



### MISSIONS MONTH AT HASTINGS EFREE

**EXTENDING OUR REACH** is the theme for our March Missions Month. We will have missionary speakers in each of the worship services throughout the month.

- March 3 **Extending Our Reach to the Poorest**  
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM – Bill Rapier of African Leadership Development, Houses of Hope
- March 10 **Extending Our Reach to Our Families**  
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM – We'll hear from some of our own who are in vocational ministry  
9:45 AM – Dave Stitt will teach the class *How to Develop a Testimony*; he will encourage us with some tools and teaching to help us share our faith. Room TBD  
12:30 PM – Missions Committee meets in Room 7; please bring \$5 for pizza  
7:00 PM – Concert of Prayer for our families and missionaries
- March 17 **Extending Our Reach to Our Community**  
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM – We'll hear from local ministry leaders  
6:00 PM – Nicaraguan dinner and ministry forum
- March 22 7:00 PM – Woven Women Dessert
- March 24 **Extending Our Reach Through God's Word**  
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM – Jim Schmidt from Wycliffe Translators & David Wolf from UIM Aviation  
2:00-4:00 PM 'Hearts & Hands Against Hunger' meal packing at 622 N. Lincoln Avenue
- March 31 **Extending Our Reach to New Places**  
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM – Jaime Blandon from 516NOW Ministries  
7:00 PM – Movie Night with *"The Insanity of God"*
- *We are working with our missionaries in Mexico, David and Olivia Wolf, to send 185 kids from Huichol (wee CHOL) villages to a Christian camp, where they will hear the gospel and have their faith re-enforced. The scholarship cost per child is \$25. Please use one of the pink envelopes with the white label, available at the information center, to ensure your gift is properly handled.*



### Summer Japan Ministry

Our church has committed to sending a VBS team to Japan this summer, July 27-August 5, to support the ministry of Tim & Wakako Clark and Denise Teetor. We are seeking team members who have experience with grade school children. Contact Tom McGraw at 303-570-3187 for more information.

### LIGHTING PROJECT

Have you ever sat in a church service where the temperature was way too hot or way too cold? I bet it was hard to concentrate. Or maybe you have sat in a service behind a woman wearing far too much perfume. You couldn't see what was going on through the perfumed fog and your watering eyes. Environment matters when it comes to congregational worship. Distractions abound.

In our sanctuary, we have been limping along for almost 20 years with a woefully inadequate lighting system and the elders have decided to address this problem in 2019. We have accepted a bid for just under \$42k to redo the lighting in the sanctuary, in the fellowship hall, and on the stage. This change will significantly improve the "feel" of our Sunday morning worship and give adequate lighting for us all to read our Bibles more easily.

In our last congregational meeting, there was much discussion around the lighting, what to do, and how to pay for it. There seemed to be the most energy and interest around opening the project up for individuals to donate to if they wish in order to fund part or all the project from designated gifts. In the month of April, those who would like to donate to this upgrade and believe in the project can give directly to it with a designated gift marked "Sanctuary Lighting Project." May God stir the generosity of his people for this needed upgrade because the church exists first and foremost for the worship of King Jesus! Worship is the heartbeat that supplies life to everything else we do as a church.

In our congregational meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will evaluate where we are with the funding of the project and together decide next steps. If God would move and more than the necessary funds were received, then gifts above the \$42k will go towards other necessary upgrades in our sanctuary.

Thank you ahead of time for your consideration and generosity.

Scott DeWitt for the Elder board

E-Free Church families are invited to 'Hearts and Hands Against Hunger' on Sunday, March 24, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you're looking for a fulfilling and easy way to help hungry people around the world as well as in the community, join us in packing meals. Join us at 622 N. Lincoln. There is a job for everyone and its lots of fun. If you have any questions call Pam Aanas 402-490-7108 or email pamaanas@gmail.com. You can also check out their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HeartsAndHandsAgainstHungerOfHastings.



**CUBBIES**

Mar. 6 Bear Hug 21/22 Buddy Night / Jesus Came to Save Us  
 Mar. 13 Bear Hug 23 BIG Games Night / Jesus Stays to Tell the Good News  
 Mar. 20 Bear Hug 24 LITTLE Games Night / Jesus Stays to Tell the Good News  
 Mar. 27 Bear Hug 25 Ice Cream Night /Jesus Stays to Tell the Good News



**SPARKS/T&T**

Unit 4.1 Buddy Night  
 Unit 4.2 BIG Games Night  
 Unit 4.3 LITTLE Games Night  
 Unit 4.4 Ice Cream Night

