

The Grace Greeter!

**Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Lincoln, NE 68502
November 2019**



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting & Brunch

Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 am



Purpose of meeting: To approve the 2020 spending plan and to elect church council and nominating committee members.

Save room for breakfast prior to the meeting. Due to the generosity of a Thrivent Action Team grant, all of the free-will donations will go towards the repair of our beautiful stained glass windows.

Our congregation continues to be blessed by all that Thrivent does for Grace.

Menu: breakfast casserole, coffee cakes and rolls, and fruit.



In "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving", Charlie Brown reminds us, "We've got another holiday to worry about. It seems Thanksgiving Day is upon us."

It is interesting that a day of thanksgiving can be a day we dread. Another holiday to worry about. One wonders why we turn gratitude into worry. What happens to us that changes our gratitude into worry. Well, if you think about it, there is much that can change gratitude into worry. Money. Health. Possessions. Persecution. Injustice. All of these have the power to transform gratitude into worry.

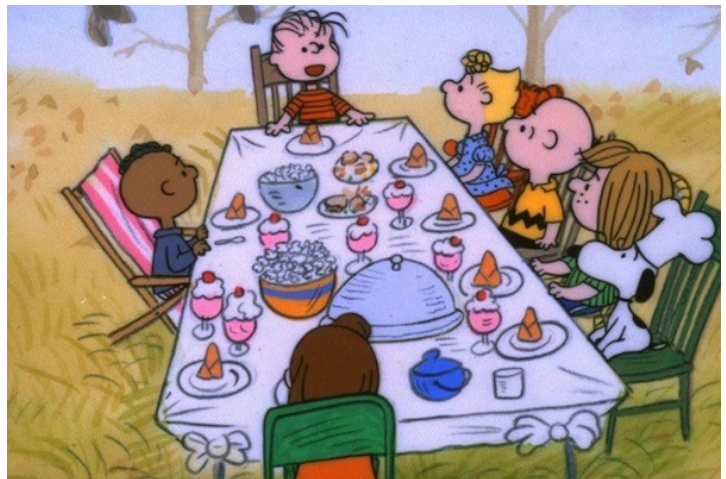
And we worry a lot these days. Look around. Read the news. But we are not the only ones. One of my favorite verses on gratitude comes from the Words of Institution. In First Corinthians, Paul writes, "...the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

On the night Jesus is betrayed by one who supposedly loves him, Jesus gives thanks. Even amid betrayal Jesus takes time to give thanks. To give thanks for the opportunity of sharing himself with others. His own disciples. If Jesus can give thanks on the night of his betrayal then we give thanks amid our own betrayal. Amid a world that seems unfair at times.

But giving thanks gives us the joy of knowing that God has not abandoned us but is with us to the end and beyond. God's presence in our lives helps us to see that gratitude is not a holiday but a necessity in discovering the joy of faith.

So yes, Thanksgiving is upon us, but don't let the worry of the holiday season steal the joy of your faith. Take time to give God thanks for the life and the people God has added to your life. A life not riddled with worry but joy.

Pr. Eric Tesher



From the Church
Office

- ◆ PLEASE CONTACT US! HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office so we can schedule a visit while you are in the hospital here in Lincoln or Omaha. During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email office@egrace.org to let us know. Thank you!
- ◆ To contact Pastor Eric after office hours, you can call or text him at 308-708-1146 or email pr.eric@egrace.org.
- ◆ The 2020 spending plan is available outside the church office.
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be **November 21st**. It will be mailed on Tuesday, **November 26th**.



BAKE SALE

The Women of the ELCA will be having a bake/bakeless/craft sale on November 10, the morning of our semi-annual meeting. We're calling all bakers/crafters/sewers to get busy and bring lots of good stuff to sell. To the members of our congregation, please consider shopping with us. The proceeds will benefit our WELCA treasury! Thank you for your continuing support of the Women of the ELCA at Grace.



