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July 2021

July 4		9:30 AM Worship Service/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 1-4 PM Chin Church	
July 11 Newsletter Deadline		9:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 1-4 PM Chin Church	
July 18		9:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 1-4 PM Chin Church	
July 25		9:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 10:30 AM Fellowship hosted by Hannah Circle—C 1-4 PM Chin Church	

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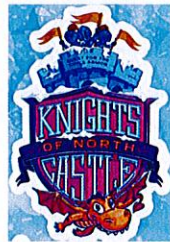
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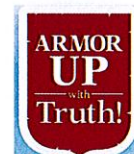


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Vacation Bible School: July 26-30 at Lord of Love Church, 10405 Fort. Join us for "Knights of North Castle: A Quest for the King's Armor!" 5:30-8:00 PM each day. Plan to be part of VBS!

Mission Trip July 11-16: We will be spending the week at Scatter Joy Acres and the Salvation Army. We will be spending the afternoons and nights at Suzy's lake house.



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!

Thank You: "To the ladies of the church: thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl for Weldon. Your thoughts and prayers mean a lot to us. Again, Thanks. God bless you all!" — Judy Stockfleth

"Thank you, Northwest Hills Church family, for all of the prayers, calls and cards regarding John. And a special thank you to Pastor Alex for the frequent calls." — Connie Anderson

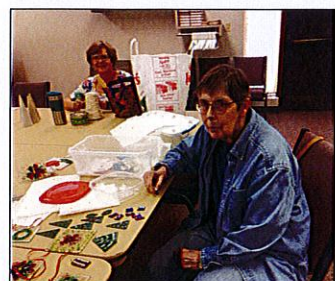
"Thank you for all the birthday cards and social media messages! Greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness....you made my day (week and month!) special!" Much love to all, Cheryl Morehouse

"Thank you to my Northwest Hills family for your cards, calls, and condolences on the passing of my son, John." — Elaine Jenkins

"I would like to thank everyone from the church for their lovely cards and well wishes for my recovery. I did get the cast off my wrist but have to wear the brace for a while. Hopefully it won't be too long before I am able to drive and be back at church. Thanks again to everyone. God bless you all!" — Shirley Dutton

CRAFT GROUP!

The next craft afternoon will be **Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in Room 128**. We welcome new ideas for the upcoming year and I know we are all excited to resume another year of crafting. Anyone who has interest in helping with craft items is invited to attend these fun and productive get-togethers. **No special skills are required!!** Please continue to work on your individual craft items at home if you are unable to attend. You can either bring a craft project to work on or choose from a craft in the craft room. Questions? Please feel free to call Sherry Mitchell at (402) 498-3597. We look forward to many wonderful afternoons of crafting with friends, while working toward Northwest Hills' Craft Show in October!!



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues each week at 10:00 AM in the **LIBRARY**. The fellowship and discussions have been wonderful. This month we are discovering nuggets of truth from I and II Samuel. All are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL does not meet in July.
Next meeting will be 7:00 PM Thursday, August 12, 2021, Commons.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

The men of Northwest Hills Church will be getting together again for a Men's Ministry Breakfast! We will meet Saturday, July 10th (deferred a week due to the Independence Day Holiday) in the Commons at 9:00 AM. It is a "BYOB: Bring Your Own Breakfast" or you can eat breakfast before you come. Mark your calendars to plan on attending for a great time of fellowship!



Women's Association: Will meet Thursday, July 1st at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited! Questions? Call Kathleen Hammond, 402-981-3630.

Hannah Circle: Will meet Tuesday, July 20th at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Beth Perley; dessert, Marti Elias. Questions? Call Lois Gapen, 402-572-6792.

Ruth Circle: Will meet Monday, July 19th at 6:30 PM in the Commons. Questions? Call Ginger Morelock, 402-312-5126.

Sarah Circle: Does not meet in the summer months. Questions? Call Terri Burright at (402) 659-6913.

CANASTA: We kicked off this year's games on the hottest day of the year (June 17th)! We have several new full-time players who are fitting right in with the group! Our next session will be on July 15th in the Fellowship Hall. We begin at 10 AM and everyone should bring their own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #10 (Jo and Cathy). If anyone would like to learn the game or take a refresher course, Lois Gapen and Ardell Reuter are willing to teach you. If you have any questions, please call Judy Intlekofer at 402-651-2947.



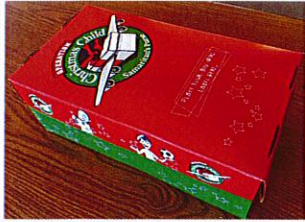
Mark your calendar! **The Annual All Church Family and Friends Picnic** will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021 following the morning worship service. Please plan on attending this time of fellowship as we begin our 2021 fall season.

More information will be coming out in our August Newsletter!

