

THE HERALD

March 2022

We have officially entered the season of Lent and it fills my spirit to be able to celebrate the season with you all in person. On February 27th, we hid away the Alleluias as a part of Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday. If you forgot to bring your Alleluias and still have some that need to be hidden away, no one will know if they get slipped into the trunk! Lent began with Ash Wednesday where we had a wonderful pancake dinner put together by the Mission Committee before meeting together to receive the sign of the cross and communion.

The Vital Congregation team and I have been meeting to plan out the All-Church Retreat as we are starting to get back into the swing of things. We are looking at the date of April 23rd. The intent of the retreat is to sit down as the congregation of Heritage and discern (and remind ourselves) of who we are as a community, and decide where we want this year to lead us. The goal is for Heritage to be a vibrant and life-giving community – this doesn't mean we have to focus on increasing our membership, but it means that everyone is empowered to play a part in the life of the church. So please plan to spend some time with us on Saturday April 23rd so we can get the ball rolling.

One joy to celebrate is that we are being considered for a grant to update our audio system. We have been working with a local sound company to get a quote for what it will take to update our audio system. We have submitted that information to the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation to help with the costs of this upgrade. If we receive the grant, they will cover all but \$1500 of the costs.

Things to look forward to in March and April:

- Games and Groceries on Friday the 11th
- Daylight savings on March 13th – we Spring Forward that day, so don't miss church!
- Pastor Sue Coller and I will be starting the third and final series of the Living the Question bible study we have been holding together on March 21st.
- Palm Sunday on April 3rd – not only will we have palms for you to wave but we will also be confirming our confirmation class that day!
- Maundy Thursday on April 14th
- and of course: Easter on April 17th!

I continue to cherish the community formed here at Heritage and look forward to what this season of Lent will bring us.

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 04 – Linda Clark
- 09 – Melinda Brage
- 14 – Adriana Miller
- 16 – Karen Minks
- 22 – Ron Miller
- 27 – Sydney Miller
- 29 – Patty Kouba
- 30 – Robert Hill



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 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.



GAMES AND GROCERIES

Join us for a night of food, games and fellowship on Friday, March 11, at 6 pm. Please bring soup or a side dish to share, your favorite games and your family and friends!



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.

Join us on Sunday, April 24, for a worship service to celebrate God's creation of nature and trees. We also hope to plant several trees around the church to replace the street trees that were removed by the city in the past year. If you would to donate to the purchase of the trees, please contact a member of the Mission Committee.

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

Check out our Lenten Calendar for Bible readings, random acts of kindness, prayer suggestions and ways to support the OGHs. We are asking each family to use a "Fish Bank" to place coins into using the suggestions in the calendar. Calendars and fish banks will be available at the church.

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13 – don't forget to change your clocks!



457 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

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 March.

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



March 11: Games and Groceries

March 13: Daylight Savings Time Starts - Spring Forward

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

March 25, 2022

Items received after this
date may not be included!

MARCH 2022

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>	1 <i>First Day of Women's History Month</i> 10:00 AM Women's Circle	2 5:30 PM Pancake Feed 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service	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 <i>Session Meeting following worship</i>	7 <i>Girl Scouts 20306 Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	8	9 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	10 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	11 10:30 AM Al-Anon 6:00 PM Games and Groceries	12 <i>Deaf Club</i>
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	14 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	15 <i>Daisy Troop 28791</i>	16 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	18 <i>Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby</i> 10:30 AM Al-Anon	19 <i>Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby</i>
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Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.