



newsletter

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September 2023

September 3 	9:30 AM Worship/Communion (no Sunday School) 10:30 AM Team Spirit Fellowship—C 1-4 PM Chin Church
September 10 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 10:30 AM CHURCH PICNIC! - Fellowship Hall 1-4 PM Chin Church
Sept. 17 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary Worship
September 24 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary Worship

GET READY! Sunday, September 3rd will be "Team Spirit" Sunday! We invite you to wear your favorite team apparel and bring a "tailgate" dish to share with others. It can be any sport as we kick off Fall Sports. Join in the fun in the Commons! — *The Fellowship Committee*



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH!

Annual Family & Friends Church Picnic!

Following the 9:30 Church Service

Meat, Baked Beans, and Drinks will be provided. Last Names beginning with A-J bring dessert. Last Names beginning with K-Z bring salad/vegetable. Please bring your own table settings. There will be a free-will offering which will be used for upcoming Church Projects.



The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4th 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!

THANK YOU!

*"Thank you for the prayers, cards, and kindness extended to us since the passing of my mother, Dorothy Anderson. This was all greatly appreciated."
— Allen & Linda Chandler*

*"Ruth Circle and Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who made our "Sock It To Me" Drive so successful! Your generosity will keep someone warm this winter. We had a **total of 355 pairs of socks** collected! Thank you so much!"*

"A big thank you to everyone who attended the Sock Hop! It was a lot of fun. Special thanks to the ladies (and hubbies) who did set up, serving and clean up. What an awesome bunch!"

You're invited!

Please join us as we celebrate our **70th** wedding anniversary! John and Connie Anderson Open House Wednesday, September 6th from 3-8 PM, Players Club, 12101 Deer Creek Drive, Omaha, NE 68142. For more information or directions, please call John & Connie at 402-871-8757. No gifts please!



CRAFTERS! We're meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at 1:00 PM in Room 128! All are invited to attend these fun, and productive afternoons. No special skills are required! Bring a craft to work on or there will be many to choose from. Call Sherry Mitchell (402) 498-3597 with questions. Please hold off on bringing white elephants until Oct. 8th to the church: we don't have room for long-term storage. Questions about White Elephants contact Terri Burright at 402-659-6913. We now have an additional craft day each Wednesday from 1-3 PM for all who wish to join us making hand-made crafts for our big Craft Fair Oct. 21st. You don't have to commit to the entire time: come as you can and help us build inventory of cute items to sell in the fall. *If anyone delivers craft items to be priced, please make sure to include your name and phone # in case we have questions.* Thank you!

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will meet Thursday, September 7th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be by Ruth Negus; dessert will be provided by Kathy Coppler/Marilyn Walton. For questions, please call Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 5th at 11 AM in the Commons. Dessert provided by Ginger Broyles. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Hammond.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 19th at 1:15 PM in the Commons. Devotions by Kathy Coppler and dessert provided by Linda Chandler. We will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Our Northwest Hills Church family is invited to help stock the pantry with these much-needed items that have been identified by Rohn Collins, our friend at Holy Cross. As always, ANY non-perishable donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity!

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday, September 21st at 7 PM in Room 128. Questions? Call Terri Burright, 402-659-6913.

MEN'S "BYOB" (Bring Your Own Breakfast) MINISTRY BREAKFAST will meet Saturday, September 2nd at 9:00 AM in the Commons. Questions? See Pastor Alex. All men of Northwest Hills Church are invited for a great time of fellowship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES are continuing through autumn! We are excited to get together every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in Room 128 for our special time of fellowship around the Word! Look forward to seeing as many as can come — all are invited and welcome to join us!

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in Room 128.

NWH Canasta Club will be hosting a SALAD LUNCH CARD PARTY on Thursday, September 14th in the Fellowship Hall! Also need VOLUNTEERS to help in kitchen and to make salads, please contact Kathleen Hammond 402-981-3630, email grany014@gmail.com, if you are able to help in the kitchen. The cost for lunch is \$8.00. There will also be raffles and door prizes. Plan to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM. For questions, or wish to join, please contact Deb Shafer at 402-392-0418 or 402-999-1052 or email ddshafer@outlook.com. We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.



