

Your Help Can Make a Difference

Pentecost Offering

One of PCUSA's special offerings, the Pentecost Offering benefits children at risk, youth and young adults. We know how important it is to give young people a good foundation in faith, in education, and in life. The Pentecost Offering helps us support the development of our young people through ministries of education, spiritual formation events, and through service as young adult volunteers. It also encourages us to see how children, youth, and young adults teach us new things and help us shape our faith, too. PCOC will keep 40% of the offering while the remaining 60% is distributed to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, where they will allocate 50% to ministries with youth and young adults and 10% to child advocacy/children at risk. This is the first year that PCOC will collect the Pentecost Offering. I encourage you to support this worthy cause that benefits children and youth in our church, our community, and around the world.



Heather Berry

Join the Usher Team



As most of the congregation is aware, we are now back to two services on Sundays. As more folks become vaccinated and comfortable with attending our Sunday services, we're trying to plan ahead and build usher teams for the end of this summer and beginning of the fall. Pre-COVID, we had two usher teams per service (four plus a captain) for a total of 40 ushers ... something we used to take for granted!

If you are interested in becoming an usher (join a team) at the end of this summer, please email or call Mike Shannon.

In the short term, we feel comfortable with three ushers per service (six per Sunday) and will be looking for volunteers for the month of May and June and throughout the summer. Please give this consideration, and looking forward to hearing from you many thanks!!

Shannon

Mike

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A NEW SEASON AT CHURCH

Here is a snippet from a recent article from the Presbyterian Foundation which I believe also describes us here at PCOC:

“As we gradually emerge from the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, we are all searching for who God is calling us to be and what God is urging us to do in a new season as the church. That search necessarily involves experimentation, change, risk, energy, intelligence, and imagination...”

While we don't know exactly when “things will get back to normal,” we can sense that we're cautiously moving in the right direction. As the vaccines roll out, more activities are resuming at church. Folks are slowly returning to worship in the sanctuary and in-person activities in our building. Yes, we are entering into a new season as a church.

We don't know just yet what worship will look like this summer. We may need to keep offering two worship services so we can remain socially distanced, but it's too early to tell.

Your Session is making plans for summer worship that include meeting outside several times throughout the summer—on June 6, July 11, and August 22.

No matter how, when, or where we meet for worship, the Congregational Life Committee is making plans to provide Coffee and Doughnut Holes each Sunday on the patio this summer, beginning Memorial Day weekend.

The Session has also authorized what we are calling “Phase 2” of the Capital Campaign – the push to achieve the remaining pledges needed to complete our goal. You will be hearing about upcoming activities and programs highlighting our envisioned building expansion.

Our Mission Committee is again planning for visiting volunteer PDA work groups to stay with us this summer, as they return to work in flood relief in the King Lake area.

Paula Allen's Tai Chi classes have resumed.

Betty Baddley's Music and Movement classes have resumed, on a limited basis.

Active Minds will resume meeting in May. (Details on page 7)

Kristi Treu is actively recruiting high school singers to gather again this summer for our summer Youth Choir Festival. An outdoor Vesper Concert featuring the Offutt Brass is scheduled for June.

Our Junior High and Senior High summer mission trips are scheduled, and kids are signing up with Heather Berry.

A Young Adult mission trip is also being planned by Christine Dempsey.

VBS plans are underway, possibly being planned for outside this summer.

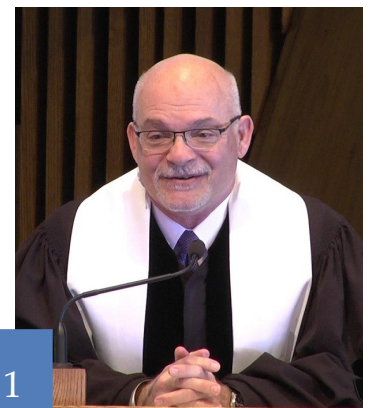
While we don't know today just exactly how all these events will transpire, we are all excited to at least be able to cautiously make plans. But remember what's required of all of us - “experimentation, change, risk, energy, intelligence, and imagination.”

No, we're not back to normal yet, but as spring and summer unfold, I think we'll be up to the task.

As followers of our risen Lord, let's look to the future with confidence!

Your pastor and friend,

Marshall Ziemann



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A TIME FOR RENEWED VISITS

One of my favorite memories of growing up was visiting my great aunts and hearing stories of growing up on the old farm with no electricity, the magic of a Christmas eve sleigh-ride and mom's stories of chasing chickens on the farm.

