



newsletter







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September 2025

September 7 	9:30 AM Worship (No Sunday School) Luke 14:25-33, "Counting the Cost" 10:30 AM Grandparents' Day Fellowship—C 6:30 PM Square Dancing—FH
September 14 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> "HOMECOMING CHURCH PICNIC!" 	8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts in the Commons 9:30 AM Worship/Communion/Sunday School Luke 15:1-10, "Lost and Found" 10:30 AM Picnic—FH 10:45 AM Bingo w/Prizes—C 6:30 PM Square Dancing—FH  
September 21 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School Luke 16:1-14, "A Financial Lesson" 10:30 AM History of Northwest Hills Church—Rm. 128 6:30 PM Square Dancing—FH
September 28 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School Luke 16:19-31, "Mind the Gap" 10:30 AM Fellowship—C (Ruth Circle) 6:30 PM Square Dancing—FH

Husker Football Watch Party, Saturday, Sept. 13th at 11:00 AM

Come watch the game between the Nebraska Cornhuskers and Houston Christian on Saturday, Sept. 13th at 11 AM at the church in the Commons. Bring your favorite tailgate food or snack to share. Pastor Alex will provide the drinks. No RSVP needed, just come and enjoy!



Annual
**FAMILY & FRIENDS
"HOMECOMING"
CHURCH PICNIC!**
Sunday, September 14th
(see details inside)



SAVE THE DATE! Annual Craft Fair/Bake Sale/Book Sale/White Elephant Sale/Luncheon on **Saturday, October 18th, 9-3!** (Lunch 11-1:30 in Fellowship Hall: \$8 per person)

Church Office will be closed Monday, September 1st for the Labor 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!



"I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of greetings for my birthday! You all sure know how to make someone feel very special. I think one of the standout attractions of Northwest Hills Church is that you really feel like we matter and that you're loved! Blessings to all of you!" - Nicki O'Neil

"My thanks for all the love and support shown to me after my dad's passing. The cards, messages and visits from my Northwest Hills family were so very much appreciated!"
- Dianna Cupps

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We 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! Please join the Craft Fair Crafters the last two Wednesdays 1-3 PM in Room 128 on October 1st and 8th. Please bring any finished crafts to be priced. We need set-up help Oct. 16-17 starting at 9:30 AM, and help Saturday with cashiers and bagging purchases. Questions call Leigh Powell at 402-680-1366. Books can be donated and brought to Room 119 and placed on floor by October 10th. Donated baked good will be accepted Friday, October 17th from noon-3. On Saturday, baked goods need to be delivered prior to the 9 AM start time. 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!

CHOIR PRACTICE starts back up Wednesday, September 3rd, so you wonderful warblers mark your calendars and start warming up those vocal cords! For questions, or if you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Barb Renicker at 402-639-0714.



RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 9th (postpone a week due to the Labor Day Holiday) at 11:00 AM in the Commons. For any questions, please contact co-chair Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.

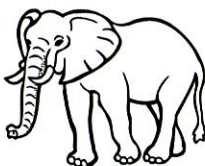
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will have their meeting on Thursday, September 4th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Ruth Negus; dessert provided by Linda Chandler & Kathy Coppler. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Hammond.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet as needed. Questions? Contact Terri Burrig, 402-659-6913.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We look forward to getting together on Saturday, September 6th 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!

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WHITE ELEPHANT DEADLINE IS October 12th for this year's sale. 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: In the closet around the corner from the kitchenette in the Commons, we have a **wide assortment of medical equipment** that you can borrow at any time if needed! Walkers, wheelchairs, ortho boots, canes, straps....about anything you could need. Don't go rent or buy, when you can just sign out what you need, and return when not needed anymore, so someone else can use. What a blessing!



MISSION & SERVICE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PROJECT

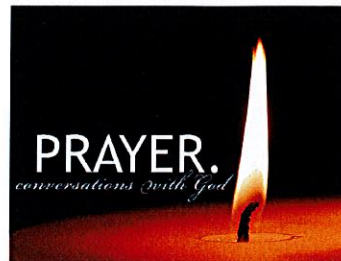
TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26th from 4 to 6 pm!

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 7th, we will be resuming Square Dancing on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30 PM! Here are a few photos from our past 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, Vicky (Nikki Heim's daughter); Suzy Salonen, Linda Nelsen, Urban family, Benita Davis (Deb Hahn's mother), Molly McCoy

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.