The Social Ministry Committee will be having our annual food drive for the Thanksgiving baskets we assemble and deliver. Items to donate: canned vegetables/fruits, canned cranberries – jellied or whole, boxes of Jello, boxes of stuffing mixes, boxes of instant potatoes, envelopes/jars of gravy, and cash donations to purchase the perishable items – turkeys, hams, pumpkin pies, rolls, and butter.

There will be containers available in the atrium to collect your donations starting the first Sunday of November. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to pack the boxes and/or deliver them, please send an email to: ldrake3@neb.rr.com or phone/text Lori at 402-310-8386 (leave a voice message if I'm unable to answer).



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Light a Candle in Memory of Your Loved Ones on All Saints Sunday - All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 3rd this year. Before the service, worshipers will have an opportunity to light a votive candle in memory of loved ones who have joined the throng of saints, and then to place the votive in one of the windows of the nave. As the candles burn throughout the service, we will be reminded that a 'cloud of witnesses' surrounds us, and our song is joined with theirs as we gather in worship. Ushers will be available to help with the lighting and placing of candles -- plan to arrive a few minutes early so that your family can participate in this ritual!

Women of the ELCA...

- Sandi Knippelmeyer has graciously invited all women of Grace to Yankee Hill Village, 8401 S 33rd St, on November 6 at 1 p.m. This replaces our WELCA meeting at church. We will be treated to a tour of their facility and conversation about what retirement living is all about. Bring your questions and please come join us! Dessert served plus seeing Sandi makes for a wonderful afternoon. Call Tricia Rosno (402-540-5020) if you need a ride. If you aren't a member of a WELCA group please call in your reservation to Tricia. Hope to see you there!



Yesterday's Youth...

On Wednesday, November 13, Yesterday's Youth will celebrate Thanksgiving with their annual turkey dinner.

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy are furnished. Please bring a small side dish appropriate for a Thanksgiving dinner. You will need to bring your own table service, drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy a wonderful meal and great fellowship. Please call Bev Hillman (402-483-5667) to reserve a place at the Thanksgiving table! P.S. if you know someone who would enjoy this event, invite them to attend! This is the perfect time to give it a try!



Join us on November 27 for our Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 p.m. in the Nave. This is a beautiful service in which we bring our thanks to God for all that God has done, especially the blessings of creation, faith, family and home.

Bring your favorite pie to share after the service!

Wednesday Nights at Grace

Please make this evening a part of your weekly church life and join other friends at one or several of the following weekly events.

- ♦ **Evening Prayer:** 5:30 pm in Christ Chapel.
- ♦ **Family Meal Time:** 6:00 pm in Leshner Hall. Free-will donations accepted.
- ♦ **Adult Bible Study :** 6:20 pm in the Library with Pastor Eric.
- ♦ **Youth Choir Rehearsal:** 6:30 pm at Friedens.
- ♦ **Confirmation Classes:** at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

