



# newsletter

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## October 2024

<p>October 6</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 7-9 PM Square Dancing—FH</p> 
<p>October 13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School <i>Last day to bring white elephants!</i></p> 
<p>October 20</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 7-9 PM Square Dancing—FH</p>
<p>October 27</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 4-6 PM Trunk or Treat 7-9 PM Square Dancing—FH</p>

### 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  
(see flier inside this Newsletter)



### MISSION & SERVICE OCTOBER PROJECT

#### TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 27th, 4-6 pm!

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 Cmte.



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

*"Our thanks to those of you who helped to make our church Family Picnic a success! To Don and Peggy Truckenbrod for donating and cooking the yummy meats. To all the volunteers who helped in the kitchen, helped to set up and helped to do the clean up. Your help was greatly appreciated. To all who attended and brought such a wonderful variety of 'Pot Luck' dishes. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO ATTENDED!"*

— Church & Ministry Committee

*"We would like to thank our church family for coming to our 50th Anniversary celebration. Your presence, all of the cards, words of congratulations, and well wishes made our day special. An extra thank you to Alex for helping make our day extra special!"* — Dennis & Terri Burrig

*"Thank you for the prayers, cards and expressed concerns following my recent injury. These were greatly appreciated. The doctor office visit went well and I am to return in 2 weeks, continuing to wear the sling and not use that arm."*

— Linda Chandler

*"Thank you to everyone who helped support the Kids Quest (Sunday School) kids in their August mission project of hosting a Lemonade Stand. Donations of \$93 was collected, and these funds will be given to the Preschool to purchase a few extras for the classroom."*

*We will be preparing for the Children's Christmas Program soon. If you would like your child to participate, please let Suzy know so she can plan for the number of parts needed."*

— Suzy Parsons

Hannah Circle invites our Northwest Hills Church family to donate to the Holy Cross Church Food Pantry. We are now collecting **non-perishable Thanksgiving** fixings (canned green beans, boxed dressing, canned or jarred gravy, etc.) in preparation for their annual

Thanksgiving meal giveaway. (Nearly 200 families were provided complete Thanksgiving meal kits last year!) HyVee kindly donates the turkeys every year (a huge blessing!) The collection is really a

blessing to those in need who may be experiencing food insecurity in our immediate community. The bin for collections is located in the Commons for this year-round support. Thank you for your generosity!

**LOOKING AHEAD.....** The November and December Mission Projects will be our annual coat drive for the Open Door Mission. We will need children's, women's, and men's coats, especially XL and larger sizes. Stay tuned for more details!



**CRAFTERS!** We're in the final days of preparing for our big October Craft Fair on the 19th! We meet at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays to finish up craft projects to sell. Questions? Please contact Leigh Powell.



**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> BAKE SALE REQUEST:** Those of you wonderful bakers and candy makers who are planning on donating items to the Craft Fair Bake Sale – we are requesting that cookies/bars/candies be packaged in sets of 4 or 6 or 12 so that we can provide consistency in pricing to our customers that busy day. Thanks in advance for your contributions and help!

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, October 1st in the Commons at 11:00 AM. Dessert provided by Deb Shafer.

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** will meet Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Kathleen Hammond. Dessert provided by Ardell Reuter and Molly McCoy. For questions, please call Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630. All of the ladies of the church are invited.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, October 22nd at 1:00 PM in the Commons. Devotions by Isobel Taylor and dessert provided by Judy Cratty

**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, October 5th 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, October 10th at 7:00 PM in Room 128.



**Food Pantry Needs**

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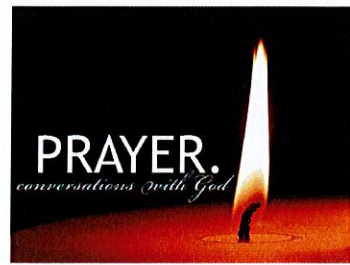
—Missions & Service Committee!





