



**First Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ

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## Messenger

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

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### 2024 Big Kamp Kaleo Rummage Sale

#### Can YOU Help?

August 3 to August 8 – preparation

August 8 to August 10 – SALE

August 10, 11 – pack up remainder

Saturday, Aug. 3 – 8 am to 1 pm – unload donations at FCC-alley door - sort, organize

Sunday, Aug. 4 – Noon to 4 pm – unload donations at FCC-alley door – sort, organize

Monday, Aug. 5 – 9 am to 5 pm\* - donations accepted at FCC-alley door – sort, organize, price

Tuesday, Aug. 6 – 9 am to 5 pm\* - sort, organize, price

Wednesday, Aug. 7 – 9 am to 5 pm\* - sort, organize, price

(\* evening hours can be arranged as volunteers are available)

Thursday, Aug. 8 – 9 am – final touches; 5 pm to 9 pm – SALE

Friday, Aug. 9 – 9 am to 4 pm – SALE; 4 pm to 5 pm – glean for Junk Jaunt

Saturday, Aug. 10 – 9 am to 2 pm – SALE (half price); 2 pm to 5 pm – pack up remaining items

Sunday, Aug. 11 – Noon to whenever – finish packing/sweep gym



### Praisefest is coming!

**Save the date:** Sunday, September 8th from 5 pm to 7 pm

FCC parking lot

Music, Food and Fun for All!



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

My family is preparing to take our annual trek to Lake Superior in northern Minnesota, about 1.5 hours south of the Canadian border. It's a special place for us. Since the age of 4 I have gone up there with my family, so that's 47 years of memory-making. We hike waterfalls, stare across the endless water, listen for loons, eat good food, read and rest. I am thankful for the chance to do all of this.

I've always said Lake Superior is my spiritual home. Except that it's not. Not really. We know as people of faith that our true home, our true resting place, is in God. These homes we have, these places we visit, are but temporary stops along the way to our permanent Home. But they are nonetheless sacred and holy, because they are a part of what God gave humans and told them "now be good stewards of this." And part of being a good steward is to appreciate God's Creation. Because when we appreciate something, we will take good care of it.

I hope you have a spiritual home here on earth. A place that beckons to you, calls to you, feeds your spirit. It might be a place far away, or it might be a room in your home, a spot in your garden, a seat in your church. Somewhere where you can be filled up and rejuvenated, so that when God throws you back into the world you will have what you need to not only endure, but to have joy; for God desires us to not just survive, but to thrive. When we thrive we become more fully the creations God intends us to be. Be well, and I'll see you at First!

*Pastor Kara*



**YES, it's time for you to sign up to help with our Home Game Football Parking Lot Ministry!**

**Sat. Aug. 31st - 2:30 pm**

**Sat. Sept. 7th - 6:30 pm**

**Sat. Sept. 14th - 6:30 pm**

**Shift begins 4 hrs. prior to game time.** Email or call the office with questions and to sign up!

## We welcome The Rev. Kara Hillhouse as our new Pastor!



Thank you for hosting our preventative health screening on June 29, 2024. We hope we saved lives in your community as a result of your hospitality!

*Your friends at Life Line Screening*

Dear First Christian Church Members,

Thank you for your generous donation of bottled water and popsicles to the field day at McPhee Elementary School to celebrate the end of the school year.

We are blessed to have such caring people in our neighborhood!

Sincerely,  
*Amy Worrrell*, McPhee 1st Grade

Youth Sunday was awesome! The theme was *Linked by Love*, the 2024 theme at Kamp Kaleo. Thank you D'Arcy Blosser and Pastor Kara for sponsoring our great youth this year. Here are some pictures of the service and coffee fellowship.



Left to right: Hunter Christianson, Keaton Bowker, Riley Bowker, Evan Foster and Edryk Christianson.



