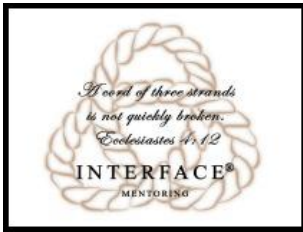




NEWSLETTER

Evangelical Free Church of Hastings Nebraska
2015 N. St. Joseph Ave, Hastings NE 68901

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www.hastingsefc.org



“...A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Starting again this Fall, Hastings EFree will launch an Interface Mentoring Program for women. This program is designed to train women through Bible study and discipleship to live for Christ and reach their fullest potential in all areas of life.

If you are interested in participating in this program or have questions, contact the church office. Sign up is available at the Welcome Desk through August 2nd.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES NEWS

- **Christian Education Promotion Sunday** is Sunday, August 16th

Children 18 months old through those going into 6th grade will be promoted to their new classes. Parents and their children will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:45 AM for Welcome & Announcements.



- **AWANA Kick-off & Registration Night** is Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30 PM

Children, 3 years old thru 6th grade, are invited to AWANA. Volunteers for this new AWANA year are needed and appreciated. See Mary Hansen or Kristy Stoeger for details. AWANA meets each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM during the school year.



- **Children’s Church** is open during the last half of worship each week. Children from age 3 thru 5 are invited to come and learn about Jesus while parents can focus on the message from our pastors. This is also a great area to serve our church family.

ADULT MINISTRIES



UP YOUR SLEEVE BLOOD DRIVE

Right now, the American Red Cross is facing an Emergency Blood Shortage and we’re concerned that patients will be in jeopardy because there will not be enough donated blood available for hospitals and cancer treatment centers. The main reason for our blood shortage - not enough organizations are sponsoring blood drives due to COVID19. While we have many loyal blood donors, we rely on organized drives to give more life to patients in need.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH FROM 11:15AM-6:45PM
HASTINGS E-FREE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE NEEDED. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC TIME AT - WWW.REDCROSS.ORG

- Wednesday night zoom prayer meeting each week from 6:30-7:30 PM.
- Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) are meeting at 9:45 AM each Sunday morning. We have placed seats in an order to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- **Bible Explorers** is studying the early church's response to the gospel and what it means for us! Meeting in Room 1.
- **Contemporary Christian Issues** will be tackling issues from today's headlines and how they relate to the Bible. Meeting in the Fireside Room.
- The **Legacy Builders and ConneXions** groups meet together in Rooms 6/7. We’ve begun a new study ‘Oneness Embraced’ by Tony Evans exploring issues of race and faith.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	<u>8:15 AM</u>	<u>9:45 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Aug. 2	M McDaniel/S Jensby	R Lemke/M Stoeger	A & K Collins
Aug. 9	A & A Armstrong	K Demick/E Stoeger	K & M Stoeger
Aug. 16	V Sidlo/E Stoeger	E & T Huyser	C & E Norlen
Aug. 23	P Anas/N Fullerton	D & M Conant	A & AJ Hoagland
Aug. 30	M & K Krueger	J & E Kautz	P Engberg/K Drake

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

<u>8:15 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
P Birky	K & M Stoeger
E Baker	A Hoagland
M Rathje	K & M Stoeger
A Hughes	M Fullerton
M Carriker/E Huyser	K Stoeger



Are you looking for ways to serve at church? Consider helping as a greeter, usher, Sunday school or Children's Church teacher, Nursery volunteer, VBS volunteer, Youth volunteer, help serve at funerals or special events, or other areas. Call the church office if you're interested in serving others.

Elder Board

Tuesday, August 11
5:30 PM

Property Committee

Tuesday, August 18
7:00 PM

Celebrate Recovery

Saturday
7:00 PM

Men's Groups

Saturday 7:00 AM
Monday 8:00 PM
Tuesday 6:30 AM

Women's Groups

Not Alone
1st & 3rd Sunday
11:00 AM



Celebrate Recovery meets at the church on Saturdays at 7:00 PM. CR is for anyone who struggles with hurts, habits or hang-ups. Call/text Larry Mohlman at {402-469-7353} or Pastor Matt Sass at {402-705-4712} if you have questions.

If you have a preference on how to receive your monthly Newsletter (mail or email) let the office know by calling 402-463-1441 or emailing evangelicalfree@hastingsefc.org. It is also available on the church website.

