



Pastor's Page

I have changed my mind. (I hope I have the right to do that!) In our worship we begin with an informal welcoming, asking people to greet one another. I get quite a few comments from visitors that have said we seem to be friendly, and I think the reason why is the informal greeting. I'll admit it may seem like organized confusion! And then a little later we "Pass the Peace of Christ."

The passing the peace is a liturgical act that normally occurs immediately following the Confession of Sin and hearing the Assurance of Pardon, the words of God's promise to forgive us. "Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, the people are invited to share signs of reconciliation and the peace of Christ. In sharing the peace, we express the reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God" (Book of Common Worship, p. 36).

Some church members have asked why we do both of these. They seem to be similar. And I tried to explain, "No, they are different." I saw the welcoming and the passing of the peace as two separate acts, one an act of welcoming, the other an act of reconciliation. However, I think I created an artificial division. Is not the welcoming made possible by the reconciliation of Jesus Christ? And in passing the peace of Christ are we not welcoming others? Both acts are signs of God's reconciliation, unity and love.

So I would like for us to try a change in our order of worship. We will do without the welcoming part, the part where I invite people to get out of their pews to greet each other. We will do that when we get to the point in the worship called, "Passing the Peace of Christ." What I am asking is that we take seriously the symbolism. Greet each other with, "The peace of Christ be with you," and then feel free to welcome people, or ask how they are doing, etc.

There is another point in worship where it is appropriate to pass the peace of Christ, and that is before the offering. The reason to include it here is that Jesus taught, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24, NRSV). There may be Sundays that we will place the peace here.

As always, I welcome your comments. Part of the reason I am making this change is that some of you have asked about these two acts and cause me to think about them.

Raymond A. Meester

Challenge to the Congregation:

Pastor Ray says that if there are 150 people in church on Sunday, August 29, he will allow the HEARTeam to buzz his hair at the September 12 picnic! I'm sure you're up to the challenge and since that is the Sunday of the Waffleman fundraiser and also the Sunday Rev. Dr. Tom Long will be preaching this should be an easy task for you!!! See more information about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your HEARTeam



August Birthday Greetings

- 01 Anthony Brickner
- 01 Cindy Pierce
- 01 Eva Abbey
- 01 Truitt Ele
- 02 Bruce Snyder
- 04 Ella Wies
- 04 Rachel Kornfeld-Lambrech
- 05 Kay Traudt
- 06 Barbara Duerksen
- 06 Betty Kent
- 07 Alan Shuman
- 08 Madysin Brown
- 08 May Robinson
- 09 Eunice Sintek
- 10 Matthew Robertson
- 11 Scott Minks
- 14 Scott Rogge
- 15 Grace Hemmerling
- 17 Dean Smith
- 18 Bill Bahr
- 19 Kate Singsaas
- 19 Matthew Crouch
- 20 Ilah Harmon
- 22 Mary Jane Bonebright
- 23 Janet Malone
- 24 Finn Kurtis Singsaas
- 26 LaVonn DeBus Greene
- 28 Marilyn McDonald
- 28 Nash Jack
- 29 Brady Gaines
- 30 Avery Hemmerling
- 30 Donna Beccard
- 30 Joe Burianek
- 31 Dan Broeder



August Anniversaries

- 01 Jeffrey and Patricia Wahlgren
- 11 Don and Linda Stansberry
- 12 Larry and Arlene Toombs
- 20 Joe and Tanya Burianek
- 24 Dean Smith and Brenda Palecek-Smith
- 28 Kent and Bettina Burklund

Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary was omitted or incorrect so we can make the necessary changes.

Thank You

Dear Heritage Family,

Thank you so much for the Bible Book/CD and blanket for Dexter.

We appreciate all the warm wishes and support we receive from all of you.

Love,

Dawn, Dave, Delia, Dexter Thompson

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as the administrative assistant at Heritage these past few years. Not only did I enjoy working for Heritage, but I also learned additional office skills as changes were made to update the office. I will miss having regular contact with so many of you (especially Tamra & Ray and others who joined us for coffee and the many regular volunteers who are essential to Heritage's mission), but I will look forward to seeing you in and out of church.

