



newsletter




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July 2025

July 6		9:30 AM Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) "Like Lambs" Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 13	 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i>	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School Guest Preacher: Mark Krause Luke 10:25-37
July 20		9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School Guest Preacher: Andrew Herbek Luke 10:38-42 10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee (Women's Assoc.)—C
July 27		9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "Teach Us" Luke 11:1-13 10:30 AM "Polity of the United Church of Christ" - Rm. 128



The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th for the Independence 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!*



"A big **THANK YOU** from the Chandlers for all of the wonderful 50th Wedding Anniversary wishes and to the Ruth Circle ladies for serving at our celebration on Sunday, June 1st after the service. It made our day a blessing. Thanks again!"

—Allen & Linda Chandler

"Thank you, dear ones at NWH, for all of your birthday wishes and cards! Made my day even more special!"

— Cheryl Morehouse

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 gathering Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM to let our synergistic creative juices flow! 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! If you have any 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!)

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!



RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, July 1st at 11:00 AM in the Commons for a great time of fellowship. Dessert provided by Linda Chandler. If you have any questions, please call co-chair Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will have their July meeting on Thursday, July 10th (postponed a week due to the Independence Day holiday) Devotions by Kathy Coppler; dessert provided by Kathy Coppler and Nicki O'Neil. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Hammond.

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

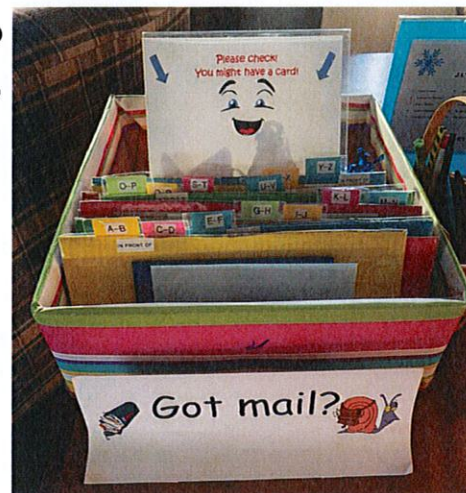
MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We will NOT be meeting during the month of July. We look forward to getting together on Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00 AM in the Commons for our BYOB: "Bring Your Own Breakfast." All men of the church are invited for this great time of fellowship!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are held at 10:00 AM in Room 128, unless noted otherwise. All are invited to come and enjoy this great time of fellowship around the precious Word of God!



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!

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!



**MISSION & SERVICE PROJECTS
ARE TAKING A BREAK
FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS
(June/July/August)**

**See you back in September when we start
gearing up for Trunk or Treat!**

Just for fun.....

PALINDROMES

(WORDS THAT READ THE SAME BACKWARD)

Single-Word Palindromes:

racecar—madam—radar—level—rotator—civic—noon
kayak—refer—deified—repaper—tenet—stats—
Malayalam*—minim—solos—redder—wow—pop—mom

Short Palindromic Phrases:

1. Evil is a name of a foreman as I live.
2. Eva, can I see bees in a cave?
3. Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
4. Do geese see God?
5. A Toyota's a Toyota.
6. Never odd or even.
7. Madam, in Eden, I'm Adam.
8. Able was I ere I saw Elba.
9. A Santa lived as a devil at NASA.
10. Go hang a salami, I'm a lasagna hog.

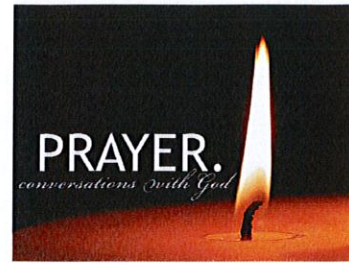
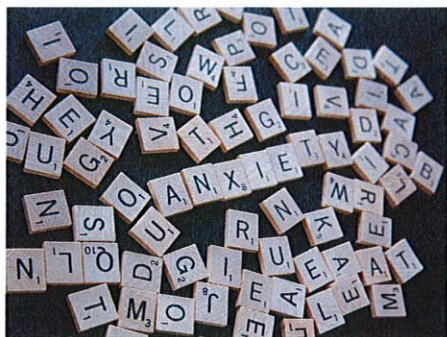
Fun & Quirky Palindromes:

1. Taco cat
2. Top spot
3. My gym
4. Was it Eliots toilet I saw?
5. Murder for a jar of red rum.
6. No devil lived on.
7. Rats live on no evil star.
8. We panic in a pew.

