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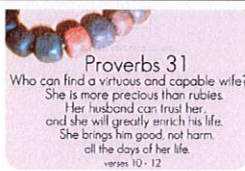
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September 2024

September 1  Song of Solomon 	9:30 AM Worship (No Sunday School) "A Song of Love" Song of Songs 2:8-13 10:30 Team Spirit Sunday Fellowship! - C 11-2 Urban Family—FH
September 8 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  Happy Grandparent's Day!	8:30 Coffee & Donuts Fellowship—C 9:30 AM Worship/ Communion/Sunday School "Seeking Wisdom" Proverbs 1:20-33 10:30 AM Bingo in FH 11:00 AM Church Picnic! - FH 
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You are invited to
Northwest Hills Church's
Homecoming Celebration!
Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:30 am Coffee and Donuts
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
and the NWH Choir
9:45 am Sunday School after Children's Message
10:30 am Bingo with prizes
11:00 am Church Picnic

*If you are in need of transportation, please call
the church office at (402) 572-8392 for arrangements.*
Homecoming is coming home to what is in your heart.

GET READY! Sunday, September 1st 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*

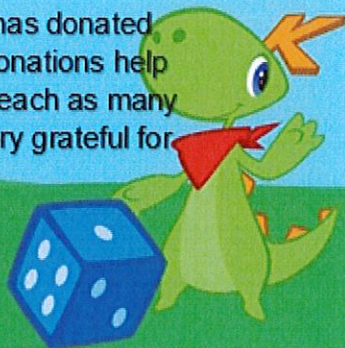


Deadline for articles/information for the monthly newsletter is usually the second Sunday for the next month's newsletter. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the preschool! Your donations help us keep tuition low so we can reach as many children as possible. We are very grateful for the support!

Love,
Jacque and Lori



"I want to thank everyone for the kindness and love shown to me during the celebration of my 65th birthday. A special thanks to my Mom for hosting the fellowship after the Sunday service. I truly am blessed with so many special people in my life who shared their birthday wishes with me in so many ways."

— Blessings, Nicki O'Neil

"Thank you, Women's Association, for the wonderful "resting bench" by the front entrances of the church! It was just recently installed in loving memory of Lois Gapen, who entered into heavenly rest August 31, 2023. What a lovely and thoughtful remembrance!"
(See photos inside of this Newsletter)

Hannah Circle invites our Northwest Hills Church family to continue to donate to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Food Pantry (our community partner that we support year round). Rohn Collins, our contact at Holy Cross (and the gentleman who so kindly comes to pick up our regular donations) shared that their greatest need for

September is for peanut butter and jelly — especially for families with school-age kids at the start of this school year. As always, your continued generosity in donating nutritional non-perishables to the collection is really a blessing to those in need who may be experiencing hunger and food insecurity in our immediate community. A collection bin is located in the Commons for this year-round support.

Need your help! Thank you for everyone bringing in so many plastic bags for our project! We have enough! Now we need your help in preparing the bags to be braided into mats. Please contact Isobel Taylor with questions at 402-679-0731 See the re-vamped display in the Commons for the next steps and instructions of how you can help. Thank you so much for your help! — Hannah Circle



CRAFTERS! We're coming down to the final weeks of preparation for our big October Craft Fair! We meet Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM to finish up craft projects to sell. All are welcome! You can bring your own crafts, or we have several to choose from. No "super talent" needed: we will help you! Thank you for joining us as we build up our "inventory" for the big Craft Fair in October. Many hands make the work light. Come for an enjoyable time of creativity and fellowship! Questions? Please contact Leigh Powell.



RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 3rd in the Commons at 11:00 AM. Dessert provided by Leigh Powell.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will meet Thursday, Sept. 5th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Ruth Negus. Dessert provided by Linda Chandler and Kathy Coppler. For questions, please call Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630. All of the ladies of the church are invited.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 17th at 1:00 PM in the Commons. Devotions by Kathy Coppler and dessert provided by Ardell Reuter.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet as needed. For any questions, call Terri Burrig, 402-659-6913.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We look forward to getting together on Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 AM in the Commons. It is a BYOB: "Bring Your Own Breakfast." All men of the church are invited for this great time of fellowship!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our Wednesday Bible Studies at 10:00 AM in Room 128! All are invited to come and fellowship around the precious Word of God!

