Cameron, Heiden, and their

children—Evan (3 years) and Claire (will be 1 in Sept.)—are members of FSP. Cameron, Evan, and Claire were all baptized here, and Heiden officially joined the congregation in 2022.

Claire's health journey began even before birth, when an abnormality was detected during Heiden's 20-week ultrasound. Further testing revealed a congenital heart

defect-a vascular ring. At just two weeks old, a CT scan led to an even rarer diagnosis: a circumflex aorta. This condition causes the aorta (the body's main artery) to form a loop around the trachea and esophagus, potentially affecting breathing and swallowing. Though Claire showed no symptoms, surgery was necessary. In March 2025, at just six months old, she underwent a sixhour heart surgery—including nearly three hours on a heart-lung bypass machine—to reroute the aorta and relieve the pressure on her airway and esophagus. While the surgery Itself went well, Claire faced significant challenges in recovery. Just days later, she became critically ill, battling wo major viruses, a blood infection and a bacterial infection. What was expected to be a five-day hospital stay turned into a 17-day journey, including a second surgery.

Thanks be to God, Claire is now doing remarkably well. She is off al<mark>l medications and no longer needs additional</mark> therapy. She will continue to be monitored by her cardiologist, but her strength and progress have been a true blessing. Please continue to keep the Brei family in your prayers as they celebrate this season of healing and hope. Registration for the car show starts at 5:30 PM in the South Parking Lot.

First St. Paul's 74th Annual

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MOTORCYCLE SHOW

AUGUST 6TH @ 6:30 PM

PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT TWO OF OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AS THEY FACE SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL

MATCHING FUNDS UP TO \$2,000

PROVIDED BY THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS.

Kay has been a devoted member of FSP for over 20 years. A Hastings native, she

spent 25 years living in Omaha before returning home with her two young children. As a single mother, Kay raised her children -Katie and Emil—who are now grown with families of their own.

Throughout her journey, Kay has faced challenges, including struggles with addiction and financial hardship. But her story is also one of hope and transformation. Today, she

serves her community by working at The Bridge, mentoring women who are walking similar paths. Kay considers it a blessing to support others in their recovery and healing.

In March, Kay was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. Since then, she underwent 35 radiation treatments in just 18 days, along with four rounds of chemotherapy. These treatments have caused her to miss work, adding to her hardships. Despite it all, Kay continues to draw strength from her faith and her church family.

She began teaching Sunday School soon after joining FSP and later served on the church staff for four years. Today, she remains active in the Property Committee and deeply values the support and love of her congregation. Kay's story is one of resilience, grace, and unwavering faith. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues this difficult journey.



"United, We Live God's Will"

ICHTHUS KICK EDNESDAY, SEPT. 5:00: Community Meal

6:00-6:45: Prek-6th Grade Activities 6:05-6:45: Confirmation &

Adult Bible Studies

7:00: Worship in the Sanctuary with FSP-style giveaways

8:00-9:00: Soul Caté

At First St. Paul's, our name is more than just a location—it's a calling. And this year, we're leaning into that identity like never before. We are FSP—First St. Paul's—and we are a people of Faith. Service. Prayer.

Grounded in our core commitments, we continue to be a church that acts justly, extends grace, and embraces people right where they are. When we say, "I believe," we commit ourselves to a life shaped by prayer, rooted in scripture, enriched by worship, defined by service, strengthened through relationships, and marked by generosity.

As Galatians 5:6 reminds us:

"For in Christ Jesus... the only thing that counts is faith working through love."

This is the heartbeat of FSP. It's not just what we say-it's what we do. We are FSP. Let's live out our faith, serve others in love, and stay grounded in prayer as we follow Christ together.

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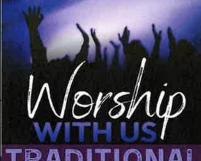
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WORSHIP



SERVICES

SANCTUARY

COMMUNION **1ST WEEKEND OF THE** MONTH

SATURDAYS-6:00 PM SUNDAYS-8:25 AM

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

CELEBRATION CENTER

COMMUNION **3RD SUNDAY OF THE** MONTH

SUNDAYS-10:35 AM

LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK

SUNDAYS 8:25 AM & 10:35 AM

GOOD SAM. VILLAGE CH. 3

SUNDAYS 6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS 12:30 PM

HASTINGS PUBLIC ACCESS TV

SPECTRUM CH. 181 ALLO CH. 16

WEDNESDAYS 2:00 PM SUNDAYS 2:30 PM

RADIO: 1230AM

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

Bring your backpack to church for our annual



All Services - August 10 and August 17

Wear the message: Love Like Jesus!