When I started at Church of the Cross, I was overjoyed to visit you all and hear your wonderful stories. I have learned that many of you are avid bird watchers, even counting the number birds you have identified. Many of you are fine musicians and tell stories of your experiences both performing and listening to music. And, of course, I know you are all wonderful cooks – as I have personally experienced the many recipes in our PCOC cookbook.

Unfortunately, my Associate Pastor visits were cut short due to the pandemic. Do you realize that I had only served at PCOC for seven months before the pandemic shut us down? I have been serving Church of the Cross longer in the pandemic than I did before the pandemic. We have made do, and I have very much enjoyed the phone chats, but I am looking forward to visiting you all again. I am looking forward to your family pictures, cherished pets and timeless heirlooms. I am looking forward to smiles and tears as we share our stories. I am also looking forward to driving around Omaha a little more and learning the nuances of the city. I really can't believe there is a 78th Avenue and a 78th Street.

The good news is that I am now fully vaccinated and can begin visiting starting May 1. Likewise, many of our Cross Care Team members and our Deacons will be able to begin to make visits. In terms of my schedule, I will start making calls on folks in care facilities and home bound members. My ability to visit will depend on the rules of each individual facility. You don't have to wait on me to reach out! Feel free to give me a call or an email, and we can set up a time to visit.

If we think about Ecclesiastes 3, we are reminded that there is a season for every purpose under heaven. Friends, it is finally time to start visiting together. I am so excited to continue to build these treasured friendships, and I am sure that I will find a renewed thanksgiving for time spent with you my brothers and sisters in Christ.



Grace and peace,

Christine

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Cross Care Connections provides a personally tailored relationship with a fellow church member to walk with you at life's most challenging times. These compassionate individuals can provide confidential support when you need someone to listen and help you navigate a major life event such as ...

- In the emotional aftermath of a death or traumatic event
- Following a medical diagnosis or during an illness
- After a job loss
- When you are facing a life-changing decision
- If you are feeling afraid, alone, or hopeless
- Following a major life change like a new baby or an empty nest
- When you are the sole caregiver for an aging or ill loved one
- After a miscarriage
- When you are trying to be strong for someone else
- If you are struggling with the failure of a marriage or relationship



Contact Pastor Christine or use the form on our website to request a Cross Care Connections provider.



The Return of Live Performances

We have dearly missed live music over the past year and are thrilled to present the Sinta Quartet LIVE AND IN PERSON on Tuesday evening, May 11 at 7:00 pm. **Seating is limited! Please reserve your seat in advance** by emailing Kristi at kristi@pcoc.us, by calling Julie at the front office, or by registering online at vesperconcerts.org.



The Sinta Quartet is hailed as “a tight-knit ensemble exploding with power and an unconcealable ambition to connect with its newly found listeners” (Boston Musical Intelligencer), “immensely entertaining...they really are superb musicians,” (Audiophile Audition), and for their “Astonishing virtuosity, subtly beautiful phrasing and exquisite ensemble,” (Palm Beach Daily News). The group is named for its mentor, legendary University of Michigan Saxophone Professor Donald Sinta. The Sinta Quartet’s repertoire is diverse, ranging from commissions by today’s emerging composers to standards from the saxophone quartet literature to transcriptions by master composers such as Beethoven, Dvorak, Schubert and Shostakovich. Don’t miss this chance to experience a classical saxophone quartet.

Visit www.vesperconcerts.org for more information about Sinta and to watch some of their performances videos.

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Worship & Music Committee Moderator:
Mike Shannon

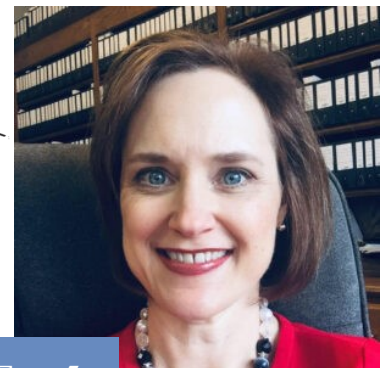
Register Now for the 6th Annual Summer Youth Choir Festival June 21-27

Registration is now available on the church website! This fun week of singing and outreach is open to all singers throughout Omaha finishing grades 8-12. Rehearsals take place Monday through Thursday evenings (includes a snack). Saturday is our Outreach Tour across the Omaha metro, and the group sings in worship on Sunday morning. Cost is only \$45 for the entire week of singing, fellowship, friendship, and outreach. Contact Kristi at kristi@pcoc.us if you have questions.

