

THE
GATEPOST

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Back to School Bash - Nixa 8:00 AM

Youth Worship Team Retreat 10:00 AM

Connie Gulick Celebration of Life 10:00 AM

Worship Leader Training 1:00 PM

August 6

Choir Practice Starts 6:30 PM

August 7

Charity Sewing 1:30 PM

Night of Worship - Dockside 6:00 PM

August 8

Youth Band Rehearsal Starts 5:00 PM

August 10

Ministry Mixer Set-Up 2:00 PM

Young Adult Event 6:00 PM

August 11

Ministry Mixer - Between Services

Joyful Noise Singers 2:30 PM

River Baptism and Cookout 4:00 PM

August 13

Property Oversight Meeting 6:30 PM

August 14

Office Closed until 11:00 AM

August 20

Finance Meeting 6:30 PM

August 21

Back to School Kick-Off 5:30 PM

5th and 6th Grade Parent Meeting 6:15 PM

August 22

Reading Buddies Orientation 9:00 AM

Crisis of Faith 6:30 PM

August 25

Exploring Membership 4:00 PM

August 27

Office closed until 11:00 AM

August 28

Wednesday Nights are Back! 5:30 PM

Weekly Calendar

Mondays

Stronger - Men's Group 5:30 AM

Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM

Tuesdays

Aldersgate Time of Prayer 6:30 PM

Wednesdays starting Aug. 28

Youth Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM

Dinner 5:30 PM

Ark Club 6:30 PM

5 & 6 Grade Class 6:30 PM

7 & 8 Grade Small Group 6:30 PM

High School Gathering 6:30 PM

Choir Practice 6:30 PM

Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 PM

Young Adult Study 6:30 PM

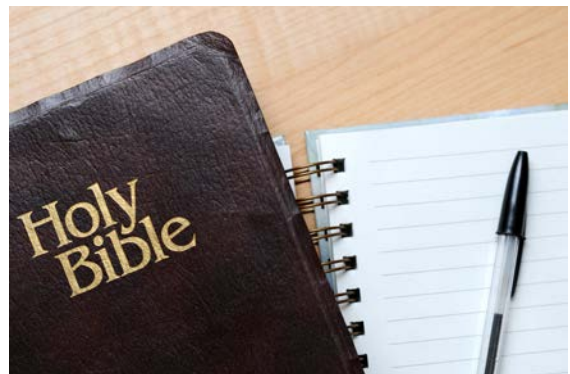
Thursdays

Knitwits 10:00 AM

Stephen Ministry Meeting (2nd & 4th) 6:30 PM

Sundays

NOVA Lunch 12:15 PM



Sunday School Classes

Sundays

Crossroads Sunday School 8:15 AM

Club Aldersgate 9:45 AM

Seekers Sunday School 9:45 AM

Youth/Children Sunday School 9:45 AM

Sundays at Aldersgate

Services

Traditional Service 8:15 AM

Contemporary Service 9:45 AM

Family Service 11:11 AM

ACT OUT YOUR FAITH!

Greetings Aldersgate,

We have been experiencing some of the “dog days of summer”, but grateful for those moments of rain and cool days. I hope all are feeling refreshed from the longer days and learning how to “Act Out” your faith!

We are so excited to be sharing the river baptism event for our church family, on August 11, 4 p.m. I am grateful to the Cunningham’s for hosting us on their land next to the Finley “Creek”, and helping to prepare for our games and dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs and chips. We will have bottled water and you can bring your own beverages for this church event. Bring chairs and canopies, but we have lined up several for everyone to find shade. After we eat we will head to the river and share in Baptisms and Affirmations. If you want to get in the river afterwards, bring swimsuits and towels. This will be such a great evening, come join us!

We will also have a ministry fair on August 11, and I would encourage everyone attending Aldersgate, whether in person or online, to find a ministry to be involved and get connected. We will have many opportunities for you to make a difference not only in your spiritual life, but also the spiritual lives of others!

See You Sunday in Worship (here or where you are!)

Love In Christ, Pastor Dennis

BIBLE STUDIES

for Adults this fall

Sundays

- Crossroads 8:15 AM
- Seekers 9:45 AM
- Club Aldersgate 9:45 AM
- Disciple 3 6:00 PM

Mondays

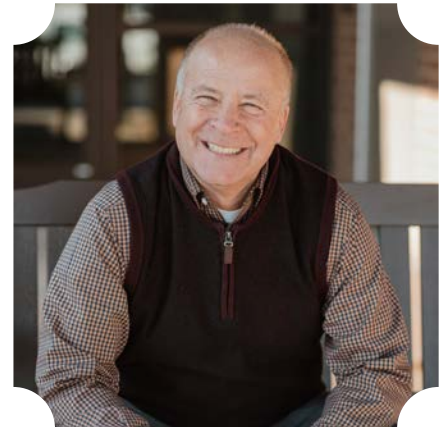
- Stronger 5:30 AM
- Women of the Word 9:30 AM
- Women of Hope 6:00 PM (2nd and 4th)
- Spirit Sisters 6:30 PM (1st and 3rd)
- Men’s Bible Study 6:30 PM

Tuesdays

- Life Lessons Bible Study 9:30 AM
- Disciple 1 6:30 PM

Wednesdays

- NOVA Young Adult Study 6:30 PM
- Pastor’s Bible Study 6:30 PM



Pastors

Dennis Miller - Lead Pastor

Sarah Fotopulos - Executive Pastor

Staff

Brenda Clark - Business Administrator

Casey Freeland - Communications Director

Christian Barnard - Contemporary Worship Director

Ellie Bakken - Children's Director

Jeff Huber - Traditional Worship Director

Jared Middleton - Worship Technical Lead

Jennifer Kelley - Church Secretary

Rob Howard - Youth Director

Shannon Dodson - Early Childhood Director

A.R.K. and Aldersgate Youth

This Month's Bible Verse

Introducing our August Bible Buddy, Ruby the macaw! Our verse of the month is from Psalm 6:9 "The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord will answer my prayer." Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45.



