

FIRST CONNECTIONS

JOIN US FOR THE BEST PARTY OF THE SUMMER! AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL****JUNE 3RD - 7TH****9:00 AM - 12:00 PM****ALL KIDS PRE-K
THROUGH 6TH GRADE!****REGISTER WITH
THE QR CODE OR
IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE!**

"United, We Live God's Will"

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CELEBRATIONS**

73rd Annual Ice Cream Social with Car & Motorcycle Show August 7th at 6:30 PM



This year the recipients are two of
our youth members!

Grayham Beck Jordyn Powell



Grayhm is a 9th grader at Lawrence-Nelson 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 lots of pain 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 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.



Jordyn is a 6th grader at Hastings Middle 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 which revealed a bacterial infection in her hip along with 2 blood clots. Jordyn was then life flighted to children's hospital in Omaha. Labs showed she had 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.

A portion of the donations will be matched through Thrivent Choice Dollars.



WORSHIP



Traditional Services

Sanctuary

Communion 1st Sunday 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

Summer Sunday School during Service!

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



VBS Service

June 9th - 10:35 a.m.



Patriotic Sunday

July 7th - 8:25 a.m.



Spoudazo!

July 20th and 21st



Sunday Worship Opportunities

June 9th ~ 10:35 a.m.



Children who attend our VBS will present songs and stories that they learned at Vacation Bible School! Let's start the party!!



July 7th - All Services

Come celebrate our blessing of freedom together! Services will include our favorite patriotic hymns! Sing with the Patriotic Choir at 8:25 a.m. Practice Monday, July 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Spoudazo is coming!

A youth group performing music and drama ministry from First Lutheran Church in Fremont, NE will be here for services on July 20th and 21st! Spoudazo means "youthful energy." This group is excited to use that energy for Christ. Come join us!

A Thank You from Ann Auten:

Thank you First St. Paul's for the wonderful cake reception in honor of my graduation from MI Seminary! Your support and prayers are much appreciated!



2024 Heartland District Annual Gathering

July 19th and 20th




The keynote speaker will be Sarah Stenson from Luther House of Study in Sioux Falls, SD. Friday afternoon (July 19th) will focus on pastors and other congregational leaders. We will begin with registration at 2 pm. Our topic will be Lutheran theology and identity. Friday evening will include a meal and fellowship time.

All FSP's members are invited to attend Saturday morning (July 20th.) We will begin registration at 9 am and will include a presentation and discussion on Lutheran theology and identity for everyone. After lunch there will be a brief meeting to take care of the business of the Heartland District. The event ends at 3:00 p.m.

JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 6:00 Worship
2 8:25 Worship 10:35 Worship	3 Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 	4 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	5 5:00 Executive	6 1:00 Quilting 3:00 College View 4:00 Kensington 5:30 GriefShare 6:30 Quilters Guild	7	8 6:00 Worship
9 8:25 Worship 10:35 Worship - Vacation Bible School Service	10 12:00 Finance 1:00 Pitch	11 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Foundation 7:30 Council	12 9:00 LCW Project Day 7:00 Praise Band	13 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pry, Crochet 4:00 Homestead 5:30 GriefShare	14 	15 6:00 Worship
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23 8:25 Worship 10:35 Worship JR High Mission to LVR	24 1:30 Pitch	25 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 7:30 Compassionate Friends	26 7:00 Praise Band 	27 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pry, Crochet 5:30 GriefShare	28 10:30 Bridge	29 Church Work Day 6:00 Worship
30 8:25 Worship 10:35 Worship						

JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7:00 Adult Choir Practice 	2 1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	3 5:00 Executive 7:00 Praise Band	4 4th of July Office Closed	5 Office Closed 	6 6:00 Worship
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KIDS

Discipleship



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



FIRST COMMUNION MARCH 28TH, 2024

FIRST ROW: EMERSYN SCHULTZ, MICHAEL
HARRENSTEIN, CORINNE BONIFAS, JENNA GRAFE,
CLAIRE JANDA

SECOND ROW: LONDON GREGG, PAETYN FITZKE,
BRIDGET FOX, MILANA EBERLY, PAXTON EBERLY



START THE PARTY CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS

VBS ~ June 3 - 7

For ALL kids
Pre-K through
6th grade

Bring friends!
Register TODAY!



