



newsletter





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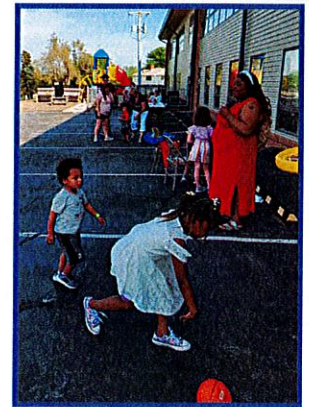
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MAY EVENT
MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE
and
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

BLOCK PARTY!
May 18th from 5-8 PM

CAKE WALK



GAMES

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 26th
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

"A huge thank you to all who helped with the Hoppin' Easter Adventure!! It takes many hands to make an event a success...from donating candy and trinkets, to stuffing eggs, to helping hide eggs, and helping with crafts-I can't thank you enough. Suzy and the CE Committee"

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Baskets for the Lydia House, and the "assemblers." Also, thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter Brunch!" - Kathy Caito



Food Pantry

Our Northwest Hills Church family continues to donate to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry (our community partner that we support year round). **This month the request is for canned soups and pasta.**

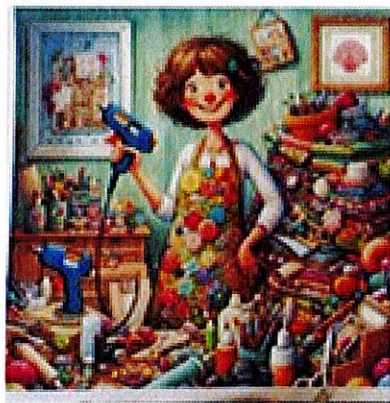
Thank you in advance for your

continued generosity in helping provide non-perishables to those in need and experiencing food insecurity in our immediate community. A bin is located in the Commons for this year round support.

CRAFTERS! We so enjoy getting together on Weds. afternoons at 1:00 PM!

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.



REMINDER: Did you know we have a "lending library" of DVDs, CDs, books, and puzzles? Right inside the office entrance door in Room 119 there are shelves stocked with selections to fit anyone's tastes. We are purely on an "honor's system" — just take what you'd like, and bring back when done so someone else can enjoy! (If the room is ever locked for some reason, please have a staff member unlock for you so you can take advantage of our wonderful little lending library!)

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, May 6th at 11:00 AM in the Commons. Refreshments by Annie Kuti.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will meet Thursday, May 1st at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Jo Morton; dessert will be provided by Ruth Negus/Sheri Swift.

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, May 3rd 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 are held at 10:00 AM in Room 128. All are invited to come and enjoy this great time of fellowship around the precious Word of God!

Did you

know....Northwest Hills Church actually supports TWO different Food Pantries? The one we support all year (the bin in the Commons) and then with special requests for needed items — and special holidays like the Thanksgiving meals — is the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry (4117 Terrace Dr.), and our wonderful friend there, Rohn Collins, is the one who picks up our donations.

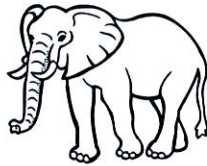


The other one is the Project Hope Food Pantry, located at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (off N. 60th St.). We support them through the "Direct Your Dollars" Program at all Family Fare grocery stores. When you bring your Family Fare receipts to the drop-off box in the Commons, these are aggregated with other receipts, and when hitting a certain amount, Family Fare cuts a sizeable check to Project Hope — the last one was \$1,000! — so that Project Hope can purchase much needed pantry items! So both are a win-win situation when the body of Christ partners together to meet the needs of the community! Whichever way you choose to help — either by bringing non-perishables or receipts — you are blessing others!

Thank you thank you!



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!