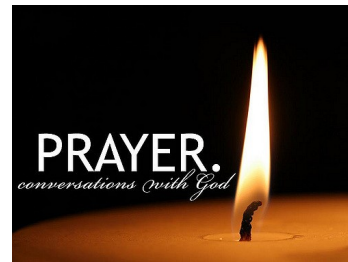
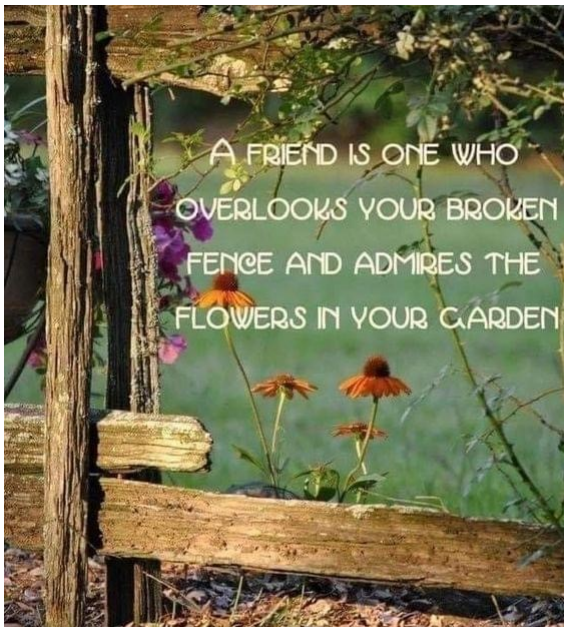
**MISSION & SERVICE
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PROJECT**

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 29th from 4 to 6 pm!
We would like everyone to start planning how to decorate their trunks. Need ideas? Check out Pinterest or see Kathy Caito. We have room for 13 cars or trucks or vans. We need everyone's participation whether you decorate a car, help in the kitchen, greet our guests or bring candy, soup or supplies. See display in the Commons. Let's make Trunk or Treat another success! Thanks from the Missions & Service Committee!



Neighbors in Need Offering: Sunday, October 1

This year, the Neighbors in Need (NIN) "Behold!" offering focuses on environmental justice. This year's offering will go to support initiatives, advocacy efforts, and service projects that focus on reducing plastic, electronic, and other non-compostable wastes being thrown into landfills and waterways. One-third of the NIN offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. We will receive the NIN offering on Sunday, October 1 as part of our World Communion Sunday celebration.



Prayer chain requests can be called to Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068 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: Connie Klaumann, Sandy Christopherson, Drew Botsakos, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Kelly Pitts, Kyle Hurt & Jacoby, Marchelle Conrad, Peg Hawkins (friend of Annie Kuti), Lois Gapen, Steve Swift

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Patricia Gename (Mary Hinman's daughter), Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), 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

If you're going to believe everything you read . . .



. . . then start with your bible.



FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

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

Last month, I wrote about how fast the summer went by. Well, I'm again writing about another season that went by fast. Saturday, September 16th will mark the 5th anniversary of my ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on behalf of the United Church of Christ. Talk about how time flies!

Over the last 5 years, we've shared in spreading Christ's love to our community in many different ways. I've shared 240 sermons with you. We've shared in 12 baptisms. I've officiated at 48 funerals and 6 weddings. We've shared in Advent and Christmas services, as well as Holy Week and Easter services.

We've shared many cups of coffee together during fellowship time and ate together at Bible study, Women's Association, and Men's Ministry meetings. We've served our neighbors through our youth mission trips, collected needed items for food pantries and local missions, and hosted trunk-or-treats, block parties, and pet blessings.

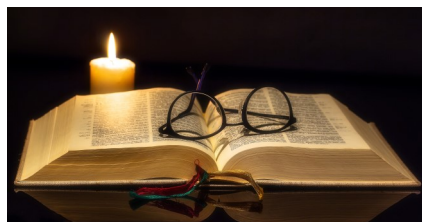
We also struggled through a world-wide pandemic and figured out how to be the church while not gathering in person. We worshiped through online videos, shared prayer requests via email and phone, and fellowshiped in unique ways.

