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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

FIRST CONNECTIONS

October: Pastor Appreciation Month



Pastor Joel Remmers

Years as a Pastor at First St. Paul's: Since August 2005, starting year 22
Favorite praise song: Hallelujah by Pentatonix and Hallelujah (Christmas) by Evergreen
Favorite hymn: Beautiful Savior
Favorite scripture: Psalm 23
Favorite snack: Movie Theater Popcorn
Favorite hobby or way to spend a day off: Time with grandkids and/or gardening
Favorite thing about being a pastor: Opportunity to speak/pray the gospel of Jesus into life's most intimate moments with people (i.e. birth, death, marriage, baptism, first communion, confirmation, graduation, hospital rooms, etc.).

Pastor Chad Power



Years as a Pastor at FSP: Associate: 3, Assistant: 3
Favorite praise song: Right now I'm enjoying Everyday Hallelujah by Phil Wickham
Favorite hymn: Amazing Grace
Favorite scripture: The book of Job, because it demonstrates the strength of a genuine faith focused on God at all times especially in challenging life experiences.
Favorite snack: Chocolate!!!
Favorite hobby or way to spend a day off: Antique Tractors and spending time with Allison and our family.
Favorite thing about being a pastor: Sharing the love, joy and peace of God through the Good News of his Son Jesus Christ with anyone God places in my path.

We are very blessed to have two pastors at our church who spend countless hours serving God by serving our congregation. Their love and compassion does not go unnoticed. The Outreach Committe will have cards in the Gathering Area during the month of October, if you'd like to send a note of appreciation!

"United, We Live God's Will"

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25th

Sanctuary 7:00 PM

Join us as we come together in gratitude for this special service, giving thanks to the Lord for all He has blessed us with. This service with songs of praise and stories of His love that you won't want to miss.

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WORSHIP

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

MADE TO WORSHIP

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

We invite you to join us for worship in the way that works best for you!

Traditional Services
Sanctuary
Saturdays-6:00 P.M.
Sundays-8:25 A.M.
Holy Communion:
1st Sunday each month

Contemporary Service
Celebration Center
Sundays-10:35 A.M.
Holy Communion:
3rd Sunday each month

Facebook Livestream
Sundays 8:25 A.M. & 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.

There are open dates for bulletin, flower and radio sponsorships. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested at (402) 463-1329.

New Member Recognition
October 4th

Join us for a special reception in between Sunday services to welcome the newest members into our First St. Paul's Family.

Children's Advent Worship Service

Have a love for music, youth and want to help share the Christmas story?

We CANNOT do this without your help! We are looking for volunteers to direct this year's service.

Please contact Becky Mohling at (402) 984-7154 if interested!

October 4

Usher Training

A training session to be an usher for the traditional service will take place in the Sanctuary following the 8:25 AM service.

October 18

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Join us during the Contemporary Service at 10:35 AM as families present their 3rd graders with their own Bible.

October 24 & 25

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Day marks the day when Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation in 1517. Join us in remembering that salvation is given by grace alone through faith alone and that the Word of God is the supreme authority of our Christian faith.

October 31 & November 1

All Saints Day

Join us as we remember the saints who have gone before us. Honor your loved one by placing a flower in the cross. Youth will be selling white carnations in the Gathering Area for a free-will donation.

November 7 & 8

Veteran's Recognition

Come grab a cookie in the Gathering Area following each service as we remember those who served and their sacrifice this Veteran's Day.

November 28 & 29

Advent Begins

Advent is the season of hope, waiting, preparation and anticipation for the birth of Christ.

2026 Advent Project
November 22nd

THE light FOR ALL

Everyone is invited to join us in the Founder's Hall after the 10:35 AM Worship Service for lunch and fellowship while working on this year's Advent Project.

Look out for more details in the announcements!

KIDS
Discipleship

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

Sunday School
9:30 – 10:30 AM

Bible Boot Camp will meet in the Christian Underground through October 18th.

Wednesday Night Ichthus

Grades 1–6:
6:00 – 7:15 PM

Pre-K/Kindergarten:
6:00 – 6:45 PM

*Nursery available until 7:15 PM

Pre-K thru 6th Grade: Remember to CHECK-IN before heading to class!

