

THE HERALD

April 2022

Siblings in Christ,

Easter is quickly approaching, and Heritage is preparing to welcome it! Lincoln is in the green, which means we can relax our social distancing standards. We are not letting go of them completely, but we can begin to enjoy again some of the things we had to let go, like physically passing the peace and potlucks!

Looking at the month ahead, we have a lot of great things coming up:

- April 9th will be our Easter Egg Hunt – we'll have hot dogs
- April 10th is Palm Sunday! Come and waves palms with us in worship and see our confirmation class be confirmed! We will celebrate with cake and punch afterwards.
- April 14th is Maundy Thursday! Come to have your feet washed as a symbol of Jesus's commandment to love one another. We will also be serving Communion.
- April 17th is Easter Sunday – we will be celebrating a reaffirmation of Baptism as well as Communion. Come bring back the alleluias and celebrate the resurrection with us!

A note about Maundy Thursday: I understand that the foot washing in years passed was more of a symbolic thing that was done as an example. I would like to wash the feet of anyone who is willing. There is something powerfully loving in washing the feet of others and I want to embody that for all who are comfortable with it.

In other news, I have begun connecting with two different agencies for opportunities around justice work. There is a non-profit advocacy organization that is starting up in Lincoln underneath the umbrella of the Direction Action and Research Training (DART) Center. If anybody is interested in connecting with their work, please let me know. I am also in conversation with some other pastors in Lincoln around hosting a Covenant Conversations event later this year through the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. These events seek to be an open and inviting space to have conversations around being LGBTQ in religious spaces. If you are interested in helping to plan such an event, please let me know.

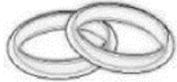
Looking forward to a new season with you all!

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 06 – Wyatt Kendle
- 07 – Leanne Miller
- 12 – DeKobie Holt
- 13 – Stephanie Newman
- 16 – Lil Jurgena
- 16 – Duane Kennedy
- 17 – Zoe Tomas
- 24 – Greg Mason



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 – Greg & Robyn Mason
- 27 – Lew & Karen Griffin Sieber



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Anyone may join or renew their membership in Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) is made to our endowment fund.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If any of your status (phone, address, etc.) has changed, please let the church office know so they can update your directory listing.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex!



THANK YOU...

Thank you to all who donated a housewarming gift to an Afghan refugee family new to Lincoln. All collected items have been delivered to Lutheran Family Service for distribution to families in need.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY?



The Mission Committee has received the following news from the PDA Call Center concerning disaster work in Kentucky:

The "Madisonville First Presbyterian Church Hotel" is housing crews coming to the area to assist with cleanup. We expect rebuilding efforts will begin soon. For now, they've set a limit of 35 folks at any one time. The Madisonville church is centrally located for folks working in the Bremen, Barnsley, or Dawson Springs areas.

Our next step is to gauge the interest of participating in such a mission trip to Kentucky. We are also seeking additional information about the work that we would be doing and the timeline.

If you are interested (this is not a commitment), please contact Karen Griffin Sieber.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

"You shall be called Repairers of the Breach" – Isaiah 58

Lenten Calendar

There is still time to check out the Lenten Calendar for Bible readings, random acts of kindness, prayer suggestions and ways to support the OGHS. Coins are to be placed in a "Fish Bank" (available at the church) and then brought to the church on Easter Sunday.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Save the date for the All Church Retreat on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9am-3pm. Watch your mail for more information! Bring a soup or chili to share for lunch for the annual contest to win the 'Golden Ladle' award!



PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH AND OUTSIDE GROUPS

General

- Social distancing encouraged
- Offering in the entry ways instead of passed
- Clutter in narthex cleaned up
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

COVID-19 Risk Dial: Green (Low)

- Business as usual – please stay home or wear a mask if you have symptoms or don't feel well

COVID-19 Risk Dial: Yellow (Moderate)

- Masks recommended (unless required by city directed health measures)
- Social distancing
- Coffee Corner with masks recommended
- Communion – regular
- Potlucks/other communal meals with masks recommended
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

COVID-19 Risk Dial: Orange (High)

- Masks required
- Signs between pews (social distancing)
- Coffee Corner with masks
- Potlucks/communal meals with masks
- Communion with pre-made packets
- Reduce congregational responses/hymns
- Encourage members to stay home if they do not feel comfortable attending

COVID-19 Risk Dial: Red (Severe)

- Zoom/other online platform church services (including Sunday School and DUC's)
- Choir to meet at the director's discretion (with pastor/session approval). They will follow social distancing and masking rules.
- No potlucks/communal meals
- No Coffee Corner
- Outside groups with more than 5 will not meet without pastor/session approval

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LINCOLN: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE MONTHLY LUNCHESES FOR HABITAT CONSTRUCTION GROUP

We are looking to recruit some volunteers that could occasionally provide lunches for the core construction group. These guys (8-10 people) work every Tuesday and Thursday at one of our build sites and it would be great if we could provide a good lunch for them once a month or so. This is a great opportunity for people who can't or are unable to raise trusses or pound shingles but would still like to help.

If you are interested and for further details contact a mission committee member or for more information contact: Rose Opbroek, Special Projects Manager, office 402-480-6219 or email Ropbroek@lincolnhabitat.org

We have done this in the past and it is rewarding to visit the build site and see what's going on. This lunch can even be sandwiches from Good Cents or Subway etc. This can be a one-time thing or monthly whatever works for you.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for the Annual Easter 'Egg' Hunt on Saturday, April 9th at 11 am. Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to come hunt for wrapped candy on the lawns of Heritage.



PALM SUNDAY & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Plan to attend worship on Palm Sunday, April 10th to welcome the new class of confirmands to Heritage. A reception will follow worship.

EASTER LILY PLANTS

The deadline to order Easter Lily plants for Easter worship service is Monday, April 11th. The cost is \$11 per plant.



April 9: Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

April 10: Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

April 14: Maundy Thursday

April 17: Easter Sunday

April 23: All Church Retreat

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

April 25, 2022

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9:00 AM Confirmation Studies 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	28 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Spring Bible Study via Zoom	29	30 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	31 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	1 10:30 AM Al-Anon	2
3 9:00 AM Confirmation Studies 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship <i>Session Meeting following worship</i>	4 <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i> <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Spring Bible Study via Zoom	5 10:00 AM Women's Circle	6 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	7 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	8 10:30 AM Al-Anon	9 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch
10 <i>Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	11 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Spring Bible Study via Zoom	12	13 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	14 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i> 10:30 AM Maundy Thursday	15 10:30 AM Al-Anon	16
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Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.