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THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

Special Thanks!

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

Many of you have never met them, others may have seen them and wondered who they were, while still some of you have simply missed them. John and Jane Mailand have served F Street for the past 9 years. John served on the worship team and in the sound booth, while Jane also played on the worship team and served as our secretary. For the past several years she has put together the newsletters, scheduled the building use, managed all the shopping and kept our database.

Although in these past years they have not attended F Street, they have continued to do these tasks. At the end of July, they officially retired from these roles, and I want to simply say thank you to them and let you know how they have been some of the faithful servants even if many of you never saw them or even knew of them.

I also want to thank Hollie Sell, who is now taking over all those roles.

thank you

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It's About to Get Cold

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

It will not be long before that first cold night happens. When those who are homeless, for whatever reason, will be vulnerable to the exposure of frostbite and even death. To help address this we have asked for the past few years for people to bring by stocking hats, warm jackets, scarfs, hand warmers, socks, warm blankets, gloves, etc. By providing these simple items (New or gently used) we are able to serve people who stop by the church in need.

If you have items to share, please bring them by any time and place them in the Grace Room, so those who are managing them can get them stocked in the back of church.

Together we can make a kingdom impact!



New Class this Fall!

Communicating effectively is challenging! And using kind and loving words can sometimes seem almost impossible for any of us.

- Do you feel heard when you speak?
- Would you like to brush up on your communication skills?
- Do you struggle to find the right words to express yourself?

All of these topics and many more will be covered in the faith-based "Speaking the Truth in Love" class this fall. Beginning September 12, Vince and Cathy Grove will be facilitating a seven week class on Tuesdays evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The class will meet at church upstairs outside the pastors' offices.

To sign up for the class, look for the sign up sheet at the table in the back of the sanctuary or talk to Vince or Cathy.

Rethinking Sexuality, Juli Slattery Conference October 14, 2023

Many of you know that we had promoted this conference in July as it was scheduled. However, due to Juli getting held up in bad weather, they had to reschedule the conference for October 14th. I really want to encourage you to consider attending and growing in your understanding of one of the greater gifts God has given to us, sexuality.



"Sexual issues are ultimately spiritual issues."

Transportation Team needs another Driver!

TAD STRYKER, ELDER

The Transportation Team is a vital part of our church. Would you like to join? Friendliness, dependability, steadiness and good vision are some of the requirements to be a Transportation Team member.

We need to add another driver to our team. Are you willing to drive the church van once a month to allow other people to come to F Street Church? It could be for a Sunday service, a Wednesday night CR meeting, or both.

Qualifications for being a Transportation Team member:

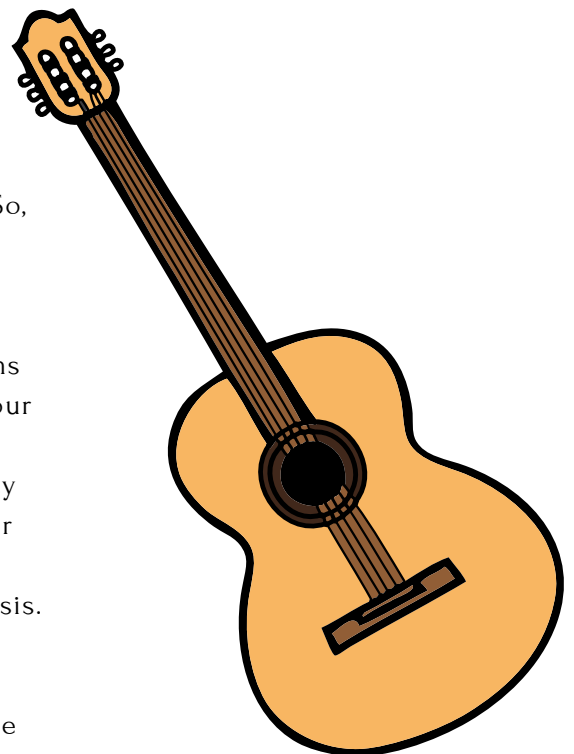
- Must have a current Nebraska driver's license
- Reliability, friendliness, the ability to work positively with others
- Report for duty unimpaired by drugs or alcohol
- Available to drive people to church (and home again afterward) at least once every month. (Approximately 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. availability the day you drive, although days with church dinners or block parties will go later)

If interested, please call or text Tad Stryker at 402-802-0597.

