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September 2019

<p>September 1 <i>Team Spirit Sunday!</i> <i>Wear your team colors!</i></p> 	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Sunday School - 19A Youth Stay with Family in Sanctuary 10:30 Tailgate Time! - C Bring your favorite tailgate dish to share after the service!</p>
<p>September 8: Newsletter Deadline</p> 	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School - 19A EPIC Youth "Submerge" —19D 10:30 Fellowship Time - C 10:45 Bible Study—L "Book of Revelation"</p>
<p>September 15</p> 	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School - 19A EPIC Youth "Submerge"—19D 10:30 Fellowship Time (Ruth Circle)—C 10:45 C.E. Meeting—119 10:45 Bible Study—L "Book of Revelation"</p>
<p>September 22</p> 	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School - 19A EPIC Youth "Submerge"—19D 10:30 Fellowship Time - C 10:45 Bible Study—L "Book of Revelation"</p>
<p>September 29</p>  	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School - 19A EPIC Youth "Submerge"—19D 10:30 5th Sunday Fun! Movie & Snacks! 2:00 Singles carpool to Mahoney for 3 PM Melodrama</p>

5th Sunday FUNDAY!
MOVIE AND SNACKS
 Following service!



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The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday.

Deadline for articles/information for the monthly newsletter is usually the second Sunday for the next month's newsletter. Thank you in advance for your contributions!



"Thanks to all my church family for your thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Alex, Jo Morton, Sherry Mitchell, and Sharon Huber for their visits at the hospital. I was scheduled for a heart catheterization, but ended up on the hospital for a week of tests. I was diagnosed with

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and am takin daily chemotherapy pills. Hopefully my blood situation will improve with time. Please keep me in your prayers: I know they are helping."
Judy Intlekofer

"I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all who prayed for me and sent get well wishes and meals for my recent back fusion operation. It means so much to me to know that my church family is so caring. I am sure all the prayers have helped, as I seem to be recovering as expected."
Carol Scott

"Thank you all for the wonderful birthday song surprise during service August 18th! And thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes! Such a blessing!"
Le Roy Dean

"Thank you from the Hopkins Family. Thanks for all the prayers & cards for Rodney. Thanks again."
Becky Hopkins

MEETING UPDATES

NO CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting in September. Next meeting is October 10th at 7:00 PM, Room 128.

MEN'S MINISTRY 1st Saturday Breakfasts will resume Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 AM at the Church, Fellowship Hall. Great time of fellowship!

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: meeting will be held Thursday, September 5th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert will be provided by Gerry Conry and Susan Slowik. Devotions by Lois Gapen.

The Canasta Club will attend the Women's Association salad lunch on Thursday, September 19. Cost of the lunch will be \$7.00, and there will be raffles and door prizes. **Canasta Card Party** will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM. Please arrive early and be ready to play at 10:00 AM. We are always looking for new members of the Canasta Club either as subs or regular players. **DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY? WE WILL TRAIN YOU!** If you are interested or have any questions, please call Judy Intlekofer at 402-292-1060.

CIRCLES

Hannah Circle: will meet Tuesday, September 17th at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Isobel Taylor and refreshments by Molly McCoy. Friends always welcome. Questions? Call Lois Gapen, 402-572-6792. Food Pantry asked us for saltine crackers. They had plenty of soup—just no crackers! We were able to provide them with 40 boxes.

Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, September 16th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Ginger Morelock, 402-312-5126.

Sarah Circle meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 PM in Room 119. Please call Terri Burrigat at (402) 659-6913 if you have questions.



CRAFT NIGHT! Craft night will be held in Room 128 at Northwest Hills Church at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 10th. The crafters are looking for some new projects—if you have any ideas, please let us know. We always welcome new crafters: please come and share the fun in designing



new and creative craft items. If you have made craft items, please bring them to a craft night so that they may be priced. No special skills are required and there will be a craft project for everyone followed by dessert. Linda Nelson will bring the treats in September. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Sherry Mitchell at 402-498-3597.

If you borrowed the large blue towels from the kitchen, please return them. They are for use with the dish washer. Thank you!



From our friend Rose Kenney who recently moved to Texas to be with family: "I'm doing well and getting acquainted with the other residents here. My son and granddaughter visit me often and we swim in the pool here. The weather is very hot but the air conditioner works very well. We have a movie theater that shows old movies twice a week. We also have various classes and get together during the week. Hope all is well with you all. I miss everyone!"





