FIRST CONNECTIONS



Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Services on December 24th

4:00 p.m. ~ Traditional Service in Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. ~ Contemporary Service in Celebration Center
7:00 p.m. ~ Acoustic Service in Celebration Center
11:00 p.m. ~ Traditional Service with Communion
in Sanctuary



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

2025 ADVENT PROJECT

NOVEMBER 30TH 11:45 AM FOUNDERS HALL

Join us for a meal and a fun, creative time together. We'll be making "create-your-own" Advent Jars filled with random acts of kindness to help prepare our hearts for Christmas as we count down to the big day. All materials are provided and there is no cost to participate!

Please register using the QR code, clicking the link on our website, or by calling the church office!



"United, We Live God's Will"

- Once upon a time, there was a shopping mall. And as is true of all shopping malls, when the holiday season arrived, out came the decorations. As Christmas drew closer, the Santa Claus chair appeared, along with the elves and the big guy himself, ready for photos and to listen to the wishes of children hoping for certain treasures under the tree. But at this particular mall, among all the families, there also stood a clergyman by himself, dressed in black with a white collar. He waited patiently in line. When Santa was free, he stepped forward to speak with the jolly old elf. Santa looked puzzled and asked, "And what might I do for you?" The clergyman spoke in a soft, hopeful voice: "Santa, what I want for Christmas is for the budget at the church to balance." Santa threw his head back and let out a hearty "HO HO HO!"
- Well, it is that time of year. And as is the case every year, we are once again relying on—counting on—your faithfulness and generosity at year's end. Currently, expenses are running ahead of gifts received for the fiscal year, though not any more than in years past. We have been able to balance our books almost every year since I have been here. It seems to be our pattern of giving. So please, help make this clergyman's Christmas wish come true. Better yet, help us continue to do the work of the church—touching lives and engaging our community with the gospel. Please remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- The church office will be open to receive year-end gifts until Wednesday, December 31st at 3:00 p.m. Thank you for believing in Christ and in what we do here at FSP.

In His name, Pastor Joel Remmers

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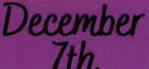
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December







Children's Advent Worship Service

Breaking News Alert! Join us for a special service as the FSP Kids News Team takes the stage to deliver an exclusive report on the coming of our King! This is one story you won't want to miss. Tune in at the 10:35 a.m. worship service for this exciting "live" broadcast!

December

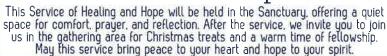


Christmas Service of Music 8:25 a.m. Worship Service

Our Bell Choir and Adult Choir will lead us in a beautiful morning of song and celebration - a perfect way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

December

Blue Christmas 3:00 p.m.





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Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. ~ Traditional in Sanctuary 4:30 p.m. - Contemporary in CC 7:00 p.m. - Acoustic in CC 11:00 p.m. - Traditional with Communion in Sanctuary

Experience the beauty, joy, and wonder of Christ's birth at our Christmas Eve Worship Services. All are welcome to celebrate this holy night together.







Sanctuary Communion 1st Weekend of the Month Saturdays - 6:00 PM Sundays - 8:25 AM

Communion 3rd Sunday of the Month

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Facebook Livestream Sunday Services: 8:25 AM & 10:35 AM

Good Sam. Village Ch. 3 *

Sundays 6:00 PM & Wednesdays 12:30 PM

Hastinas Public Access TV

Spectrum Ch. 181/Allo Ch. 16: Wed 2:00 PM & Sun 2:30 PM 1230AM Radio:

Sundays 11:00 AM

KIDS Discipleship

Ouestions?

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



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

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



This series invites kids to celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth. Centered on Luke 2:11, each lesson helps students discover the excitement, joy, and life-changing truth behind the greatest headline ever announced. Get ready to explore the story of Christmas in a fun, hands-on way as we uncover the miracle of our Savior's arrival!



some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help 👃 for the life you are now living and the life to come.

Game Plan

This series invites kids to step onto God's team and discover what it means to train their hearts for a lifetime of faith. Inspired by 1 Timothy 4:8, each lesson helps students build spiritual strength, practice their faith, and learn how to follow Jesus with confidence. Get ready for teamwork, growth, and lots of fun as we develop a winning game plan for daily faith!



God Made Me Preschool

urrent Openings in all classes! Enroll TODAY! 4 & 5 Years Old: M - W - F: \$110/month 3 Years Old: T - Th: \$90/month All Classes Meet from 8:15 - 11:00 AM

Call (402)463-1329 for more info!



Check out these important dates for the Children's Advent Worship Service!

BREAKING NEWS

Dec. 7th 10:35 worship Service

FSP Children will be telling God's story.

