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Followers of Christ

Whenever community members worship at Followers of Christ, a new ELCA worshiping community at the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln, Neb., they are always astonished. “These people look like me. They could be my neighbors,” they say. To which Bob Bryan, the ministry’s pastor, nods and replies, “They are.”

Followers of Christ is supported by ELCA members, grants from the ELCA Nebraska Synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. And along with its partner ministries at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Lincoln, it works hard to restore the broken relationships between the inmates, God and society.

Most inmates get out in four years and are eager to return to normal lives. Followers of Christ is there to make that transition easier. Bob says he meets many people in the community who think that the inmates don’t deserve such a service, to which he will reply: “We are all equal at the foot of the cross.”

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