



THE CALL

JAN 2021

2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following members of FCC who were elected or appointed to serve the church for 2021 at the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 13th.

PRESIDENT: Colin Hogan

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Baker

SECRETARY: Kathy Winders

HISTORIAN: Al Singleton

NOMINATING: 2021 - Ted Grooms

Class of 2023 Elders: Cal Decker, Monica Decker, Paul Hallock, Colin Hogan, Robin Nelson.

Class of 2023 Diaconate: Nina Hytrek, Pat Seamands, Trisha Whitcomb, Mark Williams. **Jr.**

Diaconate: Eddie Atkinson, Kylee Stupak & Evan Woods.

Appointed Commission Chairs

Christian Education - Michelle Elser

Mission Commission - Debbie Mestas

Spiritual Growth - Belle Stapleton

Property - Spencer Stupak

Stewardship - Judy Baker

Wills, Trusts, Memorials & Scholarship

Larry Winders

Co-Chairs of Elders:

Randisue Davis

Tom Dowler

Chair of the Diaconate

TBD by the Diaconate

DWM

Janie Nelson

Church Staff:

Interim Pastor Dr. Caryn Yoast

Lisa Walker, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff

Ronnie Sambrano, Custodial Contractor

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: CLOSED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool 8:45 - 12:00 P.M. M-F

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



**WE ARE GLAD TO SEE
2020 DISAPPEAR AND
WISH EVERYONE A
HAPPY 2021**

Dr. Yoast, Kathy Winders, Lisa Walker, Annette Crain, Cheryl Dionne and Ronnie Sambrano.

If you would like a copy of the 2021 budget for review, please contact the church office.

I despise New Year's resolutions. I always feel like a failure because, try as I may, I never keep them. I've been going to lose the same 10 pounds for about 30 years now. I've been going to quit eating junk food for about 40 years. In my 60 some years of living, I have only

kept **one** New Year's resolution and it was this: one year I decided that I would only write in my calendar with a pencil! That's the one that worked. Go figure.

"They" say 8% of us will actually stick to our New Year's resolutions. A whopping 80% of us will fail by the beginning of February. Ouch. If we check with "the google" we find all sorts of advice for keeping and sticking to our resolutions. You can find "life hacks for keeping resolutions" and "simple tips" and "here's how to stick to resolutions" and "10 secrets of people who keep resolutions" and, here's a fine one, "DON'T DO IT!" all out there in web-land. Help is just a click away. But, even with all that help available, I must admit, I didn't really want help with some of my failed resolutions. These days I can be honest with myself say that I love Dairy Queen (it fit in the "quit eating junk food category—ice cream is my biggest sweet pleasure and downfall). I have always loved DQ. Always will. Oh. I can't give up the place that sponsored Hava's softball team, the place I took the girls for after school snacks, late evening parking lot conversations as we navigated middle school drama, the destination of our Friday evening family walks. And really, who doesn't love a Blizzard?

I discovered another reason to love DQ this week. And I found a New Year's resolution I intend to work hard at keeping this year. The Dairy Queen drive-thru in Brainerd, Minnesota was more than a little busy earlier this month. You may have heard about it in the news. Briefly, an older gentleman pulled up to the window to pay for his lunch and wanted to pay for order of the car behind him. That kindness set off a chain of 900 cars ordering through the drive-thru and paying for the order behind them. It lasted 2 and ½ days. It wasn't organized. It just happened. A person who ordered one ice-cream cone paid for a carload a kids behind her! She was happy to do it. They called it "pay-it-forward." We might call it "kindness." The kindness of one stranger offered to another without condition. Kindness for kindness sake. Kindness. Would'n't it be nice if that was contagious! A simple thing. A small thing we know to be at the heart of a life of faith. Kindness. It's smack-dab in the center of those "fruits of the spirit." Look it up.

I am resolving to be kinder this next year. We can all be kinder. We can all try and make kindness the center of our spirits. Now we can't all be paying for meals all the time. But we can do things like opening a door for a Mom pushing a stroller, clearing off a neighbor's car, thanking the frustrated cashier at the grocery store, wave at the folks who stop and let you cross the street, oh, we can slow down and let another car merge into our lane!

