



MESSENGER

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

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There Our Hearts Will Be

With our stewardship campaign underway we have heard ministry testimony from Elaine Parman, our board chair, and from Susan Pallas-Duncan, co-chair of hospitality.

In September and October we will be hearing from our other ministry teams: communication, property, and worship.

Their testimonies are a reflection of what has been done this past year by their committees and what their plans are for the coming year.

Each testimony reminds us that the Lord has given us all talents that are unique to us. Whether that be a green thumb, a musical ability, or exceptional compassion, we are called to use our talent for His glory.

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

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER

10.11
1:00pm

Register at:

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 1pm
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1200 S. 40th St.
Lincoln, NE

Visit the link below or use the QR code to register as an individual or team and start raising money to feed the hungry! One and 1.5-mile routes planned.

One small step; one big impact!

Can't join us on the 11th?

- Walk anytime! Anywhere!

Walking doesn't work for you?

- Establish your own tradition!
- Take a special offering in worship.
- Host a meal or potluck to raise money.
- Create your own event.

However you choose to participate, take lots of pictures and share it with us on our Facebook page.

All donations are to be gathered and turned in via your participant packet BY October 30!

Register Today
<https://events.crofhungerwalk.org/crofhungerwalks/event/lincolne>

Thriving Together

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 9-10, 2026
FCC Hastings
Christian Church in NEBRASKA

Contact Elaine Parman by September 28, if you would like to participate and be a voting delegate at the Regional Assembly.



Husker Parking Volunteers Needed

Again, this year, FCC will be collecting donations for Husker home football game parking in our parking lot. Coffee, cookies, hot dogs and bottles of water are offered to those making donations.

Last year this volunteer ministry raised \$2085 for Faith Giving.

Monte Dietrick, Wayne Duncan and Brad Bowker oversee this ministry and are inviting you to join them. At least one more volunteer is needed each home game day. Your time commitment begins 4 hours before kickoff.

Home football games are as follows:

September 5 vs. Ohio @ 11:00 am
September 12 vs. Bowling Green @ 6:00 pm
September 19 vs. North Dakota @ 6:15 pm.
October 3 vs. Maryland @ TBD
October 10 vs. Indiana @ TBD
October 31 vs. Washington @ TBD
November 21 vs. Ohio State @ TBD

Look at your calendar and then let the church office know which date works for you.



Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends in Christ,

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

This quote speaks to me, because it assures us of the power of the present moment, and God's transforming work in it. We need to be reminded of this, because we're so good at hauling around our wounds from years gone by, as well as worrying about what our future holds.

Wounds and worries. Over the years, First Christian has definitely experienced both. It might suddenly feel uncertain once again, but hear this: you amazing people are the most resilient congregation I've met. And I know you aren't going to be sidelined by a little uncertainty. You know there's holy work to do, and God has uniquely equipped YOU to bless the world. *You are the church*, regardless of who's in your pulpit, and nothing will change that.

Whatever the past has held, it has no power over us, because we are not the same people we were back then. The always-transforming, always-redeeming workings of God have ensured that. And whatever the future holds, God will be there, too, paving the way. In the meantime—in this moment—we do the work.

Christian singer/songwriter Sara Groves wrote a song called "Add to the Beauty." I'm planning to share it with you at our last worship service on October 4th, but here are a few of the words that speak of the invitation God gives: to live in the moment, trust there is goodness ahead, and do the work while we wait for it to come. May these words become our prayer as we live boldly:

"We come with beautiful secrets, we come with purposes written on our hearts, written on our souls. We come to every new morning, with possibilities only we can hold, that only we can hold. Redemption comes in strange places, small spaces, calling out the best of who we are."

"And I want to add to the beauty, to tell a better story. Shine with the light that's burning up inside. I want to add to the beauty, tell a better story. Shine with the light that's burning up inside."

*"And this is grace, an invitation to be beautiful.
And this is grace, an invitation."*

As Julian of Norwich wrote, "All will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of things will be well." God before us, God behind us, God beside us. That's the promise. Friends, the invitation is there—let's go add to the beauty of this world.

With love, Kara

September Outreach

Opportunity

McPhee Elementary School, our neighborhood elementary school is the recipient of this Outreach Opportunity. This list of most needed items came from McPhee's administration team.

- Diapers - sizes 1 and 4
- Baby wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Body Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Boys and girls T-shirts/shorts/pants/leggings sizes 6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16 and 18/20. If congregation members have gently used clothes in these sizes they are welcome to donate those as well.

Thank you for supporting our collection barrel!



Back Door Blessings Update

We all know what it feels like to go to the gas pumps and to the grocery store for just the basics.

