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THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

Heart & Home: the Family Newsletter

HOLLIE SELL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hello, F Street Family!

As F Street continues to strive to keep people informed and find ways to continue to connect people to Christ, the Children's and Youth directors have decided to create a newsletter for families. We know that parents have the most time and opportunity to impact their children compared to ministry leaders. So we are wanting to provide ways to empower and share models of ways to bring Christ in family conversations.

This newsletter will seek to share family and youth events, information about who is leading and teaching your kids, as well as avenues for families to be with Jesus not just on a Sunday morning through memory verses, and a family prayer challenge!

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Freely Give

HANNAH WEHMEYER, BENEVOLENCE DIRECTOR

The benevolence program here at F Street has been a blessing to many struggling people and families in our community. My heart is blessed by witnessing the gratitude that pours out from some of the folks who receive help.

Some other recipients are not so grateful, and at times I find it hard not to develop sour feelings toward certain individuals. I wonder how folks find the nerve to complain about the dollar amount on a gas voucher when they're getting it for free. I'm sure you, the reader, can relate to that sort of contempt, especially if you're one of the "givers". However, God has been gracious to remind me (and hopefully you, if you need it) that the response others give is not what we give for.

There are several things that could be unpacked here, but for now I want to stick to the truth that scripture reminds us of frequently as followers of Christ: that we are to give freely and cheerfully (Matthew 10:8 and 2 Corin 9:7). Do those verses say anything about giving freely and cheerfully unless the recipient doesn't act right? Or unless the recipient is ungrateful? No, we are not given conditions for the extent to which we may give to others. After all, if Jesus only brought salvation to those who are never ungrateful, I'd venture to guess that none of us would be eligible to receive that great Gift.

The truth is, sitting here writing this, I am guilty of being ungrateful to God for that which He's given to me. Thinking that some folks don't deserve F Street's help just adds salt to my self-inflicted wound.

Thank you, Lord for freely giving to us, that we may also freely give. Let me look up at You always, and follow your commands that You might do Your work in spite of me.

Team Leaders Wanted!

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

Do you meet the qualifications of a Team Leader and have a passion to see F Street reach its fullest potential? Then we have opportunities for you. F Street is looking for a Team Leader to oversee the Block Parties and the Sunday Morning Coffee. This would include recruiting, encouraging, and equipping the team members. In addition, there is an every-other-month Team Leaders Meeting and each Team Leader has some unique responsibilities. Please talk to Pastor Jeff or reach out to him at 402-805-2667 or email at jeff@fstreetchurch.org to learn more about the positions and the qualifications.

Young Adults Bible Study Kickoff

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

On Thursday evening, September 4th the Young Adult Bible Study will resume their study of the Book of Judges started last Spring. Our Young Adults gather in the Grace Room at the Church building at 7:11 pm. If you are a college student or in your 20s, please join “grandparents” Bill and Marcia Thornton for a great time of spiritual growth and fellowship. For more information, please contact Pastor Bill at bill@fstreetchurch.org.

F Street Youth!

SAGE PETERSON,
YOUTH DIRECTOR



The new year of F Street Youth is kicking off this month on Sept 2! We can't wait to have your student join us for all that we have planned this year; they won't want to miss it!

F Street Youth is for students in 6th-12th grade, and the group meets regularly on Tuesday nights from 7p-8:30p. On Tuesday nights, students get to connect with peers while growing in their faith through lessons, prayer, discussion, and mentorship. Oh, and how can we forget about having a ton of fun! For more information, you can contact Sage at sage@fstreetchurch.org.

This month's events:

- Sept 10 - Unite Lincoln
- Sept 21 - Slip N Slide Kickball

Excited about the Block Party

JEFF HEERSPINK

I am very excited about some of our future Block Parties. Block Parties are an opportunity to share with our neighbors a little taste of heaven. I fully believe that it is our opportunity to bring a little bit of heaven here into the neighborhood. The Kingdom of God is defined as a great feast. Jesus, miraculously, brought the best wine to the wedding celebration in Cana and we get to throw the best parties in the neighborhood (without supplying the wine).

