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Dear Friends,

Last night at our meeting, I told the Session that I had been called to serve as the Executive Presbyter for Central Nebraska Presbytery. I am excited about this new opportunity that God has placed in my path. For many years now, I have felt that God was giving me the experiences and skills needed for this kind of work.

The position is part-time so I will be able to continue as the Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lexington part-time. We came to an agreement that I will work at the church for 10 hours a week. I will preach on Sundays, help with the Wednesday LOGOS programming, preside over funerals and weddings as needed, provide emergency pastoral care, and moderate the monthly session meetings. I will be available to help committees when needed. I will be your Interim Pastor until the PNC extends a call to your new Pastor.

I have loved serving as your Interim Pastor and I look forward to seeing how God continues to work in the life of this congregation.

Grace & peace,

Polly

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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 October

Head Ushers: Ken and Wally Fox

Greeter: Billie Clements

Offering Counters: Robert Copper and a Properties Volunteer

Lay Leaders:

October 1 — Beth Rogers

October 8 — Jonelle Lans

October 15 — Dianne Yeutter

October 22 — Anne Grubb

October 29 — 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:

October 1 — Isabella Carlson

October 8 — Jordan Lans

October 15 — Isabella Carlson

October 22 — Kamryn Pike

October 29 — Abbie Owens

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Faith Team — October 2, 6:15 p.m.

Giving Team — October 9, 6:30 p.m.

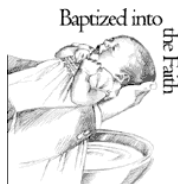
Properties Team — October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Welcoming Team — October 17, 6:15 p.m.

Personnel Team — October 24, 5:45 p.m.

Session — October 24, 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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

-ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - Plan now to attend **Adult Sunday School** which each **Sunday** at **9:00 AM** in the Conference Room. Pastor Polly is teaching this class.



NURSERY HELPER NEEDED

-NURSERY HELPER NEEDED - Faith Committee is looking for an adult who loves children **and** would be willing to help in the nursery one or two Sundays per month. This is a paid position and would require a simple, confidential background check. If interested, please contact Linda Lauby or Pastor Polly.



ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The Annual Stewardship drive will begin in November, culminating with a 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. More information to come at a later date.



EQUALS AT COMMUNION

After saving England from Napoleon's threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday as the duke approached the altar for communion, a poor man from London's streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered for the vagrant to move away. "Don't you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?" he asked.

When the duke overhead, he responded, "Leave him alone. We're all the same here. The ground is level at the cross."

That's the spirit in which we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. Paul says believers share the Lord's Supper by partaking of the "one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Everyone at the communion table is equal in God's sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.





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 September: Gene Nansel, Julie Rickertsen and Lorelai Rickertsen.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle meets October 26 at 9:00 a.m. Jonelle Lans is hostess. They will continue to meet on the third Thursday, through November 16.



MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. Vicki Davis is the hostess and Marlene DeLap is responsible for the lesson.

LOGOS BEGAN SEPTEMBER 6!



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 October we will be visiting Mexico/Guatemala.

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 MOW Volunteers — Karla Denker, Swede and Betty Nelson, Tom and Rhea Musil, Dick and Liz Sanderman, for delivering the hot meals to those Lexington residents who needed them the week of August 21-25. The next time the church delivers meals will be October 9-13.

-I WANT TO THANK the church family for their prayers, cards and visits. Thank you Deacons Tom and Rhea, Vicki and Marlene, for their visits. The food brought was much appreciated. Again, thank you for everything! — Jean Henderson



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. Next delivery date will be October 9-13.



LOOSE OFFERINGS

Loose Offerings during the month of October go to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**. Please give generously to this fund which aids people who are victims of natural disasters such as the hurricanes and earthquakes that have happened recently!



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
Billie Clements	324-2470	Ann Smets	324-1919
Deb Harkless	324-6845	Shirley Smets	324-4333
Jean Henderson	324-2236	Becca Walton (w)	324-5651
Evelyn Hutt	324-4874	Jill Williams	785-8131
Doll Nielsen	324-6834	* Gladys Hodgson	324-3146
Andrea Nisley	324-3651	* Ellie Kelly	324-2538
Joyce Olsen	785-8172	* Gail Magnuson	324-3746

NEW IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

THANK YOU to Barb Knapple for books for the library!

NEW BOOKS!**BIBLE STUDY**

James by Andrew and Phyllis LePeau

Seven Letters to Seven Churches by Douglas Connelly

Simon Peter by Bill Crowder

Encouraging One Another by Nicole Johnson

Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs

**FICTION**

Heart On The Line by Karen Witemeyer

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

INSPIRATIONAL

Paws From Heaven by Guideposts

PRAYER

Before Amen by Max Lucado

BOOK REPORT

Every Prophecy of the BIBLE

By John F. Walvoord

a book report by Jo Sherman

John Walvoord writes that about one-fourth of the Bible was prophecy when it was written. "It is evident that God intended to draw aside the veil of the future and give some indication of what His plans and purposes were for the human race and for the universe as a whole."

He lists several guidelines for the interpretation of Prophecy, here are the first three:

1. It is most important to determine the meanings of significant words in the interpretation of prophecy.
2. An important decision is to determine whether the prophecy concerns the present or the future.
3. At least half of the prophecies of the Bible have already been fulfilled. This confirms the fact that the unfulfilled prophecy will also be fulfilled.

We find the first prophecy of judgment in Genesis 2: 16-17, telling us: The Lord commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.' We all know what happened when Adam used his wrong judgment

In Exodus we learn of the 10 plagues of Egypt. Each case the prophecy of the plague was fulfilled.

He continues to give us many prophecies, which I will let you read and learn for yourself.

The author tells us the purpose of prophecy, "It was written... to warn the sinner of God's judgment on him in the future with its appeal to come to God for the grace that He offers."

He ends his book of Bible Prophecy with a warning to all of us, "Those who read the Book of Revelation today and are captured by its graphic revelation should sense the fact that while these events have not yet been fulfilled, they could be very quickly, and the time for preparation for end-time events is now."

I found this book to be very interesting and informative, and I hope you will also learn from it.



Notes From the August 29, 2017 Session Meeting

Communion: July 2, 2017-----69
 August 6, 2017---54

Membership remained at: 269

Current balances for January through August 2017:

Balance brought forward 01/01/17	\$ 8,800.86
Receipts	112,596.45
Disbursements	137,577.88
Transfers to general fund	20,150.00
Transfers to money market	0.00
Balance as of 08/14/17	3,969.43
Balance of money market fund 08/24/17	\$ 41,525.86

Session approved the following committee recommendations:

Faith Team: Approve Sunday School Rally Day for September 10, 2017 and Matins service on December 17, 2017.

Giving Team: Approve per capita letter and stewardship dinner for November 19, 2017.

Endowments and Gifts Team: Approve the following students for a \$500 scholarship each from the Ray C. Hass Scholarship: Bricen Margritz, Dillon David Margritz, Haley Elizabeth Rogers, Ross Randall Rogers, and Rachel Biehl.

Session approved the baptism of Berkley Joy Copper, daughter of Robert and Anna Copper on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

The Church will be making a \$300 donation to L2 out the Local Benevolence Fund.

The need for a designated church photographer was discussed. A volunteer is needed.

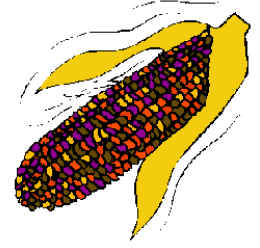
The need for the Nominating Committee to get started was discussed.

The next Regular Session Meeting is set for September 26, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.



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Monthly Planner



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