FIRST ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

FIRST CONNECTIONS



"United, We Live God's Will"

Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 26th Sanctuary

7:00 PM

Give thanks with us this season! Join us for our Thanksgiving Worship Service as we gather to praise God for His abundant blessings. It's a time to lift our voices in gratitude, reflect on His goodness, and celebrate together as a church family. Come and be part of this uplifting service of thanksgiving and praise.

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VORSHIP Questions? Contact: Pastor Joel Remmers (402) 463-1329



Traditional Services

Sanctuary Saturdays-6:00 PM Sundays-8:25 AM

Contemporary Services Celebration Center Sundays-10:35 AM

Facebook Livestream SUNDAYS 8:25 AM & 10:35 AM

Good Sam. Village Ch. 3 SUNDAYS 6:00 PM Wednesdays 12:30 PM

Hastings Public Access TV Spectrum ch. 181/Allo ch. 16 Wed 2:00 PM & Sun 2:30 PM

Radio: 1230AM SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

OCTOBER 12TH 10:35 A.M.

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

JOIN US AS OUR 3RD GRADERS RECEIVE THEIR VERY OWN BIBLES—A SPECIAL MILESTONE

AND AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY!

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REFORMATION DAY

REFORMATION DAY MARKS THE DAY MARTIN LUTHER SPARKED THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION IN 1517, IT'S A TIME TO REMEMBER GOD'S GRACE, THE GIFT OF SCRIPTURE,

AND THE **FREEDOM** WE HAVE IN CHRIST.

NOVEMBER 1ST 8 2ND

ALL SAINTS DAY

JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE BY PLACING A WHITE FLOWER IN THE CROSS AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST, YOUTH WILL BE SELLING WHITE CARNATIONS IN THE GATHERING AREA.

NOVEMBER 8TH 8 9TH

VETERANS RECOGNITION

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO VETERANS. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY WITH COURAGE AND DEDICATION. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

THANKSGIVING 7:00 PM-SANCTUARY

JOIN US THIS THANKSGIVING TO CELEBRATE GOD'S **BLESSINGS TOGETHER!** EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME, GIVE THANKS, AND

SHARE IN A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND COMMUNITY.

NOVEMBER 29TH 8 30TH

ADVENT BEGINS

ADVENT IS A SEASON OF HOPE, PREPARATION, AND ANTICIPATION AS WE AWAIT JESUS' BIRTH. JOIN US FOR OUR WE THREE KINGS SERMON SERIES, FEATURING DRAMATIC INTERVIEWS WITH THREE ANCIENT MONARCHS WHOSE REIGNS

DIRECTLY **IMPACTED** THE COMING



Thank you!

Let's celebrate two amazing pastors who make a difference every day—Pastor Joel Remmers & Pastor Chad Power!

Have something to share in the newsletter? Contact Megan at megan@firststpauls.org or (402) 463-1671.



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

> THANKSGIVING DECORATING SUNDAY, NOV. 2ND AT 1:00 PM

HRISTMAS DECORATING 🧀 SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH AT 10:00 AM

SERVE THE LORD



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



Want a part? You can

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE-KIDS 3 YRS TO 6TH GRADE! WEDNESDAY ICHTHUS ~ 6:00 - 7:15 PM **SUNDAY SCHOOL** ~ 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Coming up next Our new themes

Memory Verse: "It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver." Proverbs 16:16



Memory Verse: "But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak." Isaiah 40:31

RFTNN SPECIAL REPORT: Children's Advent Worship Service is Coming!



Dec. 7th 10:35 worship Service

FSP Children will be telling God's story.

Oct. 12th & 15th

sign up for parts

Oct. 19th & 22nd

Parts distributed

Oct. 26th ~ 9:30am

Speaking parts start practice

Dec. $3^{rd} \sim 6-7:15 pm$

Walk through practice

Dec. 6th ~ 9:30-11:30am

Rehearsal





April 26

God Made Me Preschool

reschool **Openings** Available

Children can enroll anytime and even start on their 3rd birthday. With great prices, a fun curriculum, and amazing teachers, it's the perfect place for your child to learn, grow, and thrive! Call (402) 463-1329

for more info!



OUR 3RD GRADERS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK LEARNING HOW TO NAVIGATE THE BIBLE, EXPLORE ITS HISTORY, AND GROW MORE COMFORTABLE WITH GOD'S WORD NOW, THEY'RE READY TO RECEIVE THEIR VERY OWN BIBLES! WE PRAY THESE BIBLES WILL INSPIRE THEM TO READ, STUDY, AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT GOD'S GREAT LOVE, COME CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL MILESTONE



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Wednesdays 6:00-7:15 PM

Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM Friends are welcome



ADULT

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

We believe there is a place for everyone. We want you to discover where you belong. Below you'll find just some of those opportunities. Because space is limited here, it is hard to share every detail—but we don't want you to miss out! If you have any questions or would like more information about the many ways to get involved, please reach out to Becky or the Church Office. We're here to help you find your place!