Our *Back Door Blessings* guests who struggle everyday to put food on the table, pay the bills, and buy gas are

needing a hand up. Many of these guests are new to looking for the basics and we want to offer what we can from the pantry. Our pantry is well used by our transient guests as they don't have a place to cook or peace to enjoy a meal.

The pantry is full, but our supply of gift cards and fuel vouchers is running very low. If you are able, please donate financial resources so SCRIP cards and fuel vouchers can be purchased. Please do not bring food items and leave them on the counter, we don't need food or snacks.

Please identify your donations as "*Back Door Blessings*" on your check or cash envelope.

This ministry really gives a hand up to so many in our community. Thank you for being part of it.



Kamp Kaleo's Junk Jaunt Jamboree

Do you enjoy bluegrass music? Are you looking for a September get-away? Check out **Kamp Kaleo's Junk Jaunt Jamboree**:

As another incredible summer camping season comes to a close, our attention now turns to one of the highlights of the year, the 2026 Junk Jaunt Jamboree Bluegrass Festival! This exciting weekend is more than just a festival. It's an opportunity to welcome hundreds of people to Kamp Kaleo, celebrate community, and raise vital funds that support our mission of fostering authentic connections to self, others, nature, and faith.

Whether you've volunteered for years or are looking for a new way to get involved, we'd love to have you be part of this special weekend. Here are a few ways you can help:

Become an Event Sponsor – Sponsorships help make the festival possible while showcasing businesses and organizations that believe in Kamp Kaleo's mission. If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, we'd love to hear from you.

Volunteer – It takes dozens of volunteers to bring the Junk Jaunt Jamboree to life! From setup and welcoming guests to helping during the event and cleanup afterward, there are opportunities for everyone.

Attend the Festival – Join us for two evenings of outstanding bluegrass music, delicious food and beverages, family-friendly activities, and the welcoming spirit that makes Kamp Kaleo so special. Better yet, invite your friends, neighbors, church family, and coworkers to come with you!

Support the Rubber Ducky Regatta – Purchase ducks for a chance to win great prizes while supporting the ministry of Kamp Kaleo. Ducks are just \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and you do not need to be present to win!

Every ticket purchased, every sponsorship secured, every volunteer hour given, and every duck sold helps ensure that Kamp Kaleo can continue providing life-changing camps, retreats, and outdoor ministry experiences for years to come. Thank you for being such an important part of the Kaleo community. We hope you'll join us September 25–26 as we celebrate together, welcome new friends to camp, and continue building a place where everyone belongs.

For more information, call or text Brad at Kamp Kaleo: 308-730-0333 or email kampkaleo@gmail.com. More details at kampkaleo.com.



Those Serving in September

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:

September 6 - Marcia Foster
 September 13 - Kristi Bowker
 September 20 - Kristi Bowker
 September 27 - Marcia Foster

Deacons:

Monte Dietrick & Susan Pallas-Duncan

Elder:

September 6 - Wayne Duncan
 September 13 - Dan Cowger
 September 20 - Marcia Foster
 September 27 - Brady Christianson

Hallway Hospitality:

September 6 - Elaine Parman
 September 13 - Geoff Putney
 September 20 - Vince Ortega
 September 27 - Rich Calver

Ushers/Greeters:

September 6 - Wayne Duncan & Susan Pallas-Duncan
 September 13 - Monte Dietrick
 September 20 - D'Arcy Blosser
 September 27 - Elaine Parman

Offering Counting:

September 6 - Rich Calver
 September 13 - Gwen Belden
 September 20 - D'Arcy Blosser
 September 27 - Elaine Parman

THANK YOU ALL for volunteering to serve.



Deborah Group News

Fall is approaching and Deborah Group (Disciples Women) is starting up again! We meet monthly in homes (or the church parlor) on the first Monday evening unless it falls on a holiday (meeting moved to the second Monday then). We enjoy fellowship and good discussion and share resources (optional) for outreach giving. All women are invited to participate.

From September through May we'll read and discuss Kate Bowler's book, *Joyful Anyway*. Each person is responsible for securing their own copy. For our first meeting read the Prologue and Chapters 1-4. We're starting up on September 14, 7 p.m., meeting in the church parlor. Let D'Arcy Blosser know if you are able to attend!



5th Keaton Bowker
 6th Gary Larsen,
 Polly Putney
 7th Rich Calver
 18th Marcia Foster
 24th Donna Baker

Book Club

Next Meeting - Saturday, September 19th

9:30 am D'Arcy Blosser's Home:

6245 Carveth Drive

Book for September:

Broken Country

By Clare Leslie Hall



Book for October:

The Keeper of Happy Endings

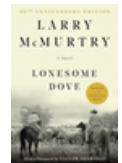
By Barbara Davis



Book for January:

Lonesome Dove

By Larry McMurtry



Everyone is welcome to join us!



