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THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR



Immerse is Here!

SAGE PETERSON,
IMMERSE DIRECTOR

Immerse is here and
groups are coming!
Groups will be here
throughout June and July.

Take the time to say,
“Hi!” and welcome them!

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Why Does F Street Have an Art Chapel?

JEAN STRYKER, CREATIVE ARTS DIRECTOR

If you've been around F Street for awhile, you know we've been working on the Art Chapel for a few years. On Friday, May 16, we passed our final inspection by the Dept. of Building & Safety. Our bright, colorful, airy space is officially legal for public use! But why did we build this thing, and what are we going to do with it?

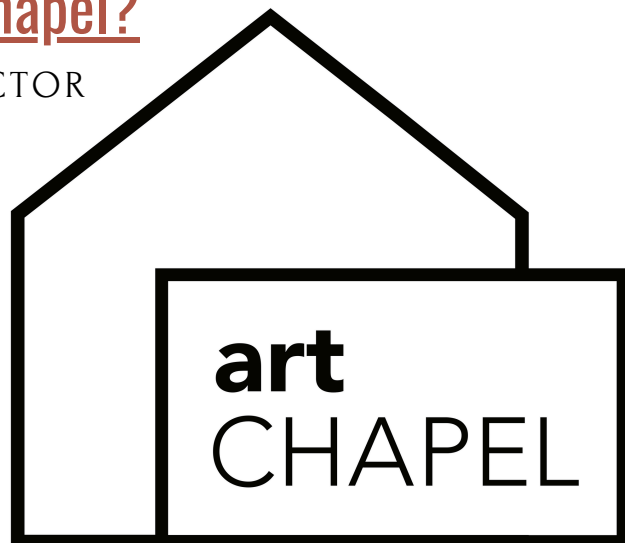
When the Lord told the people of Israel to build a place of worship, he commanded them to make it beautiful, filled with all sorts of lovely furnishings.

The instructions were detailed and elaborate, and the workmanship was to be excellent. God cares about creativity and beauty, and he made us to respond to those things. When we enter a beautiful space, it elevates our soul, and the act of creating can do this as well. Science tells us that when we engage in creative activities, the level of cortisol (a stress hormone) in our bodies drops profoundly. Creativity makes space for joy and peace in a person's inner world.

The Art Chapel is a place where we can learn to be artistically playful again. We've set aside this space for folks to rediscover the joys of making, to find a community, and learn to integrate faith and creativity. We offer Monday Night Open Studio, where anyone can come and use our supplies or bring their own project to work in community in our friendly environment. We make art with the residents of CenterPointe every week. We're hosting Saturday classes, Block Party activities, and a family camp. We will host monthly Worship Nights throughout the summer. Our schedule is constantly evolving as we learn what works for our neighborhood! Keep an eye on our offerings at artchapelink.org.

Ultimately, the Art Chapel exists to be a place of acceptance and direction. Our mission is to use the arts as a means to serve our community and invite them to know Jesus. Creative people will find a place to belong at the Art Chapel. As their hearts are softened by seeing and making beauty, they become able to hear about and receive our savior's love.

In the future, we hope to see a large variety of people from our F Street family contributing to the life of the Art Chapel. Anyone who makes things (quilting, wood burning, calligraphy, poetry, underwater basket weaving...?) might have a part to play. Do you make something? Contact Jean Stryker (jean@fstreetchurch.org) or Willow Applegate (willow@fstreetchurch.org) to see if there's a way for you to participate. We would love to hear your ideas!




with Brody



**6pm
to
8pm**

Atlas office

Mentor Training



Atlas: Lincoln

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
WALKING WITH THE HURTING IN
OUR CITY?

ATLAS EXISTS TO SERVE THE
PEOPLE OF LINCOLN THROUGH
LOCAL, INTENTIONAL, AND
RELATIONAL CHRIST-BASED
PEER-SUPPORT.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "Two are
better than one, because they have a
good return for their labor. if either
of them falls down, one can help the
other up. but pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up."

Join us for a hands-on workshop to
learn a simple framework for loving
our neighbors when they fall down.

Interested in helping
someone? Interested in
making a new friend?
Feel a burning passion
to be a good neighbor?

