Here is what we have going on at FPC in MARCH

Sue’s Musings: Trusting in God’s Everlasting Covenant with Us

Do you know the difference between a covenant and a contract? A contract is two sided – I promise this, you promise that. A covenant is one sided – I promise this ... and you ... well, that’s up to you! That’s a rather simplistic way of looking at it, but in our faith history, that is exactly the difference. God has made a covenant with us, and the fact that it is not dependent on us is obvious, because every time people of faith messed things up, God was still there, offering a second chance, loving in spite, and dying for us on a cross. We have a God who says “I promise … no matter what.”

For the Sundays of Lent (Feb. 18 – Mar 25), we are going to explore the nature of God’s covenant with us, which finds its greatest expression in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Join us as Kris and I explore the depths of God’s promises to us.

Pastor Sue
~ Rooted in God ~ Open to Grace ~ Filled with Joy ~

Lent and Holy Week Services
8:30 am and 11:00 am

In addition to the services below, our Sudanese service continues to meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 18  “A Global Guarantee”  Genesis 9:8-17
Feb. 25  “Promises We Can’t Keep”  Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Mar. 4   “Contracts & Covenants”  Exodus 20:1-17
Mar. 11  “Unbreakable”  Ephesians 2:1-10
Mar. 18  “Marriage Vows”  Jeremiah 31:31-34

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 29  Special Communion & Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, Apr. 1 8:30 am and 11:00 am Worship -
Celebrating the Resurrection of Christ and New Life!
Katie, Therapy Dog in Training, is on Duty!

Katie is Pastor Sue’s Welsh Springer Spaniel, and she has been an “occasional regular” at the office for quite some time. Now we are getting serious about training her to be a therapy dog. What is a therapy dog? Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people. My hope, once she is fully trained, is that we can go into nursing homes, schools and hospitals and be a source of both joy and comfort to others. The training she and I will go through include everything from basic manners, to being comfortable around everyone from kids to older people moving around in wheelchairs, and even infection prevention and control, since some of the places we might visit include places where people are especially susceptible to infections. Once we finish our training, we will have to go through in-person testing to make sure that Katie and I are a qualified and capable team to do these special visits.

You may ask – do all the dogs we see in nursing homes and hospitals go through this training? And the answer would be no – some are well behaved pets with loving owners, and that is great. We are taking the extra step to get this specialized training so that anywhere we go, the staff and administration know that we are specially trained to be there, that we are certified by a recognized Therapy Dog organization, and that we can handle anything that may come up.

Katie won’t be in the office every day. My plan is for her to be in the office about two days a week. She’ll be wearing her “Therapy Dog in Training” vest, so please stop by to say hi and ask how you can help with her training! It actually takes a lot of help to develop a good, solid therapy dog.

Katie will also be the occasional visitor in worship, for we want her to be completely comfortable and calm around large groups of people and people milling around. Charles has already been helping her get used to the sound of the organ.

Because Katie will be at church for the occasional Sunday, if anyone is afraid of dogs or has severe allergies to dogs, please let me know so that we don’t put anyone in an uncomfortable position.

Once she and I have completed the training, this will be another ministry that we at First Presbyterian Church can offer.

~Pastor Sue

FPChristian Education

What’s Happening in February!

Children’s Ministry:
- March 4th - Worship Education Sunday - “The Sacraments: Communion and Baptism”
- March 11th - Children’s Sunday School (K-4th - Ten Outcasts, 5-7th – Jerusalem)
- March 18th - Children’s Sunday School (K-4th - Lazarus & 5th-7th – The Last Supper)
- March 25th - Children’s Sunday School - Easter Egg Hunt/Palm Sunday
- April 1st - Easter Sunday/No Children’s Sunday School

Youth Ministry:
- March 4th @ 5:30 pm - Escape Room
- March 6th @ 4:30 pm - FPC Youth at The Gathering Place
- March 11th @ 5:30 - Questions of Faith
- March 18th @ 5:30 - Murder Mystery Dinner - “Murder at Mardi Gras”
- March 25th @ 5:30 - Game Night!

