



# The Builder



2022

**The newsletter serving the families & friends of:**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
1005 1<sup>st</sup> Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

**Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30**

**Sunday School for all ages – 9:15am**  
(Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> will be our last week of Sunday school until fall)

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion - the 1st Sunday of each month**

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

**Keep in touch.....**

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Dear Friends,

I hope that Easter has meant a lot to you this year. It is a wonderful time for individuals, families, and congregations. Celebrating the gift of salvation that Christ has made possible for us through his death and resurrection.

Now, you've got to accept it and act on it. You might say, "But pastor I don't know how to do that!"

You may need to pray and say to God, "God, I'm scrapping Plan A. I know that I'll never earn my way to Heaven. I know I'll never be good enough. I've already blown it enough times to know I'm not going to make the 100% thing. So I'm asking You to work Plan B in my life. Jesus Christ, I want to trust You, follow You, get to know You, and have a relationship with you." That's how Easter makes a difference in your life!

I think this is what God wants to say to you today, "You matter to Me. I understand everything about your life. I know you. I made you, remember? You matter to Me. I want to have a relationship to you. I sent My Son to die for you. I want you to get to know Me."

I don't care about your background. I'm not talking about religion. I'm talking about a relationship to Jesus Christ. That's what Easter is all about. God knows you. He wants you to know Him. So you come with an open heart and say, "God, here I am."

Some of you have been close to God in the past. You've kind of drifted away. God wants to say come back. What does God say to somebody who has drifted away? Isaiah 54:7 *"With deep love I will welcome you back."*

Nobody will ever love you as much as Jesus Christ does. You matter to God and now at this point in your life the Lord is telling you that. Jesus Christ died for you to prove how much He loves you.

I encourage you to put more energy and enthusiasm in your personal relationship with God. Attending church services is a good way to begin a fresh start again! I hope to see you soon!

Blessing, Pastor Tom



## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gertrude Ettleman	2	3	4	5	6 Jan Bolejack Lisa Osborne	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Dave Patton	14
15	16	17	18 Nick Maddox	19	20	21
22	23 Carla Zaroban	24 Preston Scott Jeff & Teresa Fields	25	26 Josh Marion	27	28
29	30	31 Susie Frerichs Loran & Mary Donna Patton				

***Many happy returns to the day of thy birth, may sunshine and gladness be given, and may our dear Father prepare us on earth for the beautiful birthday in heaven!***

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](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org)



# Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship/ Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship <i>Teapots for Mom</i> Sunday School 9:15  3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>2</b> Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30am Little Ted's Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	<b>5</b> <b>National Day  of Prayer</b> <b>join Pastor Tom  on the north  lawn of the  Courthouse  12noon</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30 Keeping Room Quilters 1pm Session 6:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Breakfast 8-9:30am Worship 10:30 Last day of Sunday School 9:15 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>16</b> Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30am Subway Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship 10:30  6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30am Arby's Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering  7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

If you have a favorite Bible passage, a special announcement and/or picture to share, please send them to Jane in the office: [secretary@firstpresnc.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org)



## NATHAN ZAROBAN



Nathan is graduating May 7 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Medicine. On July 1 he will begin his 5 year residency program specializing in Pediatric Neurology at the Monroe Carroll Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University in Nashville TN.

They will be moving early June.

Madison has accepted a MS Social Sciences teaching position at Brentwood Middle School. They are currently look for housing.

**EMOTIONAL – EXCITED – BLESSED!**



## NICK MADDOX



Nick Maddox will be graduating with distinction from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on May 14, 2022. He will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. He has been accepted into the Master of Physician Assistant Studies at Creighton University. The program length is 28 months where students are trained in various areas of medicine. Nick is very excited to have the summer off before he starts the PA program in the fall. He appreciates all the support from his church family during his undergraduate years and is looking forward to his future endeavors.



## *Holy Week April 10-17 - Palm Sunday through the Resurrection!*



*We welcome  
Emily Kristine Barrett  
and her son  
Lyric Lee Horne!  
They were baptized on  
Sunday, April 17, 2022*



Pastor Tom officiated the baptism and Doris Martin represented the Elders of the church. Doris is a special friend and daycare provider for Lyric.





## **Mothers – Teapots and Coffee Fellowship!**

**Join us for coffee fellowship after church on May 1**

**Enjoy sharing memories and histories of teapots both old and new!**

**Do you have a teapot or two to share with others that day? There will be a spot on the tea table especially for them!**

Please put your name on each teapot and a brief description of how, when, and why this teapot ended up in your possession. 😊



Do you have a special musical talent you would like to share? Do you know someone who would like to share their musical talent? If so, please contact Abby Reese at 402-525-2584. Looking to bring special music to our Sunday services this summer.



Attention Parents and Kids of First Presbyterian Church

Session has approved the Church to start up a Youth Group for our kids. This will be a fun way for all of us to get together to learn about stories in the Bible and do fun activities together. Abby Reese will be heading this group and would love to have volunteer help when available. Please be on the lookout for information to be mailed out to the families, as well as in the bulletins. Currently planning to have one maybe two get togethers over the summer, and then we will meet one to two times per month once school starts back up. If you have any questions about this new group, please feel free to contact me, Abby, at 402-525-2584 or via email at [abbyreese158@gmail.com](mailto:abbyreese158@gmail.com).





Lilly Frields sang at the Lied Center in Lincoln with the Lincoln Symphony!



Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Jan Bolejack, Teresa Frields, Kathy Nelson, Eileen Thayer, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, RuthAnn Weddle's friend Laurette, Laura Osborne's friend, Suzanne, JoAnn Marten's sister Diann Starr and Dee Antes' son, Matthew Driever.



#### Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese    Scripture: Kris Dierking/Susie Frerichs    Greeter: Eunice Fass  
Acolytes: Cassidy & Landry James    Camera: Marv Zimmerman  
Power Point: Kurt Curtis    Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields  
Nursery: Doris Martin, Bunny Shanholtz, Susie Frerichs, Kristie Dierking, Abbee James

COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



**Coffee Fellowship after Worship on May 1 - All are welcome!**

Carol Hammond will host this month.



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:4-7 NIV*