SINGLES & FRIENDS!

Mahoney Park & Melodrama!
Sunday, September 29th

Our September outing will be attending a melodrama at the Mahoney State Park Denman and Mary Mallory Kountze Memorial Theatre on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at 3:00 PM. The cost is \$7.00 (open seating) and we will carpool from Northwest Hills Church at 2:00 PM. There is also a \$6.00 park fee per car. Reservations and payment are due by Sunday, September 15th, 2019, to Sherry Mitchell. Dinner will follow after the play at a location to be determined. More information will follow.

The melodrama is "Gary Botter and the Divining Sphere." It's another magical year at Wahoo Wizarding Academy; and the students have, of course, found themselves amidst yet another mystery. An object of great and wondrous power has been hidden on the school grounds for safekeeping, but everybody seems to want to get their hands on it. Will the ruthless Rufus Nastiest finally one-up his rival, Gary Botter? Can Gary win not just the day, but the heart of the enchanting Lily Lightheart? And why has Professor Trope been acting so incredibly odd since her trip to Australia? See "Gary Botter and the Divining Sphere" to find out!



"Bearers of Bad (then Good) News: The Prophets" Finishing up the Summer 2019 Sermon Series

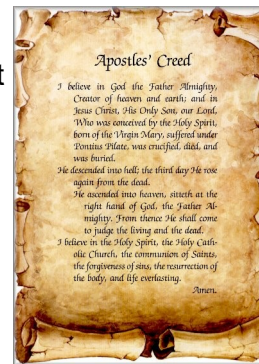
We often don't like to hear bad news. We especially don't like to be bearers of bad news. Welcome to the life of a prophet! The prophets of the Old Testament did preach a message of sin and judgment, but also preached messages of restoration and God's love and mercy. Join us on Sundays to hear how these ancient prophets' messages are still relevant today.

Sept. 1 - Micah 3:1-12: "Against the Establishment"
Sept. 8 - Micah 7:7-20: "Back On Our Feet"



Fall 2019 Sermon Series "We Believe: The Apostles' Creed"

For centuries, the Apostles' Creed has been one of the most important statements that outline the framework of the Christian faith. Every Sunday in churches around the world, Christians gather and recite in unison the Apostles' Creed. But do they understand what they're saying? Do these ancient beliefs connect to our daily lives? How do they shape our identity and worldview? Join us on Sundays this fall as we make this ancient statement of faith come alive!



Sept. 15: "I Believe In... God the Father Almighty"
Hebrews 11:1-2; Acts 17:22-31

Sept. 22: "... Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord"
Colossians 1:15-20

Sept. 29: "... Jesus Christ: Conceived, Born, Crucified, and Died"
Luke 1:26-38; John 18:28-19:16

Oct. 13: "... Jesus Christ, Descended and Raised"
1 Peter 3:18-22; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Oct. 20: "... Jesus Christ, Ascended, Seated and Coming Again"
Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 25:31-46

Oct. 27: "... the Holy Spirit" - John 14:15-27

Nov. 3: "... the Holy Catholic Church and the Communion of Saints" - Ephesians 2:11-22

Nov. 10: "... the Forgiveness of Sins"
Psalm 51; Exodus 34:1-9

Nov. 17: "... the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting"
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

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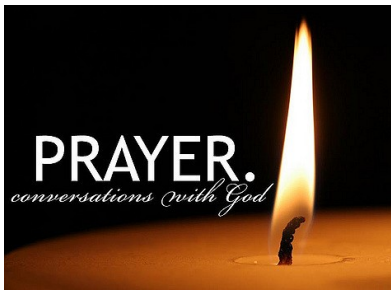


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Prayer chain requests can be called to Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.

