

THE HERALD

December 2021

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We are well into the swing of Advent and I am so excited to be spending this season with all of you! The sanctuary has been decorated and it looks wonderful; a big thanks to all those who helped hang the greens! Looking ahead we have some special things happening in worship in the coming weeks. On December 5th, we will be ordaining Randy Smith and Sydney Miller as Ruling Elders. On the 12th, we will have our Christmas Cantata. We will of course celebrate Christmas Eve on the 24th and then on Sunday the 26th, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a casual and cozy hymn sing.

I will be on vacation from December 27th-31st and will be flying out to Nevada to spend the week with my family. In other news, I have left my job at the YMCA as it was putting too much physical strain on my body. I am looking for a less intensive part time job and have applied for the Stated Clerk position at the Presbytery.

Looking at what's going on elsewhere in the church, we have received the latest version of our bylaws and your Session is at work updating them. We will have the updates ready to present to you at a future congregational meeting. I will be taking time in the next two weeks to go visit our shut-ins and take them communion. The bible study I have been leading with Pastor Sue Coller at First Pres. here in Lincoln has been going very well; we've gotten into a lot of deep discussions around the bible, theology, and the questions that arise out of being a person of faith. If you want to join us, please find the details on our website. There's little to no preparation for the class and it is easy to pop in at any time and pick it up easily.

Stay warm and safe throughout this holiday season and may the love of Jesus Christ be with you always!

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

08 – Scott Helvie
 09 – Jenn Dierks
 12 – Piper Mason
 12 – Jemma Mason
 14 – Pris Kliewer
 16 – Barb Shaeffer
 17 – Bev Traudt
 20 – Earl Robinett



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.

GOD IS WITH US – MATTHEW 1:23

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the "perfect gift," as well as the gifts of church leaders – past, present, and future. Jesus came to live among us, bringing light into darkness, and reconciliation to God and to one another. A perfect gift from a gracious God.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

The Mission Committee has set a goal of \$500.00, so please give generously and joyously.

FIESTA DEL TACOS

THANK YOU to all who helped make the Taco Night / Silent Auction a huge success! \$1,500.00 will be divided between the Heritage DUC's, Heritage food pantry and the Refugee (Afghan) Resettlement Program of Lutheran Family Services! Thank you for:

- Donating items for the silent auction
- Your purchase of silent auction items
- Eating tacos!

ANNUAL HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

THANK YOU to all who donated items to keep students of Randolph Elementary School warm this winter. Forty-five caps, 44 pairs of mittens/gloves and 1 "gently used" coat were donated. Special thanks to Marilyn McDonald for the hand-made knitted items!



NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE ITEMS

Check out the new Equal Exchange items – great for stocking stuffers!



- Coffee – French Roast, Breakfast Blend, Hazelnut Crème, Decaf Cozy Cup
- Teas – Green, Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Decaf English Breakfast & Hibisc
- Don't forget the dates, mini-chocolates and olive oil!
- Special sale on olive oil (expires on 12/30/21) -- \$5.00/bottle

All are available in the Coffee Corner!

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Check out the Christmas tree ornaments in the narthex to see how you can share the joy of Christmas with two different neighborhood families. Please bring your unwrapped presents to the church by December 12 – gift cards are always welcome if you don't want to shop! Thank you for your generosity!



RANDOLPH PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your continued donations, you are making a difference! We've had a number of requests from Randolph in the past few weeks and our pantry is running low on many items. The biggest needs at this time (in order of need) are canned meat (chicken, tuna), pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits, beans, and vegetables, toilet paper, laundry detergent, and personal hygiene items. As always, all items are welcome including cereal, soup, peanut butter, mac & cheese, grocery gift cards, etc.



December 5: Ordination for Elders

December 12: Christmas Cantata & Potluck

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

December 25, 2021

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9:00 AM Confirmation Studies 10:30 AM Worship	29 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	30	1 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	2 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	3 10:30 AM Al-Anon	4 <i>Private Party (Lew & Karen Griffin Sieber)</i>
5 <i>Ordination for Elders</i> 10:30 AM Worship	6 <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i> <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	7 10:00 AM Women's Circle 5:00 PM Recital with Pris	8 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	9 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	10 10:30 AM Al-Anon	11 9:00 AM Choir – Cantata Practice 12:30 PM Recital with Pris
12 <i>Christmas Cantata and Potluck</i> 10:30 AM Worship <i>DUCS Event</i>	13 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	14	15 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	16 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	17 10:30 AM Al-Anon	18
19 10:30 AM Worship	20 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	21	22 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	23 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 10:30 AM Al-Anon 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
26 10:30 AM Worship	27 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	28	29 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	30 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 10:30 AM Al-Anon	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>

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