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## May 2022

May 1		9:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion/SS 10:30 AM Fellowship Kathy Coppler Birthday-C 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Communion 1-4 Chin Church
May 8	 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	9:30 AM Traditional Worship/SS/EPIC Re-Charge 10:30 AM Mother's Day Fellowship—C 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 1-4 PM Chin Church
May 15		8-noon Boy Scout Pancake Feed—FH 9:30 AM Traditional Worship/SS/EPIC Re-Charge 10:30 AM Graduate & Teacher Fellowship—C 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 1-4 PM Chin Church
May 22		9:30 AM Traditional Worship/SS/EPIC Re-Charge Youth 10:30 AM Music & Video Fellowship—C 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 1-4 PM Chin Church
May 29		9:30 AM Traditional Worship 1-4 PM Chin Church

*Did you know?....*

**Decoration Day:** On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30 for the Memorial 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!





*"Thank you to everyone who helped make the Hoppin' Easter Adventure a huge success! Despite the cold we had a great turnout! Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped sort, match, and stuff eggs, donated items, and donated your time."*

— Suzy Parsons

*"Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards (Easter and 'get well') and well wishes for my mom, Gerry Conry. You are all the best!"*

— Sue Slowik

*"To all at Northwest Hills Church: we thank you for the thoughts and prayers for Weldon during his illness and passing. We all thank you for everything you have done. God bless you all. Love,*

*— Judy Stockfleth and family"*

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We gather Wednesdays at 10 AM Room 128. All are welcome! Come join us for great discussion and fellowship around the Word of God!

**WOMEN'S ASSOC.** will have their next meeting on Thurs., May 5th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions and dessert will be provided by Isobel Taylor. Mission project for May collection will be packaged side dishes (i.e. HyVee/Knorr's rice or noodle packets).

**RUTH CIRCLE** will be meeting Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:00 AM in the Commons. PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY. Hostess is Judy Intlekofer. Donations for May are for Ronald McDonald House and Project Harmony. Please call Ginger Morelock at 402-312-5126 with any questions.

**SARAH CIRCLE:** no meetings until September. For any questions, call Terri Burright, 402-659-6913.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will be meeting on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 PM in Room 128.

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!

Our next craft afternoon will be **May 10, 2022 in Room 128**. It has been so much fun getting together again for another year of crafting! We welcome new, fresh ideas! Anyone



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who has an interest in helping with craft items is invited to attend these fun and productive afternoons. **Don't be intimidated: no special skills are required!** You can either bring a craft project to work on or there are many to choose from. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Sherry Mitchell at (402) 498-3597. We look forward to many afternoons of crafting with friends, while working toward Northwest Hills' October Craft Show!



### 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, May 7th at 9:00 AM in the Commons**. 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!

### CANASTA GROUP At Romeo's, 10 AM Thursday, May 19th



We will resume our tradition of meeting at Romeo's for cards and lunch! Please come to Romeo's (90th & Blondo) in time to start playing by 10 AM; at noon we will order lunch. The cost for lunch is covered by the dollars collected over the past year. This is a fun event and it is great to be able to once again continue with this annual lunch! If you have any questions, please call Judy Intlekofer at 402-651-2947. We are looking for a canasta chairperson to begin in June. If you are interested and willing to help, please call Judy.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A PIECE OF NORTHWEST HILLS CHURCH HISTORY?



We have available two 12-foot, padded PEWS in storage downstairs (red padded cushion) and about six to eight HEAVY old eight-foot tables in assorted colors and styles. Best reasonable offers accepted. For details, please contact Wayne Bennett, Building & Grounds Committee Chair, at 402-669-7475.

### SAVE THE DATE! PANCAKE FEED FUNDRAISER! Sunday, May 15th 8 AM to 12 noon Fellowship Hall

Our long-time community partner, Boy Scout Troop #383 (that meets here in the Fellowship Hall usually every Tuesday evening throughout the year) is having a fundraiser for their Troop to support their activities.

Stop in to the Fellowship Hall either before the 9:30 AM Service, in-between services, or after the 11 AM Service on the 15th to enjoy a "stack" and support our upcoming community leaders.

Watch for details/cost in the church bulletins and electronic Midweek Updates.

*Thank you for your support!*





**TWO FORCES COMBINING:  
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
and  
MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE  
MAY/JUNE COLLECTIONS**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12th from 5-9 PM, for our first BLOCK PARTY!! We will have food and games, then end the night with a movie. We will be inviting people in our surrounding neighborhood to come and enjoy a time of fun to meet us and their other neighbors.