ELDER BOARD

Rod Goodin	Andrew Hewitt
Warren Hull	Wayne Johnson
Rod Sorensen	Louis Stoeger
Arlo Thayer	Dan Thompson
Nathan Zabel	Pastor Scott DeWitt
Pastor Matt Sass	Pastor Daniel Meade

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We are not currently passing the offering plate on Sundays due to safety precautions with COVID19, however, there are still ways you can give:

- You can mail a check directly to the church.
- You can send an ACH check from your bank account to the church. You'll need to set this up through your Bank.
- You can sign up for automatic deposits at the church's website www.hastingsefc.org. The process should be self-explanatory once you navigate to the page.
- You can download the church app on your phone and use "text-to-give" method via the app. If you would like to utilize text-to-give as a giving option, you simply have to text the desired amount to 84321. A link will be sent back to you to finalize the gift. It is super simple!



Ladies! Please join us
Saturday, August 22nd, 9:30 AM
for our next

Ladies Coffee Fellowship

We'll meet at the home of
Destiny Thompson, 401 N Bellevue
No need to bring anything
- just your smiling face! 😊



A new 13 week series of GriefShare began Thursday, August 20, and meets from 7-9 pm in The Youth & Family Ministry Center at 4th Street & Lexington Avenue. It will continue through November 12th. All who are grieving the death of a loved one is invited. There is no cost for attending or for the booklet. More information can be found at www.griefshare.org.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:00 am Mens Gr. 7:00 Celebrate Recovery
2 8:15 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday Sch. 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Not Alone 1:00 Hisp. Worship	3 2:00 Video Bible Study led by Ken Rystrom 8:00 Mens Gr.	4 6:30 am Mens Gr. 7:00 CR Leaders	5 11:15 am 'Rock-N- Roll Up Your Sleeve' blood drive 7:00 Youth Group End-of-Summer activity	6	7	8 7:00 am Mens Gr. 7:00 Celebrate Recovery
9 8:15 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday Sch. 11:00 am Worship 1:00 Hisp. Worship	10 2:00 Video Study 8:00 Mens Gr.	11 6:30 am Mens Gr. 5:30 Elder board	12	13	14	15 7:00 am Mens Gr. 7:00 Celebrate Recovery
16 8:15 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday Sch. Promotion 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Not Alone 1:00 Hisp. Worship 3:00 FCA mtg.	17 2:00 Video Study 8:00 Mens Gr.	18 6:30 am Mens Gr. 7:00 Property mtg.	19 6:30 AWANA Kick- Off Night 6:30 Youth Gr.	20	21	22 7:00 am Mens Gr. 9:30 am Ladies Coffee Fellowship 7:00 Celebrate Recovery
23 8:15 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday Sch. 11:00 am Worship 1:00 Hisp. Worship	24 2:00 Video Study 8:00 Mens Gr.	25 6:30 am Mens Gr. 10AM-4PM Red Cross Blood Drive	26 6:30 AWANA 6:30 Youth Gr.	27	28	29 7:00 am Mens Gr. 7:00 Celebrate Recovery
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Simulcast

Friday July 31, 7pm – 9pm

Saturday August 1, 9am –

Lifehouse Church

2850 Osborne Dr. East

Hastings, NE

Register at: promisekeepers.org

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit full their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Taken from prayerforanxiety.com

JOB OR MINISTRY?

Some people have a JOB in the church. Others involve themselves in a MINISTRY. What's the difference? —

- If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a JOB.
- If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY.
- If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it's a JOB.
- If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it's a MINISTRY.
- If you quit because someone criticized you, it was a JOB.
- If you kept on service, it's a MINISTRY.
- If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with your other activities, it's a JOB.
- If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a MINISTRY.
- If you quit because no one ever praised you or thanked you, it was a JOB.
- If you stay with it even though no one notices your effort, it's a MINISTRY.
- If it's hard to get excited about, it's a JOB...it's almost impossible not to be excited about a MINISTRY.

An average congregation is filled with people doing a JOB, a great and growing congregation is filled with people who are involved in MINISTRY.

People will say "Well Done" when you do your JOB, the Lord will say "Well Done" when you complete your MINISTRY!

"God never asks about our ability or our inability — just our availability."

What MINISTRY are you going to be available for this coming Fall at the Hastings E-Free Church? There are MANY opportunities for ministry. Contact any of our ministry staff for details.

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