

The Word on the (F) Street



A Place of Acceptance and Direction
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Calendar for October 2022

2nd: Sunday Service
2nd: **Happy Birthday Kristin McCrary**
4th: 6:30am Prayer
5th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
6th: 5:30pm FoodNet
9th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Terry Martinez**
11th: 6:30am Prayer
12th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery; **Happy Birthday Karen Greenslate**
13th: 5:30pm FoodNet
14th: **Happy Birthday David Dillon**
16th: Sunday Service
18th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday David Leavitt**
19th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
20th: 5:30pm FoodNet; **Happy Birthday Jeff Graham**
23rd: Sunday Service
24th: **Happy Birthday Mike Greenslate**
25th: 6:30am Prayer
26th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
27th: 5:30pm FoodNet; **Happy Birthday Jenny Hogue**
30th: Sunday Service
31st: **Happy Birthday Salem Ogden**

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.

Sent Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

If you have been around F Street Church for very long, you likely have heard me share about this verse as a call for us to go and make disciples: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8). You might also know that I have often changed this verse into our context: ***"In our neighborhood, through the city of Lincoln, in our country and to the ends of the earth."***

It is our goal to equip people that be into the neighborhood where some of you live to be planting another parts of the USA, or around the world. There are opportunities everywhere to communicate and share the love, power and need for Jesus.



and send them, whether hood each week, the city (possibly where we hope church in the future), the world. There are

We hope that you are being built up in your faith at F Street Church, and that some of you are being prepared by God to be *sent*. What a privilege we have, to share the hope of Jesus with others.

One opportunity that I want to let you know about, is a Resident Director in Lithuania, where our missionaries AJ and Michelle Howell reside and serve. You can get more information at <https://lcchr.catsone.com/careers/38214-General/jobs/15347562-Resident-Director>.

The CHURCH Building Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Church is far more than a building, it is the people who gather. However, we cannot ignore that the building can be an important part of that gathering. At F Street Church, we are blessed with two buildings. The first is the original, simple church building. We are excited to be repurposing this for the kingdom of God, as an art studio. Second, is the large brick building in which we gather on Sundays. This main building will soon be 100 years old. It is an amazing space that has high ceilings, with incredible oak framing and trim, impressive stained-glass windows that highlight the birth, life, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

There have been many who have asked, and wanted to simply be in the church for the ability it brings to feel close to God (although God is no more in our church than anywhere, there is something about the space).

It can also be easy to understand, and why some have stated, that church buildings cost too much; and why many more modern churches have opted for "warehouses" over "cathedrals." These things are gifts, as they were all designed with intention to point us to God: to be physical reminders to help us to worship - from the high ceilings to display that majesty of God, to the windows that remind us of the birth, life, death and ascension of Christ, to the oak trim that represent that no expense is too great for God. What is more important than our relationship with God?

I say these things simply to encourage you to appreciate what we have been gifted in our church building that we call home to F Street Church, and to inspire to you to use this space and its features to draw you in to worship God while there.

We are blessed to have this incredible space in an awesome neighborhood

to serve. We are also blessed to have several who clean, repair and improve our Church building along with the many who use it during the week.

God is faithful and has blessed us.

Re-spect Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

All of us have biases. They come in all shapes and sizes, due to our cultural backgrounds and personal experiences.

Biases are prejudgments we have regarding someone or something. It could be the color of their skin, their clothing, and so much more. No matter how accepting we are we all tend to have biases, and make quick work of sizing things up. This has and continues to lead to many missed opportunities, resentments, alienations and so much more.

Respect, on the other hand, is derived from two words: re = back and specere = look at. It is to look back at someone, or to take another look. Respect is one of the best ways to counter our biases that limit us. Why? Because we often look at people in distorted ways with our biases, rather than with the eyes of God, or understanding that they are a child of God. To look back at them is to take a better look a closer look.

This may be more than just looking at someone, in fact be careful as that alone can be creepy and disrespectful. It may mean that we need to take time to ask questions, listen, and engage people. After all, letting people be heard is one of the best practices of love.

Respect is one of the things that people in our world long for: to be seen and to be heard.

What I am wanting us to consider here is, are we prejudging people with our biases, limiting opportunities to be Christ, to share the gospel, resulting in people feeling unloved? Or are we willing to see the image of God in people by respecting each and every person we are able to.

