

The Word on the (F) Street

Big 5 Sermon Series, Your Input Requested

Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Each summer, I am given the opportunity to preach a five-week sermon series on my own. Typically, this has been a time where I take time to cast some vision or walk us through the 5C's. This year Bill, and I are looking for your input. We want to hear from you what topics you have wanted to hear taught in church, things that you want to learn about from a biblical perspective, or subjects on which you feel the church has been silent for too long.

We have created cards that will be on the back tables for you to fill out. You can either give them to one of the pastors or place them in the offering plate. The input we receive will influence the summer message series and will also be taken for information for us for directing future series as well.

We cannot promise that we will teach every topic that is presented but we will do our best to address them. Thanks to everyone who gives input.

Missionary Corner Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

F Street supports two missionary couples. The Walhof's in Kenya (Offering taken in February), and the Howells in Lithuania (Offering taken in July). There is more information about each of these couples on the back table and we encourage people to give independently of our offering schedule.

Following are some ways that you can be praying for them:

The Howells

Next week students will will celebrate the accom-seniors, and then AJ will check-outs from housing.

These are the rhythms of overseeing life in the halls. commit next steps to the



complete final exams. We plishments of our graduating lead the students through

the academic seasons and of We pray, we rejoice, and we Lord.

Please pray:

- This weekend Michelle is getting away for a silent retreat. Pray for her time as she seeks God's presence and guidance.

- Pray for our students and colleagues as we finish this academic year--exams, grades, graduation, and transitions that follow.

- Pray that AJ will recruit and hire a strong team for next year.

Are you looking for an opportunity to work in Lithuania in mentoring and overseeing international students? Or do you know someone? If so, apply here: <https://lcchr.catsone.com/careers/38214-General/jobs/15957341-Resident-Director>

The Walhofs

I know it has been some time since I sent out prayer requests and praises! Here are some items on our minds and hearts for the upcoming month:

- Praise for some wonderful visits with friends around Kenya in the last month.

- Praise for short-term volunteers who have given Kim a break at the hospi-



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Calendar for May 2023

- 1st: **Happy Birthday Tony Orendel**
- 2nd: 6:30am Prayer
- 3rd: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 4th: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 7th: Easter Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Amber Reece**
- 8th: **Happy Birthday Beverly Hill**
- 9th: 6:30am Prayer
- 10th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 11th: 5:30pm FoodNet; **Happy Birthday Andrew Tate**
- 14th: Sunday Service
- 15th: **Happy Birthday Josiah Heerspink**
- 16th: 6:30am Prayer
- 17th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 18th: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 20th: **Happy Birthday Jessica Hernandez, Darci Lynew**
- 21st: Sunday Service;
- 23rd: 6:30am Prayer
- 24th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 25th: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 28th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Sidney Crichton**
- 29th: **Happy Birthday Jeff Wise**
- 30th: 6:30am Prayer' **Happy Birthday Mathew Stevison**
- 31st: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

Please keep us up to date on birthdays & anniversaries! If you aren't sure that we have your information, talk to Jane Mailand or simply fill out a Welcome Card and hand it to her. In addition, if your address, phone, or email has changed, let Jane know.

tal, and prayer for the next 3 months without short-term OB/Gyn visitors.

- Prayer for Kris' upcoming term at the theology school.
- Prayer for the three of us as we navigate homeschool and continue to search for a long-term solution for education.
- Prayer for unity of spirit and purpose for all of the staff and volunteers living together on our "Station," and for grace and humility as we address our differences of opinion and approach.

Thank you for your prayers!

Upcoming 3M (Ministry) May 7

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

With a view toward developing fully devoted Christ followers at F Street Neighborhood Church, we offer a series of classes called 3M which includes teaching on Membership, Maturity, and Ministry. These classes occur following the Sunday morning worship service on the dates scheduled. The next class, which focuses on Ministry, is planned for May 7th, and will explore how each of us is uniquely shaped to serve the Lord and His people. If you haven't yet had opportunity to attend this class, we hope that you will show up that day. Lunch will be provided.



Art Chapel Update **Jean Stryker, Director**

Creating the Art Chapel is a two-part process. One is developing the facility, and two is programming. One involves creating a space for art making and ministry, two has to do with how we will engage with people once we're in that space. We've put much time and effort into the building and are anticipating approval of our permit application at any time. Once approved, building should proceed rapidly since many of the components are already built and in storage. Now, focus and energy need to be given to the most important agendas: people, outreach, and art ministry.

Do you or someone you know have a creative skill you'd be willing to share, or possibly teach to others? Can you help the Arts Team put together a schedule of activities?

Do you have information management or networking skills you could contribute to the Arts Team? Can you help us get the word out to our neighborhood and city?

Are you a business person? Can you help us create a structure to oversee ongoing operational income and expenses? Do you have income generation ideas?

Are you a storage/organization wizard? Can you help us organize materials so the building serves people smoothly?

If you have any of these skills and would like to help move the Art Chapel forward, please contact Jean Stryker:

jean@fstreetchurch.org

Youth Update **Sage Peterson, Youth Director**

Can it be the end of the year already? The answer to that question is unfortunately yes... But don't get sad yet because we have some really awesome things happening to close out the year and during this summer!