Go to the Summer Youth Choir Festival page on the church website to watch a promotional video and to hear past performances of this group of talented and energetic youth.



Kristi Treu, Director of Music
Executive Director of Vesper Concerts



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Preschool Sunday School

Weekly Video Lessons Available Online Anytime

Elementary Sunday School

May 2: Zoom at 10:00 am with Sue
May 9, 16, 23: Video Lessons Available Online Anytime

Jr./Sr. High Youth

May 2: JHF at 5:00 pm/ No SHF
May 16: JHF fun at 5:00 pm SHF Mission Trip Meeting at 5:00 pm (youth & one parent should attend)
May 23: JHF/SHF at 5:00 pm

Vacation Bible School July 13-15



We need YOU! Vacation Bible School is a highlight of the year for our children, and it is not possible without the help of many volunteers. If you believe our church children are priceless, say “YES!” to serving them. Contact Heather for more information.

Fun at the Easter Egg Hunt

Sunshine, a cool breeze, 40 cute kids and about 1,200 eggs filled with candy. Sounds amazing, right? Well, it was! A fun time was had by all and it was so good to see everyone. A big thank you goes out to the youth and their leaders for stuffing and hiding the eggs and cleaning up after the hunt!



Junior High Mission Trip – July 23-25
Calvin Crest in Fremont, Nebraska
Sign up online now! Deadline to register: May 15

7th Annual Garage Sale – July 31

This major fundraiser for the Senior High Youth is only 3 months away! Can you believe it? We’re getting pretty excited around here. Now is the time to start putting aside your treasures for our sale.



There are several ways you can help:

- Donate your gently used items (in sellable condition) - clothing, furniture, toys, sports equipment, household goods, children and baby items, or anything else you think we can sell and make money! Please no broken or dirty items.
- Donate hangers and plastic bags.
- Volunteer to help! Pick a day and time to help with sorting, organizing, and pricing. The work will begin July 19 and go until July 30, from 11:30-1:30 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Heather to sign up!
- Come to the garage sale and buy something on Saturday, July 31!

***We will begin collecting donations for the garage sale in June. Please keep your items until then. Thank you.**

Heather Berry
Director of
Christian Education



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CE Committee Moderator:
Josh Versaw

JHF Leaders:
Carla & Jon Fritz, Julie Evers, & Nickie Johnson

SHF Leaders:
Dawn & Brad Gibson, Holly Baddley, & Ethan Bennett



View from my Office

UPDATE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WOW! What a year we have been through. Who could have dreamed up the pandemic, and how it would affect our lives?

And yet, in spite of COVID-19, our campaign to raise funds for our building expansion and improvements is alive and well.

Church of the Cross is grateful beyond measure for each dollar that is pledged and given toward creating an even more welcoming and inviting front door to our worship area.

As a church, we are ready to move on to Phase II as we strategize and finalize the fundraising efforts for the capital campaign. To date \$2,229,000 has been pledged. And more than \$1,164,300 has been given and is now on deposit at our bank.



Remember, our new space is envisioned to become a major hub for our church – a place for gathering before and after worship services, weddings, and funerals, for receptions, greeting new members, and providing space for adult education.

Let's Build God's House Together!

The Capital Campaign Committee is teaming up with the Congregational Life Committee to cautiously begin planning three all-church events this summer on our back patio and lawn area. Mark your calendar and plan to attend church and stay for fun and fellowship:

- **June 6 – Pennant Day!** Bring your picnic and walk through the area where the new addition will be built. Sign your pennant of support.
- **July 11- Outfield Day!** Pancake Man will be flipping pancakes on the patio. There could be a homerun derby for the kids.
- **August 22 – Champions Day!** More fun than you can imagine and a congregational photo.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer

Finance Committee Moderator:
Ken Kluck

Building and Grounds Committee Moderator: John Stalnaker

OTHER INFORMATION

In this pandemic year, the church has noticed the generosity of our members. In 2019 the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings were \$1,546 and \$2,842, respectively, while in 2020 these offerings were \$5,675 and \$5,301. Then, in 2020, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering was \$3,890. So far in 2021, we have given \$5,080, and more may yet be given.

Recently, session approved Church of the Cross to participate in the Pentecost Offering. It will be interesting to see how many members embrace this opportunity. For more information on this opportunity please read the article on page 1.

The B&G Committee is nearing completion of the roofing project. Committee members and the roofing company representative have created a punch list that is being working on as I write.