Mission Trip to Memphis, TN - there is still room available on the mission trip so it’s not too late to sign-up! Speak to Kris Brammer about details!
FORUM Series - March 4th

You know about Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you have heard about the Gospel of Thomas, our topic for the Jesus Seminar (March 16-17), but did you know there are even more “gospels” than those? We will take brief introductory looks at some texts that tell other stories about Jesus, texts like; The Secret Gospel of Mark, The Gospel of Peter, The Gospel of the Hebrews, The Infancy Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of the Nazoreans, and more. Join us for this walk through some interesting, curious and even outlandish stories about Jesus.

FPC is hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25!

The festivities will begin at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall with a snack for the children, after which they will hunt for eggs (outside-weather permitting). All are welcome and don’t forget to bring your basket!

For more information or questions, speak with Kris Brammer.

Can you believe that we’re already talking about Easter? How time flies!

The Easter Lily forms are now available at the church office, information tables, and will be coming to your bulletins soon! The forms will be due on March 16th.

The lilies will cost $11 each. Contact the church office if you have any questions!
Jesus Seminar on the Road
First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln
March 16 & 17, 2018
Presented by the Westar Institute

The Fifth Gospel: Recovering the Lost Wisdom of Jesus

In 1945 a new gospel was discovered that would alter the way scholars look at the gospels, the origins of Christianity, and even Jesus himself. The new gospel was identified as the previously known but never found Gospel of Thomas. This Seminar introduces the Gospel of Thomas, examines its vision of Jesus, and asks how Thomas challenges our understanding of the historical Jesus and the story of Christian beginnings.

Program Schedule

The Fifth Gospel - Friday, March 16 7:00-8:30 pm with Stephen Patterson and Nicola Denzey Lewis
What do we learn from the fifth gospel that we do not learn from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? In this opening session, Stephen Patterson and Nicola Denzey Lewis will tell the story of the Gospel of Thomas, look at some major differences between Thomas and the canonical gospels, and bring us up to speed on what scholars know (and don’t know) about Thomas and earliest Christianity.

Unlocking the Fifth Gospel - Saturday, March 17 9:30-10:30 am with Dr. Nicola Denzey Lewis
The surprise discovery of the Gospel of Thomas in 1945 is an event unrivaled in the study of Christian origins. Who wrote it? Where? And why does it sound so different from the canonical gospels? Nicola Denzey Lewis will unlock the secrets of this gospel (some of them!) and what this new gospel really tells us about early Christianity.

Speakers

Dr. Stephen J. Patterson (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School) is Geo Atkinson Professor of religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University. He is the author of many books, most recently The Lost Way: How Two Forgotten Gospels are Rewriting the Story of Christian Origins

Dr. Nicola Denzey Lewis (Ph.D. Princeton University) is the MargoL. Goldsmith Chair in Women’s Studies in Religion at Claremont Graduate University. Her research centers on the city of Rome during the Roman Empire and she holds particular expertise on ancient Christian practices.
Program Schedule Continued

**Thomas: Plato’s Gospel** - Saturday, March 17 11:00 am - Noon with Stephen Patterson  
The Gospel of Thomas holds themes common to Plato's philosophy such as the mortal body and immortal soul. Knowledge of the true self, not to be confused with the physical self, is part of Thomas's concern. But Thomas combines platonic themes with Jesus' sayings and insists that the Empire of God is here and now. Thomas is a good example of how early Christ communities worked creatively with the "science" of their day.

**The Wisdom of Jesus in the Modern World** - Sat., March 17 1:30 - 2:30 pm with Stephen Patterson  
What difference has the Gospel of Thomas made to the way scholars understand Jesus? To the way they understand Christian origins? Or Christianity in its first four centuries? Can this collection of sayings make any difference today?

**Question and Answer Period** - Sat., March 17 3:00-4:00 pm with Nicola Denzey Lewis and Stephen Patterson

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**Fees**

**All Sessions:**

Individual Rate - $75
Pre-registration Rate (by March 2) $60
Additional Family Members $50

**Single Session:**

Friday Evening Lecture - $20
Saturday Morning Workshop - $30
Saturday Afternoon - Workshop - $30

Refunds are available until two weeks before the event if requested in writing, minus a $10 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after that date.