New Year's Day and the month of January are the typical times for new beginnings. But for some, September represents that, too. The summer season is coming to a close, and the heat and humidity will soon turn to the cool and crisp air of autumn. Parents, youth, and teachers have begun another school year. Sports teams begin another run at a championship season.

Here at the church, we too are beginning anew. On Sunday, September 14th, we'll kick off the season in worship with Holy Communion, restart Sunday School, and welcome back our beloved choir. After the service, we'll play some bingo and enjoy our annual picnic. It'll be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after a busy summer and begin the autumn months with a joyful celebration!

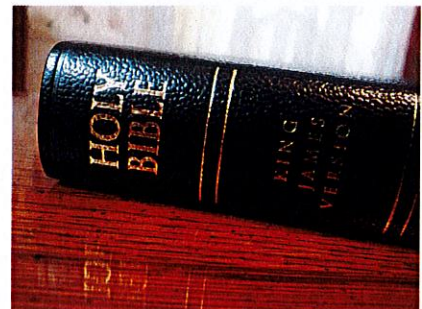
In this spirit of renewal, I would also encourage you to set new seasonal routines, especially regarding time with God. Making time with God amidst our busy schedules does take some intentionality and prioritizing on our part. But it doesn't need to take much. We can integrate simple spiritual practices into our daily lives and activities.

For example, pray throughout the day. While this may sound like a lot, all it takes is turning everyday activities into opportunities to commune with God, such as praying before meals, while driving, or while doing the dishes. Engage with Scripture, even for just a few minutes a day, perhaps through a Bible app or devotional. (FYI, daily devotional books can be found here at the church if you need one.) Incorporate worship music into your daily routine, perhaps while driving to work, cooking meals, or putting away laundry. Little steps like these can add up quickly!

Let's begin the autumn season on a fresh and joyous note. And I look forward to seeing you on September 14th!

In Christ's Love,

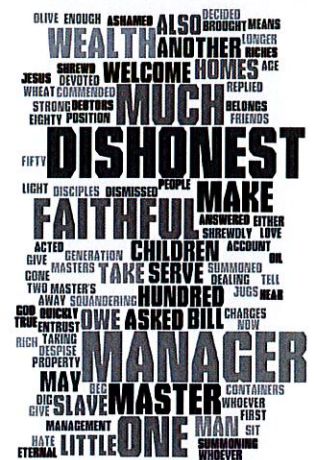
Pastor Alex



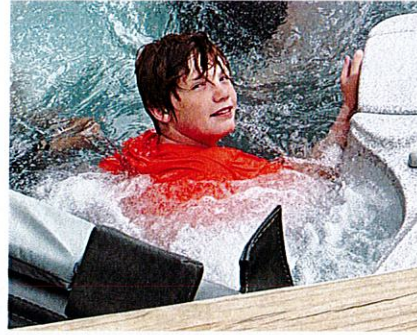
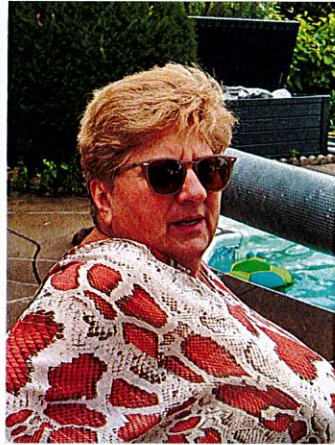
Sermon Topics and Scriptures for September

September 2025 Sermons

September 7 – Luke 14:25-33, "Counting the Cost"
September 14 – Luke 15:1-10, "Lost and Found"
September 21 – Luke 16:1-14, "A Financial Lesson"
September 28 – Luke 16:19-31, "Mind the Gap"



Here are some photos from our end-of-summer all-church pool party at the Vincents on August 3rd. A great turnout, and a wonderful time had by all! Thank you, Jim & Coleen, for hosting and bringing such joy to everyone!



