# FIRST CONNECTIONS

"United, We Live God's Will"



Netson High School. He was born with a CHD (congenital heart disease) bicuspid aortic valve disorder. On March 19th, Grayhm had open heart surgery to perform the Ross Procedure (double valve replacement) at Children's Hospital in Omaha. The 10 hour surgery was a success! The next 7 days in the hospital were met with lote of pairs and fluid on the lungs.

along with other complications. Grayhm finally went home on March 26th to continue his work

towards healing. The fluid on the lungs finally cleared, but Grayhm lost 40 pounds through the

met with lots of pain and fluid on the lungs

process and developed a pericardial friction rub. He continues to work towards full

recovery, but this journey has left the family with numerous medical expenses.

# FIRST ST. PAUL'S 73RD ANNUAL W/ CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW AUGUST 1TH, 2024

5:30 - 9:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CAR SHOW STARTS AT 5:30 PM IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT.

Proceeds will benefit two of our youth members!

Matching funds up to \$3,000 provided by Thrivent Choice Dollars.

School. Last summer, Jordyn returned home from summer camp and complained about pain in her hip. After several visits to the doctor, her temperature skyrocketed and her parents took her to the ER. They did a CT scan that revealed a bacterial infection in her hip along with two blood clots. Jordyn was then life flighted to Children's Hospital in Omaha, Labe showed a Children's Hospital in Omaha. Labs showed a MRSA bacterial infection. Jordyn spent 16 days in the hospital and required surgery to remove the infection in her hip. At home, treatment continued and physical therapy was required. Jordyn is now doing much better but the family has been left with lots of medical bills.

# "United, We Live God's Will"

# **ICHTHUS KICK-OFF** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING JOURNEY AS WE ASK THE QUESTION "ARE WE THERE YET?" NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE IN OUR FAITH JOURNEY, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO EXPLORE, LEARN, AND GROW!

5:00 PM ~ COMMUNITY MEAL 6:00 PM ~ PRESCHOOL - 6TH GRADE KIDS ACTIVITIES

6:05 PM ~ CONFIRMATION & **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES** 

7:00 PM ~ "ARE WE THERE YET" **WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY** 

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM - SOUL CAFE



SO LET US NOT GROW **WEARY IN DOING WHAT IS** RIGHT, FOR WE WILL REAP AT HARVEST TIME, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

~GALATIANS 6:9

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# WORSHIP

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Services
Sanctuary
COMMUNION
1ST WEEKEND OF THE
MONTH

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

CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE
CELEBRATION CENTER

COMMUNION 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**SUNDAYS - 10:35 AM** 

Livestream Services on Facebook

8:25 AM & 10:35 AM

Good Samaritan Village Ch. 3

SUNDAYS 6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS 12:30 PM



# rightnow MEDIA

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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 start at noon. Lunch is provided. EVERYONE is welcome!

Call the Church Office to register - (402) 463-1329

## CLASS DATES

September 29th October 6th October 13th

# INSTALLATION & RECEPTION

October 20th

Worship With Us



Do you know your left from your right and can count to 4? Congrats, you're qualified!! We are looking for people interested in joining the Bell Choir. Men, women, and children welcome. Practice on Monday evenings and perform during worship service once per month during the school year.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED





# ADULT Discipleship

Join us for one of the Wednesday night adult Bible studies starting September 4!\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies run from 6:05 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.

Join us on an exciting road trip as we kick-off our fall ministries! Let's dive into scripture together. explore our faith, and find out how each step brings us closer to God's plan. Pack your curiosity and come along for the ride!

## Luke Gut-Level Compassion

by Lisa Harper



Women's Bible Study Host: Becky Mohling Location: Ruth Room

According to Luke, perfection doesn't celebrate the elite, but embraces the outliers, outcasts and overlooked. You will truly fall deeper in love with Jesus.

## Romans Live With Clarity

by Jada Edwards

Women's Bible Study Host: Jennifer Karl Location: Ephesians Room

Romans shows us the power of the gospel to bring clarity to everyday life. We will explore Paul's articulation of our faith and what it looks like in practice.



## End Times Group Study

by Stephen Armstrong

Adult Bible Study Host: Dale Schultz Location: Holy Grounds

This study will dig into key ideas and highlights from the books of Revelation, Daniel, and other scriptures.



