

### October Wedding Anniversaries

With joy & thanksgiving we celebrate the following milestone anniversaries:



- 1 - Wayne & Elizabeth Classen - 1960
- 1 - Steve & Bonnie Beman - 1983
- 3 - Steve & Joan Rosch - 1970
- 4 - Norman & Mary Giesler - 1986
- 5 - Michael & Connie Hartman - 1974
- 6 - Arlen & Susan Brown - 1973
- 6 - Edward & Karen Klein - 1990
- 7 - Dale & Marylee Fischer - 1972
- 10 - Keith & Kailey Klein - 1992
- 12 - Wayne & Hazel Hueske - 1952
- 12 - Larry & Donna Ackerman - 1968
- 15 - Richard & Debra Hill - 1988
- 16 - Ernest & Karen Johnson - 1971
- 19 - Ronald & Sharon Karnes - 1963
- 19 - Darren & Dawn Placke - 1991
- 20 - James & Vicky Treadway - 1984
- 20 - Wayne & Janice Timm - 1956
- 24 - Raymond & Penny Snell - 1981
- 25 - Allen & Marlene Hoyt Sr. - 1964
- 26 - Bryan & Shelly Sadd - 1991
- 27 - Craig & Jill Melvin - 1979
- 29 - Thomas & Patricia Hohlen - 1977

### Income & Expense Report Through August 2018

**Income** \$421,575.56  
**Expense** \$430,029.01  
 -\$8453.45

### Allen's & Russ's Receipts/Best Choice UPC's

We have started gathering Allen's & Russ's receipts again as well as Best Choice UPC's. Please save your receipts beginning Sept. 1st, 2018 and UPC's and turn them into the Church Office or place them in the container in the F.G.A.

If you have information for the November issue of *First Connections*, please submit by

**October 10th**

[jotie@firststpauls.org](mailto:jotie@firststpauls.org). Thank you!

### Journal of Life and Growth

#### Transferred to Church Triumphant

- August 4, 2018 - Margaret McDermott
  - August 15, 2018 - Kathey Hamsher
  - August 19, 2018 - Inez Kleier
  - August 25, 2018 - Barbara Sanford
- #### Weddings
- August 4, 2018—Nick Turner & Courtney Dvorak
  - August 11, 2018 - Marcus Furman & Cynthia Bainbridge
  - August 18, 2018 - Brandon Konert & Emily Klein

#### Baptisms

- August 5, 2018 - Clay Robert Kindig
- August 12, 2018 - Maya Jane Hunt
- August 19, 2018 - Dylan Mae Kloetzer

### October Birthdays

We extend Birthday Greetings to the following celebrating 80 years of life or more:

- 2 - Delores Fullerton - 86
- 2 - Bernard Schneider - 88
- 3 - JoAnne Brown - 84
- 4 - Robert Fast - 86
- 7 - Marilyn Schmidt - 83
- 8 - Dixie Bohlen - 81
- 9 - Eldon Harms - 86
- 10 - Richard Wisner - 88
- 11 - Dean Hanson - 81
- 14 - Maurice Gartner - 81
- 17 - Mary Elizabeth Anderson - 100
- 19 - Beverly Barth - 86
- 21 - Donna Oberg - 87
- 29 - Marlene Fast - 87
- 31 - Patsy Davis - 84



### Upcoming Events

- October 7 thru 10** - LCMC 18th Annual Gathering in Des Moines, IA
- October 10**- Confirmation Service Night, meet at the Y&FMC to make Open Table sandwiches
- October 13 & 14**- 140th Anniversary Worship Services
- October 21, 28 & Nov. 4**- New Member Class in F.H at 11: 30 a.m.
- October 28** - OREOS, Reverse Trick or Treat
- October 31** - Halloween- NO Ichthus activities, meal or Confirmation
- November 3** - RFK/TRAC Camp Craft Show in C.C.
- November 7** - Rally/Anniversary Dinner at the Fair Grounds
- November 11** - New Members Received at the Service of their Choice

