



The Builder



2021

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church
1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Join us for Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the 1st Sunday of each month

Coffee Fellowship is served on the 1st Sunday of each month

Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:
First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City

Keep in touch.....

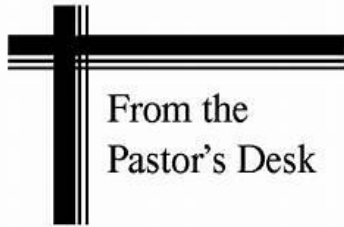
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Surveys show that, if you invite a friend to church, 50% of the time they will respond with a “yes.” That percentage goes up substantially with a second, third, or fourth invitation.

The problem is that most of us are reluctant to even ask. Why is that? Are we ashamed of the Gospel? Are we ashamed of our church? Is there something we could do, to make you so excited about our church that you would invite a friend to worship with you?

I would guess that most all of you may know the story of Garrison Keillor, host of the popular program on public radio, *Prairie Home Companion*.

Keillor was brought up in a fringe group of the Plymouth Brethren Church.

Finding the church’s heavy legalisms and dullness not to his liking, Keillor stopped going to church.

From then on people would ask him, “Do you go to church?” And he would say, “No.” Then they would say, “Why don’t you go to church?” And he would tell them.

That ritual exchange served him well for many years until, sometime back, a Lutheran friend, yes, some Lutherans do evangelism... a Lutheran engaged him in those same two questions, “Do you go to church?” and “Why don’t you go to church?”

But then this person surprised him with a third question: **“Why don’t you come with us?”**

Never having been asked that before, Keillor didn’t have a stock answer. And before he knew it, he found himself saying yes. And that’s all it took, and he was back in the fold once again. Wouldn’t it have been a shame if no one had ever asked?

The fields are ready for the harvest. That’s what Christ teaches us. People today need Christ as much as they have ever needed him. Christ’s greatest need is for laborers, people who are willing to share their faith openly and boldly with their friends and neighbors. We have a great church family and it seems like the Spirit is moving in our congregation. I hope you will invite someone to our church!

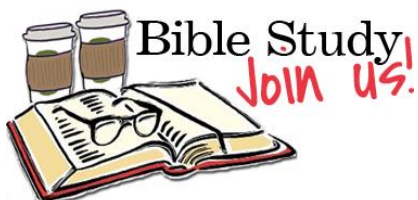
Blessings, Pastor Tom



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bryan & Kaelie Fields	2	3
4	5	6	7 Udine Wilton	8 Tom Weddle Bill Roker Brian James	9 Virginia Reed John & Jayne James	10
11	12	13	14	15 Marvin & Jane Zimmerman	16	17 Mary Finkner
18	19 Paighton Marion	20	21 Owen Kuszak	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Tara Maddox	29 Isaac Crumley	30	31

If you have additions or corrections to the Birthday and Anniversaries calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to secretary@firstpresnc.org



Join us for **Sunday Preview** each Thursday morning, 10am. This Bible study is an expanded study on Pastor Tom's message for the following Sunday. He shares history and interesting stories direct from the Bible and other Biblical sources! Please join us! All are Welcome!



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	2	3
4 Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	5 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	6	7 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco Bell Quilters 1pm	8 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	9 Food Bank of Lincoln 12- 1pm	10
11 Worship 10:30am 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Runza Quilters 1pm	15 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	16	17
18 Worship 10:30am 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	19 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	20	21 Lunch Bunch 11:30am El Portal Quilters 1pm	22 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	23	24
25 Worship 10:30 9 th Sunday after Pentecost Hunger Offering	26	27	28 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Central Apple Quilters 1pm	29 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	30	31



Please pray for the following church family and friends: Lou Ella Hauptman, Kathy Nelson, Amy Fields, Eileen Thayer, Rev. Bob Burdett, Kevin Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Tom and Janet Hemphill, Christine Allgood and Howard & Dee Antes. Please email your prayer requests to Jayne James at: thejamesgang777@gmail.com or call: 402-873-5092



Serving this month:

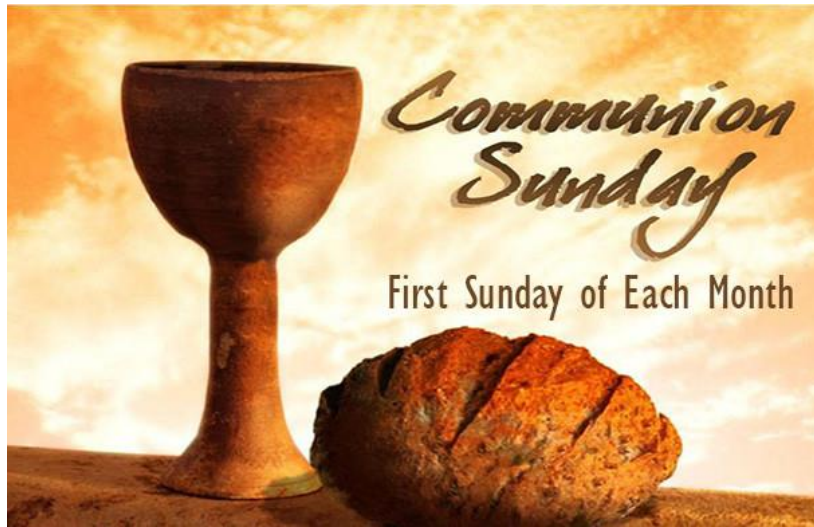
Accompanist: Abby Reese	Greeters: Tom & RuthAnn Weddle
Acolyte: NA	Scripture: Helen Lundak
Power Point: Jane Zimmerman	Camera: Marv Zimmerman
Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields	
Nursery: Kristie Dierking, Carla Zaroban, Carol Maddox, Jan Marion	

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



It's so good to be back!! Join us for Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, July 4, following the worship service. Coffee & refreshments will be served on the first Sunday of every month. August is covered. Give Jane a call in the office if you would you are willing to volunteer for the months of September through December.....thanks!



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Mark your calendars for August 4, 2021! Come back to choir! We will meet for practice each Wednesday evening, 7-8 pm starting on that August 4th date, in preparation for singing for church this fall. WE NEED YOU!

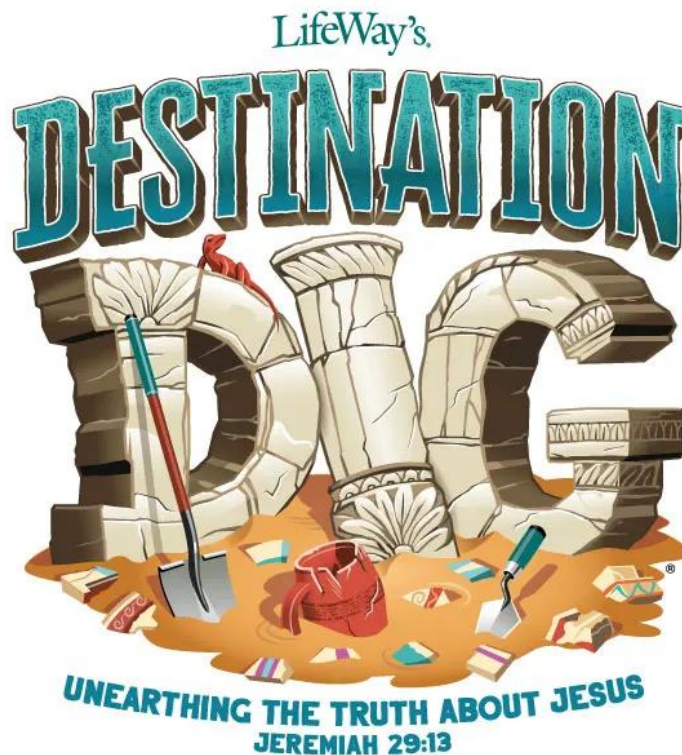


Great – I have your attention! It’s been a while since our last church rummage sale. Do you have lots of items waiting for a new home?!!

This is just in the planning stage, and we would like to have your input. Do you think we should have a church rummage sale this fall? Would you volunteer to help price items? Would you donate items to the sale? Would you be willing to help during the sale? We would really appreciate your input.

If there is enough interest, we will present our request for a sale to Session for approval.

Thanks, Jane Zimmerman and Carol Maddox



Hi Kids! Join us for Vacation Bible School!

Scheduled for August 4 & 5

Wednesday & Thursday

5 - 7:30pm each day