# Moms In Prayer

Mothers unite in faith, lifting up their kids, teachers, and school communities in prayer, seeking God's guidance, protection, and blassings

blessings.
Through this
powerful act of
collective prayer,
they support one
another and strive
to make a positive
impact. Plan to
join this powerful
group!

Be on the lookout for upcoming details on meeting time.



There will be good conversations, worship, and plenty of

time to relax. We hope to see you there! Contact Evan Volzke

(402) 984-4126 or Chad Power (402) 705-4026 for more info.

# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Start your Tuesdays off with our Men's Bible Study! Enjoy meaningful discussions, fellowship, and a deeper dive into scripture. Let's grow in our faith together!

TUESDAYS | 6:30 AM | HERITAGE ROOM



Combine great conversation, scripture study, and your favorite brew at this Men's Bible Study. It's a laid-back setting to connect and grow in faith.

Host: Evan Volzke

Time: Thursdays 7:00 pm

Location: Arron Diecker's House

Contact Evan for more info. (402) 984-4126



**Questions?** (402) 463-1329





**ICHTHUS** KICK-OFF WEDNESDAY. SEPT. 4TH

**FALL ACTIVITIES STARTING SOON!** 

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ICHTHUS BEGINS SEPT. 4TH: 6:00-7:30 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 8TH: 9:30-10:30 A.M. \*\*\*\*THERE WILL BE A CHECK-IN LOCATION CHANGE\*\*\*\* **WATCH FOR DETAILS** 





King Solomon is best known for his wisdom and for building God's temple. Thankfully, he passed on his wisdom so others could have a strong foundation for building up their faith. Kids will hear from Solomon and the wisdom he shared about the kind of life God wants to help us build. They'll see that God gives them directions to follow, listens to their requests, is worthy of their worship, and gives them true wisdom.

All children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to join us on Sundays at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm as we navigate our way through exciting Bible stories! Lessons begin on Sunday mornings and continue on Wednesday nights with activities, music, and games.







Starting Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m.

We invite all 3rd graders to join our exciting Bible Project Class! This class is designed to help young learners discover the amazing stories of the Bible and how to use it correctly in their daily lives. Through engaging activities, fun lessons, and interactive discussions, children will gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and how it can guide them in their journey of faith. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for your child to grow spiritually and build a strong foundation in their relationship with God. 3rd Graders will receive their own Bible!



**TUESDAY & THURSDAY** 8:15-11:00 AM \$80/month

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & **FRIDAY** 8:15-11:00 AM \$100/month

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN Advanced curriculum offered as a stepping stone between preschool and kindergarten TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY 12:15-3:00 PM \$100/month

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6th Grade Donuts & Devos

**CALLING ALL 6TH GRADERS** 

Join us in the Joshua room during Sunday Education Hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) We are excited to invite all 6th graders to our Donuts and Devos group! It is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship, fun, and faith-building. Each session will start with delicious donuts, followed by engaging devotional activities designed to help students grow in their relationship with God and with each other. It's a wonderful way for your child to connect with peers, deepen their faith, and start their day with a positive and uplifting experience.



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



6th Grade Pre-Confirmation Wednesdays - Meet in the LOT 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sundays - Check Out Devos and Donuts! Information on Kids Page! 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Wednesdays - Meet in Y&FMC 6:05-7:25 p.m.

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



All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders Register using the QR Code



Acolyte Training 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

WHAT TIME: 9:30 A.M. WHERE: SANCTUARY

## Senior High Ministry (Grades 9 -12)

Soul Café is for youth in grades 9-12 and their friends. Meet in the Christian Underground.

7:00 - 8:00 P.M. JESUS HOUR Time to come hang out with friends, work on homework, relax, and unwind!

8:00 - 9:30 P.M. SOUL CAFÉ Time to explore scripture, share your thoughts, and support each other on your spiritual journey.



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7th & 8th Graders

Meets the 4th Sunday of the month September ~ May 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

First Meeting: September 22 for Bowling!!

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

OREOs is a fun and engaging group specifically for 7th and 8th graders, because they are the "good stuff in the middle." This group is designed to provide a supportive and nurturing environment where middle schoolers can grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and discover their unique value and purpose. Join us for exciting activities, meaningful discussions, and a community that celebrates this sweet and special stage of middle school life!