Simple acts of kindness will go a long way toward making this a more peaceful world, a kinder world. We could use that about now. And so, this year, I resolve that I will try and be a little bit kinder to others. In doing that, I will take myself out of the center of the universe and think of someone else—even for just a minute. And that will make the world a better place. A good new year to you all. **Blessings, Dr. Yeast**

CHURCH PROTOCOL CHANGES REGARDING COVID-19 AS OF 12/07/20

With the continued increase in COVID-19 numbers for Natrona County and trying to keep our congregation safe, and our church open we are asking everyone to please follow the guidelines that were implemented. We DO NOT want to shut down again.

1. **All attendees will have their temperature taken before entering the sanctuary.** There will be a greeter with a sign in sheet and will also take your temperature before entering.
2. **EVERYONE is asked to use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the sanctuary.**
3. **We ask everyone to please wear a mask or face covering. Masks and hand sanitizers are available.** If you have your own face covering, we encourage you to wear it throughout the entire service, from entering the building to exiting the building.
4. **Seating** -capacity of 50 people. For social distancing reasons we will seat every other row with alternating rows on either side of the center aisle. You will be seated front to back. **FIRST SERVICE WILL SIT IN THE PEWS WITH THE GREEN DOTS. SECOND SERVICE WILL SIT IN THE PEWS WITH THE RED DOTS.** There will be NO coffee or social hours at this time so as soon as the service is over, we ask you leave the building as quickly as possible again either through the fellowship hall or by the elevator.
5. **Communion and offering.** We are still using the individual prepackaged communion cups. Offering is still being collected with the butterfly nets.
6. **Notes about the service.** Scriptures and bible readings are still on the overhead screens up front. **We have been fudging a little by only singing one verse of the hymns BUT** will not have a choir until the regional office and other protocols we are following say it is permissible. **SPECIAL MUSIC...** Until we are able to have a choir, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in providing special music during second service.
 - If you have little ones, the busy bags have also been put away for now. but the nursery is open if you are comfortable having your kids in the nursery. Children are welcome to sit with their parents too.

As a reminder please be safe, wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer. You have been missed and we look forward to seeing you in church. You're safety is our main priority. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Thank you



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FOR
Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

6:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 24, 2020

LIMIT OF 50 PEOPLE

Reservations are **MANDATORY** with the church office by **NOON on Wednesday, Dec 23rd**. **MASKS** are required, temperatures will be taken and social distancing will be maintained.

JANUARY DIACONATE

Chapel: Cal Decker & Pat Seamands
10:10 - Steve Huckfeldt

If you are scheduled to serve at the 10:10 service and cannot do it, please contact Pam or Keith Rouse to let them know.

OFFERTORY STEWARD

(to be determined by the Stewardship Commission)



BIRTHDAYS

Robin Nelson	Jan. 2	Jane Wallace	Jan. 13
Maggie Grooms	Jan. 4	Lynda Williams	Jan. 13.
Jane Baker	Jan. 6	Marcus Hayden	Jan. 19
Kelly Hover	Jan. 7	Evan Woods	Jan. 19
Debbie Mapp	Jan. 10	Nylia Cazier	Jan. 22
David Taylor	Jan. 11	Karen Huckfeldt	Jan. 30

CONGRATULATIONS



AMBER ROUSE
CASPER COLLEGE
GRADUATE
DECEMBER 2020

Amber graduated with an Associate degree in General Studies. She is hoping to attend Univ. of Wyoming thru Casper College in the fall for her bachelor's.

SCHOLARSHIP
the
Application

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for Spring college term are available at the church office. **DEADLINE** for applications to be turned into the church office is **Monday, January 4th, 2021**. If you have any questions, contact Larry Winders, Chairman @ 234-0656.



Thank you to everyone that presented us with gifts during the holiday season. It was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Harriet Ames for the beautiful and unusual colored poinsettias. *Dr. Yoast, Lisa and Kathy*

Did you know this ... It's Weird!!!

Happy Birthday to Everyone in 2020!

Today, every person in the whole world is the same age!

There's only one chance every 1,000 years for this phenomenon!

Your age this year + your year of birth = 2020.

It is the same for everyone.

It's a thousand-year wait!

FCC COMMISSIONS

As we start 2021 **ALL** of our commissions are in need of members. The commission leaders are: **Michelle Elser**, Christian Ed; **Spencer Stupak**, Property; **Debbie Mestas**, Mission Commission, and **Belle Stapleton**, Spiritual Growth (worship). If you are interested in working with any of these commissions, please feel free to contact the commission leader and they will give you details on what their commission does, what they are trying to plan for 2021 and how you can help. Everyone needs your help so don't be afraid to volunteer.