Think about becoming a
mentor with Atlas:
Lincoln! Brody,
Executive Director is
hosting a Mentoring
Training June 3rd, 2025
from 6PM-8PM at the
Atlas office!

Ministries

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

Did you know that F Street has four ministries? These are specific ministries run by F Street staff, each with its own vision board. They include:

- Art Chapel – Director: Willow Applegate
- Celebrate Recovery – Director: RJ Coburn
- Immerse – Director: Sage Peterson
- Transformed Life Coaching – Director: Beth Heerspink

We value and love these ministries and want you to be aware of the great work each is doing to serve the F Street Neighborhood and our church.

The Practice of Community with One Another

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

During the months of May and June Pastors Jeff, RJ and I are spending time on Sunday mornings teaching our F Street Church family from some of the One Another passages in the Bible.

In addition, you may recall that a few months ago I began a series of articles for our church newsletter that is inspired by a book I read recently entitled *Practicing the Way*, written by John Mark Comer. My intention in writing these pieces has been to encourage us to consider implementing what he calls the “The Nine” into our habits of daily life.

Today I would like to take a few moments for us to consider the practice of Community which provides the relational context for the application of these One Another principles. Comer states...

“...We simply are not meant to follow Jesus alone.

The radical individualism of Western culture
is not only a mental health crisis and growing, social catastrophe,
it's a death blow to any kind of serious formation into Christlike love.
Because it's in relationships that we are formed and forged.”

Some of you may be wondering, what are some practical ways that we can begin to do this?

I'm glad you asked that question! Here are some suggestions as to how we can foster healthy relationships, build positive community, and develop a greater likeness to Jesus Christ in the process:

Participate in one of our community groups (Bible studies).
Intercede with/for others at our weekly prayer meeting.
Work on hurts, habits and hangups at Celebrate Recovery.
Volunteer to serve on one of our ministry teams.
Check out opportunities in the neighborhood with
Transformed Life Coaching or Atlas Lincoln.

As I sign off this month, I want to invite you to consider what might be your next step in terms of growing deeper in community with God and others through F Street Neighborhood Church. I can tell you that taking a step into community has the potential of impacting not only your life, but also the lives of others. Let's do it!

Multiply Churches

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

It was disappointing that we weren't able to purchase the building at 28th and O to begin a new ministry in the Hartley neighborhood. But it seems it was not God's timing.

Still, we hope that F Street will be part of launching new ministries in the near future. New churches allow us to expand our kingdom impact—especially in neighborhoods and communities where others might not want to go.

Right now, it's my prayer that F Street will begin developing residents—giving potential future leaders opportunities to grow, learn about ministry, and gain hands-on experience. This will allow us to send out strong leaders to new churches while still maintaining our ministry here in the F Street neighborhood.

We hope to multiply churches in our city for the glory of God, and I invite you to continue praying for this work. There are still many who do not know Jesus and His grace.

Journey Group Summer Break

HOLLIE SELL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hey Parents and Guardians!

F Street Journey Groups (for ages 6 to 5th grade) will be taking a break for the summer.

The Nursery will still be open for babies to age 5.

We will have seat activities for kids to do while in church!

The summer break will consist of 11 Sundays in total:

June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

July 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

August 3rd & 10th



What Wings Are to a Bird

HANNAH WEHMEYER, BENEVOLENCE DIRECTOR

Corrie ten Boom coined the famous quote: "What wings are to a bird, and sails are to a ship, so is prayer to the soul." Perhaps we are like birds without wings and ships without sails when we do not pray. Perhaps we rob ourselves of a life lived fully when we do not come to God with the cries of our hearts.

When we do pray, we are speaking directly with the Creator of the universe. Rather than letting this intimidate us, may we let it remind us that no matter where we are, we can pray with confidence that He hears us and cares about what we have to say (1 John 5:14).

At F Street, our prayer team believes in the power of connecting with the One who has the power to make streams flow in the desert. At the end of every service, prayer team members are available to share the gift of praying to the Father with anyone that needs it. If you don't know how to pray or are unsure about the 'whole prayer thing', your first step might be to come and have a prayer team member pray for you. Each and every team member would be glad to do so.

