

NEWSLETTER for July



JAPAN SUMMER MISSIONS TEAM



Tom McGraw * Joy McGraw * Maddie Hittner * Destiny Thompson

We have a team of four that will be serving in Japan from July 25 thru August 5. The team is made up of Maddie Hittner, Destiny Thompson and Tom & Joy McGraw. Our team will be joining Denise Teetor and Tim & Wakako Clark, our supported missionaries serving in Japan. While there, they will host 2 Vacation Bible Schools. The first will minister to the children of Japanese pastors. The second will be to share the gospel with children of non-Christian families. Please pray for our team as they travel and serve God in Japan.

POTLUCK ~ PRAYER ~ PRAISE

5:00-6:00 Potluck • 6:00-7:00 All Church Prayer • 7:00-8:00 Concert

The church family is invited to gather for supper, prayer and a great concert on Sunday, July 21st.

For the potluck, families are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert.

We will gather for a time of prayer immediately following supper.

Then, stay for the concert by Kevin & Heidi Cheng in the Sanctuary.

PIANO & VIOLIN CONCERT with KEVIN & HEIDI CHENG

Kevin & Heidi Cheng will be performing a piano & violin concert Sunday, July 21 at 7:00 PM here at Hastings EFree. All are encouraged to attend. The concert is free, but a free will offering will be received to go toward the continued ministry of the Chengs.

Kevin is a master of the piano. Heidi is an expert on violin. And together, the husband and wife duo of Central City will be showcasing their talents. Heidi said the two play mixture of pop, classical and sacred music.

Kevin Cheng, 23, was born and raised in Taiwan. Since the age of 5, Kevin has been playing the piano, which he said was fairly typical for people in his country. For the first eight years, Kevin said he hated playing the piano. But one day his mother took him to see a professional pianist play at an auditorium. "And I got to see how fast you can play on the piano," Kevin said. "That particular day changed my life. I started to practice five hours every day instead of just 10 minutes."

In 2011, Kevin Cheng moved to Nebraska where he attended Nebraska Christian Schools in Central City. After graduating, he went on to study music at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. It was around that time Kevin was first introduced to Heidi Tillotson, 23, now Heidi Cheng. She was born and raised in Kearney. Heidi started playing the violin at 10. After high school, she attended Central Community College in Grand Island where she studied occupational therapy. "I was told music was not the best thing to go into, so I went into occupational therapy instead" Heidi Cheng said. "But after I finished, I still loved music and I couldn't stay away from it."

Kevin and Heidi bonded over their love of music and in July 2018, they were married in Taiwan. In October, the husband and wife duo started performing at nursing and assisted living homes. They've since expanded to playing at churches.



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

DATE 8:15 SERVICE

July 7 Janis Johnson/Taylia Huyser
July 14 Mark/Patti Krueger
July 21 Elizabeth Baker
July 28 Starr/Erin Thomas

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dawn/Mari Conant
Karen Demick/Ruth Lemke
Karis/Taylia Huyser
Jed/Erin Kautz

11:00 SERVICE

Dianna Hansen/Hope Kohmetscher
Alexis Nordby/Dori Sass
Peg Engberg/Kaitlyn Drake
Dana/Makensie Thompson

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S CHURCH

DATE 8:15 SERVICE

July 7 Penny/Alex Birky
July 14 Mary Carriker/Emmery Huyser
July 21 Megan Rathje
July 28 Alycia Hughes

11:00 SERVICE

Arlo/Deb Thayer
Amy Hoagland
Kristy Stoeger
Kristy Stoeger



Our next Woven Women meeting will be Monday, July 22nd at 7:00 at church in the Fireside Room. We want to invite anyone who is interested in helping plan the Ladies Fall Event and the Women's Fall Bible study.

If you have questions, please contact Pam Aanas at 402-490-7108.

"When you find peace within, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others."



SERMONS ONLINE

Were you aware you can listen to the weekly sermons online? Go to www.hastingsefc.org and click on the "message" link.

SUMMER COED SOFTBALL TEAM GAMES

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| Wednesday, July 3 | 8:00 PM | Field 2 |
| Monday, July 8 | 9:00 PM | Field 3 |
| Wednesday, July 10 | 9:00 PM | Field 1 |
| Monday, July 15 | 9:00 PM | Field 1 |

OTHER MEETINGS

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, July 8 @ 7:00
Elder Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 9 @ 5:30
Health & Wellness Meeting – Tuesday, July 16 @ 5:30
Property Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 16 @ 7:00

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT




Hastings' Eighth Annual Project Homeless Connect is Thursday, July 25 from 10AM-4PM at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 501 N. Burlington. PHC is a one-day, one-stop event where individuals and families who are homeless or near homeless can receive a variety of immediate, on-site services and support. In 2019, PHC served 428 guests with participation from dozens of agencies, which provided services in the following areas at no cost: medical, dental, HIV testing, food, clothing, adult education, housing, employment, legal aid, disability assistance, veterans' services, haircuts and others. PHC is aimed at individuals and families in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster Counties. Check out their website www.phchastings.org for details.



We are planning a Baptism Service in the near future. If you want to be baptized or have questions, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office.