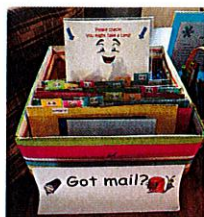
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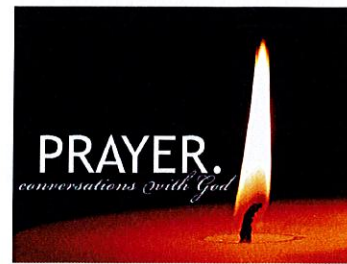


Look for the display in the Commons. We have sign up sheets for activities (you will need to be here at 3:30 PM that day), to bring baked goods for the Cake Walk (store bought works too!); bring baked goods by the 18th; clean up and tear down crews, and sign ups to bring hamburger buns, small individual chip bags, and cookies. We are collecting prizes for adults and kids alike (preschool-teen) for BINGO (new or gently-used). There will be no movie this year. We so greatly appreciate everyone's contributions and participation to make this a successful community event!

REMINDER: Please be sure to check out our "You've Got Mail" table, especially if you have a birthday or anniversary. Helps us as a church be wise stewards of our resources with saving on postage. Thank you!



COFFEE: The little blue Commons Coffee Coffe is hungry and needs to be fed....thank you in advance for your kind donations to keep the hot coffee flowing!



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, 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, 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.

For my article this month, I'd like to share with you a modern take on a beloved text of Scripture. In Christ's love, Pastor Alex

Psalm 23 (rewritten) by Rebecca Garrett Pace

Jesus is my shepherd, and I honestly feel sorry for him because I can be quite a stubborn sheep. I shall not want. Or, that's the way it should work, but yet I always want for more. I'm working on it. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. Jesus is teaching me how to care—to care for myself, so that I can then care for others. To care for the earth, so I can live in green pastures with still waters and not make a mess of them just because I can. To care for my soul, which is fed by gratitude and joy and kindness.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Unfortunately, he keeps talking too softly for me to hear him, so I keep having to guess what the right paths are, and go on a hunch, and ask for forgiveness when I get it wrong.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil—well, that's just wishful thinking. I fear all the time. All the things. So much fear. But I am learning how to sit in the darkness and be open to what I might learn from it. And really the most important bit is that...you are with me. Your music, your friendship, your wisdom, your words, your kindness, your presence through others—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, and you tell me that there's extra room at the table. And it's actually your table and not mine, so I should scoot over and make room and invite my enemies to eat with me and give them the last piece of homemade bread and extra butter because that's what you would do. Which is annoying, but I know you're right.

You anoint my head with oil—you protect and love me, you nurture, you guide, you heal me.

My cup overflows. God, I am grateful. I am so incredibly overwhelmed by goodness in my life.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. And when the goodness and mercy are obscured, O God, help me know you're still there. Always. Forever. Amen.

In Christ's Love,

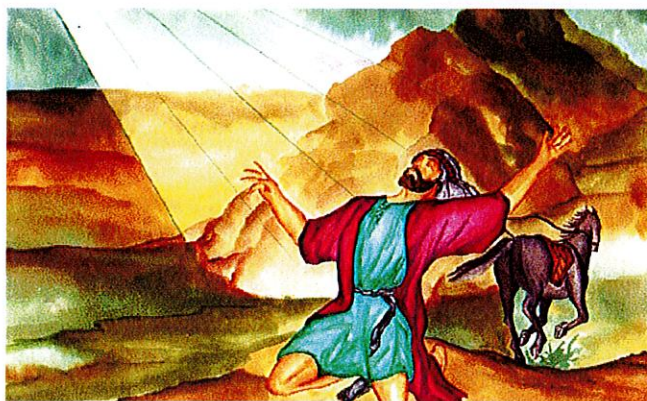
Pastor Alex

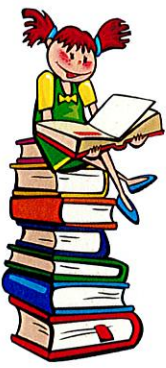


Sermon Topics and Scriptures for May

May 2025 Sermons

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| May 4th | Acts 9:1-20 "Opening Eyes" |
| May 11th | Acts 9:36-43 "Life-giving Acts" |
| May 18th | Acts 11:1-18 "Something New" |
| May 25 | Acts 16:9-15 "But, Lord, I Want To!" |





From our Northwest Hills Preschool...