Huskers Helping the Homeless

Find some friends and sign up to join the "Huskers Helping the Homeless."

Sign up @ <https://www.mtko.org/events>

Event is the weekend of Thurs. 10/8-Sat. 10/10

Prayers & Praises

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Monte Dietrick
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Rev. Bruce Frogge, Stephanie Frogge's brother, who is having serious health issues.

Prayers for Jim Christ's nephew, Dennis Christ, in Oregon, continued prayers for healing and comfort as he goes through chemotherapy.

Prayers for healing for Vince Ortega's sister, Linda De Los Santos, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Prayers for Marvin and Phyllis Thurber, who have moved to Salt Creek Senior Living.

Prayers for healing for Kristie Christianson's mom, Lucy Reuter-Masek, after a mild stroke.

Prayers for Monte Dietrick, for continued healing.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart for continued healing.

Prayers for Bob Throop for continued healing and strength.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers for Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelynn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*
- *Sympathy to the family of Bob Buckner.* Bob was a long time member of FCC and passed away recently.

Our Timothy

- *Rev. Bruce Frogge, Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: SouthPointe Christian Church, Lincoln - Abby Conley

Our Global Ministries in: Angola

"God of justice, love, and liberation, we lift before You the people of Angola. Heal the wounds left by colonialism, the transatlantic slave trade, war, and oppression. Through Christ's liberating love, break every chain of injustice and restore hope where there has been pain. Amen."

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit www.globalministries.org

SEPTEMBER

Call to Confession

One:

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is freely given and without end. Let us open our lives to this beautiful gift, as we acknowledge together the ways we miss the mark, praying:

Prayer of Confession

Many:

It seems we cannot decide, O God. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our own needs. We claim to cling fast to Christ, but forget to take him with us when we leave this place. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy upon us. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of complaining, may we carry compassion to those who hurt. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and spread the hope of the Good News wherever we go.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Hear the Good News—the mercies of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting. God has kept his covenant: we are loved, we are forgiven, we are a new creation.

Many:

Thanks be to God! Amen.



Upcoming Opportunity to Serve

First Christian Church is signed up to serve the evening meal at The Gathering Place - 1448 E Street on Sept. 27th from 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm. Sign up with Elaine Parman by Sept. 21st. There is one more opportunity this year: *November 22nd*



First Christian Church Calendar

Tuesday, September 1st

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Wednesday, September 2nd

6:30 pm Solos/Ensembles - Sanctuary

7 pm Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 3rd

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Sunday, September 6th

9 am Adult Sunday School

9:15 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

10 am SCRIP Orders due

10:30 am Worship

4 pm - 10:30 pm - Outside Group-Parl/Kit/Gym

Monday, September 7th-Labor Day:Office Closed

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Tuesday, September 8th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Wednesday, September 9th

6:30 pm Handbell Practice - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Solos/Ensembles - Sanctuary

8 pm Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 10th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Sunday, September 13th Homebound Communion

9 am Adult Sunday School

9:15 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

9:50 am Torch Worship Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship

5 pm - 7pm Praisefest

Monday, September 14th

7 pm - 9 pm Deborah Group - Parlor

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Tuesday, September 15th

4 pm - 10 pm Scottish Rite Event-Parking Lot

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Wednesday, September 16th

6:30 pm Handbell Practice - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Solos/Ensembles - Sanctuary

8 pm Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 17th

Noon - Messenger Deadline

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Saturday, September 19th

9:30 am Book Club - D'Arcy Blosser's Home

Sunday, September 20th Stewardship Sunday

9 am Sunday School

9:15 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

9:50 am Torch Worship Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Communication Team Mtg - Library

4 pm - 10:30 pm Outside Group - Parl/Kit/Gym

6 pm Board Meeting - Conference Rm

Monday, September 21st

6:30 pm Worship Meeting - Library

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Tuesday, September 22nd

6:30 pm - 8 pm Spirited Readers - The Mill @ Telegraph

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Wednesday, September 23rd

6:30 pm - Handbell Practice - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Solos/Ensembles - Sanctuary

8 pm Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 24th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Sunday, September 27th

9 am Adult Sunday School

9:15 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

9:50 am Torch Worship Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Elder Meeting - Library

4 pm - 10:30 pm Outside Group - Parl/Kit/Gym

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Serve @ The Gathering Place

Monday, September 28th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Tuesday, September 29th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outside Group - Gym

Wednesday, September 30th

6:30 pm - Handbell Practice - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Solos/Ensembles - Sanctuary

8 pm Recorder Consort - Sanctuary

September SCRIP Orders are due on
September 6, 2026

Please contact the office or Donna Ruhl if you have questions or need to place a special order.

