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Lexington, Nebraska

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CHOIR PRACTICES START

Joy Ringers will resume practices on Wednesday August 23rd at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m. that day.



CHURCH ORGAN DEDICATION AND HYMN SING

On Sunday, August 27th, during the worship hour, we will have a Hymn Sing and dedicate our newly refurbished organ. Chuck Messerschmidt will be playing the organ. Come and enjoy wonderful organ music and uplifting singing!



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

It's that time of the year again!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY WITH DEEP BLUE KIDS!

3rd Graders will also receive their Bibles today.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Let's get the Sunday School year started off right with songs, Scripture, snacks and fun games!

See you then!



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - Worship/nursery provided

11:00 a.m. - Coffee

Church Staff

Teaching Elder: Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams

Hostess: Linda Anthony

Financial Secretary: Julie Rickertsen

Office Manager: Alice Screws

Joy Ringers Director, Chancel Choir

Director, and Music Coordinator: Holly

Rickertsen

Ruling Elders

Dale Biehl Linda Lauby

Karla Denker Steve Luther

Ed Heusinkvelt Mary Reed

Paula Kearney Beth Rogers

Da'Lacy Lans

Clerk of Session: Gene Nansel

Deacons

Dorothy Bremer Rhea Musil

Vicki Davis Tom Musil

Marlene DeLap Carol Nelson

Jonelle Lans Lisa Pebley

LaDonna McClure Pat Sherman

Larry Moomey Carol Stock

Serving in August

Head Ushers: Dan & Tempie Roberts

Greeters: Pat & Doran Post

Offering Counters: Fred Nisley and a Properties Volunteer

Lay Leaders:

August 6 – Elsie Barrett

August 13 – Curt Rickertsen

August 20 – Diane Yeutter

August 27 – Andrea Nisley

Nursery Volunteers:

August 20 – Kamryn Pike

August 27 – Abbie Owens

September 3– Isabella Carlson

September 10- Jordan Lans

September 17– Kamryn Pike

September 24– Abbie Owens

***** Lay Leaders: If you switch Sundays with another Lay Leader, please let the church office know by Thursday noon of that week so that the Lay Leader can be listed correctly in the Sunday bulletin.**

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Faith Team – August 1, 6:15 p.m.

Giving Team – August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Properties Team – August 21, 7:00 p.m.

Welcoming Team – August 22, 6:15 p.m.

Personnel Team – August 29, 5:45 p.m.

****Session – August 29, 7:30 p.m. Different date****

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Alyssa (Evans) and Jonathan Bartholomew who were married here at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 22nd, 2017.



Dear Friends,

It is that time of year again, back to school. Everyone is busy getting new clothes and school supplies. Things are picking up here at the church too and I want to mention a few events that you will read about in this newsletter:

Hymn Sing and Rededication of the organ on Sunday, August 27th during worship
(be sure to turn in your hymn request for that service)

LOGOS begins on Wednesday, September 6th

Rally Day is on Sunday, September 10th

Third graders will receive their Bibles during worship on Sunday, September 10th

Lately I have heard a question coming from folks around the church, "Why is it taking so long to find a new pastor?" The process for finding a pastor can often seem tedious and lengthy, however it has been my experience that the process we have as a denomination works. Finding the right pastor for this time in the life of the church is going to take some time and the PNC is going to need our support as they carry out this important work of the church. What can you do?

Pray for the members of the PNC – Curt, Da'Lacy, Dan, Judy, Liz, Shoshana, and Tom. They are working hard to find the best candidate to present to the congregation. So, **encourage them** in the time and energy they are giving to the process. Lift them up in their work instead of focusing on how long the process is taking or asking when it will be over.

Pray for the person that God will call to serve as Pastor of this congregation. God will direct the PNC to that person, so pray for him/her as they follow God's call in their own life.

Ask what God is teaching us during this in-between time. A church is not a pastor, a church is the people. Pastors will come and go in the life of a church, the congregation is what makes the church a church.

And one more thing you can do - - PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Grace & peace,

Pastor Polly



Birthday Club

BIRTHDAY CLUB

JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB! In your birthday month contribute \$1.00 (or 10 cents or a quarter, etc.) for each year of your life so far. The thousands of dollars contributed each year go to the Endowment Fund. The fund generates interest which is divided between Physical Facilities and Outreach Fund. If you would like to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes in the pews, or you can write "Birthday Club" on your check.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle meets August 24 at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to meet on the third Thursday, through November 16. Marilyn Biehl is hostess, and the group has the lesson.



MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle resumes September 21 at 2:00 p.m. Carol Nelson is the hostess and Jo Sherman is responsible for the lesson.

