



newsletter








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March 2025

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Save the date!
HOPPIN' EASTER ADVENTURE
 (Annual Easter Egg Hunt)
 Saturday, April 19th, 9:30 AM

We will be collecting candy and small trinkets (that will fit inside a plastic egg) in a basket down the hall in front of the CE Office. Watch for upcoming details!

Save the date:
 Maundy Thursday
 April 17th, 7:00 PM
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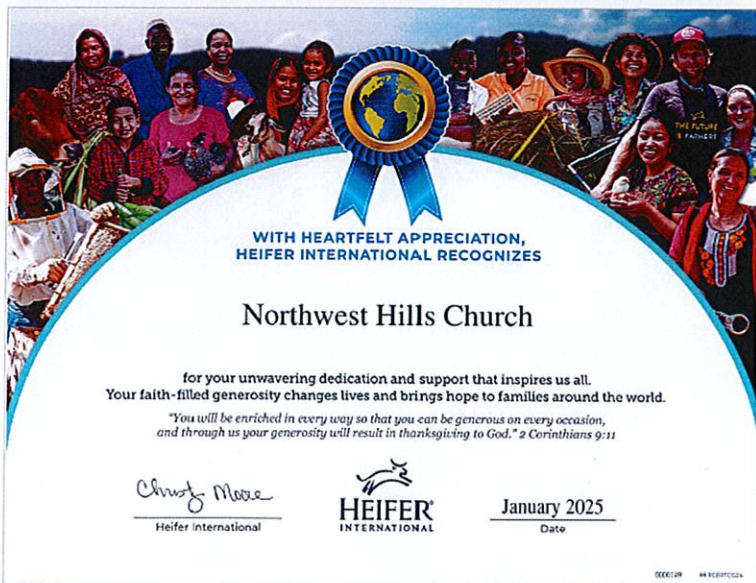


TENEBRAE
 JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Created by John E. Coates and Tom Lawson
 Arranged and Orchestrated by John E. Coates

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



MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We are "back in the saddle again!" and look forward to gathering on Saturday, March 1st 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 STUDIES:

we're back! Come join us for a great time of fellowship and gathering around the Word of God! We meet at 10 AM on Wednesday mornings starting March 5th in Rm. 128.

Yay! Spring is (almost) here!

We are "coming alive" at Northwest Hills Church, as all of our groups are starting to meet up again. It will be so good to see everyone!

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 4th at 11:00 AM in the Commons. Refreshments by April Newhouse.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will meet Thursday, March 6th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Kathleen Hammond, and a soup lunch provided by Jo Morton & Isobel Taylor.

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





MARCH MISSION & SERVICE PROJECT

We will once again be blessing the Lydia House with infant/toddler baskets for Easter! We will assemble the baskets on Sunday, April 6th. We have a display set up in the Commons for your donations. Items we are collecting:

For babies: SMALL stuffed animals, bibs, new (not opened) pacifiers, rattles, soft (cloth or vinyl) books, puffs (treats)

For toddlers: chocolate bunnies, small toddler-appropriate toys (Play-Doh, soft, squishy balls), simple coloring books, large toddler crayons, card-board books, small stuffed animals

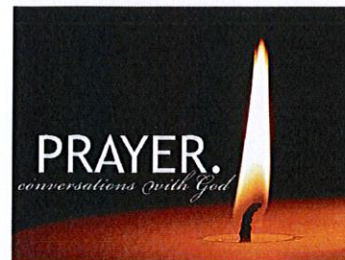
We will also be collecting new or gently-used Easter baskets, grass, and ribbon. There is a sign-up to help assemble the baskets in the display in the Commons. For those of our family at Northwest Hills Church that cannot get out to shop, there will be a jar for donations, so that if we are short on any items, we can go purchase them on your behalf. Look for updates and further details in the bulletins, and the Midweek Email. Thank you in advance for participating in this fun community outreach that will impact the youngest members of our community in need!

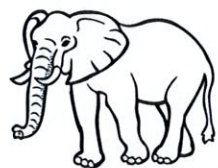
Also, mark your calendars for an **Easter Brunch** after the Easter morning service on April 20th in the Fellowship Hall! Sign ups for casseroles, baked goods, fruits, juices, etc. will be located in the Commons, so be watching for details. A wonderful time of great food and fellowship as we celebrate a most joyous event: Resurrection!




Our church family will continue to collect **non-perishable food donations** for the Holy Cross Church Food Pantry. Our faithful contributions are blessing those in need who experience food insecurity in our immediate neighborhoods and community. Your selfless acts of sharing food with our neighbors makes a lasting impact in ways we may never know on this side of heaven. The bin for collections is located in the Commons for this year-round support. Thank you for your generosity!