*To register for the event please visit the Westar Institute website at*

March Library Notes

In March we celebrate Nebraska’s statehood, and the FPC Library will be showcasing numerous Nebraska authors and books in which Nebraska plays a central role. Here is just a hint of what you will find:

- *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather
- *Doctor in Petticoats* other titles by Mary Connealy
- *Stories to Remember* and *Stories to Share*, by Margaret J. Dolezal
- *Those were the Days*, by Van C Duling & Jerry Mapes
- *Once Upon a Town*, by Bob Greene
- *First Presbyterian Church 1869-1994 A History*, by Henry Holtzclaw
- *The Middle of Everywhere, Reviving Ophelia*, and *Seeking Peace*, by Mary Pipher
- *A Warrior of the People*, by Joe Starita

FPC’s own Rev. Robert Jeambey has donated several books he has written to the FPC Library. *The People Channel*, was written while he was Director of Communications for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies (PCUSA). Additional books, including *How the Bible Came to Be*, *Spiritual Renovations*, and *Where is God?* were written after his retirement and return to Lincoln.

In March we celebrate Women’s History Month. Books showcasing women, from biographies to fiction, biblical to contemporary, will be found on display. From *Bad Girls of the Bible*, to the Laura Ingalls Wilder *Little House series*, there will be something for all ages and reading interests.

**Lent began February 14th**, the Library has many books that will help guide you and grow your faith in this important season. Check out the section of books under the heading Jesus Christ, (just to the right of the magazine rack). Or consider one of these selections:

- *The Last Week*, by Marcus Borg & John Dominic Crossan
- *The Sermon on the Mount*, by Emmet Fox
- *What Jesus Meant*, by Erik Kolbell
- *The Gift for all People*, by Max Lucado
- *Seeds of Hope*, by Henri Nouwen
- *Jesus the Savior*, by William C. Placher
- *One Jesus, Many Christs*, by George J. Riley
- *This Hebrew Lord*, by John Shelby Spong

March is **Youth Art Month**. Stop by the Library to view selections of art created by the children and youth of the congregation. Any child or youth that would like to display their work can contact Julie Van Meter at (402) 310-6579.

On March 16th and 17th, FPC will be hosting the **Jesus Seminar on the Road**, presented by the Westar Institute. The focus will be on the **Gospel of Thomas**. A selection of books to assist you in preparing for this event will be on display in the Library in March.
Presbyterian Women Highlights

On March 11th we will celebrate the Birthday Offering which was established in 1922 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. This year there are 3 recipients of the funds:

- Cottage Village in Cottage Oregon to provide homes for low-income families
- Village of Grace in Honduras to offer international hospitality and retreats for mission teams from PCUSA
- The Dwelling Place for battered women and their children in St-Paul, Minnesota.

A luncheon will follow second service and everyone is invited to the celebration.

The officers PW met and will contribute to the following:

- $50 to the Youth Mission Trip
- $50 for gift cards for Churchwide Gathering
- $50 to Homestead Presbytery PW for children's books for Spring Gathering. Books will be given to Friendship Home in Lincoln
- $100 for books for church library
- $100 to Lincoln Food Bank
- $100 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- $50 to Homestead Presbytery PW towards cost of transporting PDA supplies to Fern Cliff, AR

Plans are being made for a special celebration of 30 years of Presbyterian Women in the fall.

Women of the church will assist Church Women United during the week of March 5th to celebrate World Day of Prayer.
Music & Fine Arts at
First Presbyterian Church
840 S. 17th St., Lincoln

Hymn Festival with John Ferguson
Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 PM
In collaboration with
The Lincoln Organ Showcase
featuring
The First Presbyterian Choir
with special guest choir
The Presbyterian Church of the Cross
Chamber Singers,
Kristi Treu, conductor

The Crossroads Project
Friday, April 27 at 7:30 PM
A powerful look at global sustainability and climate change with narration, music and visual art
With physicist Robert Davies, the Fry Street Quartet, music by Laura Kaminsky & visuals by Rebecca Allan & Garth Lenz

Tickets: 402.477.6037 www.fpclincoln.org
Find us on Facebook

Seats are still available for both of these wonderful events! To purchase tickets you can call and order them through the church office (402) 477 - 6037 or online at www.fpclincoln.org
Stewardship and Finance Report

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will receive the final 2017 financial statements soon. The numbers were delayed due to staff turnover and a major software conversion. In the meantime committee member Jim Wagner has been busy drafting an update to the church financial policy. Other news from the committee includes:

- The committee would like to develop a report measuring the ROI of the church’s automatic giving options like Amazon Smile, Propelr, and gifts received via text message.
- The committee has discussed the idea of hosting a series of educational opportunities for members of the congregation, these could include a class on the foundation, planned giving, etc.
- Finally, on recommendation of the committee, the Session has recently voted unanimously to eliminate all outside checkbooks at First Presbyterian Church. All such money will run through the church or the foundation going forward, creating more accountability and transparency.