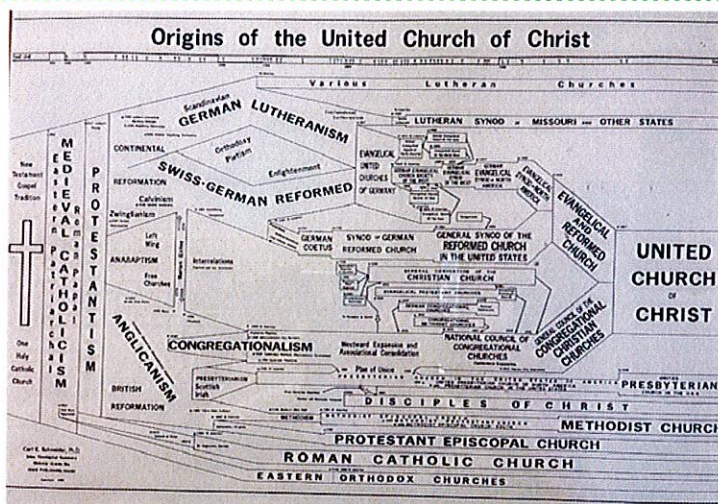
Adult Learning Opportunities

Please join us on September 21st in Room 128 after the morning service! Pastor Alex will be giving a presentation on the History of Northwest Hills Church.

Then join us after morning service on October 19th for our final Sunday Morning Adult Education class on the Polity of Northwest Hills Church. We meet in Room 128 (the Choir Room/Community Room).

Sept. 21—History of Northwest Hills Church

October 19—Polity of Northwest Hills Church



Northwest Hills Women's Association will be hosting the Canasta Club SALAD LUNCH CARD PARTY on Thursday, September 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Need VOLUNTEERS 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 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.

Did you know butterflies rest when it rains cause it damages their wings? It's okay to rest during the storms of life. You'll always fly again once it's over.



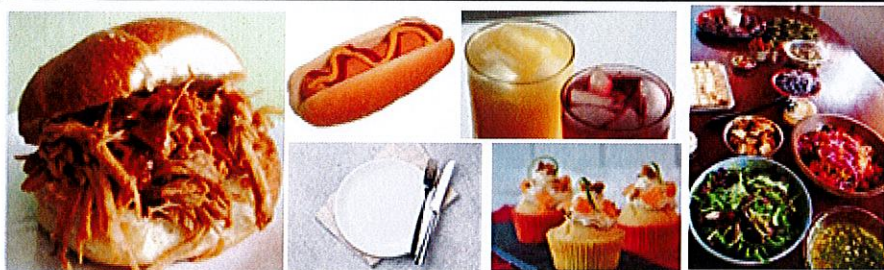
SPOTLIGHT: Northwest Hills Preschool

Where did the summer go? It seems like we just had our graduation program, but here we are at the start of a new year! Also, can you believe our school is already full? We have 12 students enrolled before the year even starts! Praise the Lord! Please keep us in your prayers that we may point these children and their families to our Lord. Also, we have had a request for a partial scholarship for one of our students. We had a scholarship donation a couple years ago and it has since been used to bless various families and is now depleted. If you are interested in donating to a new scholarship fund, please reach out and let us know. Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies. Because of your generosity, we are able to keep costs low for our families! We appreciate each of you!

With the start of the new school year, the Preschool staff are asking the members of Northwest Hills if they can donate specific items used in the Preschool. On the next page is a list of specific items. You can bring your donations to the church anytime and leave in a specially-marked box in the Board Room (across from the church office). Or, if you are downstairs, there is a donation basket in the preschool area. Thanks for all you do to support our outreach to the community!

Northwest Hills Church Join us!
Sunday September 14th, 10:30 AM

**You're invited to the Annual
FAMILY & FRIENDS
"HOMECOMING"
CHURCH PICNIC**



Picnic will be in Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Meat and Drinks will be provided.

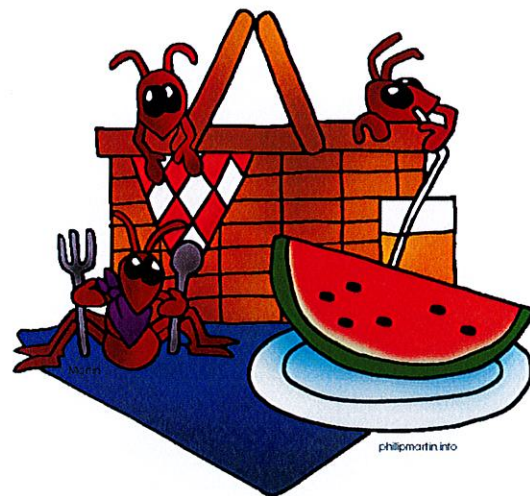
Last Names beginning with A-J bring dessert.

**Last Names beginning with K-Z
bring salad/vegetable.**

Please bring your own table settings.

