THE HERALD

June 2026

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

It's been a long time and for that, I sincerely apologize. We've been trying to rework our newsletter and figure out what people want out of it so we can put our energy into the places that matter. So, here's what we're doing differently:

1. Timing: we heard you loud and clear! I'm not sure exactly when we started sending the newsletter during the first week of the month, but a lot of people told us that means it comes too late. So, our practice now is going to be sending it around the 27th of each month, that way it should get to folks by physical mail before the month has turned over.
2. Prayers and concerns: we already put prayers and concerns in the weekly bulletin insert so we are going to start summarizing those prayers and concerns in the newsletter. Your prayers are powerful connections between this community and God, and we hope this facilitates that connection further.
3. Events and Happenings: we're going to give more focus to the events and happenings at Heritage, both as notice of those events and as reports of how they went.

There may be some growing pains as we figure out what works best but we are committed to improving and continuing this form of communication. Thank you for your patience and your honesty in telling us what the newsletter means to you!

On a personal note, the month ahead will be quite busy for me! I will be travelling back to Austin for my next DMin class. Starting June 8th, I am on call for jury duty, though my hope is that I won't need to serve. Then on June 22nd, the General Assembly begins its work. The commissioners will be online for committees from the 22nd-24th then will travel to Milwaukee for the in-person plenary. I will be there in person from the 27th-3rd as part of my work as Stated Clerk and the GA committee I am serving on, the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

This GA will mark the end of my tenure on ACSWP. I have served on that committee for eight years, starting in July of 2018. For the last four years, I have served the committee as one of its co-chairs. It has been a long and fulfilling eight years, but I am certainly read to pass the mantle on to someone else.

Blessings of peace and rest,
Pastor Erica

JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 – Jeanne Bonnett
11 – Jan Crouch
12 – Mora Singsaas
16 – Robyn Mason
19 – Corinne Crouch

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

02 – Tamra & Dan Broeder
11 – Ramona & Raymond Meester
12 – Dawn & Dave Thompson
21 – Missy & Bill Mahr
28 – Sharon & Larry Baker

†PRAYER LIST

Please contact the Church Office or Christie Werner with prayer requests

- Jen Dierks & family following the passing of her father
- Frances Beaurivage recovering from shoulder surgery
- Sue & Frances – the health of the Beaurivage family
- Ruth Hunzeker – broken kneecap
- Amanda Miller's grandma, Minnie Sughroue in the hospital
- Christie Werner – health concerns
- Daniel Betz – health concerns
- Sharon & Larry Baker – health concerns

WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES

As we head into summer, I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped lead worship through music this past year at Heritage Presbyterian Church.

First, thank you to Jan Malone, our faithful organist and accompanist, for the countless hours, beautiful music, flexibility, and steady presence week after week. Jan somehow manages to make difficult music look effortless, which feels mildly unfair to the rest of us.

Thank you as well to Evan Mott, who directed the choir through December, and to Erin Kalamaja, who stepped in and continued leading the choir through the spring season and will continue in that role going forward. Both brought energy, talent, patience, and leadership to our music ministry, and we are grateful for all they have shared with our congregation.

A special thank you also goes to our choir members as they wrap up another choir year. Choir rehearsal after a long day is an act of dedication, faith, and occasionally caffeine. Your willingness to share your voices enriches worship every single week.

I also want to thank all of our liturgists who helped lead worship throughout the year. Reading scripture, leading prayers, and helping guide worship may seem simple from the pews, but it takes preparation and willingness to serve, and we deeply appreciate everyone who stepped forward.

And finally, thank you to Pastor Erica for her leadership, collaboration, creativity, and support of worship and music ministries throughout the year.

But wait…there's more! (Every good newsletter article needs at least one dramatic teaser.)

We are excited to begin bringing back the bell choir! If you have ever thought about trying handbells, now is a wonderful time. No experience is necessary, and you do not need to read music like a concert pianist or secretly be the lost fourth member of the Canadian Brass. If you can count and enjoy making music with others, you can absolutely learn bells. More information will be coming soon, but if you are interested, start thinking about joining us. Worship and music ministries are always stronger when more people share their gifts.

Have a wonderful summer, and thank you again to everyone who helps make worship happen each week — both the people seen up front and the many working faithfully behind the scenes.

Scott Minks

CIRCLE

The next meeting for Circle will be Tuesday, June 2nd at 10:00 am in the Gibson Room.
All are welcome!

DUCs

Congratulations to our DUCs graduating from high school: Delia Thompson, Lincoln High and Clint Werner, Lincoln North Star.
Sunday School is on hiatus until September 13th.
Fun was had by all that attended the Annual Lock-In held at church in May.

Nourishment for a long night ahead

Let the games begin…

SESSION

The next regular Session meeting is planned for Sunday, July 19th.
Session will also be meeting June 14th for a discussion regarding ICE.

2026 – 2027 SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2026: Belle Kendle
Frances Beaurivage*
Class of 2027: Dehnia Bullerdiek
Jennifer Dierks
Class of 2028: Amanda Miller*
Danny Broeder
*Denotes 2nd term

MISSION

Instead of a regular worship service on May 17th, we had what will hopefully become the 1st of many similar Mission Sundays. The morning began with food and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who provided nourishment for our bodies. Following brunch those in attendance had the opportunity to participate in several projects.

Tying blankets for a local non-profit.

Packing period kits to be distributed to females in need.

Weeding, mulching, trimming, & planting as needed around church grounds.

Thank you to everyone for giving their time and energy to make this world a better place!

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT HERALD

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Items received after this date
may not be included!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 **10:30 AM** Worship	**1**	**2** **10:00 AM** Circle	**3**	**4**	**5** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**6**
7 **10:30 AM** Worship	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**13**
14 **10:30 AM** Worship	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**20** Event – Fellowship Hall
21 **10:30 AM** Worship	22 General Assembly 227 begins	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**27**
28 **10:30 AM** Worship	29	**30**	**1**	**2**	**3** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**4**

Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.