

THE HERALD

February 2022

Siblings in Christ,

As February begins, we are moving into a sort of in-between time. The temperature keeps fluctuating, the COVID numbers have stopped rising but are also not lowering yet, and we find ourselves in the time between Christmas and Lent. As we hang in this delicate balance, remember that Christ sits with us. While we cannot meet physically, at Heritage our community breaks past those physical boundaries, through prayer and love, so that we are together in spirit.

As we move through the month of February, we will keep an eye on the COVID numbers and hopefully be able to see a return to in person worship. Should that happen, we will also hold an All-Church Retreat, which I have spoken about during announcements. This will be a time for communal discernment and planning for the year to come. As a congregation, we will ask three questions: Where are we? Where do we want to go? and How do we get there? Feel free to start writing down your answers to share during the retreat!

Other things to look forward to:

1. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2. We are still waiting to hear if we can meet in person but if so, we are looking at planning a dinner to go along with the service, as has been tradition here.
2. For Lent, your Mission Committee is putting together a Lenten Calendar which will contain scriptures, places for reflection, and chances to give.
3. Daylight Savings is coming, where we'll Spring Forward an hour!

I look forward to seeing your shining faces on zoom this Sunday and hope to see your shining faces in person in a few weeks!

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 02 – Ben Kendle
- 02 – Nancy Weyers
- 07 – Tamra Broeder
- 07 – Dehnia Bullerdiak
- 09 – Bradley Ledford
- 10 – Sue Nelson
- 12 – Jim Newman
- 17 – Ramona Meester
- 19 – Diane Olsen
- 22 – Savanna Newman
- 22 – Ken Olsen
- 25 – Bob Foreman
- 27 – Barbara Bratt-Kennedy

FAITH TO FOREST



Our mission committee has joined this initiative for faith communities during 2022 with a focus on the special place of trees in God's creation, the gifts they give humanity, and the responsibilities we have to care for trees, particularly in a changing climate.

Our February challenge is to read the book, *The Future We Choose*, a short, direct book about the future of people and the planet, including why trees are part of the solution.



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 – Jay and Nancy Weyers
- 24 – Bob and Phyllis Foreman



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Don't worry about fixing supper before Ash Wednesday services on March 2! The mission committee will be serving pancakes and bacon 5:30-6:30 pm with freewill donations directed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

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.

GAMES AND GROCERIES



Join us for a night of food, games and fellowship on Friday, March 11. Please note that this event will switch to an online trivia or BINGO game if indicated by DHM's.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Fair Trade coffee and tea products to keep you warm on these cold days!

Tea, coffee, oil and/or chocolates are available for pick-up or delivery. Please call your order to either Karen Griffin Sieber (402-470-3669) or Pat Zink (402-560-0917). We will either deliver to your home or arrange a time for pick-up from the church office.



PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH AND OUTSIDE GROUPS

COVID-19 Risk Dial: Green (Low)

- Masks recommended
- Social distancing encouraged
- Offering in the entry ways instead of passed
- Clutter in narthex cleaned up

COVID-19 Risk Dial: Yellow (Moderate)

- Masks required
- Social Distancing
- Coffee Corner with masks
- Communion – regular
- Potlucks/other communal meals with masks
- 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.

HOUSEWARMING SHOWER

You are invited to a Housewarming Shower for a refugee family new to Lincoln. Please bring any donated gifts to the church by the end of February.

Gift ideas include:

- Silverware sets
- Dish sets
- Pots/pans
- Mixing bowls/serving bowls
- Kitchen utensils
- Can openers
- Rice cookers
- Pressure cookers
- Toaster
- Blenders
- Kettle/water cooker
- Coffee maker
- Ovenware
- Shower Curtain/curtain rods
- Bathmats
- Mop and Broom
- Light Bulbs
- Trash bags
- Tool kits
- **New** linens, towels, bedsheets, and blankets
- Hygiene items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baby Supplies



February 26 (tentative): All Church Retreat

March 2: Ash Wednesday & Pancake Supper

March 11: Games and Groceries

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

February 25, 2022

Items received after this
date may not be included!

FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship <i>Annual Meeting</i>	31 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	1 <i>First Day of Black History Month</i> 10:00 AM Women's Circle	2 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	3 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	4 10:30 AM Al-Anon	5
6 9:00 AM Confirmation Studies 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	7 <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i> <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	8	9 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	10 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	11 10:30 AM Al-Anon	12 <i>DUCs Lock In</i> <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>
13 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship <i>Session Meeting following worship</i> <i>DUCs meet in the afternoon</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	15 <i>Daisy Troop 28791</i>	16 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	17 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	18 10:30 AM Al-Anon	19
20 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	21 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	22	23 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	24 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	25 10:30 AM Al-Anon	26 <i>All Church Retreat (Tentative)</i>
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 Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	1 <i>First Day of Women's History Month</i> 10:00 AM Women's Circle	2 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	3 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	4 <i>Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby</i> 10:30 AM Al-Anon	5 <i>Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby</i>

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