SERMON TALKS
Many have wished for an opportunity to talk about the sermon after church on Sundays. I would love an opportunity to dialogue about my sermons. So, beginning October 3rd, in the lounge, we invite you to grab a cup or coffee and a snack and join me for informal conversation. I think it will be a lot of fun as well as a time of enrichment and growth for us all.

PREACHING SERIES
THE GIFT OF PRAYER- DEEPENING OUR LIVES
September 12th: Coming Home
September 19th: Breathing New Life into Our Journey
September 26th: Our Questions About Prayer
October 3rd: How Do We Sing Our Soul Songs in A Foreign Land?
World Communion Sunday
October 10th: Prayer as Movement and Action

A BOOK DISCUSSION
TORTILLA CURTAIN, by TC Boyle
Begins Saturday, October 2nd at 10am
This is an amazing tale of two families: one family is Mexican and struggling for survival and one a wealthy family composed of an environmental author and real estate agent from California. Their lives intertwine in uncomfortable ways, offering us good opportunities for discussion. This is one of the One Book, One Lincoln finalist. This discussion group will take place for 4 weeks and meet on Saturday mornings at 10am. Be prepared for a lively discussion.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS
Begins on September 22nd at 6:20pm
On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:20 we will have an informal 30 minute service. Come and enjoy coffee and snacks from the Soul Café. This is family friendly and dialogue is encouraged. We have found that the wisdom of the group is amazing!

September 22nd: Questions about Prayer
October 13th: “I See You”
(Theme from Avatar, the movie)
October 27th: The Pain of Disconnection
(Theme from Avatar, the movie)

PRAYER GROUPS AND A WORKSHOP ON PRAYER
Last Spring three prayer groups met for 6 weeks. It was a wonderful experience of connecting and getting to know one another and God in a deeper way. We would like to begin prayer groups in the Fall again.
You are invited to a workshop on Prayer on Thursday, September 30th at 7pm to get a greater sense of the variety of ways that we can pray together. It is surprising how we have a preconceived impression of the ONLY way we can approach God. This workshop will open our minds and souls to new ways of prayer.
THEN the following Thursday, October 7th, we will meet in small groups.

THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
- The prayer groups are 5-6 people
- The groups will meet for 6 times
- Each group will discuss the best time to meet, IF Thursday nights do not work well.
- Each group will take on their own personality and style
- There will be opportunities for groups meeting in the daytime as well as the evening.
- As requested, there will be childcare.
AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Remember in Prayer these members and friends of our church that are home bound, recovering from illness or loss of a love one. They are with us in our prayers and hearts.

Prayers for continued recovery from Illness and/or Surgery:
- Greg Pickerel - nephew of Beth Franz
- Mark Kempcke – brother of Paul & Brian
- Jessica Smith
- Juanita Ketterer
- Mary Stahly’s Mother
- Georgia Williams
- Howard Kehm
- Chuck Hruby
- Chuck Van Rossum
- Ruth Slaby
- Harry Manglitz
- Jack Hippe
- Gary Clay
- Wendy Finlaw

Worshiping with us at Home:
- Jeanne Akeson
- Iola Houser
- Barb Geist
- Wilma Schlattmann
- Ed Pynn
- Donna Emery
- Betty Walls
- Bob Morin

Condolences and prayers to:
- Family of Marie Shelbourn grieving her death on July 14th;
- Ruth Slaby and family grieving the death of Joe on July 18th;
- Janet Domeier and family grieving the death of her Aunt, Margaret Gibson

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

GIVING OF PLEDGES
This month we are asking you to provide your own giving envelope. Please date and mark clearly how your pledge is to be divided between: General Fund, Diaconate, W.E. Building Fund, and/or Other. Giving envelopes and slips are also available in the pews each Sunday morning. Please designate how your pledge is to be divided on your check or Giving Slip, so that it is recorded accurately.

SUMMER = UNTILITIES UP + GIVING DOWN
During the summer months with vacations, family activities, and sporting events, our giving to support the church often decreases. It appears that for July our giving will not cover expenses and we will need to tap into our Operating Fund Reserve. This reserve fund has only $2515 to fall back on and will need to be replenished, so please continue to keep your pledges and gifts current.

