

### ***A General Requirement***

- One whose outward, observable conduct is without blame or accusation.

### ***Areas of Examination***

1. An elder's expression of his sexuality
  - Elders must be morally accountable for their sexuality.
2. An elder's judgment
  - Sober-minded – *alert*
  - Self-controlled – *disciplined judgment*
  - Respectable – *well-ordered or trustworthy*
3. The fulfillment of an elder's two primary responsibilities
  - Hospitable – “an open heart with everyone”
  - Able to teach – able to “confront, correct & comfort with God's word.”
4. The elder's temperament and disposition
  - His drinking habits – *he should be an example of self-mastery*
  - His interaction with others – *gracious, kind and considerate of their feelings*
  - His attitude toward money – *content with and grateful for what God has given him*
5. The elder's home life
  - An elder has a proven history of nurturing and directing those under his care in his home.
6. An elder's spiritual maturity
  - His spiritual age
  - His reputation outside of the church

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Sunday, October 1st, 2023***

**The National Life Chain** event is this afternoon from 2-3pm. This is a peaceful and prayer filled event. Let's pray for God to move on the hearts of people to change laws and minds toward choosing life. All ages are welcome. Meet on the west side of the Seward Courthouse to stand and pray silently for one hour. If you do not want to stand feel free to bring a chair. They will have various signs free for your use. Each sign will have suggested prayers on the back. Contact Esther Sander (402) 641-6412 if you have questions.

**Ladies Fall Gathering:** All women college age and older are invited to an evening of fun and encouragement on Friday, October 6th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This year's guest speaker, Sarah Krause, shares with women about God's great grace, mercy, and love. RSVP at the table in the foyer. We encourage you to bring a friend or two. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Contact Kristi Ideus with questions (402) 366-4929.

**Jr. High Retreat:** This October, Multiply Jr. High (6th-8th grade) is heading to Covenant Cedars Camp for their retreat. The theme for this year is "Be Known." We are going to spend time growing together in our relationships with God. It will be a fun weekend! The cost is \$20 per student. The group will meet at the church at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 27th and return at 9:30 pm on Saturday, October 28th. Learn more and register at [hillcrestefc.org/jrhighretreat](http://hillcrestefc.org/jrhighretreat).

**Mark Your Calendar:** Everyone is invited to join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Banquet on Sunday, November 5th! Join us for a special Thanksgiving service at 5 pm, followed by a turkey dinner at 6:15 pm. The meal is provided. We hope everyone can make it!

**Feeling out of the loop?** Go to [hillcrestefc.org/email](http://hillcrestefc.org/email) and join the church email list to start receiving prayer requests the weekly Hillcrest Highlights!

**Ways to Give:** Offering collection boxes are located by the sanctuary doors. You can also give online at [hillcrestefc.org/give](http://hillcrestefc.org/give) or on the Hillcrest Church app.