

Four Values

- ❖ Church leadership is to be exercised as a shared responsibility.
- ❖ Church leadership is meant to be empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Church leadership is first accountable to Jesus.
- ❖ Church leadership has been given three specific roles to fulfill.
 - a) **Elder** – refers to their wisdom and experience; it is less about age and more about spiritual maturity. The role is expressed within the body through servant leadership.
 - b) **Bishop/Overseer** – descriptive of their purpose; refers to protecting the flock against false teachers & divisive individuals or power seekers (vs. 29-31).
 - c) **Shepherd/Pastor** – descriptive of their relationship with the body; their ministry is to imitate the way Jesus responds as the Shepherd to His flock.

Three Conclusions

- 1) We must be praying for our leaders to be listening to and obeying the Spirit of God.
- 2) Develop an elder selection process that is completely dependent on the Holy Spirit to appoint elders. (vs. 28)
- 3) Place yourself under the leaders the Holy Spirit has appointed.

WIFI PASSWORD: Proverbs3:5-6



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Multiply Serve Night: This Wednesday, September 27th, Multiply Jr. & Sr. High will have their first serve night of the fall. We are once again partnering with People's City Mission to put together meals and other clothing materials for the homeless in Lincoln. The project they will be doing, however, will be at Hillcrest. Students should bring \$5.00 if they are able. No small groups on this night. Contact Pastor Zach with questions (763) 325-7508.

Fellowship on the Patio: Justin and Erin Ronne will be hosting a party on the patio this Saturday, September 30th from 7-9 pm. Beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks and games! Everyone is welcome. Contact Crystal Stara with questions (402) 367-2762.

The National Life Chain event is Sunday, October 1st 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, attitudes, 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 6:30pm 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.

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