## SEPTEMBER SERIES: GOOD CALL A SERIES FROM PROVERBS AND THE EPISTLES ON LIVING WISELY

COACHES HELP THEIR TEAMS BY GUIDING THEM TOWARDS GOOD DECISIONS. THEY CREATE THE STRATEGY, PUT TOGETHER A GAME PLAN, AND SEND THEIR PLAYERS OUT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. WOULDN'T IT BE NICE FOR SOMEONE TO DO THAT FOR ALL OF OUR DECISIONS? THANKFULLY, GOD GIVES US WISDOM WHENEVER WE FEEL LIKE WE COULD USE A GOOD COACH. IN THIS 4-WEEK SERIES FROM PROVERBS AND THE EPISTLES. WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WISDOM GOD OFFERS US WHENEVER WE WANT TO MAKE GODLY DECISIONS. WE'LL SEE THAT WISE PEOPLE PRACTICE WHAT GOD HAS SAID AND SHARE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM. WE'LL ALSO LOOK AT HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS WISE PEOPLE FOLLOW GOD'S GUIDANCE AND HOW WISE PEOPLE'S WORDS SHOW GOD'S LOVE.



# MISSION



We are excited to kick-off the fall ministries with our theme, "Are We There Yet?" As we embark on this spiritual adventure together, we encourage you to be part of our community. Whether you are just starting your journey or have been traveling the path for years, there is a place

for you here. Join us for uplifting worship, meaningful fellowship, and engaging activities designed to help us all grow in our relationship with God. We believe that every step we take brings us closer to His purpose for our lives. We look forward to having you with us on this journey. Let's see where God leads us as we ask, "Are We There Yet?"

# STOCKHOLDER'S BANQUET

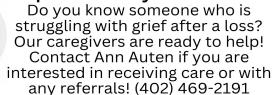
It is about time to cash in those stock certificates! The Stockholder's Banquet will be an evening of great food and inspiring stories as the youth share all about their recent mission trips. Hear firsthand how your support makes a difference, see photos from their journey, and learn about the incredible work accomplished by our mission teams. It will be a night of celebration, gratitude, and looking ahead to the amazing things we can do together.

Not a stockholder? It is not too late! Buy stock from anyone on the mission teams or at the door on the night of the banquet. Don't miss out on this special event!

> Sunday, August 11th Celebration Center 6:00 PM



### **Stephen Ministry Call to Action**



**Stephen Ministry Training** 

Training will take place this fall. Dates and times will be set after the participants choose a convenient time for the majority of attendees.

### Questions? Contact: Lesa Kautz (402) 469-6800 Outreach Coordinator





Please keep Ann Auten in your prayers as she travels to Estonia - Aug. 14-26! She will be a pastoral leader at Tartu Academy Adult Bible Camp Mission Trip! After leading a book study last year and studying the story of Pastor Harri Haamer, Ann felt called to serve in Estonia and see the actual places described in Harri's story.

Here are the highlights of her trip:

August 14 - Arrive at Tallin Airport. Travel to Tartu August 16 - Travel to South Estonia to see where Pastor Eenok Haamer was hiding with his family for six years after WWII.

August 17 - Visit churches in Tartu August 18-22 - Adult Bible Camp 3:00-7:00 Other sightseeing: KGB Cell Museum, Tallin August 24 - Ann will be a guest preacher.

August 25 - Return Home

Ann will be posting her experiences on our church's Facebook page each day of her trip. She looks forward to sharing her travels with us when she returns.

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# NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3



Wednesday evenings for Bible Studies and Sunday mornings during the Education Hour

We are looking for responsible youth and adults to work in our nursery. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Church Office.

## © CRAFT SHOW (i) VENDORS WANTED

November 2nd, 2024 9 am - 4 pm



CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SPAC



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

 Concession Stand provided all day!
 For more information, call or text Sonya at (402) 705-9770



### **GriefShare** A support group to help you move through the grief process.

Watch for information about new sessions starting soon!

Contact Belva Junker 402-469-1236 for more information!

# thrivent Action Team Grant Ideas

New Members Class Trunk - or - Treat New Signage for Education Wings Cradle Roll Materials

**Bible Studies** 

Thrivent Members, you can apply for an Action Team Grant to support FSP. These \$250 grants are a huge help to our church allowing us to enhance our programs and ministries, at no additional cost to you. Contact the

cost to you. Contact th Church Office for more information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:25 Worship 9:30 Alexa's Farewell Reception 9:30 Adult Forum 10:35 Worship	7:00 Property	1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed	7 5:00 Executive 6:30 73rd Annual Ice Cream Social & Car Show 7:00 Praise Band	8 1:00 LCW Lesson Leaders 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pry, Crochet 4:00 Homestead 5:30 GriefShare	9	10 Backpack Blessing 6:00 Worship
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8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:35 Worship 12:00 New Member Class