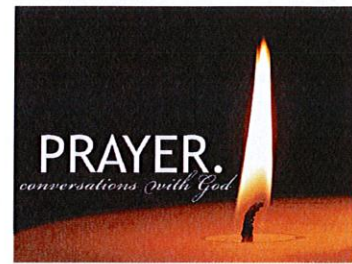
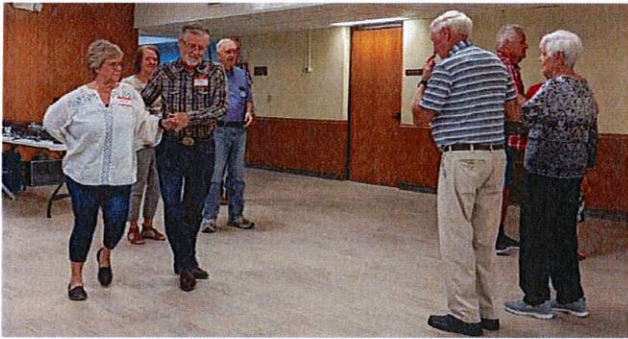
CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 PM in Room 128.

MISSION & SERVICE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PROJECT

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 27th from 4 to 6 pm!
We would like everyone to start planning decorations for their trunks. Need ideas? Check out Pinterest or see Kathy Caito. We need everyone's participation whether you decorate a car, help in the kitchen, greet our guests or bring candy, soup or supplies. See sign-ups in the Commons. Thanks for your help with this fun event!
—Missions & Service Committee!



Starting September 15th, we will be resuming Square Dancing on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 7-9 PM! Here are a few photos from our last sessions. Come and enjoy the fun! Any questions, please contact Darwin Barker at 402-210-6228.



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: Sandy Christopherson, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Kyle Hurt & Jacoby, Marchelle Conrad, Peg Hawkins (friend of Annie Kuti), Steve Swift, Jerrie Wilcox, Tom Vincent, Nikki Heim, Elaine Jenkins, Cindy Key, Joanne Mears

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), Vicki Nolan, (Leigh Powell's sister), Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Bill Owens, Kristie Slayden (Susie Miller's cousin)

"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

**HE HEALED THE ONE
WHO ARRESTED HIM,
SERVED THE ONE WHO
BETRAYED HIM, AND
LOVED THE WORLD
WHO CRUCIFIED HIM
THAT'S MY JESUS**



FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

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

On Sunday, September 8th, all members and friends of Northwest Hills Church are invited to a homecoming celebration here at the church.

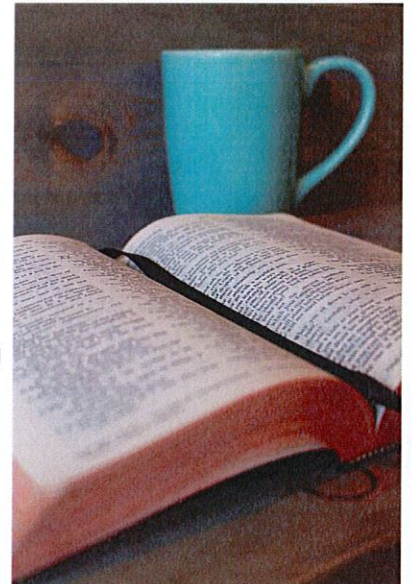
What is a homecoming celebration? Church homecomings are held for a variety of reasons, but we're using Sunday, September 8th as a time for our congregation to come together after the busy summer months to praise God and celebrate what God has done in the life of our congregation. It'll be an opportunity for those of us who haven't seen one another in a while to reunite and connect. It'll also be a chance to begin the autumn months with a joyful step as we spend time together in worship, fellowship, and sharing a meal. You can think of it as a "church family reunion." Church homecomings are especially popular in southern small towns and rural areas, but churches of all sizes and locations can enjoy the festivities.

Here at Northwest Hills, we'll begin the morning with donuts and fellowship followed by worship. During worship, we'll take Holy Communion together. It'll also be the first Sunday that our church choir sings after their summer break. Following worship, we'll play some bingo. We have some members of the congregation who really play "intense" rounds of bingo, so be prepared for the fun and laughs. Then we'll share in our annual church picnic—and the food for the picnic is always heavenly!

I'll plan on seeing you on Sunday, September 8th for our homecoming celebration. It'll be a great time!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for September

Uncommon Wisdom

September 2024 Sermon Series

The Scripture lessons we'll look at this month bring comfort as well as challenges that we don't necessarily come to expect from biblical texts. The wisdom these readings share may not be popular, but they speak truth to the realities of today.