Property Update

Last year we were in a construction zone. This year we are in a demolition zone. When you come to church on Sundays, notice how the houses at 919 So. 17th Street and 1637 F Streets will be changing! After the congregation voted to purchase those two houses, things have moved very quickly. The purchase was made, the demolition company was hired and the asbestos removal has begun. While that was all going on, we reached out to the Near South Neighborhood Association and asked to be on the agenda for their February 12th meeting so we could let them know our plan to move the Community Garden to its new location at the end of this growing season. That meeting went very well. It appeared that the NSNA understood why we wanted the parking lot to be to the east of our property instead of across 17th street. And it appeared that they understood that the houses in question were not salvageable. The Lincoln Journal Star did an article on our plans. In case you missed it, you can find it at http://journalstar.com/news/local/near-south-church-leveling-homes-to-make-room-for-garden/article_ed192f8c-87a9-5002-9250-165639e8d2c8.html. We will keep you posted on progress of the project throughout the year. Look forward to a garden moving party at the end of the growing season! We are thinking a wheelbarrow parade with a harvest theme would be fun! Balloons and cider anyone? Perhaps we are getting a little ahead of ourselves to be dreaming such things, but it’s nice to have something more fun to look forward to than just managing the contractors and getting city permits.

--Your Parking Lot/Community Garden Task Force
Places and Spaces is a subcommittee of session. We were initially tasked with looking at the East Entrance, 1st floor hallway, and signage and how we could give it a fresh new look and update its function to support ministry. From that initial task, the committee took off. Conversations led to what is on our walls and what story does it tell? Is it the story we want to tell? As a result, we have supported Christian Education in their move this past year of every single classroom. Many classrooms were updated and given a new look that supports our ministry and serves as a comfortable learning space for all. Choir got on board and updated the choir room space. What a difference new paint, curtains and some new pictures can make.

We have created a learning area in the upstairs hallway that encourages you to consider various images of Christ. Another area has mission art and sculpture on display. The parlor became our new Welcome Center with information about our church and its many programs. It has been delightful seeing so many enjoying the space prior to service and seeing our visitors look at our information. We updated the Rousseau room and created the Rousseau Gallery, which houses many fine pieces of art and serves as a nice meeting room and additional gathering room for weddings and other functions. We have set up a study table and bulletin board for our Community Language learners near the classrooms used by Southeast Community College on second floor.

Paint, paint and more paint. If you are moving things around you quickly find out how much you need to paint. After CE and property tackled a few Sunday school rooms, we hired painting of the stairways and halls on all three floors. Not a small undertaking. We have painted the west narthex of the church and property updated the lighting. It is so much brighter. East entrance was painted and so was great hall. The committee has painted the walls behind the new history area in Fellowship Hall, The Rousseau Gallery and the Welcome Center. Carpets in the fellowship Hall and hallway downstairs as well as on the main floor in the Welcome Center were cleaned. Wow! What a difference.

We have cleaned out many nooks and crannies and passed on to you and our friends in the neighborhood many gently used items no longer needed in our programs and ministry.

We continue to partner with groups and committees to identify needs and partner in accomplishing goals. Our sewing group made new café style drapes for the preschool room. Christian Education and Property Committees all have worked hard partnering with us. Property replaced carpet in several classrooms.

What is next? You can anticipate new cushions in east entrance, more photographs of our church in action on the walls. More paint in Fellowship Hall, the basement kitchette and other rooms. Fresh fabric covered bulletin boards and several more nooks and crannies cleared out with materials recycled, upcycled and passed on to those who can benefit. More information will be posted about our art. New blinds will update several offices and we will update a few more classroom areas.

Your gifts have been much appreciated. We have done this by starting with no budget, being allocated a little and then your generosity begin to pour in for painting and projects. What a huge change in just one year. If you are interested in a tour let any member know. We would love to show off our church.

