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THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

Family Meeting

JEEF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

If you are a member of F Street Neighborhood Church (note: membership is based on the 5 C's listed in the brochure that can be found in the rack at the back of the church), we would love for you to attend the F Street Family Meeting on Sunday, November 23rd, at 6:30 PM.

At this meeting, we will cover the financials of F Street Church—both 2025 and the proposed budget for 2026—as well as celebrate some positive highlights from this year and share where we hope to go in 2026. We would love to see you there!

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NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS: **The First Steps of Following Jesus**

BILL THORNTON, TEACHING PASTOR

During the month of November, Marcia and I will be offering a special class on Sunday mornings for children in the 3rd -5th grades, as well as their parents/guardians, for the purpose of assisting our young people with their questions about faith and helping them understand the importance of baptism and communion. As we know, these are vital experiences on the path of following Jesus.

Beginning Sunday, November 2nd, we will meet weekly for four sessions from 9-10 am in the Younger Journey Group room. The following is a list of topics we will study:

November 2nd - "The Creation, The Fall & The Law"

November 9th - "Jesus & The New Covenant"

November 16th - "The Mark of the Covenant: Baptism"

November 23rd - "The Meal of the Covenant: Communion"

We hope that these will be beneficial studies for both children and their parents/guardians that will assist in their growing faith and help with discernment about their readiness for baptism and communion.

Join Atlas for a sober-friendly Nebraska Football Watch Party! There will be a potluck, so bring a dish or just show up for community, and hopefully a good football game to watch! It will be on Saturday, November 8th, at the Atlas Neighborhood Living Room space (1039 S 13th). Time and kickoff have not been determined (as game time has not been announced yet).

A graphic for a Nebraska Football Watch Party & Potluck. It features a red border. On the left, there is a red football helmet with white facemask. On the right, there is a red football with white laces. The text "NEBRASKA WATCH PARTY & POTLUCK" is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the date "11.8.2025" is written in bold, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the location "ATLAS: LINCOLN 1039 S 13TH ST, LINCOLN, NE 68508 (BLUE DOOR)" is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the location, the text "KICKOFF: TBD" and "DOORS OPEN: TBD" is written in bold, red, sans-serif font.

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Congregation Appreciation

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

I am so honored by the support and kindness of our church community, as you honored our pastoral staff for Pastoral Appreciation. It is clear to me that pastors help to set the culture of a church. I only have to look at the early years of F Street and the way Brett helped to shape our culture—or today, how Bill and RJ both help to set the culture in different ways.

Yet, a pastor is only as capable of creating the culture of a church as the people who make up the church. It is so many of you, serving on teams and volunteering, who make F Street a place of acceptance and direction. It is those who welcome, teach, give, serve, and care for others that make F Street the incredible place it is becoming.

One of the things that has most impressed me in the past month is how many in our community are generous. When we shared in a service that Gerry was going to the Philippines on a short-term mission trip, people contributed to purchase Bibles. When we sought to raise funds for the Art Chapel, people gave. Many of you make weekly or monthly contributions to F Street's offering, either online or during church. Others are signing up to provide gifts for the children of those incarcerated through Angel Tree.

Some give of their time and skills—helping people move, showing up when needs arise, and providing winter clothing for those in need in the neighborhood. There are also specific examples, like Omega installing a new sprinkler system, and Dave W. continuing to improve and beautify the F Street property.

Thank you so much for being a part of the F Street culture. I love our church, and I think November should be Congregation Appreciation Month.



Thursday
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 November 20th, 2025, from 6PM - 8PM at the Atlas office!

Christmas in Five Letters

HOLLIE SELL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Heart & Home Family Ministry is excited to announce that our first Family event is happening on Friday, December 5th, from 6-7:30 pm! The event is Christmas in Five Letters, which goes through the events leading up to Jesus' birth. This event is family-led, so families will come and take their time at five stations that will spell out five letters, J-E-S-U-S. Heart & Home is also partnering with the Art Chapel to have creative stations where families are able to do activities and just spend some time together having fun! We hope that your family is able to come, have fun, and connect with Jesus as a family.

If you have any questions, please email Hollie at hollie@fstreetchurch.org





Angel Tree Ministry 2025

HANNAH WEHMEYER, BENEVOLENCE LEADER

Things are off and running for the Angel Tree (at F Street) team! Some of our volunteers are in the process of calling caregivers to confirm participation for the children and getting the children's wish lists. The next step will be for the team to set up a tree and tags for folks of the congregation to pick from and purchase gifts!

The team, made up of passionate volunteers, has voted to make the gift spending limit \$50. If you want to buy gifts but can't afford to spend \$50, talk to Hannah (hannah@fstreetchurch.org). Once gifts start rolling in (don't wrap them yet! Our team will do that), another part of the team will wrap gifts and display them under the angel tree that we set up—keep your eyes peeled for this little joy to pop up in the sanctuary soon! The final step will be for the volunteers to touch base with caregivers to set up a delivery time that works for all.