September 1 – Song of Songs 2:8-13, "A Song of Love"

September 8 – Proverbs 1:20-33, "Seeking Wisdom"

September 15 – Matthew 5:5-13 "The Lord's Prayer"

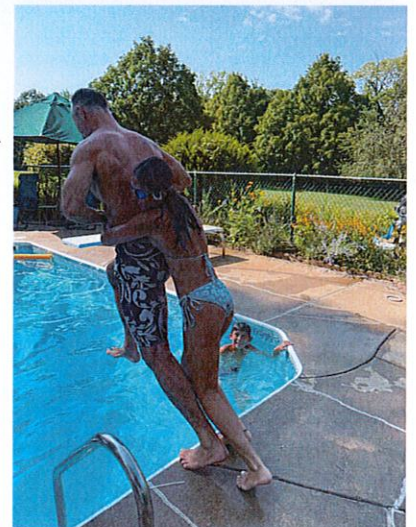
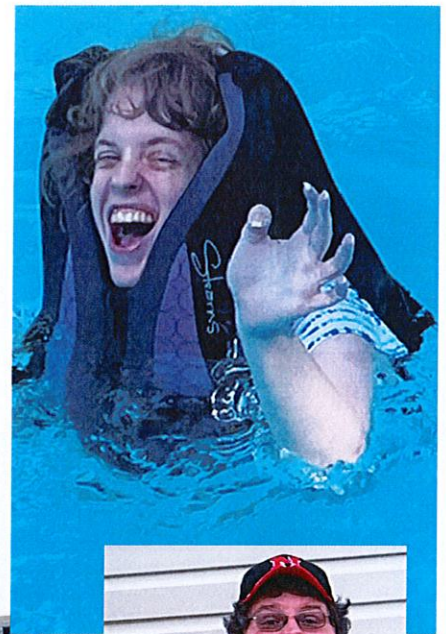
Guest preacher, Suzy Parsons

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September 29 – Proverbs 31:10-31, "Living Wisdom"



ALL CHURCH POOL
PARTY AT THE
VINCENT'S!
August 4, 2024





OES SALAD LUNCH CARD PARTY!

Thursday, September 19th, 10 am - 2 pm, Fellowship Hall! Anyone can reserve a table and participate. It would be great if we could have a couple of volunteers for the kitchen to help out. The cost for lunch is \$10.00. There will also be raffles and door prizes. Plan to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM. If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb Shafer at 402-999-1052. We still need subs (men or women): please contact Ardell Reuter 1-918-703-1068.

POP TABS: Our pop tab collection was so successful that we've decided to make this a year-round project! Now you can bring your pop tabs to church at your convenience so they don't accumulate in a pile at your home! Look for the big jar in the Commons. Thank you for your participation as we look forward to blessing our community partners – Ronald McDonald House and the Shriners – with our collective accumulation.

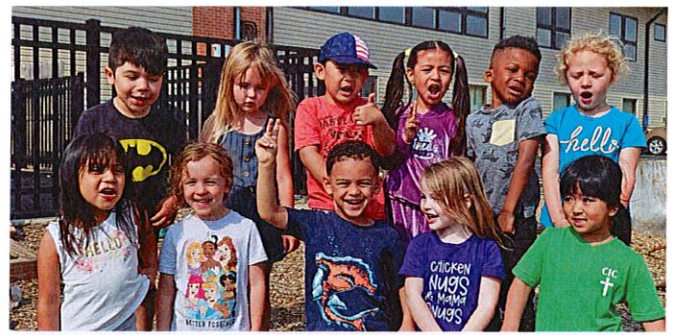
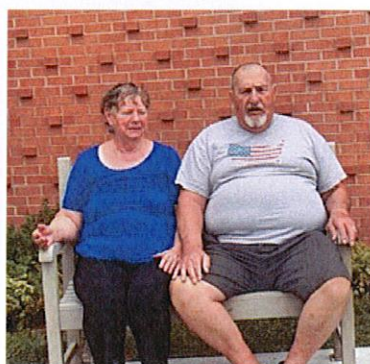


(Sponsored by Ruth Circle)

We're so excited and grateful to have such a lovely "resting" bench by the front entrances! Thank you, Women's Association!



But of course a few of our folks had to "test it out" after Bible Study on August 21st!



