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## ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The Annual Stewardship drive will begin in November, culminating with the annual Stewardship dinner on Sunday, November 19. The theme for this year is "Thankfulness". Pledge cards will be included in the Sunday bulletins for the first 2 Sundays in November. They may be filled out and dropped in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or brought to the Stewardship Dinner and turned in at that time.



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## P.W. PRAISE SERVICE

The Presbyterian Women Praise Service will be held on Thursday, November 2nd, at noon. The speaker will be Martha Draskovic from Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, home of the Lexington Food Pantry and the local Backpack Program. All women are welcome to attend.



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

-THE LMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE is Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Church (301 E. 6th St) with Pastor Anne Gahn speaking. There will be a pie fellowship afterward. Each church is encouraged to donate pies for the fellowship. Please sign up to provide a pie on the sheet in the church narthex.





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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 November**

**Head Ushers:** Corey & Jeanne Burns and girls

**Greeters:** Mary Reed & Vicki Davis

**Offering Counters:** Ed Heusinkvelt and a Properties Volunteer

**Lay Leaders:**

November 5 — Mary Reed

November 12 — Shoshana Patocka

November 19 — Diane Yeutter

November 26 — Dorothy Bremer

**\*\*\* 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.**

**Nursery Volunteers:**

November 5 — Jordan Lans

November 12 — Isabella Carlson

November 19 — Kamryn Pike

November 26 — Abbie Owens

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

Welcoming Team — November 1, 6:15 p.m.

Giving Team — November 6, 6:30 p.m.

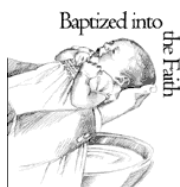
Faith Team — November 7, 6:15 p.m.

Properties Team — November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Personnel Team — November 28, 5:45 p.m.

**Session — November 28, 7:30 p.m.**

**BAPTISM**



Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 24th, was Berkley Joy Copper, daughter of Robert and Anna Copper. Berkley is the granddaughter of Ed and Sally Heusinkvelt.

**SYMPATHY**



**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are with Joyce Rimpley and family on the death of her sister, Gloria Gregory.

**-OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are with Bill Smets and family on the death of Bill's brother, Thomas Smets, of Grand Island.



Dear Friends,

I love this time of the year! The temperature is getting colder, the colors of the leaves are changing, and the Thanksgiving holiday is around the corner. I love Thanksgiving – good food and time with family! This year we will be in Grand Junction, Colorado with Matt's Mom for the holiday.

As we all gather around the table with piles of food in front of us and football on the TV, it is important for us to remember to give thanks. I want to give you a prayer to use with your families and friends for your Thanksgiving meal.

We enjoy God's blessings every day of the year and we thank God every day. But today is a special day to remember all that God has done for us and to give thanks and praise to God.

Thank you, God, for our home and our family.

Thank you, God, for jobs and school.

Thank you, God, for healthy bodies and medical care when we need it.

Thank you, God, for the seasons and the wonders of creation.

Thank you, God, for food and clothing.

Thank you, God, for neighbors and friends

Thank you, God, for the love that God has shown to us in Jesus Christ.

And as we give thanks, we remember the needs of others.

We remember those without homes or families.

We remember those who have no jobs and those who never get the chance to go to school.

We remember those who are sick and cannot get medical care.

We remember those who are suffering because of natural disasters or harsh weather.

We remember those who are lonely and those who feel unloved.

We remember those who have not heard or do not believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the ways that you have blessed our family. We want to be doers of your word and not just hearers. Help us to use our blessings to help your people in need. Amen.

May each of you have a wonderful time with family and friends as you give thanks to God for all we have been given.

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. Joining in October: Swede Nelson, Mickey Hundley and Cynthia Brinley.

### FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle meets November 16 at 9:00 a.m. Ann Grubb is hostess. The group has the lesson. This will be the last meeting until next Spring.



### MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m. at Brookdale. Carol Nelson is the hostess and Dorothy Woodside is responsible for the lesson. The next meeting will be in January,

### LOGOS



LOGOS will continue the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays of most months: 4:00 p.m. for Kindergarten through 5th graders, and 6:00 p.m. for 6th through 12th graders, with supper for both groups at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year is *Learn and Serve*. This year we will visit various countries during our LOGOS season. The month of November we will be visiting Kenya.

Marlene DeLap is in charge of table decorations for the month of November.

Dessert makers are needed for 3 Wednesdays of each month. Please sign up on the board in the narthex or contact Linda Anthony if you can help provide a dessert.

### THANK YOU



**-THANK YOU!** The Decorating Committee would like to thank Andrea Nisley for the gourds she grows and provides for the church's fall decorating. They are so much appreciated!