Holy Grounds: Parent Forum ~ 9:30-10:25 a.m.

Parenting is a journey—and you don't have to walk it alone! Parent Forum is for all parents, at every stage of life, to connect with others and dig into Bible studies that focus on the joys and challenges of parenting.

Adult Forum ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m. Location: Heritage Room

Dive deeper into God's Word with Pastor Joel Remmers! Explore Bible topics, offering insight, discussion, and encouragement for everyday faith.

Nursery Available for Children Ages 0-2

Gives parents the opportunity to attend a Bible Study or volunteer.

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Leaders: Jon Martin & Don Janssen Location: Heritage Room

Before the day gets busy, dig into the Bible with us at the Men's morning Bible study.

Coffee and donuts provided!



THURSDAY

Bibles & Brews ~ 7:00 p.m. The Book of Philippians Leader: Evan Volzke

Life has ups and downs—but true joy lasts. In Philippians, Pastor Joby Martin shows how being with Jesus and His church brings lasting joy in every season.

Knit~Pray~Crochet: 2:00-4:00 p.m. Location: Heritage Room

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. This group comes together to use yarn to spread God's love—creating handmade items that bless others in His name.

Duplicate Bridge ~ 1:00 p.m. Location: Y&FMC

Meets 4th Thursday of each month. Join us for this fun variation of the classic card game Bridge.



(Lutheran Church Women) Various Times Available

The Lutheran Church Women are disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, affirm their gifts, and support one another. They meet monthly for Bible studies,

fellowship, and service—such as providing meals at funerals—and are committed to sharing God's love in the church, community, and world.

All women are invited!

MONDAY

Bell Choir ~ 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Barb Hohlen Location: Sanctuary

Our Bell Choir brings a joyful sound to worship, using handbells to lift praises and enhance our services in a unique and beautiful way. Their music adds richness to our worship and helps lead us in glorifying God together.

Wednesday

Neighborly Supper~5:00-6:15 p.m. Celebration Center

Everyone is invited to our weekly Community Meal!
The menu can be found on our website and
Facebook page. Donations are accepted.

Believing Jesus ~ Women's Bible Study Two Sessions: 4:00 p.m. & 6:05 p.m. Leader: Becky Mohling Location: LOT

Are you ready to risk it all? In this engaging study of Acts, Lisa Harper challenges us to follow Jesus with hold courses is faith—empowered by the Spirit

bold, courageous faith—empowered by the Spirit.

The Struggle is Real~6:05-7:05 p.m.

Women's Bible Study Location: Ephesians
Leaders: Jessica Walston, Morgan Savage,

and Ashley Hajny
Some days, gratitude and godly choices feel hard.
Nicole Unice offers practical tools to help turn life's challenges into wisdom, strength, and joy.

Philippians ~ Adult Bible Study 6:05 - 7:05 p.m. Location: Heritage Room Leader: Travis Bronson

True joy isn't based on circumstances. In Philippians, Paul shows us how to find lasting joy and contentment—even in hardship.

Prayer Cross Ministry ~ 6:30 PM Leader: Steve Mohling Location: Steve's Woodshop

Create wooden crosses. These crosses serve as a reminder of God's love and presence, offering comfort and encouragement to those who receive them.

Moms in Prayer ~ 7:00 PM Leader: Amanda Schroeder

Changing the world for Christ by covering children and schools in prayer, one mom at a time.

Want to be a part of something bigger?

JOIN A COMMITTEE!

Our committees keep First St. Paul's moving forward! Anyone can join anytime—no experience needed, just a willing heart. Come be part of the work that makes our church thrive!

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+FINANCE

WORSHIP & MUSIC

+CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Welcome New Members! Reception Date is To Be Determined

We're thrilled to welcome our new members in October! While the official recognition date is still being scheduled, we invite you to join us between services for a reception to celebrate and get to know them. Watch for details. Let's give them a warm First St. Paul's welcome!



MISSION

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



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October Ist Catalina Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes and a Dessert

October 8th Tater Tot Casserole, Garlic Bread, and a Dessert

October 15th Sesame Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, and a Dessert

October 22nd Taco/Nacho Bar, Cheese Sauce, Refried Beans, Corn Chips, and a Root Beer Float

October 29th Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and a Halloween Dessert

November 5th Spaghetti & Meatballs, Red or Alfredo Sauce, Garlic Bread and a Dessert

November 12th

Baked Chicken Breasts. Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw and a Dessert

November 19th

Thanksgiving Meal Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Cranberries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll and Pumpkin Pie With Whipped

November 26th No Ichthus

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SALAD & VEGGIES
AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES
"All Meals are Subject to Change"

First St. Paul's Lutheran Church

craft Show

November 1st, 2025

9 am - 3 pm Celebration Center

-Booth Rental - \$40 for 9" X 10" Space Electricity and Tables Available

Required to donate one item to raffle. -Concession stand provided all day! Proceeds benefit Youth Mission Teams.