> 1 LOVE \$20 **JESUS**

Each shirt is \$20 and features our church logo on the sleeve.

To order:

Fill out an order form in the Gathering Area or contact Megan at (402) 463-1671 or email megan@firststpauls.org.

Orders will be placed August 15

Access to +20,000 Bible Study Videos

Every person at our church video series on:

-Books of the Bible ~Marriage and parenting

~Mental health

~Women's studies ~Youth studies

And so much more! Plus hundreds of safe, entertaining kids' shows

Access your free account by scanning the QR code today!



Interested in becoming a member at FSP or know someone who is? Come learn about our church. meet new people, and discover how you can get involved. Classes are held Sundays at noon for 3 weeks. Lunch is provided. EVERYONE is welcome! Call the Church Office to register - (402) 463-1329

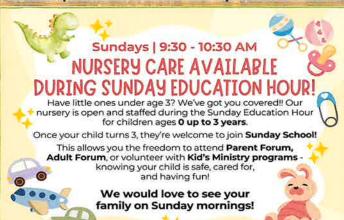
WE ARE STILL FINALIZING THE START DATE. BUT **USUALLY BEGIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER.**

Ministries

Devotional Booklets Available A Small Booklet with a Big Impact!

We have copies of Our Daily Bread available! Each small booklet is packed with Scripture, reflections, and real-life stories that help you start your day grounded in God's Word. Whether you keep it by your coffee, in your bag, or at your bedside, it's a simple way to grow closer to God, one day at a time. God is transforming lives one devotional at a time—and this little booklet can be a meaningful part of your faith journey.

Pick one up at the church—take one for yourself and a friend!



ADULT Discipleship

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

At First St. Paul's, Faith, Service, Prayer, isn't just a tagline—it's who we are. This fall, join us for an adult Bible study that brings our calling to life. Rooted in scripture, shaped by prayer, and fueled by love, we'll explore what it truly "I believe." Come grow in faith, build meaningful connections, and be part of something bigger. We are FSP. Let's live it out-together.





Believing Jesus by Lisa

Women's Bible Study Host: Becky Mohling Location: Holy Grounds Room

Are you truly willing to risk everything? In this engaging study of Acts, Lisa Harper challenges us to follow Jesus like the early disciples—boldly and without a road map. With humor and wisdom, she shows how God's Spirit empowers us to live with courageous faith today.

The Struggle is Real by Nicole Unice

Women's Bible Study

Hosts: Jessica Walston, Morgan Savage, & Ashley Hajny Location: Ephesians Room

Some days it's hard to feel grateful or make godly choices. In this study. Unice offers practical tools to help navigate life's challenges and shows how even the tough moments can lead to greater wisdom, strength, and joy.



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Philippians by Donald Baker Adult Bible Study

Host: Travis Bronson Location: Heritage Room

True joy isn't based on circumstances. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul shows us how to live with unshakable joy—even in hardship. Discover how to find contentment and lasting joy in every situation.

SUNDAYS

Education Hour: 9:30-10:30 AM



Meets Year Round

Join Pastor Joel on Sunday mornings and explore a variety of Bible topics together. This group digs into Scripture, asks big questions, and grows in faith through open discussion and thoughtful teaching.



Location: Holy Grounds Room

A Bible study just for parents—at any stage of life. Come enjoy coffee, connection, and conversation as we choose a study together and support one another in faith and parenting. All are welcome!



Men's Bible Study Host: Evan Volzké Time: 7:00 PM Begins Sept. 4th Call Evan for more info: (402) 984-4126

The Book Of Philippians by Joby Martin

Life has ups and downs—but true joy remains. In this study of Philippians. Pastor Joby Martin shows how being with Jesus and connected to His church can bring deep, lasting joy no matter what life brings.



MEN'S

August 1st - 3rd Lovewell Reservoir Call Evan Volzke at [402] 984-4126 b Register!

CONNECTION, REFLECTION, AND THE OUTDOORS. FISHING, **GRILLING, FIRESIDE WORSHIP** AND MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS, STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AND YOUR BOND WITH OTHER MEN. NO FEES. NO PRESSURE—JUST TIME WITH GOD, GOOD COMPANY, AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS. LEAVING THE CHURCH AT 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY. AUGUST 1ST!