Ramona

DIRECTORY UPDATES

(New Address)

Shauna and Brylee Haas
216 W Fairfield, Lincoln, NE 68521

Be in prayer for:



Jane Bitney, Virginia Dzerk, Gary Emert,
Eveline Meester, Jay Weyers
Rev. Jim Goble (Fourth Presbyterian
Church), Gary Siemers, Marilyn McDonald

**Please update prayer requests with
Marilyn Smith or the church office weekly.**



Congratulations to New Birthday Club Member: Audre Nielsen!

Congratulations to all our
Birthday Club Members!

(See List Posted on Bulletin Board at Church.)
If you have a birthday coming up, why not think about donating to the Birthday Club? All funds donated to this club are transferred to Heritage's Endowment Fund to help ensure the future of our church. Suggested donation is one dollar per year of life, but any donation will be accepted. What a nice way to honor someone who already has everything that they need.



The Heritage Book Club
will meet August 9 in the Gibson Room.

Upcoming Reading List:

- August 9 "Crazy Horse" by Mari Sandoz
- September 13 "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingslover
- October 11 "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett
- November 8 "Going Rogue" by Sarah Palin

Contact Audre Nielson or the church office for more information about the book club.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is taking place the first week in August. Thank you to all who registered and who volunteer their time for this special summer event.



New Administrative Assistant

Lil Jurgena and her husband, Orval, have been married 27 years. They each have 3 grown children and many grandchildren. Orv is a retired meteorologist (National Weather Service) and Lil took early retirement from being Social Service Director at Lakeview Rest Home in Firth. She has worked for various churches in her career and looks forward to being in that environment again. Office hours will remain Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

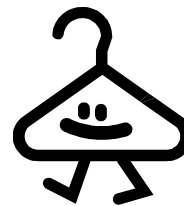
Congratulations



Congratulations to Lane & Leah Gibson on the birth of their son, Camden Dallas. He was born June 30 and weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. Proud grandparents are Dick and Glenice Gibson, and Ann Gibson is a great grandmother again!

Mission Committee Highlights

Please help the Mission committee raise funds for the mission work of Rev. Karen Moritz as *Ecumenical Relations Facilitator* in the Czech Republic. Her mission will be to work with several congregations and presbyteries from the PC (USA) that are involved in partnerships in the Czech Republic, and also work to explore even more opportunities for such relationships. Rev. Karen has been an ordained Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastor for over 20 years, most recently as the pastor at Cornerstone Church on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Please place donations in the special offering envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. .



Thanks to all who donated skirt hangers for the Sunday School Banners

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Keep saving those Best Choice UPC Symbols!

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT HERALD

August 15: Articles received after this time may not be included in the Newsletter.

No Session Highlights (Next Meeting Aug. 8)

THE WAFFLEMAN & THE REV. DR. THOMAS LONG AUGUST 29, 2010 (Tickets for the Waffleman will be available soon.)

Plan now to attend and invite your friends & family to Heritage on Sunday, August 29 for waffles & worship. Proceeds from the Waffleman fundraiser will go to support Lincoln's City IMPACT, a local urban ministry. IMPACT exists to share the transforming hope and love of Jesus Christ in urban low-income neighborhoods through holistic youth and family programming and community investment.



We also will be welcoming the **Rev. Dr. Thomas Long** as our guest minister. He is a Presbyterian minister, seminary professor, and author of many books on preaching.

Thomas G. Long is Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and is one of the most popular preachers in the United States today. He is the author of *The Witness of Preaching*; *The Senses of Preaching*; *Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible*; *Whispering the Lyrics: Sermons for Lent and Easter*, *Matthew* (Westminster Bible Commentary); *Hebrews* (Interpretation); *Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian*; and *Preaching from Memory to Hope*. He is coauthor of *Teaching Preaching as a Christian Practice*. Read more about Dr. Long at <http://long.wjkbooks.com>