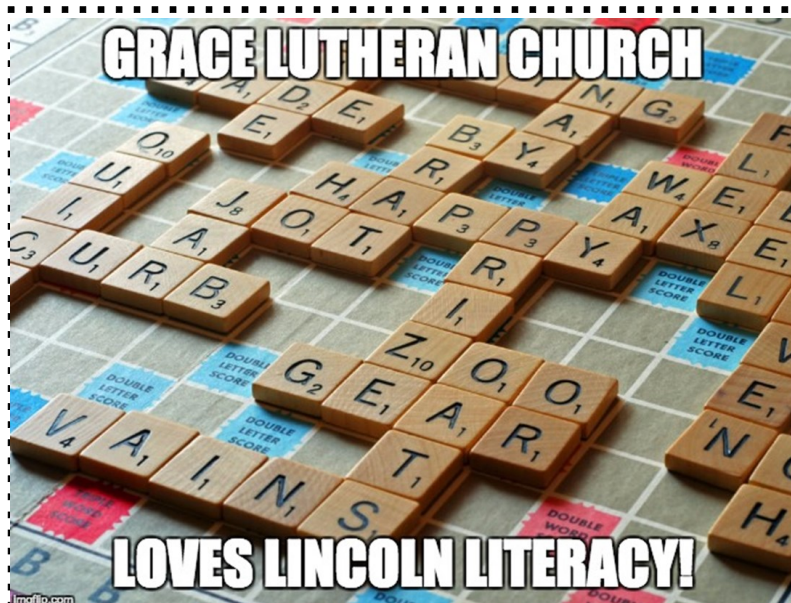


Lincoln Lutheran Choir will present two concerts this fall: Sunday November 17th, 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, Waverly, NE and Sunday 24th, 3pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Julia Marble continues as the choir's Artistic Director and Conductor and has chosen our theme to be "Hope, Love, Joy and Peace", an Advent Choral Meditation.

The LPS All City Girls Chorus will join us for our Lincoln concert on November 24th. We very much appreciate guest choirs helping us enhance the spirit of our program with energy and enthusiasm! Our prayer is that our music will illuminate all hearts as we sing of our faith. Come sing with us!



The **Grace Lutheran Thrivent Financial group** will meet at 10:30 am on November 3rd in the staff conference room. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.



Lincoln Literacy's Scrabble Scramble
Sunday, November 10th
Grace Lutheran Church
1:00 pm

If you'd like to make a donation to support
 Lincoln Literacy , you can do so online at
www.lincolnliteracy.org.

Your support is appreciated!



and Brady Garvin for their financial support.

September 30th: The fifth Monday end-of-the-month meal served by Grace Lutheran on the 30th of September brought yet another high count (166 servings) at The Gathering Place. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared spaghetti with meat sauce. Carla Ingersoll donated the tossed lettuce salad. Italian bread, bananas, and grape tomatoes, along with desserts provided by Helen Carnes, Joy Kokes, Jan and Terry Branting, Ginny and Roger Potts, Sharon and Larry Genthe, and Regina and Steve rounded out the menu. All of those mentioned above, except for Helen, helped to serve and to cleanup after the meal. Thanks go to Marilyn Holmquist, Rocky Wussow, and Brady Garvin for their financial support.

October 21st: Members of the Dumler family from Grace played a major role in serving at The Gathering Place on October 21st. Kevin and Kaitlyn served sloppy joes. Sharon Gottsche, Dean Dumler and Beth Kimmerling Dumler also assisted. Using a recipe from Grace's Centennial Cookbook, Regina and Steve Paschold prepared the sloppy joe mix, utilizing ground beef donated by Kevin, Kaitlyn, and Cynthe. The menu included tossed lettuce salad contributed by Carla Ingersoll, along with bananas, baked beans, and potato chips. Desserts were provided by Beth and Dean, Kaitlyn, Sharon, Regina and Steve, Joy Kokes, and Carolyn and Ron Ossian. After having eaten, one person said that the baked beans and sloppy joes were really good and reminded him of those his mom made. Except for Cynthe, Ron and Carolyn, all of those mentioned above helped to serve and to clean up after 154 portions had been served.



The Social Ministry Committee extends sincere thanks to all who contributed to the 2019 produce table. A total of \$203.25 will be sent to the ELCA's World Hunger program.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

While the New Testament considers all Christians as saints (See 1 Corinthians 1:2, NRSV), the Roman Catholic Church has for centuries honored certain Christians as worthy of being canonized as saints and has added the title "Saint" before their names.

Many Protestant denominations have also honored extraordinary Christians and named them saints. For that reason many churches join in celebrating All Saints Day.

All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1 each year. It affords Christians the opportunity to remember those who have faithfully served Christ in special, often sacrificial, ways. Many of these special people suffered martyrdom for their dedication to Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we would do well on All Saints Day to express our gratitude to God for those devoted and devout persons who have set worthy examples for us.