Welcome
JULY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|--|--------|---|
| | 1 6:30 CR Ladies Step 8:00 Men's Group | 2 6:30 AM Mens Gr. 7:00 CR Leaders | 3 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Walking Groups 8:00 CoEd – Field 2 | 4  Office closed | 5 | 6 7:00 AM Mens Group 2:00 Bridal Shower for Sarah Lewis 7:00 Cel. Rec. |
| 7 8:15/11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Not Alone 1:00 Hisp. Worship 6:30 Young Adult St. | 8 6:30 CR Ladies Step 7:00 Finance Cmte 8:00 Men's Group 9:00 CoEd – Field 3 | 9 6:30 AM Mens Gr. 5:30 Elder Board | 10 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Walking Groups 9:00 CoEd – Field 1 | 11 10:00 AM Crochet Class w/Ruth Lemke | 12 | 13 7:00 AM Mens Group 7:00 Cel. Rec. |
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| 21 8:15/11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Not Alone 1:00 Hisp. Worship 5:00 Potluck 6:00 All Church Prayer 7:00 Kevin/Heidi Cheng concert | 22 6:30 CR Ladies Step 7:00 Woven Women 8:00 Men's Group 8:00 CoEd – Field 3 | 23 6:30 AM Mens Gr. | 24 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Walking Groups | 25 10AM-4PM Project Homeless Connect @ 1st St Pauls Lutheran | 26 | 27 7:00 AM Mens Group 7:00 Cel. Rec. |
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LIVING STONES STUDENT MINISTRIES - Jr. & Sr. High Youth are invited to activities each Wednesday during the Summer from 6:30-8:00. Our Summer Interns for Student Ministries are Becca Neemeyer and Noah Sass.

Session II of our Summer Electives will run July 21 – August 25! You choose the topic you like. Four classes will be available. The following will be offered:

GRACE IS GREATER – *God's Plan to Overcome Your Past, Redeem Your Pain & Rewrite Your Story.* We've all experienced failures, pain, or setbacks. We carry unseen burdens that can rob us of joy, keep us from praying, and even cause us to doubt God. Together we will be reminded that God's grace is greater. God's grace covers everything we've done (and has been done against us). The best way to understand grace, is to experience it. Through four incredible testimonies, we will see that no sin is so great, no pain so deep that God's grace cannot transform our hearts and rewrite our stories. Each week will have a video lesson or testimony with plenty live discussion and interaction. Led by Mark Montague in Room 12.

FORGOTTEN GOD – *Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit.* In the name of the Father, the Son, and...the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy spirit – the Helper – so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it. Come learn more about the Holy Spirit Who lives within each believer! He provides the power and ability to live the Christian life, rather than us trying to grit our teeth more. The church of Christ must rely on the Holy Spirit if we are to accomplish Christ's mission in the world. Led by Dan Thompson in Room 6/7.

GENESIS – *In the Beginning.* Are there good reasons to believe that the Genesis account of creation is accurate? Does science disprove what we read in Scripture? What about the dinosaurs? How could the flood be worldwide? What about evolution? Why does what happened millennia ago affect me today? These and many more questions answered! Come and marvel at the wonder of the Creator and the beginning of all things! The heavens declare the glory of God (Ps. 19:1)...the whole earth is full of His glory (Is. 6:3). Led by Dr. David Demick in the Youth Room.

ASSEMBLING THE PUZZLE OF HISTORY – A Brief Look at People and How Their Ideas Influenced the Course of History. Come learn about some of the individuals whose contributions to Math, Science, Philosophy and Theology have made the greatest impacts upon culture and society. Their ideas, passed through generations, have accumulated into the picture of progress, conflict and confusion we see today. See what the Scripture says in regard to each of these and how it relates to life as we know it! Led by Mark Anderson in the Fellowship Hall.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Saturday evenings – 7:00 PM

Celebrate Recovery meets each Saturday at 7:00 in the Youth Room. If you'd like information on Celebrate Recovery, contact Larry Mohlman 402-469-7353 or Pastor Matt Sass 402-705-4712.

CROCHET CLASS

Another class of Crocheting with Ruth Lemke will be Thursday, July 11, at 10AM. If you are already a pro we'd love to have you join us, work on your projects, and help out those of us learning! This will be a casual event, kids are welcome to join and learn. However, we will not have childcare for the little ones.



WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE: Come with a crochet hook in size G, H, or I, as well as a skein of light colored yarn, Red Heart Brand. If you have questions feel free to contact Ruth 402-402-902-9416 or Angela Hewitt 402-705-8681. Hope to see you there!



LOSS of a SPOUSE

GriefShare's video seminar for those grieving the death of a spouse. Provided by Butler Volland Funeral Home and GriefShare's facilitators. Attendees may want to bring a friend/family/support person. No charge for attending or the booklet. Reservations are requested.

GSV's Community Center-Card Room First St. Paul's Youth & Family Center
Wednesday, July 31, 2-4PM Thursday, August 1, 7-9 PM
402-460-3259 (Ashley) 402-463-1329 (Jotie or Alexa)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The mission of the American Cancer Society is to save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer. The *Road To Recovery* program needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatments. Volunteer's need to have a safe, reliable vehicle, a current driver's license, proof of automobile insurance, a good driving record, availability during the day and a desire to help someone in need. If you are interested, please call **1-800-227-2345** and become a volunteer driver. If you have any questions or need additional information about this important program, feel free to call Amy Peters at 404-653-8067 or email at amy.peters@cancer.org.

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