We will have food, yard games, children's activities, a "Cake Walk" and BINGO. We will end the night with a movie at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

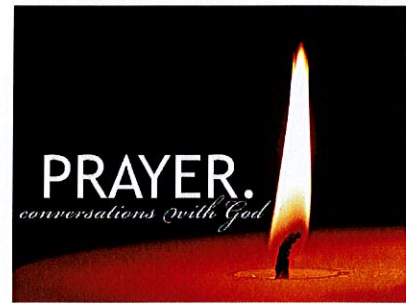
- We are looking for someone to volunteer face painting or dress as a clown and do balloon animals.
- We need all those that bake (or don't — "store bought" works too!) to donate baked goods for the Cake Walk.
- If you have yard games we could use for the night, let us know!
- We will also need the following: hotdogs, buns, individual chip bags, cookies, ketchup, mustard, relish, cookies (baked or store bought), napkins, plates, plastic forks, iced tea and lemonade mixes.
- We are in the process of collecting donated items for prizes in BINGO and the children's games. We are asking for new or gently-used items.

In order for this to be successful, we need EVERYONE'S HELP! We will have sign-up sheets in the Commons area: sign-ups will be for Set Up, Clean Up, Serve Food, Help with Activities, Bringing Baked Goods (for the Cake Walk).

Thank you in advance as we launch this new adventure and outreach to our immediate community!

Thank you, EVERYONE!

*Kathy Caito, Mission & Service Chair  
Kathleen Hammond, Fellowship Chair*

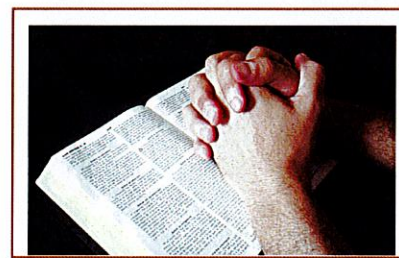


Prayer chain requests can be called to Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.

*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: Nancy Norton (friend of Carol Scott), Sandy Christopherson, Al Cummings (Janet Delehoy's brother), Fred & Carol Scott, Connie Klaumann, Drew Botsakos, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Barb Karstens, Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Faith Hurt, Kelly Pitts, Bill Runolfson

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Sharon Kirby (Janet Delehoy's sister-in-law), Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Bill Owens, Marvin Schoonover (Pat Mollak's brother), Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Paul Nitsick, Gary Dutton, David Arthur (friend of the Vincents), Susan Higginson, Vicki Nolan, (Leigh Powell's sister), Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Tracy Else



*"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

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

Whew! We made it! The church has been filled with praises and “alleluias!” Empty plastic eggs are scattered across the floor. Candy wrappers have caused the garbage can to overflow. Sunday’s best clothes are crumpled up in the laundry basket. The leftover ham and scalloped potatoes are cooling in the fridge. But wait! Easter isn’t over. Easter has just begun!

One day a year just isn’t enough to celebrate the great foundation of our faith. We don’t just shout “Christ is risen!” and then go back to what we were doing. No, the Easter celebration in the church lasts seven weeks, a total of fifty days that stretches from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The party is just getting started!

Easter being a season of fifty days is patterned after the Jewish festival of weeks, or Shavuot. Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks after Passover and signaled the end of the wheat harvest. It’s also associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Shavuot later became known as Pentecost, which means “fiftieth day” in Greek.

In addition, the number seven has been connected with wholeness or completion (i.e., the seven days of creation). A period of seven weeks, each consisting of seven days, suggests completeness two-fold. Seven weeks is roughly one-seventh of a year. So, just as the seventh day of the week is holy to God, one-seventh of the year is set apart as a holy season to celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

The number fifty also has significant meaning. Leviticus 25 designates every fiftieth year as a time of jubilee, when captives are to be released and debts are to be forgiven. Easter, then, represents the “great jubilee,” in which Jesus frees us from captivity and debt to sin.

The season of Easter is to be an extended time of joy and celebration in the church. Our Lord Jesus was crucified and has been raised from the dead. We as Christians believe the resurrection to be the greatest event in human history. So, go ahead and celebrate! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Alex*



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## Sermon Topics and Scriptures for May

### **Resurrection Witness**

Eastertide 2022 Sermon Series

After Jesus rose from the dead, he made multiple appearances to his disciples and others. For our Eastertide series, we’ll look at those encounters with the risen Jesus.

