



newsletter







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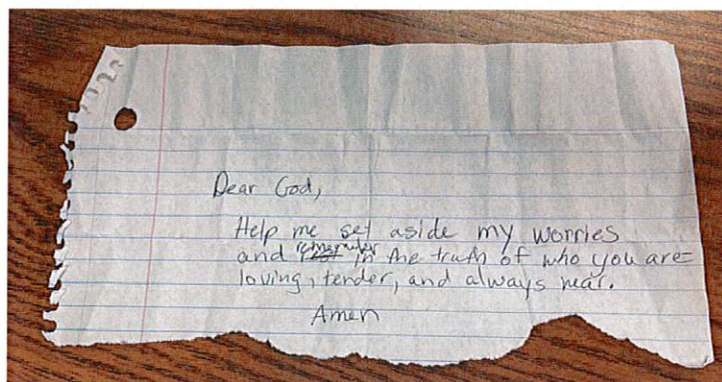
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May 2026

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<p>May 17</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "Part of the Larger Story" 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 10:30 AM Sound, Video & Choir Recognition—C (Sarah Cir.)</p>
<p>May 24</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School PENTECOST SUNDAY "Shared Spirit" Numbers 11:24-30</p>
<p>May 31</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School TRINITY SUNDAY TBD</p>

A note found tightly folded up, laying on the floor in the Commons, the week after Easter. May we always be reminded to "be kind, for everyone you meet is facing a hard battle."



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 big thank you to Pastor Alex for all of his persistence, patience and git-'er-done tenacity through the upgrade process of the new church office computer! We are now reaping the benefits of a much faster and powerful system to take care of all of the needs of the church. You ROCK!"

—All your fans who reap the "new computer benefits"



Just a FEW of the baskets YOU provided to the Lydia House!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in recent Easter activities! Whether it was the Lenten studies/potlucks on Wednesday nights, the Hoppin' Easter Adventure, donating items for/assembling 50 Easter baskets for the Lydia House children, and/or the Easter Brunch, **EVERYONE** plays a critical part of creating our "family" environment here at Northwest Hills Church. *Y'all are the best!*

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We look forward to gathering on Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 AM (postponed a week due to Sue Penner's Memorial Service on May 2nd) 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: Come join us for a great time of fellowship and gathering around the Word of God! We meet at 10 AM on Wednesday mornings in Rm. 128. All are welcome as we continue to work through the book "Bad Girls of the Bible." Come see how these ladies shaped some of our Biblical history!

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, May 5th, 11:00 AM in the Commons. Devotions will be given by Annie Kuti, and dessert will also be provided by Annie.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will meet on Thursday, May 7th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be provided by Carol Scott; dessert will be provided by Coleen Vincent and Ardell Reuter.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL will have their meeting on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM in Room 128.

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!)



CANASTA is at Romeo's on Thursday, May 21st! Please arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM, and have a great time! If you have any questions, or would like to join, contact Deb Shafer at 402-999-1052 or email ddshafer@outlook.com (please put CANASTA in the subject line of your email, so that Deb is sure to get it...thanks!) We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.

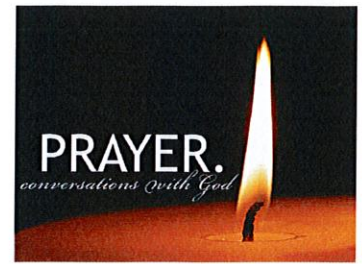


EYEGASSES donations are still being accepted. We take them to the Lion's Club to bless others with the gift of vision! Donation basket is located in the Commons above the coat rack.

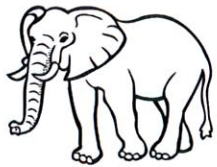
Do you have a passion for music? Do you like to sing (even if it IS only in the shower?) Do you play an instrument? Are you considering joining the choir? Be brave and take the first step and reach out to Barb Renicker, our Director of Music, to explore the possibilities. We would love to have you join us!



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!

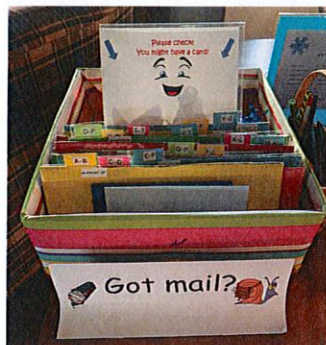
CLOTHES are** being collected year-round for the Open Door Mission. New or clean, gently-used clothing can be deposited in the specially-marked bin in the Commons. Thank you for your kindness!