The new address was added to the Circle Drive entrance this week. Large numbers “1517” have been added above the door that you are able to be read from 114th Street and door signage has been added indicating the Office Entrance.

The Committee has also updated the roof and trim color to offer us a more modern appeal from the street. The Spring Spruce-Up Day went well with church volunteers preparing our landscaped areas for the growing season. We want the public driving by our church to know our church is actively caring for God's world. JOIN US!

Rock Sumner
Business
Administrator



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Member Life Events



Barbara Cotton passed away on March 22, 2021. Services were held on March 26, 2021 at Church of the Cross.



Webb David Versaw, baptized on April 18, 2021. Parents are Josh and Kara Versaw. Grandparents are Joe and Stephanie Weaver.



May Birthdays

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Jean Lynn, Jerry Cornett,
Rob Bailey | 11 Morgan Koch, Kendall Kahler,
Kylie Berry |
| 2 Adrian Hinz, Lucah Sekle,
Anne Wattles, Marian Lewis,
Liam Dempsey | 12 Michael Shannon,
Jillian Obregon |
| 3 Doug Gollehon, Duncan Koch,
Ben Miller, Mary Ann Pederson,
Sherryl Shannon, Kevin Bunjer,
Jimmy Downes | 13 Jim Butler, Irene Astleford,
Joe Meusey |
| 4 Peyton Holubeck | 19 Nancy Nicas, Carolyn Will |
| 5 Jerry Bland, Twink DeRoin,
Chuck Frenk, Joan Sacco,
Don Sievers, Bud Miles | 20 David Thorson, Paul Stiles,
Genevieve Ebert |
| 6 Joshua McFadden, Laura Innes,
Susan Price | 21 Gary Lynn, Ben Fritz,
Jenny Koch |
| 8 Elizabeth Darling | 22 Phyllis Armstrong,
Peter Broderick, Marlys Boyum |
| 9 Brinly Lehmann | 23 Daley Gibson, Beverly Neal |
| 10 Catherine Brady,
Brooklynn Evers,
Pat Hoisington | 24 Owen Rock, Patti Sparks,
Scotlyn Thorson |
| 8 Robert Wright,
Bobbi Swedlund, Ally Hopp | 22 Patty Hindman, Matt Kahler,
Don Jones, David Braunlich,
Inga Wagner |
| 9 Ethel Pauba, Finn Mooney | 27 Elaine Holdren, Camille Koch |
| 10 Carl Greiner, Mark Brady,
Betty Baddley, Bill Steele | 30 Don Thorson,
Heather McIntyre-Haas |
| | 31 Becca Whitlow, Laura Fortner |

Active Minds Resumes in May!

Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 in the Great Room. In May, you can choose between 10-point pitch or the board game Sequence. We will teach you to play. Please let Earlene Uhrig know if you are attending. We will follow the CDC recommendation that fully vaccinated persons can begin to meet indoors in smaller groups. However, we will also continue to protect each other by wearing masks, no food brought in, bring-ing your own water, and using the provided hand sanitizer.

Reminder

Call the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized.
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Prayer Team

Contact Julie Buehler
or
Judy Arms

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

49ers

Judy Sundberg

Donna Turner

Friday Night Gourmet

Curt Field &
Laurie Lambert

Presbyterian Women

Diane Kratz

Presbyterian Men

Jon Boomgaarden

PCOC Book Group

June Fettig

Music & Movement


Betty Baddley

Tai Chi

Paula Allen

Active Minds

Earlene Uhrig



PCOC Book Group
Wednesday - May 19
5:15-6:30 p.m. on Zoom
The Giver of Stars
by Jojo Moyes

Membership Committee Moderator:

Nancy Utman

Congregational Life Committee Moderators:

Susan Price
Kristin Jacobi



Surplus Benefits Our Mission Partners

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we weren't sure how the pandemic would affect our congregation's ability to fulfill their annual pledges. Thanks to all of you who faithfully continued your donations to our church, we ended the year with a surplus. Recently, the Session, upon recommendation from our Mission Committee, voted to release \$40,000 to provide pandemic relief to many of our Mission partners. Funds have been distributed to Siena Francis House, Heartland Hope Mission, Project Harmony, Completely Kids, Together, Inc., and our Russia Partner Church. Your hearts can be full of joy for these funds to benefit our partners in mission as they alleviate suffering from the pandemic.