Is it really May?? I am not sure how we got to the end of the school year so quickly. I seriously feel like we just got started! We are spending our last couple of weeks together not only getting ready for our end of year program but also working on a surprise gift for Mother's Day for the students to take home! Shhhhhh! We want to take a moment and thank everyone for their support of our little school. Whether it was material donations, scholarship contributions, spending time with our students, or prayers, we want you all to know that it is all very much appreciated. We couldn't run our school the way we do without the continued support from you all. Please keep us in your prayers this summer, specifically that the Lord will fill our classroom with all the students we can handle! We want to invite you all to our end of year program as well which will take place on May 16th. Happy summer and we will see you all in the fall!

NORTHWEST HILLS SINGLES & FRIENDS!



FOURTH ANNUAL BABE McDANIEL MEMORIAL MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT May 17, 2025

The singles will be playing miniature golf at Putting Plus located at 9216 Maple Street, on Saturday, May 17, 2025, beginning at 2:30 PM, followed by dinner at Romeo's, 2395 N. 90th Street, around 4:00 PM.

We look forward to a fun golf outing honoring our longtime committee chairman, Babe McDaniel. Please let either Linda or Sherry know if you plan to attend.....thanks!

Linda Nelsen & Sherry Mitchell,
Co-Chairmen



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!



— Jacque, Lori, and Robin

Preparing Easter Baskets for the Lydia House! Thank you, faithful volunteers!
(April 6, 2025)



Homestead Exemption

Property Tax Homestead Exemption: the VAS (Volunteers Assisting Seniors) is offering assistance for residents of the Omaha Area to complete the application. Member Rick Scofield is assisting with VAS in providing in person or telephone assistance. If you have any questions about this exemption or to make an appointment, and what to bring, you may contact him at 402-680-4705 or call the VAS at 402-444-6617. The deadline for filing is June 30. Northwest Hills Church is one of the "sites" this year. The VAS team will be here Thursday, May 15th from 1-4 in the Fellowship Hall. **NO WALK INS: YOU MUST CALL 402-444-6617 to make an appointment.** If NWH is all filled, there are other days and times and locations available to serve you.

Adult Learning Opportunities

All are invited to participate in our upcoming Sunday Morning Adult Education classes to grow and learn together as a community of faith. These sessions will be planned for the third Sunday of each month. We'll meet in Room 128/Choir Room.

