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# November 2017



**November 5**  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion**  
 Sunday School  
 No Youth Bible Study  
 10:30 Bible Study - L  
 10:30-11:00 3rd Grade Bible Class - 19A  
 10:30 Fellowship Time - C  
 6:30-8:00 EPIC Youth - 19D

**November 12**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
**Stewardship Sunday**

**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
 Sunday School & Christmas Program Practice  
 Youth Bible Study - 19D  
 10:30 Bible Study - L  
 10:30-11:00 3rd Grade Bible Class - 19A  
 10:30 Church & Ministry Meeting - 119  
 10:30 Fellowship Time - C  
 6:30-8:00 EPIC Youth - 19D

**November 19**

**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
 3rd Grade Bible Presentation  
 Sunday School & Christmas Program Practice  
 Sarah Circle Bake Sale - C  
 Youth Bible Study - 19D  
 10:30 Bible Study - L  
 10:30 Fellowship Time - C  
 1:00-4:00 Violin Recital - S/C  
 No EPIC Youth

**November 26**



**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
 Sunday School & Christmas Program Practice  
 Youth Bible Study - 19D  
 10:30 Bible Study - L  
 10:30 Fellowship Time - C  
 Hanging of the Greens & Soup Supper  
 No EPIC Youth



... from Carol Scott. Thank you all so much for the cards and well wishes during my recent back surgery and recovery.

... from Nicki O'Neil: I wanted to send a thank you out to my church family for all of their prayers, visits, cards and calls after my knee replacement surgery and subsequent recovery. I'm happy to report that I'm healing well and am very close to the doctors goals for my range of motion. I know all of the love that was shown to myself and Mom during this time made the recovery so much easier. God bless you all!

... from Gerry Conry: Thank you to my church family for the cards and notes following the death of my grandson, Tim Olson.

... from Connie, Jen and Sam Klaumann: With love and thanks to all for the memorials to church and HETRA, for the funeral luncheon, the many cards, and all the support and love! HETRA received a donation in memory of Vern and we would like to thank you all so much. HETRA meant a lot to him and all of us. Vern believed in its mission and the people who are part of it. Vern also believed in Northwest Hills and all of you. He always hoped to make a difference in each role he took on. So many memories! So much love and support! Vern would want it to continue.

... from Judy Stockfleth: To my wonderful church family. Thanks for your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recovery from surgery. Special thanks to Jo Morton for her visit while I was in hospital. I am home now and doing well. Hope to be back at church with you all soon. God Bless you all.

... a special thank you to Kathleen Hammond, Susan Higginson, Mary Longenecker, Jo Morton and Ardell Reuter for all the help with the Living Waters Association Fall Meeting and luncheon on October 14. Thanks to all the ladies who donated bars/cookies for the luncheon as well. You are all appreciated more than you could ever know!

... from Alex Wolf: My Dear Brothers and Sisters at Northwest Hills, thank you so much for your support and prayers. It fills my heart with joy that you all have walked along side me in my faith journey. Thank you to all those who helped me with the Association's Fall Gathering, for the lunch and the refreshments. May God bless you and be with you until we meet again.

... from Jim Skrobo: A Big Thank You for all the visits, cards and calls during my recent illness and hospitalization.

## **STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE**

The 2017 Stewardship Pledge Drive has started and you should be receiving your letter and pledge card for 2018 soon. Your support for our church, both financial and participatory, is extremely important to enabling our church to continue fulfilling its mission. If you do not receive a card and return envelope or need another please contact the church office. Stewardship Sunday is November 12. Please return your pledge at church or mail it to the church office as soon as possible so the council can prepare the 2018 budget.

## **NEW CHURCH WEBSITE**

You can be forgiven if you recently visited the church's website and have not noticed any changes for at present the changes are primarily in the software program. Since the website's inception, the software used has not been changed and it was difficult to use and could not be updated by the staff. Our website information was kept current through August thanks to Jodi Infante, but she was unable to continue her effort due to her workload. Thanks to Christine McGuigan (Burrigh), the foundation was laid to use a current software program called WordPress and during the summer Stephanie took a Metro course on how to use it. Using her coursework and with assistance from Dave Stahr, our webmaster, Stephanie was able to build on Christine's work and put in current information about the church's activities. On Thursday, October 12, the new website went "live". Now Stephanie will be able to update and enhance the website herself so when you see her thank her for her for her effort. She'll welcome your input and improvement suggestions. Watch for further enhancements.