October
I am made in the image of God!

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well."
Psalm 139:14



Novemeber
God is strong so I can be brave!

"God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble."
Psalm 46:1



G6
MADE FOR 6TH GRADERS!

Sundays
9:30-10:30 AM

Wednesdays
6:00-7:15 PM

A new and fun space was created just for 6th Graders! After checking in, head on down to the Judges room in the Lower Sunday School!!!

Note: On Wednesdays, boys will still meet in Judges, but girls will be in 1st & 2nd Kings.

GOD MADE ME PRESCHOOL
REGISTER TODAY
AGES 3 – 5

Check us out today! We would love for you to join the God Made Me Preschool family!

Class Time:
8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

4 & 5 Years Old
Monday~Wednesday~Friday
$110 per month

3 Years Old
Tuesday~Thursday
$90 per month

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Becky Conway, Director
Phone: (402) 463-1329
Website: www.firststpauls.org
Email: GodMadeMe@firststpauls.org

Cherub Choir
Preschool & Kindergarten

Joyful Noises
1st – 5th Grade

CHOIRS SING
October 11 10:35 AM

Watch out for announcements for more dates.

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

YOUTH
Discipleship

Confirmation
Wednesdays 6:05-7:30 PM

7th Grade:Y&FMC Basement
8th Grade: LOT

Reminder: Acolyting and completing Sermon Notes are a requirement to get confirmed.

OREOs
The Good Stuff in the Middle
For ALL 7th & 8th Graders & Friends

This group typically meets the fourth Sunday each month. Look for announcements with more info.

All Saints Day
October 31 & November 1



Our Junior High youth will be selling carnations before all services for a free will donation to support their next mission trip. You may place your flower on the cross at the front of the Sanctuary or Celebration Center during the service.



Ages 18-25 **December 28- January 1**

Join us for an unforgettable experience of worship, faith, community, and spiritual renewal! Spots are limited!
See Pastor Chad to get signed up.

FIELDS OF FAITH
FCA
CHANGE THE CULTURE

October 14, 2026
ADAMS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL FIELD
FIELD OPENS @ 7:00PM PROGRAM STARTS @ 7:30PM
Open to all junior high and high school students!



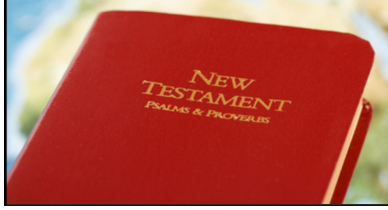
WORSHIP BY CRUCIFORM COLLECTIVE



GUEST SPEAKER
DILLON BARTELS
Youth Pastor at
North Shore Church

If inclement weather, event will be in the Adams Central gym.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH 2027 MISSION TRIPS



Our 2027 destinations will be announced this October! Mission Trips are a great way to serve and grow in faith together! Stay tunned to find out where we are going next!

SENIOR High Ministry
(GRADES 9 - 12)

Soul Café is for high schoolers and their friends and meets on Wednesday nights in the Christian Underground.

7:00 - 8:00 PM
HOMEWORK & HANGOUT HOUR

8:00 - 9:00 PM
SOUL CAFÉ
Join us as we dive into the book of Romans and grow together in faith.

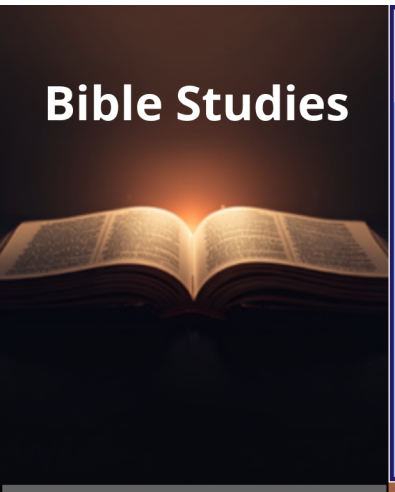
ADULT Discipleship

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

Do you want to help share the Light for All during Ichthus?

We would love to talk with you about leading a Coed or Men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings!

Please contact Becky Mohling for more info!