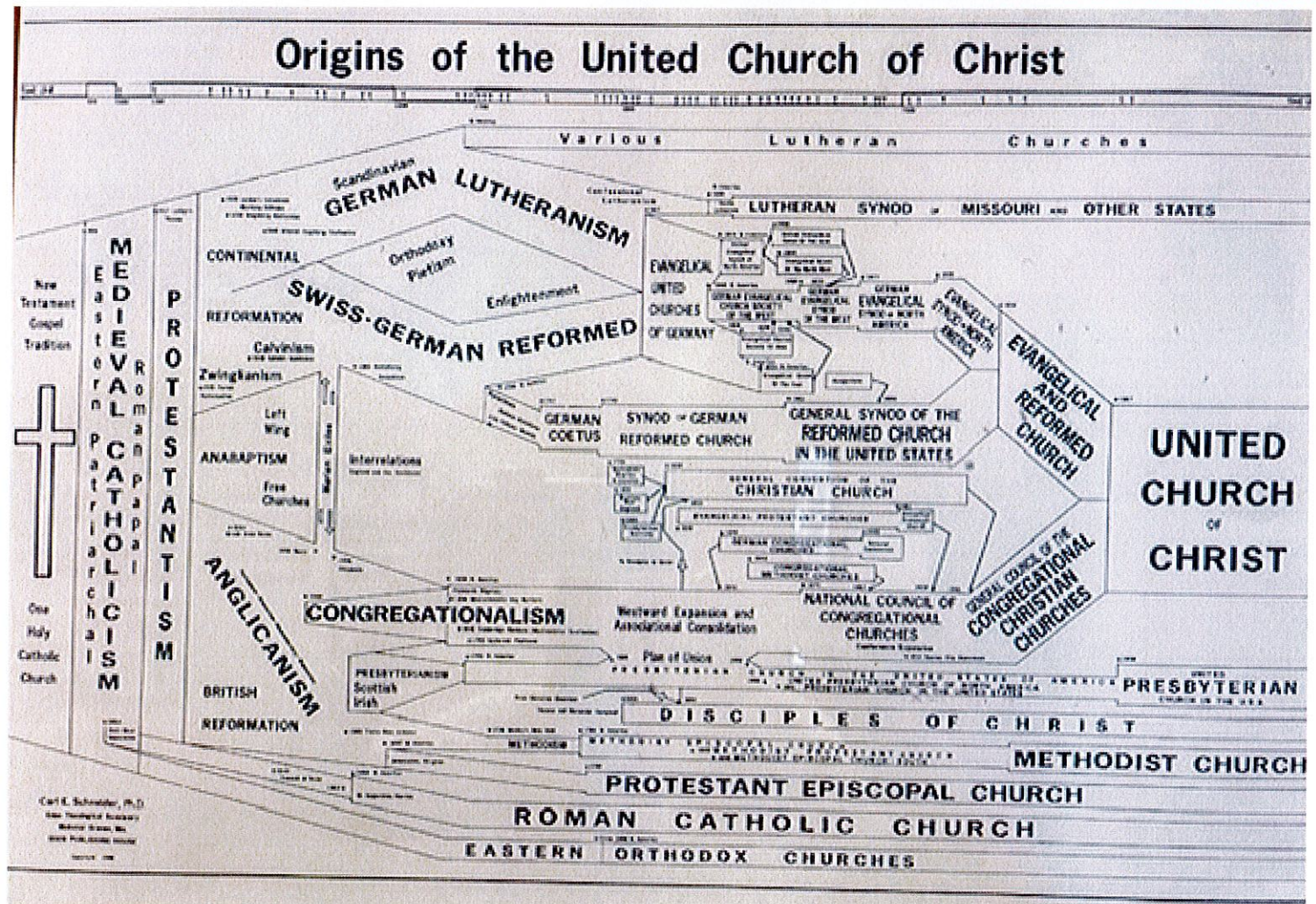
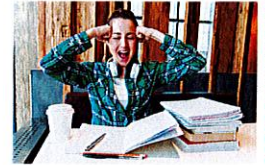
Beginning on Sunday, May 18th after worship, we will begin a series on the history and polity of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, followed by the history and polity of our own congregation, Northwest Hills Church. Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

May 18 – History of the United Church of Christ

June 15 – Polity of the United Church of Christ

July 20 – History of Northwest Hills Church

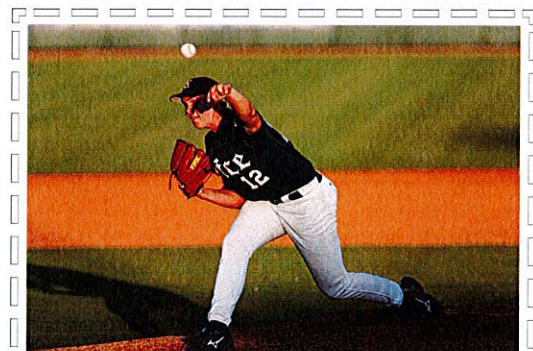
August 17 – Polity of Northwest Hills Church



SAVE THE DATE!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame
Friday, June 20th**

Join us for a night out at Werner Park in Papillion as the Omaha Storm Chasers take on the Durham Bulls on Friday, June 20th at 7:00 PM. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$15. If interested, please let Pastor Alex know by Sunday, June 8th.



