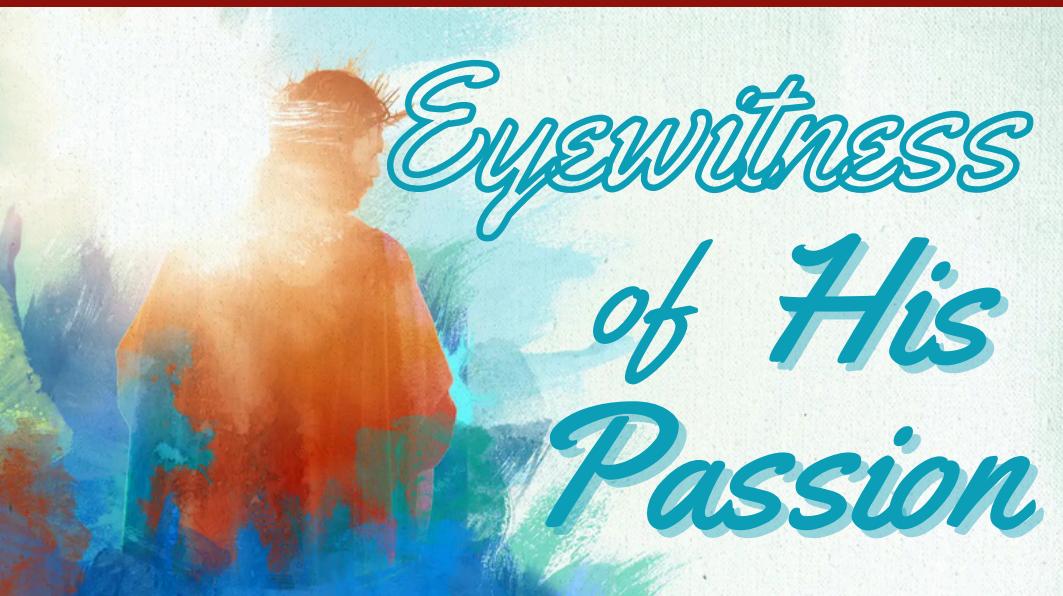


FIRST CONNECTIONS



Join us to hear
the story through
new eyes!

FEBRUARY 25	MALCHUS
MARCH 4	SIMON OF CYRENE
MARCH 11	PILATE'S WIFE
MARCH 18	CENTURION SOLDIER
MARCH 25	JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

"United, We Live God's Will"

Members of First St. Paul's,

For five weeks and for five weeks only, the First St. Paul's Actor's Guild will be presenting "Eyewitness of His Passion." While Lent lasts for seven weeks, the first week of Lent is Ash Wednesday on February 18th, which will have worship at 12:10 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

The last week of Lent is Holy Week and as a change this year, there will be NO Wednesday evening worship service on Wednesday, April 1st. (No April Fools, there really won't be a service!)

That means on February 25th and on March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th we will be presenting the Passion of Jesus from the perspective of Malchus (the slave who had his ear cut off by Peter and healed by Jesus), Simon of Cyrene (who was forced to help Jesus carry the cross), The wife of Pontius Pilate (who had a dream to warn her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus' Passion), the Centurion at the cross (who confesses "surely this man was the son of God"), and Joseph of Arimathea (who asks for Jesus body to give it a proper burial). Join us and the First St. Paul's Players as we learn their witness, an eyewitness to His Passion.

As always, during Holy Week, Maundy Thursday services will be held at 12:10 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., with the 7:00 P.M. service featuring the First Communion of young people. The Good Friday service at 7:00 P.M. will be a Tenebrae style of worship.

This year's Judas Purse Offering will be used to help with the relief efforts in Catadupa, Jamaica, where our mission trip teams have previously served and where a hurricane swept through earlier this year.

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Questions?
Contact: Church Office
(402) 463-1329

SATURDAY SERVICE - 6:00 P.M. - TRADITIONAL IN SANCTUARY

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME!

SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Traditional Services
Sanctuary
Saturdays-6:00 P.M.
Sundays-8:25 A.M.

Contemporary Services
Celebration Center
Sundays-10:35 A.M.

Facebook Livestream
SUNDAYS
8:25 AM & 10:35 A.M.

Good Sam. Village Ch. 3
SUNDAYS 6:00 P.M.
Wednesdays 12:30 P.M.