Wednesday Studies

Women's Study
Tame Your Thoughts by Max Lucado
Host: Becky Mohling
Y&FMC
TWO times available
4:00-5:00 PM
6:05-7:05 PM

Women's Study
The Book of Ruth by Bianca Juarez
Host: Jessica Walston & Morgan Savage
1 Corinthians Room
6:05-7:05 PM

Coed Study
The Book of Colossians by Louie Giglio
Host: Nancy Krueger
Heritage Room
6:05-7:05 PM

SUNDAY

Adult Forum
Heritage Room
Time: 9:30 A.M.

Parent Forum
Holy Grounds Room
Time: 9:30 AM

Pumpkin & Gourd Donations

During the last two weeks of October, the church would gladly accept any pumpkins or gourds to help decorate the church.

TUESDAY

Men's Study

Heritage Room
Time: 6:30 AM

Lets decorate for THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 1st
Following the 10:35 AM Service

You're invited to help decorate our church for Thanksgiving. When everyone works together, it doesn't take long at all.

Do you have something you'd like to see in the next newsletter?

Contact Ashley at communication@firststpauls.org

THURSDAY

Bible's & Brews

Men's Study
Arron Diecker's House
Time: 7:30 PM

THANK YOU VETERANS

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice and your dedication to our country.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13

To celebrate, everyone is invited to grab a cookie after all services Nov. 7 & 8.

MISSION

GriefShare

GriefShare is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and is free to join.

GriefShare is bringing some special days to the community this Fall and into the new year. Each one will last around 90 minutes.

Loss of a Spouse

October 22 at 1:30 PM
Lifehouse Church
2850 Osborne Drive East

January 7 at 10:00 AM
First St. Paul's Y&FMC

Surviving the Holidays

Since the focus is planning for the holidays, you are encouraged to also bring a friend or family member.

November 5 at 6:30 PM
First St. Paul's Y&FMC

November 15 at 3:00 PM
First St. Paul's Y&FMC

To register or to find out more info, visit griefshare.org or contact Belva Junker at 402 (469)-1236.

Thank you for your support!

Ice Cream Social Car & Motorcycle Show



Together, we raised over $10,200 to help church members, Logan Hiatt and Eric Pohlson offset some of their extensive medical related bills.

Craft Show

November 7th, 2026
9 AM- 3 PM
Celebration Center

Come support local vendors, enter into the raffle and have a snack or meal to support our youth.

Vendor Space Available

A $40 Booth Rental Fee for a 9'X10' space includes a table, if needed. Each vendor must donate one item for the raffle.

Please contact Sonya for more info or to register at (402) 705-9770.





ICHTHUS MENU

October 7th
Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Chips and a Dessert

October 14th
Chicken and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and a Dessert

October 21st
Taco/Nacho Bar, Refried Beans, and Root Beer Floats

October 28th
"Goooooulash," Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and a Halloween Dessert

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SALAD & VEGGIES AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES

All Meals are Subject to Change

ICHTHUS MENU

November 5th
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Red or Alfredo Sauce, Garlic Bread and a Dessert

November 12th
Baked Chicken Breasts, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw and a Dessert

November 19th
Thanksgiving Meal
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Cranberries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll and Pumpkin Pie

November 26th
NO MEAL

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SALAD & VEGGIES AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES

All Meals are Subject to Change

GOD MADE ME PRESCHOOL

ALLEN'S AND RUSS'S RECEIPTS BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS

Receipts dated **September 1st, 2026** through **March 31, 2027** and labels can be turned in to the Church Office or dropped into the collection container in the Friendship Gathering Area.

