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

FIRST CONNECTIONS



"United, We Live God's Will"

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All I can really say is WOW, God is so good. The ordination and installation celebration was so powerful and filled with the Holy Spirit. I cannot fully express my gratitude to everyone involved with the planning, preparation and participation in KIDS MINISTRY the worship service and reception. The time in God's church through worship and fellowship truly exemplifies the body and community of the Church.

I'm so thankful for all the kind words of congratulations, thoughtful cards and generous gifts that were extended to me and our family. God is doing so many amazing things at First St. Paul's and I'm humbled to receive the call as the next Associate Pastor. I'm excited to focus on Jesus Christ and the ministries God is providing for us to engage in as sisters and brothers in Christ.

> In God's Glory, Pastor Chad C. Power

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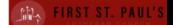
WORSHIP * OPPORTUNITIES

*FALL PROGRAMS

YOUTH MINISTRY *FALL PROGRAMS

ADULT MINISTRY *LEARNING **OPPORTUNITIES**

MISSION *OUTREACH **OPPORTUNITIES**



WORSHIP

Questions?
Contact: Ann Auten (402)469-2191
Director of Worship and Music



Saturday Service - 6:00 p.m. - Traditional in Sanctuary Sunday Service - 8:25 a.m. - Traditional in Sanctuary Sunday Service - 10:35 a.m. - Contemporary in Celebration Center Holy Communion - Traditional Services - 1st Sunday of the Month Contemporary Service - 3rd Sunday of the Month All baptized Christians are welcome!

USHER/GREETER TRAINING - SEPTEMBER 30TH AND OCTOBER 1ST 15-20 MINUTES AFTER SERVICE! THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES!



Special Worship Events

Receive New Members - October 7th & 8th - All Services

October 7th & 8th

Pastor Silmon Haamer

Guest Preacher at All Services

October 14th & 15th

Question Time in Sanctuary between Services

Potluck after 10:35 Service

Reformation Sunday - October 29th - 10:35 a.m.

3rd Graders Receive Bibles

Cherubs & Joyful Noises Choirs Sing!

All Saints Sunday - November 5th

All Services - Memory Walk

Youth will be selling white carnations for free will donation. All proceeds will help with mission trip costs.



TATE OF

October 29th



November 5th

Save the Date January 14, 2024



Contemporary Service Celebration



Thanksgiving Eve Blended Service Nov. 22nd - 7:00 p.m.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November 2023				5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Kids Activities 6:15 Adult Bible Studies 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Soul Café	1:00 Quilting 3:00 Pastor Visits Collegeview 4:00 Ann Visits Kensington 6:30 Quilters Guild	1:00 Bridge	9:00 Craft Show 6:00 Worship
	Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:35 Worship 6:00 College Age Bible Study	6:00 Bell Practice 7:00 Property	7 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	9:00 LCW Project Day 5:00 Ichthus Meal 5:00 Executive 6:00 Kids Activities 6:15 Adult Bible Studies 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Soul Café	9 1:00 Quilting 1:00 LCW Lesson Leaders 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 4:00 Pastor Visits Homestead 6:30 GriefShare	TO .	Veterans Day 6:00 Worship
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MISSION

Contact numbers:

Greeters - Lesa Kautz (402) 469-6800 Donut Squad - Sonya Dittmer (402) 705-9770 Feed my Sheep - Coleen Dygert (402) 984-7948 Crossmakers - Steve Mohling (402) 984-0602 Lutheran Church Women - Jeanne Loch (402) 469-1860 Prayer Chain - Micki Buscher (402) 469-4061 Knit, Pray, Crochet - Sonya Dittmer (402) 705-9770 Office Volunteers - (402) 463-1329 Flowers Forward - Ann Auten (402) 469-2191