Important Dates:

Wed., Dec. 3rd - CC Walk Through 6pm - 7:30 pm

Sat., Dec. 6th - CC Dress Rehearsal 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sun., Dec. 7th - CC Clean Up Rehearsal 9:30 - 10:25 am Worship Service 10:35-11:35 am





Cherub Choir and **Joyful Noises** will sing during the 10:35 a.m. Worship Service on the following dates:

Dec. 7th dvent Program) January 18th February 15" March 19"

April 26'



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

YOUTH Discipleship

Confirmation

Wednesdays 6:05 - 7:30 PM

Confirmation is a key step in a young person's faith journey where they learn the basics of the Christian faith, ask questions, and make their faith their own. It helps students grow in their relationship with Jesus and build a strong foundation for the years ahead, all while being supported by their church family.







DON'T MISS A THING! FOR NEWS, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND ALL OUR YOUTH GROUP FUN, FIND US AT @FSPSTUMIN ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK.

Senior High Ministry

9th - 12th Graders & Friends

Meet in Christian Underground

Soul Café Wednesdays at 8:00 PM

Soul Café EXTENDED
Meets 2 Sundays per month
Next Meetings: December 7th & 21st







Next Payment Due: January 21st

Next Meeting Dates: Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm Jan. 25th at 3:00 pm

July 18th- 25th





ADULT

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

Discipleship

HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS! COME LEND A HAND, ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, AND GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH AT 10:00 AM

Wednesdays 6:05 - 7:05 PM **BIBLE STUDIES START JANUARY 7TH** unless otherwise noted

End Times by Stephen Armstrong

Host: Dale Schultz

Location: Holy Grounds Room

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a 4-session group study on the book of Revelation, featuring teaching from Stephen

Armstrong. Over four 2-hour sessions, we'll explore key themes from Revelation, Daniel, and other scriptures through 12 engaging videos and group discussion. The study runs January 7th-28th.

We need at least 5 participants to host the study.

To sign up, call the church office or email dg.2018@5630mail.org.



Romans by Jack Kuhatschek **Host: Travis Bronson**

Location:

Heritage Room

We explore how the gospel renews both our hearts and our daily lives. When worship feels

routine, prayer grows stagnant, or the world's patterns quietly become our own, Romans calls us back to the transforming power of Christ.



SUNDAY:

Adult Forum **Host: Pastor Joel** Remmers Location: **Heritage Room** Time: 9:30 am

Parent Forum Study: Advent by Derwin Grav Location: Holy **Grounds Room** Time: 9:30 am

TUESDAY:

Men's Bible Study Location: Heritage Room Time: 6:30 am

Bibles & Brews **Location: Arron** Diecker's House Time: 7:00 pm

12 Daring Women of the Bible

by Lisa Harper **Host: Becky Mohling** Location: LOT

In this study of remarkable timeless truths that speak



women, you'll discover into today's challenges. You'll learn how to apply

biblical wisdom to your own struggles, grow through both failures and successes, draw closer to God in difficult seasons, and find lasting contentment. This Bible study has started, but it is not too late to join!



Crazy Love by Francis Chan Host: Jessica Walston, Morgan Savage, and Ashley Hajny Location: Ephesians

This study invites us to recognize how easily we settle for a comfortable version

of faith while missing the radical love God offers. Instead of religious routines or working harder at spiritual "todos," we're called to a vibrant, transformative relationship with God–one that breaks us free from complacency and compels us to live with purpose and passion. Encountering God's love changes everything.



JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR FOR THE SERVICE OF MUSIC! NEXT 🦬 PRACTICE IS DECEMBER 6 TH. TIME IS TBD!

#ADD YOUR VOICE TO A JOYFUL COMMUNITY COME SING IN THE CHOIR!

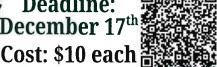
ANNUAL MEET Sunday, January 25th 12:00 p.m. in Celebration Center

Your voice matters—join us at the Annual Meeting as we look back with gratitude and look forward with purpose.

SOUP LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY JR. HIGH MISSION TEAM! FREE WILL DONATION!!

POINSETTIA

Bring beauty and meaning to our Christmas worship by helping fill the church with poinsettias. f 1You're invited to order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone you love—a heartfelt way to celebrate or remember them during the season.



Deadline:
December 17th
Order today by mining out the insert in the bulletin, scanning the OR code, or calling the church office. Order today by filling the church office.

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BEST IN CIRCLES, NOT ROWS. SMALL GROUPS ARE WHERE FAITH BECOMES PERSONAL, FRIENDSHIPS GROW DEEP, AND TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS. CURIOUS AND WANT TO LEARN MORE? STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION COMING IN JANUARY. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:26

MISSION

Ouestions? Contact: Megan Lockling (402) 984-9342



It's Time for Our Annual Time & Talents Survey! During our March of Faith in January, we invite you to fill out a survey to help us understand where you feel called to serve. This year, we're doing the same—with one small extra request:

We're asking everyone to fill out a survey, even if you already volunteer in a particular area!

Over time, our records have gotten a bit mixed up, and we want to refresh them so we can better support our volunteers—making sure everyone who wants to serve has the chance, and that we're not reaching out to those who prefer not to.

Thank you for helping us stay organized and for sharing your gifts with our church family!