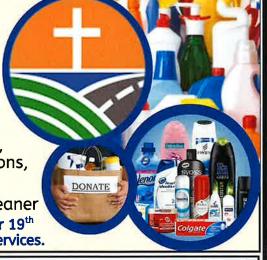
-Scan QR code to register! For more info, contact sonya at (402) 705-9770

Catholic Social Services Hastings invites you to help our families by donating to the

To donate, place these most needed items in the box in the Gathering Area:

Personal CARE Items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Deodorant, Razors, Shaving Cream, Pads, Tampons, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

CLEANING Items: Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Household Cleaner Jonathan Kiehl, Hastings Director, will join us during worship on October 19th to share a Temple Talk about the mission and work of Catholic Social Services.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawls wrap others in God's love, one stitch at a time. Each shawl is prayerfully made to bring comfort, hope, and a reminder of God's presence to those going through difficult times. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl, they are available in the Church Office.

Budget Hearing

Sunday, November 2nd 9:30 AM 7 Heritage Room

You're invited to our Budget learing! Take a look at the proposed 2026 budget and ask any questions you may have as we prepare for the year to come.



Thrivent Action leams.

Positive change begins by taking action Are you a Thrivent member? You can make a big impact by leading a Thrivent Action Team-at no cost to you! Each member can lead two projects per year to support our church and community. If you're interested in leading one of our upcoming projects, contact Megan. Here are a few ideas...

*Youth Concession Stand *Advent Project

*All Saints Carnations * Churchwide Meal

Thanksgiving Decorations

*Christmas Decorations

*Kid's Advent Worship Service





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REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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 MEMBER prefer not to be listed-please let us know. We'd love to honor you correctly! <u>Happy Birthday to our Members</u> **October Birthdays** 2 - Delores Fullerton - 93 9 - Eldon Harms - 93 21 - Donna Oberg - 94 3 - IoAnne Brown - 91 11 - Eldon Grothen - 84 26 - Joyce Grothen - 83 4 - Sharon Karnes - 81 14 - Maurice Gartner - 88 28 - Marva Potts - 82 29 - Marlene Fast - 94 20 - Bob Dygert - 82 **November Birthdays** 1 - Richard Brehm - 81 17 - Dennis Engel - 82 23 - Marilyn Stromer - 92 17 - Patsy Kelly - 82 17 - Donovan Schardt - 81 8 - Danny Marr - 82 9 - Helen Karloff - 90 24 - Marilyn Schukei - 83 28 - Ron Hager - 83 10 - Martha Janssen - 99 20 - Joan Hartman - 93 28 - Pete Mackie Jr. - 80 <u>appy Anniversary to our</u> * milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th October Anniversaries 5 - Michael and Connie Hartman - 1974 18 - Fred and Karon Hansen - 1996 5 - Ryan and Julie Samuelson - 1996 19 - Darren and Dawn Placke - 1991 6 - Arlen and Susan Brown - 1973 20 - Hal and Judy Hobbiebrunken - 1979 6 - Edward and Karen Klein - 1990 20 - James and Susan Lueders - 1984 21 - Darrin and Karen Nienhueser - 1988 7 - Dale and Marylee Fischer - 1972 7 - John and Rebecca Morlang - 1995 23 - Arron and Lisa Diecker - 1999 10 - Keith and Kailey Klein - 1992 24 - Raymond and Penny Snell - 1981 12 - Larry and Donna Ackerman - 1968 26 - Bryan and Shelly Sadd - 1991 26 - Bryan and April Dulitz - 1996 15 - Richard and Debra Hill - 1988 16 - Ernest and Karen Johnson - 1971 29 - Thomas and Patricia Hohlen - 1977 November Anniversaries 5 - Kenneth and Diane Martin - 1978 24 - Todd and Kim Karnes - 1989 14 - Dennis and Cherri Murman - 1986 26 - David and Deb Stuehrenberg - 1977 17 - Brent and Brenda Grabill - 1984 27 - Steven and Linda Stutesman - 1971 17 - Lamoine and Judy Leonhardt - 1973 27 - Steven and Susan Turner - 1993 21 - John and Lynn Hohlen - 1981 27 - Chad and Angela Gill - 1993 23 - Rodney and Becky Hermann - 1985 28 - Harvey and Sandie Buhr - 1964 23 - Jerry and Nancy McCoy - 1968 29 - Murray and Chris Wilson Jr. - 1988 23 - William and Vicki Krueger - 1979 30 - Roger and Julie Nash - 1990 <u>Journal of Life and Growth</u> July 1st - August 31st, 2025 Birth Transferred to **Church Triumphant** Kemp Cook on 7/3/2025 Linda Swayze on 7/5/2025 Luka Flohrs on 7/15/2025 Kelly Boom on 7/7/2025 **Baptisms** Stephen Kissinger on 7/25/2025 Ezra Eddy on 8/17/2025 William Humberg on 8/3/2025 Troy Kershner on 8/25/2025 Luka Flohrs on 8/23/2025

Marriages

Brady Harrenstein & Dakota Johnson on 8/27/2025

New Member

Travis & Jami Paulman on

8/21/2025