Russ's Market — Because Quality Matters
Save a Label
Allen's

October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 Quilters Guild	2	3 6:00 Worship
4 **New Members Received** 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr. 10:30 Worship	5 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Property	6 6:30 Men's Bible Study 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	7 5:00 Executive 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Soul Cafe	8 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	9	10 6:00 Worship
11 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr. 10:30 Worship	12 12:00 Finance 6:00 Handbells	13 6:30 Men's Bible Study 16:30 Foundation 7:30 Council Meeting	14 9:00 LCW Project 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Soul Cafe	15	16	17 6:00 Worship
18 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr. 10:30 Worship	19 4:15 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Handbells	20 6:30 Men's Bible Study	21 12:00 LCW Luncheon 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Soul Cafe	22 1:00 Bridge 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	23 1:00 Bridge	24 6:00 Worship
25 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr. 10:30 Worship	26 6:00 Handbells	27 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Compassionate Friends	28 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Soul Cafe	29	30	31 **Halloween** 6:00 Worship **All Saints Weekend**

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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

October Birthdays

*1 - Joan Classen - 80
*2 - Sandie Buhr - 80
2 - Delores Fullerton - 94
3 - JoAnne Brown - 92
4 - Sharon Karnes - 82
9 - Eldon Harms - 94
11 - Eldon Grothen - 85
14 - Maurice Gartner - 89
*18 - Ken Franzen - 80
20 - Bob Dygert - 83
26 - Joyce Grothen - 84
28 - Marva Potts - 83

November Birthdays

1 - Richard Brehm - 82
8 - Danny Marr - 83
9 - Helen Karloff - 91
*9 - Gail Jensen - 80
10 - Martha Janssen - 100
17 - Dennis Engel - 83
17 - Patsy Kelly - 83
17 - Donovan Schardt - 82
20 - Joan Hartman - 94
*21 - Phyllis Tinsman - 80
23 - Marilyn Stromer - 93
24 - Marilyn Schukei - 84
28 - Ron Hager - 84
28 - Pete Mackie Jr. - 81
*30 - Phyllis Oelschlager - 80

Happy Anniversary to our Members

* milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

October Anniversaries

5 - Michael and Connie Hartman - 1974
5 - Ryan and Julie Samuelson - 1996
6 - Arlen and Susan Brown - 1973
6 - Edward and Karen Klein - 1990
7 - Dale and Marylee Fischer - 1972
7 - John and Rebecca Morlang - 1995
10 - Keith and Kailey Klein - 1992
12 - Larry and Donna Ackerman - 1968
*13 - John and Jena Cerveny - 2001
15 - Richard and Debra Hill - 1988
16 - Ernest and Karen Johnson - 1971
18 - Fred and Karon Hansen - 1996
19 - Darren and Dawn Placke - 1991
20 - Hal and Judy Hobbiebrunken - 1979
20 - James and Susan Lueders - 1984
21 - Darrin and Karen Nienhueser - 1988
23 - Arron and Lisa Diecker - 1999
24 - Raymond and Penny Snell - 1981
26 - Bryan and Shelly Sadd - 1991
26 - Bryan and April Dulitz - 1996
29 - Thomas and Patricia Hohlen - 1977

November Anniversaries

5 - Kenneth and Diane Martin - 1978
17 - Brent and Brenda Grabill - 1984
17 - Lamoine and Judy Leonhardt - 1973
20 - Chad and Dana Wiseman - 1993
23 - Rodney and Becky Hermann - 1985
23 - Jerry and Nancy McCoy - 1968
23 - William and Vicki Krueger - 1979
24 - Todd and Kim Karnes - 1989
26 - David and Deb Stuehrenberg - 1977
27 - Steven and Linda Stutesman - 1971
27 - Steven and Susan Turner - 1993
27 - Chad and Angela Gill - 1993
28 - Harvey and Sandie Buhr - 1964
29 - Murray and Chris Wilson Jr. - 1988
30 - Roger and Julie Nash - 1990

Journal of Life and Growth

July 1st - August 31st, 2026

Birth

Calvin Brei on 7/23/2026
Hazel Ground on 8/9/2026

Baptisms

Juliet Fox on 8/23/2026

Marriages

Zach & Isabella Lane on 8/22/2026
Thomas & AnnaBell CoCo on 8/28/2026
Schuyler & Mariah Kohle on 8/29/2026

Transferred to Church Triumphant

Shirley Timmerman on 7/1/2026
Pam Aulrich on 7/2/2026
Kay Sommerfeld on 7/14/2026
Lynn Laaker on 7/22/2026
Duane Biede on 8/6/2026
Pastor Elwood Hipple Jr. on 8/11/2026
Christine Royster on 8/23/2026
Carol Thompson on 8/29/2026