



NEWSLETTER

Evangelical Free Church of Hastings Nebraska

June 2020

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 14

WORSHIP IN THE PARK
originally planned for June 28th
has been **CANCELLED**
due to COVID-19 park closures



FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Bless every father and every grandfather with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. Show him how much you delight in his work, and affirm the value of whatever You have given him to do—both as a father or grandfather and as a child of Yours. Confirm his worth daily so he has no reason to doubt whether he is loved in the eyes of his Heavenly Father.

Create in him a deep sense of trust in You, knowing that He can count on You to help him lead and protect those dependent on him. Let him know that every unselfish act of love and encouragement he has offered has been a gift that You receive gladly. Show him how effective the prayers of a godly man really are, and what a difference he has and can make to those around him, no matter how big or small the assignment.

When challenging times push him beyond his limits, assure him that You can take Him further into the realm of possible impossibility. Speak deep into his spirit the powerful words he longs to hear from You—that nothing can ever separate him from Your love. Help him to grasp firmly the promises of Your Word, standing with faith on the things You declare are true. Reward him for his faithfulness past, present, and future, assuring him that true success and satisfaction don't lie in his accomplishments or accolades, but in the steadfast, Christ-like character You are forming in him.

Demonstrate to him Your amazing grace and forgiveness as he seeks to love and to know you with all of his heart, soul, and mind. Release him from unwanted burdens of false guilt, and bless him for his willingness to keep short accounts with You, forgiving both himself and others. Help him to see his children or grandchildren through Your eyes, realizing that in Your hands is the safest place they can ever be. Strengthen his confidence in the Only One who can bring good out of any situation.

Teach him how to meet the needs of his child's life that are within his ability to do so, but help Him to trust You for the rest. Push out any needless fears, and grant to him godly wisdom and spiritual guidance to lead and direct those precious children in Your path, knowing he must also release them into Your hands with prayerful love.

Complete any healing of past hurts or regrets that may interfere with parenting or grand parenting his children. Build in him a sense of joy, humility, and playfulness that draw his family close. When plans don't develop as he hopes, or dreams are not yet realized, open his eyes to see beyond this world to a greater joy that never disappoints, and to a Father who will never leave or abandon him or his loved ones.

Give him a passionate faith, a persevering spirit, and a powerful testimony that overcomes any weakness or doubt, as he wears the armor of God daily You have provided for him as a spiritual leader and child of God.

Today, on special days, and for all the days of his life, fill him with the best of Your blessings, so that one day he will stand before you and hear Your ultimate words of praise, "Well done, my son, well done!"

In Jesus's name,
Amen



We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, June 8, from 12:00-6:00 PM**. Pre-register your appointment by going to the Red Cross website www.redcross.org. If you'd like to volunteer, call the church office.



Our next Children's Ministry *family fun activity* is going to be **The Amazing Race** June 14th @ 2:00 PM. Each family will compete as a team. Teams will have to complete 10 challenges at various places around town, either a park or a host family's house. Once a challenge has been completed, you will be given an envelope with instructions to proceed to the next challenge. The first 3

teams to complete all 10 challenges and return to the church will receive a PRIZE!!!

*All teams must register! Please email (kristy.stoeger@gmail.com), text (402-984-2975) or message her in some way to let her know you plan to participate or call the church office (402-463-1441).

*All teams must include at least 1 parent and 1 child

*The challenges will be staggered. Everyone will complete the same challenges but in a different order so we can maintain social distancing as much as possible.

*The challenges will be geared toward early elementary with modifications for preschoolers and older children when possible. We want everybody to be able to participate and have a good time.

Kristy is also looking for 10 people/families who are willing to host an activity at their house (driveway/front yard) or at a park. Please notify me if you are interested in helping out in this way.

JR. & SR. HIGH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle and High School students will meet each Wednesday night at 7 PM throughout the summer for games and a brief devotion. We are EXCITED to welcome all upcoming 7th graders! The fun begins June 3rd with some water games, so come ready to get wet!