MISSION & SERVICE

SUMMER COLLECTION (JUNE/JULY/AUGUST)

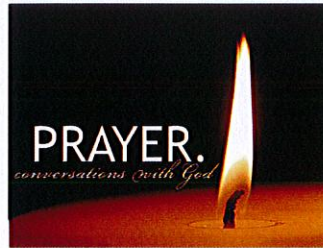
We are excited for our Northwest Hills Church family to participate in an international outreach to children: Operation Christmas Child (through Samaritan's Purse)! Here is just one recent stat from their Website that captures the scope of outreach:



"We also witnessed God move mightily in South Asia where half of the unreached people groups in the world live. The Lord opened the way for us to visit 55 of these groups and proclaim the Gospel among them. In one extremely poor community the people lived in patchwork huts. Children had no shoes and wore rags for clothing. There were no schools for them to attend. They had never received a gift—until they opened their shoeboxes! "The joy on their faces was incredible," a ministry partner said. And many of the boys and girls enthusiastically responded to the Gospel. As a result, a door is now open to the Good News in these regions so that "those who have never been told of Him will see, and those who have never heard will understand" (Romans 15:21 ESV).

The project is very simple: fill a shoebox with a "wow" gift, necessities, and a colorful booklet will be added that shares the Gospel. The shoeboxes are then sent to children all over the world spreading love, joy, and most importantly, God's message of salvation and a tangible evidence of His love.

Because of the huge scope of this project, informational sheets will be available with the VERY SPECIFIC items needed for three age groups: 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 year olds. We will also have a money jar for currency, coins and checks so that EVERYONE can participate, even if it is a child putting pennies in the jar. The cost of shipping around the world is \$9.00 PER BOX, so every little bit helps. See summer display for details! Thank you for your participation in blessing God's children across the globe!



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 are always encouraged to hear when our loved ones are 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), Nancy Norton (friend of Carol Scott), Michael Gulliams (Bev Ambrosius' nephew), Sandy Christopherson, Al Cummings (Janet Delehoy's brother), Sharon Marchese (Kathleen Hammond's sister), Carol Scott, Lynn Hammond, Drew Botsakos, Kathleen Hammond, Mary LaHood, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Barb Karstens, Jeff Walton, John Gerken (Sheri Swift's cousin), Susie Ryan, Weldon Stockfleth, Cierra Ervin, Justin Everett (Sherry Mitchell's cousin's son), Sally (Ginger's cousin in Florida)

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Sharon Kirby (Janet Delehoy's sister-in-law), Dick McCoy, Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Bill Owens, Pam Burright, Marvin Schoonover (Pat Mollak's brother), Ken Lemons (Jim Lemons' son), Coleen Vincent, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Paul Nitsick, Gary Dutton, David Arthur (friend of the Vincents), Dave Koll

"He sent His Word, and healed them"

— Psalm 107:20

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

— Isaiah 53:5

FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

Grace and peace to you in the name of the risen Christ!

When the month of July comes around, I can't help but think about fireworks, parades, and barbeques. All of these things are associated with the 4th of July, our nation's Independence Day. Another major aspect of the 4th of July is freedom. The United States of America is all about freedom. Christianity is also about freedom. The apostle Paul emphatically stated in his letter to the Galatian church that "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1). Before Jesus, God's people lived under the Law, the instructions for holy living God gave at Mount Sinai. Paul argued that the Law was never meant to provide salvation or produce true freedom, but it did point to the necessity of a savior. Through his sacrificial death, Jesus fulfilled the Law, setting those who follow him free. God's ways are now written in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

But does our freedom in Christ mean that we can do anything we want? I don't think so. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthian church, responded to some of the Corinthians' attitudes towards their freedom. In 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, the Corinthian Christians were supposedly saying, "Everything is permissible." Paul responded to them, "but not everything is beneficial...[nor] constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others."

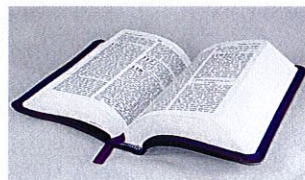
As followers of Jesus, each of us are free to live as we think is best (with guidance from the Holy Spirit, of course!), but we do need to realize that our freedom does have limits. We are called by God to love and care for ourselves but also to love and care for others. We are not to do anything that harms another, either physically, mentally, or spiritually. Essentially, Paul's message to the early church and to us today is this: even if we have the Christian freedom to do something, if our words or actions cause harm to another, then we should refrain to do so out of love.

To help accomplish this, Paul took on this mentality: "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible" (1 Cor. 9:19). Though Paul was free in Christ, he did not use his freedom as a means to do whatever he liked whenever he liked. Rather, he followed the example set by our Lord Jesus and humbled himself and became a servant to all those he met.