I am beyond honored to be your pastor and am blessed to have served with you these last five years. I am so proud of all we've done to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. It hasn't always been easy, yet I find our ministry together incredibly fulfilling.

As we look behind us, may we celebrate all we've accomplished in Jesus' name. As we look forward, may we do so with anticipation and joy, for we know that God is with us, the Holy Spirit is guiding us, and Christ's love is being shared. Thanks be to God!

In Christ's Love,

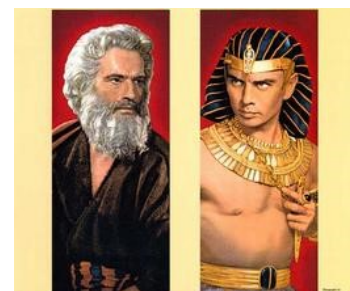
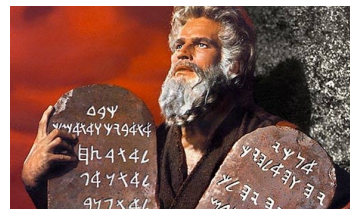
Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for September

"The Big 10: Laws of Love and Life" Fall 2023 Sermon Series

September 3 – Matthew 5:33-37, "Honoring God's Name"
September 10 – Mark 2:23-3:5, "Sleeping In on Sundays"
September 17 – Mark 3:31-35, "Honor Your Parents"
September 24 – Genesis 4:1-16, "Valuing One Another"



Singles & Friends!

Ginger needs your help planning the Singles and Friends September activity, which is our Indoor Picnic and Game Day. The date is Saturday, September 16th at 12:00 noon. Fried chicken will be provided, with all singles providing sides or desserts. Please check your calendars, then contact Ginger Broyles at 402-312-5126 to let Ginger know if you are able to attend that day (Yes or No). She will need a head count to order the chicken. If Ginger is unable to come to the phone, please leave a message for her. Thank you for your help.

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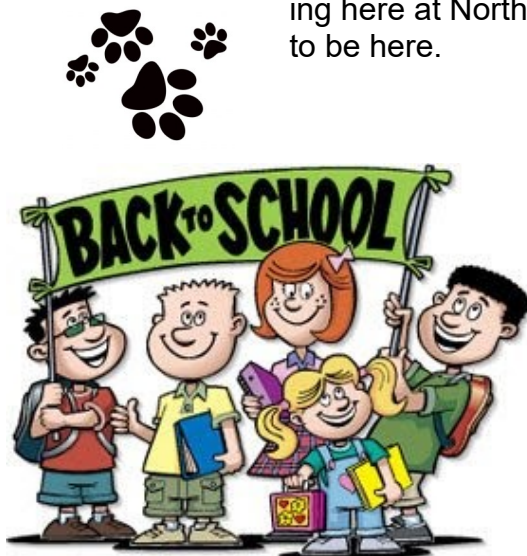
Just a reminder that EVERYONE is a friend and is always welcome to the "Singles & Friends" events!



Save the date!

Our Annual PET BLESSING will occur on Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 AM behind the church in the cool, grassy area! More details to come! Watch in the Midweek email and bulletins for further details.

LOVE



Northwest Hills Preschool SPROUT, BLOOM, GROW



We are still taking preschool registration for the fall. Children three to five years old are eligible for either a 3-day or 5-day program. Northwest Hills Preschool will be raising their rates to \$200 for 5-day classes and \$175 for 3-day classes. Registration fee is raised to \$40. Enrollment packets are available through the church office, and can be sent out electronically via email or mailed out via USPS. Please spread the word to friends, families and neighbors about our awesome preschool!



Meet our new Preschool Director!