P. W. FALL GATHERING

The theme for the Fall Gathering this year is "Redeemed to Serve". The Fall Gathering will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Axtell on September 9, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration is at 9:00 a.m.



Haley and Ross Rogers, college students from our church, will present a program on their 6-week ministry in Haiti this summer. Come and hear what God is doing through youth from our area.

We will also have a worship service, time for fellowship with others and a fun activity and lunch.

Cost is \$10 . Checks need to be sent (by September 1) to:

Sue Roads
PO Box 32
Axtell NE 68927

PW BAKED POTATO BAR



The P.W. Baked Potato Bar will be held on Thursday, September 7, at Noon. All women of the church are invited! **Please let the church office know if you will be coming so we can get all the taters we need.**

LOGOS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6!



LOGOS will begin again on September 6th. The times will remain the same: 4:00 p.m. for Kindergarten through 5th graders, and 6:00 p.m. for 6th through 12th graders. **Registration form is on the last page of this newsletter.**



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Once every six weeks we spend a week helping folks get a good hot noon meal, delivered with a friendly face and a smile! If you are willing or able to volunteer, please Contact Sharon Steinberger at 324-2060. **Delivering in** Next delivery date will be August 21-25 .



LOOSE OFFERINGS

Loose Offerings during the month of August go to the L2 for Kids program. This program provides a set of brand new school clothes for eligible children free of charge. We all remember when we were able to start school in our brand-new school clothes. Some children never got to experience this until L2 for Kids came along! The loose offerings for September go to the Peacemaking Offering.



GROCERY CART

The grocery cart will be in the narthex on the 1st Sunday of every month, ready for your non-perishable food items for the Lexington Food Pantry. The Lexington Food Pantry serves **many** people in need.

NEXT UP— SERVICE COMMITTEE GROUP B

Co-Chairs:

Karla Denker	325-1821
Jo Sherman	324-4772
Sharon Steinberger	324-2060
Carol Stock	324-7128

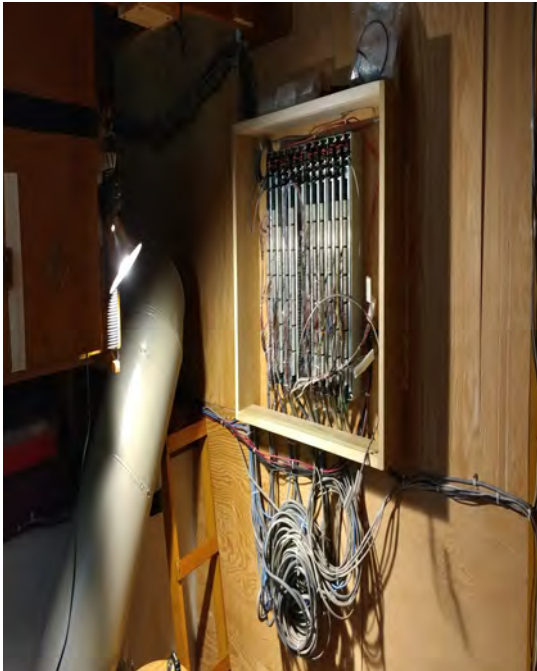


Ardith Bendler	324-4247	Barb Poehler	784-3753
Marilyn Biehl	324-4426	Cindy Reutlinger	324-3250
Rosalie Bonini	324-5190	Holly Rickertsen	324-2417
Geraldine Bricker	324-3323	Joyce Rimpley	324-4063
Betty Clark	324-6874	Ann Smets	324-1919
Billie Clements	324-2470	Shirley Smets	324-4333
Deb Harkless	324-6845	Becca Walton (w)	324-5651
Jean Henderson	324-2236	Jill Williams	785-8131
Evelyn Hutt	324-4874	* Gladys Hodgson	324-3146
Doll Nielsen	324-6834	* Ellie Kelly	324-2538
Andrea Nisley	324-3651	* Gail Magnuson	324-3746
Joyce Olsen	785-8172		

OUR CHURCH ORGAN

Have you ever wondered what's behind those doors at either end of the choir loft? That's where all the organ *business* is. In photo "A" you can see all the new electronic equipment that's been installed and the large white duct that blows air up to the pipes to make the sounds. In photo "B" you see the organ keyboard console with the back removed and all the new electronics that have been installed there. Photo "C" shows some of the smaller pipes that make the higher notes. Photo "D" shows what's up above, where some of the big pipes are that make the deeper tones. *Come and enjoy the organ music and Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 27th, when we will dedicate our newly refurbished organ.*

