

THE HERALD

May 2022

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

This last month was a whirlwind of both emotion and ministry! I experienced my first Holy Week with all of you and it was amazing! One particular moment that I will remember is during the Remembrance of Baptism through Aspersion, the entire congregation was signing Halle, Halle, Hallelujah as well as singing it. It was truly a moment of joy and community that I will cherish in my heart forever. We also confirmed and welcomed seven (7!) of our youth as members of the church in a beautifully emotional service on Palm Sunday.

On the other side of things, I spent a lot of time last month either in the hospital with congregation family members at the end of their life or praying for those struggling with grief and loss. We are often called to hold both life and death, joy and grief in our hearts at the same time, generally as human beings but especially as followers of Christ. Our greatest hope is that in those moments, we are not alone. We are wrapped in the arms of the entire community of Christ and held in the arms of Christ himself.

On April 23rd, we had our All-Church Retreat and 16 people attended. This was done as part of the Vital Congregations program and is the beginning of a journey of discernment and self-reflection for Heritage. We gave a recap of the event at worship on May 1st and also participated in a bible study designed through the Vital Congregations program. We will continue to do these bible studies once a month during worship, so we hope that as many people as possible attend those services to participate in this work of discernment. We also held the Soup Contest, and the Golden Ladle was awarded to Karen Griffin Sieber!

Looking forward to the month to come:

- Election day is coming on May 10th and Heritage will be the host of a polling location. If this is your polling location, stop and say hello to us as well!
- On Sunday May 22nd, I will be travelling up to Lake Okoboji in Iowa as a part of my work as Stated Clerk to meet with the other Stated Clerks of our Synod to review presbytery minutes. I will be available by phone should any needs arise!
- June 5th is Pentecost
- June also begins Pride Month. The Mission Committee and I are looking at participating in the Pride Festival here in Lincoln in some format. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know!

Much love and many blessings!
Pastor Erica



MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 07 – Dexter Thompson
- 10 – Dorothy Hill
- 12 – Christie Werner
- 13 – Wade Kendle
- 14 – John Gibson
- 15 – Arnold Wells
- 18 – Lief Tomas
- 19 – Sonia Colberg
- 19 – Scott Hunzeker
- 22 – Candice Minks
- 26 – Ruth Hunzeker
- 28 – Norm Zink
- 29 – Isabella Kendle

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you to all who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Over \$600.00 has been raised for this program that will provide 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

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:

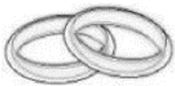
The "Madisonville First Presbyterian Church Hotel" is housing crews coming to the area to assist with cleanup. We expect rebuilding efforts will begin soon. For now, they've set a limit of 35 folks at any one time. The Madisonville church is centrally located for folks working in the Bremen, Barnsley,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

GOLDEN LADLE AWARD

Congratulations to Karen Griffin Sieber on being the 2022 recipient of the Golden Ladle Award!



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 – Ron & Leanne Miller



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.

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES!



Savanna Newman
Lincoln High School

Leif Tomas
Lincoln High School

Elisabeth Wahlgren
University of Oklahoma

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex! Try out the new Hibiscus Tea for a refreshing glass of iced tea this summer!



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

VITAL CONGREGATIONS



Vital Congregations is an initiative of our national church that congregations can use to help assess, discern and live into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that lives are changed, congregations are transformed, and the mission of God spreads throughout their communities. The initiative is based on “7 Marks” of vital congregations. We will focus on one Mark during the next seven months – in the monthly newsletter and one worship service each month.

Mark 1 -- Lifelong Discipleship Formation

Lifelong Discipleship Formation is about daily life. It's about:

1. How we practice our faith; how we grow in faith, cherish faith, and share faith in the world.
2. How people know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, beyond mere words.
3. Daily seeking and living in relationship with the living God, no matter the age.
4. How we are called to be righteous, to seek justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.
5. Growing in the community of God's grace, the church, and interpreting faith in our everyday life.
6. The call to take up our cross daily and follow Christ.

Biblical References: Deuteronomy 11:13-21; Matthew 5:1-16; Luke 8:11-18; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 8:1-17; Philippians 3:9b

Self Reflection Questions:

- How do I practice lifelong discipleship?
- How does the church community help nurture and equip me for lifelong discipleship?
- When have I grown or been challenged as a disciple in this church?
- For Lifelong Discipleship Formation, what would need to change in my communal life? My home life? My daily life?
- How do others know that I am a disciple of Jesus Christ?

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

May 25, 2022

Items received after this
date may not be included!

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 AM Confirmation Studies 10:30 AM Worship	2 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	3 10:00 AM Women's Circle	4 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	5 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	6 10:30 AM Al-Anon	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 10:30 AM Worship	9 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	10 <i>Primary Election Day</i>	11 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	12 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	13 10:30 AM Al-Anon	14 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>
13 10:30 AM Worship	16 <i>Girl Scouts 20306 Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	17 <i>Daisy Troop 28791</i>	18 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	19 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	20 10:30 AM Al-Anon	21
22 10:30 AM Worship <i>DUCS meet in the afternoon</i>	23 <i>Girl Scouts 20306 Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	24	25	26 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	27 10:30 AM Al-Anon	28
29 10:30 AM Worship	30 <i>Memorial Day Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	31	1 <i>First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month</i>	2 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	3 10:30 AM Al-Anon	4

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