Special thanks to our committee Sue Coller, Dianne Fryendall-Smith, Audrey Richert, Connie Philippi, Cindy Lloyd and Lynne Hughes…..and then I do believe every spouse became members whether they wanted to or not. They showed up with drills, paintbrushes and lots of muscle on our workdays! As a side, I especially want to thank our very generous donors and our Pastor. Pastor Sue has been there for every workday and rolled her sleeves up leading the change. She has had a vision for where this new energy can take us all as we minister right here in the neighborhood where we are planted. We may never be sure if our name is Spaces and Places or Places and Spaces. One thing is for sure, we have done much and can do more with your support, encouragement and partnership!
Session Report

Christian Education
- Rousseau class is following a curriculum entitled *Painting the Star*, which looks at science and religion, and will follow that with *Embracing Emerging Christianity*.
- Third Sunday in Hebrews class schedule has been set for the rest of this school year (see more information in CE Section).
- Planning is on-going for the Westar Institutes, Jesus Seminar on the Road, which FPC will host on March 16th and 17th. Easter egg hunt will be March 25th.

Member Nurture
- Communion was given to 2 at home members.
- Grocery Card Sales are going well.
- We received a grateful thank you letter from a family we helped at Christmas time.

Property
- Received a revised proposal for tuck pointing for $60,449 (budget sources have already been identified).
- A cleaning company has been hired.
- We plan to re-grout the sanctuary ourselves to save money.
- A new parking enforcement plan was approved by session.

Stewardship & Finance
- 94 pledges for a total of $372,700.
- Sherry Knapp has been voted to be our new church treasurer.

Parking and Community Garden Task Force
- The final sale of the house has been done and closed. Utilities have been turned off, asbestos abatement has begun. House should be coming down soon.
- We will be going to the Near South Neighborhood meeting to tell them of our exciting plans.

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A note to our congregation
from Carlene Miller,

Thank you, dear church family, for all the expressions of care, love and concern I received during my recovery. You are an amazing congregation and I continue to treasure each kindness.

Carlene Miller
A note to our congregation from T.J. Mills in memory of Ross Smith,

Many of you knew my grandfather Ross Smith for all that he did at First Presbyterian Church throughout his life. He tragically passed away after a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer on Christmas Eve 2016. Pancreatic Cancer is the FOURTH leading cause of cancer deaths. 94% die within FIVE years of being diagnosed. It is FIRST in mortality rate of all major cancers and ZERO methods of early detection have been discovered.

This is why I'm running the Lincoln Half Marathon in May of 2018. I will be running for Project Purple, which raises money for Pancreatic Cancer research in honor of my grandfather. They are a great charity doing great work to help those who are affected by a disease that devastates many families around the world.

I'm writing to you all to ask for donations to honor my grandpa and assist a wonderful charity to raise money in order to find a cure for Pancreatic Cancer. Many of you knew him personally and know that he was one of the most compassionate people not only in our congregation, but in our community.

Any donations you can make would be greatly appreciated by not only myself, but my family and all families who have lost someone to pancreatic cancer. To donate online, visit this link [https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/41st-annual-lincoln-marathon/tjmills1](https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/41st-annual-lincoln-marathon/tjmills1). Checks or cash can be dropped off in the church office. If you have any questions please contact me at TJ.Mills17@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from anyone who has questions regarding Project Purple or why I'm running for them.

Thank you so much for your time. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

T.J. Mills
First Presbyterian Church History—
First Church Reaches Out

Throughout the early years during which the first two buildings were erected and finances were a continuous struggle, the church continued to serve not only its own members but also the community. In 1881, the Ladies Society existed and included committees which helped with missionary work, socials, and relief work. By 1892, the manual of the Manual of the First Presbyterian Church list the Ladies Aid Society and the Ladies Missionary Society as well as the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor.

The first evidence of outreach to the Lincoln community was the establishment of a Mission Sabbath School in 1881, to be located at or near the corner of 19th and Q Streets (then referred to as the northeast part of Lincoln). The school was officially known as “The First Presbyterian Church Mission Sunday School of Lincoln, Nebraska”. Apparently, this is the same mission school that became known as the “North Lincoln Mission Sabbath School”.