CRAFTERS! We gather on Wednesdays from 1-3 PM in Room 128 to work on crafts for the October Craft Fair! No special skills are 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.

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 Coffin is hungry and needs to be fed....thank you in advance for your kind donations to keep the hot coffee flowing!



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, Cierra Ervin, Kyle Hurt & Jacoby, Marchelle Conrad, Steve Swift, Jerrie Wilcox, Nikki Heim, Elaine Jenkins, Cindy Key, Joanne Mears, Vicky (Nikki Heim's daughter); Linda Nelsen, Urban family, Benita Davis, Anusha Ganarajah, Knolan Murray

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Gary Dutton, Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Bill Owens, Pat Mixan, Sharon (Judy Cratty's sister), Caroline Williams, Christine Burreight, Alyce Berk, Linda Burnham

"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.

In May, many people within the United States and around the world will celebrate Mother's Day. And rightly so. The role of a mother is so demanding and can often be a thankless one.

Mothers play a vital role in church and society. Often, mothers are at the forefront of handing the faith down to the next generation. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5). A mother's influence can also extend beyond her biological family. Paul wrote to the church in Rome, "Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too" (Romans 16:13). It is good for us to be grateful and show our gratefulness to all the mother-figures in our lives—whether they're related to us by blood, or by faith, or both.

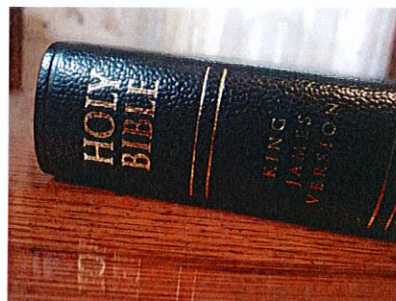
This isn't to say that Mother's Day is all happiness and roses. We should remember that this day may be uncomfortable for some people. Some of us might not have sweet memories of our parents. Others have lost their mothers or perhaps have been estranged from their children, making the day a stinging reminder of their absence. Others desire to become mothers but cannot for various reasons. All of these situations can be painful, so we must be sensitive.

Still, Mother's Day represents a wonderful opportunity to remember and celebrate all the women who have blessed our lives. I encourage you to tell your mom (or mom-like figure) you love her and appreciate her. Maybe make a meal for her. Any way you choose, simply spend some time with the special women in your lives.

As it is written in the Mother's Day litany we say in worship, "For mothers, in their wide variety and many forms, we give God our thanks and praise."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for May

May 2026 Sermons

May 3—1 Peter 2:19-25, "Good Suffering"

May 10—1 Peter 3:13-22, "Accounting for Hope"

May 17—1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, "Part of the Larger Story"

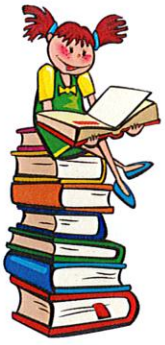
May 24 (Pentecost Sunday) - Numbers 11:35-40, "Shared Spirit"

May 31 (Trinity Sunday) - TBD



THE TRINITY
Knowing God as
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit





From our Northwest Hills Preschool...

Believe it or not, we are winding down our school year! Weather willing, we will have a family event at the local park on May 1st. On May 15th at 11:15 AM, we will be having an end-of-year program, followed by a light reception in the Commons area. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us! By God's grace and provision, we had a successful year, despite a few hiccups along the way. In addition, we already have 12 students enrolled for next year!



Please pray with us that God will bless us with another full year, a safe and enjoyable summer, and more opportunities to share His love with the community. Once again, thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way! Enjoy your