May 1 – Luke 24:13-35, “The Road to Recognition”

May 8 – John 20:19-31, “Making a Believer Out of Me”

May 15 – John 21:1-25, “Breakfast of Fish and Restoration”

May 22 – Matthew 28:16-20, “Famous Last Words”

May 29 – Acts 1:1-11, Mark Krause preaching

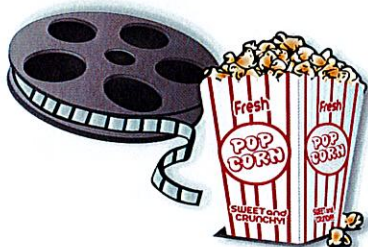


## SINGLES & FRIENDS!

### May Outing!

#### LUNCH, POPCORN, AND A MOVIE!

Please join us on Saturday, May 21st from 12 noon until 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a fun-filled event. Bring your own sack lunch....homemade or pick up your favorite drive-thru meal. After lunch, we'll gather around the big screen TV to watch a movie (TBD). Popcorn will be provided. It will be fun for all. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend! Hostesses are Bev Ambrosius and Ginger Morelock.



Singles & Friends is open to all Church members, friends, single or not! ***If plans should change or the event is postponed, we will notify everyone.***

Come join the festivities!

Any questions, please contact  
Ginger Morelock at 402-312-5126.



The Women's Association will stop collecting containers for the months of May and June: please recycle any containers at home during these months. Questions? Contact

Kathleen Hammond or Lois Gapen.

Here are some pics from our Hoppin' Easter Adventure on Saturday, April 16th! (more pictures on the following pages.....)



**REMINDER:** Please be sure to check out our "You've Got Mail" table, especially if you have or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary. Thank you!



**GRADUATES:** We would like to recognize the youth that are graduating this year. Best of luck in your future plans. May God be with you in the next step of your future:

Collin Henkel: Millard North High School

Jason Key: Burke High School

Taylor Tracy: Elkhorn South High School



## Congratulations!

One of our members (thanks, Anna!) thought it would be nice to occasionally share some bits of our church's history in the Newsletter—especially since we've been adding new people—so they can gain insight from knowing a bit about our history. Here's a little segment from our 50-Year Anniversary booklet from 2015:

*"Northwest Hills Church is a member of the United Church of Christ. The denomination was brought into being by a merger of the Congregational Christian with Evangelical and Reformed Churches in the USA at the national level in 1957. In Nebraska 1962, a vote was taken at the Annual Conference to effect the merger.*

*The congregation of Northwest Hills UCC came about through the merger of four small churches. They were: First Congregational Church of Irvington and Third Congregational (Plymouth) Church of Omaha who merged forming Northwest Congregational Church UCC in 1961. Western Hills United Church of Christ merged with them in 1968 and the name was changed to Northwest Hills Church UCC. Finally, in 1995, Central Park Congregational Church became a part of the fellowship...*

*There are a number of reasons we have all found our way together, as a body of Christ at Northwest Hills Church. The primary purpose, of course, is to make more effective a common witness to Christ as well as to fulfill the spiritual needs of persons in the community, and to serve the Lord while advancing God's kingdom in the world."*





## LADIES OF NORTHWEST HILLS!

### "Journey to the Living Waters"

Women's Retreat

May 13th & 14th, 5 PM to 5 PM

*Together we will explore the significance of water in the stories of the Bible.*

*See Suzy for further details and to sign up.*

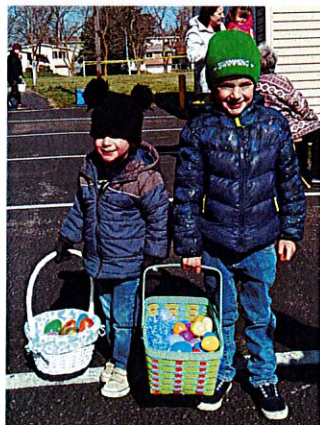


Have you received a lovely, hand-stitched card at some point over the past year or so from the church? There is a group of ladies — who have been getting together to make these wonderful cards — called the "Sew & Sews!" These ladies meet

normally every Tuesday and Friday in Room 128 from 2-4 PM to create these hand-made treasures. Would you like to "give it a whirl" and join them in their creativity? You are welcome to stop by and check it out first to see if this is something you would like to do. Questions? See Jan Jacobsen or Barb Renicker.