Worship Team Update

ADAM WOOCKMAN, WORSHIP LEADER

Summer can be a difficult time to get volunteers with people going on vacations and all the other demands summer brings. So, I've been grateful to have Tim and Amanda Branum, from Grace Chapel, lead our worship on occasion when I've been gone. We had Matthew, our Immerse intern, play drums with us a couple weeks and also had 2 Immerse attendees jump in and play drums and bass one week. It's been great to see God bring people to our team even, for only a week or so. This summer also saw the church debut of Christopher Wagy showing his talent and ability to rap and doing it to glorify God. I've been very grateful for our consistent team members, Jenny Arnold, Richard Meints, and Micah Arnold, who continue to help lead on almost a weekly basis. If you have a talent to play an instrument especially, or know someone who does, get in contact with me or invite them to church. We would love to add some more people to serve on the team. Thanks! And do all things for the glory of God!!





LEARNING & GROWING OPPORTUNITIES at F Street Neighborhood Church

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

Community Groups—Fall Schedule

Sunday:

Genesis, led by Vince Grove, at 9 am.
Meets weekly in Jean's office.

Tuesday:

Speaking the Truth in Love (Communication) led by Vince and Cathy Grove, 6:30 to 8 pm.
Meets weekly in upstairs office area, September 12 - October 24.

Spiritual Disciplines led by Drew and Sarah Peters, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
Meets first three Tuesdays of the month in their home.

Thursday:

Young Adults led by Bill and Marcia Thornton, 7 - 8 pm.
Starts September 7. Meets weekly in the Grace Room.

Led by Ardeshir Mazhari, 7 - 9 pm.
Meets weekly in Keith Morrissey's home.

Friday:

Ladies Bible Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians led by Beth Heerspink and others, 10 - 11:30 am.
Meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall.



Hello!

We are so excited for our new semester of youth group to kick off this month! Our first night will be on Sept. 5 with middle school (6th-8th) going from 6:30pm-8pm and high school (9th-12th) from 8pm-9:30pm. We are so excited for our students to return and can't wait to see how they will continue to grow this school year!

Each month, we will have an event that our students can participate in with our first one being the Zombie Run on the night of Sept. 29! More details to come, but make sure to pick up a schedule of events at the info tables.

If you would like to get your students involved with the youth group here or would like to support in any way, please contact Sage at sage@fstreetchurch.org.

New Preching Series on Sunday Mornings

JUST LIKE US: A STUDY OF THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF ELIJAH THE PROPHET

On Sunday, September 17th we are planning to start a new sermon series for our F Street Church family that will examine what we can learn from the life and ministry of the Old Testament prophet named Elijah. In the dust cover of his book titled, Elijah: A Man of Heroism and Humility, author Charles Swindoll, has written:

“Exploring the depths of Elijah’s fascinating life as prophet of God...

[we are presented with] an honest picture of this ordinary man who God transformed into His personal spokesman to confront idolatry and evil in the ancient world. ...In a world that has lost its way, due in part to the lack of balanced, godly leadership, we are more than ever in need of a few Elijah-like men and women who are not afraid to live courageously among their peers as they walk humbly with God.”

It is our hope that this series will accomplish that purpose in our congregation.



3M Classes to Return this Fall

With a view toward developing fully devoted Christ followers at FSNC, we will again be offering a series of classes that we call 3M which will include teaching on Membership, Maturity, and Ministry.

Membership will help folks become better acquainted with what it means to be a part of our F Street family. Maturity will focus on the habits that will foster spiritual growth in our lives. Ministry will explore how each of us is uniquely shaped to serve the Lord and His people.

Each class will be offered in one session and will occur following the Sunday morning worship service. 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. Our class schedule will be as follows:

Membership, September 17th

Maturity, October 22nd

Ministry, November 12th

Please feel free to contact Bill Thornton, our Teaching Pastor, with questions and/or to learn more about these opportunities.

3M's

MEMBERSHIP

MATURITY

MINISTRY

Missionary Corner

Email Updates

To be added to regular email updates about the church, email fstreetchurch@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the back of the communication card or come up to the front after church service

Up to Date

To keep information up to date, please fill out a communication card or email Hollie at hollie@fstreetchurch.org

QPR Training

QPR Suicide Prevention Training is an evidence-based approach so people like us can learn to prevent someone from taking their own life. It has already saved hundreds of lives. It is like the life-saving CPR training that many of us have learned, though not nearly so intense and much shorter. In QPR ordinary people learn to ask the QUESTION about whether a person is considering suicide, PERSUADE the person that their death would make a difference and then REFER them to the 988 hotline or other professional help.