Prayer chain requests can be called to Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.



REMINDER: we are collecting "**white elephants**" throughout the year for our October sale! No clothes** or broken items, please. There is a large green bin in the Board Room (down the hall

across from the main church office) for your items. Thank you for your contributions!

CLOTHES** are being collected year-round for the Open Door Mission. New or clean, gently-used clothing can be deposited in the specially-marked bin in the Commons. Thank you for your kindness!



CRAFTERS! We get together every Wednesday from 1-3 PM in Room 128 to work on crafts for the October Craft Fair! No special skills needed, and we have plenty of crafts for you to choose from, or bring your own. Even if you can

come for just an hour or so, we would love to have you join our fun group! Any questions, please contact Leigh Powell.

CHURCH COUNCIL have their meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in Room 128 (Community Room/Choir Room).

INTERESTED in Lay Ministry? Reaching out to our members who are homebound? Please contact either Jo Morton or Isobel Taylor to explore the opportunity to bless someone's day!

YUMMY! 2025 Sarah Circle Easter Cookie Orders are due April 6th! For your convenience, an order form is included in this Newsletter, and extra forms are available in the Commons until the deadline of April 6th.



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, Vicky (Nikki Heim's daughter); Suzy Salonen, Linda Nelsen, Urban family

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Patricia Gename (Mary Hinman's daughter), Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, 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, Maxine, Linda Sexton

"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.

As we turn our calendars to March, you can feel a touch of spring in the air. The first day of spring is Thursday, March 20th. One common tradition of this season is spring cleaning. After the winter months, it's good to thoroughly clean and organize our homes. I know for me it's a good time to sort through my packed-full closets and the pile of things on my table and see what I should keep and what I should throw away.

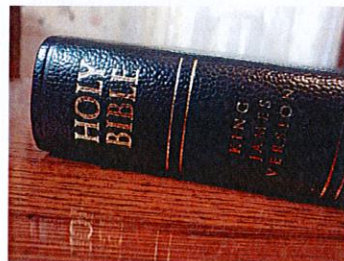
Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the church season of Lent. Lent is the season of self-examination, prayer, and fasting as we prepare our hearts and minds to remember and celebrate Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The word "lent" comes from an old English word meaning "lengthen," reflecting how the sunlight of the days of spring gradually lengthens as we approach summer. Lent is usually seen as a dreary church season. But perhaps we can think of it as a form of spring cleaning for the soul.

As we enter the season of Lent, I invite you to think about what clutter in your life you need to sort through. What once brought you joy but doesn't anymore? What habits drain you rather than give you energy? What distracts you from doing what you need to do? What keeps you from a healthy relationship with Jesus?

Both the season of spring and the season of Lent provide opportunities for us to rethink our lives and what we're filling it with. May we use this time to not only refresh our homes, but also refresh our lives and our walk with the Lord. Just like the good feeling you get when your home is clean, our hearts and minds will be delighted when we clean out the clutter of our lives and refocus on Jesus and the abundant life we have in Him.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for March

March 2025 Sermons

- March 2 (Transfiguration Sunday)
 - Luke 9:28-36, "Mountaintop Experiences"
- March 5 (Ash Wednesday)
 - Matthew 6:16-21, "Refocusing our Hearts"
- March 9 (First Sunday in Lent)
 - Luke 4:1-13, "Fighting Temptation"
- March 16– Luke 13:31-35, "Chickens and Foxes"
- March 23
 - Luke 13:1-9, "What's Repentance Got to Do with It?"
- March 30
 - Holy Conversation with Margaret Scofield

Lenten Evening Study

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, Pastor Alex will lead a study through the book *Finding Jesus in the Psalms* by Barb Roose. This book offers a refreshing look at the psalms and enables its readers to find the presence of Christ in them. This study will begin Wednesday, March 12th and conclude on Wednesday, April 16th. A light supper will be served at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall and the study will begin at 7:00 PM. Please let Pastor Alex know if you plan on attending.



From our Northwest Hills Preschool...

February was a quiet month at preschool. We are past the holiday rush but aren't quite to the point of preparing for the end of year festivities. In house registration started Feb 1st and open registration on March 1st. Hopefully we are filled to the brim next year! We spent a lot of time in February talking about love. We learned that God IS love and that our ability to love comes from Him. We also learned one way to love God is by showing love to others. Pastor Alex gave us all hearts to pass out at home to people we love! In March, spring will be the topic and our verse will be "God created everything in Heaven and earth. Colossians 1:16". We are definitely looking forward to spring and all the "newness" it brings!

from the preschool crew!