### First Connections Key

- C.C.:** Celebration Center
- C.C.K.:** Celebration Center Kitchen
- C.U.:** Christian Underground
- F.G.A.:** Friendship Gathering Area
- F.H.:** Founders Hall
- H.R.:** Heritage Room
- L.O.T.:** Love of Truth Room (in Y&FMC-East)
- U.L.:** Upper Level-Sunday School
- L.L.:** Lower Level-Sunday School
- Y&FMC:** Youth and Family Ministry Center (West)

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"Together we are discovering, sharing and connecting people to the love and Truth of Jesus Christ!"

# First Connections



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### Traditional Worship

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 8:25 a.m.

Watch online: [www.firststpauls.org/sermons](http://www.firststpauls.org/sermons)

### Contemporary Worship

Sunday, 10:35 a.m.

### Radio and Television

**Radio Broadcast:**

1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

**T.V.:** Ch. 181 - Sun. 2:30 p.m.

Wed. 2:00 p.m.

### Telecast for GSV Residents:

Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.

Wed. 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday Connections Hour

9:30 a.m. - "Dig In" Sunday School,  
 Youth and Adult Forums

### Wednesday Evening Ichthus

5:00 p.m.— 9:30 p.m.

(No Ichthus on Oct., 31st)

There is something for everyone at Ichthus!

#### Menu:

#### October 3rd

- Tator Tot Casserole
- Salad Bar & Veggies
- Dinner Roll
- Peaches

#### October 10th

- Cavatini
- Green Beans
- Salad Bar & Veggies
- Garlic Bread
- Brownies

#### October 17th

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Salad Bar & Veggies
- Ice Cream Bars

#### October 24th

- "Halloween Delight"
- Mummy Dogs
- Dissected Worms
- Garden Massacre w/ Fingers
- Fried Skins
- Halloween Treats

#### October 31st

No Meal

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches will be available each week.

Suggested Donation: \$4 per person



### 64th Annual Rally Dinner /Anniversary Celebration 2018

In celebration of our 140th Anniversary, the congregation is invited to the 64th Annual Rally Dinner celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018 from 6: 30 to 8: 30 p.m. at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds. "140 Years of Grace" is the theme this year. Plan to come and share memories about our history and visit with former Pastors and Interns.

If you are in need of a ride, contact the Church Office at 402-463-1329

### 140th Anniversary Worship Services: October 13th & 14th

We want to praise the Lord for his great faithfulness at our 140th Anniversary Worship! The Choir is looking for all ages and life stages who will join us to sing "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" at the 140th anniversary Worship Service. To sign up, or for more information. contact Amanda Solem or Barbara Hohlen (402-984-9562).



### Ichthus Kick - Off Recap!

We had a fantastic turn-out for the Ichthus Kick-Off Event! Thank you to all who came and went "Back to the Future" with us as we started our year with a splash. Classes and

activities are now underway with great attendance for all ages. Everyone is welcome to join any classes offered. Dinner is served from 5: 00 to 6: 30 p.m. each Wednesday with a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person. Classes and activities start at 6: 15

**Important Dates to Remember:** There will be no Ichthus on October 31st (Halloween), November 7th (Rally Dinner) and November 21st (Thanksgiving).

### Committee Meetings in October

Due to staff attending the LCMC Annual Gathering in Des Moines, IA some of the monthly meetings have changed dates:

- Executive Committee meets on Oct. 10th in the Sacristy at 5: 00 p.m.
- Council meeting is on Oct. 14th, after the 10: 35 service in the H.R.
- Children's Ministry, Ichthus & Personnel Committees will not meet in October



### Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month

October is Pastor and Church Staff Appreciation Month. Pastors and Church staff love the work they are called to. But it is also a high stress call with many challenges. The mission of this appreciation month is to uplift and encourage pastors and ministry staff. Here are some ideas to show your appreciation!