Thank you for your kind responses regarding updating our prayer list. We were pleased to hear several that were much improved. Please continue to let us know of any changes so that we can update our list and assure that the prayers going out weekly are the most current and urgent needs expressed. Thank you in advance. The ongoing list is below:

Continued Prayer Requests: Dirk Huston (Janet Delehoy's nephew), Karen Vrtiska (friend of Janet Delehoy), Nancy Norton (friend of Carol Scott), Bob Gardner (Janet Delehoy's daughter's, friend), Michael Guilliams (Bev Ambrosius' nephew), Sandy Christopherson, Pearl Christopherson, Ivan Vrtiska, Al Cummings (Janet Delehoy's brother), Sharon Marchese (Kathleen Hammond's sister), SuEllyn Negus, Carol Scott, Lynn Hammond, Ed Lippincott, Drew Botsakos, Jim Taylor, Kathleen Hammond, Marla Wilson (Sue Miller's sister-in-law's sister), Mary LaHood, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Al Hagemeyer (Jean Barker's brother), Barb Karstens, Connie Klaumann, Lois Engstrom

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Ena Nolan, Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Patricia Gename (Mary Hinman's daughter), Sharon Kirby (Janet Delehoy's sister-in-law), Dick McCoy, Gail Schroeder, Pam Dutton, Dave Merriam, Anita Sohm, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon Cook (cousin of Carol Scott), Evelyn Walton, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Ingrid Kerfoot (friend of Sherry Mitchell), Kathy Stow (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Janette Metzler (Carol Beaty's sister), Judy Intlekofer

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FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS

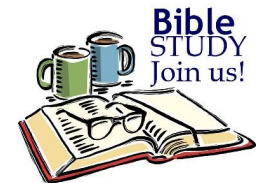
We're continuing on with this collection: **because of your faithfulness in turning in receipts, Family Fare has sent a check for \$1,000 to Project Hope! \$1,000! THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!** This is a ongoing Share Omaha Project. Keep those receipts coming!



HY VEE RECEIPTS are also now being collected to benefit the Preschool. We save HyVee receipts dated September 1 through December 31, 2019 and will turn them in, and HyVee cuts a check for a percentage of the sales to benefit the preschool!



BIBLE STUDY UPDATES



Wednesday 10 AM starting up again Wednesday, September 4th. We will start studying Adam Hamilton's book, *"Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say."*

Sunday Bible Study starting Sunday, September 8th, 10:45 AM, Library we will start a study on the Book of Revelation.

Final day of Wednesday evening Bible Study will be Wednesday, September 4th at 7 PM in the Library.



Become A Fan!



FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We've arrived back to football season! High school football can again be seen on Fridays, college football can be seen on Saturdays and professional football can be seen on Sundays. With the beginning of the football season, each team begins at 0 wins and 0 losses. Each team aspires to win all their games, win the championship, and go down in the annals of history as the greatest team ever.

But the reality is that most teams don't achieve those lofty goals. Those of us who are Nebraska Cornhusker fans feel like we've been punished in exile since 2002. Husker football fans have seen some dark days and we've cried out, "How long until we are on top of the college football world again?" At times hope is hard to find. Husker hopes are now placed in Scott Frost's hands. Can we still feel the hope?

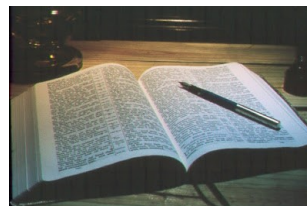
Whether or not Nebraska football makes it back to the promised land of college football glory any time soon, the people of God can certainly hold on to hope. For the last month and a half, we've been looking at the messages of the ancient prophets in Sunday worship. The messages of Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, and Micah have been bitter-sweet. Often the prophets have said words condemning the sinful actions or inactions of God's people resulting in dark days. The prophets' words about dark days hit home the most with me. As I look around our nation and the world, things don't seem to be all that good. People are killing innocent bystanders by the dozens, we are in an extremely divisive political climate, and the world is stressed over numerous issues. But the prophets did not speak only of dark days. They also spoke of hope about a day of peace, joy and restoration.

In the context of Jeremiah 29, King Jehoiachin and his royal court had been led away from Jerusalem to the nation of Babylon as exiles. With their national leader in enemy chains, the citizens of Judah, both those exiled in Babylon and those remaining in Jerusalem, must have thought this was the end. But the prophet Jeremiah wrote a letter to reassure the people that God had not forgotten or abandoned them. One of the most popular verses in Scripture is Jeremiah 29:11, where God speaks through Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God's plans for his people involve prosperity, peace, and goodness. When the people cried out to God from their dark places, God promised to hear them and restore them (Jer. 29:12-14).

