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# NEW MEMBERS

## THE HOLLISTER FAMILY CHRIS, BRITTANY, COLLINS, AND LONDYN

Chris and Brittany Hollister both grew up in Hastings, NE, and feel blessed to be raising their family here. They have two children — Collins (9, 4th grade) and Londyn (7, 1st grade). Chris is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Watson School and is also involved in coaching multiple sports for Hastings Public Schools, including football and basketball. He holds a master's degree in IT and contributes greatly to Watson's online media efforts. Brittany is the nurse navigator for Dr.

Brent Hood at Mary Lanning Healthcare Hastings Orthopedics. In addition, she owns Brittany Hollister Photography — be sure to look her up on Facebook if you're in need of updated family photos! The Hollisters are excited to get involved at First St. Paul's and have already felt so welcomed. They look forward to growing in faith and fellowship with their new church family.



## LYNN AND TERRI BURGE

Lynn and Terri Burge were married on April 25, 2013. Both are Hastings Senior High graduates (Class of 1983). Lynn was born on January 19, 1965, in Hastings. He joined the United States Air Force in 1986, serving for ten years in various locations before being honorably discharged in 1996. Lynn returned to Hastings in 2001 and is now medically retired. He has one son, Trent Burge (35), who lives in Lincoln. Terri was born on November 2, 1964, in Omaha, and moved to Hastings with her family in 1977. Terri worked for Thermo King for 23 years and now works at Gotsch's Feed Yard in Juniata. She has two children — Anna Nichols (39), who lives in Omaha, and Paul Rowbal (37), who lives in Hastings. Lynn and Terri are proud grandparents to granddaughter Ashtyn Rowbal (14) and grandson Lincoln Rowbal (1). They have been attending First St. Paul's for about a year and say they truly enjoy the people, friendliness, and welcoming atmosphere of the congregation.



## KASEY AND GRACEN OHNOUTKA

Kasey was born and raised in Lincoln, and Gracen grew up in Smith Center, KS. Both were raised in the Lutheran faith and share a strong foundation in their faith and community. They met while attending Hastings College — Kasey played baseball and earned a degree in Elementary Education, while Gracen played volleyball and studied Nursing. Kasey now works as a Special Education teacher at Hawthorne Elementary, and Gracen is a surgical nurse at Mary Lanning Healthcare. The couple married in August 2024 and are joyfully expecting their first child in November. They're also in the process of building their first home in Hastings! Kasey and Gracen are excited to be part of the First St. Paul's congregation and look forward to growing in faith and fellowship together.



## TRAVIS, JAMI, AND RHETT PAULMAN

Travis and Jami have called Hastings home since 2007. Both attended college here, found careers they love, and decided to stay and build their life in this community. Travis, originally from Grand Island, works as a technician at Hastings Ford. Jami, who grew up in Minden, is a second-grade teacher at Watson Elementary. They were married in 2016 and welcomed their son, Rhett, in October 2024. Rhett attends The Children's Ark, where he enjoys spending time with friends. As a family, the Paulmans love being outdoors, cheering on the Huskers (especially when they win!), and spending time with their large extended families.



## TOM AND JUDI PAVELKA

Tom is retired from Pavelka Trucking, and Judi retired after 42 years as a hairstylist. Judi is a former member of First St. Paul's, and together they have four grown children. The Pavelkas enjoy spending much of their winter in Arizona, soaking up the sunshine and relaxation. They have been attending First St. Paul's for some time now and are excited to officially become members of the congregation.