Hastings Public Access TV
Spectrum ch. 181/Allo ch. 16
Wed 2:00 P.M. & Sun 2:30 P.M.

Radio: 1230AM
SUNDAYS 11:00 A.M.



“SOUP”ER BOWL SUNDAY

February 7th & 8th All Services

We will pass the soup pots to collect a special offering. Your generous donations will be shared between Crossroads and the Hastings Food Pantry, helping provide essential resources for those in need within our community.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th
12:10 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.



Join us as we begin the season of Lent. We offer two services to fit your schedule. Ash Wednesday is an important day marking a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal in preparation for Easter. All are welcome!



CONFIRMATION

April 26th 11:00 A.M.

Be a part of the special service at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate this meaningful step in the faith journey of our youth. Come support and honor their commitment to a life of faith.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

March 22nd

We receive new members into our First St. Paul's family! A special reception will be held between Sunday's services. Help us welcome our newest members!

FIRST COMMUNION

April 2nd - 7:00 P.M.
Celebrate a profound milestone in the faith journey of our 5th graders as they receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 P.M. Join us to witness and support these young members of our church family at this meaningful moment in their spiritual lives.

March 29th

April 2nd

April 3rd

April 4th & 5th



Palm Sunday

Saturday 6:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:25 A.M.
10:35 A.M.



Maundy Thursday

12:10 P.M.
7:00 P.M.
with 5th Grade
First Communion



Good Friday

Tenebrae Candle
Service
7:00 P.M.

Easter



Services with Communion

Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: Traditional
6:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.
Sunday:
Contemporary
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

KIDS

Discipleship

orange KIDS

Kids 3 Years Old - 6th Grade
Be sure to CHECK-IN
before heading to class!

Questions?

Contact: Cassie Brader or Kendra Weichman
at FSPKidsMin@firststpauls.org

Wednesday Night
ICHTHUS: 6:00 - 7:15 P.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL:
9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

NOTICE: Wednesday classes will end at 6:45 P.M. from **February 15th- March 25th.**

February

What does it look like
to love like Jesus?

"I give you a new command. Love
one another. You must love one
another, just as I have loved you."

John 13:34 NIV



March How does following
Jesus influence the way
I treat others?



Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't
do it because you are proud. Instead, be
humble. Value others more than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3 NIV

5th Grade
First Communion Retreat
CHRISTIAN UNDERGROUND
Saturday, March 21st at 10.00 A.M.

This retreat is for all 5th Graders and any 6th-8th
Graders who have not received instruction for their
First Communion. First Communion service will be on
Maundy Thursday, April 2nd.

Bring a lunch and water bottle.

A Seder Meal for retreat participants and
their families will take place in the
Celebration Center at 5:00 P.M.

Please contact the Church Office to Sign-up



June 1-5 9A.M.-Noon
Open to kids age 3-6th Grade

Plan ahead
& sign up!

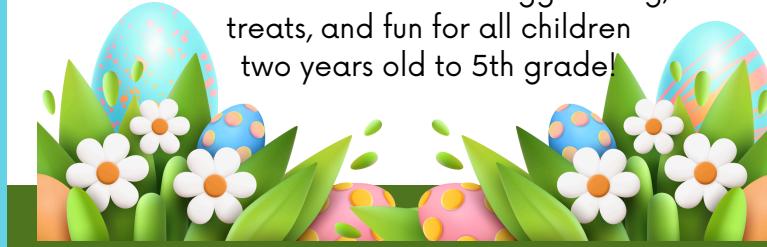
Volunteers:



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
10:00 A.M. IN THE CELEBRATION CENTER

Hop on over for an Easter
celebration filled with egg hunting,
treats, and fun for all children
two years old to 5th grade!



Children's
Choices
Because we were made to praise!

Cherub Choir and
Joyful Noises
will sing during the
10:35 A.M. Worship
Service on the
following dates:

February 15th
March 19th
April 26th



Questions?
Contact: Pastor Chad Power
(402) 705-4026

YOUTH
Discipleship

Confirmation

7th Grade Confirmation
Meet: Basement at Y&FMC

8th Grade Confirmation
Meet: Upstairs at Y&FMC

Wednesdays
6:05-7:30 P.M.