Let's see what God can do when we are willing to heed the words of Paul in Philippians 2:3-4: *"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."*

Youth Update Willow Applegate, Intern

Hello F Street Church. The fall semester has officially been kicked off! F Street Youth has met for five regular youth nights so far, and already some awesome things have been happening. Firstly, every Tuesday night the students get to play games, listen to a lesson, and join in small group discussion. It has been so great seeing them actively involved in everything we do. Every month the youth group also has something we call the "Big Give." This is when the students bring a previously selected item to be donated somewhere in our community. In August we collected school supplies that were donated to McPhee Elementary, and our youth group did not disappoint. Principal Chris Boden even wrote the youth group a letter of gratitude. How amazing is that? Our September Big Give is be-



verages, such as water bottles, juice boxes, soda cans, which will all be donated to the Food Bank of Lincoln. The youth group also has an extra fun event every month, and in September we were able to go mini golfing all together. The students had a blast, and we just might have some pro golfers on the rise. We can hardly wait for all that is planned for the F Street Youth. If you are interested in learning more about F Street Youth, please contact the youth director, Sage Peterson, at sage@fstreetchurch.org.



Community Group News

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

On Thursday, October 6th, a new community group is planning to launch in the home of Wayne and Linoma Wingate. Scheduled to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, the group will discuss the previous week's sermon. If you are not already involved in one of our community groups, please consider joining this new one, or one of the other existing ones listed below:

Tuesday evening, 6:30-7:30 pm (2x monthly).

Hosted by Drew and Sarah Peters.
Studying Spiritual Disciplines.

Wednesday afternoon, 2 pm (weekly).

Led by Ardeshir Mazhari/Keith Morrissey.
Meeting at the Victory Park Apartments.

Thursday evening, 7-9 pm (weekly).

Led by Ardeshir Mazhari/Keith Morrissey.
Meeting at Keith's house.
Discussing the previous week's sermon.

Friday morning, 10 am (weekly).

Women's Bible Study led by Beth Heerspink.
Meeting in the Fireside Room.
Presently studying the Book of Exodus.

Finally, Marcia and I are currently meeting with a small group of FSNC young adults (college-20s) with a view toward starting a community group for this age group which we hope to announce next month. If you are a college student or 20 something adult, please let us know of your interest!

3M (Maturity) Class Set for October

16th Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

With a view toward developing fully devoted Christ followers at FSNC, we offer a series of classes called 3M which includes teaching on Membership, Maturity, and Ministry.

Our recent class on Membership, which helps folks become better acquainted with what it means to be a part of our F Street Church family, had 12 in attendance on September 18th! The next class, which deals with Maturity, is planned for October 16th and will focus on the habits that foster spiritual growth in our lives. Finally, the Ministry class planned for November

20th, will explore how each of us is uniquely shaped to serve the Lord and his people.

The 3M classes occur following the Sunday morning worship service on the dates scheduled. We plan to provide lunch, so you will want to sign up when opportunity is given in the coming weeks so we will know how many to plan for. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jeff or me with questions or to sign-up for these classes.

Life Chain, Sunday, October 2

Tad Stryker, Elder

Life Chain is an annual silent outdoor prayer event. Participants line O Street while holding signs drawing attention to the fact that abortion on demand has systematically killed more than 45 million preborn babies in the U.S. since 1973. You are invited to join Tad Stryker on the south side of O Street between 35th and 36th streets (across from the main entrance to Wyuka Cemetery) from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, October 2. Tad will have signs and is available at 402-802-0597 to answer questions.



Special Mission Offering

Jodi Wilbur, Northern Lighthouse

The Lincoln Nebraska Reintegration Program is affectionately known as RIP. We are a non profit 501c3 and even though we are associated with Northern Lighthouse, we are in fact our own entity. This program is geared toward persons who are incarcerated and are ready to re-enter into society. We do have (and encourage) community participants also.

We currently have two campuses that offer classes that provide support spiritually, and emotionally. Men meet every Monday at Hope Community Church, while the women meet at Northern Lighthouse. There are three, 14 - week sessions each year. Each session includes an orientation, fun night, 11 teaching weeks, and a graduation. A participant must attend at least six of the sessions in order to complete their chosen class. After completing the three full sessions, the participant is considered a graduate and most other programs, our graduates are encouraged to continue to attend, even after they are released. This can be a lifetime program for those who choose to embrace the support of their Christian brothers and sisters. Several of our graduates have become instructors while others continue to attend classes.



Classes are offered on an as needed basis and can change each session. Some of our current classes include, Grief Share, Radical Kindness, Christian 12 Step, Life Skills, Life Journey, Trauma, Loss, and Steps to Christian maturity. Some past classes included Parenting, Spiritual Warfare, Purpose Driven Life, Financial Institute, and The 7 Decisions.