As we celebrate our freedom, as Christians as well as citizens of the U.S., may we not use it for our advantage alone, but to help and support our sisters and brothers as well.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for July

Songs of Summer: July 2021 Sermon Series

Summer is the season of sun, water, and tunes! Whether you're road-tripping with family or hitting the beach, music sets the mood and gets your toes a-tappin'! Music can also stir up emotions and memories. They can also teach us about life. For the month of July, we're going to listen to some pop songs that teach us a lesson about our Christians lives.

July 4: "Pretty Woman," sung by Roy Orbison; Focus Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31

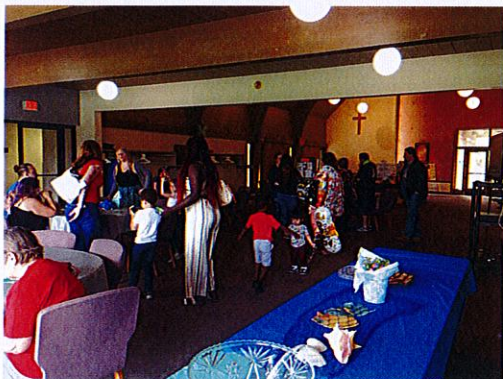
July 11: "Let It Be," sung by the Beatles; Focus Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-2

July 18: "Unanswered Prayers" sung by Garth Brooks; Focus Scripture: James 1:5-6; 4:3; 5:15-18

July 25: "Bye, Bye, Bye" sung by NSYNC; Focus Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17



Preschool Graduation and Reception, Friday, May 21, 2021....



...both the graduation program and reception that followed in the Commons were well-attended! It was so rewarding to see how supportive the families were of these little ones entrusted to our care...



"...and the green grass grew all around all around, and the green grass grew all around...."



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August 2021 Sermon Series
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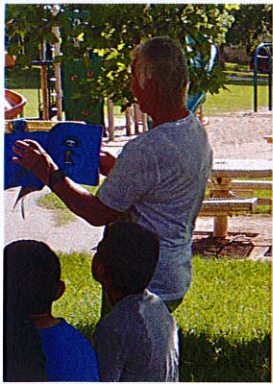


You Asked For It! August 2021 Sermon Series

What are some of your questions about the Christian faith? What Scriptures do you not quite understand? You are invited to submit a question or Scripture passage you would like Pastor Alex to answer or explain. Your question or passage might end up being the focus of a Sunday morning sermon in the month of August! Please submit your suggestions by Sunday, July 18.

PK-5th Grade Summer Sunday School!

We are off to a great start with "Sunday School in the Park!" We've been meeting since the beginning of June, and we look forward to carrying on through the month of July! Each week please drop off and pick up your PK-5th grade child at North Oaks Park (93rd and Ellison) Enjoy some pictures below from our very first Sunday School in the Park.



From the Christian Ed Department.....

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped "deliver" pinwheels to our neighbors in North Oaks. We delivered **over 250** patriotic pinwheels to advertise Northwest Hills Preschool and Vacation Bible School.



SINGLES & FRIENDS!

JULY OUTING

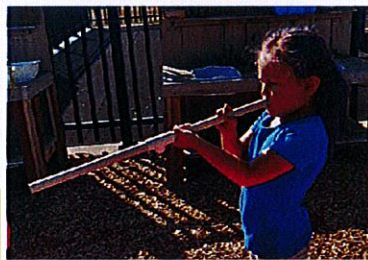
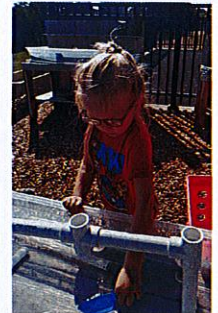
Saturday, July 17th

The Singles Werner Ballpark event scheduled for July is being cancelled. It will be replaced by dinner out that day. The hostesses (Judy Intlekofer and Linda Nelsen) will provide dinner arrangements at a later date.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

We look forward to seeing everyone for dinner!

Our Preschoolers loved being here so much that several returned for the summer Wednesday morning "play dates!"



Have you ever had to take a "nice" picture of a bunch of youngsters who were hyper-excited that school was almost over? We had quite a few "hams" in the Preschool class this year! Which picture would YOU choose as the final one to go up on our wall for the 2020-2021 Preschool Class?!



Northwest Hills Preschool



SPROUT, BLOOM, GROW

Spread the word...we are registering kids for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know of any families with 3 to 5 year old children looking for a great preschool, information is available in the church office; or call and we will mail the application form to you!

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

M-F CLASSES FOR 4/5 YEAR OLDS \$175/MO.

3 YEAR OLD CLASSES \$125/MO

CLASSES START SEPT. 7TH

402-572-8392 to register

Mark your calendars for a
Lemonade Stand!

Sunday, August 1st
after service.