School Community Intervention and Prevention, Region 5 Prevention Systems and churches from across Lancaster County are teaming up to provide this free training to hundreds of us. This national program has proven to make a life-saving difference. If you can't attend the training at our church on Sunday, September 10th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room, check out some of the other places and dates. It's even available on Zoom. You might just save someone's life. For more info go to

<https://talkheart2heart.org/resources/qpr-training>.



The Walhof's

It has been over a year since we visited with many of you on our 2023 Support Raising tour. Amazingly, we have been back in Kenya for almost nine months! We continue to marvel at the generosity and kindness that we experienced traveling across North America from as far west as Victoria, BC, as far east as New Hampshire, and south to Orlando, Florida. You made support raising truly a pleasure.

Want to know more about the work we are doing? Visit our blog: <https://krisandkim.blogspot.com/>

Want to receive newsletters, email Kim Walhof at kimwalhof@serge.org

Would you like to support the Walhof family? Visit: <https://give.serge.org/donate/kris-and-kim-walhof>

The Howell's

August is a month of training. As part of a management team, AJ trains and helps set the vision for the Student Life department. As Director of Housing and Residence Life, AJ trains and leads the Resident Directors (RDs). As the Residence Life professional team, AJ and the 2 RDs train the student resident assistants (RAs) to prepare them for their roles with students during the upcoming academic year.

Student RA training began on Wednesday with a full day of instruction in our home. While demonstrating hospitality, we emphasized the importance of being present with each other and for the residents. While many other factors are necessary in ensuring a safe and thriving atmosphere in the residence halls, one key to success is "knowing, and being known."

We ended week 1 of RA training with a cherished RA camping retreat in the forest near the sea. God knew more than we did how valuable such a trip would be for everyone!

Please pray:

- For AJ as he leads in so many ways. Pray especially for the Residence Life team.
- A strong RD candidate is still considering joining the team. Pray for him as he makes a decision. Pray for the right person/people to join the team.
- AJ taught on Wednesday, "Unless the Lord builds the house (and raises the residence halls), we labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1,edited). Please pray that God will indeed build the Residence Life team and guide their work this year.
- For the many new and returning students arriving to campus this week. Pray for growth during their time at LCC.
- For all the course preparations. Classes start next Monday and much still needs to be done.

Blessings to you all,
The Howells



September 2023

Schedule & Bible Reading Plan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 <u>1 Cor 14</u>	29 <u>1 Cor 15</u>	30 <u>1 Cor 16</u>	31 <u>2 Cor 1</u>	01 <u>2 Cor 2</u>	02
03 10:30am - Sunday Service	04 <u>2 Cor 3</u>	05 6:30am - Prayer <u>1 Cor 4</u>	06 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery <u>2 Cor 5</u>	07 5:30pm - FoodNet <u>2 Cor 6</u>	08 <u>2 Cor 7</u>	09
10 10:30am - Sunday Service	11 <u>2 Cor 8</u>	12 6:30am - Prayer <u>2 Cor 9</u>	13 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery <u>2 Cor 10</u>	14 5:30pm - FoodNet <u>2 Cor 11</u>	15 <u>2 Cor 12</u>	16
17 10:30am - Sunday Service	18 <u>2 Cor 13</u>	19 6:30am - Prayer <u>1 Tim 1</u>	20 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery <u>1 Tim 2</u>	21 5:30pm - FoodNet <u>1 Tim 3</u>	22 <u>1 Tim 4</u>	23
24 10:30am - Sunday Service	25 <u>1 Tim 5</u>	26 6:30am - Prayer <u>1 Tim 6</u>	27 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery <u>2 Tim 1</u>	28 5:30pm - FoodNet <u>2 Tim 2</u>	29 <u>2 Tim 3</u>	30

Birthdays

1st - Thomas Bornemeier
3rd - Miriam Connett
4th - Carolyn Gable
5th - Lea Tomlinson,
 Tamika Kopkin-sanders
6th - Ian Shada
7th - Sherry Carter,
 Barry Sloan
 Beth Fritz
8th - Lucy Frenzel
9th - Doug Ladd, Allen Hayward
10th - Stephanie Casarez

11th - Frank Tonini
13th - Hollie Sell
14th - Kevin West
17th - Marcus McClain
19th - Brenda Barton
22nd - John Knapp,
 John Logsden
24th - Skyler Tosspon
26th - Elia Heerspink
29th - Robin Davis

Anniversaries

20th - Robert & Julia Landry
25th - Dave & Carol Burnley
 Tim & Rosa Harrington