Creative Palindromic Sentences:

1. Was it a car or a cat I saw?
2. A man, a plan, a canal, Panama!
3. Yo, Banana Boy!
4. Doc, note I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod.
5. Sir, I demand, I am a maid named Iris.
6. Do nine men interpret? Nine men, I nod.
7. Dennis and Edna sinned.
8. Too hot to hoot.
9. Step on no pets.
10. No lemon, no melon.

* (Malayalam is a language.....I had to look that up!)



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, Benita Davis (Deb Hahn's mother)

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Patricia Gename (Mary Hinman's daughter), Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Gary Dutton, Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Bill Owens, Pat Mixan

"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.

Beginning Friday, July 11th through Tuesday, July 15th, I will be in Kansas City, Missouri as a delegate of the Nebraska Conference at the 35th General Synod of the United Church of Christ. This will my fourth time being a delegate at General Synod. Every two years, General Synod brings together faithful members from across the United Church of Christ in one location to seek the Holy Spirit's movement and guidance on how to be the church in our current time and into the future. General Synod helps to accomplish our denomination's motto taken from Jesus' prayer in John 17:21, "that they may all be one."

What happens at General Synod? Delegates gather to worship, to have fellowship, and to conduct the business of the church. The business of the church includes electing national officers and discerning pronouncements and resolutions. Pronouncements are statements of Christian conviction on a matter of moral or social principle. As of the time of writing this article, there are no proposed pronouncements for this upcoming General Synod. For an example, a past pronouncement at the 19th General Synod that met in St. Louis in 1993 was a call for the United Church of Christ to be a multiracial and multicultural church.

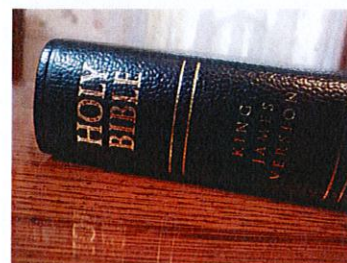
Resolutions come in two types. A *resolution of witness* is an expression concerning a moral, ethical, or religious matter confronting the church, the nation, or the world. For example, this year's General Synod includes a resolution of witness recognizing the continually changing world of mental health and one outlining a response to Christian persecution in India. The second kind of resolution is a *prudential resolution*, which is for the purpose of church structure and policy. Two prudential resolutions being discerned this year are full communion between the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Church in Germany as well as one discerning full communion with the United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico.

An important aspect of General Synod is that it speaks to the church but not for it. We are a church in covenant with one another, so we are expected to listen closely to the pronouncements and resolutions made at General Synod and discern what they mean for our ministry in our context. I plan to make time in the next month or two to share with you what happened at this year's General Synod. Check the church's news for more information.

As delegates gather in Kansas City this month, I would ask that you keep us in your prayers. Please pray that the Spirit move among us as we do the work of the church for 2025 and beyond (as well as enjoy some good barbecue!).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for July

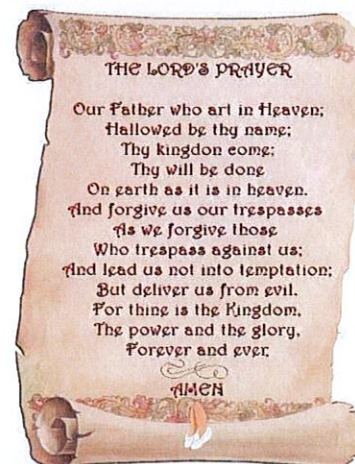
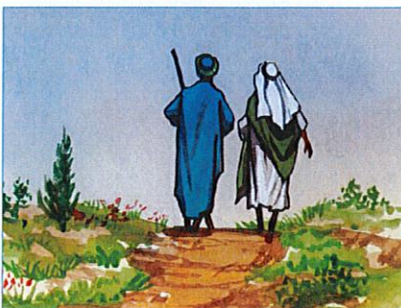
July 2025 Sermons

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July 13—Luke 10:25-37, Guest Preacher: Mark Krause

July 20—Luke 10:38-42, Guest Preacher: Andrew Herbek

July 27—Luke 11:1-13, "Teach Us"





Happy Birthday. Church!