SPIRITED READERS

COMMUNITY BOOK STUDY: A CHAPTER BY CHAPTER DISCUSSION OF THE BOOK

4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH— 6:30-8 pm Next Meeting is September 22nd

LOCATION: THE MILL @ TELEGRAPH, 330 S. 21st St

No RSVP needed, call with questions: 402-475-4289 Website: fcclincoln.org



There Our Hearts Will Be - *Ministry Moment*

Susan Pallas-Duncan, Hospitality Committee shared the following message during worship on Sunday, August 13th.

I am Susan Pallas-Duncan and with Beth Zager, we represent the Hospitality team as co-chairs. We do not have a set team and are supported by members who step up and help for different activities throughout the year. Our next activity represents one of our major annual activities. Providing hotdogs, chips, and cookies for Praise Fest only happens with the support of the people in our church and associated with our church. Our budget also pays for half the cost of treats purchased for Praise Fest. We help coordinate Thanksgiving dinner by providing turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. Thanksgiving dinner and soup dinners (Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday) for the congregation happen with the help of many donations of food and time. A couple of weeks ago we worked with the Bowkers to have a pizza and salad lunch after church. It went well and we are talking about a pot luck maybe in January. Meeting in the parlor worked well. It happened out of necessity, but provided a nice comfortable lunch space. Hospitality also includes making sure that kitchen is fully stocked with coffee and other supplies so that we can all enjoy our Sunday Coffee Fellowship which is supported and enjoyed by many. We try to make sure that coffee fellowship in some form is available every week. Other forms of hospitality are organized by the Disciple's women's group for funerals and a men's group supplying Easter morning breakfast. At FCC, we see hospitality's role as creating a welcoming environment and building community through sharing food and companionship. It is a group effort, and we are grateful to all of you for the time, effort, and support you put into this ministry. When you donate food for an event, when you volunteer to set-up or serve or clean-up, you are providing hospitality. When you volunteer for coffee fellowship, you are providing hospitality. I am thankful for the welcoming and helpful attitude of you, our church family. When we ask for food or volunteers to help, you step up. When I first entered the kitchen and asked how I can help, you were there to get me started. There was always someone there to explain what we needed to do and to give me helpful tips. I serve as a co-chair of Hospitality because you have shown me that this is an important part of our church and this is one way I can contribute.



KALEO

Men's Retreat at Kamp Kaleo

Join other men for a weekend retreat at Kamp Kaleo! Dive deeper into your own faith and self, guided by an insightful and challenging keynote speaker. Connect with others and share your faith stories. Experience inspiring and transformational worship. And relax and rejuvenate on the grounds of Kaleo.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening and end Sunday morning after a closing worship. A variety of activities will be available Saturday afternoon on the grounds of Kaleo, or take your own adventure to Burwell, Ord, or other nearby attractions.

Rev. Jeff Hagaman is the keynote speaker. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and has faithfully served churches in Minnesota and Nebraska. In retirement, he has continued his ministry as an Associate Conference Minister for the Tri-Conference, United Church of Christ, and as a Nebraska Conference Deacon. When he's not serving the church, Jeff can usually be found outdoors. Whether camping, hiking, biking, gardening, landscaping, or volunteering at Spring Creek Audubon Center near Denton, Nebraska, his love for creation shines through in all he does.

The cost for Friday evening through Sunday morning is \$190 (\$100 if lodging is not needed). Anyone 16 or older is welcome to attend (participants under 18 must register with an adult). Lodging and all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast are included.

Go to kampkaleo.com, click on events and Men's Retreat to register.

August 14, 2026

Dear First Christian Family,

“Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?” From the PCUSA Book of Order (Directory for Worship W-4.0404h)

This was my favorite constitutional question on my ordination day. When I answered the question with these words - “I Will” - I wasn’t thinking of church budgets, how many people would one day be sitting in the pews, how great (or not great) my sermons would be, or the theological ramifications of double-predestination. Rather, I was thinking about how desperately I needed each one of these four things in my own life, and I was certain others did too. You can never have too much energy, intelligence, imagination or love. I knew that if I could try to lead with these four things as my focus, everything else (church budget, membership rolls, sermons, etc.) would fall into place.