Volunteers
needed

As we are jumping back into the school year, we need volunteers to help with Sunday School! We are excited to get started!

Please take a look at our sign-up and see when you would be available to serve on the ARK! Scan the QR code to the left!

SCAN ME!



Also, you don't have to be a teacher, we always need helpers, too, so don't be afraid to sign up just to help. We need anyone who is willing.

MEETING

5th & 6th grade parent meeting: Please join Ellie Bakken on August 21st @ 6:15 in CLC room 201. We will be taking a look at the exciting year ahead! Students are welcome to join.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SUNDAY SERVICE WORSHIP



YOUTH PRAISE TEAM

JOIN TODAY!! | CALL OR TEXT
CHRISTIAN - 417-425-2718


WORSHIP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WORSHIP SUNDAY SERVICE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

28 **AT** **6:30**
AUG **PM**

ARK CLUB | 5TH AND 6TH | YOUTH



Aldersgate Financial Update

Overview of Giving



CRISIS OF FAITH with Pastor Sarah Fotopulos



AUG.
22
6:30 PM

A crisis of faith is a painful experience in a Christian's life when they begin to doubt their beliefs causing grief, confusion, and sadness, as well as a sense of disconnection from God or being angry at God. A person usually has unanswered questions about something that happened in their life and feels they haven't received answers from God. This can result in losing sense of who they understand God to be.

Stephen Ministries is hosting Pastor Sarah Fotopulos on Thursday August 22nd at 6:30 PM in room 207 in the LC. She will focus on ministering to people in a crisis of faith addressing specific needs of the Stephen Ministers, but we wanted to make this valuable information open to the congregation. You may have a loved one experiencing a crisis in faith and not know what to do or how to talk with them. So come join us for a very informative class!



Fall
KICK-OFF
Aug. 21
5:30 PM

ALDERSGATE CHURCH

Disciple *Fast Track*

Know you should read the Bible, but don't know where to start? Wonder what the Bible means or how it could possibly apply to your life?

Join me, Pastor Sarah, for an exploration of the Bible with the Disciple I Fast Track Bible Study! It was developed for busy people like you to learn about the Bible and develop the habit of reading and understanding the Bible!

We will start with discovering how to apply what you already know about reading to reading Scripture. Then, we will spend 12 weeks together in the fall discovering the main themes, characters, and events in the Old Testament and how to apply biblical lessons to our lives.

In the spring, we will spend another 12 weeks discovering those same things about the New Testament. Class will meet Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost is \$18/semester for the study manuals. Can't wait to see you there! Sign up in the app.



Council of Churches Reading Buddies are trained volunteers who work one-on-one weekly with Nixa students in grades K-3 to improve their literacy skills.

Each volunteer is matched to one child and works with that child

exclusively throughout the school year. Background checks are required, and resources and training are provided at no cost.

If you have 30 minutes per week to invest in the scholastic success of local students, you're invited to get the process started and have your questions answered at this orientation!

A Summer of Worship

A THREE PART WORSHIP SERIES

Join us Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 PM at the S.S. Dockside Restaurant in Nixa for our final night of our Summer Worship Series.

This night will feature many members of our church including the choir, All4Him, Praise Team and more.

We will be outside and there is seating but feel free to bring your own chairs with you.

Come early to order food, and please be patient as the kitchen at Dockside is small.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 PM

Have you been attending Aldersgate Church for awhile and are interested in joining our church family?

Join Pastor Dennis to discover what Aldersgate is all about and how to become a member of the church.

Childcare available upon request.

SING IN THE CHOIR!!

Do you like to sing? The Aldersgate Choir is getting ready to start up again! Now is the time to try it out. Choir will start Wednesday Aug. 28 at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Questions, contact Jeff Huber at jhuber@aldersgatechurch.com or (417) 725-4949.



RIVER BAPTISM

AND COOKOUT

Sunday, Aug. 11
4:00 PM

River Baptism and Cookout - Sunday, Aug. 11 at 4:00 PM - 887 W. Riverdale Dr. Nixa, MO

We have had many express an interest to get baptized in a river and so the Cunningham's have graciously offered their riverfront on Sunday, Aug. 11 for anyone who would like to get baptized in the river!

Pastor Dennis will be there and we want to invite the whole church to attend starting at 4:00 PM.

We are going to have a cookout and games for the whole family. There will also be an opportunity to jump in the river so bring your swimsuits, chairs, and bug spray. If you are interested in getting baptized please email Pastor Dennis.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Pastor's Bible Study will start back on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 PM. They will be in Corinthians. Bring your bible and meet in the sanctuary.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SAT. AUG. 3
7:30 AM
CLC GYM



MINISTRY MIXER

COME SEE WHAT
ALDERSGATE HAS TO
OFFER AND GET
CONNECTED!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Between services



ALDERSGATE
CHURCH



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



Party in the Park



Youth at 160 Grand Prix



Youth at Art Zone



Youth Car Wash



7th and 8th Mission Work



VBS



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High School Mission Trip



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