*Proceeds will be combined
with VBS offerings and given
to the Holy Cross Food
Pantry.*



*"Thank you in advance
for your support!" - CE Dept.*



COMMUNITY VBS

**Monday through Friday,
July 26th-30th, 5:30-8:00 PM**

At Lord of Love Church, 10405 Fort Street



Knights of North Castle VBS will be held in partnership with Lord of Love Church. We will be learning about the "Armor of God." Lord of Love will be hosting at their church. If you would like to volunteer, we have several areas available.

Registration forms will be available on our Facebook page and in the Commons. PK-5th Grade. Cost is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family. VBS runs from 5:30-8:00 PM. There will be a sack-lunch type dinner from 5:30-6:00, with the actual program running 6-8 PM. Call the church office if you have any questions or want to register, 402-572-9382.

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Omaha
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Trip

**"For we are co-workers in God's service;
you are God's field, God's building."**

1 Corinthians 3:9

Join us for Omaha Mission Trip!

July 11-16

You can be the helping hands in the city of Omaha. It's important to help out in our own community. It makes us realize how close some of the issues are to our own homes and how blessed we really are.

See Suzy for details!



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JULY

Kids K-5th Grade Happenings



JULY 4th	Sunday School: Sunday School in the Park* "God Bless America!" <i>* Summer Sunday School will be held in North Oaks Park (93rd & Ellison). We will meet there each Sunday from 9:30-10:30. Please drop children off at the park.</i>	9:30 a.m.
JULY 11th	Sunday School: Sunday School in the Park * "Fruit of the Spirit: Oh, Joy!"	9:30 a.m.
JULY 18th	Sunday School: Sunday School in the Park * "Fruit of the Spirit: Patience"	9:30 a.m.
JULY 25th	Sunday School: Sunday School in the Park * "Fruit of the Spirit: Self Control"	9:30 a.m.
JULY 26-30	Vacation Bible School: July 26-30 at Lord of Love Church, 10405 Fort. Join us for " <i>Knights of North Castle: A Quest for the King's Armor</i> " 5:30-8:00 PM.	5:30-8 p.m.



EPIC Youth

6th Grade— Young Adult



There will be no youth discussion group on Sunday mornings during the summer months. Please feel free to help out with Sunday School-in-the-Park. (See above for details.)

JULY 11-16	OMT!! (Omaha Mission Trip) Meet at church at 4 pm July 11th to carpool to the lake house in Waterloo, NE. We will return to church on July 16th around 5 pm.
JULY 26-30	Help with VBS at Lord of Love Church. Need service hours for school? This is a great and fun way to get them!! See Suzy for details. 5:30-8:00 pm M-F

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4 9:30 Worship/Communion-S 9:30 Sunday School in Park 1-4 Chin Church-S	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED in Observance of Independence Day 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128	6 7:00 Bell Practice 7:00 Scouts—FH	7 9-12 Preschool Playdate 10 Bible Study-L	8 (no Council mtg.)	9	10 9:00 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast (bring your own) - Commons
11 9:30 Worship-S 9:30 Sunday School in Park 1-4 Chin Church-S 33rd General Synod 11th-18th Newsletter Deadline ←	12 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128 Youth Mission →	13 1 PM CRAFTS Room 128 7:00 Bell Practice 7:00 Scouts - FH Week	14 9-12 Preschool Playdate 10 Bible Study-L 11-2:30 OES Lunch & cards-C	15 10 Canasta-FH	16 6-9 Old Dominion Dancers—FH	17 2-10 Moreno—FH 4:00 PM Singles & Friends Dinner TBD
18 9:30 Worship—S 9:30 Sunday School in Park 1-4 Chin Church-S	19 6:30 PM Ruth Circle-Commons 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128	20 1:15 PM Hannah Circle-FH 7:00 Scouts—FH	21 9-12 Preschool Playdate 10 Bible Study-L	22	23	24
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

4	Kenneth Peterson	9	Michael Callahan	20	Joseph Urban
5	Faith Hurt	10	Mikey Mehlenbacher	22	Deb Hahn
5	Janis Johnson	11	Mary Longenecker	22	Ruby Peterson
5	Bob Taylor	13	Andy Novak	24	Ronald Heim
6	Kevin Antoniak	14	Mary Ellen Dixon	24	Karen Morris
6	Darwin Barker	15	Avery Beberniss	27	Jessica Brusnahan
6	Andrew Nitsick	15	Mary Hinman	29	Charli Brusnahan
8	Colleen Djureen	16	Shirley Dutton	29	Jim Skrobo

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Wesley & Stephanie Bertch	23	Brandon & Michelle Hultman
3	Mike & Inga Mehlenbacher	28	Fred & Carol Scott
11	Christopher & Jennifer Hunter	30	Steve & Jan Jacobsen
15	William & Kathy Owens		