Since last All Saints Day, we have commemorated before God the following saints:

Norbert Hildreth

Ed Binder

Carol Schroeder

Carol Bernasek

Janet Ahler

Everett Giles

Barb Smith

Charlene Johnson

Melvin Brydl

Joyce Krueger

Velma Giles

Nora Johnson

Spruce Tree Removal Appreciation

As Property Committee Chairman, I would like to express sincere appreciation for the help from several individuals to remove the dead spruce tree near the northeast corner of this facility in the area north of the east parking lot. Those individuals were: Terry Branting, Doug Krueger, Duane Mischnick and Dennis Madison. Terry provided his bobcat and trailer to load and haul the materials away and several individuals brought their chain saws. We are very grateful to all who helped to make it possible for the removal and disposal of this rather large dead tree.

Thank you all very much, Roger Potts



Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" at this time include:

- Canned fruit
- Cereal
- Condensed soups
- Pork and beans
- Spaghetti sauce

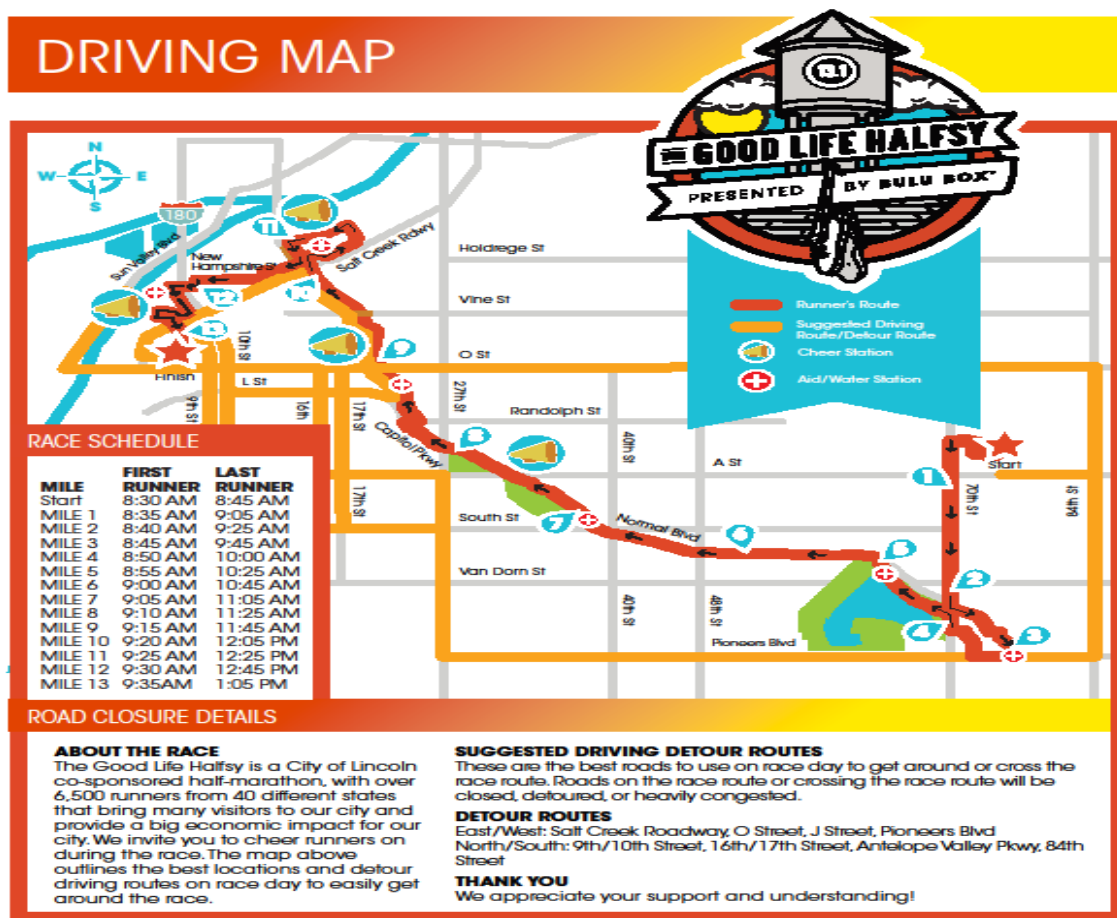


Food Pantry Needs

Monetary donations to purchase food from the Food Bank. Also, please remember that we are collecting the UPC labels from Best Choice products. Please donate the UPC labels (must include the words "Best Choice" with the code bar), and put them in with your donations to the Food Pantry.

