Neighbors News

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A Day of "Last" and "First"

Sunday, June 24, Pastor Trever welcomed Neighbors' new Pastor, Jay Stewart. It was a day of "last" and "first"—Pastor Trever's last Sunday at Neighbors and Pastor Jay's first sermon. It is unusual in the United Methodist Church for pastors to visit or preach at their new churches before their official appointments have begun. But as we know, Neighbors is not your usual church. We had the extraordinary opportunity to say good-bye to Trever and to welcome Jay during a morning that celebrated a new chapter in the life of Neighbors. Thank you to both Trever and Jay for their collaboration and their commitment to an effective and smooth transition.

Save the Date

Sunday, July 5
Pastor Jay's First Official Sunday
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Our Staff:

Pastor: Jay Stewart (beginning July 1)
***Worship Leader*:** Orion Walsh





Tim Jennings, in an article entitled *A Spirit of Generosity* (**Focus Online: Spiritual Edification**) explains: *To ignite the fires of generosity we must begin to see giving as more than just an act. It is the compulsion of the heart! We don't become generous by simply giving more, but by caring more.* ***Generosity does not originate in the hand, but in the heart****!*

And Neighbors has heart! We have lived into our mission statement: *Love God; Love Yourself; Love Your Neighbor*. Nothing demonstrates that more powerfully than how we give of ourselves in so many ways. We give to each other by being here on Sunday, sharing with each other as we are inspired to live out God's vision for us. We give to ourselves individually as we dig deeply and learn to love ourselves, each unique and worthy. We give to our neighbors, within the church and in the broader community, through prayer, community service, donations, financial contributions, a compassionate hug, a text. And we give because **we care.**

And with that caring spirit, we move forward.

As we transition into this new era in the life of Neighbors, we now must look to ourselves, ***to our hearts***, to ensure Neighbors Church continues to grow and continues to live its mission. As of Sunday, June 24, we have received **$63,219 of the $244,000** in financial contributions needed to balance the 2026 budget.

We ask each of you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how you might contribute to Neighbors through the rest of the year. Whether that be $5, $50, $500, or more, we know it will come from the heart. Because that's just what we do here at Neighbors.

You can share through our giving box at Neighbors, by clicking on our website at neighborscommunity.org, or by mailing checks to 575 Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 102, Lincoln, NE 68521.

Share your Generosity



Justice ministry team leaders, network members, clergy, and their families will join **Justice in Action** for a special evening to celebrate this year's progress and build momentum for the future.

Monday, June 1, 6:30 – 8pm
Horizons Community Church
3200 Grainger Parkway

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Women in Conversation

NOTE: Women in Conversation is taking a break over the summer.

To all women of Neighbors, we will convene in the fall to envision future directions for Women's Ministry. Below is the mission statement of Women's Ministry, drafted in spring of 2024:

> Women's Ministry—grounded in Neighbors' mission to *Love God, Love Yourself, and Love Your Neighbors*—offers ***connection*** and ***community*** for all women of Neighbors and beyond. Discussion groups, activities, and special events encourage ***dialogue***, build ***relationships,*** facilitate ***spiritual growth***, offer ***support***, and generate ***fun and laughter***.

Over the summer, give some thought to what you would like to see in Women's Ministry. What would be interesting, meaningful, fun for you?

In Memory



Our condolences to the family of Robert Donald Perry, Jr. of Seward who passed away on March 20 at the age of 60. Robert is survived by his wife Joleen, his sons Julius Elwell and Ian Perry, and his sisters Lynn and Barbara.

Robert was a Delaware native who loved the beach and sailing. He was an alumna of the University of Delaware and Saint Paul School of Theology and served as a minister throughout Nebraska, including appointments in Omaha, Dawson, Osceola, Kearney, and Seward. Robert was a lifelong outdoorsman whose hobbies included cooking, sailing, hiking, camping, and fishing. He devoted his time on earth to helping those less fortunate than himself through ministry, charity, and advocacy.

Services will be held at Saint Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln on Thursday, June 4th at 1:00pm. The service will also be live streamed on the church's website, stmarks.org. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory, to the families for a later designation.

Quarters from Heaven



Got any spare change? Bring it to Neighbors Church! We're collecting coins to help us build a steady fund to be used for people in need. Just bring your change and drop it off by our Generosity Table.



Cans for Kids

Bring your cans to Neighbors Church! We are collecting aluminum to help fund special programs. Bring your shopping bags filled with clean aluminum, drop them in the bin down the hall, and we'll take care of the rest!

Neighbors Prayer Team would be honored to pray for you and for others who need special prayers. On Sundays, you can fill out a green prayer card on your table and either leave it on the table or drop it in the prayer box on our Generosity Table. You also can send a prayer request to: info@neighborscommunity.org.



Neighbors Connect

Scan here to find out about opportunities to connect with your Neighbors Church community!

Spread the Word

Another way you can help is to spread the word about this wonderful church. Like and subscribe to our Facebook and YouTube pages and invite your friends and family to join you at Neighbors Church!

Stay Up-to-Date

To stay up-to-date on what's happening at Neighbors, text the word "NEIGHBORS," to 402-512-1856, or fill out a communication card on your table on Sunday, and we'll pick them up after the service.

And Last but not Least...

On July 5, we will welcome Pastor Jay Stewart and his family to Neighbors Church.

From Jay's post on Facebook:

"Excited for the future! Excited to learn with and from the congregation at Neighbors Church. Let's go love all our Neighbors! It is going to be an adventure filled with laughter, joy, hope, faith and love!"

We, too, are excited for the future of Neighbors Church!