FSP WILL PAY
FOR HALF (UP
TO \$250) OF
YOUR CHRISTIAN
SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION
FEES. SEE THE
OFFICE FOR
MORE
INFORMATION
AND FORMS!

**SUMMER
CAMP**
Scholarships
available!



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RightNow Media. If you haven't already signed up for
your free account, scan the QR code and get it NOW!

**GOD MADE ME
PRESCHOOL**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT STARTING
MARCH 7TH, 2024**

**Fun and
Creative
Curriculum**

- Combined 75 years of teaching experience
- Certified Early Childhood Education Teacher
- Individual attention
- Make new friends
- Learn to interact with peers
- Available for ages 3 - 5
- Can begin classes on their 3rd birthday

**Great
prices!**

3 Days/Week
\$100 per month
2 Days/Week
\$80 per month

**Outdoor
play and
field
trips**

**For More Info,
Contact Becky
Conway, Director**
(402) 463-1329
GodMadeMe@
firststpauls.org

**First St. Paul's
Lutheran Church**
501 N Burlington, Hastings

Questions?

Contact: Alexa Hintz (402) 768-1622

Director of Christian Education

YOUTH

Discipleship

Junior High Ministry

6th Grade Pre-Confirmation and Devos and Donuts!!

Will Resume this Fall!

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

Check back in the Fall!

OREO's- The Good Stuff in the Middle

For ALL 7th & 8th Graders



Is take a Summer Hiatus. Watch the bulletins and screens in the fall to see when they will start back up!



Follow Youth Ministry on Social Media: Instagram/Twitter/Facebook:
@FSPStuMin SnapChat:@FSPMinistry



Congratulations

Confirmation Class of 2024!

(Sunday, April 28th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.)

First Row: Brinleigh Blecha, Hadley Doremus, Emma Leonard,
Alexa Rogers, Maddison Bauer

Second Row: Jamison Peper, Bishop Blecha, Atlie Andersen, Colbie
Hartman, Kaura Reiners, Ella Tinsman

Third Row: Pastor Chad Power, Luke Nollette, Beau Imler, Hudson
Treffer, Easton Savage, Pastor Joel Remmers

Senior High Ministry

(Grades 9 —12)

Soul Café will Start Back up in the Fall! Please watch social media for
summer events and updates

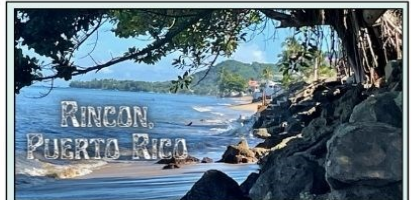


2024 Jr. High Mission Trip Info!

All payments must be
paid by:

Wed. June 19th

Next Meeting: Wednesday,
June 12th at
7:30 p.m. in the Christian
Underground



2024 Sr. High Mission Trip Info!

Next Payments Due:
Wednesdays,
June 19th and July 17th

Next Meeting: Wednesday,
June 19th at 7:30 p.m. in
the Christian Underground

Sr. High Mission Team Silent Auction

Mark your calendars!!!

Who: Any and Everyone!

What: Sr. High Silent Auction

When: June 8th and 9th (at all services)

Where: FSP in the Friendship Gathering Area

Why: To Support the Mission Team

Stockholders Dinner

Who: Any and Everyone who bought
stock in our mission trips!

What: Mission Team Stockholders
Dinner

When: Sunday, August 11th

Where: FSP in the Celebration Center
Why: To Support the Mission Teams
and to hear how mission touched the
lives of our kids and those they
served!

MISSION



Questions?

Contact: Lesa Kautz (402) 469-6800

Outreach Coordinator

Megan Lockling (402) 463-1671

Finance Coordinator



Thank you for all of the support that you have given God Made Me Preschool this year!