SPOTLIGHT: Northwest Hills Preschool Update



The start of school is here: September 3rd for the M-F kids, and September 4th for the M-W-F kids! By the time of our Open House on August 23rd, we were sitting at eight students which is a good number for this time of year. We typically pick up a few more after OPS puts out their preschool acceptance list.

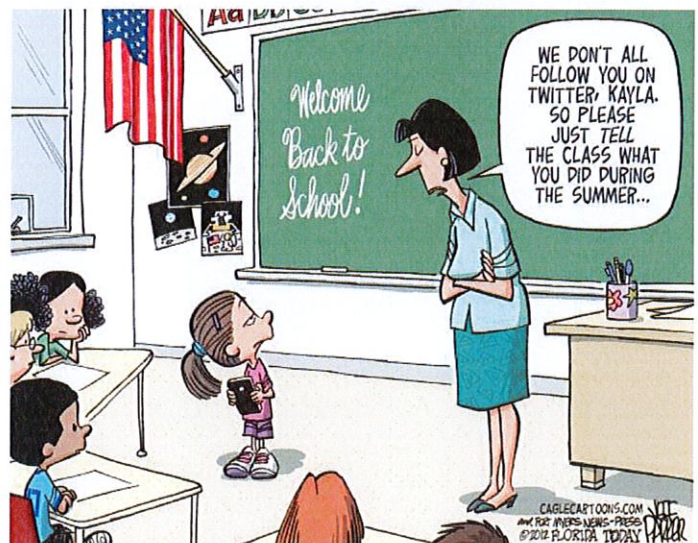
We are VERY THANKFUL for all the donations that have been dropped off in response to our list we put together! A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has donated thus far.

We ask for your prayers:

- ⇒ That we can fill a couple more spots and reach as many children in our community as possible; and
- ⇒ A smooth transition from a summer frame of mind to school mindset! That can be tough for everyone!

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

— Jacque Nelson
Preschool Director



Save the dates!

Our Annual PET BLESSING will occur on Saturday, October 5th at 10:30 AM behind the church in the cool, grassy area! More details to come! Watch in the Midweek email and bulletins for further details.



**Neighbors in Need Offering:
Sunday, October 6**

This year's Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering focuses on promoting mental health justice. Mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety, affect millions of people here in the United States. Two-thirds of the funds collected will be used to advocate for and help those in need find quality and affordable mental health care. One-third of the NIN offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. We will receive the NIN offering on Sunday, Oct. 6 as part of our World Communion Sunday celebration.



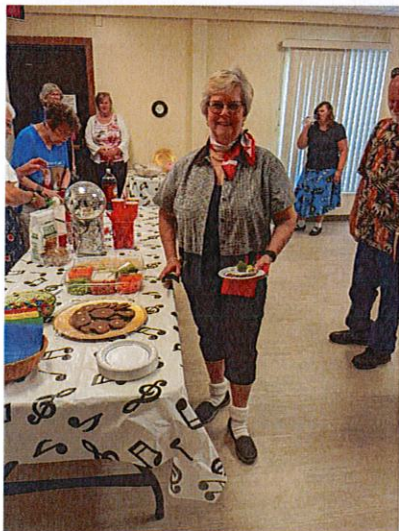
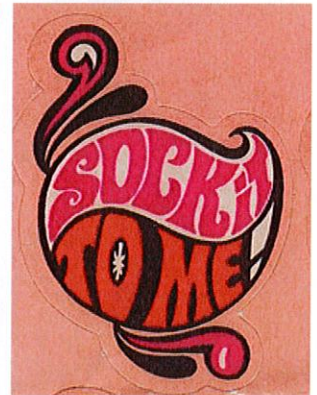
ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9 AM—3 PM

- * Halloween, Fall and Christmas Crafts, Needlework, Knitting, Crochet, Garden Décor, Jewelry
- * **BAKE SALE** (Bakers: please mark if product contains nuts): breads, cakes, pies, cookies, fudge, caramels, candy, jams & Jellies
- * **BOOK SALE:** Women's Assoc. used book sale (Lower Level)
- * **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE** (Community Room, Upper Level)
- * **LUNCH served 11 AM—1:30 PM** (Lower Level), \$7.00 per person



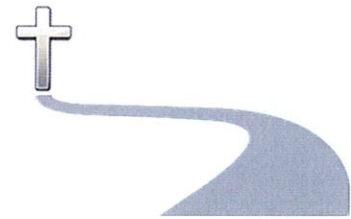
Looking ahead: 2nd annual SOCK HOP! Sunday, November 17th from 11-1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some pics from our first-ever sock hop last year!