All women and friends
of the church are invited!
Women's Spring Retreat:
"Growing God's Garden"

Thursday, May 22nd
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at
Suzy's House
14645 Pawnee Rd.
Bennington, NE

Potluck Salad Luncheon

Please RSVP to Suzy by May 15, 2025.

402-659-4471



The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, May 15th at Romeo's on 90th St. Your lunch will be paid with the \$1 you paid each month. You will order off of the menu. We have reservations (9:30 am until 2 pm) for the same area we have each year, which is on the right hand side when you walk in the door. 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 or ddshafer@outlook.com.

We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.

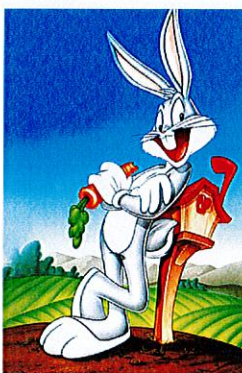
* You are invited! *
* Allen and Linda Chandler are *
* celebrating their 50th Wedding *
* Anniversary Sunday, June 1st. *
* and are inviting you to enjoy *
* refreshments following church! *



Archaeologists Uncover
Glitter Still In Early Church
Carpet From VBS Held In 150
A.D.



Hoppin' Easter Adventure!
(April 19, 2025)



MAY 2025



KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School



MAY 4 **No Kid's Quest**

MAY 11 **Mission: Celebrating Our Mothers**

MAY 18 **End of year celebration:**
Last day of Kid's Quest

MAY 25 **No Kid's Quest**

Hey, Kids...

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

First Day of Summer Kids Quest is June 8th! We will keep the same format for the summer: 1st Sunday of the month-no Sunday School. 2nd & 4th Sunday Old Testament video series, 3rd Sunday of each month will be Helping Hands Sunday with a mission project.

We recognize and thank the following teachers who helped to facilitate Kids Quest Sunday School during the school year. Their gifts of time and dedication to the kids are very important to the spiritual life of the kids and the church. THANK YOU!

Margaret Scofield and Coleen Vincent

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall				1 12 noon W/A Mtg.— FH	2 9:00 AM Men's BYOB—C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D	3 9:00 AM Men's BYOB—C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
4 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 10:30 Grad/Teacher Recognition —C (Ruth Circle) "...May the 4th be with you....."	5 6:45 PM AA Mtg.-FH	6 11 AM Ruth Circle— C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	7 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 PM Choir	8 7 PM Church Council Meeting—Rm. 128	9 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D	10 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
11 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Mother's Day Coffee—C (Women's Association))	12 6:45 PM AA Mtg.-FH	13 8 AM—8 PM General Voting—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	14 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 PM Choir	15 10-2 Canasta at Romeo's 1-4 Homestead Exemption Appts.-FH	16 Preschool Graduation Program	17 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D —Set up FH for Block Party —
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25 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	26 MEMORIAL DAY (church office closed) 6:45 PM AA Mtg.-FH	27 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Scouts-FH	28 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 PM Choir	29 10-3 Suzy's Spring Retreat at her house	30 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D 10-3:30 Jensen grad party—FH	31 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D 10-3:30 Jensen grad party—FH

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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
1	Bebe Townsend-Rice	8	Susan Ryan	21	Dallin Nastasi
2	Betty Benskin	10	Ashton Christensen	21	Peggy Truckenbrod
2	Darby Carlin	11	Rosemary Morton	22	Sheri Swift
3	Kathleen Hammond	11	Tanner White	23	Terri Burrigh
4	Pastor Alex Wolf	13	Shirley Spencer	26	Heather Jacobsen
5	Katelynn Beberniss	16	Linda Stricker	26	Richard Stricker
6	Michael Davis	17	Allen Chandler	27	Jan Hannasch
6	William Owens	18	Nikki Heim	28	Sondra Putzstuck
7	John Anderson	18	Conner McKimmey		
7	Kelsie Henkel	19	Mike McKimmey		

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		