Where else and when else do many in our neighborhood get invited to a party? When else do many of our neighbors get blessed and asked for nothing in return? When else do many in the hood get greeted with love, joy, peace....? The answer is not very often.

I am grateful for those who have led our block parties in the past few years, moving them to year-round, making sure we never ran out of food. Now we have been blessed by several who have sponsored our events. Some have helped to cover the cost of the food (we have several great catered block parties coming in the months ahead, thanks to a grant). This past year we were able to purchase some new tents for some of the activities that we have and hope to have, and now we have a donor who has helped us to purchase some additional tables and chairs.

I currently am looking for someone who is interested in overseeing our block parties as the Team Leader, in addition to looking for people to help out specifically with the events (setup, serving, tear down), as well as others who might be interested in sponsoring as an individual or as a business. If interested, you can talk to me (Pastor Jeff) by calling 402-805-2667 or emailing jeff@fstreetchurch.org. Also, there are some block party cards on the back table in church you can fill out and drop in the offering plate.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the upcoming block parties.

Common Sense Parenting

BETH HEERSPINK, TLC COACH

Are you a parent of one or more children between the ages of 6 and 16? Do you want more tools in your parenting toolbox? Would you like to receive skills-based, action-oriented training? Transformed Life Coaching, a ministry of F Street Neighborhood Church, is excited to host a 6-week course called “Common Sense Parenting” on Saturday mornings (10am-noon), beginning October 3. This course is taught by a professional trainer (Pam Mock) who has a heart for God, people, and parents! She has worked with Boystown for years and has a lot experience teaching parents and families. This course is practical in its approach and can help even the parent who feels they “have it all together.” Parenting is one of the most important callings in life—and we want to help you do it to the very best of your ability. The cost of the class is \$90. Scholarship applications are available to those who need financial assistance and who are committed to being present each week. Registrations must be made online with Common Sense Parenting. You can pick up a flyer from the information table in the back of church, or email beth@fstreetchurch.org and ask for the registration link. Please help spread the word! Registration will be limited to 12 participants.



7TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Atlas: Lincoln

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!



Called Because of God

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

To be called by God is a fascinating reality. That God would call you and I to do anything is incredible. After all, who am I, who are you, who are we to do much of anything? Paul seems to agree when he writes:

“Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.” - 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

This is what God does, he calls us who are not the wisest, not the most powerful or wealthy, to display his hope and his glory. I think it also is important that Paul makes it clear this is how the world sees us, not God. No, God sees us in our desperate state before salvation, but he also sees us as his children, his masterpieces. He equips us with every spiritual blessing and gives us spiritual gifts to be used (see Ephesians 1:3-10).

The question is not if we are called, but are we living into that Calling? Are we using our gifts, are we using our spiritual blessings to build the church into maturity? Are we using our gifts to serve others? You may remember a few weeks ago when I got pretty fired up in the sermon when preaching on 1 Peter 4:10: “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” I long to see the church (F Street and universal) be where there is a high level of people who are using their gifts to serve in a variety of ways.

Do you want to know what your spiritual gifts are? Then come and talk to Pastor Jeff or reach out (402-805-2667 or email at jeff@fstreetchurch.org) to get a SHAPE packet that looks at your Spiritual gifts, Heart (Passions), Abilities, Personality and Experiences. This can be a great way to know yourself and to be known, as well as getting you plugged into ministries.

Want to get involved? In the back of church and at the entry by the office door we have a form titled “Team Ministry at F Street Neighborhood Church” that you can fill out and turn in to one of our staff to begin exploring ways you can be involved here at F Street.

Serve where you are. As much as I love having people get involved at F Street, I recognize that many people do use their gifts in their jobs, their neighborhoods, the grocery store, or wherever they may be. Please do; please continue to serve where you are.



Saturday
9am
to
11am
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.