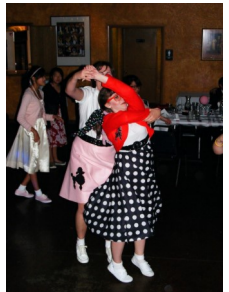
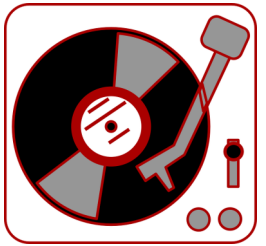
My name is Jacqueline Nelson. I have been married for 23 years and have lived in Nebraska since 2004. My husband retired from the Air Force last September after having served for 20 years. We live in Papillion and are members of Springfield Baptist Church. We have 4 children ages 22 to 16; three are married and my youngest is a junior at Platteview High School. I also just found out that I will be a grandma in April and am counting down the days! I am originally from Oklahoma and go back to visit whenever I can. I am a sports loving, dog owning, country girl who is obsessed with owls, hedgehogs, and every shade of blue! I have directed various children's educational programs for over 15 years. I have also taught preschool and upper elementary English. I am looking forward to working here at Northwest Hills and am very thankful to be here.



Some square dancing fun from Wednesday, August 16th!
You shoulda been there!



And from the First-Ever Northwest Hills Church Sock Hop on July 30th!



September 2023



PK-5th Grade Sunday School

Introducing: **KIDS QUEST!!**

(The new name for PK-5th grade kids Sunday School)



September 3	No Kid's Quest! Join families in the church service.
September 10	Kids Quest! Kick Off: At The Movies: The Creation Come and check out our new video series! The videos will show the basic stories of the Bible in a new way. AND....because we are starting a video series, there will be popcorn or a snack each week! CHURCH PICNIC! Attend with your family.
September 17	Helping Hands Mission Project: Thanking some of our church volunteers.
September 24	Kids Quest! At The Movies: SuperBook—The Test



EPIC Re-Charge

(6th—12th grade discussion group)

September 3	No EPIC Re-Charge. Join families for church service.
September 10	Discussion Topic: "Gotta Get To School" CHURCH PICNIC! Attend with your family.
September 17	Helping Hands Mission Project: Thanking some of our church volunteers.
September 24	Discussion Topic: "What do you expect?"

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall					1	2 9 Men's BYOB—C Fellowship 10A-3P Lambert Prayer Group-19D
3 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 10:30 Team Spirit Fellowship-C 1-4 Chin Church	4 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	5 <i>Preschool Starts (5-day schedule)</i> 11 AM Ruth Circle—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	6 <i>Preschool Starts (3-day schedule)</i> 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters-128 3-8 Anderson Open House 6:30 Choir Practice	7 12 noon Women's Assoc. Meeting—FH	8	9 10A-3P Lambert Prayer Group-19D
10 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 CHURCH PICNIC! -FH 1-4 Chin Church	11 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	12 1:00 Crafters-128 6:30 Bell Practice 7 PM Scouts-FH	13 10 Bible Study-128 12-3 Kensington-C 1-3 Crafters-128 6:30 Choir Practice	14 10-2 CARD PARTY/ SALAD LUNCHEON -FH 7 PM Church Council -128	15	16 12 noon Singles & Friends Indoor Picnic & Games 10A-3P Lambert Prayer Group-19D
17 9:30 Worship/SS 11 Contemporary Worship	18 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	19 1:15 Hannah Circle-Commons 6:30 Bell Practice 7 PM Scouts-FH	20 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters-128 6:30 Choir Practice	21 7 PM Sarah Circ.-128	22	23 10A-3P Lambert Prayer Group-19D
24 9:30 Worship/SS 11 Contemporary Worship	25 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	26 9 NSL Crew—C 6:30 Bell Practice 7 PM Scouts-FH	27 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters-128 6:30 Choir Practice	28	29	30 10A-3P Lambert Prayer Group-19D

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Cierra Ervin	10	Maliha Standley	19	Jo Morton
1	Carrie Novak	10	Gwen Volmer	20	Piper Marxsen
1	Jerry Peck	11	Samantha Peck	21	Marti Elias
3	George Bilger	13	David Taylor	23	Jessi Buckley
6	Alexis Beberniss	15	Paula Markuson	24	Gerry Conry
6	Kimberley Wheels	17	Ashley Truckenbrod	24	Bruce Cratty
7	Barbi Beberniss	18	Brad Beal	25	Chad Meador
7	Bill Parsons	18	Jacoby Granados	26	Ruth Negus
7	Marlene Roberts	18	Zoe Granados	27	Cheyenne Myers
8	Lauren Carrick	19	Wesley Bertch	29	Collin Henkel

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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