Maybe you want to serve the Kingdom of God and aren't sure how to go about it. Let me encourage you with this: prayer is one of the best ways to serve God and others. Through prayer, you can tap into the unseen realm where the battle for souls is being fought. Spoiler alert: in Christ, you'll be on the winning team.

Prayer can:

- keep us from temptation (Matt. 26:41)
- help us in weakness (Romans 8:26)
- bring healing (James 5:16)
- forgive our sin (1 John 1:9)
- draw us near to God (James 4:8)

These and other promises in the Bible are the "wings" and "sails" that allow our souls to live and move in the fullness of Christ through prayer. May we be a church that prays, that we would share the life-giving "wings" and "sails" with those whom are without.

Tennessee

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the F Street Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee this month! We are excited to send six young men and three slightly older men to serve by repairing homes in Marysville, TN.

Now, we ask for your prayers—for safe travel, safety in our work, and spiritual impact for both those serving and those being served.

We'll be leaving on Friday, June 20, and returning Sunday, June 28.

Students attending:

- Josiah Heerspink
- Conner Root
- Ishmael Keyzer
- Jacob Fujian
- Caleb Heerspink
- Gabe Albright

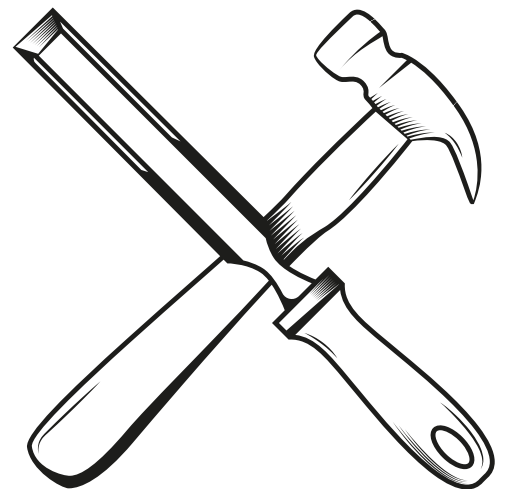
Adults attending:

- Nate Albright
- Dave Widman
- Jeff Heerspink

F Street Service Opportunities **Woodworker Needed**

Recently, Dan Dallman climbed up into the bell tower (and no, you probably won't be permitted to do the same!) and removed 12 decorative wood frames. Many of these had already fallen apart or were badly in need of repair.

We are looking for someone who enjoys woodworking and has the skills and tools to create new pieces that match the originals. If this sounds like you, please inquire with Dan or Pastor Jeff about this project.



SUMMER SPLASH FAMILY CAMP

JULY 8TH - 11TH

6PM-7:30PM

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



We Need a Van?

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

When F Street Church started, we had no plans for a Transportation Team or vans. We were simply here in the neighborhood with the intent to serve and share the gospel message of Jesus.

Then came Immerse. For one Immerse group, we borrowed a van from our friends at Northern Lighthouse—affectionately called the “Rust Bucket.” It was a sort of 15-passenger van meets Flintstones, where you could literally see the road through holes in the floor. One leader from that group took it upon himself to raise funds and find us a van that was not only safe but could serve the church year-round—and the Transportation Team was born.

Later, another supporter of F Street donated a minivan, which has been put to good use on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights for Celebrate Recovery, helping people get to church and CR. In addition, the vans are used for F Street shopping runs, youth events, and other church-related activities.

Now, we’re hoping to add to our Transportation Team by getting another 12- or 15-passenger van. The minivan is, well, too mini—and we need to fit more people. It also has some mechanical issues that, while not unsafe, do leave people wondering, “Will we make it?”

So we’re starting a van fund, hoping to raise enough money to purchase a used 12- or 15-passenger van. Our early estimates are around \$20,000.

As with other giving opportunities at F Street, this is all about helping us share the gospel—making it more accessible to people who do not own their own vehicles.

You can give by placing your donation in an envelope marked “Van,” writing “Van” in the memo line of your check, or giving online under the new van fund designation.