The Good Life Halfsy happens Sunday, November 2nd! Plan ahead!

DRIVING MAP





The council conducted our normal business at the October meeting.

We discussed the new visitors welcome center. It has been operating for a couple of Sundays and has gone over well. We have added some additional gifts for our visitors; pens, pencils and oven mitts. They are all marked with Grace Lutheran Church. Thanks to Curt for ordering the additional gifts.

We were also informed by the Finance/Stewardship committee that 54 pledge cards had been turned in. Thanks to all of you have turned in your pledges. If you are planning to make a pledge for next year there is still time to turn in your cards. Please turn in your pledge card soon as we will be working on the 2020 spending plan.

There is still time to get your name on the ballot to run for council. Please contact Mark Billings or a council member if you are willing to run.

September Council Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Present: Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Leshar, Dave Ripa, Carla Ingersoll, Jan Branting, Fran Gade, Roger Potts

Absent: Karen Billings, Teddi Reckling, Curt Mann

Fran Gade called the Council meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Devotions: Fran

Approval of Council Minutes:

Roger made a motion to approve the August 13 minutes. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Eric's report: Live streaming of service started.

Director of Music Report: written report provided

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports: written reports presented

Dave made a motion to accept Pastor's and Director of Music reports, but to hold approval of the financial reports of June, July, August and September until October when they should be finalized.

Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Stewardship-Offering pledge cards have been mailed.

Worship & Music-written report.

Parish Ed- written report

Congregational Life- written report-God's Work Our Hands Project scheduled for September 8

Property-written report:

Social Ministry-written report

Memorial: Did not meet

Jan made a motion to accept the committee reports as printed. Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Visitor's Welcome Table: Table to be placed in Atrium by the greeters. Start date: September 15.

November Congregational Meeting: Meeting will start at 10:30. WELCA will serve light meal. Dave will be the contact between council and Tricia Rosno.

New Business:

Medical bag and wheelchair location: Jan showed the council where the medical bag is located-closet by entrance to nave. A sign will be put on the door.

Worship & Music Recommendations:

Following are the recommendations after council discussion: Thanksgiving evening: 6:30pm; Advent mid-week services, 6:30pm; Christmas Eve, one service-5:30pm; Christmas Day, 10am; Lent mid-week Services, 6:30pm; Maundy Thursday:, 12:15pm and 6:30pm; Good Friday: 12:15pm and 6:30pm; Easter Vigil, 5pm; Easter Sunday, 9am .

Regular Wednesday services to continue starting in the chapel at 5:30 will continue as usual. Evaluation in January 2020 to see what the attendance is.

Review of the church rolls: Congregational Life committee look over the membership roster. Dave, Doug, Jan and Carla will meet on 9/15 to look over the roster. Criteria is that a roster member must have contributed or communed in the last 2 years. This information should be found in Church 360. Carla will talk with Amanda to find the letters to be sent and have her run a report on Church 360. Initial letters to be sent the first week of October.

Constitutional changes 2019: Synod reviewing their constitution so there may be some changes.

Shared Ministry-Grace Walton & Friedens: Discuss in October

Teddi has given her resignation notice to the council that she will be resigning at the end of 2019. Nominating Committee will need to look for an additional member for a 1-year term in 2020.

Being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM. Dave made the motion and Roger seconded.

Meeting closed with prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Carla Ingersoll, Secretary

Help fill Thanksgiving baskets for our neighbors!



Items to be included:

- Canned vegetables or fruits.
- Boxes of Jello.
- Boxes of stuffing mix.
- Canned cranberries - jellied or whole.
- Boxes of instant potatoes.
- Envelopes or jars of gravy.
- Cash to purchase turkeys, hams, pumpkin pies, and other perishable items.