SPIRIT OF MISSION

Mission Committee Moderator:
Karen Metzger



Completely Kids: Matt Will with Lacey Locklear, Director of Development



Project Harmony: Rob Bailey with Amy Chisholm, Director of Development



Together, Inc. Matt Darling with Mike Hornacek, President and CEO



Siena Francis House: Sandi Stuckey with Chris Knauf, Chief Development Officer



ALLPLAY Miracle Buddy Baseball League

Play ball! The AllPlay Miracle Buddy Baseball League is pleased to announce their plans for the 2021 season. Save these dates!



- This year’s 8-week season will run August 7 through September 25. (The board hopes that by August, our community will be a safe place to play ball.)
- Registration for players and volunteers will begin May 1.

Church of the Cross supports the ALLPLAY organization with mission dollars, but it is equally important that we volunteer on game days to give the players a great experience. More information will be provided in the future about specific volunteer opportunities, and you can learn more anytime at www.allplay.org.



**Siena Francis House
Servers Needed
May 9, 2021
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Contact Keith Allen
to sign up.**

Food Items:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter

Hygiene Items:

- Baby Diapers (most needed size 4-6)
- Baby Wipes
- Full-Size Shampoo
- Full-Size Body Wash
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste

Drop your items off inside Circle Drive doors of the church anytime!



DEACONS NEWS

The Senior High Recognition Brunch is Sunday, May 2 between services for graduates and their families. For more information, contact Anna Flairty.



The Deacons would like to remind the congregation of some important 2021 events to put on your calendar:

- The Deacon’s Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, September 26. For more information, contact Darrell Stuedemann or Mary Ott.
- The Advent Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 5. Contact Haley Allen-Mendick for more information.

PCOC Deacons were “Busy Bunnies” creating Easter baskets for members of the church. Four volunteers got together via Zoom to establish a list of useful and fun items to put in each Easter basket, including body lotion, bookmarks, cards with stamped envelopes, devotional readings, Kleenex, word find puzzles, and of course a little Easter candy just to name a few items. We chose colorful gift bags and tissue paper so the baskets would look bright and beautiful. Each volunteer was assigned three to four items to purchase for the baskets.



Once everything was bought the “Busy Bunnies” got together at church to fill the baskets. It was a fun project to work on together. The best part was delivering the baskets! Several deacons helped deliver 50 Easter baskets. After a long year of COVID and social distancing it was so nice to see people’s smiling faces and have wonderful conversations. We hope everyone enjoyed Easter, and the baskets provided a little extra joy!

Happy Mother’s Day from PCOC Deacons!

Deacons	Funeral Meals
Moderator Anna Sumner	Pam Swenson
Vice Moderator Pam Swenson	Home Meals Coordinator Kathy Moore
Secretary Kim Banat	Prayer Shawls Information Tammie Will
Treasurer Tammy Holdren	PieceMakers Karen Morey Debbie McMullen



2021 Confirmation Class

JENNA CUNNINGHAM: Jenna aspires to a career as a detective, perhaps in the FBI or CIA. She was born in Michigan to her parents, Sheri and Jeremy Cunningham. Currently, at Kiewit Middle School, Jenna enjoys art and reading and next year will attend Millard North High School where she is considering playing soccer. Jenna participates in Premier Gymnastics. Other athletic activities include tubing, skiing, and wakeboarding. Friends describe her as nice and smart, but because she doesn't talk in class others think she is quiet. As a result of Confirmation Class, Jenna has prayed and read the Bible more. Her mentor was Haley Allen-Mendick.

AURORA QUARTOROLI: Expect an exciting life from Aurora because she can do anything she puts her mind to. For example, she operates her own baking business, which is good preparation for her future goals of going to culinary school, perhaps abroad, and becoming a chef/baker. Meanwhile, at Ralston Middle School, Aurora is in show choir, volleyball, basketball, track, and HAL science. Outside of school, she is part of Banzai Volleyball. Although polite and respectful as a student, she can also be described as quiet, good-mannered, somewhat shy but with the heart of a tiger. She is the daughter of Nickie Johnson and her mentor was Anna Sumner.

MYLES BUNJER: Myles, the son of Kevin and Bridgette Bunjer, is active in a variety of activities ranging from being on the Omaha Tiger baseball team to playing the cello. At Kiewit Middle School, Myles participates in track and cross country. Next year at Millard North, he will try out for the baseball team. His friends would describe him as funny because he likes to joke around and has a sense of humor. However, he is hardworking and always gets his assignments in on time. In the future, Myles sees himself working outdoors, possibly as a zoologist. His faith expanded this year in Confirmation Class by reading the Bible. Danny Whitlow was his mentor.