## **PULPIT SUPPLY UPDATE**

We are grateful as Pastor Janet Davis has agreed to preach for us through the end of December.

## **SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION**

... to Roger and Nan Schwerts on the death of Roger's brother, Richard's, wife of 56 years, Dorothy D. Schwerts, who died on October 15.



## POINSETTIAS



**We will be taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas.** If you would like to order a Poinsettia in memory OR in honor of someone, please fill out an order form and attach it to your check for \$10.00 made payable to Northwest Hills Church. Please make a note on the memo line "for Poinsettias," and submit it to the church office **by December 10**. Order forms will be available in the Commons soon.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be doing the Hanging of the Greens for the Christmas Holiday Season on Sunday, November 26. Watch the bulletins for additional information. Following the decorating, the Church and Ministry Committee will be providing a variety of soups for those who participate in helping with the decorating. Please mark your calendar and plan to come and help us on Sunday, November 26. Thank you in advance to all who give of their time to help with this project.

## CHORAL CANTATA - DECEMBER 17

**"Joy"**

***A Gospel Christmas Celebration***

There is nothing more joyful than the good news of Christ's birth and what sounds more joyful than gospel music? Combine the two for a "Joyful" message by the choir on Sunday, December 17, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us!

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND OUTING AT MAHONEY January 25-28, 2017

All women of the church are welcome for a fun and relaxing weekend at Mahoney State Park January 25 through 28. Call Terri Burrigat at (402) 659-6913 or Jan Jacobsen (402) 660-4718 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.



## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING



Individuals, families and friends are invited to help open the Worship Services on the following Sundays: December 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 9:30 a.m.; and Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Please sign up on the clipboard found on the table in the Commons or call the church office.

## MEMORY TREES

The church's Memory Trees are the decorated trees in the Commons area. The decorations for these trees are ornaments given in memory of a loved one. New ornaments may be placed in the basket in the Commons area. Please be sure to complete **in detail** the information sheet about the ornament so it can be permanently recorded in a "Memory Tree" book. After the Advent and Christmas Season these ornaments are carefully stored and will be brought out each year to be hung on these special trees. Should you have any questions, please contact Sherry Mitchell at (402) 498-3597.

## MITTEN TREE

Donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves are being collected in the Commons through November 26. Sarah Circle will be donating these items to an area school to help keep the children warm during this cold winter. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Burrigat at (402) 659-6913.

## THE GIVING TREE

"The Giving Tree" has special "ornaments" naming Infant Boy, Infant Girl, Toddler Girl, Toddler Boy, Girl, Boy, Teenage Girl, Teenage Boy, Lady and Man. Once the tree is up, please help yourself to an ornament and use it as a tag to mark your gift, indicating clothing size or appropriate age if item is a toy or game. Place wrapped gifts under the tree no later than Sunday, December 10. Gifts will be taken to the Siena/Francis House for distribution to the needy.

## **KNOWN HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER**

Judy Stockfleth  
Jim Skrobo  
Juli Meador  
LeRoy Dean

## **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEALTH PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Volunteers Assisting Seniors (VAS), of which Rick Scofield is a volunteer with the Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), is providing assistance for seniors and caregivers during the open enrollment period at enrollment events in the area and at the VAS office located at 42nd and Center St. VAS will also be hosting "signup cafes" for those who want to use the Medicare website themselves but may want assistance. A schedule of events and appointments is available by calling VAS at 402-444-6617.

Rick will again provide assistance for church members and friends at Northwest Hills. Rick has scheduled appointment dates and times to be at the church as follows: November 1 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. and November 28 between 2:00 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. Please call the church office at (402) 572-8392 to schedule an appointment.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

At bedtime Saturday, November 4, set your clocks BACK one hour.

## **USHERS/GREETERS**

We no longer have the sign up board in the commons. There is a clipboard on the table near the front door. We ask that you sign up to allow us to a) put your name in the bulletin and b) to know who will be greeting/ushering that day. Thank you.

