FIRST CONNECTIONS

Please join us for our annual

TRUNKITREAT

Event

OCTOBER 27TH 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

We need Christian themed trunks!!
Watch for Trunk Sign-Up and Candy Drop
Off in the Friendship Gathering Area



Invite your friends and don't forget your bucket!



"United, We Live God's Will"



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WORSHIP

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



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!



Receive New Members - October 19th & 20th

New members will be received at the worship service of their choice. A reception will take place between services on Sunday.

Come and welcome them to our church!

New member classes are September 29th, October 6th & 13th. It is not too late if you are interested in joining. Call the church office today to sign up, (402) 463-1329.

Reformation Day

October 26th & 27th
507 years ago, Martin Luther nailed 95 thesis
to the chapel door of Castle Church and
sparked what we now call the Reformation.
We celebrate his strength and courage and
ask that we too might be inspired to be
faithful in a world that is not always so.



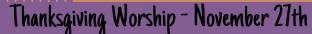
3rd Grade Bible Presentation

October 27th at 10:35 a.m.
It is our privilege to present all of our 3rd graders with a brand new Bible of their very own. Because we prefer to give out Bibles they have already started to use they have already started to use, they spent a few weeks in class to learn how to use their Bibles. On Reformation Day Weekend (what an appropriate time,) they will get to take their Bibles home.



All Saints Day - November 2nd & 3rd We will remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died since last

All Saints Day. We invite you to bring or purchase or take a white flower to place in the cross, as is our custom. We do this not only to remember our loved ones and friends, but because we also trust in God's promises.



Thanksgiving this year falls on Thursday, November 28th. And while on that day, you might be welcoming family, eating turkey, or watching football, we also invite you to spend just a little time in worship, thanking God for all He has done. Service will be on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



help to make our church beautiful for the holidays. Join



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

Are We There Yet? Not quite, but there are a lot of stops along the way! Our church offers a variety of activities for adults all week long—something for everyone! Whether you're looking to grow spiritually, connect with others, or simply relax, we hope you'll find your destination with us. Join the journey! Call Chad or the Church Office for more info!

ARE WE THERE YET? WEEKLY ROAD M

JESUS AT WORK

SUNDAY

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

Talking with Your Kids About Jesus

Author: Natasha Crain Location: Holy Grounds Room

Homes where deep and meaningful faith conversations happen regularly aren't the product of lucky parents. They're the product of intentional parents who believe nothing is more important than raising kids to know and love Jesus.

Adult Forum ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Leader: Pastor Joel Remmers Location: Heritage Room Explore topics from the Bible!

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Community Meal 5:00-6:15 p.m.

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All are welcome!

All Adult Bible Studies

neet at 6:05-7:25 p.m

Romans: Live With Clarity

Women's Bible Study Leader: Jennifer Karl Location: Ephesians Room

Luke: Gut-Level Compassion

Women's Bible Study Leader: Becky Mohling Location: Youth & Family Ministry

End Time Group Study

Leader: Dale Schultz Location: Holy Grounds Room

1 Corinthians: The Challenges of Life Together

> Leader: Craig Kautz Location: Heritage Room

> **Prayer Cross Ministry**

Leader: Steve Mohling Location: Steve's Woodshop Create wooden palm crosses!

Pitch ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Youth & Family Ministry This group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meet as a group for fun, fellowship and to play the card game Pitch! All are welcome.

Bell Choir ~ 6:30 p.m.

Leader: Barb Hohlen Location: Sanctuary

Our bell choir is looking for people interested in playing the bells. Practice on Monday evenings. Perform during service once per month.

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

ARE WE THERE Leaders: Jon Martin & Don Janssen Location: Heritage Room Start your Tuesday with this great opportunity for meaningful discussion, reflection, and deeper understanding of scripture.

Quilting ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Youth & Family Ministry Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. Join others that enjoy quilting and work together to assemble beautiful guilts. This group has donated many quilts to the Camp Carol Joy Holling

Quilt Auction over the years!

