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THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

Lincoln School of Ministry

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

New Class in the
Lincoln School of Ministry:
BIBLE STUDY DESIGN/FACILITATION and
SERMON WRITING/PREACHING

- This is a great time to begin/continue preparing for ministry!
- Join us on Monday nights from 7-9 pm.
- Starting October 27th and going through December 8th.
- Course Objective: To equip students with the skills necessary to create and present both Bible studies and sermons.
- Please contact Pastor Bill for more information or to sign up.

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What lies beneath the surface?

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

This month I wanted to write about Competencies as part of highlighting one of the 5 Cs. In preparing, I did a quick Google search and discovered that one of the most common illustrations for competencies is an iceberg. The point is simple: we often only see part of our competencies—our visible gifts and abilities—while many more remain beneath the surface. Some are yet to be developed, and others are not yet known to us or those around us.

By this illustration, there is more in each of us that God desires to use for the building of His kingdom. Too often we have allowed only a portion of our God-given gifts and abilities to be seen or to become useful toward this goal.

Recently, I had a conversation with someone who shared a passion and a skill that I had no idea they possessed—something they are uniquely wired for and even feel called to do for God. At the same time, it was clear that God had been developing that very area of ministry here at F Street. I realized He had already provided the perfect person for this opportunity.

As I look around F Street, I see so many opportunities to serve in ways that help us be the place of acceptance and direction God has called us to be in the neighborhood. There are new ministries yet to be explored or started (and if you didn't know, I'm passionate about starting new things!). There are also so many people who have only begun to reveal their full potential to the church and for the Kingdom of God.

I want to encourage you to consider two ways to discover more about how God has wired you and how you can get involved here at F Street:

- SHAPE Packet. This simple packet can be picked up at the office, or you can contact Hollie at hollie@fstreetchurch.org—or catch her or me (Jeff) on a Sunday morning. Fill it out at home, and then we'll set up a meeting to help you process your Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Passions, and Experiences and get plugged in.
- Join an F Street Ministry Team. At the welcome table in the back of the church you'll find a "Team Ministry" form. Fill it out with the teams you're interested in, and we'll work to get you connected with one of our current teams serving the body here at F Street.

God has gifted you to be used for ministry. Let's see what He can do through all of us working together for Him.

Come to Jesus in Prayer

HANNAH WEHMEYER, PRAYER TEAM LEADER

You may have noticed that at the end of service every Sunday, we have a prayer team available at the front of the sanctuary. They are there to pray with you, right then and there, for whatever prayer needs you have. Upon your request, they will also share your prayer needs with the larger church prayer team, so that you can rest assured you are being prayed for during the week.

I know that it can be intimidating to ask for prayer. Sometimes we are too prideful to admit that we need help. Sometimes it's too hard to talk about the dark season we or someone we love are in. Whatever the case may be, I encourage you to remember that if you are weary and burdened, you can come to Jesus in prayer, and He will give you rest (Matthew 11:28). He calls you (and me) to find rest for our souls in Him, and the prayer team is here to help you do just that.

Many of the prayer team members are available during the week to pray with you, too. If you have urgent prayer needs, please call or email the church and we will get you connected with a prayer team member.



7TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
WHERE: THE GALA
(2602 PARK BLVD, LINCOLN, NE 68502)
TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM,
MEAL BEGINS AT 6:00PM

GET YOUR TICKET(S) HERE!



A Radical Love for Hurting People

JEFF HEERSPINK

As I think about raising up future church planters, pastors, and leaders—with the hope that F Street will plant more churches in often-overlooked neighborhoods—I am looking for more than just people who are theologically sound or of good character. I am looking for people who love the hurting, the broken, the addicted, and the wounded. Sadly, this is becoming an ever-growing challenge.

Today, it's possible to be “theologically sound” and yet fail to show compassion or love toward those who are hurting, who think differently, or who do not believe the Bible as truth. Biblically, this is impossible. After all, the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God and to love your neighbor as yourself, and God Himself is love. Yet too often theological correctness gets twisted into rudeness, even hostility, toward those who disagree with us or live differently than we do.

Jesus, on the other hand, was criticized by the theologically sound of His time (the Pharisees) because He spent time with tax collectors and sinners (Luke 15:1–2). Think about that: He sat at the table, eating and interacting with tax collectors—people despised for exploiting their own people for profit. Jesus showed grace to the woman caught in adultery, welcomed children, received the anointing of a prostitute, healed beggars, and forgave thieves. And ultimately, He died so that you and I might receive the forgiveness of sins.

At F Street, we want to cultivate that same radical love—a love willing to embrace those in need, welcome the lost, eat with those who think differently than we do, reach out to those who may be up to no good, and forgive those who have hurt us. We want to know the Word of God and live like Jesus, with compassion for others.

