

THE HERALD

May 2023

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We have finally made it through Lent and into the Easter season. Christ has been resurrected and we are filled with the promise of renewal and the abundant grace that Christ provides. As we move through the month, we will explore Eastertide, the time where Jesus has been resurrected but still walks among the people. Then on May 28th, we will celebrate Pentecost.

This month brings some sadness to us as we say goodbye to Adam as our choir director. He will be graduating and leaving us for a teaching job at Omaha South High School. This is an exciting time for Adam as he enters a new stage in his life, but we will miss him very dearly. Adam will be leading a special Choir Sunday service on May 21st as his last goodbye.

My trip to Lexington was a success and my sermon at my friend's installation was well received. I stopped in St. Louis on the way in and visited the Arch. It was quite a windy day, so it swayed more than my stomach was comfortable with, but the view was amazing. God's gift of creation is apparent in the many wonders of our world, both natural and person made. Another wonder I was shown is that there is a small castle in Lexington. It was built by a rich man for his wife and is now used as a hotel and destination spot.

As a team building and thoughtfulness exercise, the session and I start our meetings with Everyday Faith – Talk Cards. I received these in a loot crate designed by clergy women for clergy women. They ask simple questions to get you thinking. I would like to pose one of them to you to think about this month: Who is one person in your life that reminds you of God's love?

May the month of May be filled with warm weather and gentle winds and may you always know the love of God in the world and the people around you.

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

07 – Dexter Thompson
 10 – Dorothy Hill
 12 – Christie Werner
 13 – Wade Kendle
 14 – John C. Gibson
 15 – Arnold Wells
 18 – Leif Tomas
 19 – Sonia Colberg
 19 – Scott Hunzeker
 20 – Tony Trotter
 22 – Candice Minks
 26 – Ruth Hunzeker
 28 – Norman Zink
 29 – Isabella Kendle



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

24 – Leanne & Ron 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.

GAMES & GROCERIES IN THE PARK

You are invited to attend Games and Groceries on Friday, May 19 at Holmes Lake Park. Hotdogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring:

- A side dish or dessert to share
- Your own drink
- Yard games
- Grocery donations
- Family and friends!

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

MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS – MAY 14:

We will continue our Mother's Day tradition of donating items to help other mothers in our community who need a little extra help and encouragement. Like last year, the items will be donated to the Healthy Families Program of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Dept. Items most in need are towels, diapers, diaper rash creams, wipes, and money for crisis funds.

PENTECOST OFFERING – INVESTING IN OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

The Pentecost Offering is all about helping young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. This offering will be received until Pentecost Sunday on May 28. Our church's 40% will be directed to Camp Calvin Crest. Please give generously!



DUCs

DUCs will be meeting on Sunday May 21st following worship for fun and games. Watch emails for details!

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex! Be sure to try the different teas for a refreshing glass of iced tea this summer!



In honor of Fair Trade day, we will be handing out mini chocolates on Sunday, May 14. Thank you to all who purchase Fair Trade products!

CIRCLE

Circle will be meeting on June 6th at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome!

SESSION NOTES

Session met Sunday, April 16. Highlights include:

- Erica out of office May 2-3, May 21-23 and June 14-17.
- Continuing to update the Building Use and Wedding policies
- Communion approved for June 4, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and the evening service of 12/24

Please contact a session member if you have any questions or concerns.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Remember the block party during our 125th celebration? We would like to plan another for Saturday, Aug 5, 4-7 pm, to celebrate the neighborhood. But we will need a lot of people to help! If you are interested, please contact a member of the Mission Committee – Andy, Barb, Karen, Leanne, Pat or Robyn. Once we have names, we will then schedule a meeting of the group to continue with the planning! Thank you to all who are willing to help!

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR PER CAPITA!!

The Per Capita this year is \$46. This offering helps the work of our General Assembly, Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Homestead Presbytery. Heritage does not have a budget line item for the per capita, so please make sure to pay in \$46 for each church member in your family. Please contact Pastor Erica or any session member if you have questions. Thanks for your assistance with this important ministry!

2023-2024 SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023: Frances Beaurivage
*Leanne Miller

Class of 2024: *Andy Singsaas
Sydney Miller

Class of 2025: Amanda Miller
Lew Sieber

*denotes 2nd term

2023-2024 COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Christie Werner (Prayer Chain Chairman)
Ruth Hunzeker
Sue Nelson

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

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

May 30, 2023

Items received after this
date may not be included!

MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	2 10:00 AM Women's Circle General Election (Fellowship Hall)	3	4 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	5 10:00 AM Al-Anon	6
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	8 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	9	10 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	11 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	12 10:00 AM Al-Anon	13
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Mother's Day	15 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	16 <i>Girl Scouts 28791</i>	17 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	18 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	19 10:00 AM Al-Anon Games & Groceries @ Holmes Lake Park	20
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Congregational Meeting DUCS following worship	22 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	23	24 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	25	26 10:00 AM Al-Anon	27
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Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.