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

Location: Heritage Room Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. This ministry creates garments of peace & protection so that the recipients will feel the warmth of God's touch.

> FOLLOW GOD

Quilting ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Youth & Family Ministry Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Bibles & Brews ~ 7:00 p.m. Love in Chaos by Bob Goff

Leader: Evan Volzke Location: Arron Diecker's House We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos. What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos.

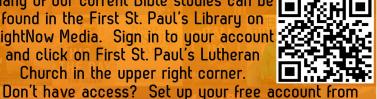
> Bridge ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m. Location: Y&FMC

Meets every 4th Friday. Come to play the card game Bridge, stay for fun and fellowship!

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First St. Paul's by scanning the QR Code.

Many of our current Bible studies can be found in the First St. Paul's Library on RightNow Media. Sign in to your account: and click on First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the upper right corner.



LEADER: JONI MARTIN LOVE AND LOGIC IS A PARENTING PROGRAM THAT HAS CREATED HAPPIER, STRONGER FAMILIES AND CONFIDENT PARENTS AND KIDS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. LOVE AND LOGIC PRINCIPLES ARE BASED ON RESPECT, DIGNITY, LOVE, AND DISCIPLINE. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS.





WEDNESDAYS OCT. 9TH-NOV. 13TH 6:00-7:30 P.M. LOCATION: RUTH ROOM



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



Come GROW! with Us! PreK - 5th Grades

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

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Each lesson begins on Sunday and continues on Wednesday nights with activities, Bible stories, music, and games!



October

series

People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey. Kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.



EACH AND EVERY DAY. THE BEST HEROES CAN EVEN INSPIRE THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM TO BE BRAVE. FAITHFUL, AND HOPEFUL IN THEIR OWN LIVES, TOO. IN THIS SERIES. KIDS WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IT LOOKS I TO SEE GOD AS THE HERO OF OUR STORY AS THEY HEAR THE STORY OF RUTH AND NAOM! THEY'LL SEE HOW GOD GIVES THEM COMPANIONS, OPPORTUNITIES, BOLDNESS, AND HOPE SO THAT THEY CAN BE HEROES, TOO!

Children's Choir Schedule Cherubs & Joyful Noises

October 6th November 3rd

February 9th March 19th-Wed Lenten Service

December 15th-Advent Service

April 13th

Christmas Eve

May 11th - Mother's Day

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

GRADE PROJECT

Our 3rd grade Bible Project is underway, where kids are learning how to use their Bibles and explore God's Word! It's not too late to join! There's still time to be a part of this exciting journe Students will receive their very own Bibles during a special section of the October 27th 10:35 a.m. worship service. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!



ADVENT **SERVICE**

DEC 15TH

Practice will start in November. Details coming soon from Miss Kim.



TO REGISTER OR

Becky Conway, Director Phone: (402) 463-1329

Website: www.firststpauls.org Email: GodMadeMe@firststpauls.org

8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday

\$100 per month Tuesday ~ Thursday ~ \$80 per month

Fun and Creative

-Small Class Sizes

Certified Early Childhood Education Teacher

-Individual attention

-Make new friends -Classroom Pets

Field Trips & Outdoor Play

Learn to interact with

Can begin on 3rd birthday ~Openings in all classes

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





WEDNESDAY
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OF THE LOT ~ 6:00 - 7:30 PM

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 6TH GRADERS WILL MEET IN THE LOT (LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER.) THERE IS NO NEED TO CHECK-IN. HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE LOT!!

7TH GRADE | WEDNESDAYS | 6:05-7:25 PM
PARSONAGE

CONFIRMATION

Some Bible, a little bit of prayer, a dash of faith and a WHOLE LOT OF JESUS!

8TH GRADE | WEDNESDAYS | 6:05-7:25 PM BASEMENT OF Y&FMC

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7th & 8th Graders 4th Sunday of Each Month (unless otherwise noted)

October ~ TBD (watch for announcements)

November 24th~Movie Night (watch for location & time)

Friends are always welcome!!