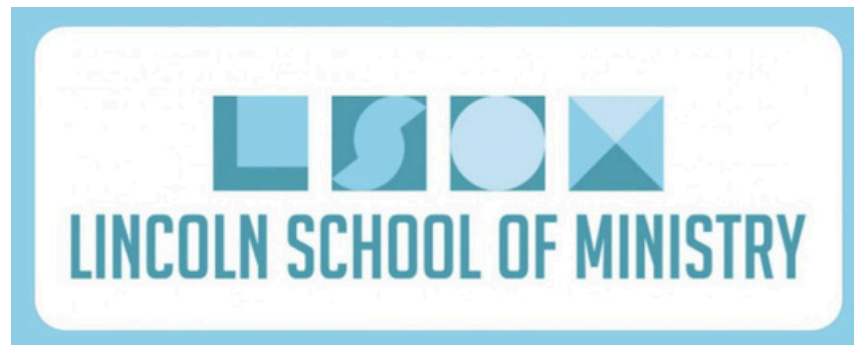
Interested in helping someone?
Interested in making a new friend? Feel a burning passion to be a good neighbor?

Think about becoming a mentor with Atlas: Lincoln! Brody, Executive Director is hosting a Mentoring Training September 27th, 2025, from 9AM-11AM at the Atlas office!

News from the Lincoln School of Ministry

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

On Monday evening, September 8th we will launch Module #1 of a new year for the Lincoln School of Ministry. Our first class will be Introduction to Apologetics and will cover these topics: The Existence of God, The Authenticity of the Scriptures, and The Reliability of the Resurrection of Jesus. Class will meet for six weeks and will last two hours (7-9 pm) each session. There is no cost for the class, but we would like to know you are coming so that we have enough materials prepared. For more information or to register, please contact Pastor Bill at bill@fstreetchurch.org.



Art Chapel Fundraiser: DUNK TANK

WILLOW BERNADT, ART CHAPEL DIRECTOR

The Art Chapel relies heavily on grants and gifts from donations in order to operate. To continue supporting our programming and events, during the month of September, the Art Chapel will be doing a fundraising event. So, on Sunday, September 28th during our block party, three staff members of F Street Neighborhood Church will be put in a DUNK TANK! And it is up to YOU to decide who!

Throughout the month of September, on the stage in the sanctuary there will be buckets, each for a different staff member. The three staff members with the MOST money in their buckets on September 28th will be dunked! So round up some money and place it in the bucket of the staff member you most want to see sitting up there. REMEMBER: make sure to keep a few spare dollars if you want a chance to throw the ball that will dunk a staff member!

The following staff members are who you will be able to put money towards:

- Adam Woockman: Worship Leader
- Beth Heerspink: Director of Transformed Life Coaching
- Hannah Wehmeyer: Benevolence and Children's Ministry Leader
- Hollie Sell: Administrative Assistant
- Jean Stryker: Creative Arts Director
- Jeff Heerspink: Lead Pastor
- RJ Coburn: Pastor
- Sage Peterson: Youth, Resident and Immerse Director
- Willow Bernadt: Art Chapel Director

All the money raised will go to supporting the Art Chapel and our programming. We have been so blessed to have your love and support so far, and we ask that you will continue to keep the Art Chapel in your prayers as we continue to grow our programming and work towards our mission of being a safe space where creativity, community, and Christ-centered love meet —welcoming all people to experience beauty, healing, and community through the arts.

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

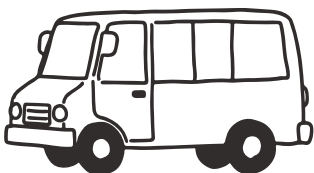
To keep information up to date, please fill out a communication card or email Hollie at hollie@fstreetchurch.org

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.



8/1/25 - The Walhaf's

Occasionally in the past five years, a visitor will say something along the lines of, "I just don't know how you can do it." They might be referring to practicing medicine in a resource-limited setting; teaching at a professional school where English is not a first (or second) language; being on call 50% or more of nights; homeschooling while working full time. We might reply (depending on the day):

- We don't do it alone; we have a great community and teams (in Kenya/East Africa, and supporting us from North America) who hold us up.
- We depend on our faith and prayers to carry us through.
- Some days, neither do we!