May we be called out—not just by God, but also by others—for sitting at the table with those whom Jesus Himself would sit with.

Life Chain Sunday is October 5th!

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, Oct. 5. Tad will have signs and is available at 402-802-0597 to answer questions.

Angel Tree Ministry 2025

HANNAH WEHMEYER,
BENEVOLENCE LEADER



The Christmas season will be here before we know it, and this year, F Street Neighborhood Church is partnering with Prison Fellowship ministries and their Angel Tree gift giving event. There will be more information available in the upcoming months, but we are excited to start getting the word out!

The Angel Tree ministry delivers gifts to children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These will be kids in the Lincoln area, whose parent will sign up for the program and whose information will be forwarded to us. We will then shop for, wrap, and deliver gifts. The hope behind this ministry is that 1) the absent parent will be able to give a gift to their child or children for Christmas and 2) most importantly, the family will have a connection with our church and ultimately Jesus, for their parent to come back home to.

We will need volunteers to help this program be a success. We will also need folks in the church to “sponsor” a child/children. If you’d like to find out more about the program or become involved, reach out to Hannah at hannah@fstreetchurch.org. We are looking forward to sharing more as the season gets closer.

The Heart of Hospitality

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

I was recently welcomed into a home that contained only a desk, an inflatable bed, and a dining room table. There were no wall hangings, yet the hospitality was exceptional. We were greeted warmly, given a tour of the home, offered something to drink, and treated to a homemade meal with tea and dessert.

I was struck again by how hospitality isn't about the things we own or the space we offer, but about the heart behind it—the heart to welcome and engage with others.

The Bible makes it clear that hospitality should be a mark of the church, and specifically of the people who make up the church. Scripture says:


- “The end of the world is coming soon... Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.” (1 Peter 4:7, 9)
- And of leaders: “He must enjoy having guests in his home.” (1 Timothy 3:2)

Too often, we evaluate whether others are hospitable to us. But the Bible calls us not to judge others, but to be hospitable ourselves.

So how could you be hospitable? Here are a few thoughts:


- Pray and ask God who you might connect with.
- Make a goal to invite someone (or a group) over—or out—for dinner or coffee.
- Stay alert to who might need an invitation; praying and planning doesn't rule out being spontaneous.
- Don't assume someone is “too busy,” or that busyness means they are relationally connected.
- Remember: hospitality isn't about location or things, but about attitude.
- Learn to be curious about others—ask about their family, activities, past, or dreams.

I hope you'll take time to consider how you might practice hospitality.



Tuesday
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 October 21st, 2025, from 6PM - 8PM at the Atlas office!

F Street Youth

SAGE PETERSON,
YOUTH DIRECTOR



We're officially a month into the year for F Street Youth, but that doesn't mean it's too late to join us! We would love to have your 6th-12th grade student join us on Tuesday nights from 7p-8:30p at F Street. Our event for this month is Night Games here at F Street! Students can come on Oct. 17 from 8p-10:30p for a fun night of playing games at the church. For questions on events or to get your student involved, you can contact Sage at sage@fstreetchurch.org.

Upcoming at the Art Chapel

WILLOW BERNADT, ART CHAPEL DIRECTOR

The Art Chapel has so many different programs and events coming up in October! And two of those events are happening in the very first week!

First Friday

We are having our October First Friday show on October 3rd from 6-9PM. We will be showcasing photographs by Cathy Grove. We would love to see you there to support Cathy and not only enjoy her work, but come and see how beauty surrounds us every single day!

All of her photos will also be available to take home with \$20 minimum donations. All these donations will go to support the Art Chapel and our programming.

Show Us Your Art

On Saturday October 4th from 2-6PM we are hosting our Show Us Your Art Event. We are inviting you to bring something you've made to show and tell, or just come to see all the art and meet other creative folks from the community!

Not only will you be able to view some beautiful works, for \$10 you can also tie dye your very own Art Chapel T Shirt, and there will be other painting and craft activities available!

Don't miss out! We would love to see you all there!

Check out the calendar to see our other programs and events happening in October, or check out www.artchapellnk.org to see our events and sign up for our classes!

artCHAPEL SCHEDULE

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6-9PM FIRST FRIDAY

PHOTOGRAPHS BY CATHY GROVE

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SAT

2-6PM SHOW US YOUR ART EVENT**06**

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3-8PM OPEN STUDIO**11**

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SIGN UP ONLINE - LIMITED SPACE!!