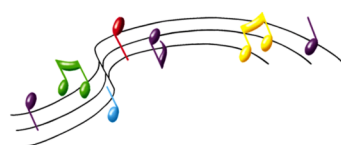
If times are tough and things aren't going your way in life, if you are having some dark days, don't give up. Hold on to the hope and promise that God hasn't forgotten or abandoned you. The day is coming, God says, when he will bring peace, joy and restoration to his people. We can trust in God's promises.

In Christ's love,

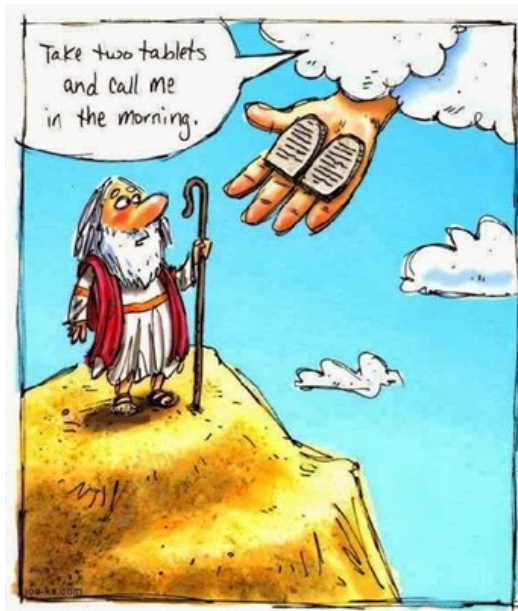
Pastor Alex



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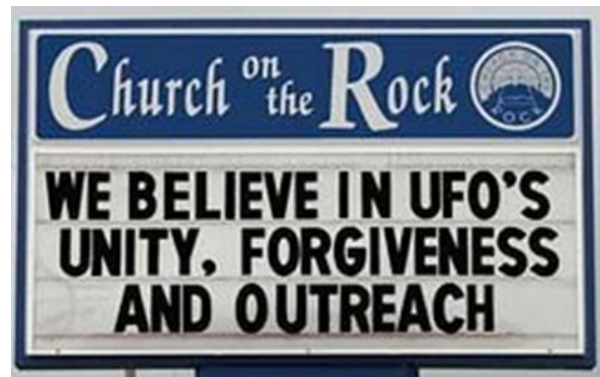
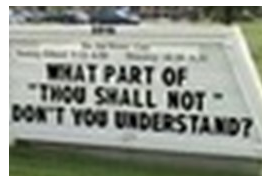
Just for a smile....



"...He that is of a merry heart [hath] a continual feast." Proverbs 15:15



"A merry heart doeth good [like] a medicine..." Proverbs 17:22



"I'm glad they introduced cloud computing up here."

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heather, The LORD hath done great things for them." Psalm 126:2

IF YOU LAUGH A LOT, WHEN YOU GET OLDER YOUR WRINKLES WILL BE IN THE RIGHT PLACES.





Sunday School (Children Ages 4-11)

Sunday School is held for elementary-age children. Kids exit with Suzy after the Children's Moment. Children are encouraged to join us as we learn about being good neighbors and being part of a "community."

Sunday School Offering: The Sunday School classes take an offering each Sunday. The kids will decide what annual mission they want their offering to go to.

THE FALL SCHOOL SEASON IS HERE!!

We still have space available in all three of our preschool classes. If you have friends and family looking for a great preschool, Northwest Hills Preschool is the place to be! We are excited to start our new year on September 3rd!

Northwest Hills Preschool



A "heads up:" Northwest Hills Preschool will again be collecting **HyVee Receipts** dated from **September 1 through December 31, 2019**. When we turn in the receipts early in 2020, HyVee will cut a check to the Preschool for a percentage of the sales! We are so grateful for our community partners like HyVee, but especially our Northwest Hills family who saves their HyVee receipts and brings them to the basket in the Commons area! Such a blessing!



Sprout, Bloom, Grow



EPIC YOUTH New series! "Submerge!"

We will be "diving deep" and discovering as we get

Creative
and
connect
with God.



*Starting something NEW!!
Sunday Funday!!*

Bring a friend to church with you!!