**NURSERY (please be there at least 10 minutes early if possible)**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>8:15 AM WORSHIP</u>        | <u>9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> | <u>11:00 AM WORSHIP</u>      |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mar. 3      | Stacey Jensby                 | Melissa Ostrander            | Carley/Ellie Norlen          |
| Mar. 10     | Pam Aanas/Emily Stoeger       | Dawn/Mari Conant             | Andrea/Kaytra Collins        |
| Mar. 17     | Alanna/Avery Armstrong        | Karis/Taylia Huyser          | Dana/Makenzie Thompson       |
| Mar. 24     | Janis Johnson/Maddie McDaniel | Karen Demick                 | Peg Engberg/Hope Kohmetscher |
| Mar. 31     | Mark/Patti Krueger            | Jed/Erin Kautz               | Alexis Nordby/Dorielle Sass  |

\*\*We are in need of additional volunteers in the Nursery. Let Kristy Stoeger know if you would like to help.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH (meets during the message part of the service)**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>8:15 AM WORSHIP</u>      | <u>11:00 AM WORSHIP</u>       |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mar. 3      | Mary Carriker/Emmery Huyser | Kathryn Peterson              |
| Mar. 10     | Megan Rathje                | Amy Hoagland                  |
| Mar. 17     | Kristy/Morgan Stoeger       | Kristy Stoeger/Azyra Montague |
| Mar. 24     | Alex/Penny Birky            | Arlo/Deb Thayer               |
| Mar. 31     | Mary Carriker/Emmery Huyser | Kathryn Peterson              |



\*\*We are in need of additional volunteers in Children's Church. Let Kristy Stoeger know if you would like to help.

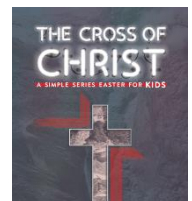
**Children's Ministries Workers** – mark your calendars for a Teacher Training Brunch on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 AM-Noon. RSVP to Kristy Stoeger @ 402-984-2975.

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Children who plan to work on completing the requirements for a Summer Camp Scholarship, can pick up the form at the Welcome Desk. The 'Camp Registration and Confirmation Form' is due by March 1<sup>st</sup> to Nathan Huyser. If you have any questions, contact him at nathan@hastingsefc.org. Be sure to check the necessary paperwork for camp registration details and requirements.

**KID'S EASTER WORSHIP CHOIR!**

All kids in grades 1-8 are invited to help lead worship on Palm Sunday, April 14. Listening CD's are available! Make sure to pick up yours in either Room 1 or the AWANA office so that you can begin listening to the songs. We will have a couple rehearsals as we get closer to the date. Watch for details! RSVP – Text Nathan Huyser {402-469-4504} if your child(ren) plan to participate.



ALSO...Watch for details on **JAMPAC** (*Jesus and Me Performing Arts Camp*) coming the week of June 24. Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY – SATURDAY NIGHTS!**

7:00 pm – Worship and teaching or testimony  
 8:00 pm – Men's and Women's groups meet  
 9:00 pm – The Cove Café  
 If you have questions, contact either the church office or Larry Mohlman (402-469-7353).

**'NOT ALONE' MINISTRY**

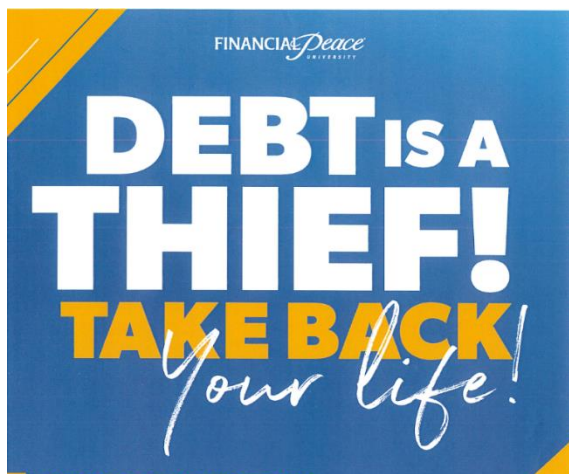
The 'Not Alone' ladies group will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in March at 11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. If you have questions, contact Sandra Kennel {402-402-469-0331} or Pam Aanas {402-490-7108}.

**STUDENT MINISTRIES**

Jr. & Sr. High Student Ministries meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the Youth Room. They share a time of praise and worship, study time and fellowship. Once a month they have a meal together. They also meet each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 AM in the Youth Room. If you have questions, contact Amanda Teel at amanda@hastingsefc.org.