SEPTEMBER 2024



KIDS QUEST!! EPIC Youth PK-High School



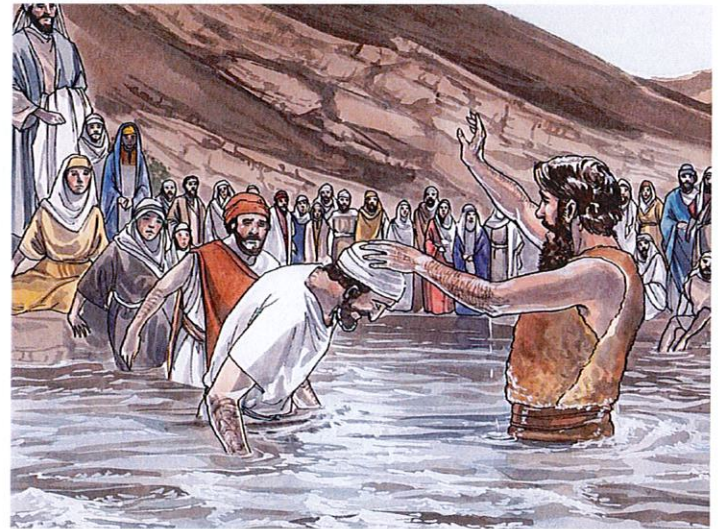
September 1 No Sunday School

September 8 "John the Baptist"

September 15 Mission Week!

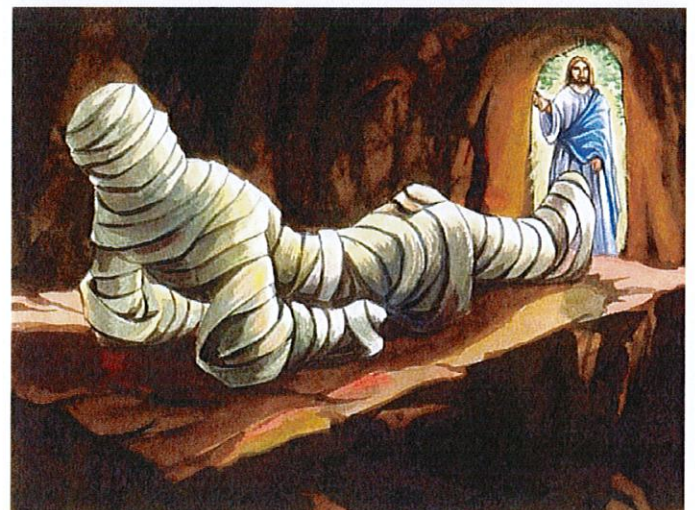
September 22 "Philip"

September 29 "Lazarus"



One of the Twelve

Philip was one of the people who was closest to Jesus. He spent about three years living with Him, witnessing His miracles, and hearing his teachings. He saw numerous demonstrations of Jesus' divinity.



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship (No Sunday School) 10:30 Team Spirit! - C 11-2 Urbans—FH	2 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	3 11 AM Ruth Circle—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	4 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 PM Choir Practice Starts	5 12 noon Women's Assoc. Meeting	6 9:00 AM Men's BYOB-C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-9D	7 9:00 AM Men's BYOB-C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-9D
8 8:30 Coffee/Donuts—C 9:30 Worship/Communion 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Bingo! 11:00 CHURCH PICNIC!	9 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	10 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	11 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 Choir	12 6:30 Sarah Circle-128	13 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-9D	14 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-9D
15 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 7-9 PM Square Dancing—FH	16 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	17 1:00 PM Hannah Circle Mtg.—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	18 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 3-8 OES set up—FH 6:30 Choir	19 10-2 OES Card Party & Salad Luncheon— FH 7 Church Council-128	20 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D	21 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
22 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 12-4 Doke Eagle Scout Ceremony—S&C 7-9 PM Square Dancing—FH	23 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	24 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	25 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 Choir	26 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D	27 IA, NE, and SD Conferences Joint Annual Meeting at Countryside	28 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D IA, NE, and SD Conferences Joint Annual Meeting at Countryside
29 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 7-9 PM Square Dancing-FH	30 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH					S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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		