Allen's & Russ's Receipts and UPC Labels

We purchased laminating pouches, spot floor markers, Tumble Trax magnetic marble run, parquetry board with activities, and stackable chairs.

Give Hastings Day

We received generous donations in the amount of \$3,533.75! We have already purchased a corner desk unit with lockable sections to be delivered this summer! We also look forward to other purchases we will now be able to make with this money.

Thrivent Choice Dollars and Donations

We appreciate everyone that chose God Made Me Preschool as the recipient of their Thrivent Choice Dollars! We are also greatly thankful for those that make direct donations.



God Made Me Preschool Appreciates You!!

Tartu Academy and Home of Hope



Adult Bible Camp Mission Trip

As part of an intercultural project for seminary, Ann Auten will be traveling to Estonia from August 14th-26th. Tartu Academy of Theology is sponsoring this Adult Bible Camp in Tartu. Coordinators and local organizers are Estonians including Pastor Siimon Haamer. American Christians are called to join with the team as teachers and pastors. Ann will also be preaching at one of the churches in Estonia through an interpreter. Topics are related to Jesus: teaching, deeds, crucifixion and resurrection. Included is a trip to South Estonia to see places where Pastor Eenok Haamer was hiding during the 6 years after WWII.

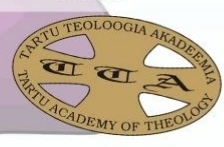
Ann plans to give a presentation when she returns. Tartu Academy is one of our mission focuses. Ann requests your prayers for a safe and fruitful trip!



VBS Mission Rotation focuses on Kids Connect Day, a new event in Hastings hosted by Healthy Families Nebraska Heartland. This event takes place on July 31st at First St. Paul's. Kids Connect Day focuses on connecting kids through the age of 18 to community resources in an effort to support families in need. We asked how our VBS could help and they said "SOCKS!" We will be collecting new kids socks and cash donations throughout the week! If we meet our goal, the kids will decorate Pastor Joel and Pastor Chad up as cupcakes! If you would like to help us "Start the Party" for Kids Connect Day, please bring new kids socks or cash to the collection box during VBS week or to the VBS service on Sunday, June 9th!



Judas Purse
Total -
\$5,253.52 to
Estonia!



thrivent® Action Team Grant Ideas

Are you a Thrivent member and want to help support a good cause at FSP? Apply for a \$250 Action Team Grant today! There is no cost to the Thrivent member! If you are interested, we have these projects available and several more! For more information or for assistance in applying, contact Jotie or Megan in the church office.

Knit ~ Pray ~ Crochet
Summer Sunday School
Men's Retreat
Ichthus Kick-Off
Junior High Mission Trip
Senior High Mission Trip

Lots
More!

Contact
Us
Today!

ADULT

Discipleship

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Opportunities this Summer:

Adult Forum
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Heritage Room



Topics with
Pastor Joel

GriefShare

Meets Thursdays
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
May 30th - Aug 29th
Y&FMC

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Join anytime! Contact Belva Junker 402-469-1236 for more information!

LCW June Meeting
All 3 groups will meet together on June 19th for a salad lunch at noon in the Celebration Center!

Join a Card Club!

Pitch: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at Y&FMC

Bridge: 4th Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Y&FMC



Knit~Pray~Crochet

This ministry creates garments of peace & protection for charitable organizations & individuals so that the recipients will feel the warmth of God's touch!

Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Heritage Room



Stephen Ministry Training This Summer 2024

Participants will help decide the times we will meet!
If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister contact one of the following:
Lynn Hohlen (402) 984-2438, Kathy Adelson (402) 984-0066, Ann Auten (402) 469-2191

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to our Members

June Birthdays

2 - Donna Hamburger - 81	20 - Jim Rutt - 81	23 - Shirley Timmerman - 87
6 - Beverly Freeman - 91	22 - Evelyn Dravland - 91	26 - Barbara Sinner - 89
11 - Eunice Bienhoff - 90		28 - Sandy Woodward - 83
11 - Harry Martin - 87		29 - Dorothy Nash - 89

July Birthdays

5 - Karen Hawthorne - 80	16 - Vivian Dyer - 87	25 - Jack L'Heureux - 91
5 - Barbara Schnase - 90	18 - Sharon Scholl - 82	25 - James Lukas - 85
10 - Delores Placke - 87	21 - Shirley Shaw - 85	29 - Carolyn Harder - 87
12 - Francie Koch - 91	22 - Gordon Fluckey - 95	29 - Mary Fish - 82
12 - Sandra Shutt - 87	23 - Leanne Rutherford - 87	31 - Henry Potts - 85

Happy Anniversary to our Members

* milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

June Anniversaries

1 - Paul and Twila Bankson - 1985	13 - Bernard and Marilyn Schneider - 1984
1 - Richard and Barbara Fischer - 1991	14 - Bruce and Cheryl Hadley - 1980
3 - Kenneth and Janice Franzen - 1972	15 - Edwin and Donna Gartner - 1969
5 - Daniel and Karen Maunders - 1982	15 - James and Helen Karloff - 1957
6 - Dennis and Nelda Fleharty - 1971	16 - Anthony and Kimberley Wanek - 1979
6 - Jeffery and Jennifer Kully - 1998	*19 - Brandon and Valerie DeJonge - 1999
7 - Jeff and Debra Gerloff - 1997	20 - Mark and Jami Keller - 1982
8 - LeRoy and Carol Hofmann - 1985	21 - Troy and Andrea Curtis - 1997
8 - Bradley and Annette McWhirter - 1984	26 - Craig and Lisa Rafert - 1993
8 - Steve and Sharon Placke - 1991	26 - Jim and Rhonda Rutt - 1964
8 - Sheldon and Bobby Kangas - 1968	27 - Steve and Ann Kiolbasa - 1992
10 - Daniel and Teresa Anderson - 1978	27 - Michael and Amanda Bauer - 1998
10 - David and Paula Cure - 1967	27 - Rev. Joel and Kimberly Remmers - 1987
10 - Michael and Debra Nicolarsen - 1972	28 - Tom and Pamela Taylor - 1990
10 - Donovan and Deanna Schardt - 1966	28 - Marvin and Sandra Woodward - 1959
12 - James and Barbara Kerr - 1971	*29 - Richard and Shirley Velde - 1974
12 - Gilbert and Sharon Schumm - 1972	29 - Randall and Beth Coil - 1996
13 - Keith and Roxine Worlein - 1981	29 - John and Kim Story - 1996

July Anniversaries

2 - Chad and Allison Power - 1994	15 - Duane and Ardyce Biede - 1989
5 - Dale and Jean Janssen - 1970	15 - James and Mary Havel - 1972
5 - Denoy and Lisa Smith - 1998	16 - Roger and Carmyn Krabel - 1994
7 - Frank and Pamela Aulrich - 1979	16 - Stephen and Karen Kissinger - 1967
8 - Richard and Susan Klope - 1989	17 - William and Tami Tackwell - 1993
9 - Kevin and Nancy Bredenkamp - 1994	19 - Kevin and Christine Willems - 1997
11 - Gregory and Judy Buhr - 1986	*27 - David and Cynthia Montague - 1974
12 - Eric and Jennifer Pohlson - 1997	29 - Michael and Kimberly Reed - 1989
14 - Steve and Linda Scheierman - 1990	31 - Neil and Joyce Grothen - 1964

Journal of Life and Growth

March 1st - April 30th, 2024

Births

Jett Bartos on 3/5/2024
Tatum Gerdes on 3/19/2024
Warner Flinn on 3/27/2024

Baptisms

Heidi Lienemann on 3/10/2024
Berkley Baker on 4/14/2024
June Pfeiffer on 4/27/2024

Transferred to Church Triumphant

Wayne Hueske on 3/4/2024
Arlen Sealock on 3/10/2024
Shirley McCallum on 3/19/2024
Karen Post on 4/23/2024

