

The Word on the (F) Street

F Street Neighborhood Church Celebration

Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

On June 4th, we will celebrate nine years of ministry in the neighborhood. There is no way we have done this all “right,” but it has been an incredible journey of seeing God provide. From the church building to the people who have come to make F Street Church a great place to call home, God’s hand has been all over the ministry here. We still struggle to always know where God is calling us next, but we have witnessed him leading and protecting us, since we have begun his work here in the neighborhood.

Thanks to everyone for the role that you play to make F Street Church, a place of acceptance and direction. From your being present, to your serving on a team, to giving financially, it is a community effort that make all this happen successfully from week to week.

As a means to celebrate God’s faithfulness, you are welcome to join us at Cooper Park, following the June 4th Sunday Morning worship service for burgers, hotdogs and games in the park.

F Street Church by the years

- 2014 - June 1st started F Street
- 2015 – Heerspink’s moved into the neighborhood
- 2016 – Started Immerse (501c3)
- 2017 – Started Lincoln School of Ministry
- 2018 – Started Atlas (501c3)
- 2019 – Started Transformations Thrift Store (501c3)
- 2020 – Merged with Jacob’s Well
- 2021 – Started Celebrate Recovery
- 2022 – Started Kings Table
- 2023 – Started The Art Chapel



Summer

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At F Street Church, summer is one of the most exciting times of ministry. For one, the neighborhood is alive in various ways that provide opportunity for us to engage and interact with people. I want to simply encourage you to consider how you might be invested in the lives of others this summer, either through the church, or in your own neighborhoods. Let’s be the light for Jesus one person at a time.

A Ministry of Caring Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

I smile when I think about the feeling of “family” that exists at F Street Neighborhood Church. Although this may be due in part to the small size of our congregation, I think there are some other factors at work as well. All of them are deliberate and intentional strategies on our part.

From our beginning nine years ago, FSNC has been concerned about the physical needs of our immediate neighborhood. From day one, the first 10% of our local offerings have been designated to help meet the benevo-



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Calendar for June 2023

- 1st: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 3rd: **Happy Birthday Brandie Watson-Brown**
- 4th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Willow Applegate, Mel Schroeder**
- 5th: **Happy Birthday Rachael Mailand**
- 6th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday Grace Proctor**
- 7th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 8th: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 10th: **Happy Birthday Beverly Howard**
- 11th: Sunday Service
- 13th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday Robert Bender**
- 14th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery; **Happy Birthday Marilyn Bonsall**
- 15th: 5:30pm FoodNet; **Happy Birthday Andrea Parks**
- 18th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday David Drazic**
- 20th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday Nathan Larsen**
- 21st: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery; **Happy Birthday Jean Stryker**
- 22nd: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 24th: **Happy Birthday Toby Rine**
- 25th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Katherine Connett**
- 27th: 6:30am Prayer
- 28th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 29th: 5:30pm FoodNet

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.

lent requests of church attenders, and neighbors who seek help with their rent, utilities, groceries, household goods, etc. This practice has blessed many lives, and your generosity is what makes this all possible. Andy Butler has regular office hours (M,W, F from 10-12) to meet with folks to see how the church may be able to help.

More recently, *Helping Hands* led by Ronda Simpson has been at work seeking to connect people with needs to those who are able and willing to help. This may be providing a ride to a doctor's appointment or helping with a small project or repair. The objective here is to express Christ's love in practical ways, being His hands and feet in our neighborhood and beyond.

For the past year, Sherry Carter, and Sherry Miller (Team Sherry, as I refer to them) have been making regular phone calls on folks in our congregation, asking simple questions like these: "Is there anything that we can help with? Pray for?" Over the past twelve months we have been able to express genuine concern and care through this simple means.

Of course, all of us play a part in making our congregation a caring family of believers. It starts on Sunday mornings when we greet one another. It grows as we share in community groups and ministry teams together. It reproduces when we share our faith in Jesus with others. As we begin our tenth year of ministry as a congregation, let's continue to provide a ministry of caring so that each one knows how precious they are to God and to us!



Art Chapel Update Jean Stryker, Director

We Have Our Permit!

After literally years of planning and preparation, the city has approved our plans for construction of the Art Chapel! Working with Crouse Construction, UNL College of Architecture, and skilled volunteers, We'll begin work in the middle of June. Praise God, and thank you to all who have prayed or given toward this project.



The first priority will be repairing the existing foundation and pouring new footings to support the rolling wall, the biggest "wow" factor of the project. Then we'll work on interior framing, installing windows and doors, plumbing, electrical? The scope of work is kind of mind-boggling! The goal is a simple but finely-crafted space that will serve the F Street Church family and our neighborhood for years to come.