# MEMBER **CELEBRATIONS**

# Happy Birthday to our Members

### **August Birthdays**

- 1 Richard Brehm 80
- 2 Connie Samuelson 85
- 3 Joe Thompson 80
- 4 Ruth Svoboda 86
- 5 Cherie Korgan 85
- 8 Betty Bunde 89
- 9 Gerald Morris 97
- 16 Marlin Hartman 96

- 5 Arlen Brown 83
- 6 Susie Moffatt 92
- 10 LeRoy Samuelson 85

### September Birthdays

- 18 Bob Fish 82
- 19 Gayle Lysthauge 86
- 21 Gene Svoboda 88
- 22 Jo Maul 81

- 12 Wayne Nelson 90
- 16 Dennis Fleharty 80
- 19 Donna McCoy 86
- 23 Willa Rundle 84
- 23 Thelma Hinrichs 91
- 24 Patricia Meyer 84
- 26 Florence Martin 88

## Happy Anniversary to our Members

\* milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

### **August Anniversaries**

- 1 Aaron and Megan Schardt 1998 2 Matthew and Staci Stritt 1997 4 Richard and JoNita Meester 1973

- 6 Howard and Belva Junker 1966
- 6 Steve and Verona Ánderson 1977
- 6 Robert and Lisa Boyd 1983

- 14 Roger and Stacy Flohrs 1982
- 6 Robert and Lisa Boyd 1983 6 Merlin and Denyse Janssen 1983 7 Chris and April Michael 1998 7 Brian and Stacy Becker 1998 \*7 Lawrence and Heidi Tunks 1999 8 Gregory and Rebecca Spady Sr. 1987 8 Dale and Kathryn Schultz 1971 9 Seth and Rochelle Andersen 1997 10 Phil and Kimberly Grothen 1996 13 Mike and Sheryl Haack 1994 14 Roger and Stacy Flohrs 1982
- 14 Stephen and Amy Svoboda 1976 14 Darran and Toni Fowler 1987 17 Rex and Michelle Kreutzer 1991

- 21 Dean and Karen Hawthorne 1966
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- 30 Duan and Dixie Bohlen 1956
- 30 Dale and Marilyn Duensing 1968
- 30 Delmer and Sandra Van Lengen 1964 \*31 Dennis and Debby Hoagland 1974 31 Larry and Deborah Meyer 1985
- 31 Elmér and Barbara Murman 1952

### **September Anniversaries**

- 2 Robert and Mary Ann Fish 1962 2 Larry and Linda Swayze 1967 2 Robb and Lori Samuelson 1989 3 Daniel and Cheryll Marr 1967 4 Donald and Phyllis Tinsman 1971

- 4 Donaid and Phyllis Tinsman 1971 4 Phillip and Susan Askey 1993 7 Dean and Nancy Krull 1985 10 Ronald and Sharon Hager 1966 12 Troy and Lori Vorderstrasse 1992 15 Norman and June Schiffler 1990 17 David and Patty Bruntz 1971

- 17 Philip and Evelyn Sweet 1956 \*18 JR and Brenda Fox 1999
- \*18 Kirk and Kim Halbmaier
- 19 Richard and Shanna Schnase -1992 20 David and Patricia Gartner 1964 21 Charles and Sue Pavelka 1991

- 25 Jim and Allerita Gerloff 1971
- 26 Denny and Jessica Hoagland 1998 26 John and Norma Rust 1981
- 27 Allen and Connie Sjuts 1969

### <u>Journal of Life and Growth</u>

May 1st - June 30th, 2024

### **Transferred to Church Triumphant Baptisms**

Benson Brown on 5/26/2024 Dex Andrews on 6/15/2024 Oliver Kemling on 6/16/2024

Conner Kemling on 6/16/2024 Hailey Oeltjen on 6/28/2024 Stetson Bishard on 6/30/2024

Tyler Wilson on 5/13/2024 Nina Jensen on 6/11/2024 Jerry Peterson Sr. on 6/12/2024 Jenna Cox on 6/22/2024

Leanne Rutherford on 6/23/2024

### Birth

### **Marriages**

Dex Denison on 5/3/2024

Nathanial Acosta & Christina Zhen on 5/8/2024 Dylan Brown & Brianna Dulitz on 6/8/2024