*Great turnout at the Hoppin' Adventure!*



## Northwest Hills Preschool



*SPROUT, BLOOM, GROW*

I can't believe how fast this school year went!! The end of the year is on our door step. We will end the year with a family picnic at the park on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Graduation for those children going into Kindergarten in the fall will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is also the last day for preschool. We have had a fun year with lots of activities, excitement, and learning. We wish all our graduating preschoolers the best of luck in the educational endeavors. A HUGE thank you to Miss Lori and the church for their continued support!

We have started to enroll children ages 3-5 for the upcoming preschool year. Our preschool begins the day after Labor Day. Open House will be Wed. August 24 from 6:00-7:00pm. If you know of any family members, neighbors, or friends looking for a great preschool, send them our way!!



*On your mark.....get set.....GO!*



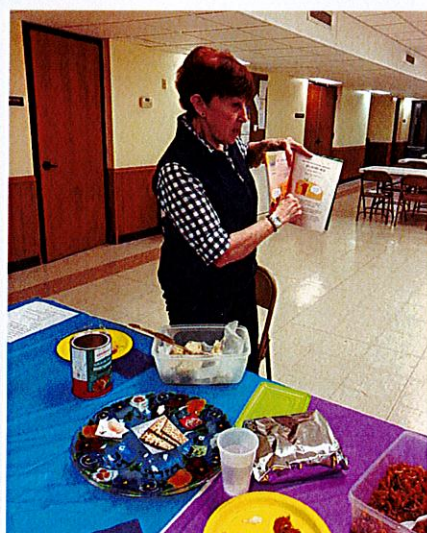
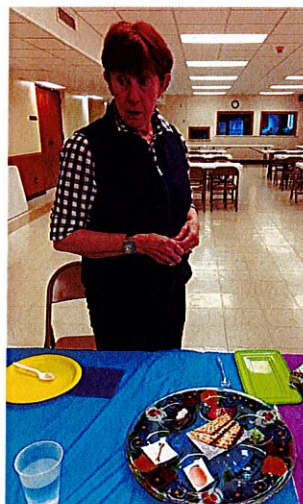
*More hoppin' fun..... ➡*



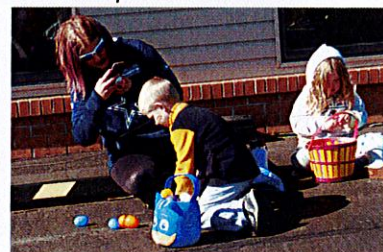
*I think we need a bigger bucket...*



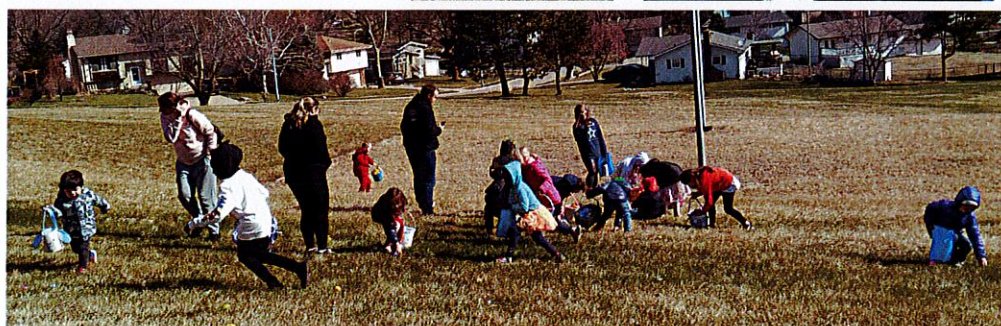
Our EPIC Youth and Sunday School classes enjoyed an educational, hands-on demonstration by Cathy Christensen of the Passover (Seder) Meal on April 10th. Here are some of the photos commemorating that morning:



And more pics from April 16th.....



Eggs! Eggs! Everywhere!!!







## PK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

May 1	Sunday School: "God Guides Us"
May 8	Sunday School: "When Tempers Sizzle"
May 15	Sunday School: "Can You Believe It?"
May 22	Sunday School: Last day of regular Sunday School.
May 29	No Sunday School: Attend church with your family.

## EPIC Re-Charge Youth



May 1	No EPIC Re-Charge. Attend church with your family/take communion.
May 8	EPIC Re-Charge: <a href="http://www.yourfamily.com">www.yourfamily.com</a>
May 15	EPIC Re-Charge: Do Something EPIC Youth Group TBD
May 22	Last Day of EPIC Re-Charge. We will not meet in the summer.
May 29	No EPIC Re-Charge: take the summer off, but attend church with your family.