HENRY SPANN: Sports are important to Henry; specifically, he likes basketball and soccer. As a student at Elkhorn Valley View Middle School, his favorite subject is math. His friends describe him as nice, kind, and fun. His teachers think he is hard working. Henry has helped with the summer garage sale at PCOC and was happy when the Confirmation Class was able to meet in person. During the class, he learned that his faith became deeper. His hobbies are guitar, biking, fishing and swimming. Charles and Jennifer Spann are his parents. His church mentor was David Bennett.

DALEY GIBSON: Daley, daughter of Brad and Dawn Gibson, is passionate about dance. She does competitive dance at Dance Out Loud Productions. She attends Millard North Middle School and will attend Millard North High School next year. She is involved in JHF at church as well as going on a mission trip. She feels connected to God and enjoys helping. She has learned that her faith is bigger now that she has completed Confirmation. In the future, she sees herself as a physical therapist specialized in dance injuries. Her friends would describe Daley as kindhearted, energetic, and talkative. She enjoys writing stories. Her church mentor was Brenda Graumann.



Confirmation Class (continued)

EVERY FULLER: Avery attends Bennington Middle School and will attend Bennington High School next year. She is very involved in school activities such as band, jazz band, choir, track, and marching band. Avery is also a soccer referee outside of school. Avery enjoys studying American history. She considers herself a good student and a hard worker. At PCOC, she has participated in JHF, youth choir, handbells, and attending a retreat at Calvin Crest. She enjoyed the funny conversations before Confirmation Class would start but wishes the classes did not need to be on ZOOM. She is the daughter of Valerie Fuller, and Kristi Treu was her church mentor.

BLAKE HARRISON: Blake is the son of Traci and Tim Harrison. His grandparents, Lou and Faythe Harrison were his church mentors. Blake attends St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School and plans to go to Creighton Prep next year for high school. He loves to golf and swim. He enjoys studying science. His friends and teachers would describe him as talkative. He wants to own his own business in the future. He has participated in choir, Sunday School, Cornerstone, and handbells at PCOC. He feels his faith was deepened by reading the book of Luke for Confirmation Class. He also enjoyed watching the movies in Confirmation Class.

HOLLI WRIGHT: Holli is the daughter of Tammy Wright. Holli attends Beveridge Middle School and will attend Burke High School next year. She is on the swim team, plays clarinet in the band, and is on dance team at Beveridge. She enjoys studying history. On holidays, she cooks meals and gives them to people who do not have access to a warm meal. She hopes to have a career in interior design or the culinary arts in the future. At PCOC, she has participated in youth choir, JHF, VBS, and mission trips. Through Confirmation Class, she has learned that it is okay to be honest with yourself. She would like to be a part of SHF next year as well as maybe cook in the kitchen or help with childcare. Her church mentor was Sue Thomas.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Cheryl Bedell to Church of the Cross. Cheryl is joining our church because so many of her friends from Assistance League and P.E.O. are members at PCOC,



and it just felt right. So, thanks to all of you (and she listed many people on her membership form) for inviting her and encouraging her to join. Cheryl was born in McPherson, Kansas. At age 8, the family moved to Wichita. When she was in the 5th grade, her father took a job in Omaha, and she has lived here ever since. Cheryl was a former member of St. Paul Methodist Church in Benson. She is now retired but was an office supervisor for a crop insurance company. Cheryl enjoys decorating, art, reading, and talking with her grandson. Her son lives in Sidney, Iowa. She has a sister that resides in Arizona; and although her brother has passed away, she remains close to his wife and family.

Maggie and Andrew Ebert have been attending the 11:10 worship service for several years with Andrew's grandmother, Gladys Kuster; and now we are happy to welcome them as new



members along with their two daughters, Cosette Marie and Genevieve Violet. Maggie was born in Phoenix and her family moved to Omaha in 1990. Andrew was born and raised in Omaha, and they both graduated from Millard West High School. Andrew was baptized at Church of the Cross, and his family attended PCOC during his childhood. Andrew is a construction estimator with Darland Construction Company, and Maggie is an attorney and partner with Kutak Rock Law Firm. Andrew enjoys skiing, fishing, hiking, basketball, and the guitar. Maggie enjoys exercising, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, cooking, traveling, reading, music, and history. They both enjoy and participate in the "Playing with Fire" non-profit festival and concert series.

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