## **CELEBRATE!**

In an effort to celebrate members of the church's special days/events, we have a "Mailbox" located in the Commons for you to place cards rather than mailing them (unless you can personally hand the card to them). Each Sunday, you can check your "slot" to see if you have mail. If mail is left over 30 days, it will either be personally dropped off or mailed. The Fellowship Committee will take care of this. There is also a box with cards available at no charge if you need one. Please contact Kathleen Hammond if you have questions.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK....**

All men of the church are invited for breakfast on Saturday, November 4, at 9:00 a.m. at Village Inn located at 3333 N 90th St. Mark Cupps will provide devotions.

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Women's Association will meet for a brown bag lunch on Thursday, November 2, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Please call Kathleen Hammond at (402) 981-3630 for more information.

**CIRCLES**

**Hannah Circle** will meet Tuesday, November 21, at 1:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Devotions: Janet Delehoy. Refreshments: Lois Gapen and Becky Hopkins. Contact Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 with any questions.

**Ruth Circle** will not meet in November. Call Ginger Morelock at (402) 312-5126 with questions.

**Sarah Circle** will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in room 119. Please call Terri Burright for more details at (402) 659-6913.

**SINGLES AND FRIENDS  
NOVEMBER OUTING**

Our November outing will be decided at our Halloween Party on October 29. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information. You will be called. Please try to attend the Halloween Party. Hope to see you on the 29th! If you have questions, please call Lois Gapen (402) 572-6792.

**CRAFT FAIR\*BAKE SALE\*BOOK SALE\*LUNCH**

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making the craft fair a success again this year. The crafters worked all year making all sorts of fun and useful things. The people who love to bake really made some delicious cakes, cookies, bars and candy for sale. Also had some nice jams and pickles for sale. Some people helped by setting out signs, greeting people, and helping to set up. Thanks to the cashiers who collected payments and bagged the purchases. And a really big thank you to Ruth Circle for providing the sloppy joe lunch again. Many hands worked to pack things up afterwards and get the area ready for church the next day. The youth group book sale and white elephant sale did a brisk business too. There are so many people to thank for their contributions, and it was all very much appreciated!

**Our Totals:**

Luncheon	\$612.25
Crafts, Baked Goods, Raffle	<u>\$3,540.25</u>
Total:	\$4,152.50

Youth Book Sale/White Elephant \$662.86

Craft information for next year will be published beginning in the March newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Mitchell at (402) 498-3597.

**CANASTA CLUB**

Canasta Club will meet on Thursday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. in room 128. Bring a sack lunch, and dessert will be provided by Team #10 (Margaret and Dorothy). We have a new sub!! Ginger Morelock joined our sub list. YAY! We have had a greater need for subs lately. If you would like to play occasionally or if you have questions, please call Judy Intlekofer at (402) 292-1060.

## LAY VISITATION & PRAYER

Anyone can be a Lay Visitor. Lay visitors are contacted early in the week, suggesting names of members and friends who would benefit from a visit. Visit anytime during your week and share information about your visit with the church office. Sign up again on the calendar in the narthex. Feel blessed! Call the church office or Coleen Vincent (402-657-6634) with concerns or questions. Prayer chain requests can be called to Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 or the church office.

### LAY VISITOR SCHEDULE

November	5	Coleen Vincent
	12	Margaret Scofield
	19	Sam & Deb Ganarajah
	26	Mark & Dianna Cupps
December	3	Jo Morton
	10	Jo Morton
	17	
	24	
January	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	

Lay visitors  
carry the message that  
You, homebound or hospitalized,  
have a special place  
In our hearts and that  
your absence  
Is in body only,  
for The people of NWH  
are Offering prayers  
for your care

By: Coleen Vincent

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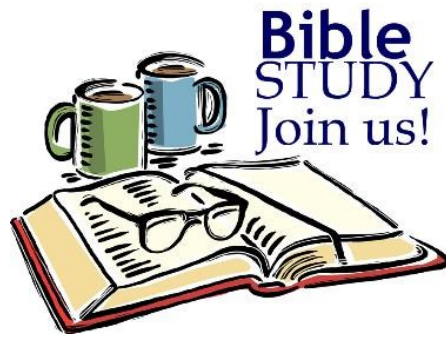
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### TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

"An organization dedicated to serving those in the Omaha Metro Area that are in need of food, clothing, and the loving hands of Christ reaching out to them." TI2TS is located in Omaha at 422 S 24th Street. The next date to serve is Friday, December 1, at 5:30 p.m. The TI2TS building has been sold and has to be vacated by December. Please pray that this program is able to find another location to continue their outreach. Please talk to Carla Dudley if you have questions on this.

### HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Keep saving your Hy-Vee receipts (including Prescription and Gas receipts) dated September 1 through December 31. Hy-Vee will donate a portion of each total to Northwest Hills Preschool. There is a box above the coat rack in the Commons for your receipts.

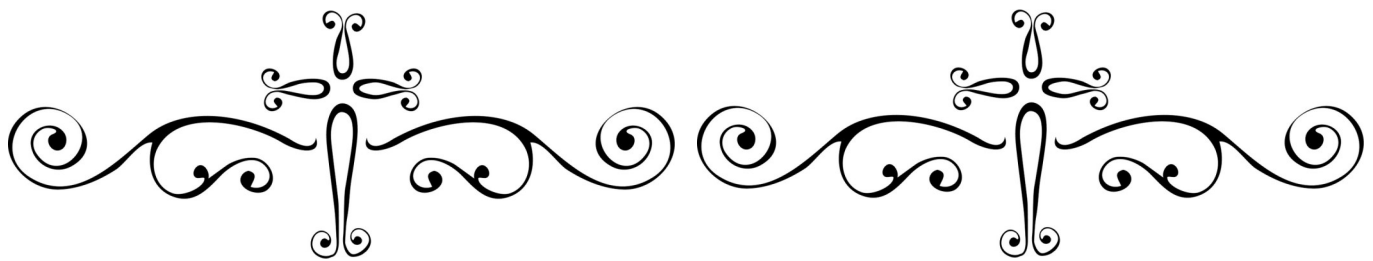


### “PLEASING GOD”

Come and be part of an awesome group of people! We learn new things all the time, and have fun doing it! We meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Library. Please contact either Mark or Dianna Cupps at (402) 573-8158 if you have questions.

### “LIVING A CHOCOLATE LIFE”

This Women’s Bible Study promises to be a **sweet** adventure! The lessons focus on different aspects of life as a Christian woman, reminding you that you are wrapped in God’s love. Please join us on Wednesday mornings starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Talk to Suzy Parsons if you have questions.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX WOLF!!

At his Ecclesiastical Council on October 14, 2017, he was approved unanimously for ordination pending a call.



## A NOTE FROM SUZY

Most times reading the Bible seems daunting. It is often difficult to understand and really get into. I have sat through sermons on specific bible verses and it was much like watching a movie with someone else....and I'm left thinking "did they read the same thing I did!"

One of the homework assignments the confirmation class had this last year was to read the New Testament. I thought that if the kids had to do it, I would do it to. I'm not sure how many of the confirmands actually read the New Testament, but I am still reading it! It's taking me a lot longer than I thought it would. I would read a chapter or two, put it down for a week or two, or three and then pick it up again. I decided to give it an honest effort and try to really get through it.

I am finding the more consecutive days I read it the better I understand it. Now I'm finding it's a bit habit forming. If I miss a day without reading it, I can't wait to get back to it. It's like a light finally went on and now I am understanding it better than I ever have. It's becoming a habit much like an exercise routine. If I don't read the Bible my day doesn't go as well and it feels like something from my day is missing. According to the website [Science: How Stuff Works](#) it takes 30 days to form a habit. So for 30 days I am trying to make time to sit and read the Bible. Maybe once my habit is formed after 30 days I will reach my goal and finish the New Testament. Will you join me in my challenge and for 30 days read the Bible?

In His Word,

*Suzy Parsons*

Director of Christian Education



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## Northwest Hills Preschool News

We continue to have 19 children enrolled in preschool. Five in the 3-year-old class and 14 in the 4/5-year old class. The children are busy learning about harvest, pumpkins, apples, and the farm and will soon be into the holiday season with themes of Thankfulness and Thanksgiving. In September, we had a Western Hoedown where the kids made horses, hats and cowboy/girl boots. They showed off their dancing skills to their families and then had root beer floats. We had a great turnout of families. Our next family time will be November 17.