Thank you,
Janet Domeier, Moderator and Church Council

GO GREEN & SAVE
Did you know you can slow climate change and save the environment by recycling? The church has many containers for recycling! Along the west hallway to the elevator and stairs are containers for:
1. City Mission (clothes, household items etc.)
2. Ink Cartridge (from any printer)
3. Cell phones
4. All recyclables (located in the kitchen near garbage cans)

The sharing of food is also an important mission at the church. We have collection containers for food in the hallway.
1. Back Pack (nonperishable food check later newsletter)
2. Food Pantry

People and groups helping with these recyclables are: Diaconate, Christian Ed.,
ATTENTION CHANGE OF DATE!
October 10th, 2010

FALL FESTIVAL
2nd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
3pm – 6:30pm
Save the date for fall fun!

You can help now in the planning of our fall festival. We need the following:

- **New Activities** -- Have you seen activities at other events that would be ideal to include in our Festival?
- **Entertainers** -- Do you sing, dance, have a band, etc?
- **Crafters** -- We are adding a Craft Fair to the Festival. Are you a crafter and want sell you crafts?
- **Raffle Items** – We are looking for 4-5 great raffle items. Suggestions are: bike, stained-glass item, unique handcrafted item, Television, DVD player, ipod, football tickets, travel certificates, etc

If you can help us out with any of these items, please contact Cathy Becker @ 440-4700 or Gina Pigsley @ 466-0696 or 525-7263.

THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT & BUS TRIP
The Theatre Organ Concert at the Omaha Rose Theatre on July 18th was well attended and Rob Richards of Hollywood, CA put on a fantastic performance! In addition he accompanied the silent movie, Two Tars and the Swingtones Dance Band. Dinner followed at Spaghetti Works in the Old Market for the bus group. As a River City Theatre Organ Society member, I was very proud to have so many attend the concert and appreciate the preservation of these organs and music.

Thank you to our church members who attended and invited friends and family to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach in our community. Also, a special Thank You to Jerry & Gina Pigsley for hosting the bus group.

--Janet Domeier

SCRIPTS FUNDRAISING PROGRAM
The FUNd & Fellowship Committee is developing plans to implement the Scripts Fundraising Program for our church. Basically our church will sell specific Gift Certificates and receive a percentage of income for those sold by us. There are many types of Gift Certificates available to sell and we plan to select a few of the most popular initially to sell. The percentage of income for the church from gift certificate sales varies based upon the business’s gift certificates.

Scripts Gift Certificates Fundraising has been very successful for several churches and other organizations. At this point we need the following to begin this program.

Basically there are 2 key needs:

1. An upfront dollar amount to purchase initial gift certificates. (A minimum of $1000.) This allows members to purchase gift certificates immediately. There will also be the option on some gift certificates for members to order and pay for gift certificates that would then be available for pick-up the following week. (Most churches use a combination of these 2 options.)

2. At least 2 people or 2 couples to be the key coordinators of this project. They will be responsible for purchasing gift certificates from the Scripts program and local businesses, selling the gift certificates, and managing the money. The committee members will assist with the initial set-up and also be available for assistance.

Anyone that might be interested, please contact Janet Domeier at 483-2743
MEALS ON WHEELS
We are proud to be a part of Meals on Wheels to our community for more than 40 years.

This month’s volunteers:

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If you have a question, or wish to volunteer, contact our MOW Coordinator, Lillian Barthule @ 858-5000.

KAMP KALEO JUNK JAUNT FUNDRAISER
September 24-26

Mission Teams & Volunteers are needed at First Christian Church (430 So. 16th, Lincoln) to assist with sorting, pricing, and packing items collected in Lincoln. A Semi-truck has been volunteered to haul these items to Burwell on Aug. 16th.