**ALL SAINTS  
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE  
NOVEMBER 10TH**

On November 10, 2024, we are honoring all our Veterans, both the living and those gone on ahead of us, as well as our friends, family, and loved ones who entered eternity during this past year. This year, we're doing something a little different. We will be making up cards to fill out and send to recruits in boot camp! They are our future vets; and boot camp can be tough and many don't get mail. We will have refreshments after service and will ask people to fill out cards that Kathleen Hammond will then take to the recruiters of the different services. Questions? Call Kathleen at 402-981-3630.



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



**HATS GLOVES, MITTENS & SCARVES!**

October 20th through November 24th Sarah Circle will be collecting and donating these items for men, women, & children served by Open Door/Lydia House this winter. Look for a display in the Commons. For questions, please call Terri Burrignt at (402) 659-6913.

**BAKE SALES** are coming! Save the dates and mark your calendars for Sarah Circle Bake Sales orders due Nov. 17th (pick up 11-24) and orders due Dec. 15th (pick up 12/22). Order forms will be available closer to those dates.



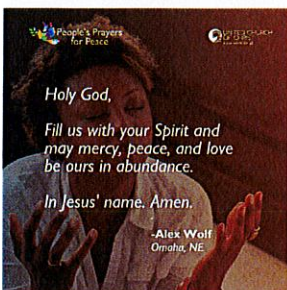
**"He sent His Word, and healed them"**

— 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

*"We are pleased to congratulate Alex Wolf for having his prayer featured today (September 5, 2024) in the UCC's Prayers of the People. We are deeply grateful to Alex for his heartfelt contribution to the church community. Grace & Peace, Rev. Adam Lassen, Registrar, Living Waters Association of the Nebraska UCC"*



**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.

Every year, the first Sunday in October is marked as "World Communion Sunday." We've celebrated World Communion Sunday here at Northwest Hills for the last several years, but you may not know how the celebration began.

According to the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church. The idea originated with Rev. Hugh Thomson Kerr, pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rev. Kerr first thought of the idea during his year as moderator of the General Assembly in 1930. However, World Communion Sunday came to fruition through the work of the Stewardship Committee at Shadyside. They wanted to bring churches together and remind the universal Church of Jesus Christ how interconnected we are with one another. As World Communion Sunday became popular and spread to other denominations, it was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (the predecessor of the National Council of Churches) in 1940.

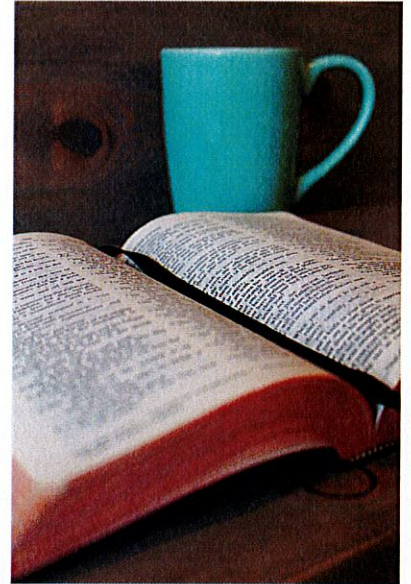
The key aspect for World Communion Sunday is unity. It is a day when followers of Jesus Christ in large and small churches, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and in tents, speaking in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy, eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord's Supper. To me, that is both humbling and mind-blowing!

World Communion Sunday is also a reminder that we as Christians, no matter our denomination or where we live, have more in common with each other than we often recognize. We tend to focus on our differences in theology and practices, but in reality we share so much. World Communion Sunday reminds us that we are all united in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

So, on Sunday, October 6th, you are invited to take your place at the Lord's Table with all those who follow Christ around the world. As we take the elements together, let us celebrate what brings us together and remember the One at the center of it all.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Alex*



## Sermon Topics and Scriptures for October

### **Job: Finding God in Suffering**

October 2024 Sermon Series

The Book of Job is one of the most fascinating yet most difficult books of the Bible. It confronts the age-old question, "Why does God allow suffering?" Join us as we wrestle with the topics of suffering and faith.

October 6 – Job 1:1, 2:1-10, "When the Storm Strikes"

October 13 – Job 23:1-9, 16-17, "Where Is God?"