— Jacque, Lori, and Robin



Be watching for.....

DR. WERNER P. JENSEN SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships are available for those pursuing a certificate or diploma from an institution of higher learning. This scholarship will be paid directly to the institution of education.

Completed applications should be returned to the church. Hard copies are available in the Commons, or via email. There will be two different applications: one for new applicants and another for scholarship renewal.

Criteria for Consideration:

- New applicants must have participated in church activities at Northwest Hills Church
- Exhibiting an active commitment of faith
- Application to an institution of higher learning
- Completed written application
- Completed recommendation letter(s) (see application form)
- Interview with committee
- Priority will be given to applicant not previously awarded this scholarship

DEADLINE: The **application** deadline is April 30th. **Recommendation forms** are also due April 30th. All documents must be returned to Northwest Hills Church, 9334 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134, Attn: Scholarship Committee.

Worship 101

Whether you've been a part of the church your whole life or you've just recently started attending, perhaps you've wondered why we do things the way we do in worship. Join Pastor Alex after Sunday worship on March 2nd for the final session "What do we believe about baptism?" (about 10:45 AM) in the Library to discuss the basics of the worship service (will be 30-40 minutes). All are welcome!

The Christian Education Department is trying to engage our young people more in the church service. We are developing activities for the first Sunday of the month that focus on the church service and the sermon. We are encouraging them to stand when the congregation stands, sing, or say the words to the hymns, and reading along during the unison prayers.

We have been learning the Lord's Prayer during Kids Quest so they are more able to participate in the church service. Please encourage them and acknowledge their efforts.



2025 Sarah Circle Easter Cookie Orders

Orders Due-April 6

Pickup Date-Sunday, April 13

9:00-11am in Commons Area

Checks Payable to Sarah Circle

Can be submitted by email to trumpetvinecraft@aol.com

Questions/orders - Call Terri Burrigh (402)659-6913

or Jan Jacobsen (402)660-4718

13505 N. 108th St.

Omaha, NE 68142

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Price- \$6.50 per dozen, \$3.25 per 1/2 dozen

	Dozen	Half Dozen	Total
Chocolate Chip Cookies			
Chocolate Haystacks			
Coconut Macaroon Cookies			
Cool Whip Cookies (Variety)			
Cranberry Pistachio Sables			
Easter Peanut Butter Bonbons			
Frosted Easter Sugar Cookies			
Lemon Bars			
M&M Easter Cookies			
Molasses Crinkle Cookies			
Orange Cookies			
Peanut Butter Cookies			
Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies			
Scotcheroos (Rice Krispie Bars)			
Snickerdoodle Cookies			
Sugar Cookies (Plain)			
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies			
Variety Pack (Our Pick)			
Peanut Brittle (1/4 lb.)-\$2.50			
Total Owed			

Special Requests: _____

Thank You!



NWH Women's Association Canasta Club will be hosting a SALAD LUNCH CARD PARTY on Thursday, March 20th in Fellowship Hall! VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in the kitchen and to make salads, please contact Kathleen Hammond 402-981-3630 or 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. If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb Shafer 402-999-1052 or email ddshafer@outlook.com. We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.



EASTER FLOWER order forms will soon be available in the Commons. Watch for details. Easter is later this year: the due date to order spring/Easter plants will be Sunday, April 6th.

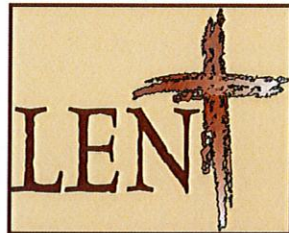


It's that time of year again...Easter time is just around the corner!!

Save the date for the Hoppin' Easter Adventure on April 19, 2025. We are collecting small trinkets, toys, and wrapped candy to fill all those eggs (Please make sure they will fit inside the large size plastic eggs). There is a container for all the goodies outside the Christian Education Office. Suzy is looking for people who will help with crafts and hide eggs. Please let her or the church office know if you can help!! This is a great way to reach out to our community.

Lenten Studies!

We will be meeting again for a light supper and Lenten studies in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM starting March 12th.



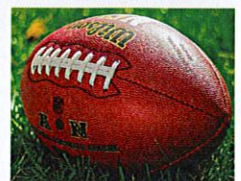
We will meet March 12th & 19th, and April 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Please RSVP each week to Pastor Alex so that we know how many for which to prepare. Thank you!



Superbowl Watch Party! 02.10.2025

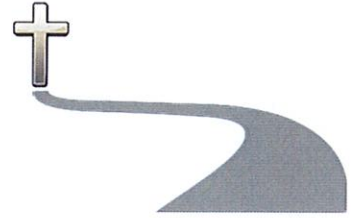
Good food, good friends, good times!