Missionary Corner

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

Email Updates

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

5/17/25 - The Howells

Dear friends,

Our semester finished on May 3 with many meaningful end-of-year festivities, including graduation. It was with joy that we recognized and sent-off another set of graduates. Many of them had regularly participated in our home Bible study. They will be missed.

One student was the first to graduate with a Concentration in Michelle's Environmental Literacy and Sustainability program. Beginning in Fall 2025, LCC will now offer this program as an EU-recognized micro-credential certification. This is a significant milestone for us!

Despite completing the academic year and graduation, our work continues. We hope to slow down a little bit in a few weeks. Here are a few things we've been working on since graduation:

- Transitioning to summer housing. Lots of work for Residence Life staff with check-outs, room inspections and cleaning, training summer RAs, and more.
- Hiring new professional staff for next year: many interviews of qualified applicants. Praise God for providing AJ with full Student Life and Residence Life teams for the upcoming year.
- AJ continues to wrap up his term as Director of Residence Life and pass it on to the new teammate. He will then be able to step fully in as the VP of Student Life. Please pray for wisdom, vision, and strong leadership in this role.

Some upcoming highlights:

- Next week we go to Poland for a sustainability conference in which Michelle will participate. Please pray for good connections, conversations, and ideas to come from that time.
- After that, 1 more week in Klaipeda. Please pray for all of us in this season of transition and preparation.
- And then, 1 week in Oregon for AJ's annual Christian Student Development conference. Please pray for fruit from that time.
- From there, we head to Nebraska for a few weeks of family time and reconnecting with many of you. We look forward to time spent together, and time spent away from our work and ministry here.

Nebraska Friends: Save the Date! Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 (probably at 5:30PM)

For an open house in Lincoln. We will share parts of our ministry from the past 2yrs in Lithuania. We hope to connect with you at that time!

Thank you for standing with us,

The Howells



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FRI

SAT

1 10:30am - Sunday Service	2 <u>1 Kgs 17-18</u> 6-9pm - Open Studio	3 <u>1 Kgs 19-20</u> 6:30am - Prayer	4 <u>1 Kgs 21-22</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	5 <u>2 Kgs 1-3</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet	6 <u>2 Kgs 4-5</u>	7 1:30pm - Art Chapel Class
8 10:30am - Sunday Service	9 <u>2 Kgs 6-8</u> 6-9pm - Open Studio	10 <u>2 Kgs 9-10</u> 6:30am - Prayer	11 <u>2 Kgs 11-13</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	12 <u>2 Kgs 14-15</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet	13 <u>2 Kgs 16-17</u>	14 1:30pm - Art Chapel Class
15 10:30am - Sunday Service	16 <u>2 Kgs 18-20</u> 6-9pm - Open Studio	17 <u>2 Kgs 21-22</u> 6:30am - Prayer	18 <u>2 Kgs 23-25</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	19 <u>1 Chr 1-3</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet	20 <u>1 Chr 4-6</u>	21 1:30pm - Art Chapel Class
22 10:30am - Sunday Service	23 <u>1 Chr 7-9</u> 6-9pm - Open Studio	24 <u>1 Chr 10-12</u> 6:30am - Prayer	25 <u>1 Chr 13-16</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	26 <u>1 Chr 17-20</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet	27 <u>1 Chr 21-23</u>	28
29 <u>Block Party</u> 10:30am - Sunday Service	30 <u>1 Chr 24-27</u> 6-9pm - Open Studio	1 <u>1 Chr 28-29;</u> <u>2 Chr 1</u> 6:30am - Prayer	2 <u>2 Chr 2-5</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	3 <u>2 Chr 6-7</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet	4 <u>2 Chr 8-11</u>	5

Birthdays

2nd - Dawn Thompson

4th - Willow Applegate

Melvin Schroeder

5th - Rachael Mailand

6th - Grace Proctor

7th - Ashley Hassel

10th - Hannah Wehmeyer

13th - Robert Bender

14th - Marilyn Bonnell

Bobbie Standing Bear

Natalie Hayward

15th - Tracy Roth

18th - Annaleigh Pfeifer

21st - Jean Stryker

25th - Katherine Connitt

Anniversaries

5th - Simon & Katherine Connitt

9th - Todd & Brenda Barton