October 20 – Job 38:1-7, 34-41, "When God Answers"

October 27 – Job 42:1-6, 10-17, "Happily Ever After?"





# Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale



Saturday, October 19, 2024

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



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, Candy, Jams & Jellies, Caramels

## BOOK SALE

Women's Association Used Book Sale  
(Lower Level)



## HUGE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

(Community Room—Upper Level)

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Lunch served in Fellowship Hall on the Lower Level

Sloppy Joes or Hot dogs, Chips, Bars, Beverage

11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

\$7.00 per person

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All proceeds benefit Women's Association church projects.

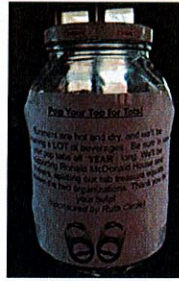






"The **CANASTA CLUB** will attend the OES Card Party on Tuesday, October 8th in Papillion (84th and Centennial St, Papillion). The cost for lunch is \$10.00. There will also be raffles and door prizes. Please arrive and be ready to start playing by 10:00 a.m., and have a Great time!! If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb Shafer at [402-999-1052](tel:402-999-1052) or [ddshafer@outlook.com](mailto:ddshafer@outlook.com). Also, we still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at [1-918-703-1068](tel: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)

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Saturday, October 5, 10:30 AM**



"Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures..."  
 Francis of Assisi, *The Canticle of the Creatures*

Everyone is invited to bring your pet(s) for our annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5th 10:30 AM. The brief service will be in the Memorial Garden on the west side of the church. Please bring your dog(s) on a leash and other pets in their appropriate carriers. If your pet does not play well with others, you may bring a picture of your pet.



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!



**Northwest Hills**  
**Preschool**

sprout, bloom, grow



The 2024-2025 school year is in full swing! Our current enrollment is sitting at 9 so we have space to grow! We would love to see 12 students enrolled soon. We had no tears on our first day, so that is definitely a good sign! The students are busy learning about ways to be a good friend and how to navigate all the exciting and interesting things a new school year brings. This month's verse is "Be kind and forgive one another, Ephesians 4:32". That is always a great reminder when starting a new year! Please pray that we can be a good example of Christ's love to these children and that a few more students come our way!

Thank you,  
 The Preschool Staff  
 (from left to right in the photo above:)  
 Jacque Nelson, Director,  
 Lori Rahn, Teacher,  
 Robin Gzehoviak, Assistant Teacher

**MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION**  
**DRUG AND HEALTH PLAN OPEN**  
**ENROLLMENT**

It's that time again – the Medicare Prescription Drug and Health Plans Annual Open Enrollment Period starts OCTOBER 15 and ends DECEMBER 7! The 2025 plans' information will be on the Medicare website and the best way to determine how the changes will affect you and determine which plan will be best for you next year is to use Medicare's Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

Statewide Senior Health counseling will be providing assistance only via phone due to Covid again this year. Call 402-444-6617 and Volunteers Assisting Seniors will set up a PHONE appointment. Rick Scofield (who is an official VAS Volunteer) has kindly agreed to help those in our congregation by phone or in person after October 15th. Also, if you're approaching 65 or retirement, Rick can provide Medicare counseling about the decisions you need to make.



**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.



A few pictures from our Annual Church Picnic "Homecoming" that was held on September 8th:



**T SHIRTS!!!**

*Sponsored by Ruth Circle*

Let's show some Northwest Hills Church spirit! Wear yours when serving at the church (so the public, guests, visitors to our events know who our peeps are and can go to for help), or just to wear around town!

Soft, luxurious 100% cotton Gildan shirts  
(superb quality shirts that should have minimal shrinkage)  
Unisex sizes (if you are unsure what size will work for you,  
see Kathleen Hammond for advice)

S M L XL 1X 2X  
(2X add \$6.00)

The more we order, the lower the price!



**UPDATE:** Thank you, Northwest Hills Church Family! We hit our goal of 25+ shirts, so are able to order at the lowest price: \$15 each!