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KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School



MARCH 2 No Kid's Quest

MARCH 9 "Love Your Enemies"

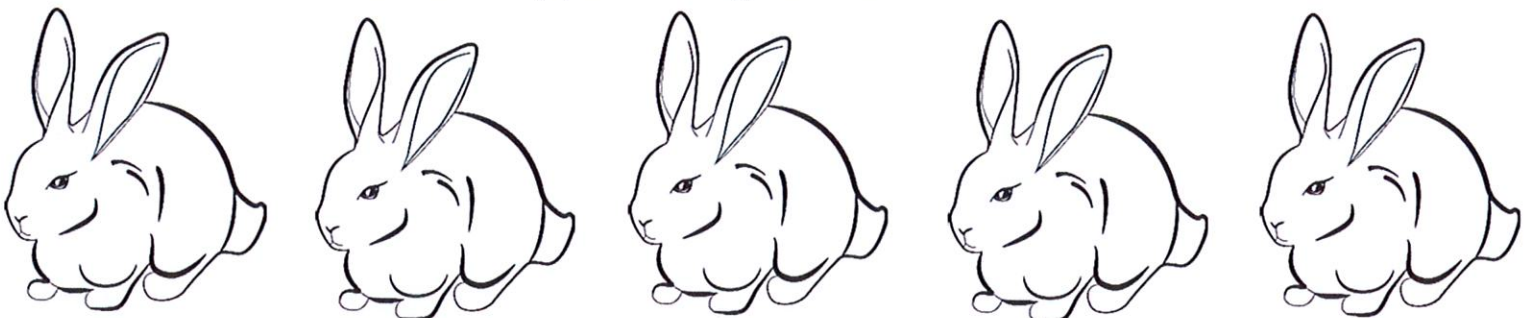
MARCH 16 Kids Quest Mission Project

MARCH 23 "Lazarus"

MARCH 30 "The Good Samaritan"

Hey, Kids...

Remember your offering for Kids Quest so we can get to our \$60 goal to help Heifer International by purchasing rabbits!



MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall						1 9:00 AM Men's BYOB—C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
2 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 10:45 <i>Worship 101-Rm. 128</i> 6:30-8:30 PM Sq Dancing—FH	3 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	4 11 AM Ruth Circle—C 6:30 PM Bells 7 PM Scouts-FH	5 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting—128 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service	6 12 noon W/A—FH	7	8 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
9 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 1-4:30 PM Urban family-FH 6:30-8:30 PM Sq Dancing-FH <i>Daylight Savings Begins!</i>	10 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	11 11-5 Urban Family- FH 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	12 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 Lenten Dinner & Study—FH 6:30 PM Choir	13 7 PM Church Council Meeting—FH	14	15 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D 11-5 Urban Family-FH 1-5 Davis family-C
16 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 6:30-8:30 PM Sq Dancing—FH	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	18 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	19 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 Lenten Dinner & Study—FH 6:30 PM Choir	20 10-2 Salad Lunch Card Party—FH	21	22 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D 12-7 PM Merriam Family in the Commons
23 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 6:30-8:30 PM Sq Dancing-FH	24 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	25 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	26 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 PM Choir	27 <i>Preschool Parent/ Teacher Conferences</i>	28 <i>Preschool Parent/ Teacher Conferences</i>	29 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
30 9:30 Worship/Sunday School <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> 6:30-8:30 PM Sq Dancing-FH						

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Chloe Marxsen	10	Mark Cupps	20	Troy Beal	27	Bruce Fields
2	Jay Johnson	10	Andrew Urban	21	Zoe Jacobsen	27	Kailynn Jackson
3	Bobbi Becker	12	Patrick Higginson	22	Max Mehlenbacher	28	Colt Marxsen
3	Lisa Burnham	12	Anthony Infante	23	Sarah May	28	Gunnar Marxsen
5	Sarah Jewell	16	Kathy Caito	24	Jim Hultman	29	Jan Jacobsen
7	Paloma Vincent	16	Will Scofield	24	Robert Marxsen	29	Tiffany Stricker
9	Crystal Granados	17	Weylon White	24	Willard Miller	30	Seth Tracy
9	Carol Olsen	19	Tyler Miller	24	Jerrie Wilcox		
9	Andrew Truckenbrod						

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10	Bruce & Diane Fields	19	Bruce & Judy Cratty
12	Marcus and Angela Myers	19	Duane & Laurie Salonen
14	Doug & Marlene Roberts		