The Art Chapel will host art classes, group art projects, First Friday gatherings, and other public and private art events. We'll offer classes at low cost, and a safe, welcoming place in which to work. We'll cooperate with local treatment centers to offer art opportunities for their residents. A dream for the future is to

connect with a licensed art therapist who could offer drop-in sessions at the studio.

Before we begin to build, we will hold an Art Chapel groundbreaking and dedication event. We long for God's favor and guidance as work begins! Keep an eye on the Sunday morning half sheet or the "Art Chapel Community" on Facebook for more details on when this will happen.



Youth Update Sage Peterson, Youth Director

Ideas for What to do With Your Student This Summer:

The school year is over, and summer is now upon us, which brings lots of excitement about what to do with all of this free time. For some, this time can bring stress, and guilt about how time is spent. Some of us here on staff decided to come together and share some ideas of things to do with your student this summer. We all thought back to when we were students. For some, that was a lot longer than others, but we hope these can provide ideas or help spark new ones!

Sage: When summer came around, I loved being able to spend time outside. It was a common occurrence to see all of our family outside, especially when the evening rolled around. I loved playing catch with my dad and working on my fastball. I also loved sitting down, and drawing with chalk in the driveway with my mom during this time. What's awesome is that even though I am in my 20's now, we will still do these things together when I go back home to visit.

Hollie: I loved going to work with my dad when summers rolled around. My mom also worked at a library, and I enjoyed helping shelve and reorganize the books.

Willow: I loved going to garage sales with my mom. Driving around the neighborhood, windows rolled down, music blasting, just getting to hang out together. I always loved hanging out with my dad and helping with creative building projects he'd come up with. Whether it was a shelf for a room, a bookcase, or some yard game, it was always fun learning how to use new tools and spending time with him!

Pastor Bill: It wasn't uncommon for family to go fishing and enjoy a picnic. Even though we didn't catch anything most of the time, it was always fun to be out there, and to see both my parents take the time to sit and relax. Here's hoping that we continue these activities with our family today.

Pastor Jeff: Even though my family didn't always do a lot together, we enjoyed the time camping together. We still enjoy doing this today.

Jeane: In the summer, myself and siblings were mainly "free-range children" because both parents worked. I always enjoyed the times fishing with dad.

We hope that while reading through this, some ideas came to mind of what to do or, at the very least, allowed you some time to reflect on the summers of the past. While writing this, what stood out to me was that of all the things listed, all of them were seemingly small things. No one listed the big vacation or the expensive activity they did; everyone chose an easy time where they were simply with family -there is a lot of power in that. We all recognize that parenting is hard. A lot of times it feels like we need to make this huge grand gesture, and from time to time, that is great, but I also encourage you to pay attention to the small things.

If you haven't already, please pick up a flyer showing all the summer events with the youth group, including nights at the lake, and a mission trip to Des Moines. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Sage at sage@fstreetchurch.org.

Elder Installation Tad Stryker, Elder

Dan Dallmann has been nominated and has gone through the approval process to join the F Street Neighborhood Church Board of Elders.

Dan is a Christ follower who has regularly attended F Street for several years, and is also actively involved in giving and serving. He formerly served as a pastor in the Berean Fellowship of Churches, leading a church in southeast Nebraska. He recently retired from a leadership role with Bryan LGH Independence Center.

Dan and his wife, Cindy, and son, Austin, live in Douglas, Nebraska. Dan and Cindy also have a married son, Brandon.

Our plan is to have an installation service for Dan on June 4.



Atlas: Lincoln



WHEN:

AUGUST 3, 2023

TIME:

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM
STARTS: 6:00 PM

WHERE:

THE GALA

2602 PARK BLVD,
LINCOLN, NE 68502

**DINNER & CELEBRATION
OF 5 YEARS**

**RAISING FUNDS TO
START YEAR 6**



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

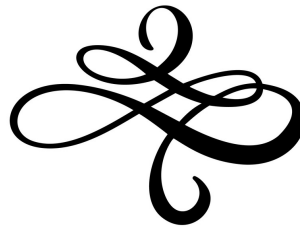
Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

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 29 – Rom 10	May 30 – Rom 11	May 31 – Rom 12	Jun 1 – Rom 13	Jun 2 – Rom 14
Jun 5 – Rom 15	Jun 6 – Rom 16	Jun 7 – Eph 1	Jun 8 – Eph 2	Jun 9 – Eph 3
Jun 12 – Eph 4	Jun 13 – Eph 5	Jun 14 – Eph 6	Jun 15 – Phil 1	Jun 16 – Phil 2
Jun 19 – Phil 3	Jun 20 – Phil 4	Jun 21 – Col 1	Jun 22 – Col 2	Jun 24 – Col 3