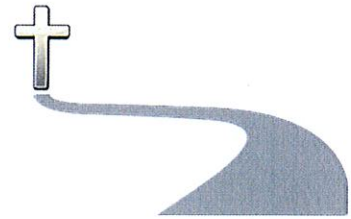
Must be paid for before ordering per the vendor's policy. Thank you to those of you who have stopped by the Church Office to pay for your T-Shirt. We would like to get these ordered as soon as possible, so please stop in to the church office at your earliest convenience, or give payment to Kathleen on a Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Hammond.



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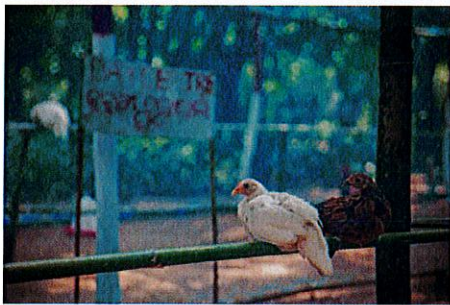


## KIDS QUEST!! EPIC Youth PK-High School



- October 6 No Sunday School
- October 13 Jesus' Test
- October 20 Kids Quest Mission
- October 27 "Fishing For Men"

The Christian Education Committee want our kids to grow up to be generous with their money and their time. The committee has decided to use the Kids Quest (Sunday School) offering money to purchase an animal from Heifer International. Kids seem to respond to animals. So, in Kids Quest on September 8th, Heifer International was explained to the kids via video and they got to vote on their animal: a flock of chickens, costing \$20. Each week a treasurer will be chosen. Their duties will be to total the money that week and tell the class the balance of funds left to purchase the chickens. Once the \$20 goal is met, it will be sent to Heifer and a new animal will be chosen by the class.



Chickens and their eggs are a good way for women like Lata Mandi to earn an income and support their families in rural India.



Lata Marndi supports her family as a smallholder and feed mill entrepreneur. (Images by Heifer International/ Pranab K. Aich)





# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11 AM Ruth Circle—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	2 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 PM Choir Practice Starts	3 12 noon Women's Assoc. Meeting-FH	4	5 9:00 AM Men's BYOB-C 10:30 Pet Blessing 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-9D
6 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 7-9 Square Dancing—FH	7 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	8 10-2 Beauceant Card Party in Papillion 7 PM Scouts-FH	9 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 Choir	10 7 PM Church Council Mtg. --128	11	12 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-9D
13 9:30 Worship/Sunday School Last day to drop off white elephants	14 10 AM Move books from 119 to FH 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	15 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	16 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 Choir	17 9 am SET UP FOR CRAFT FAIR	18 9 AM SET UP FOR CRAFT FAIR	19 9-3 CRAFT FAIR
20 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 7-9 PM Square Dancing—FH	21 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	22 1 PM Hannah Circle—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	23 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafters—128 6:30 Choir	24 Preschool Conferences	25 Preschool Conferences 6-10 Old Dominion Dancers—FH	26 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
27 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 4-6 PM Trunk or Treat 7-9 PM Square Dancing-FH	28 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	29 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	30 10 Bible Study-128 11:15 Preschool Parade 1-3 Crafters 6:30 Choir	31		S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall



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## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	Virginia Moore	7	Rose Kenney	14	Anna Killion	26	Doug Dudley
2	Larry Kalina	8	Sara Marxsen	17	Kent Beal	28	Jackie Robinson
2	Laurie Massa	9	Jean McKimney	20	Cindy Key	29	Wayne Bennett
3	Juli Meador	9	James Ryan	22	Isobel Taylor	29	Norma Lippincott
4	Bret Meador	12	James Langdoc	22	Bev Webster	29	Ginger Broyles
6	David Higginson	13	Dianna Cupps	24	Donald Truckenbrod	30	Thomas White
7	Connie Anderson	13	Ava Infante	25	John Spencer	31	Dennis Webster

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

13	Robert & Sara Marxsen	16	Rick & Margaret Scofield
14	Dennis & Bev Webster	18	Seth & Emilie Tracy