GriefShare - Belva Junker (402) 469-1236

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM OUR ICE **CREAM SOCIAL RECIPIENT KELLY BOOM!**

I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. It is truly appreciated and I am very grateful. I especially want to thank all who assisted with the event! I feel very blessed to have First St. Paul's as my church family. With Much Appreciation, Kelly Boom



Craft Show

November 4th, 2023 9am - 4pm 501 N. Burlington Ave Hastings, Ne

Leather Work Home Canning Raffle

Crochet Items Jewelry Gifts of All Kinds

Breakfast and Lunch available

For more information call or text Sonya at 402-705-9770

PASTOR SIIMON HAAMER

Pastor Haamer will preach at all services on Oct. 14th & 15th. Following the 10:35 a.m. service we will have a potluck dinner. where Pastor Haamer will share his mission in Estonia and invite you to donate to help meet the financial needs of this work. His aim is to share the Word of God



among the people of Estonia, which is proclaimed to be one of the most secular nations in the world and still strongly influenced.

by 50 years of atheistic Soviet occupation. The task of TARTU Academy of Theology is to raise a new generation of church leaders.

To prepare for his visit, be sure to attend one of three opportunities to study the book We Shall Live in Heaven, written by Pastor Harri Haamer, Siimon's grandfather. The book is a testimony of Harri's faith as he recounts his experiences in a Soviet slave labor camp.

> Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study Hosted by Ann Auten

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Adult Forum Hosted by Pastor Joel Remmers Holy Grounds Hosted by Pastor Chad Power

the Church Office if you can help us out!



OCTOBER 08, 2023

WALK, GIVE, CHANGE THE WORLD

Visit the Hunger Walk table in the FGA on Oct. 8th for information or to donate!

Budget Hearing

November 5th

9:30 a.m.

Heritage Room



Stephen Ministry Prayer Corner Have you ever come to church and felt a need to pray or talk with someone about your worries or cares? A Stephen Minister will be available between services at the Prayer Corner to give support or pray with you. The Prayer Corner is also available for individual prayer anytime during the week!

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT Knit~Pray~Crocket

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 12TH & 19TH TO LEARN ABOUT AND SEE THE AMAZING WORK THIS GROUP DOES FOR **OUR CONGREGATION!**



○Trunk-or-Treat ○All Saints Sunday Carnation Fundraiser Ichthus Thanksgiving Meal
 'God Made Me' Preschool nese projects! Contact Megan or Jotie in Family Advent Event Children's Advent Program

ADULT Ouestions? Discipleship

Contact: Alexa Hintz (402) 768-1622

Director of Christian Education

Join us on Wednesday Nights! 5:00-6:15 p.m. - Community Meals 6:00-7:30 p.m. - PreK-6th Grade Programs 6:15-7:45 p.m. - Confirmation and Adult Programs

Come Join a Wednesday Bible Study | Studies continue through December 13, 2023

What if we got up every day believing

God for the best, knowing we might

possibly encounter the worst?

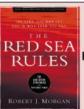
Unexpected

by Christine Caine

Hosted by Jennifer Karl

Wednesdays from

6:15-7:45 p.m.



The Red Sea Rules By Robert J. Morgan

Hosted by Micki Buscher

Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations, God promises to make a way for us.

Bible and Brews

Hosted by Evan Volzke

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Arron

Diecker's House

Train Children in the

they will not stray.

Proverbs 22:26



Matthew: A 12-Week

Hosted by Craig and Lesa

Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m



Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer

Hosted by Becky Mohling

Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

What do we do and how do we handle when God interrupts our lives? Many times like Jonah, we run.



Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Hosted by Don Janssen & Jon Martin

> Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 a.m.

Meets Year Round

Join us on a marvelous quest of seeking the face of God and, as best as He will allow, to gaze upon the Crown Jewel in His nature.