Mission Trip Reveal

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT coming in October! We're about to reveal our NEXT MISSION TRIP destinations, and trust us—they are going to be EPIC! Think unforgettable experiences in unforgettable places, and the chance to make a REAL difference. We'll be sharing trip details and how YOU can get involved SOON!



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TEAMS

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS
CRAFT SHOW

CONCESSION STAND

NOVEMBER 2ND 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CELEBRATION CENTER

CARNATION SALES
ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD
ALL SERVICES

Purchase a white carnation from our youth to put in the cross in memory of your loved ones.

Because of your generosity, our youth group is able to participate in ife-changing mission trips, spreading love and making a difference in communities around the world. We couldn't do it without you

ENIOR HIGH MINISTRY



College Agers Bible Study



The Chosen | Season 2

Join our Bible study designed specifically for college-aged young adults! This is a great chance to dive deeper into God's Word, connect with others in your stage of life, and grow in faith together. Whether you're new to Bible study or looking to deepen your understanding, all are welcome! Come for meaningful discussions, encouragement, and community.

WEDNESDAYS | 7:30 PM | PARSONAGE

MISSION

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:15 pm

Ichthus Menu

\$5 Suggested Donation

October

2nd - Potato Soup, Ham & Cheese Sliders, Dessert

9th - Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Dessert

16th - Chicken Pot Pie, Dessert

23rd - Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

30th - *Halloween Meal* Witches Brew Stew, Dracula's Least Favorite Bread, Spooky Dessert

November

6th - Chili Soup, Assorted Cheeses, Cinnamon Rolls

13th - Taco/Nacho Bar, Chips & Cheese, Refried Beans with White Queso Cheese, Root Beer Floats

20th - Thanksgiving Meal with all the fixings!

27th - No meal. Join us for service at 7:00 p.m.

All meals are subject to change and served with Salad Bar, Veggies and PB&J Sandwiches







Interested in being a vendor?

- Booth Rental \$40 for 9' X 10' Space
 Electricity and Tables Available
- Required to donate one item to raffle.
 Scan QR code to register!

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

CONCESSION STAND

PROVIDED BY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

stephen

Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

We have an upcoming training session and are looking for individuals interested in becoming Stephen Ministers! This is a great ministry to be a part of and an opportunity to learn new skills and help others in our congregation. If you're interested in taking on new challenges or feel called to provide this service, we'd love to have you join us.

First Training Session: October 6th 12:30 - 4:00 PM

Location: Holy Grounds Room Lunch Provided

IF INTERESTED OR FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT ANN AUTEN (402) 469-2191

FEBRUARY 28 -MARCH 1, 2025

Gather²⁵

The entire global Church gathering together like never before.

I'M IN. ARE YOU?

The global Church will gather. Every continent, every denomination, every generation - coming together to hear the story of the global Church. @Gather25 will be a historic moment of prayer, worship, repentance, and commissioning!

More info coming soon for Gather - Hastings!!



BUDGET HEARING NOVEMBER 3RD ~ 9:30 AM HERITAGE ROOM

Join us for our upcoming budget hearing! It's a great opportunity to review the preliminary 2025 budget, ask questions, and gain valuable insight into our financial plans. Your input and understanding are important as we move forward together.



Thank you! Your generosity and kindness makes a big difference in our community. We are truly blessed to have such caring and dedicated people with us on this journey. God bless you all!

