



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.....

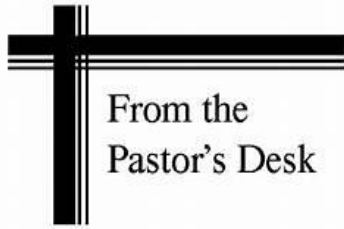
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HOW IS YOUR HEART?

Do you remember how the nation of Israel got its first king. The people wanted Saul to be their king because he was tall and good looking. But the measure that God uses differs from one humans tend to use.

We find that recorded in 1 Samuel 16:1: But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as a man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

You see, Saul was quite impressive in his outward appearance, but what people couldn't see was his heart, a heart that would rot in arrogance, unfaithfulness, and insecurity. Centuries have passed since Saul and David walked on earth, and yet people haven't changed much in the standards by which they judge others. But the true measure of a man or woman can be taken only in the heart. So what does God see when looking into our hearts? Sin! We have sin on the outside and sin on the inside too!

Years after God chose David to be king, David discovered the sin problem himself. He prayed, “Create in me a clean heart, O God.” (Psalm 51:10) The word create evokes an image from Genesis chapter 1, where we are told that God created everything from nothing but his word. David was asking God for a heart transplant, a completely new and clean heart.

God's word of forgiveness created that heart in David. And God's Word of grace in Jesus Christ, in his cross and open tomb, created new hearts in us too. When God looks into your heart, he sees Christ's gift of faith—and all the good things that go along with it. Praise the Lord for creating, and continuing to renew a clean heart within you. Join us in worship each Sunday morning as we all thank God for our faith and trust in Jesus Christ!

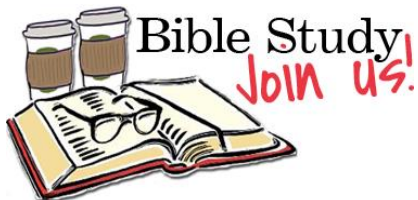
Blessings, Pastor Tom



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Linda Martin	6	7
8 Janet Osborne	9	10 Katie Frerichs #5!	11	12	13	14
15	16 Brad Marion	17 Connie Higgins	18 Kim Reese	19	20 Kaelie Fields	21
22	23 Pastor Tom	24 Nathan Zaroban	25	26 Laura Osborne Kinley Juilfs	27	28
29 Ed & Virginia Reed ❤️	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 Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	3	4 Vacation Bible School 5- 7:30pm Lunch Bunch 11:30am Spring Garden Quilters 1pm	5 Vacation Bible School 5- 7:30pm	6	7
8 Worship 10:30am 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	9	10	11 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Downtowner Quilters 1pm	12 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	13 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	14
15 Worship 10:30am 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	16 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	17	18 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Little Ted's Quilters 1pm	19 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	20	21
22 Worship 10:30am 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Keeping Room Quilters 1pm	26 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 14 th Sunday after Pentecost Hunger Offering	30	31				



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



Serving this month:

Organists: Mark Hopp & Abby Reese	Scripture: JoAnn Martens
Greeters: Howard & Dee Antes	Acolyte: Tony Reese
Power Point: Jane Zimmerman	Camera: Marv Zimmerman
Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields	
Nursery: Jayne James, JoAnn Martens, Ruth Ann Weddle, Rose DeKock, and Alexis Dierking	

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



We will not have coffee fellowship after Worship in August. We would like to offer coffee & refreshments on the first Sunday of every month. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex and we are asking for volunteers for the months of September and December.....thanks!



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, August 4, 2021 and 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!



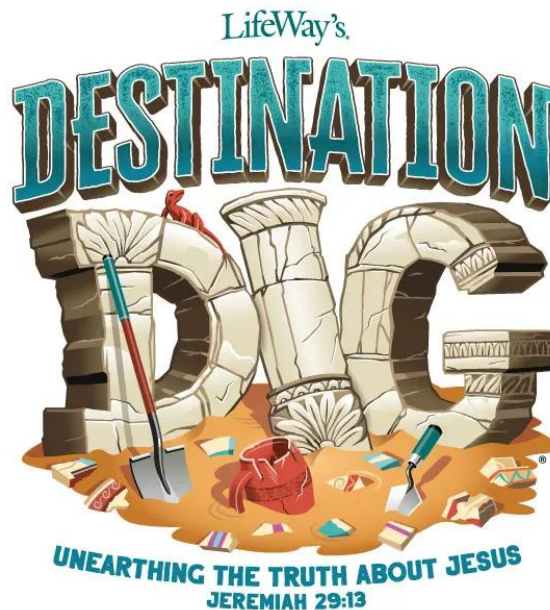
It's On! It's been a while since our last church rummage sale. Do you have lots of items waiting for a new home?!!

Our Rummage Sale has been scheduled for Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10.

Donations are needed as soon as possible so they can be priced and set out for sale. Early sales are welcome!

Bring your donations anytime the church is open – they are to be priced in the large Sunday school room on the north side of the hall.

We welcome not only your donations but your time! Volunteers are needed to price items and to work at the sale those two days. Sign up or talk to Jane - thanks in advance!



Hi Kids! We're all ready for Vacation Bible School!

We'll see you in just a few days!

Wednesday August 4 & Thursday 5!

5 - 7:30pm each day



Nebraska City's Barbershop Group, *The Apple Corp*, sang for our worship service on July 11. They have been singing together for many years and as always, this performance did not disappoint! We were their sixth and final performance for the morning, so they were well rehearsed! We thank them for sharing their gift of music with us and for their dedication and community service!



Pictured on the left is a group of very happy young ladies! Gracelyn Marion (back row far right) is one of those beaming, and for good reason. Her softball team had just been announced League and Tournament Champions of the 2021 season!



**Welcome our
New Baby Boys!
Silas Graham
Marion
& Luke Evan
Miles**



Congratulations Grandma Jan! (left) Brad & Chelsey Marion are the parents of this cute little guy – Silas Graham. The little guy was born on July 10 at 9:57am. He weighed in at 7lb 11oz and measured 20.5". He has a two-year old brother, Lennox.

Congratulations also goes to Cassel Frerichs (right) and Nathan Miles on the birth of their son July 19! Luke Evan Miles came in at 7lb 5 oz and 21".

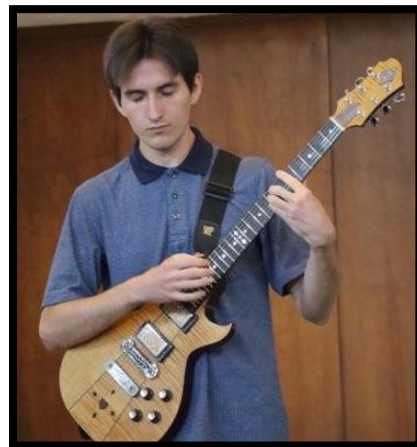
We congratulate everyone in the extended families!

Our Church Family together in so many ways.....

Everyone Enjoys Children's Time in Our Worship Hour:



Sharing our Gifts of Sermons, Scripture and Special Music.....



SHARING
BRINGS JOY
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

Sharing our Gifts in the Community

Lilly Frields played the lead role of Agnes the bride in the production of *I Do I Do I Do!* Family and friends came to the play at the Loft Theatre to not only support Lilly, but also to enjoy a great performance!



Pastor Tom and Lilly both performed at the Community Concert in Sterling



If you have a special announcement and/or picture to share, please send it to the office: secretary@firstpresnc.org and Jane will put it in the next newsletter.