During Lent

(Starts February 18th)

Class from 6:00-6:45 P.M.
Worship from 7:00-8:00 P.M.
(will attend together as a class)

**8th Grade Confirmation
April 26th at a Special
11:00 A.M. Worship Service**

Sr. High Mission Trip

Puerto Rico

Next Payments Due:
Feb 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th,
and June 17th

Important Dates:

March 22nd at 7 P.M.: 3rd Team Meeting
April 5th: Easter Breakfast
April 5th- June 7th: Stock Sales
April 26th at 7 P.M.: 4th Team Meeting

July 18th-25th

Senior High Ministry (Grades 9th-12th)

Soul Café is for youth in grades 9-12 and their friends. Meets on Wednesday nights in the Christian Underground.

7:00 - 8:00 P.M. HOMEWORK & HANGOUT HOUR

Come spend time with friends, catch up on homework, relax, and recharge!

8:00 - 9:00 P.M. SOUL CAFÉ

Get ready to dive into God's Word, speak from the heart, and grow together in faith as we walk this journey side by side!

Jr. High Mission Trip

LVR

Next Payments Due:
Feb 18th, March 18th and
April 15th

June 21st - 27th

**OREO's- The Good Stuff
in the Middle**

For **ALL** 7th & 8th Graders & Friends

We meet on the
4th Sunday of the
Watch for more
details!

**EASTER
BREAKFAST**



Sunday, April 5th

7:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Join us in the
Founders Hall to
support the Sr.
High Mission
Team.

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

FSP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

The Foundation is offering a one-time scholarship to any member of this church who is a graduating High School

Senior who plans on attending a post-secondary school and meets the criteria. Applications can be picked up in the Church Office or found online at firststpauls.org.

Deadline: March 1st

Save the Date

Icthus Finale:

May 6th

Potluck at

Chautauqua Park

**ATTENTION
SENIORS &
FAMILIES**

**SENIOR
RECOGNITION
WEEKEND
MAY 2ND & 3RD**

For the Senior Recognition video, please send these three photos to Chad as soon as possible!

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Senior Picture

send your pictures to : chad@firststpauls.org

ADULT Discipleship

Questions? Contact: Becky Mohling: (402) 984- 7154

FIRST ST. PAUL'S EASTER GARDEN

Order your flowers today!

EASTER LILY ~ \$12

ASSORTED FLOWERS ~ \$15

(TULIPS | DAFFODILS | HYACINTHS)

Deadline for Ordering

Wednesday, March 25th by 5:00 P.M.



New Member Classes

Interested in becoming a member at First St. Paul's or know someone that is? Join our new member classes. Each class will be held following the 10:35 A.M. service with lunch provided. Dive into our mission, values, and learn the many ways you can grow in faith.

Classes: March 1st, 8th & 15th

Call the Church Office at (402) 463-1329 to reserve your spot!

SUNDAY

Parent Forum

Holy Grounds Room
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Study: Family Time Management by Stuart Hall

Adult Forum

Host: Pastor Joel Remmers
Heritage Room
Time: 9:30 A.M.

TUESDAY:

Men's Bible Study
Heritage Room
Time: 6:30 A.M.

THURSDAY:

Bibles & Brews
Arron Diecker's House
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

6:05-7:05 P.M.
(unless otherwise noted)

Crazy Love

by Francis Chan
Host: Jessica Walston & Morgan Savage
Location: Ephesians

12 Daring Women of the Bible

by Lisa Harper
Host: Becky Mohling
Location: LOT

Galatians

Host: Travis Bronson
Location: Heritage Room

life is better connected

Life isn't meant to be lived alone.

- Come as you are
- Grow in Faith
- Build Friendships
- Get Connected

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.
Matthew 18:20



Small Groups are about more than a Bible study - they're about belonging.

Whether you are new to First St. Paul's or been here for years, everyone is welcome: singles, couples, families

- February 15th-March 29th
- 1 1/2 hours each meeting
- Time/Location/Frequency determined by the group



For additional information contact and click on the QR code to register.

Julie Nash (402) 984-3266
Becky Mohling (402) 984-7154



Contact Belva
Junker at
402 (469)-1236
with questions

GriefShare is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Starting February 5th, they will be meeting on Thursdays at 1:30 P.M. at the Y&FMC. Griefshare is free to join.