Holy Lands Trip Signup

\$500 deposit is all that is needed at this time! Save \$150 if you sign up 15 months before trip! Deadline for this savings is October 20th. Tentative Date for Trip - Jan. 20th-29th - 2025 Questions? Call Ann Auten (402) 469-2191

ADULT LEADERS NEEDE Use the gifts and talents God has blessed you with. Serve in FSP Adult, Youth, and Kids Ministries If interested Contact: Alexa Hintz at (402)768-1622

Ichthus Menu

October 4th-Chicken Fajitas, Chips & Salsa, Baked Corn and Dessert

1th-Tator Tot Casserole. Dinner Roll and Dessert

18th-Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans and Dessert

25th-Hot Beef Sandwich. Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese and Dessert

*All meals are served with Salad Bar/Veggies and PB & J

November

1st-Chili Soup, Assorted Cheeses & Cinnamon Rolls 8th-Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Bread and Dessert

15th-Thanksgiving Meal: Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Broccoli, Dessert

22nd-No Meal

29th-Cheesy Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans and Dessert



Parent Forum Sundays 9:35 a.m. with Pastor Chad

Nursery Provided Sundays 9:30 am Education Hour!



Questions? Contact: Alexa Hintz (402) 768-1622 **Director of Christian Education**

Come GROW! with Us! PreK -5 th Grades

Wednesday Night Ichthus 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.





October A series on Moses



November A series from Genesis - Joseph



Trunk - or - Treat Sat. Oct. 29th at 4: 00 p.m.

Each Grow! lesson begins on Sunday and the fun continues on Wednesday nights with activities, Bible stories, music, and games. It's like VBS every week! If your child has turned three, they can start this fall. Children ages PreK-5th Grade welcome.

Children's Choir Schedule Cherubs & Joyful Noises

September 24th October 29th - 3rd Grade Bibles December 10th - Advent Service February 28th - Wednesday Lenten Service March 24th - Palm Sunday April 21st May 12th - Mother's Day

Sundays - 10:35 a.m. - Contemporary Service Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service



God Made Me Preschool has openings in the 3 year old class as well as the afternoon 4 & 5 year old class, contact the Church Office (402)463-1329 to register. We are collecting Allen's & Russ's Receipts as well as Best Choice UPC's from Sept. 1st through Feb. 29th, 2024. Please bring them to the Church Office or place them in the box in the Gathering Area! Thank you to everyone who supported us on Give Hastings day! Update to follow!



3rd Grade Bible Project

3rd Grade Bible Project started on Sunday, September 17th and continues during the Sunday Education Hour on Sept. 24th, Oct. 1st. 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Parents are asked to come on Sept. 24th, Oct. 15th & 22nd.



Bibles will be presented on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at the It is not too late to join! service of your choice

Attention Families!

Attention Families! We are encouraging you to serve together in worship as acolytes, greeters, ushers, assistants, etc.

Contact Ann Auten, Worship Volunteer Coordinator, if interested! (ann@firststpauls.org)



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Ministry

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6th Grade Pre-Confirmation Wednesdays - Meets in the LOT! 6:00-7:30 p.m.

> Sundays - Devos and Donuts!! 9:30-10:30 a.m.



7th Grade Confirmation Meet in Basement at Y&FMC

8th Grade Confirmation Meet in Upstairs at Y&FMC

Wednesdays 6:15-7:45 p.m.

OREO's - The Good Stuff in the Middle

For ALL 7th & 8th Graders

We meet on the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the **Gathering Area**

October 15th **Reverse Trick or Treat**

> **November 19th Movie Night**

2024 Jr. High **Mission Trip Info!**

Informational Meeting

When: Sunday, October 1st after the 10:30 a.m. service

Where: Celebration Center

*This mission trip is for current 7th & 8th graders.

2024 Sr. High Mission Trip Info!

1st Payment Due: Wednesday October 18th

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 19th after the 10:35 a.m. service

Where: Celebration Center

Senior High Ministry (Grades 9 — 12)

Soul Café is for Grades 9-12 and their friends. Meet in the Christian Underground.

our october series "masks"



in november we will start "lights! camera! christmas!"





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