Sometime during 1887 a survey was taken showing that there were a number of Presbyterian families in the area of 27th and O Streets, and many children in need of a Sunday school. It was difficult for them to get to First Church, especially in bad weather. In response to this need, First Church established a Sunday school that met in a house at 27th and O Streets. As the work of that Sunday school continued successfully, the establishment of a church was the next step. On August 30th, 1888 Session met and consulted regarding the establishment of a second church. Six months later, Dr. Curtis was authorized to give letters of dismissal to any members who wished to identify themselves with new church, which was named Second Presbyterian Church. Thirty-Five members were granted such letters on March 7, 1889 plus eleven others over the next several months. The actual date of the establishment of Second Presbyterian Church was April 5, 1889.

Not only was the First Presbyterian Church active in promulgating the faith and Christian education throughout the community, but it was also doing it was also doing commendable work within its own membership. The church grew so rapidly that Mrs. Ladd reported that as the 13th and m street building became crowded, “classes were held in every nook and corner of the upper floor and basement. It got so our children were graduation from the kitchen to the pantry. Loose boards were laid on the earth floor of the unexcavated basement under the main part of the church, and large classes of boys were grouped there”.

This is just a short excerpt from the book “First Presbyterian Church – A History (1869-1994)

Stay tuned each month as we explore our rich and diverse history leading up to 150th Anniversary!
Our 11:00 AM Sunday church worship service is broadcast on Spectrum NET Channel 1302 Thursdays at 8:00 PM & Fridays at 1:00 PM. To learn more about us at First Church, visit us at www.fpclincoln.org.

Food Distribution
Saturdays: March 3rd & 17th
9:30 AM: Doors Open
10:00 AM: Food Distribution
Thanks to all who help! Volunteers are always welcome!

Ways to Give!

Amazon Smile
Sign up at smile.amazon.com, choose First Presbyterian Church as your charity, and we will get a percentage of your purchase at no extra cost to you! You MUST enter through smile.amazon.com for your purchase to qualify.

Propelr
Sign up with Propelr if you bank with Union Bank. Visit this link - https://www.ubt.com/personal-banking/debit-cards/propelr - and choose First Presbyterian Church as your selected organization. Participating merchants will donate a percentage of the purchase with your UBT card to FPC!

Online**
Go to: www.onrealm.org/fpclincoln/Give and follow the directions.

To donate via text
Send a text to 73256 with the message MissionPossible. Tap on the link and follow the directions.

Please contact David (officeassist@fpclincoln.org) or call the church office if you have any questions!

**To set up reoccurring gifts/donations contact Carrie (churchadmin@fpclincoln.org) or call the church office.

Moving in the Spirit: Exercise for the Body & Soul
Moving in the Spirit continues at FPC on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in FELLOWSHIP HALL. Open to anyone and free of charge. For more information, please contact Dave Hammar at 402-421-3136 or dbhammar@windstream.net

Stephen Ministry 1st Church
Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-on-one care to members of our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss and other life difficulties. Our relationships with Care Receivers are highly confidential. If you are experiencing a hard time in your life, please call the church office (402) 477-6037, leave a message with your name and phone number, and a Stephen Ministry Leader will call you back.

Flyleaf Book Club
Friday, March 16 at 9:00 am - Library
In March, the book club will be discussing the book The Zookeeper’s Life written by Diane Ackerman. Anyone is welcome to join!

Next First Report Deadline:
Friday, April 13, 2018
This is a hard and strict deadline. We want to make sure that we get all church and member information out there so be sure to send us anything you’d like included in the newsletter by the deadline!

Send articles/photos to David at officeassist@fpclincoln.org

On the prayer list...
Cindy Moralis, Janis Ott, and the family of Elva Peterson
### Thursday 1
- **8:00 am** McPhee / Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
- **9:00 am** Sewing Group / Fellowship Hall
- **11:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **11:45 am** After work Bible Study / Library
- **5:30 pm** The Big Book Club - AA / 107
- **7:30 pm** Sudanese Women’s Prayer Meeting / 107

### Friday 2
- **9:00 am** McPhee / Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
- **10:00 am** Moving in the Spirit / Fellowship Hall
- **5:30 pm** Sudanese Women’s Prayer Meeting / 107