Register
Today
Scan Here:



Join us!
We're Hosting
IF: One Night
WOMEN'S
RETREAT



Friday, February 27, 2026
5:30 - 10:00 P.M.
\$25 Registration Fee - Meal Included

JENNIE ALLEN + CHRISTINE CAINE + JADA EDWARDS + FRANCIS CHAN AND MORE

Hosted by Jessica Walston & Morgan Savage
For more info, contact 402-469-5110

MISSION

Questions?
Megan Lockling (402) 463-1671
Finance Coordinator

2026 Judas Purse Recipient Catadupa, Jamaica Experience Mission



In October 2025, the island of Jamaica was devastated by Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 hurricane and the 3rd strongest ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean.

Look in your Lenten Packet for more info.

Summer Camp Soup Cook off & Raffle



February 15th, 2026
11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
Hastings Fairgrounds



Adults: \$10
Kids 4-10: \$8
4 & under FREE

Come help send local Foster children to summer camp in 2026 through Royal Family Kids and Teen Reach. Your entrance fee includes all you can eat soup, a cinnamon roll or dessert bar, & a drink. Additional desserts & drinks are available for purchase.

To enter a roaster of chili/soup, email Miranda at
rfkc.hastings@gmail.com

The Royal Family KIDS Mentoring Program connects children with a safe, consistent adult each month for character-building, fun, and one-on-one attention from trained role models.

A new mentoring group is launching here at FSP, and they need help getting started. Please support if you can.

Items to donate:

- *Cash
- *Juice Boxes
- *Kid Scissors
- *Small bottles of water
- *Snacks (goldfish, nuts, chips, etc.)
- *Themed decorations or gifts for Holidays

For questions, contact Ethan Merchant, Director at (308) 940-2837 or rfkmentorship.hastingsne@gmail.com, Kathy Adelson, or Sandie Buhr.



Ways to help:

Send PRAYERS

Volunteer to head a meal for around 40 people (or donate food for the meal)



ALLEN'S & RUSS'S RECEIPTS NEEDED

God Made Me Preschool is collecting Allen's and Russ's receipts dated from Sept. 1, 2025 through Mar. 31, 2026. Turn receipts into the collection container in Gathering Area or to the Church Office. The deadline to turn the receipts in is April 7th!

DEADLINE IS APRIL 7TH!!

Bring your favorite dish and join us in the Celebration Center for a potluck, fun and watch the big game with your family & friends!

See You There!!
Doors Open At 4:30 P.M.!!



Philippians On 4:13,
Philippians On 4:13
Ready, Set, Hut!

Thank You FSP Community

On behalf of my family, thank you for all the prayers, cards and support during the time of my father's stroke and passing this Christmas holiday. God was ever present during dad's time in the hospital, at home with Hospice care, and with our family mourning the loss, but celebrating the life God blessed him with. Thank you sisters & brothers in Christ.

In God's Glory, Pastor Chad Power

ICHTHUS MENU

February 5th Chili Soup, Assorted Cheeses and Cinnamon Rolls
February 12th Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Broccoli w/ Cheese, and a Dessert
February 19th Chicken & Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches and a Dessert
February 26th Tator Tot Casserole, Garlic Bread and a Dessert

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SALAD & VEGGIES AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES
All Meals are Subject to Change

ICHTHUS MENU

March 4th Chicken & Noodle Soup, Ham and Cheese Sandwich, and Dessert
March 11th - St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew, Garlic Bread, and Dessert
March 18th Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese, and Dessert
March 25th Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SALAD & VEGGIES AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES
All Meals are Subject to Change

Food Drive



The Lenten Food Drive begins on February 18th. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Hastings Food Pantry. Items can be placed in the grocery baskets in the Gathering Area.



We're gearing up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and need your help! Please bring individually wrapped Easter candy and place it in the basket in the gathering area. We're so grateful for your support!

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate birthdays starting at age 80 and anniversaries beginning with the 25th year. While we do our best to keep these lists up to date, we know mistakes can happen. If you or someone you know should be included but isn't—or if you'd prefer not to be listed—please let us know. We'd love to honor you correctly!

