session.

**April 14 - 1:00 pm, for videotaping in the Capitol Building.** This will involve all the singers and will also take two and a half to three hours

The breakfast itself will be held on May 2, 2024 – 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel – Lancaster Ballroom. Tickets are \$30 each and include a full vegetarian breakfast along with the program featuring the music video as well as prayers and holy readings from different faiths represented in Lincoln. Reservations on Eventbrite can be made by visiting the Faith Coalition of Lancaster County website – [www.lancasterfaith.org](http://www.lancasterfaith.org) and clicking on the Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast link.

**Questions? – Ask D'Arcy Blosser!**

To our FCC family:

We wanted to take the time to thank all of you so much for your love and support as we embark on our marriage. A special thank you to everyone that helped with our wedding in some way or another. We are so blessed to have a wonderful church family!



Love, Dan and Meghan Cowger

## Those Serving in April

If for any reason you will be unable to fulfill your responsibility, **please find a substitute**. All of these positions need to be filled each morning.

### **Worship Leader:**

Jessica Effle

### **Elders:**

April 7 - Jim Christ  
April 14 - Sara Lugn  
April 21 - Jim Blosser  
April 28 - Carla Pinneo

### **Deacons:**

Brady & Kristie Christianson

### **Homebound Communion: April 14**

Jim Christ, Sara Lugn, Jim Blosser, Carla Pinneo

### **Hallway Hospitality:**

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

### **Ushers/Greeters:**

April 7 - Elaine Parman  
April 14 - D'Arcy Blosser  
April 21 - Wayne Duncan & Susan Pallas-Duncan  
April 28 - Monte Dietrick

### **Acolytes:**

April 7 - Trev Greder  
April 14 - Kyson & Keaton Effle  
April 21 - Gianna Greder  
April 28 - Edryk Christianson

### **Offering Counting:**

April 7 - Gwen Belden  
April 14 - D'Arcy Blosser  
April 21 - Elaine Parman  
April 28 - Rich Calver

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

## **April Book Club News**

Book Club will be meeting on Saturday, April 6th @ 1:30 pm - Cheryl Judd's home.

Our book for discussion is: *The Italian Ballerina* by Kristy Cambron



Upcoming books are:

*Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts (consider reading the children's book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum first)

*Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger



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1st	Wayne Duncan
5th	Megan (Blosser) Hobbs
7th	Tezra Greder
14th	Joan Dietrich
16th	Marvin Thurber
18th	Roger Vocasek
22nd	Riley Bowker
25th	Susan Pallas-Duncan



### Lincoln Marathon is Sunday, May 5th

The Torch Worship Team will be playing on the 16th St. side of FCC beginning at 6:30 am. Come early and cheer the runners on!



Great gathering place - the FCC kitchen!

## Prayers & Praises

### In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber

### Friends:

- Bob Johnson, a longtime family friend of the Vocasek family. Bob is battling cancer again.
- Tammy Foral, healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn
- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart

### Our Timothy:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX

**In the Nebraska Region:** Elmwood Christian Church - Rev. Mark Sewell

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Lesotho

*“Almighty Father, we humbly approach you, burdened for Lesotho as it marks its 200th anniversary. Guide leaders with a selfless dedication to the well-being of the Basotho people, fostering stability, eradicating poverty, and envisioning a Lesotho free from conflict.”*

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



## Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

### Sunday, April 7

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

### Tuesday, April 9

- 5:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 10

- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 14

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

### Wednesday, April 17

- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 21

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

### Tuesday, April 23

- Noon Messenger Deadline
- 5:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 24

- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Recorder Consort Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School- Library
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Elders Meeting - Library

### Tuesday, April 30

- 2:00 pm Messenger mailed and emailed



Let's Shower Marvin and Phyllis Thurber with cards on two special milestones in their lives! They will celebrate 75 years of marriage on April 13th and Marvin will be 95 on April 16th.

Address: 3232 N. 47th St, Lincoln 68504