### Saturday 3
- **9:30 am** Food Distribution / East Entrance, Sanctuary
- **1:30 pm** AFS Concert Rehearsal / Sanctuary

### Sunday 4 - Communion Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent
- **8:30 am** Worship / Great Hall
- **9:30 am** Child & Youth Activity Time / Basement
- **9:45 am** Adult Bible Discovery / 105
- **9:45 am** Rousseau Class / 107
- **10:00 am** Children’s Sunday School / 206, 207
- **10:00 am** Youth Bible Discovery / B-8, B-11
- **11:00 am** Worship / Sanctuary
- **12:30 pm** Sudanese Nuer Worship / Great Hall, B-11
- **3:00 pm** AFS Hymn Festival Concert / Sanctuary, FH
- **5:30 pm** Youth Group / Escape Room

### Monday 5
- **8:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **9:00 am** McPhee / Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
- **11:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **7:00 pm** Men’s AA / Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday 6
- **7:00 pm** Men’s Breakfast / Fellowship Hall
- **8:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **9:30 am** Lincoln Lit / FH, B-11, 105, HeBrews, Nursery
- **11:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **1:00 pm** Staff Meeting / 106
- **4:45 pm** Gathering Place
- **5:30 pm** The Big Book Club AA / 107
- **6:30 pm** Stewardship & Finance / 106
- **6:00 pm** Women’s AA / Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 pm** Personnel / 106

### Wednesday 7
- **8:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **9:00 am** McPhee / Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
- **9:00 am** Circle 2 & 3 / 107
- **9:30 am** Lincoln Lit / FH, B-11, 105, HeBrews, Nursery
- **11:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **12:00 pm** Men’s Lunch / Staufer’s
- **5:30 pm** F3 / Fellowship Hall
- **5:30 pm** LGBT AA / 107
- **7:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room, Sanctuary

### Thursday 8
- **8:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **9:00 am** McPhee / Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
- **9:00 am** Sewing Group / Fellowship Hall
- **9:00 am** After work Bible Study / Library
- **11:30 am** SCC / 215, 216
- **1:30 pm** SSF Circle IV / Welcome Center
- **5:30 pm** The Big Book Club AA / 107
- **6:30 pm** Session / 106

### Friday 9
- **9:00 am** McPhee / Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
- **10:00 am** Moving in the Spirit / Fellowship Hall
- **5:30 pm** Sudanese Women’s Prayer Meeting / 107
- **6:30 pm** Sand Dollars / Fellowship Hall

### Saturday 10
- **8:30 am** Stephen Ministry/Fellowship Hall
- **2:30 pm** Mental Health Service for John Luol
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Please notify the church office of any name, address, email, and/or telephone changes.

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For after-hour calls to the church office, 402-477-6037, the staff voicemail extensions and e-mail addresses follow:
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March Birthdays
Birthdays are important events. If your birthday is missing from our list, or listed wrong, please call the church office so we can correct it: 402-477-6037.

1 Barbara Bruning 19 Sue Davis
2 Ashley Driewer 20 Richard Chapin
3 Don Marx 21 Liz Beynon
4 Bhan Buom 22 Glenda Evans
5 Marilyn Dee Coad 22 Donna Peate
6 Nyabihu Puoch 22 Nicole Philippi
7 Kenneth Tenhulzen 23 Donald Steiner
8 Mary Pfoltner 25 Rev. Dr. Sue Coller
9 Christine Abraham 25 Eric Schacht
10 Norm Braaten 27 Dianne Frydendall-Smith
11 Sammi Motchenbacher 27 Rick Houch
12 Philip Waldron 28 Jim Larson
13 Casie Burling 29 Ann Powers
14 Katie Pinch 30 Brittany Pfoltner
15 Josie Bechtold 31 Christine Synowicki
16 Britteny Bechtold 31 Carlene Waldron
17 Dr. Brian Pfoltner 31
18 Rev. Dr. Sue Coller 31
19 Eric Schacht 31
20 Dianne Frydendall-Smith 31
21 Rick Houch 31
22 Jim Larson 31
23 Ann Powers 31
24 Brittany Pfoltner 31

If you had a birthday and we missed you I apologize! Please let us know so we can update our files.

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If you need a ride to a Sunday worship service at the church, please contact a Sunday Morning Driver or the church office.