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025



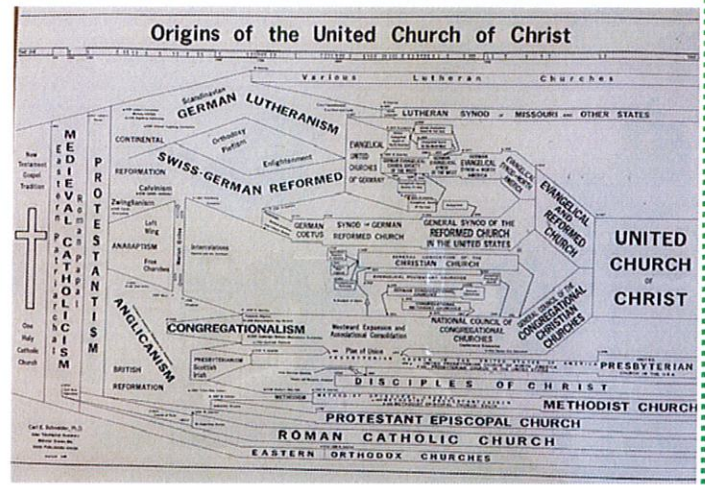
Adult Learning Opportunities

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

We began on Sunday, May 18th after worship with the history of the United Church of Christ. Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

July 27– History of Northwest Hills Church

August 17 – Polity of Northwest Hills Church



The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, July 17th in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #6 (Ruth and Polly).

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.



David McNeil
Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025

"Thank you, Lois Gapen, for the much-needed umbrella this weekend! Your thoughtfulness continues to bless us here on earth, even though you are in your heavenly home now." Gone, but never forgotten.



Just for fun....

A stitch in time saves nine...but a stapler's a whole lot faster!

Scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. But next time, let's stay out of the poison ivy.

Paddle your own canoe—but take it out of the bathtub when you're done.

Opportunity knocks but once. It's the door-to-door salesman who'll keep on knocking and ringing until you answer.

Look before you leap; someone might have drained the pool!

Growing up as a child of one of the Apostles must have been tough. Like being a preacher's kid times a thousand. And without the Internet to blog about your feelings? Brutal.

Trying to be patient and non-greedy has cost millions of people the best of the scalloped potatoes at millions of potlucks. People have lived and died not knowing that they are so much better when they're hot. (The potatoes, not the people.)

Did the Biblical prophets get tired of friends constantly asking if the weekend weather would be nice for a picnic?