## Upcoming events at Kamp Kaleo

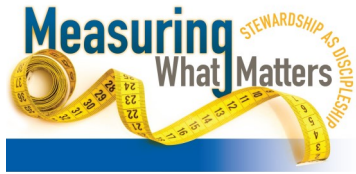


For more information or to register for upcoming events go to: [kampkaleo.com](http://kampkaleo.com)



### Deborah Group - Disciples Women

Deborah Group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Mondays of the months of September through May (except holidays in which case we meet the next week) with our annual picnic in June. We meet in person in homes unless the weather/road conditions are not good, in which case we meet on Zoom. This fall we're starting a study of the book *Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World* by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis. If you would like to join us, contact D'Arcy Blosser @ ([darcy.blosser@gmail.com](mailto:darcy.blosser@gmail.com) or 402-429-6902). The hardcover copies are \$12.99 each on Amazon right now (plus tax).



## HVAC System Update

On Sunday, June 14, our focus was on Ephesians 1:3-14.

The message of Ephesians 1:3-14 was that God predestined the world for love and this love is for all humanity. God's love does not exclude but embraces all creation. Because God does not exclude, humanity should also learn to include others in ways that usher in peace, unity, and love.

On Sunday, August 18 our focus will be on 2 Corinthians 1:1-11. Please join us for worship to hear Pastor Kara's message.

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



Goal = \$50,000  
Raised as of  
7/31/24 = \$49,000

Start = \$0

VERY EXCITING NEWS! The new sanctuary air conditioning unit is operational, and worship in the sanctuary is very comfortable. Although there's still some fine-tuning that needs to be completed, we're already experiencing many of the benefits. One un-anticipated benefit is how quiet the new system is. Many have shared they are able to hear much better. The HVAC company still has some work to complete before we'll be able to heat the Sanctuary.

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## 2025 Stewardship Campaign Mission Project June 16th - October 20th

Our Mission Project throughout the campaign is **Collecting** items **and Connecting** those items with **Clinic With A Heart** and **McPhee Elementary School**. Items needed are listed below. Let's fill the collection barrel each month! Thank you for your contributions. If you want to support with a financial donation, please make a check payable to FCC with Mission Project on the memo line and put in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



3 in 1 body wash, shampoo and conditioner; face wash; deodorant; razors; shaving cream; tooth brushes; toothpaste; washcloths; bars of soap; shampoo; conditioner; body wash; ethnic hair and skin products (contain Shea Butter/ Argan or Moroccan oil)

Back to school supplies - pencils, erasers, crayons, pencil cases, pens, colored pencils, rulers, boxes of Kleenex, backpacks. Boys and girls new shoes - no tie and tie, all youth sizes; boys and girls new socks - all youth sizes; boys and girls new gloves, mittens, hats, scarves

### Boys & Girls

Bubble bath; body wash; tear free shampoo/conditioner; Barbie, Spiderman, Ninja etc. tooth brushes; toothpaste; small activity books; small reading books; youth card games (Old Maid, Go Fish, UNO)

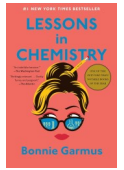


## August Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting on August 10th @ 9:30 am - Marcia Foster's Home, 9714 Del Rio Dr.

August book for discussion:

*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus



For September book club, we decided to have everyone read whatever you want and then share with the group. PLEASE bring book ideas for October to our August meeting.

### Those Serving in August

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:**

Meghan Cowger - August 4th and August 11th

Jessica Effle - August 18th and August 25th

#### **Elders:**

August 4 - Cecilia Burkhart

August 11 - Cecilia Burkhart

August 18 - Jim Christ

August 25 - Sara Lugn

#### **Deacons:**

Riley Bowker and Brad Bowker

#### **Homebound Communion: August 11**

Cecilia Burkhart, Jim Christ, Sara Lugn

#### **Hallway Hospitality:**

August 4 - Geoff Putney

August 11 - Vince Ortega

August 18 - Rich Calver

August 25 - Doug Effle

#### **Ushers/Greeters:**

August 4 - Monte Dietrick

August 11 - D'Arcy Blosser

August 18 - Elaine Parman

August 25 - Susan Pallas-Duncan

#### **Acolytes:**

August 4 - Gianna Greder

August 11 - Trev Greder

August 18 - Kyson and Keaton Effle

August 25 - Edryk Christianson

#### **Offering Counting:**

August 4 - Gwen Belden

August 11 - D'Arcy Blosser

August 18 - Elaine Parman

August 25 - Rich Calver



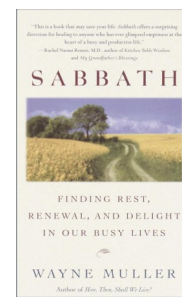
10th	Phyllis Thurber
12th	Nick Calver
13th	Donna Ruhl
16th	Sara Lugn
25th	Jim Christ
31st	Keaton Effle

## Adult Sunday School Update

The Adult Sunday Study is going to put aside the Wired Word this Fall and read the book *Sabbath* by Wayne Muller beginning Sunday, September 8.