SAVE THE DATES: Omaha Mission Week will be held June 26th through July 1st. Watch the June Newsletter for more information. The format will be the same as last year's OMT.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out in any way—big or small—with the Easter Adventure. It takes many hands to make an event happen. All the help was greatly appreciated. It is such a good outreach to our neighbors.

A BIG thank you to Cathy Christensen for sharing the meaning of the Passover meal with the Sunday School kids and youth. It was very meaningful to have a first-hand view of the Jewish holiday.

THANK YOU to the following teachers and facilitators for helping out with Sunday School, Fun Friday, EPIC Re-Charge, and EPIC Youth Group: Coleen Vincent, Inga Mehlenbacher, Weylon White, Kathleen Hammond, Margaret Scofield, and Rick Scofield.





# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Traditional Worship/SS/ Communion 10:30 Kathy Coppler Bday-C 11 Contemporary Worship/ Communion-S 1-4 Chin Church-S	2 6:45 PM AA Mtg.—FH	3 11 AM Ruth Circle-C 7 PM Scouts—FH	4 "May the 4th be with you..." 10 AM Bible Study—128 6:30 PM Choir	5 12 noon Women's Assoc. In Fellowship Hall	6 9 AM Men's Breakfast—C	7 9 AM Men's Breakfast—C
8 9:30 Traditional Worship/SS/ EPIC Re-Charge 10:30 Mother's Day Fellowship—C 11 Contemporary Worship-S 1-4 Chin Church-S  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	9 6:45 PM AA Mtg. -FH	10 8 AM -8 PM PRIMARY VOTING-C 1-3 Crafters-128 7 PM Scouts - FH	11 10 AM Bible Study—128 11:30 Preschool Picnic in Park 6:30 PM Choir	12 7 PM Church Council Mtg.-128	13 5 PM Women's Retreat at Lakehouse	14 8 AM -5 PM Women's Retreat At Lakehouse
15 8-12 Boy Scout Pancake Feed- FH 9:30 Traditional Worship/SS/ EPIC Re-Charge 10:30 Grad & Teacher Recognition—C 11 Contemporary Worship-S 1-4 Chin Church-S	16 6:45 PM AA Mtg. - FH	17 1:15 PM Hannah Circle—FH 7 PM Scouts—FH	18 10 AM Bible Study—128 12-3 Kensington-C 6:30 PM Choir	19 10 AM Canasta At Romeo's	20 11:15 Preschool Graduation-S&C (last day of Preschool)	21 12-3 Singles & Friends Lunch & Movie—FH
22 9:30 Traditional Worship/SS/ EPIC Re-Charge 10:30 Music & Video Recognition—C 11:00 Contemporary Worship-S 1-4 Chin Church-S	23 6:45 PM AA Mtg. - FH	24 7 PM Scouts-FH	25 No Bible Study No Choir Practice	26 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C	27	28
29 9:30 Traditional Service 1-4 Chin Church	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 6:45 PM AA Mtg. - FH	31 7:00 PM Scouts-FH				S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall



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## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1	Kathy Coppler	7	Carol Scott	20	Grant Barker
1	Chloe Henkel	7	Clemensene Zuckweiler	21	Michael Ervin
1	Annie Kuti	8	Janet Davis	21	Andy Jacobsen
2	Betty Benskin	8	Susan Ryan	21	Dallin Nastasi
2	Darby Carlin	10	Ashton Christensen	21	Peggy Truckenbrod
3	Kathleen Hammond	11	Rosemary Morton	22	Sheri Swift
4	Pastor Alex Wolf	11	Tanner White	23	Terri Burright
5	Katelynn Beberniss	13	Shirley Spencer	26	Heather Jacobsen
6	Michael Davis	16	Linda Stricker	26	Richard Stricker
6	William Owens	18	Nikki Heim	27	Jan Hannasch
7	John Anderson	18	Conner McKimmey	28	Sondra Putzstuck
7	Kelsie Henkel	19	Mike McKimmey	29	Lucas Hunter

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

12	Michael & Janet Davis	20	Terry & Paula Markuson
15	Al & Sue Penner	22	Bob & Brenda Taylor
17	Brad & Christina Beal	25	Jack & Carolyn Williams
18	Donald & Peggy Truckenbrod	26	Jim & Coleen Vincent
19	Robert and Sharon Dolezal		