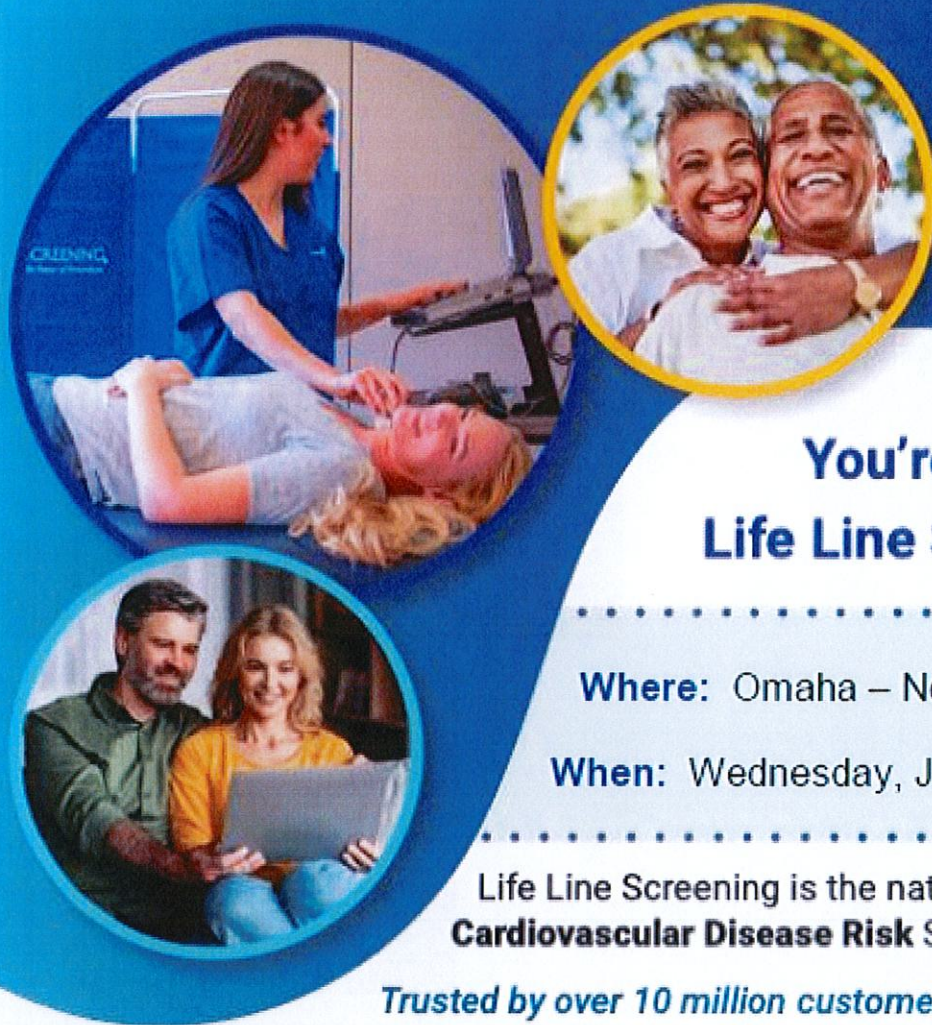
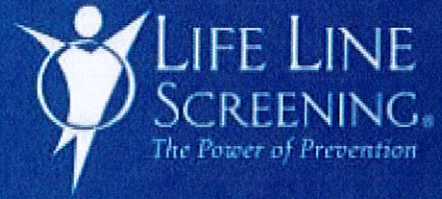
Falling asleep during your church's "quiet time" is not the biggest sin in the universe. The disciples did it, for example. And they had Jesus around. So don't beat yourself up about nodding off once in a while; you're in good company.



From A Laugh a Day! A daily dose of heavenly humor. (Hallmark 2009)



SAVE THE DATE! The annual all-church picnic will be Sunday, September 14th. Look for the August Newsletter that will include more information about that day's festivities!



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Omaha – Northwest Hills Church