But the truth is - most days, just like most people, we're probably too dependent on our own strength, experience, knowledge, and abilities. Most days, we probably feel like we could get by, with or without our co-workers, community, or God. Most days, when things don't go well, we probably feel like if we just tried harder, worked a little longer, were a little smarter, the outcomes could have been different.

A saving grace of the lives we live here is getting to experience living right at - or just beyond - our own abilities. As I have said to many visitors, every day I pray for good outcomes for my patients. I genuinely want the best possible outcome for them - I hope all physicians want that for their patients.

I love the Gettys, and I love this re-write of a old hymn from the early 1900s. When my faith isn't enough to believe that God is good despite all the sadness and suffering in the world, I borrow the words of the father in Mark 9: "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

With love from Kapsowar,
Kristopher, Kim, & Dominic Walhof

8/23/25 - The Howells

Dear friends,

A few months ago we asked you to pray as some dear friends moved away from Lithuania. We do miss those friends very much; even more so as the new academic year is beginning. But as you prayed, God has been answering.

This August we have welcomed a new couple and a family to LCC and to our church. They deeply share our mission and vision for being here and are quickly investing in our church and LCC.

Of the couple: The husband replaced AJ as Director of Housing and Residence Life. His wife is working in academic support for new freshmen. It has been a joy to help them settle into life in Klaipeda. It helps that they love our kids and our kids enjoy them. Pray for this couple as they immerse themselves in their calling here.

Of the family: The husband is the new campus chaplain, and the wife is Academic Dean. She is providing greater support for the department heads and bringing unity into the various academic efforts. Their 2 children are around the ages of our kids and are experiencing many challenges with moving to a new country, language, and anticipating new schools. Please pray for this family in their transition and the roles in their family's ministry.

Please pray:

- For the new and returning staff/faculty as we near the end of August and prepare for our students to arrive.
- For LCC International University as students arrive this coming week and classes begin on September 1.

Thank you for standing with us,
The Howells

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 10:30am - Sunday Service	1 <u>Ps 109-118</u> 3-8pm - Open Studio	2 <u>Ps 119</u> 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	3 <u>Ps 120-136</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	4 <u>Ps 137-146</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	5 <u>Ps 147-150; Prov 1-3</u> 10am - Women of the Word 6pm - Art Chapel First Friday	6
7 10:30am - Sunday Service	8 <u>Pro 4-9</u> 3-8pm - Open Studio	9 <u>Pro 10-14</u> 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	10 <u>Pro 15-18</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	11 <u>Pro 19-23</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	12 <u>Pro 24-28</u> 10am - Women of the Word	13
14 10:30am - Sunday Service	15 <u>Pro 29-31; Ecc 1</u> 3-8pm - Open Studio	16 <u>Ecc 2-6</u> 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	17 <u>Ecc 7-11</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	18 <u>Ecc 12; SoS 1-6</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	19 <u>SoS 7-8; Isa 1-3</u> 10am - Women of the Word	20
21 10:30am - Sunday Service	22 <u>Isa 4-7</u> 3-8pm - Open Studio	23 <u>Isa 8-11</u> 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	24 <u>Isa 12-16</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	25 <u>Isa 17-21</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	26 <u>Isa 22-26</u> 10am - Women of the Word	27
28 <u>Block Party</u> 10:30am - Sunday Service	29 <u>Isa 27-29</u> 3-8pm - Open Studio	30 <u>Isa 30-34</u> 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	1 <u>Isa 35-37</u> 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	2 <u>Isa 38-41</u> 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Youth Adults	3 <u>Isa 42-44</u> 10am - Women of the Word	4

Birthdays

1st - Thomas Bornemeier
3rd - Miriam Connett
4th - Carylton Gable
7th - Sherry Carter
Barry Sloan
Wayne Wingate
9th - Allen Hayward
13th - Hollie Sell

14th - Kevin West
17th - Marcus McClain
19th - Brenda Barton
22nd - John Knapp
John Logsdon
26th - Elia Heerspink
29th - Chris Anderson

Anniversaries
20th - Julia & James Soule