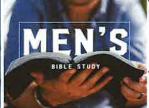
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

WE NEED

No matter your schedulewhether you can give a few hours or a few days—there's a place for you to serve. From kids' ministry and Bible study leadership to serving meals, joining a committee, or helping with worship, your time and talents can make a meaningful difference. Every contribution matters!



Contact Becky Mohling ~ she will help you find the perfect fit!



Men's Morning Bible Study

Hosts: Don Janssen & Jon Martin

Fime: 6:30 AM

Location: Heritage Room

Kick off your Tuesdays with a time of connection, conversation, and spiritual growth. Together, we'll explore God's Word, strengthen our faith, and support one another in our walk with Christ.

KIDS DISCIPLESHIP

Questions? **Contact Cassie Brader and** Kendra Weichman at FSPKidsMin@firststpauls.org

FALL ACTIVITES STARTING SOON! @



New Time for Wednesday Nights!

We've got a new schedule for all kids from age
3 through 6th grade. Activities will now run from 6:00
to 7:15 PM. Be sure to check in before heading to your
group. We can't wait to see you there!

Everyone welcome ages 3 years through 6th

ve switched to the Orange urriculum for both our **Nednesday and Sunday Kids** Ministry programs! Orange combines fun, faith, and family to nelp kids grow in their relationship with God and others. We're excited for this fresh, engaging way to learn and grow together!



August 10 & 17

All Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the new school year!











~Fun and Creative Curriculum ~Individual Attention

~Certified Early Childhood **Education Teacher**

-Make New Friends ~Classroom Pets

~Field Trips ~Outdoor Play 8:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Monday ~ Wednesday Friday \$110 per month

Tuesday - Thursday \$90 per month



3rd Grade Bibles

Starting Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 am

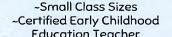
Receive Bibles on October 12th at the 10:35 am Service

We invite all 3rd graders to take part in this exciting opportunity to receive their very own Bible and learn how to use it! This milestone is designed to help young learners explore the amazing stories of Scripture and discover how God's Word can guide them in their daily lives.

Through fun lessons and hands-on activities, kids will begin building a strong foundation in their faith and understanding of the Bible.

Watch your mailbox-more details are coming soon!

(Please note: If your child is older but missed receiving a Bible in 3rd grade, they are welcome to join too! Call the church office if you are interested.)



~Learn to interact with peers

No longer little kids, not quite in Confirmation-G6 is that special in-between space created just for 6th graders. Come hang out, grow in your faith, and have fun with friends who are right where you are. G6 is your place to belong!

Wednesdays The LOT 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Sundays Joshua Room 9:30-10:30 a.m.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

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



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Wednesdays Meet in Y&FMC 6:05-7:30 p.m.

Watch for a letter with more parent information in your mail!



All 7th, & 8th Graders: Register using the QR Code

Senior High Ministry (Grades 9 -12)

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!



KICKOFF NIGHT SEPTEMBER 3RD

OREO'S 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

OREOs - Because Middle Schoolers Are the Good Stuff in the Middle!

Just like the best part of the cookie, 7th and 8th graders are something special—and OREOs is all about celebrating that! This group is your place to laugh, learn, and grow. With fun activities, real conversations, and awesome friends, OREOs is where faith gets real and middle school feels like a sweet adventure. Come see why the middle is the best part!

4th Sunday of each month September ~ May 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. First Meeting: September 28th for Bowling!!

*watch for details as start time may be adjusted due to bowling alley hours

6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS ACOLYTE TRAINING



When: Sunday, September 7th

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Sanctuary

This summer, our youth had the incredible opportunity to serve others through two life-changing mission trips. These experiences weren't just about travel—they were about growing in faith, building community, and putting love into action. Our youth stepped out of their comfort zones to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and they came home with deeper faith, stronger friendships, and a renewed passion to serve. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and generous support. Without you, these powerful experiences wouldn't be possible!