- The last night of youth group for the school year is May 9.
- Mission trip to Des Moines June 29-July 2 (Open to everyone, signups are open now!)
- Rocky Mountain High July 22-26 (Signups end May 2) Nights at the lake June 15, June 22, July 13, August 3.

We look forward to all the fun that the summer has to offer! If you or your student have questions or would like to be involved in what is going on please reach out to Sage Peterson at sage@fstreetchurch.org

Elder Nomination Update

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

The Elders of our congregation desire for everyone to know that they are presently meeting with an individual, and seeking God's guidance, regarding that person joining the team of Elders. Your prayers are earnestly requested for this Christian brother as well as the current Elders.



Transformations Thrift Store

Cece Robinson, Director

Give to Lincoln Day is right around the corner. Transformations Thrift Store is one non-profit that relies heavily on the donations we receive from Give To Lincoln Day to carry us through the year. When you donate to Transformations, you are supporting more than just a thrift store. We are a relationship-building thrift store, serving as a ministry of presence in the neighborhood.

What does that look like day today? That looks like walking with a neighbor through a terminal cancer diagnosis, and sitting with her family at the service - because we are in the neighborhood and they got to know us and trust us. That looks like praying with the regular, whose first grandchild was born needing multiple surgeries for a heart condition at birth - because we are in the neighborhood and stopping in to see us is part of her regular routine. That looks like listening as someone shares a setback in recovery, and wants to discuss where God is in all of it - because we are a part of the neighborhood and we've had an opportunity to build that relationship every day for four years. That looks like providing information about Celebrate Recovery, and other recovery programs, Atlas:Lincoln, Food Net and local church homes - because we know the neighborhood and they know us.

vide financial support to Atlas. Supporting Transformations allows us to continue to be a place where people come to be seen, as opposed to invisible; heard as opposed to silenced; and empowered as opposed to oppressed. Transformations meets the practical needs of the community by providing quality goods at low prices, and a safe location to retreat from unwanted circumstances or unfortunate weather conditions. Simply put, Transformations seeks to fulfill the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." Please consider making us part of your Give to Lincoln Day.



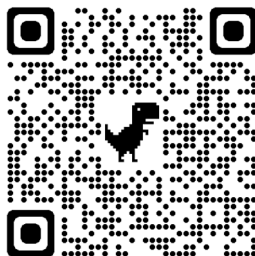
Atlas: Lincoln Brody Van Roekel, Director

Atlas exists to serve the people of Lincoln through local, intentional, and relational Christ-based peer support and mentorship. Our vision is to create a community of love throughout Lincoln so that no one falls through the cracks.

Atlas: Lincoln is a mentor-based, prayer-driven ministry that provides personal development services to individuals and families who are hurting for various reasons. Atlas: Lincoln is not a counseling agency but works with other professional counseling and support organizations in cases where professional assistance is needed. Atlas works with churches and resource organizations to meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of people.

You can find our donation page at:

<https://www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/atlas-lincoln> or by scanning the QR code.



Parking Options for Our Growing

Church Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

As you have probably noticed, our number of worship attendees has been growing! We are very excited about that. One way that you can help me say this before) church parking lot, the church building are older, have limited mobility. that all those who park in the parking building, the off-street parking near 13th and G Streets, or the parking spaces in front of the F Street Rec Center. Even the loading area in front (south) of the church building on F Street is available to us on Sunday mornings. This is one more way for us to provide the place of acceptance and direction that we are seeking to be for our neighbors.



Community Groups

Group: Studying Spiritual Disciplines

Location: 6730 S 41st St.
Contact: Drew or Sarah Peters
Day/Time: First three Tuesdays of the month , 6:30 pm



Group: Keith Morrissey's House, "The Case for Christ"

Location: 1750 Prospect Street
Contact: Ardeshir Mazhari, Keith Morrissey
Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Wayne & Linoma Wingate's House

Location: 5815 Brittany Place
Topic: Sermon Discussion
Contact: Wayne or Linoma Wingate
Day/Time: First and Third Thursdays of the month, 7 pm

Group: Young Adults (College/20s): Book of James

Location: Grace Room at the Church Building
Contact: Bill or Marcia Thornton
Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Women's Study, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Location: Fireside Room at Church Building
Contact: Beth Heerspink
Day/Time: Fridays, 10 am

Regular Email Updates

If you would like to, but are not getting regular updates about things at F Street Neighborhood Church, please send a request to be added to the email list at fstreetchurch@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

If you have prayer requests, please send them to our office email at fsncoffice@gmail.com



Monthly Bible Reading Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 1 – Matt 18	May 2 – Matt 19	May 3 – Matt 20	May 4 – Matt 21	May 5 – Matt 22
May 8 – Matt 23	May 9 – Matt 24	May 10 – Matt 25	May 11 – Matt 26	May 12 – Matt 27
May 15 – Matt 28	May 16 – Rom 1	May 17 – Rom 2	May 18 – Rom 3	May 19 – Rom 4
May 22 – Rom 5	May 23 – Rom 6	May 24 – Rom 7	May 25 – Rom 8	May 26 – Rom 9