Happy Birthday to our Members

February Birthdays

2 - Ray Scholl - 86	11 - Betty Magee - 103	26 - Howard Junker - 84
2 - Ila Nelson - 88	15 - Jean Stevens-Hughes - 82	26 - Dick Kloke - 80
3 - Gloria Mills - 91	16 - Sharon Van Lengen - 89	26 - JoAnne Thomas - 85
4 - Duan Bohlen - 90	21 - Hugh Nehls - 82	27 - Aletha Bennett - 98
9 - LaVerna Petzoldt - 91	21 - Tom Shane - 85	27 - Elvera Winbolt - 94

March Birthdays

2 - Ardyce Biede - 94	7 - Dave Cure - 82	21 - Lenie Wilson - 85
3 - Mary Wood - 91	7 - Lucille Watts - 90	26 - Philip Sweet - 91
4 - Marilyn Duensing - 82	14 - Shirley Kingsley - 83	30 - Donna Kerr - 84

*Members 80 Years and Older

Happy Anniversary to our Members

February Anniversaries

1 - Nathan and Nicole Gengenbach - 1997	14 - Tom and Debra McCoy - 1975
2 - Gregory and Ann Auten - 1980	15 - Alan and Connie Hoagland - 1975
8 - Thomas and Susan Riggs - 1975	18 - Randy and Kathy Uhrmacher - 1994
8 - Joel and Angela Buhr - 1997	19 - Daniel and Nancy Yurk - 1977
12 - John and Patricia Boltz - 1983	24 - Benjamin and Andrea Engel - 1996
14 - Victor and Mary Beaty - 1978	26 - Robert and Jan McGovern - 1999
14 - Robert and Coleen Dygert - 1965	28 - Matthew and Michelle Roesener - 1992

March Anniversaries

2 - Richard and LeAnne Blau - 1985	14 - Jay and Sara Schutte - 1998
8 - Al and Val Erickson - 1975	15 - Ronald and Dena Hohlen - 1986
10 - Larry and Donna Harrenstein - 1973	22 - Kevin and Jane Bruntz - 1997
14 - Dean and Sheila Thompson - 1997	22 - Terry and Jodi Shuck - 1986

* milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

Journal of Life and Growth

(November 1st - December 31st, 2025)

Births

Henry Bryant on 11/08/2025
Makenna Bankson on 12/19/2025

Baptisms

Chevy Martin on 11/9/2025
Mason Junker on 12/7/2025
Cooper Schnase on 12/7/2025
Henry Bryant on 12/21/2025

Marriages

Josie Samuelson & Justin Svoboda on 12/6/2025
Jordon Harms & Kelsey Scheer on 12/13/2025

Transferred to Church Triumphant

Jeanette Grothen on 11/27/2025
Betty Baitey on 11/29/2025
Barbara Schnase on 11/29/2025
Martha Huffman on 12/12/2025
Robb Samuelson on 12/26/2025

New Members

Lynn & Terri Burge
Christopher & Brittany Hollister
(Children: Collins & Londyn Hollister)
Tom & Judi Pavelka



April Birthdays

3 - Jim Shaw - 80
4 - Jeanette Grothen - 92
4 - Dixie Hutchison - 88
4 - Belva Junker - 80
4 - Dixie Hutchison - 89
6 - Neil Grothen - 84
7 - Leone Sommerfeld - 104
8 - Blanche Heyen - 83
8 - Helen Miller - 93
13 - Duane Biede - 83
13 - Dr. Nancy Krueger - 86
15 - Ilene Weber - 91
18 - Delmer Van Lengen - 81
26 - Deanna Schardt - 82
28 - Barbara Murman - 93
28 - Vicky Frerichs - 80

Info for Next Newsletter

April Anniversaries

* 1 - Scott and Cynthia Hinrichs - 2000
5 - Eric and Jodi Kelly - 1997
5 - Craig and Kim Harrenstein - 1997
6 - Raymond and Joy Marsh - 1974
* 8 - Kirk and Jami Ortegren - 2000
* 8 - Jeffrey and Jill Lavene - 2000
9 - Ronald and Janet Drudik - 1983
10 - Dave and Linda Brown - 1976
11 - Dennis and Janet Piel - 1981
12 - John and Anjanette Bonham - 1997

15 - Rodney and Kimberley Hunt - 1989
17 - Paul and Shari Brei - 1982
17 - Mitchell and Connie Stark - 1982
19 - Mitch and Elizabeth Schroeder - 1997
19 - Randy and Sally Savage - 1980
22 - Michael and Lisa Moore - 1995
24 - Marlin and Joan Hartman - 1954
25 - Michael and Caprice Lueth - 1992
30 - Robert and Amy Stutesman - 1994

