

FIRST CONNECTIONS



Eric Pohlson

In September 2025 after having severe fatigue, Eric was diagnosed with a rare form of chronic myeloid leukemia. After a bone marrow biopsy, it was discovered that there wasn't a test for his type of CML at UNMC. Therefore, a test had to be developed at Mayo. He met with doctors at Mayo in December and was given much hope that the medication would put him into remission within a couple of years. However, he is not responding to the medication as hoped. After another trip to Mayo and a second bone marrow biopsy in early May, he is now waiting for the next steps. This has left Eric chronically fatigued and fighting multiple symptoms daily. There will be more appointments at Mayo as they try to navigate the treatment and find one that will work.



Logan Gutierrez Beahm

Logan was born with complications on November 10, 2025. He suffered from a brain bleed and was diagnosed with Soto syndrome. This will be a lifelong diagnosis with undetermined abilities. He is currently feeding tube dependent and doing therapy 2 to 3 times a week. He has follow ups at children's Hospital 1 to 3 times a month to follow up with many of his specialist. He visits the endocrinologist, neurologist, gastroenterologist, urologist, nephrologist, cardiologist, dietitians and occupational therapist. He is very tall for his age as he also has Gigantism. He is currently within 3 inches on his older brother. Overall, despite his many obstacles, he is still smiling and is cooing all the time.

All donations from our Annual Ice Cream Social & Car Show will support these two church members as they face significant medical expenses.



"United, We Live God's Will"



First St. Paul's
75th Annual
Ice Cream Social
& CAR SHOW



Wednesday, August 5th
6:30 P.M.

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WORSHIP

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

SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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

Contemporary Services
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.

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



*A special weekend you
won't want to miss!*

JULY 18TH & 19TH

Spoudazo is coming to First St. Paul's on July 18th and 19th! This is a special opportunity for you to experience the message of the Gospel through an energetic presentation by a talented group of high school youth from First Lutheran Church in Fremont. Spoudazo enthusiastically shares their desire to spread the love of God through enacting real-life scenarios enhanced by song. We are so excited to have them join us for this impactful weekend! Don't miss out on the blessing of the message of the Gospel presented through the talents displayed by Spoudazo!

If you've seen them perform previously, you know they present an impactful, wholesome, spiritual, Gospel-based program witness!



VBS SERVICE

June 7th 10:35 A.M.

Join us for a fun service to hear the songs and lessons that the kids learned all week at VBS!

LVR Commisioning

June 20th
6:00 P.M.

Join us in prayer as we send off our Junior High Mission Team.

Father's Day

Celebrate with us!

June 21st



PATRIOTIC SERVICES



July 4th at 6:00 P.M.
July 5th at 8:25 A.M.

Join us for Patriotic hymns as we celebrate America's birthday!

Puerto Rico Commisioning

July 12th
10:35 A.M.

Join us in prayer as we send off our Senior High Mission Team.



rightnow MEDIA

While most of our Bible Studies are paused at church for the summer, don't forget you can continue to grow in faith during the summer with the First St. Paul's subscription to rightnow MEDIA. Scan the QR code if you aren't signed up!



Photo Deadline

If you did not get your photo taken for the Photo Directory, you have until **JUNE 15TH** to submit one! Please email them to Chris Hollister at chollister34@gmail.com.

KIDS

Discipleship

Have a GREAT Summer!

Sunday School and Ichthus activities will resume in the Fall!



ICHTHUS
FINALE



**GOD MADE ME PRESCHOOL
OPEN ENROLLMENT**

OPENINGS IN ALL CLASS

**3 YEAR
OLDS**

**TUESDAY &
THURSDAY
8:15-11:00 A.M.
\$90/month**

**4 & 5 YEAR
OLDS**

**MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY, &
FRIDAY
8:15-11:00 A.M.
\$110/month**

**TRANSITION TO
KINDERGARTEN**

**Advanced
curriculum offered
as a stepping stone
between Preschool
and Kindergarten**

**TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY
12:15- 3:00 P.M.
\$110/month**

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(402) 463-1329 OR FIRSTSTPAULS.ORG**



**SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

**First St. Paul's will pay for half
(up to \$250) of your Christian
summer camp registration fees.
See the office for more
information and forms!**

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

YOUTH

Discipleship

Celebrating 5th Grade First Communion



Front Row: Mila Lane, Mason Bonifas & Cooper Miller
Second Row: Oliver Nyman, Brayden Reimers, Griffin Savage, Ariana Zentner
Back Row: Pastor Joel Remmers, Thatcher Fox, Quinn Tinsman, Maisey Schroeder, Ryker Stuehrenberg & Pastor Chad Power

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Confirmation Class



Front Row: Lucy Ortegren, Ava Bonifas, Emma Rust, Dawson Savage, Liam Dooley, Bryce Willicott & Sophie Dack-Loudon
Second Row: Olyvia Craddock, Lucy Cerveney, Jordyn Powell, Carter Hajny, Jackson Reimers, Drake Hohlen & Grace Hohlen
Back Row: Pastor Joel Remmers, Autumn Peper, Amelya Schardt, Kinsley Stuehrenberg, Beckman Onken, Thatcher Walston, Cole Mlady, Peyton Hohlen & Pastor Chad Power

Congratulations **CLASS 2026**
 TO OUR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ISABEL DEJONGE LINCOLN TREFFER
 REESE LAVENE SAMUEL TUNKS
 EMILIA UHRMAGHER

Sale! *Senior High Mission Team Stock Sale*

You can now find a member of the Senior High mission team to purchase stock for \$30 per share to help support their trip.

Stock Holders will be able to attend a Banquet on August 9th where the Jr. High and Sr. High Mission Teams will share their experiences.

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP
Puerto Rico

Final Payment Due: June 17th
 IMPORTANT DATES

June 6th & 7th: Silent Auction
 June 17th 7 P.M.: Team Meeting
 July 1st 7 P.M.: Team Meeting
 July 15th: Final meeting Parents & Youth
 July 18th: Depart for Omaha
 July 24th: Return home

JULY 18TH-25TH

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP
LVR

IMPORTANT DATES

June 17th: Meeting with parents & Leaders
 June 21st: Leave Hastings
 June 27th: Return home

June 21st-27th

Senior High Mission Team Silent Auction
 June 6th and 7th

Look out for fun baskets for all ages in the Gathering Area to bid on to support our Senior High Mission Trip!

SOLD!

ADULT

Discipleship

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

Bible Studies

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study
Heritage Room
Time: 6:30 A.M.



Did you know?

In 2028, First St. Paul's
will be celebrating 150
years at our location!

It's time to start
thinking about ways to
celebrate! Watch out
for more information
to come!

GRIEF SHARE

Contact Belva Junker at
402 (469)-1236 with
questions

GriefShare is for those who are grieving
the death of a loved one and is free to join.
Their next session will run from June 4th
to August 27th at 5 P.M. in the LOT (East
side of the Y&FMC)!

life is better connected

Life isn't meant to be lived alone.

We are celebrating six meaningful weeks of God at work at First St. Paul's through our Small Group Bible studies, with 50 participants joining together in fellowship and faith. Throughout our time, we shared laughter, explored God's Word, and grew closer—not only to one another as a church family, but also in our personal relationships with God.

These weeks brought about new friendships, meaningful connections, and a deeper sense of community that continues to strengthen our church! Please enjoy a couple of our group photos.



**We are excited to offer another Small Group session
this fall. Stay tuned for more details!**

NOTICE:

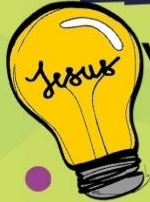
The Founder's Hall and Youth & Family Ministry
Center will be closed in June, while going
through renovations!



MISSION

Questions?
Megan Lockling (402) 463-1671
Finance Coordinator

KINGDOM QUEST MISSION



YOU can help us be the light for this mission!

We are collecting non-perishable food items throughout the week of VBS, including the weekend of June 6th & 7th!