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. Research shows that even one school year of mentoring can make a lasting impact especially for kids facing tough circumstances.

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

並PRAYERS 並Cash 並Juice Boxes 並Kid Sized Scissors

donate food for the meal.)

Themed decorations or gifts for Thanksgiving. Christmas, Valentine's Day, or Easter (ie: Christmas trees, wreaths, wrapping paper, easter eggs)

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

WE WILL COLLECT A SPECIAL **OFFERING** FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AT ALL **CHRISTMAS**

We invite you to consider a gift to support the meaningful work of Habitat for Humanity

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

We're delivering special care bags to members of our church family who may have trouble getting out, are grieving, or are in their golden years—a simple reminder that they are loved and cherished. of

We also have a few extra unnamed bags if you know someone who could use a little Christmas cheer!

> Come help assemble the bags on December 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

Bags will be ready for delivery starting December 3rd-take one (or more!) and share the love!



(Amounts are as of October 31, 2025)

Total 2025 Income:

\$531.214.20 Total 2025 Expenses: \$642,149.41 **Current Deficit:**

-\$110.935.21



SERVICES!

December 3rd

Taco/Nacho Bar, Cheese Sauce, Refried Beans, Corn Chips and a Root Beer Float

December 10th Potato Soup, Assorted Cheeses & Meats and a Dessert

December 17th

Christmas Dinner: Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans w/ Bacon, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll and a Christmas Dessert

December 24th & 31st No Ichthus

January 7th Chili, Cinnamon Rolls, and Assorted Cheeses January 14th Taco/Nacho Bar, Refried Beans with Queso, and Root Beer Floats

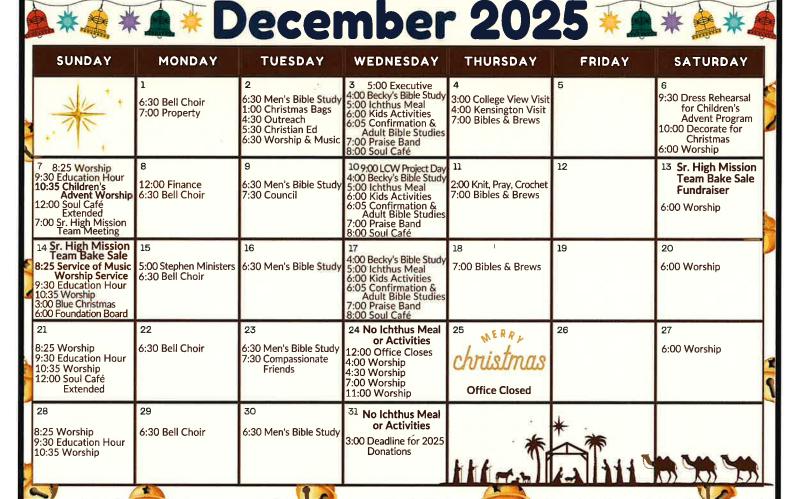
January 21st Baked Potato Bar w/Chili or Cheese Topping, Broccoli, and Dessert

January 28th Chicken and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, and Dessert

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SALAD & **VEGGIES AND PB & J SANDWICHES** *All Meals are Subject to Change* MEAN EX 10 GO (

Your gifts make our ministry possible. To be credited to the 2025 tax year, contributions must be in the church office by 3:00 p.m. on December 31st or in the offering plate at the December 27th and 28th services.

Thank you for your generosity



JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy Jew Year Office Closed 5:00 am - College Agers Leave for Passion	2	3 6:00 Worship 11:00 pm - College Agers Return from Passior
4 ::25 Worship :30 Education Hour 0:35 Worship	5 6:30 Bell Choir 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 Kids' Activities 6:05 Confirmation & Adult Bible Studies 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Soul Café	8 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 7:00 Bibles & Brews	9	10 6:00 Worship
March of Faith :25 Worship :30 Education Hour 0:35 Worship	12 9:30 LCW Exec. Board 12:00 Finance 6:30 Bell Choir	13 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Council	9:00 LCW Project Day 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Kids' Activities 6:05 Confirmation & Adult Bible Studies 7:00 Praise Band		16	17 6:00 Worship
18 :25 Worship :30 Education Hour 0:35 Worship	19 5:00 Stephen Ministers 6:30 Bell Choir	20	Jr. & Sr. High Mission 21 Trip Payment Due 9:30 LCW Group 1 1:30 LCW Group 2 5:00 Chthus Meal	22 1:00 Bridge 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 7:00 Bibles & Brews	23 1:00 Bridge	24 6:00 Worship
25 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 0:35 Worship 2:00 Soup Luncheon 2:30 Annual Meeting 0:00 Sr. High Mission Team Meeting 0:30 OREOs		27 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Compassionate Friends	28 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Kids' Activities 6:05 Confirmation & Adult Bible Studies 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Soul Café	29 7:00 Bibles & Brews	30	31 6:00 Worship