Also, on Wednesday, June 17th, EFree Youth are invited to join in on a day of fun *'Tanking'* floating down the river in a converted horse trough. We'll be going to Calamus River Outfitters near Burwell

and the trip will take most of the day. The cost is \$20 + money for dinner. (If you want your own tube instead of the tank, cost is \$25 + money for dinner) Meet at the church at 8 AM. (We'll return around 8 PM). Bring the following: \$\$ for dinner, Swimsuit & water shoes, sunscreen, snacks and a sack lunch. Pastor Daniel will provide drinks and some snacks. Questions? Call Pastor Daniel Meade at 402-305-5731.

LADIES COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Ladies are invited to our next Coffee Fellowship on Saturday, June 20, 9:30-11:00 AM at the home of Zelda Anderson, 1345 N. Briggs. *If details change, we will send out a notice through email.

NOT ALONE

'Not Alone' ladies group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays in June at 11:00 AM. Location TBD.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- We will have a work day on Saturday, June 13th, beginning at 8:30 AM. All are welcome to come help with projects. Contact Ed Barnes (402) 705-6113 if you have questions.
- The Property Committee will meet Tuesday, June 16th, at 7:00 PM at the church.
******The Property Committee Work Day and Meeting is tentative at this time. If things change, an email will be sent out to those who need to know.******

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Join us for Wednesday Night Live Prayer from 6:30 - 7:30 PM each week {June 3, 10, 17, 24} on this video conference with others from church to pray for God's mercy related to COVID-19 and other needs we have. If you have questions, call/text Pastor Matt at 402-705-4712.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2276980671?pwd=WEc2Y2ZTYTIId3IUl0JoQXpzbW00dz09>

Meeting ID: 227 698 0671

Password: 0001 (to add a little protection against hacking)



On Wednesday, June 10th we will meet from 6:30-7:00. After that, at 7:00 join us for a 30-minute virtual gathering to pray for our movement, our churches, our communities and our leaders in this unique time of ministry. EFCA President Kevin Kompelien and the EFCA Board of Directors are hosting a virtual prayer gathering: United in Prayer. During this 30-minute live-streaming event, we—pastors, leaders, congregants, missionaries and staff—will follow the Lord's Prayer and unite as "one EFCA" with our hearts centered on Christ.

Last month, EFCA President Kevin Kompelien called EFCA churches, leaders and congregants to pray, every Wednesday, for the immediate and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Praise God for those who have joined us in this prayer effort for our movement, our country and our nation.

Now, as our country begins to reopen, this is an important time for us to continue prayerfully lifting the EFCA, churches, communities and leaders before the Lord. The opportunities for ministry in the days ahead will be vast, and we must prayerfully and confidently follow the lead of the Holy Spirit as we lovingly share the good news of Jesus Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD



July 20-23 9:00-11:00 AM Vacation Bible School for children age 3 year olds thru 4th grade

July 27-30 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Vacation Bible School 'Planet 56' for 5th & 6th grade youth

CELEBRATE RECOVERY



Are you dealing with a hurt, habit or hang-up you can't beat on your own? So are we – so let's get help together! Jesus is the true Higher Power and the Solution we have been looking for. Come and see how He can turn your mess into His message!

Celebrate Recovery will continue to meet via stream at 7:00 PM. If you have questions, contact Larry Mohlman 402-469-7353.



JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10:30 AM Staff mtg.	3 7:00 Youth Group Kick-Off	4	5	6 7:00 Celebrate Rec. (streamed)
7 8:15 AM Worship NO Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 Hisp. Worship	8 12-6 PM RED CROSS Blood Drive	9 5:30 Elder Board	10 7:00 Youth Group	11	12	13 8:30 AM Property Work Day (tent.) 7:00 Celebrate Rec. (streamed)
14 Flag Day 8:15 AM Worship NO Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 Hisp. Worship 2:00 The Amazing Race family event	15	16 7:00 Property mtg	17 8 AM-8 PM Youth Group 'Tanking' at Calumus River	18	19	20 9:30 AM Ladies Coffee Fellowship 7:00 Celebrate Rec. (streamed)
21 Father's Day 8:15 AM Worship NO Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 Hisp. Worship	22	23	24 7:00 Youth Group	25	26	27 7:00 Celebrate Rec. (streamed)
28 8:15 AM Worship NO Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 Hisp. Worship	29	30				