

# THE HERALD

January 2022

Siblings in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a joyful holiday and look forward to being back with you in worship in the new year!

We had a joyful Advent and a wonderful Christmas Eve service. We had to pull back on some traditional elements of the service due to concerns with rising COVID numbers, but even with flameless candles and communion cups, the night was holy and Emmanuel was present. We will be keeping an eye on the COVID situation here in Lincoln and if things continue to get worse, we may need to look at going back to virtual worship for a time. I appreciate this congregation and your willingness to adapt to these unfortunate circumstances and persistence in keeping each other safe and healthy.

As we enter the new year, things to look forward to are:

1. Epiphany – our time to celebrate the Magi coming to baby Jesus with gifts. This service signifies Jesus's saving grace to all the world, not just the Jews, and helps set the tone for imagination and energy in the year to come.
2. Annual Congregational Meeting – we will be holding our annual congregational meeting in late January or early February. If you are a committee chair, please get your annual report to session for review by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. All Church Retreat – In February, we will be holding an all church retreat, to sit down as a congregation and talk about what we want this year to look like. More details will come as we get back into the swing of things.

I had the fortune this last week of going on vacation and travelling to Mesquite, Nevada to visit with my family. I am grateful for the week of rest, reconnection, and rejuvenation, but am happy to be back home with all of you!

Be safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Blessings,  
Pastor Erica



## JANUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 05 – Alexis Hunzeker
- 08 – Amanda Miller
- 10 – Karen Griffin Sieber
- 12 – Missy Bahr
- 14 – Barbara Crawford
- 17 – Patty Doering
- 19 – Randy Smith
- 20 – Shirley Dively
- 20 – James Robertson
- 22 – Jane Bitney
- 22 – Elisabeth Wahlgren
- 23 – Patty Wahlgren
- 27 – Phyllis Foreman
- 28 – DeMari Holt
- 28 – Sharon Wells



## 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.

## EMAIL SCAM

Beware of email scams from someone impersonating Pastor Erica. Pastor Erica will never send an email to you asking for bank account information, money, or gift cards. If you receive an email like this, do not click any links inside it and delete it and mark it as spam. If you are ever in doubt, please give the office a call or contact her at 801-389-4975 or [erica.nelson@alumni.austinseminary.edu](mailto:erica.nelson@alumni.austinseminary.edu).

## 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.

## THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee would like to say . . .

**THANK YOU** to those who donated to the Christmas Joy Offering. A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings. The donations from this Offering will be distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs to retired church workers and to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.



**THANK YOU** to those who donated gifts or gift cards to share with two families in our community. Your gifts allowed us to "share the JOY of Christmas" with others outside our church walls.

## 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.



Opportunities include:

- **Plant and care** for trees for your yard, church or neighborhood.
- **Make a donation** to plant trees in Lincoln or globally.
- **Volunteer for Prairie Pruners**, a group that will learn how to prune small trees and spend a few hours pruning trees in city parks.
- **Advocate** for trees and environmental justice at the local, state and federal levels.

### Zoom and Learn!

- **Jan 6, 2022—Out on a Limb in God's Forest**  
Rev. Dr. Jen Strickland and Rev. Dr. Jacob Buchholz will discuss why trees and the environment are issues requiring attention and action by people of faith.
- **Jan 13, 2022—Trees: Our Superhero Friends**  
Justin Evertson with the Nebraska Forest Service and Nebraska Statewide Arboretum will give a fast-paced overview of trees, including their economic value, physical and mental health benefits, the latest science, the value of planting native species, how trees impact and are impacted by climate change, and more.
- **Jan 20, 2022—The Nitty Gritty of Tree Selection and Care**  
Selecting the right tree is a key first step to a healthy, long-lived tree, but how does climate change affect tree selection? Next, proper planting and care are critical to the long-term success of a tree, but what does good tree care entail? Three experts—Sarah Browning, Bob Henrickson and Kaylyn Neverve—will share their best tips for success in this fast-paced panel.
- **Jan 27, 2022—Introduction to Prairie Pruners**  
This session will introduce potential volunteers to a new program to prune and care for young trees in city parks. Get an overview of the volunteer work, training expectations, schedules, locations, tools and more. Read more about Prairie Pruners.
- **Feb 3, 2022—The Future We Choose, The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis**  
Lincoln City Libraries Director Pat Leach and State Climatologist Martha Shulski team up to review and discuss the Faith to Forest community-read book.

For Zoom meeting invites and/or additional information, check out this website hosted by First Plymouth Church: <https://www.firstplymouth.org/catforest>



**January 9: Sunday School and DUCS resume**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**

**January 25, 2022**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

# JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>27</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's                      Day</i>
<b>2</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>3</b> <i>Girl Scouts                      20306</i>  <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>8</b> <i>Deaf Club                      Meeting</i>
<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>10</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>13</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>14</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>15</b> <i>DUCS                      Sleepover</i>
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Confirmation Studies  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship  <i>Session Meeting                      following worship</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Martin Luther                      King Jr. Day</i>  <i>Girl Scouts                      20306</i>  <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>18</b> <i>Daisy Scouts                      28791</i>	<b>19</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>20</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i> <i>Pinewood                      Derby Check In</i>  <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>22</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i> <i>Pinewood                      Derby</i>
<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>24</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>27</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>28</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship  <i>Annual Meeting</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>1</b> <i>First Day of                      Black                      History                      Month</i>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Circle	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>3</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>4</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>5</b>

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