Dates and Hours to volunteer in Lincoln are:
- Aug. 9 – 13: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 15 – 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Load Truck)

Volunteers are also needed in Burwell during September:
- Sept. 15 - 17: Organize Items
- Sept. 17 – 18: Price Items
- Sept. 21 – 23: Final Preparations
- Sept. 24 – 26: Sale (Also, need help with concessions)

Please schedule your volunteer time with:
Cheryl @ 402-475-4289 or Info@fcclincoln.org
D’Arcy @ 402-423-1300 or darcyblosser@gmail.com

YOUR DONATIONS NEEDED: Arts, crafts, collectibles, antiques, curios, collectibles, sporting goods, tools, etc. We cannot accept clothing, firearms, exercise bikes, Computer Monitors, Non-Digital TV’s or furniture that requires more than two persons to carry.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Project Coordinators, Janet Domeier @ 402-483-2743 or domeier@inetnebr.com or Ruth Few @ 402-489-4832 or rfwew@hotmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

SCRAP BOOKING!
Join Us 1st and 3rd Tuesday Nights from 5-10pm at Northeast United Church of Christ
You will be joined by others who want to preserve the past, enrich the present, and inspire hope for the future. You can bring your own supper or we will order take out around 6pm. The only cost will be your food and supplies for scrap booking. If this is your first time, bring 10 pictures and we will help you get started. For more information and to RSVP, contact Dana Steffan @ 560-1134.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are Priceless!”
You give your time – The most generous gift of all.

CUSTODIAL VOLUNTEERS: A list of duties is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen janitorial closet of what needs to be done this week. If you are in the building and see that something needs to be cleaned, please do not wait for an invitation, Just Do It! Then sign off on the cleaning item and date it when it is completed.
Calling all singers!
Choir practice begins on
Wednesday, August 25\textsuperscript{th} at
7:00pm. Please lend your
voice to our chancel choir.
Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

August 1 - Communion
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Linda Heinisch
Door Host: Leland & Helen Tompsett
Elevator Host: Everett Miller
Ushers: Marion & Virginia Packett

August 8
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Phyllis Anderson
Door Host: Earl & Arline Kraft
Elevator Host: Eldon Wooters
Ushers: Dale & Velma Bush

August 15 – Contemporary Worship
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Dayle Prenosil
Door Host: Dale and Velma Bush
Elevator Host: Jim Becker

August 22
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Chris Eigbrett
Door Host: Doyle and Judy Danekas
Elevator Host: Jason & Maggie Renker

**EVENTS AND NOTICES**

August 29
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Larry Eigbrett
Door Host: Harold and Jess Ross
Elevator Host: Darlene Morter
Usher: Mike and Allison Trentman

Counter: John and Pat Young
Coffee Host: Council

ADAM STREET IS OPEN!
Adams Street is now open and the barricades are gone!

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE**

Friday, August 20\textsuperscript{th} – 9 am - 4pm.

Saturday, August 21\textsuperscript{st} – 9am to 2pm

Start bringing in your unwanted treasures to the Northeast’s Annual Rummage/Bake Sale. Volunteers are needed during the following dates:

- July 6 – August 10: Sorting and Pricing (Call Gina Pigsley if you have an hour or two during the day to volunteer)
- August 10 – 19: Set up tables and items for sell in the Fellowship Hall
- August 19 & 20: Bakers can drop off fresh made goodies for the Bake Sale!
- August 20 – 21: Help with the Sale! (Friday from 9:45 am to 4:15pm) (Saturday from 9:45am to 2:15pm)
- August 21 at 2pm: Prepare unsold items to go to Junk Jaunt

To help, contact Gina Pigsley at 464-0210 or 466-0696. Proceeds will go towards Women’s Fellowship’s Projects. All unsold treasures will go to Kamp Kaleo Junk Jaunt Fundraiser (see below).
Everyone, including your family and friends, are invited to join us for the 46th annual Family Camp over Labor Day Week-end at Kamp Kaleo. It is a great “get-away” with many activities available at the camp and in the surrounding area. A few examples are: canoeing and tubing the Loup River, swimming & fishing at the Calamus Dam, touring Fort Hartsuff, eating camp fire pies and s’mores, playing sand volleyball & ping pong, or just plain relaxing in the shade of the many big trees at camp, etc., etc.

Registration forms are available in the newsletter and at church. The registration fee includes all meals and cabins. Brochures with information on camp and what to bring are located in the church narthex. More information, call Janet @ 483-2743.

OFFICE WISH LIST:
Message Board – cost $25
Folding Tables – 2’ x 4’; cost $30 each

DIRECTORY UPDATES
2010 Large Print Directories are Now Available.

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE!
All bulletin items must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday of each week.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by 5pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL
If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send me an e-mail say “Please send me the Newsletter by e-mail at this address”. This will save printing and postage cost of the monthly newsletter. A printed

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