Maybe that’s why First Christian Church has been such a natural fit for me:

1) you have energy. You’re not content to just collect dust; you are alive and vibrant and driven to “flare up” and “make big shadows [God] can move in,” as poet Rainer Maria Rilke described it. This isn’t new. It’s always been within you, and it will always be within you, and it’s a beautiful thing to behold. 2) you value your minds, and all the wonderful things you can do with them: deliberate, mull over, reason, imagine, wonder, expand, and more. And, 3) you love. With your whole heart. As both individuals and as a church. Not only today, but for the past 157 years: a powerful presence on this corner, on this street, in this neighborhood, and beyond. A love that has transformed lives, including your own; and a love that will live on long after all of us are gone. Because it’s not a love we have created, it’s the love God gives us through Jesus Christ, and our job is to nurture it and help it grow.

I have done my best to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. And my prayer and intent was that my time with you would last much longer. But our plans aren’t always God’s. These past few years have brought a few health challenges; but in recent months it has become unmistakably clear that just “pushing through” is no longer an option. Sometimes we’re forced to make changes, even when it is the last thing we want.

Last week I made the hard decision to offer my resignation as your Pastor to our Board Chair and Vice-Chair, Elaine Parman and Jim Blosser. My last Sunday with you will be October 4th . FCC’s Board leadership is working closely with Rev. Robin Blakemore, Transitional Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska, to find a clear, faith-led way forward. All steps in the process will be openly communicated to the congregation. Rev. Blakemore cares deeply for this church and will work compassionately and capably on our behalf.

Because of the “great cloud of witnesses” of First Christian Church—that is, everyone who has sat in our pews and thumbed through our hymnals and sung “Silent Night” on Christmas Eve in the dark and shouted “He is Risen, Indeed” on Easter morn and sought renewal at the Communion Table and served this community, for 157 years—I can boldly imagine the beautiful moments of energy, intelligence, imagination and love that are ahead of you, both as individuals and as a church. And I am so incredibly thankful I got to be a part of it. It has been the biggest joy and privilege of my 25 years of ministry. While I am very sad, I am very grateful, and I am proud to stand in the long line of women and men who were blessed to journey with you as your Pastor. Thank you.

May the Peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds on the straight paths, as well as the unexpected detours, of this Life’s journey. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Love, Kara

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August 19, 2026

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

Dear Friends:

These words from Ecclesiastes are appropriate for our church at this time. Pastor Kara's need to conclude her ministry with us is heartbreaking, yet we know it is paramount that she addresses her health concerns now.

As your leaders, please know that we are preparing for the future of First Christian, and we want to share what we know at this time. After meeting with Kara, we met with the Rev. Robin Blakemore, transitional minister for the Christian Church in Nebraska. She will help guide us as we move forward.

We have already started to search for ordained clergy to lead worship until we can locate an interim minister. With Robin's guidance, the Executive Committee will interview and select an interim who best suits our congregation's needs.

At this time, there are two dates you need to know:

August 30 – informal gathering after coffee fellowship in the chapel for those who want to talk about our current situation.

October 4 – Pastor Kara's last Sunday, including a service of parting with Robin Blakemore participating. A reception will follow and a monetary love gift will be presented to Kara. Those wanting to contribute should give it to Elaine Parman. You may also mail a check to the church or leave it in the offering plate in the sanctuary. Cash should be in envelopes clearly marked "Pastor Love Gift". Checks should be made out to First Christian with the same notation.

As we look to the future, we intend to be as communicative and transparent as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions. And please keep Kara and her family in your prayers.

Finally, may God bless each of you as we continue this vital ministry in the heart of Lincoln!

Elaine Parman, Board Chair

Jim Blosser, Board Vice Chair

cc: The Rev. Robin Blakemore

The Faces of FCC

FCC celebrated community with a **Pizza Lunch** on August 2nd hosted by The Bowker Family and Hospitality Committee.



Some FCC members attended **Cecilia Burkhardt's play** in July. Those attending were:

Tom and Sally Mason, Beth Zager, Bobbi Carlin, Rhonda Brubaker, Cec Burkhardt, Jim and D'Arcy Blosser, Carla Pinneo, and Shari McCright.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Pastor Kara prayed a blessing over our students, school personnel and administrators on August 9th before the school year began.



Mark Your Calendar



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT
17TH & "K" STREET

This Event is FREE

- *Live Music by The Torch Team
- * Hotdogs * Street Treats
- * Bounce House * Raffle Prizes
- * Airbrush Tattoo Artist

Spend time with our Capitol area neighbors & invite your family and friends!

In the event of rain, held inside Church Sanctuary & Gym



Our Annual Praisefest is quickly approaching. Volunteers and donations are needed. Contact Marcia Foster, Susan Pallas-Duncan, or Beth Zager if you would like to help.