If you want to give to this specific cause, we have folks on the team who are glad to do the shopping for you. Just be sure to designate your giving to the benevolence fund, and more specifically, the Angel Tree event.

(The Angel Tree gift-giving event provides opportunities for incarcerated parents to give gifts to their children/children in their homes with the help of the local church. For more information, reach out to Hannah or look them up at prisonfellowship.org).

Missionary Giving

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

I want to thank everyone who gave above and beyond to support our missionaries this year. We have seen an increase in giving over the past two years toward our missionaries and hope to continue encouraging this. Please consider making a monthly donation to the missionaries we support as part of F Street:

- Kris and Kim Walcot — serving in Kenya
- AJ and Michelle — serving in Lithuania
- Resonate Global Missions — supporting where it is needed most
- Northern Lighthouse Church — our mother church, serving primarily inmates

If you're looking for other ways to give as a family this year, you can also consider giving unique gifts to help those in need through worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.

November with the Art Chapel

WILLOW BERNADT

November 7th from 6-8 PM, the Art Chapel is hosting another First Friday event. This one, however, we are asking kiddos to bring their own art. We are inviting families to have their kids bring some artwork that they are proud of and want to show off! Everyone is welcome to come, enjoy a sweet treat, and see some beautiful creations from some young creative minds! Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your neighbors!

Check out the Art Chapel website www.artchapelink.org or our Facebook to stay up to date with all else that we have planned for November!

We are so excited and blessed to be here, building a creative community in this neighborhood. All of your prayers and support are so appreciated, as we wouldn't be able to do what we do without all of you! The Art Chapel continues to ask for your prayers for our mission here in the neighborhood, as well as that you prayerfully consider donating to support the Art Chapel in our operating and programming. Thank you all for your continued love!

We can't wait to create with you!

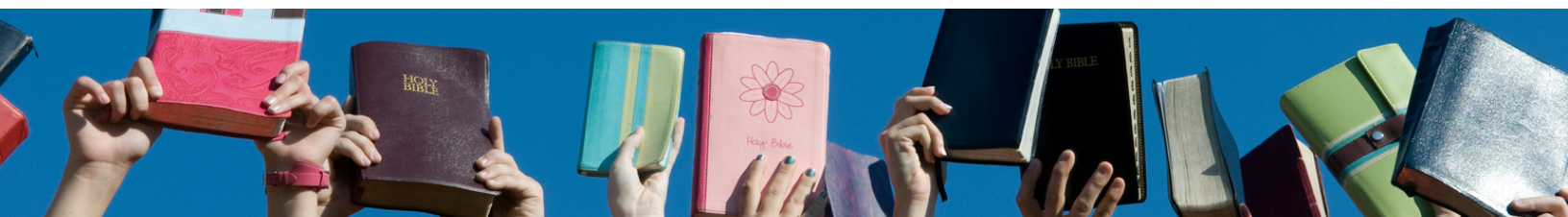
Why Youth Ministry?

SAGE PETERSON, YOUTH DIRECTOR

Schedules are getting busier and busier every year. As your student gets older, it seems that they're involved in more things than ever. With limited time in the schedule, why should Youth Group make the cut?

The first thing that comes to mind is the statistic that states 75% of students leave the church between the ages of 18-29. Now the obvious question is, why? Well, there are lots of reasons, probably way too many to list, but the reason that I would point to is that most of the individuals have never made their faith their own.

Youth Group is a place where students make faith their own! During the years that students spend in a youth group, students are able to dive deeper into what faith is, who Christ is, and what it means to live out their faith. These years are essential for teenage students for many things, but especially to engage in their faith. When students are a part of a group and in a place to learn and grow, they take ownership of their faith; it's no longer something that they have to do because mom and dad bring them along. The seeds that are planted during these years will impact your family for generations to come!



Children's Ministry

HANNAH WEHMEYER, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Journey Groups 1 and 2 are well into the school year and working through a "Bible in a Year" type curriculum. Teaching subjects are printed in the "Heart and Home" publication, which you can pick up near wherever you find this newsletter.

Please take home a copy of "Heart and Home" each month. It will not only keep you in the loop with what's going on in children's ministry. It will also provide you with ways to lead your children in following Jesus at home.

The nursery has been BLESSED with a group of willing and wonderful volunteers this year. If you are one of the workers reading this, THANK YOU. If you are a congregant and don't have much to do with the nursery, consider telling a nursery worker "Thank You" because if not for them, service could be filled with a lot more interruptions from the little lambs of F Street. If you'd like to be part of the nursery team, there are often opportunities to sub or be added to the regular rotation. If children are our most precious gifts, then this work is most honorable (and rewarding)!