When: Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

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JULY 2025



KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School

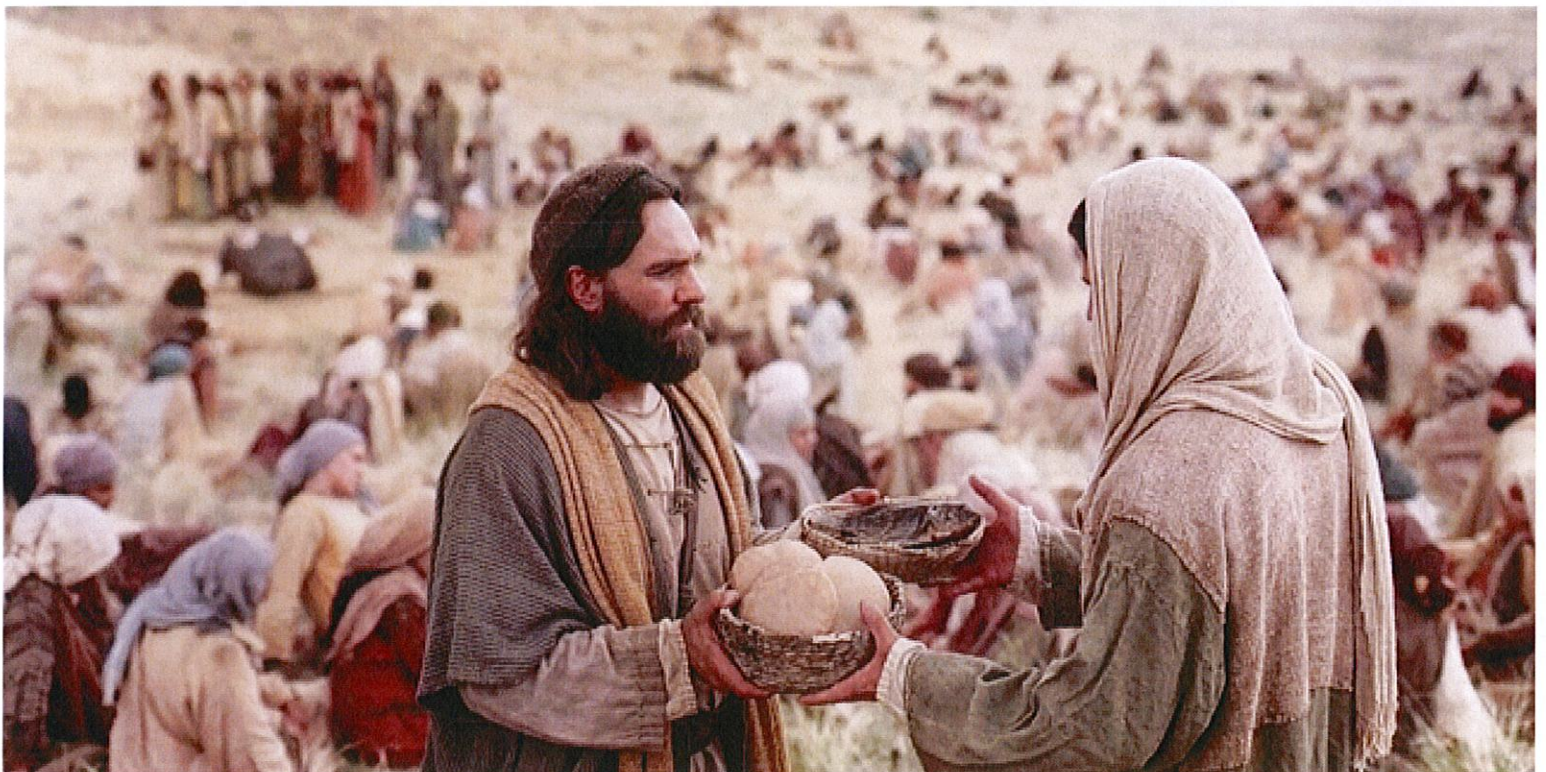


JULY 6 No Sunday School: enjoy the service with your family!

JULY 13 Mission Project!

JULY 20 “Jesus Feeds the Hungry”

JULY 27 “Peter’s Escape”



JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11 Ruth Circle—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	2 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer
6 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School)	7 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	8 7 PM Scouts-FH	9 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	10 12 noon Women's Assoc. Mtg.—FH	11 6-10 PM Old Dominion Dancers— FH	12 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
13 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	14 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	15 7 PM Scouts-FH	16 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	17 10-2 Canasta—FH	18	19 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
20 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship—C (W/A))	21 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	22 7 PM Scouts-FH	23 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 ALL DAY—FH Lifeline Screenings	24	25	26 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
27 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 History of NWH—128	28 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	29 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	30 10 Bible Study—128 1-3 Crafting—128	31		S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

4	Kenneth Peterson	9	Michael Callahan	22	Deb Hahn
5	Faith Hurt	9	Bob Rice	22	Ruby Peterson
5	Janis Johnson	10	Mikey Mehlenbacher	24	Ronald Heim
5	Bob Taylor	13	Andy Novak	27	Jessica Brusnahan
6	Kevin Antoniak	15	Avery Beberniss	29	Charli Brusnahan
6	Darwin Barker	15	Mary Hinman	29	Jim Skrobo
6	Madison Hultman	20	Joseph Urban	31	Rick Johnson
6	Andrew Nitsick	21	Hope Hancock		
7	Shelley Hultman	21	Trinity Hancock		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Wesley & Stephanie Bertch	15	William & Kathy Owens
3	Mike & Inga Mehlenbacher	23	Brandon & Michelle Hultman
11	Christopher & Jennifer Hunter	30	Steve & Jan Jacobsen