- \*Pray for them \* Send an encouraging text, message, card or letter
- \* Share something you've learned from them and how it impacted you
- \* Give gift certificates to go on a date with their spouse
- \* Tend to their yard work, car care or ask how you can help their family.

**FSP Kids News**Contact Chad [chad@firststpauls.org](mailto:chad@firststpauls.org)**Thank you!**

Sunday School and Ichthus are up and running... Praise God! The success of our programs is largely dependent on the commitment of our wonderful volunteers. Thanks to all teens and adults who help make Children's Ministry at First St. Paul's possible! Contact Chad if you are interested in serving!

**Creative, Fun, Exciting—  
Puppet Ministry**

Ever dream of being Kermit, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, or even ANIMAL? Here is your opportunity to become a character outside your typical daily routine. Act, sing and even dance as a part of FSP Kids Ministry Puppet Team. We are looking for anyone wanting to celebrate God's Word through puppet ministry with the FSP Kids programs. Contact Chad if you're interested in being a part of the Puppet Ministry team.

**Youth Ministry News**Contact Pastor Andrea Paulson [andrea@firststpauls.org](mailto:andrea@firststpauls.org)**Jr/Sr High Mission 2019 : "I AM"  
June 16 - 22, 2019**

Two teams (junior high and senior high) travel west for an amazing adventure focused on the great "I AM" - Jesus! We're partnering with Experience Mission to bring you an amazing adventure for the glory of God! This mission will be open to **all** youth grades 7 - 12. Details and registration forms will be available at Confirmation and Soul Café October 17th. There will be an informational meeting for youth and parents October 21st. Mark your calendars and begin praying now about this mission opportunity.

**Confirmation Service Night**

All Confirmation youth will participate in a service night on Wednesday, October 10th. We will be making sandwiches for Open Table. Youth should meet in Y&FMC as usual, and then we'll go from there! 8th grade parents have already signed up to assist, but we still need 2 - 4 7th grade parents to help out. If you can assist, contact Pastor Andrea!



**Senior High Lock Out/In**  
The 2nd Annual Fall Lock Out/In will be October 27 - 28! We'll start in Hastings with a service project and dinner, then head to Kearney for laser tag, bowling and more. Then we'll return to Hastings for late night movies, pumpkin carving and games. Cost is \$25 per person and covers all the fun! Registration forms are available at Soul Café. We also need 5 - 6 parents to participate and help with the service project, to drive and chaperone. Contact Pastor Andrea if you can volunteer for this awesome, fun event.



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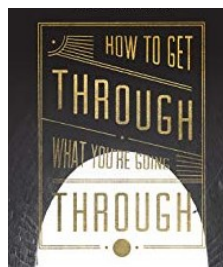


FSPMinistry

The best way to keep up to date with all things First St. Paul's Youth? Social Media! We also encourage Confirmation age youth and families to download the Remind App and add @FSPconfirm to get the latest news!

**OREOS: The Good Stuff in the Middle**

OREOS is a time for Jr. High youth to get together and have fun with their friends. OREOS will meet Sunday, **October 28th at 6:30 p.m.** in the C.U. We'll be heading out for reverse trick or treating and an exciting scavenger hunt! Friends are always welcome! Parents, if you can help drive for this event, please contact Pastor Joel!

**Soul Café**

Soul Café is our Senior High Ministry focused on **God's Word, Worship, Community, Prayer and Service.** The C.U. opens Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Chill out, catch up on homework, talk to Diecker, play games or connect to Wi-Fi and veg. At 8:00, games, worship and teaching time begins. Through October, we will continue our series "How to Get Through What You're Going Through." Soul Café is for all youth grades 9—12 and their friends.

**Upcoming Events****New Member Class**

New Member Classes will be held for anyone wishing to join First St. Paul's, become familiar with the ministries and events of the Church, and develop a better understanding of Lutheran beliefs and practices.