# MARCH

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                 | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|----------|--|--|
|   |  |   |   |          | 1                                      | 2<br>7:00 am Mens Gr.<br>7:00 Cel. Rec.  |
| 3<br>8:15/11:00am Worship<br>9:45am SS/ABF/Choir<br>11:00am Not Alone<br>1:00 Hispanic<br>Worship/Bible Study<br>6:30 Young Adult St.                           | 4<br>6:30 Financial Peace<br>Study – Room 4<br>8:00 Mens Gr.                                       | 5<br>6:30am Mens Gr.                                    | 6<br>6:30 AWANA<br>6:30 Youth Gr.   | 7        | 8                                      | 9<br>7:00 am Mens Gr.<br>7:00 Cel. Rec.  |
| 10 <i>Communion</i><br>8:15/11:00am Worship<br>9:45am SS/ABF/Choir<br>1:00 Hispanic<br>Worship/Bible Study<br>6:30 Young Adult St.<br>7:00 Concert of Prayer    | 11<br>6:30 Financial Peace<br>Study – Room 4<br>7:00 Woven Wm.<br>Leadership team<br>8:00 Mens Gr. | 12<br>6:30am Mens Gr.<br>5:30 Elder board               | 13<br>6:30 AWANA<br>6:30 Youth Gr.  | 14       | 15                                     | 16<br>7:00 am Mens Gr.<br>10:00 am Children's<br>Min. Training<br>7:00 Cel. Rec. |
| 17<br>8:15/11:00am Worship<br>9:45am SS/ABF/Choir<br>11:00am Not Alone<br>1:00 Hispanic<br>Worship/Bible Study<br>6:00 Nicaraguan Meal<br>6:30 Young Adult St.  | 18<br>6:30 Financial Peace<br>Study – Room 4<br>8:00 Mens Gr.                                      | 19<br>6:30am Mens Gr.<br>5:30 H&W Team<br>7:00 Property | 20<br>6:30 AWANA<br>6:30 Youth Gr.  | 21       | 22<br>7:00 Woven Women<br>Dessert time | 23<br>7:00 am Mens Gr.<br>7:00 Cel. Rec.   |
| 24<br>8:15/11:00am Worship<br>9:45am SS/ABF/Choir<br>1:00 Hispanic<br>Worship/Bible Study<br>2:00-4:00 'Hearts &<br>Hands' meal packing<br>6:30 Young Adult St. | 25<br>6:30 Financial Peace<br>Study – Room 4<br>8:00 Mens Gr.                                      | 26<br>6:30am Mens Gr.                                   | 27<br>6:30 AWANA<br>6:30 Youth Gr.  | 28       | 29                                     | 30   |
| 31<br>8:15/11:00am Worship<br>9:45am SS/ABF/Choir<br>1:00 Hispanic<br>Worship/Bible Study<br>6:30 Young Adult St.<br>7:00 'The Insanity of<br>God' movie night  |  |   | <p><i>I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. — Ephesians 3:17-19</i></p> |          |  |  |



Sign up for this Financial Peace University group today! A new 9-week class begins Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00 in Room 4. Coordinators are Nathan & Dawn Zabel. To register, go to the Group Link <https://www.fpu.com/1086432>. If you have further questions, contact Pastor Matt Sass at 402-463-1441 or matt@hastingsefc.org.

## HASTINGS AREA MEN OF PROMISE

### Men's Rally

Featured Speaker

**Ron Brown**

March 23rd, 2019

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Location:

NSAG 100 W. 33rd  
Hastings, NE.



**Tickets: \$10 advance, \$12 at door.**

**Tickets may be purchased at:**

North Shore Assembly of God Church, 100 W. 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Lakeside Community Church, 700 W. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 501 N. Burlington  
Evangelical Free Church, 2015 N. St. Joseph Ave.

ONLINE at: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

Or call 402-461-7803

**MEN...BRING YOUR SONS AND FRIENDS!**



LIVE @ THE LARK | Saturday, March 23rd | 6:30 pm

# be THE STORY

You can "BE THE STORY" to a teen in need through the mission of YFC! Join us for the 2019 Comedy Cafe to learn how volunteers, prayer partners and financial investors directly impact teens in the Hastings area.

**FREE Laughter, Dessert and Show**  
**Family Friendly Comedy**  
**Limited Seating**  
**Register Online : [www.plattevalleyyfc.com](http://www.plattevalleyyfc.com)**  
**Or Call: 402-463-1600**



Presents:



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- Scott DeWitt, Senior Pastor
- Matt Sass, Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries
- Nathan Huyser, Children's Ministries / Worship Director
- Amanda Teel, Student Ministries Director
- Edith Wheeler, Office Manager
- Audrey Mars, Receptionist
- Sanny Munnell, Bookkeeper
- Steve Atwater, Janitor
- Kristy Stoeger, Children's Ministries Assistant
- Makenzie Sommerfeld, Computer Tech.



Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Turn clocks FORWARD 1 hour