Each week we will read a short chapter in class and then the homework will be to "practice." Class meets in the Library and generally runs from 9:00-9:45 am each Sunday.

If you are interested in participating or want more information, please contact Kristi Bowker at [bkbowker@gmail.com](mailto:bkbowker@gmail.com).



**THANK YOU ALL** for volunteering to serve.

# Prayers & Praises

## In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Wayne Duncan
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Wayne Duncan, *suffered a stroke on July 24th. He is now at Madonna for rehab.*

Donna Baker, *recently diagnosed with a form of cancer behind her ear. Donna has begun treatments.*

## Friends:

- John Burkhardt, husband of Cecilia Burkhardt *has been diagnosed with cancer behind his voice box. John has begun treatments.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt*

## Our Timothy:

- Bruce Frogge *at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

**In the Nebraska Region:** Omaha First Christian Church - Rev. Josh Sawyer

## Our Global Partners and Missionaries in Italy

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

August 3 -7 Kamp Kaleo Rummage Setup - Gym

## Sunday, August 4

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  
11:30 am Worship Team Meeting - Library

## Thursday, August 8 - 10

Kamp Kaleo Sale - Gym

## Saturday, August 10

9:30 am Book Club @ Marcia Foster's Home

## Sunday, August 11 - Blessing of Backpacks/ Homebound Communion

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 Finance Team Meeting - Library

## Tuesday, August 13

10:30 am Staff Meeting

## Sunday, August 18 - Stewardship Sunday

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 Minister's Cabinet Meeting - Parlor

## Sunday, August 25

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

## Monday, August 26

Noon Messenger Deadline

## Tuesday, August 27

10:30 am Staff Meeting

## Thursday, August 29

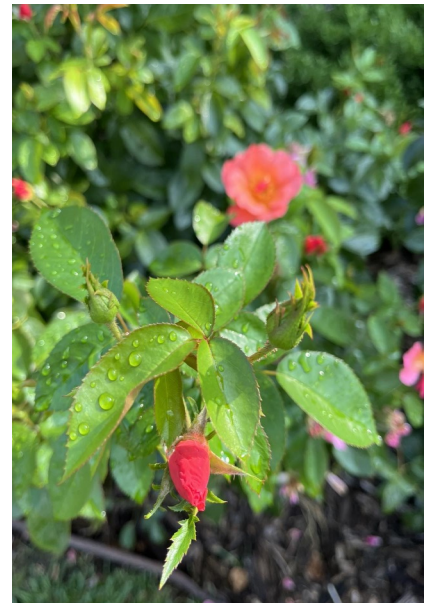
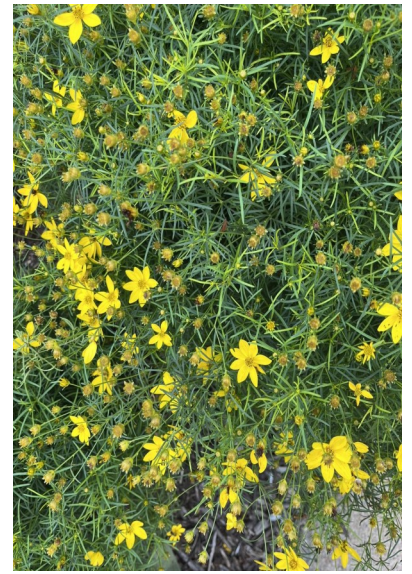
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## Don't Forget SCRIP

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, August 4th**. We have several cards on hand. Remember, SCRIP is a win-win for local businesses and First Christian Church.

Enjoy the outside beauty of First Christian Church!



Thank you to the caretakers of our beautiful landscape!