Christ

JEFF HEERSPINK, LEAD PASTOR

The first of the five C's that we use as a framework for discipleship here at F Street is Committed to Christ. It speaks to the priority we are to have in following Him. The danger, however, is that we can, like with many things, make it about us—one more thing we have to do—in contrast to what Christ has already done for us.

There are over 70 passages in the New Testament that use the phrase "in Christ," and they are powerful for us to understand. They speak to our identity as followers of Jesus and to what Christ has already done for us.

These passages include truths about how we are accepted in Christ (we cannot earn our position with Him), secure in Christ (nothing can separate us), and significant in Christ (we have a purpose).

These speak to our true identity in Jesus and to the transformative power of Christ when we learn them and live into them.

I encourage each of you to look deeper into these passages. To assist you, we have a free resource available at the back of the church: "Your Identity in Christ" by Neil T. Anderson. Please feel free to pick one up.

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

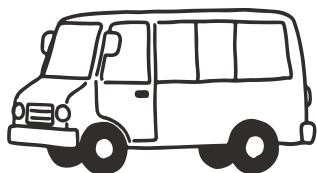
To be added to regular email updates about the church, email fstreetchurch@gmail.com

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.



10/8/25 & 10/18/25 - The Howells

Dear friends,

This year, as we study through the book of Romans, we are encouraged by the good news of the gospel as it is told in Romans:

- God has put a moral code in our hearts so that all are without excuse.
- Yet we (all) reject the truth and goodness that he has made plain to us.
- Even when/if we try to hold onto some heritage, family, or other benefit as a “pass” to a good life or salvation, those are not enough. For anyone.
- Even Abraham was saved not by anything he did, but by his faith.
- Thus, we all need Jesus.
- And he is for all — because the grace of God far exceeds the wrath of God. So that while we were still sinners (God’s enemies), Christ died for us. What love that is.
- And there is so much more.

Please pray for this group of students who faithfully come into our home. Students from Germany, the Netherlands, China, Cambodia, Ukraine, France, Lithuania, and Russia.

Pray that lives would be changed in this space.

Pray that they might be empowered to live in this grace and in a way that does not cheapen the grace.

Pray for the Spirit to continue to move on campus this year.

With AJ’s new-to-him role as the head of the Student Life department, we have noticed aspects of our ministry changing. We continue to minister to students and invest in their growth in the classroom, in the residence halls, and in our home. But as we see or learn about burdens that colleagues are carrying, we have been intentional to walk alongside and encourage. We have listened, strategized, had some in our home, visited over a meal, or over coffee, prayed, acted boldly, and we continue to seek ways to encourage and speak truth and hope.

Please pray for the many things happening at LCC and in Lithuania. Please pray for the staff, faculty, and administration at LCC. Pray for truth, pray for goodness, pray for humility, and pray for courage where it is needed. Pray for both of us as we work as a team and support one another. Pray for our children as they bring joy to our home and our circles of relationship.



November

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 Block Party 10:30am - Sunday Service	27 Jer 31-32 3-8pm - Open Studio	28 Jer 33-35 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	29 Jer 36-37 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	30 Jer 38-41 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Young Adults	31 Jer 42-44 10am - Women of the Word 6pm - Art Chapel First Friday	1
2 10:30am - Sunday Service	3 Jer 45-48 3-8pm - Open Studio	4 Jer 49-50 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	5 Jer 51 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	6 Jer 51; Lam 1 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Young Adults	7 Lam 2-5 10am - Women of the Word	8
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16 10:30am - Sunday Service	17 Eze 17-19 3-8pm - Open Studio	18 Eze 20-21 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	19 Eze 22-24 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	20 Eze 25-27 5:30pm - FoodNet 7:11pm - Young Adults	21 Eze 28-30 10am - Women of the Word	22
23 10:30am - Sunday Service	24 Eze 31-32 3-8pm - Open Studio	25 Eze 33-35 6:30am - Prayer 7-8:30pm - Youth Group	26 Eze 36-38 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery	27 Eze 39-40 5:30pm - FoodNet Thanksgiving	28 Eze 41-43 10am - Women of the Word	29
30 Block Party 10:30am - Sunday Service						

Birthdays

4th - Natalie Mulsku
5th - Jaime Alcaraz
7th - Natalie Schwarting
8th - Magnus Johnson
14th - Stephanie Marino
 Chassman Savage

16th - Kate Lavalleur
 Mylee Johnson
22nd - Marquan Buchanan
25th - Natalie Miller
26th - Nancy Widman
 John Connett

Anniversaries

12th - Rich & Hannah Wehmeyer
22nd - Dave & Nancy Widman