*From little seeds grow mighty trees*





### **Sunday School (Elementary-Age Children)**

Sunday School is held for elementary-age children. Kids exit with Suzy after the Children's Moment. K-6th graders are learning about the book of Genesis through games and hands-on activities.

**Sunday School Offering:** The kindergarten through 6th grade Sunday School classes are now taking an offering each Sunday. The kids will decide what annual mission they want their offering to go to.

### **Nursery**

Our Nursery/Child Care room is available to children from birth to age 5 during worship.



### **Sunday Morning Youth Bible Study (Grades 7-12)**

Youth Bible Study is held Sunday mornings for all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders who want to participate in a Bible Study designed for teens. Youth will leave the sanctuary after the Children's Moment and go to the Youth Room downstairs. The current study is entitled "Believe." Come enjoy time together learning God's word and desire for your life. Youth Bible Study will not be held the first Sunday of each month so Youth may attend church with their family and take Communion (if confirmed).

### **EPIC Youth**

EPIC is designed for all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. EPIC will generally meet the first 3 Sundays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will skip the 4th and 5th weeks (as applicable). This is a great way to start your week off with God and good friends! Join us for fun, fellowship, study and prayer. We look forward to seeing you!



November 10-11: Youth Lock In (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.)

January 12-14: Youth Winter Retreat to Camp Calvin Crest

February 11: Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser

**Details coming soon!**



## Kids K-6th Grade Happenings



**Calling all Kids!!!** We will start practicing for the Children's Christmas Program during Sunday School on November 12. The Program will take place on Sunday, December 10.

**3rd Grade Bible Classes:** There will be two classes for third grade children on how to get the most out of their Bibles on Sunday, November 5 and 12 right after Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Third graders will receive their Bibles on Sunday, November 19 during worship. If you have not been contacted, please call Suzy Parsons in the church office at (402) 572-8392.

# EPIC Youth

## 7th~12th Grade

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>November 5</b>                | <b>No Youth Bible Study</b> (Join your families for Communion)<br>EPIC Youth                                                                                                                 | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.   |
| <b>November 10</b><br><b>-11</b> | <b>Youth Lock In:</b> Please eat dinner before you come. Weather permitting, we will walk to Walmart to purchase items for our adopted family.                                               | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. |
| <b>November 12</b>               | <b>Youth Bible Study</b> following Children's Moment<br>EPIC Youth                                                                                                                           | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| <b>November 19</b>               | <b>Youth Bible Study</b> following Children's Moment<br>EPIC Youth                                                                                                                           | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| <b>November 26</b>               | <b>Youth Bible Study</b> following Children's Moment<br><b>Hanging of the Greens</b> - Join your families to help decorate the church for Advent and then stay for a soup supper.<br>No EPIC | TBD                   |

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## **BIRTHDAYS**



1	Colton McCoy	10	Dave Jacobsen	24	Charles McIntosh
2	Tanner Hurt	10	Jack Williams	24	Nan Schwers
2	Tess Bascom-Nielsen	12	Virgil Beaty	25	Chris Scofield
2	Kamryn Pullen	12	Cindy Ervin	25	Jenny Skow
2	Jim Wozny	13	Dan Jacobsen	26	Tami LaChapelle
3	Teri LaChapelle	14	Stephanie Bertch	28	Tim Brusnahan
4	Ken Evitts	15	Sherry Mitchell	28	Duane White
6	Sue Higginson	15	Elizabeth Robinson	29	Brian Hindley
7	Mary Ellen Fields	18	Brenda Taylor	30	Ed Lippincott
8	Fred Scott	19	Judy Cratty	30	Melissa Brusnahan
9	Michelle Hultman	19	Emilie Tracy		
9	Keely Yates	20	Margaret Scofield		

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

9	Rich & Patty Mollak	22	Jim & Charlene Wozny
15	Chris and Courtney Scofield	24	Richard & Sondra Putzstuck
21	Ken & Theri Evitts	29	Cale & Samantha Windorski
22	David & Susan Higginson		