*Beginning September 8th and the
2nd Sunday of each month invite a
friend to church/Sunday School/
Youth Submerge, we will have
special treats and prizes!*

EPIC YOUTH:

*mark your calendars and plan on a **FALL RETREAT** at Calvin Crest, departing from church Friday, October 18th at 5:30 PM to Sunday, October 20th returning at 11 AM. (This takes the place of the Winter Retreat.)*

SEPTEMBER

Kids K-5th Grade Happenings

September 1	Sunday School: "Loving God, Loving Neighbors"	9:45 a.m.
September 8	Sunday School: "Communities: We Are One" <i>Sunday Funday! See below for details. **</i>	9:45 a.m.
September 15	Sunday School: "Communities: Welcome"	9:45 a.m.
September 22	Sunday School: "Communities: Forgive"	9:45 a.m.
September 29	Sunday School: "Communities: Contribute"	9:45 a.m.



Mark your calendars for October 20th... Fun Fall Festival, 5-7 PM! Games, hot dogs, s'mores, fall fun for the whole family and friends!



EPIC Youth

6th-12th Grade



September 1	Join your families for Communion.	9:45 a.m.
September 8	Submerge: "Invent it!" <i>Sunday Funday! See below for details. **</i>	9:45 a.m.
September 15	Submerge: "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"	9:45 a.m.
September 15	"Game On!" Minute-To-Win-It and other games!	6:30-8 PM
September 22	Submerge: "Comic Captions"	9:45 a.m.
September 29	Submerge: "For. Give. Ness."	9:45 a.m.

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

<p>1 SEPTEMBER 9:30 Worship/Communion - S Sunday School - 19A 10:30 Tailgate! - C Wear your Team Colors!</p>	<p>2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 Preschool Starts! 7:00 Scouts—FH</p>	<p>4 10 Bible Study-L 6:30 Choir-128 7:00 Bible Study-L</p>	<p>5 12 noon Women's Assoc.-FH</p>		<p>7 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast, at the Church In Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>8 9:30 Worship/Communion - S Sunday School - 19A EPIC Youth "Submerge" 19D 10:30 Fellowship - C 10:45 Bible Study—L NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>		<p>10 6:00 Crafters—128 7:00 Scouts - FH 7:00 Sarah Circle—119</p>	<p>11 10 Bible Study-L 6:30 Choir-128</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>29 9:30 Worship - S Sunday School 19A EPIC Youth "Submerge" 19D 10:30 Movie & Snacks! 2:00 Singles carpool from Church to Mahoney Melodrama at 3 PM</p>						<p>S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall</p>

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Cierra Ervin	11	Samantha Peck	22	Brenden Robinson
1	Ralph Hawkins	13	Rebecca Browne	23	Gene Barnhill
1	Carrie Novak	13	Kyana Stansberry	23	Jessi Buckley
2	Jerry Peck	13	David Taylor	24	Gerry Conry
2	Greyson Miller	15	Paula Markuson	24	Bruce Cratty
3	George Bilger	17	Heather McCoy	25	Leonard Karstens
5	Joyce Jacobsen	17	Justice Miller	25	Chad Meador
6	Alexis Beberniss	17	Ashley Truckenbrod	26	Ruth Negus
6	Lois Engstrom	18	Brad Beal	27	Cheyenne Myers
6	Kimberley Wheels	18	Jacoby Granados	28	Frederick Moore
7	Barbi Beberniss	18	Zoe Granados	29	Collin Henkel
7	Richard McCoy	19	Wesley Bertch	29	Amy Hernandez
7	Brad Nitsick	19	Jo Morton	29	Becky Hopkins
7	Bill Parsons	20	Piper Marxsen	30	Kylee Conrad
7	Marlene Roberts	21	Donna Dean		
10	Gwen Volmer	21	Marti Elias		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Nate & Rita Merriam	10	Kevin & Heather Antoniak
3	Jason & Victoria Coufal	10	Doug & Carla Dudley
4	Matthew & Cindy Key	11	Mark & Nancy Loehr
4	Kevin & Juli Meador	20	Gary & Annie Kuti
6	John & Connie Anderson	22	Ron & Nikki Heim
8	Jerry & Barb May	25	Tim & Melissa Brusnahan
9	Mike & Jessi Buckley	28	Byron & Sandy Klockner
9	Ernest & Judy Summers	29	Richard & Linda Stricker
10	Mike & Jean McKimmey	30	Andy & Carrie Novak