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MON

3-8PM OPEN STUDIO**19**

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7-8PM WORSHIP NIGHT**20**

MON

3-8PM OPEN STUDIO**25**

SAT

1:30-3PM STEP BY STEP FALL PAINTING

SIGN UP ONLINE

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SUN

TRUNK R TREAT AT JACOB'S WELL**27**

MON

3-8PM OPEN STUDIO

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND
EVENTS

ARTCHAPELLNK.ORG
ARTCHAPEL@FSTREETCHURCH.ORG

New Sermon Series to Begin on October 5th

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

Following our recently completed sermon series, “Called Out,” from the Books of I and II Peter, we will next focus our attention on the Old Testament. In a similar emphasis we will be exploring what it means to be believers who are...

LIVING CONFIDENTLY IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY (STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL)

Over the course of the next eight weeks, we will learn from Daniel and his friends, as well as some powerful leaders in the ancient world what it means to live out one’s faith in God in a hostile world. Here is a schedule of the messages for the series:

October 5 th	Meet Daniel	Daniel 1
October 12 th	Praise the God of Our Fathers	Daniel 2
October 19 th	Serve the God Who is Able	Daniel 3
October 26 th	Acknowledge the Most High God, Pt. 1 (Nebuchadnezzar)	Daniel 4
November 2 nd	Acknowledge the Most High God, Pt. 2 (Belshazzar)	Daniel 5
November 9 th	Trust the Living God	Daniel 6
November 16 th	Dreams, Visions & Prophecies	Daniel 2, 7-8, 10-12
November 23 rd	Daniel’s Prayer & God’s Promise	Daniel 9

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

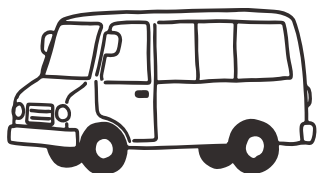
Email Updates

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

Transportation Driver Needed

TAD STYKER, 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. If interested & want to know the qualifications, please call or text Tad Stryker at 402-802-0597.



9/14/25 - The Howells

Dear friends,

We take for granted that we can worship freely in Lithuania, read the Bible with our family, and work at a university where we can tell young people about Jesus. However, the reality is that churches and universities are not necessarily safe anywhere around the world. We cannot shrink back or take safety for granted.

Charlie Kirk's assassination last week left us grieving for his family (with children of similar ages to ours) and reflecting on the importance of our work with university students. The assassination happened on a college campus. "Teach us to number our days aright." (Psalm 90:12).

Meanwhile, a colleague's teen has been struggling to know who he is and to find his place in the world. Some of his actions are causing the parents to readjust their careers in Lithuania. Many young people, asking similar questions of identity and purpose, turn to a social world online . . . and though they find many spaces to share (or brood on) their questions and ideas, technology really offers a dark, lonely world. The internet is a dangerous escape for a lonely generation. No matter the views, technology amplifies the worst voices and is leading many people down dangerous paths. There is a serious ongoing spiritual battle for young people.

Then on Friday, I (Michelle) left our church's youth group with a heavy but grateful heart. Heavy because the teenage years are hard, and the effects of sin make them harder! And grateful for the privilege to speak hope to these beautiful young ladies. This week, I shared the following from one of my dad's books, "Sin destroys _____, but where Christ is king, there is redemption." We filled in the blank with many relevant spheres, shared examples of sins' destructive effects, and then brainstormed examples in those spheres of hope and good.

Young people yearn to know they are significant, have a place in the world, and have a voice. At LCC International University and in Klaipeda, we have the opportunity to speak truth into many young people at critical times in their lives. We get to remind them that God made them; he made them in his image; he didn't mess up in making them; he made them with a unique and special plan for their lives; they matter to him; and they matter to the world.

Thank you for sending us, praying for us, and supporting our work in Lithuania. We cannot afford to be complacent, but need to count the cost, speak boldly the words of life in a dying world. This is bigger than LCC, but it gives us a renewed focus and reminder in our daily work here. While we recognize the importance of this work, we know that anything we do is only possible through the transformative work of the Holy Spirit. Now, more than ever, we need the Spirit to move.

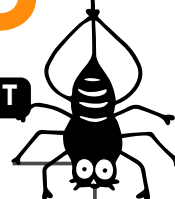
Thank you for standing with us and praying for our work,
~ The Howells



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28 Block Party 10:30am - Sunday Service	29 Is 27-29 3-8pm - Open Studio	30 Is 30-34 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	1 Is 35-37 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	2 Is 38-41 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	3 Is 42-44 10am - Women of the Word 6pm - Art Chapel First Friday	4
5 10:30am - Sunday Service	6 Is 45-48 3-8pm - Open Studio	7 Is 49-52 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	8 Is 53-57 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	9 Is 58-62 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	10 Is 63-66 10am - Women of the Word	11
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Birthdays

7th - Octavia Evans
9th - Terry Martinez
10th - Susan Hoffman
13th - Dominik Watts

19th - Sara Butler
25th - Sharon Masterson
29th - Eastyn Myers
30th - Marc Johnson