**ALSO: 8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts in the Commons;
9:30 AM Worship/Communion and the return of
the NWH Choir; 9:45 AM Sunday School after
Children's Message; 10:45 AM Bingo (with prizes!)
in the Commons.**

**We will have a free will offering which will be used
for upcoming Church Projects.**



Preschool Donation Request List

Elmers Glue sticks
Liquid food coloring
Watercolor paper
Pink liquid watercolor paint
White finger paint
Paint daubers
Solid tempera paint sticks
Googley eyes - various sizes
Various colored packs of tissue paper
Laminating sheets (we go through a TON!)
Reams of white copy paper
Clear tape (refills are great!)
Craft size paper bags
Various colors of pipe cleaners
Disinfectant wipes
Snacks - LOTS OF SNACKS!

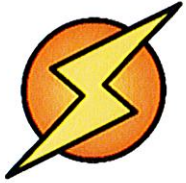
**We appreciate all donations! Donations
help keep tuition costs down so we can
reach as many children as possible. Thank
you for your support of our little school!**

**A donation basket is set up downstairs
by our large bulletin board. Have a great
summer!**

~ Jacque, Lori, & Robin



SEPTEMBER 2025



KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School



SEPTEMBER 7

No Sunday School: enjoy the service with your family!

SEPTEMBER 14

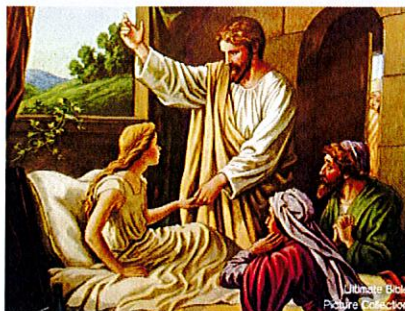
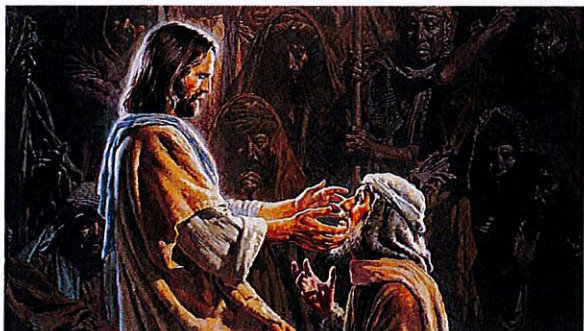
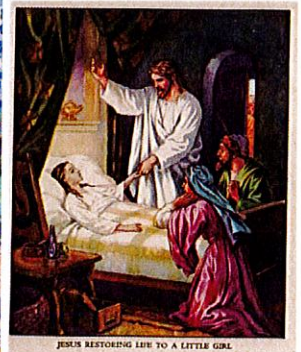
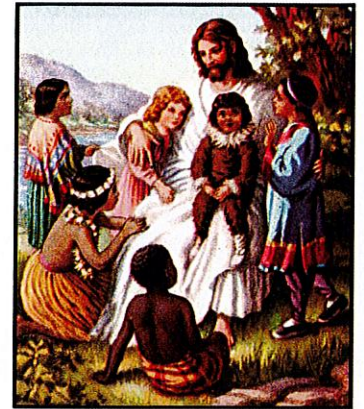
"Jesus Feeds the Hungry"

SEPTEMBER 21

Mission Project!

SEPTEMBER 28

"Miracles of Jesus"



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	2 7 PM Scouts-FH	3 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 Choir	4 12 noon Women's Assoc. Mtg.—FH	5	6 9 AM Men's BYOB—C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
7 9:30 Worship (No Sunday School) 10:30 Grandparents' Day—C 10:30 Confirmation Info Mtg—L	8 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	9 11 AM Ruth Circle Meeting—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	10 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 Choir	11 7 PM Church Council Mtg. Rm. 128	12	13 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D 11 AM Watch Party—C
6:30 Square Dancing—FH						
14 8:30 Coffee & Donuts—C 9:30 Worship/Communion/ Sunday School 10:30 Picnic—FH 10:45 Bingo—C 6:30 Square Dancing—FH	15 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	16 7 PM Scouts-FH	17 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 Choir	18 10-2 Canasta—FH	19	20 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
21 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 History of NWH-128 6:30 Square Dancing—FH	22 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	23 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	24 10 Bible Study—128 1-3 Crafting—128 6:30 Choir	25	26	27 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
28 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 6:30 Square Dancing—FH	29 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	30 7 PM Scouts-FH				S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Cierra Ervin	10	Gwen Gulizia	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		