The Ice Cream Social and Car/Motorcycle Show raised \$ for Payton and Grayhm, including matching funds from Thrivent











OCTOBER 2024







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4	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4			1 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	2 5:00 Executive 5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Activities Begin 7:00 Praise Band 7:30 College Bible Study 8:00 Soul Café	3 1:00 Quilting 3:00 College View Visit 4:00 Kensington Visit 6:30 Quilters Guild 7:00 Bibles & Brews	4	5 6:00 Worship
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	27 Trunk-or-Treat 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:35 Worship 10:35 3rd Grade Bibles 4:00 Trunk-or-Treat TBD OREOs	28 1:30 Pitch 6:30 Bell Choir	6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting	5:00 Ichthus Meal 6:00 Activities Begin 7:00 Praise Band 7:30 College Bible Study 8:00 Soul Café	31 1:00 Quilting 5:15 Personnel 7:00 Bibles & Brews		



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MEMBER **CELEBRATIONS**

Happy Birthday to our Members

October Birthdays

2 - Delores Fullerton - 92

1 - Richard Brehm - 80

2 - Tom Kunkel - 82

8 - Danny Marr - 81 9 - Helen Karloff - 89

10 - Martha Janssen - 98

- 3 JoAnne Brown 90
- 4 Sharon Karnes 80
- 8 Dixie Bohlen 87
- 9 Eldon Harms 92
- 11 Eldon Grothen 83
- 14 Maurice Gartner 87
- 20 Bob Dygert 81
- 21 Donna Oberg 93
- 26 Joyce Grothen 82
- 28 Marva Potts 81
- 29 Marlene Fast 93

November Birthdays

- 17 Dennis Engel 81
- 17 Patsy Kelly 81
- 17 Donovan Schardt 80
- 20 Joan Hartman 92
- 23 Marilyn Stromer 91
- 24 Marilyn Schukei 82
- 25 Nola Glover 82
- 28 Ron Hager 82

<u>Happy Anniversary to our Members</u> * milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

October Anniversaries

- *5 Michael and Connie Hartman 1974
 - 5 Ryan and Julie Samuelson 1996
 - 6 Arlen and Susan Brown 1973
 - 6 Edward and Karen Klein 1990
 - 7 Dale and Marylee Fischer 1972
 - 7 John and Rebecca Morlang 1995
- 10 Keith and Kailey Klein 1992
- 12 Larry and Donna Ackerman 1968
- 15 Richard and Debra Hill 1988
- 16 Ernest and Karen Johnson 1971

- 18 Fred and Karon Hansen 1996
- 19 Darren and Dawn Placke 1991
- 20 Hal and Judy Hobbiebrunken 1979
- 20 James and Susan Lueders 1984
- 21 Darrin and Karen Nienhueser 1988
- *23 Arron and Lisa Diecker 1999
- 24 Raymond and Penny Snell 1981
- 26 Bryan and Shelly Sadd 1991
- 26 Bryan and April Dulitz 1996
- 29 Thomas and Patricia Hohlen 1977

November Anniversaries

- 5 Kenneth and Diane Martin 1978
- 14 Dennis and Cherri Murman 1986
- 17 Brent and Brenda Grabill 1984
- 17 Lamoine and Judy Leonhardt 1973
- 21 John and Lynn Hohlen 1981
- 23 Rodney and Becky Hermann 1985
- 23 Jerry and Nancy McCoy 1968
- 23 William and Vicki Krueger 1979
- 24 Todd and Kim Karnes 1989
- 26 David and Deb Stuehrenberg 1977
- 27 Steven and Linda Stutesman 1971
- 27 Steven and Susan Turner 1993
- 27 Chad and Angela Gill 1993
- 28 Harvey and Sandie Buhr 1964
- 29 Murray and Christine Wilson Jr. 1988
- 30 Roger and Julie Nash 1990

<u>Journal of Life and Growth</u>

July 1st - August 31st, 2024

Marriages

Trey Gill & Mickinzie Thiem on 8/10/2024 Rachel Kort & Cory Prewo on 8/10/2024

Transferred to **Church Triumphant**

Dean Hanson on 7/6/2024 Larry Janssen on 7/12/2024 Weir John on 7/13/2024 Larry Wilson on 8/8/2024 Ben Schneider on 8/10/2024 Peggy Spicknall on 8/18/2024 Milo Kocourek on 8/27/2024