JR. HIGH MISSION TEAM: Ava Bonifas, Olyvia Craddock, Bradyn Eikmeier, Braxton Gregg, Carter Hajny, Lilian Hinrichs, Stella Montague, Hailey Oeltjen, Beckman Onken, Autumn Peper, Jordyn Powell, Dawson Savage, Amelya Schardt, Avery Schroeder, Kinsley Stuehrenberg, and Kinsley Weichman Adult Mentors: Pastor Chad Power, Ashley Hajny, Jotie Montague, Armeshia Onken, Amanda Schroeder, and Kendra Weichman

Our Junior High youth spent an incredible week at Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) in Colorado, where they had the opportunity to support and serve alongside AbleLight campers—individuals with developmental disabilities. Our youth learned the power of inclusion, compassion, and joyful service, It was a week full of faith, growth, and unforgettable moments that reminded us all of the beauty of God's love in action.

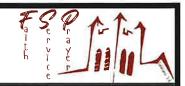
SR. HIGH MISSION TEAM: Rilee Bates, Maddie Bauer, Grayhm Beck, Isabell DeJonge, Jersie Diecker, Hadley Doremus, Ryann King, Hanna Kull, Yarethzi Lom, Kennedy Montague, Luke Nollette, Jamison Peper, Payton Powell, Alexa Rogers, Easton Savage, Payton Thomas, Hudson Treffer, Lincoln Treffer, Emilia Uhrmacher, Addie Walston, Izzy Weston, Brady Willicott Adult Mentors: Pastor Chad Power, Stacy Bates, Travis Bronson, Arron Diecker, Lisa Diecker, Megan Hubl, Jotie Montaque, Brandon Savage, and Carissa Uhrmacher



Our Senior High youth traveled to Muskegon, MI to serve with Kids Belong, an organization dedicated to supporting children in foster care. Our youth poured out love, time, and energy—helping create safe, welcoming environments where kids feel seen, valued, and cared for It was a week of growth, service, and learning-one that left a lasting impact on both the youth and those they served.

MISSION

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MEGAN LOCKLING (402) 984-9342



Join the Cross Makers Ministry

Help create something small that makes a big impact! We're looking for volunteers to handcraft wooden palm crosses—simple yet powerful reminders of God's love that fit perfectly in the palm of your hand. These crosses have brought comfort to people across the U.S.,

offering peace and hope as they're held during prayer,
reflection, or times of need. Come be a part of this
meaningful ministry and let your hands become a
blessing to others through the cross.

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Steve Mohling's Woodshop

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If interested, contact the Church Office (402)463-1329

Stockholder's Banquet

It's Time to Redeem Those Stock Certificates!

Join us for the Stockholder's Banquet—an evening of delicious food, heartfelt stories, and powerful moments as our youth share highlights from their recent mission trips. You'll hear firsthand how your support made an impact, see photos from their journey, and celebrate the incredible work God is doing through our mission teams. It's a night of gratitude, inspiration, and a glimpse into what's next!

Not a stockholder? It is not too late! Buy stock from anyone on the Sr. High mission team or at the door on the night of the banquet.

Craft Show

November 1st, 2025 9 am - 3 pm Celebration Center

VENDOR SPOTS OPEN!

~Booth Rental - \$40 for 9' X 10' Space ~Electricity and Tables Available ~Required to donate one item to raffle. ~Scan OR code to register!

~Scan QR code to register!

For more information, call or text Sonya at (402) 705-97



We need your receipts!

God Made Me Preschool is collecting receipts from Allen's and Russ's dated September I, 2025 through March 31, 2026. By turning in these receipts, we earn points that help purchase classroom supplies and equipment. These points help reduce costs—savings we're able to pass along to our preschool families. Your " receipts make a big difference—thank you for supporting our little learners!

Help Us Collect Best Choice UPC Labels!

Our preschool also participates in the Save-A-Label program! Simply clip

and turn in Best Choice UPC
labels throughout the year. Each
label earns points we can use to get
much-needed classroom supplies.
It's an easy way to support our
preschool—one label at a time!

TURN IN RECEIPTS AND UPC LABELS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR THE COLLECTION BIN IN THE GATHERING AREA!

For more information: Contact Belva Junker (402) 469-1236

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare is a support group designed to help you find comfort, hope, and healing after the loss of a loved one. You don't have to go through grief alone—join us and find support in a caring, understanding community.

Watch for information about new sessions starting soon!

thrivent

As a Thrivent member, you have the opportunity to lead a Thrivent Action Team and receive \$250 in seed money to support a service project, fundraiser, or outreach event It's a simple way to turn your passion into action and make a difference in our church and community. Not sure where to start? We're happy to help with ideas and support!

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