New Member Classes will be October 21st, 28th and November 4th at 11:30 a.m. in F.H. A meal will be provided. New members will be received November 11th at the service of their choice. Contact the Church Office to RSVP at 402-463-1329.

**Middle Mixers**

Middle Mixers will meet Sunday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Y&FMC. The program, "Tender Heart Children's Home in Uganda" will be given by Harvey, Sandie, Dan & Becky Buhr. Hosts are Les Harms and Jim & Helen Karloff. Guests are always welcome to attend.

**GriefShare**

"Surviving the Holidays" is planned for Thursday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m. Watch for more details in the November newsletter.

**YouVersion Bible App****YouVersion**

God's Word is living and active, providing encouragement, hope and guidance for our daily lives. Here at First St. Paul's we encourage you to get into God's Word each day. The YouVersion Bible App is a great tool to help you access God's Word when you're on the go. This is a free app for smartphones or tablets that keeps the bible at your fingertips! You can add friends, receive a verse of the day, follow reading plans, read various translations, participate in group devotionals, highlight verses, make images and more. Plus, it's a great tool to have in worship so you can follow along and take notes during sermons! Download the Bible App today to access Scripture and encourage you as you grow in faith!

**Fall Bible Studies Continue...****Bible Study: 1 & 2 Peter and Jude**

This Bible study has letters filled with hope for living faithfully no matter how dark the times are and can serve as your compass. This Bible study meets Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. at the Y&FMC in the L.O.T.. Led by Deb Stuehrenberg and Micki Buscher.

**Bible Study: Matthew**

Matthew's Gospel brings you face to face with Jesus as he calls, teaches and prepares his disciples. This Bible study meets Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the H.R. Led by Dr. Nancy Krueger

**Women's Group: Circle of Sisters**

"Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free" focuses on lies women believe that form the root of many struggles about God, sin, emotion, marriage, family and more. But God's truth sets us free! This Bible study meets Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in 1st & 2nd Kings room in the L.L. Sunday school wing. This study is led by Becky Mohling and is designed for women in their 20's, 30's and 40's. We look forward to you joining us!

**Men's Group: Uncommon**

When Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy took home the trophy in Super Bowl XLI, fans looked to him as the epitome of success. Professionalism. Victory. Fame. Celebrity. He had it all. But Tony Dungy knew those achievements had little to do with his ultimate significance as a man. He knew there was a different path. Young men: in the midst of building careers, raising kids, attending to marriage and trying to do it all, the pressure is high to be and do "more." This men's study meets Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:15 in the R.R. and is led by Marty Pinkerman.

**Quilt Auction Results**

Carol Joy Holling Camp's 30th Anniversary Quilt Auction on July 28th sold a record 483 items and over \$125,000 was raised for camp ministry! First St. Paul's Quilters donated 3 quilts for a total of \$900.00. They also donated \$350.00 to the Open Table Project and \$150.00 to the Salvation Army Evening feeding Fund. We are still taking quilts to be hand quilted. Please call 402-463-8537 or 402-463-5269 if you have questions.

**Did You Know?****IRA Donations to Charity can be Tax-Free**

- ◆ You can transfer Traditional IRA's to Charity
- ◆ At age 70 ½ there is an annual "Required Minimum Distribution" from your IRA
- ◆ Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA to an eligible charity; if you withdraw the money from your IRA and later donate it, it won't qualify as a tax-free qualified charitable distribution.
- ◆ Ask your IRA administrator what steps you need to take. Procedures can vary from firm to firm.

**Are you a Thrivent or Associate member?**

- ◆ If so, you can apply for a Thrivent Action Team
- ◆ Thrivent members and Associate members are needed to apply for Thrivent Action Team(s). When the application is accepted, \$250.00 becomes available to offset up front expenses.
- ◆ You can become an Associate member for \$19.95/year.
- ◆ Open Table, LWR Hygiene Kits, RFKC, Prayer Cross Ministry, Youth Missions and many other groups have benefited from Thrivent Action Teams.
- ◆ Call the Church Office for more information!