This summer, our kids are embarking on an epic Kingdom Quest during VBS. But every great quest needs a mission, and this year, our mission is right here in our own backyard.

We are teaching the kids that you don't have to travel across the globe to be a 'world changer.' Sometimes, the most important mission field is our own community. That's why our VBS mission focus this year is supporting the **Hastings Food Pantry**.

While the kids learn about how God uses them to provide for others, we are inviting you—the rest of our 'kingdom'—to join the fellowship! We want to show our children what it looks like when an entire church works together to feed those who are hungry.



2026 Judas Purse

Catadupa, Jamaica

During Lent, we collected money in our Judas Purses to be sent to Catadupa, Jamaica. Together, we collected \$5,977.59! Thank you for your help!

Gather Hastings



Scan for more info

JUNE 7, 2026 | 5:30-7:30 PM

BRICKYARD PARK, HASTINGS NE

Join the community for a **FREE** evening of worship with the family.

A freewill donation will be collected with a portion of the proceeds going to support

Wellspring and **Royal Family Kids Camp**

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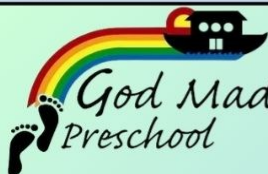
- CRUCIFORM COLLECTIVE

MESSAGES FROM:

- JAMES ALLEN
- WELLSPRING

FOOD TRUCKS AT 5:00 PM:

- MEAN BONE BBQ & BURGERS
- BACK ALLEY BAKERY
- SPECIAL SCOOPS
- TROPICAL SNO



THANK YOU

We are incredibly grateful for every donation, every share, and every word of encouragement for Give Hastings Day. Thank you for believing in our preschool and the children we serve. Together, we raised \$7,895!

Because of your support, we are excited about the new possibilities this opens up for improvements to our playground area and play equipment for our children. Your gifts will help create spaces where kids can learn, explore, grow, and simply enjoy being kids!



June 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9:00-12:00 VBS 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Property	2 9:00-12:00 VBS 6:30 Men's Bible Study 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	3 9:00-12:00 VBS 5:00 Executive 7:00 Praise Band	4 9:00-12:00 VBS 5:00 GriefShare 6:30 Quilter's Guild	5 9:00-12:00 VBS	6 6:00 Worship Sr. High Silent Auction Fundraiser
7 8:25 Worship 9:30 Adult Forum 10:30 VBS Worship Sr. High Silent Auction Fundraiser	8 12:00 Finance	9 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Foundation 7:30 Council Meeting	10 9:00 LCW Project Day 7:00 Praise Band	11 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 5:00 GriefShare	12	13 6:00 Worship
14 8:25 Worship 9:30 Adult Forum 10:30 Worship	15 5:00 Stephen Ministry	16 6:30 Men's Bible Study	17 LCW Lady Luncheon 5:30 LVR Mission Mtg 7:00 Puerto Rico Mtg 7:00 Praise Band	18 5:00 GriefShare	19	20 6:00 Worship LVR Commissioning
21 Father's Day Jr. High Mission Leaves 8:25 Worship 9:30 Adult Forum 10:30 Worship	22 Mission Trip	23 Mission Trip 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Compassionate Friends	24 Mission Trip 7:00 Praise Band	25 Mission Trip 1:00 Bridge 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 5:00 GriefShare	26 Mission Trip 1:00 Bridge	27 Mission Team Returns Home 6:00 Worship
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JULY 2026



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			1 5:00 Executive 7:00 Praise Band	2 5:00 GriefShare 6:30 Quilter's Guild	3	4 Independence Day 6:00 Patriotic Worship
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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

June Birthdays

2 - Donna Hamburger - 83
6 - Beverly Freeman - 93

11 - Eunice Bienhoff - 92
20 - Jim Rutt - 83
23 - Shirley Timmerman - 89

26 - Barbara Sinner - 91
28 - Sandy Woodward - 85

July Birthdays

*7 - Carol Rose - 80
5 - Karen Hawthorne - 82
10 - Delores Placke - 89
12 - Francie Koch - 93
12 - Sandra Shutt - 89