## 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! Thank you Doran and Pat Post, Dick and Liz Sanderman, Larry Steinberger, Lorin and Dorothy Bremer, Dorothy Woodside and Anne Grubb for helping deliver meals to our shut-in residents. If you are willing or able to volunteer, please Contact Sharon Steinberger at 324-2060. Next delivery date will be Nov. 27—Dec. 1.



### LOOSE OFFERINGS

Loose Offerings during the month of November go to Church World Service Blanket Sunday offering.

The Noisy Buckets offerings will go along with the Sunday School Mission Project to be determined.



### 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.

The local Food Pantry shelves are always in need of donations at this time of the year with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up!

## 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
Marilyn Biehl	324-4426
Rosalie Bonini	324-5190
Geraldine Bricker	324-3323
Billie Clements	324-2470
Deb Harkless	324-6845
Jean Henderson	324-2236
Evelyn Hutt	324-4874
Doll Nielsen	324-6834
Andrea Nisley	324-3651
Joyce Olsen	785-8172

Barb Poehler	784-3753
Cindy Reutlinger	324-3250
Holly Rickertsen	324-2417
Joyce Rimpley	324-4063
Ann Smets	324-1919
Shirley Smets	324-4333
Becca Walton (w)	324-5651
Jill Williams	785-8131
* Gladys Hodgson	324-3146
* Ellie Kelly	324-2538
* Gail Magnuson	324-3746



**NEW IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY****NEW BOOKS****CHILDREN**

*Jesus, The Very Best Christmas Gift Of All* by Cathi Trzeciak

*The Time of Easter* by Suzanne Richterkessing

*Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch

*Sophia the First* by Catherine Hapka

*Whatever Happens To Puppies?* by Bill Hall

**FICTION**

*To Be Where You Are* by Jan Karon. This is the newest book of the Mitford series. You'll recognize Father Tim and the delightful inhabitants of Mitford that you've grown to love through the years. Enjoy!

**INSPIRATIONAL**

*Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury* by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

**BOOK REPORT**

***Before We Were Yours*  
by Lisa Wingate  
a book report by Jo Sherman**

This story takes place in the 1920's and is based on true events. There was a place called the Tennessee Children's Home Society, run by a woman named Georgia Tann.

Between 1920 and 1950, thousands of children were taken away from single mothers and poverty-stricken parents in and around Memphis, and taken to various unlicensed boarding homes. The children were given new names, then advertised for adoption to families who could afford to pay the large fees.

The story follows the trail of a family of five children taken from a riverboat. Their father was with the mother who was having a difficult time giving birth to the sixth and seventh children.

Rill, who was twelve years old, was put in charge of her four younger siblings when her parents were gone. Men came and literally kidnapped all five children and took them to an orphan home, where they and others were underfed and abused.

We learn how Rill protected her siblings the best way she knew how, but being a child herself, her efforts were in vain. She made friends with a newly hired lady and told her about her family's background. The helper is then fired for trying to tell the truth to the owner, Mrs. Tann. Rill is punished, and her baby brother and sister are then adopted.

Many children were shipped to profitable out-of-state agencies for adoption, and Georgia Tann then pocketed her share of the large fees. Some of the clients were movie stars such as Joan Crawford and June Allyson.

As the story unfolds, every other chapter is about Rill, and the in-between chapters are told of another female character. Later on we learn how they all fit together.

This is a powerful story about sisters and the secrets they kept for many years.

Lisa Wingate is a well-known Christian fiction author, having written over twenty books. Her other books include *Orphan Train* and *The Nightingale*.



## Notes From the September 26, 2017 Session Meeting

Communion: September 10, 2017-----105

Berkley Joy Copper, daughter of Anna and Robert Copper, was baptized on Sunday, September 24, 2017. The Rev. Polly K. Deppen-Williams officiated.

Membership remained at: 269

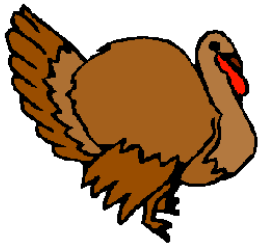
Current balances for January through September 2017:

Balance brought forward 01/01/17	\$ 8,800.86
Receipts	122,180.49
Disbursements	153,460.04
Transfers to general fund	24,150.00
Transfers to money market	0.00
Balance as of 09/21/17	1,671.31
Balance of money market fund 09/21/17	\$ 37,525.86

Session approved the following recommendations:

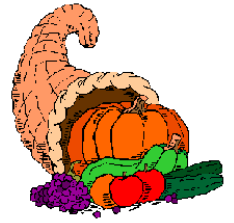
Personnel Committee: Personnel recommended to Session that Pastor Polly's current contract be dissolved as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Personnel recommended to Session that Pastor Polly's new terms of call be accepted as presented. Major terms of the agreement being 10 hours a week and benefits totaling \$23,243 per year.

The next Regular Session Meeting is set for October 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.



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## Monthly Planner



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