ALL NEW AND RETURNING DEACONS

Well, the year 2020 is almost over and I can pretty much say I am GLAD to see it leave. I pray 2021 brings us all some closure on this pandemic and we can start to live our lives as we were use to before but it will take time and patience. Keith and I will complete our term as Diaconate chairs in January and now it is time for someone(s) to step up and fill our post. There can be co-chairs. **With the pandemic here the main job of the diaconate chair has been to schedule deacons for the 10:10 service.**

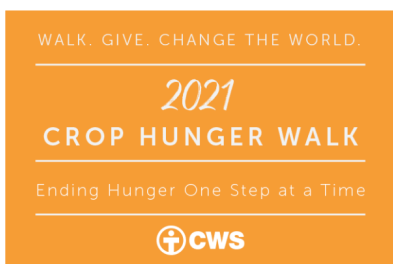


The chapel service is taking care of their own deacons. Currently two deacons are needed for the service. Their job is to take the temperatures when members arrive and hand out the communion cups. They also collect the offering. As chair you do not need to keep up with the communion supplies. Our secretary, Kathy, has been keeping the communion cups supply stocked. The Diaconate chair(s) will work closely with Spiritual Growth Chairman Belle Stapleton. Since we cannot have any large gatherings at this time, please search your hearts and minds to come forward and volunteer to lead this group for 2021. If you are interested in being Diaconate chair(s), please contact Keith or I or let Kathy know in the church office.

Have a blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!! **Pam & Keith Rouse**

CROP HUNGER WALK - 2021

We are starting to plan for our spring CROP Hunger Walk. This will be a virtual walk again in 2021 due to COVID-19. If you would like to be involved in this event which benefits our local community and the global community, please contact Terri Morrison or Debbie Mestas.



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee is taking a break until January, 2021. They have worked to update the church profile and it is will be mailed to the Regional Office when that is completed. They have not received any profiles since June and are hoping that with the updated profile we will have some responses.



2020 SHALL PASS -- IT MIGHT PASS LIKE A KIDNEY STONE -- BUT IT WILL PASS!!



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF OUR LITTLE SUPER HEROES AND STAFF AT PRESCHOOL.

We have been very busy since we returned from Thanksgiving break getting ready for the holidays. We have celebrated the birth of baby Jesus, had a Gingerbread Day and will have our Christmas parties next week. We will be on Christmas vacation from December 16-January 4, 2021. We have gained a few new students in December and a few more in January. We still have some openings, so if you have any friends that would like to enroll their kiddos in preschool, we would love to have them. You can contact the preschool office @ 472-0649 for more information.

We have been very lucky to keep COVID away from our school. With all of the restrictions, extra cleaning, hard work from our staff and teachers and the support of our parents, we have keep germs away. Keep praying for us that we will keep the germs away into the new year.

Thank you for your support of our amazing preschool. **Annette Crain, Director**



The Spiritual Growth Commission is planning on taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 3rd after the 10:10 service. Please plan to stay and help put them away.

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Fleece Blanket project will be 5 years old on January 30, 2021. We have made and given out over 1350 blankets during that time period. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. We can always use donations of fleece and volunteers. We have been blessed by having volunteers either bring in completed blankets or come to First Christian Church to make blankets.

The Sandwich Ministry has been busy and our recipients are increasing. We have also been handing out gloves, hats and socks to those in need and they are very appreciative. We have been blessed by people providing these items and other items like banana bread and notebooks for those in need. We continue to make sandwiches on Fridays at 3:15 p.m. and put the lunches together on Saturday mornings @ 8:15 a.m. We appreciate any help that you can give to help prepare sandwiches and lunches. If you are interested in helping, contact Trudy Woodard or Debbie Mestas.

A BIG THANK YOU to the FCC Preschool for their generous donation of peanut butter and jelly. We also received a generous donation to the Sandwich Ministry. Thank you all for your support.

Peace, Debbie Mestas, Commission Chair.

January 2021

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2020  Christmas Offering
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The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries in 32 DOC regions across the U.S. and Canada. Ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities to work and worship. Half of these gifts from this offering will be used in our own region.

We shall take the Christmas offering on December 20th. If you are attending in person, you may be your offering to the service or use one of the special offering envelopes in the pew pocket. If you haven't been coming to services but would like to donate, please mail your offering to the church. Thank you very much for participating in the 2020 Christmas Offering.