*Place your donations in containers in the atrium.
Put monetary donations in the offering plate
or send to the church office.*

Upcoming Concerts at Grace

Hope, Love Joy, Peace



Lincoln Lutheran Choir

*Julia Marble Artistic Director & Conductor
David Schack Organist*

11.17.19

3:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
9831 North 145th Street
Waverly, Nebraska

11.24.19

3:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
2225 Washington
Lincoln, Nebraska



FBLincolnLutheranChoir
www.LincolnLutheranChoir.org

A free-will offering will be taken.

Kevin & Heidi Cheng

Piano/Violin Concert

Friday, November 22nd 7pm

@ Grace Lutheran Church

2225 Washington St. Lincoln, NE 68502



Featuring sacred, popular, classical, bluegrass gospel,
and selection of country music by John Denver



Like and follow us on our page "Kevin & Heidi Cheng"



Check out our performance "Kevin & Heidi Cheng"

Free will offering



Friday, November 1

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, Adult Bible Study, Thrivent, choir, Sunday School

4:00 pm Leshar Hall reserved

3:00 pm LLC rehearsal

Monday, November 4

9:00 am WELCA Board Mtg., Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm BSA Scouts

Tuesday, November 5

9:30 am Al- Anon

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Committee meetings

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, November 6

1:00 pm WELCA unit mtg. @ Yankee Hill Village

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Family Meal Time

6:20 pm Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 7

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy

3:30 -9:00 Gym reserved (sci fair)

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

Friday, November 8

3:00 pm Prescott Waffleman

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Semi-Annual meeting, brunch & bake-sale

12:00-6:00 Scrabble Tourney

3:00 pm LLC rehearsal

Monday, November 11

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, November 12

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Council Mtg., W.R.T. Mtg.,

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, November 13

11:30 am Yesterday's Youth

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Family Meal Time

6:20 pm Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 14

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

Friday, November 15

4:00 pm Suzuki , BNRR

6:00 pm L.L.C. -Nave

Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, November 17

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship, Choir, Sunday School

Monday, November 18

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

5:00 pm Gathering Place

7:00 pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, November 19

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack meeting

7:00 pm WELCA #6 meeting

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, November 20

1:00 pm WELCA #3 mtg.

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Family Meal Time

6:20 pm Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 21

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

Friday, November 22

6:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal -Nave

7:00 pm Kevin & Heidi Cheng Concert
Christ Chapel

Saturday, November 23

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship, choir, Sunday School

3:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert

3:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
@ First Christian Church

Monday, November 25

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, November 26

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:00 pm Suzuki (nave)

6:30 pm Cub Scouts Comm.—Lounge

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service &
Pie Fellowship

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Go Huskers!

Saturday, November 30

5:00 pm Worship



NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

5
Larry & Sharon Genthe

22
Jack & Arlene Reighard

25
Ed & Kathryn Vader

29
Richard & Jayne Brown

30
Terry & Jan Branting



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

2
Henry Lambert Jr.

3
Michael Genthe

4
Blake Anderson

6
Haidyn Haumont
Sasha Hoxie
Paul Mehling
Kaiden Noecker
Todd Robinson

7
Bev Melichar

9
Ashley Branting
Susan Paschold
Teddi Reckling

10
Terry Branting
Evan Johnson

11
Owen Petersen

12
John Johnson
Katelyn Lange

14
Cynthe Dumler

15
Ken Holmstrom

16
Kathleen Miller
Nanci Wells

17
Laila Faust
Olga Nielsen

18
Wayne Remington

21
Scott Krueger

24
Connie Thorson

25
Frankie Ptacek

27
Keith Herbster

30
Lori Drake



Grace Staff and Council Members

Council Assignment to Committees:

Fran Gade:	Council President & Parish Education
Dave Ripa:	Worship & Music Memorials
Carla Ingersoll:	Congregational Life
Curt Mann:	Stewardship\Finance
Karen Billings:	Congregational Life
Jan Branting:	Social Ministry
Teddi Reckling:	Worship and Music
Doug Krueger:	Property
Roger Potts:	Property

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Senior Pastor

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Robert Stimbert,

Custodian

Judi Schroeder,

Nursery Coordinator

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