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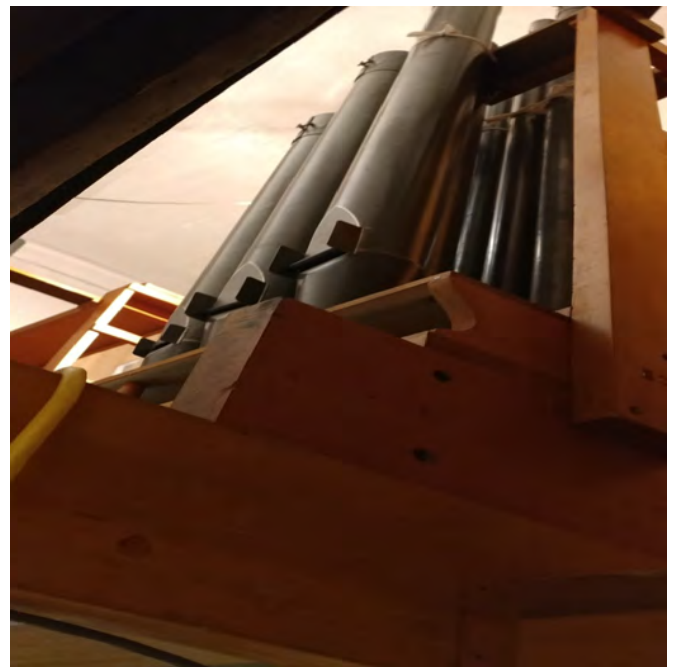
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NEW IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

As we move toward fall planning, three books by Adam Hamilton have been added to the Christian Growth section of the library. These are excellent for your own personal growth, for stand-alone lessons if you want, or as a series of lessons with a theme. Study guides can be ordered.



Half Truths These are simple phrases that capture some element of truth, yet miss the point in important ways. Join Pastor Hamilton in his search for the whole truth with wisdom found in scripture.

Everything happens for a reason.

God helps those who help themselves.

God won't give you more than you can handle.

God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Beyond platitudes, clichés and half truths.

Why? Here are some thoughtful explanations for some of our deepest questions.

Why do the innocent suffer?

Why do my prayers go unanswered?

Why can't I see God's will in my life?

Why God's love prevails

Creed What Christians believe and why (Exploring the Apostles' Creed) If we know why we say it, we can speak the words with enthusiasm and confidence.

God

Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit

The Church and the Communion of Saints

The forgiveness of sins

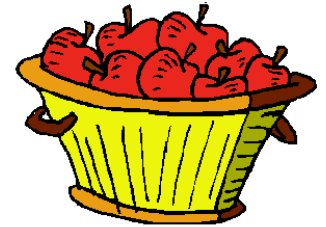
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Appendix: The Creeds of the Church



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Monthly Planner



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LOGOS PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2017-18

Date: _____

Youth/child's name _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Date of birth _____

Parent's/Guardian's names _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Best phone # for during LOGOS _____

Emergency contact name _____

Emergency contact phone/pager _____

Parents' church affiliation(s) _____

Persons authorized to pick up child K thru 5 _____

For Youth grades 6-12 (please check all that apply)

_____ my child will drive him/herself/siblings

_____ my child will walk

_____ I will pick up my child

_____ my child may accept a ride from a friend

_____ my child may have passengers in the car

MEDICAL RELEASE

Health problems/allergies your child may have to food, medications, etc.

Special needs/restrictions _____

Physician Name and ph. # _____

Hospitalization Insurance policy and number _____

Authorization for treatment of a minor

My youth/child, named above, has my permission to attend trips and special events sponsored by the LOGOS program meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Nebraska. In the event of illness or accident, if the parent or guardian cannot be reached, I authorize the church or its agents to consent to any diagnosis, examination, treatment or hospital care for my child which is deemed advisable by and is rendered under the supervision of a physician. I release the church and its agents from responsibility in the case of an accident or illness in connection with any authorized church activities.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date: _____

(please see back)

PHOTO PERMISSION

I hereby authorize First Presbyterian Church, hereafter referred to as "Church," to publish photographs taken during church functions of myself and/or the minor child or children listed below, and our names and likenesses, for use in the First Presbyterian Church's print and online newsletter.

I hereby release and hold harmless First Presbyterian Church from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself and for the minor child and children listed below associated with the images specified above. Further, I attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child or children listed below and that I have full authority to consent and authorize First Presbyterian Church to use their likenesses and names.

I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and that neither I, the minor child, or minor children will receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or other Church publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release First Presbyterian Church and its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Church publications, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the minor children listed below.

Authorization:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Children: _____

Names and Ages of Minor Children:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____