13 - Harvey Buhr - 81
16 - Vivian Dyer - 89
18 - Sharon Scholl - 84
21 - Shirley Shaw - 87

25 - James Lukas - 87
29 - Carolyn Harder - 89
29 - Mary Fish - 84
31 - Henry Potts - 87

Happy Anniversary to our Members

* milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

June Anniversaries

1 - Paul and Twila Bankson - 1985
1 - Richard and Barbara Fischer - 1991
3 - Kenneth and Janice Franzen - 1972
5 - Daniel and Karen Maunder - 1982
6 - Dennis and Nelda Fleharty - 1971
6 - Jeffery and Jennifer Kully - 1998
7 - Jeff and Debra Gerloff - 1997
8 - Bradley and Annette McWhirter - 1984
8 - Steve and Sharon Placke - 1991
8 - Sheldon and Bobby Kangas - 1968
10 - Daniel and Teresa Anderson - 1978
10 - David and Paula Cure - 1967
10 - Michael and Debra Nicolarsen - 1972
10 - Donovan and Deanna Schardt - 1966
12 - James and Barbara Kerr - 1971
12 - Gilbert and Sharon Schumm - 1972
13 - Keith and Roxine Worlein - 1981

14 - Bruce and Cheryl Hadley - 1980
15 - Edwin and Donna Gartner - 1969
15 - James and Helen Karloff - 1957
16 - Anthony and Kimberley Wanek - 1979
16 - Moyn and Marceline Keim - 1968
19 - Brandon and Valerie Dejonge - 1999
20 - Mark and Jami Keller - 1982
21 - Troy and Andrea Curtis - 1997
26 - Craig and Lisa Rafert - 1993
26 - Jim and Rhonda Rutt - 1964
27 - Steve and Ann Kiolbasa - 1992
27 - Michael and Amanda Bauer - 1998
27 - Rev. Joel and Kimberly Remmers - 1987
28 - Tom and Pamela Taylor - 1990
28 - Marvin and Sandra Woodward - 1959
29 - Richard and Shirley Velde - 1974
29 - Randall and Beth Coil - 1996
29 - John and Kim Story - 1996

July Anniversaries

2 - Rev. Chad and Allison Power - 1994
5 - Dale and Jean Janssen - 1970
5 - Denoy and Lisa Smith - 1998
7 - Frank and Pamela Aulrich - 1979
*7 - Michael & Nicole Pfeil - 2001
8 - Richard and Susan Kloke - 1989
9 - Kevin and Nancy Bredenkamp - 1994
9 - Timothy and Sharon Shriver - 1988
11 - Gregory and Judy Buhr - 1986
12 - Eric and Jennifer Pohlson - 1997
14 - Steve and Linda Scheierman - 1990

15 - Duane and Ardyce Biede - 1989
15 - James and Mary Havel - 1972
16 - Roger and Carmyn Krabel - 1994
17 - William and Tami Tackwell - 1993
19 - Kevin and Christine Willems - 1997
27 - David and Cynthia Montague - 1974
*28 - Joshua and Melanie Kiiker - 2001
29 - Michael and Kimberly Reed - 1989
31 - Neil and Joyce Grothen - 1964



Journal of Life and Growth

March 1st - April 30th, 2026

Baptisms

Makenna Bankson on 3/1/2026
Rhett Bankson on 3/1/2026
Clara Hohlen on 3/6/2026
Ryan Davis on 3/28/2026
Thompson Flinn on 3/29/2026
Lawsyn Ohnoutka on 4/12/2026
Asher Klüber on 4/18/2026

New Members

Heathh & Pam Arterburn
Moyn & Marcy Keim
Jace, Jolene, Jonah & Asher Klüber
Kaci Vorderstrasse
Cole, Rachel, Ariana, Olivia & Arielia Zentner

Births

Sutton Henkel on 3-9-2026

Transferred to Church Triumphant

Timothy Frank on 3/9/2026
Dennis Hoagland on 3/17/2026
Phillip Fast on 3/27/2026
Dennis Gengenbach on 3/31/2026