Our volunteer staff includes a chaplain, coordinator, several instructors and co instructors, sponsors and drivers, and snack/

food providers. We try to have fundraisers each year to enable us to purchase books, folders, notebooks, gas and copies and supplies.

We will be having a fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch on September 29, from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Come on out, enjoy some great pizza and/or chicken, and a portion of your meal will go to the program.

On a personal note, I attended a full year of RIP as a participant several years ago. I learned about who I was, and some of my personal stumbling blocks. I grew closer to Jesus and my church family. I was able to identify my purpose in life, and how I could best serve God and my fellow man. RIP is part of my life today. I learn more from the participants each session. Life is messy... but God is always there to pull us out of the mire when we are ready to let him.



We Won! Jessica Hernandez

We won! "I've Got a Name" WON! We are the winners in the small non-profit category!

For anyone unaware, The Big Give contest is gifting \$100,000 each to 10 nonprofits for a total giveaway of \$1 million. When you vote, you'll get to read in-depth about each of the 58 finalists and their initiatives. After that, you get to vote for three nonprofits: one each in the small, medium, and large categories, based on their annual budgets. All of the money stays in our local community and will have a big impact!

You may recall me (Jessica Hernandez) passing out cards and asking you to vote for "I've Got a Name" for the big give competition a few weeks ago at church. I want to take a moment and publicly thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU! for all your votes and taking the time out to vote for us and being so responsive and quick to do so. I believe it was the votes from our church that pushed us over the edge so we could win the competition in the small category. Thank you again. If nobody let you know today, you are awesome!

For anyone that hasn't heard of "I've Got a Name", we are a nonprofit organization that spreads awareness that sex trafficking is an issue and problem in Nebraska. We educate the public on how to recognize sex trafficking taking place and our street outreach workers help sex trafficking survivors in a large variety of ways. Please visit our page and like us on Facebook. Contact us to find out how you can be involved with the important work we do.

On behalf of "I've Got a Name", we can't thank you enough for voting for us. We prayed this morning at our meeting that God will lead us as decisions are made, of how we spend the money to help end sex trafficking in Nebraska.

(from all of us at FSNC, "Congratulations" to "I've Got a Name")

F Street Arts: Show Us Your Art! Jean Stryker

On October 7, the Arts Team is hosting a First Friday reverse art show, **Show Us Your Art**, at the Art Chapel.



The event is called a “reverse art show” because instead of *us* providing the art to be shown, we are inviting the people of F Street and the neighborhood to bring in *your* art or craft item to show. This is a chance to share your work and to see what other creative folks nearby are making too. We want to see what you make!

Here’s how it works:

- Choose one item to show, an artwork or a handicraft item.
- Bring it to the Art Chapel between 3-7 pm on Friday, October 7.
- We will provide easels and tables to display your work.
- If you want to stand with your work and talk with visitors about it, you can, but it’s not required.
- When you’re ready to go home, your art goes home with you.

UNL student architects will be on hand to show models and chat about the Art Chapel renovation project, and our team will present information about the future of the Art Chapel.

Contact Jean Stryker at jean@fstreetchurch.org or 402-784-1599 for more info or if you’re interested in participating.

Community Groups

Group: Studying Spiritual Disciplines

Location: 6730 S 41st St.

Contact: Drew or Sarah Peters

Day/Time: Tuesday evenings , 6:30-7:30 pm (2x Monthly)



Monthly Bible Reading Schedule: Wisdom Literature

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 3 – Prov 4	Oct 4 – Prov 5	Oct 5 – Prov 6	Oct 6 – Prov 7	Oct 7 – Prov 8
Oct 10 – Prov 9	Oct 11 – Prov 10	Oct 12 – Prov 11	Oct 13 – Prov 12	Oct 14 – Prov 13
Oct 17 – Prov 14	Oct 18 – Prov 15	Oct 19 – Prov 16	Oct 20 – Prov 17	Oct 21 – Prov 18
Oct 24 – Prov 19	Oct 25 – Prov 20	Oct 26 – Prov 21	Oct 27 – Prov 22	Oct 28 – Prov 23

Group: VA Small Group Study

Location: Victory Apartments (445 Honor Drive)

Contact: Ardeshir Mazhari, Keith Morrissey

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 2 pm

Group: Keith Morrissey’s House

Location: 1750 Prospect Street

Contact: Ardeshir Mazhari, Keith Morrissey

Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Women’s Study, *Exodus: Liberating God’s People.*

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