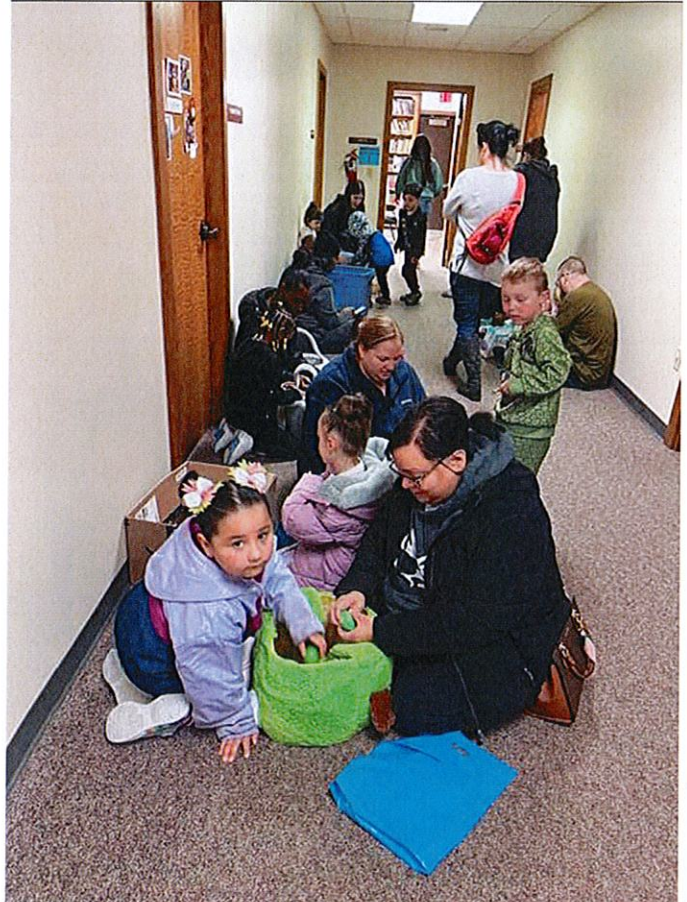
summer and we will see everyone this fall. — Jacque, Lori, and Robin

From the Christian Ed Department....

The Easter Adventure on Saturday, April 4th hosted around 50-ish kiddos. We met INSIDE the church due to weather uncertainty. The arriving families were invited to color Easter pictures and were given bags that included information about Northwest Hills Church, our Preschool, and an Easter craft. After listening to Pastor Alex present and read the story, "God Loves You" in the sanctuary, the kiddos were divided into age groups (toddler, preschool/ kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grads 3-6) and were assigned rooms to collect the Easter eggs that had been scattered by Elliott and Will Scofield, James and Alondra Vincent and her two friends, Payton and Lucy. In less than 2 minutes, the 2000 eggs became 4000 "half eggs" (well, emptying the eggs took up to 30 minutes!).

Thanks to Terri Burrignt for stuffing all 2000 eggs (Dennis says that he helped a little) and Sharlene Bollig for the Easter craft. Brenda Taylor, Margaret Scofield, and Coleen Vincent also appreciated help from Jerrie Wilcox, Pastor Alex, Diane Wolf, Cindy Urban and Linda Chandler. Thank you to our NWH Church family for your generous donations of candy, stickers and trinkets for our Egg Hunt!

Now....does anyone want to help sort those 4000 egg halves?



NORTHWEST HILLS SINGLES & FRIENDS!



FIFTH ANNUAL BABE McDANIEL MEMORIAL MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT May 16, 2026

The singles will be playing miniature golf at Putting Plus located at 9216 Maple Street, on Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 2:00 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 activities are 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!

Just for a smile.....

FUN THINGS TO SAY AT CHURCH POTLUCKS:

"Is there a vegan meal available?"

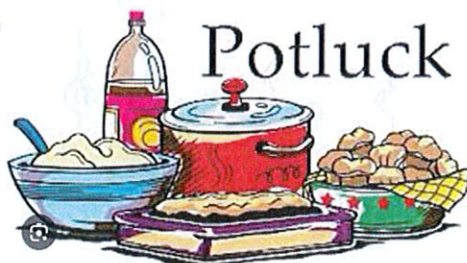
"What, exactly, are the rules about gluttony?"

"So, I guess 'drinking the Kool Aid' is OK now?"

"Is it cool for me to designate who I'd like to be Heimlich'd by, just in case?"



"If you can't chew it,
I've won the bet."



Potluck



What would you like to sing?

During June, July & August, we would like to include some favorite hymns/songs from the congregation during our Sunday morning worship! During the month of May we will have bright orange slips of paper available to submit your choices on Sunday mornings.



Thank you in advance for your participation and input for songs of worship during our summer months.



Barb Renicker,
Music Director
and your friends
in the NWH Choir

Did you enjoy (or maybe missed out?) on our Lenten potluck & prayer get-togethers? You'll have a chance for something similar this summer! Be watching for updates in the bulletins and Midweek emails!



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 June 11th AND Thursday, June 25th from 1-4 in the Fellowship Hall.

NO WALK INS: YOU MUST CALL 402-444-6617 to make an appointment. If Northwest Hills Church is all filled, there are other days and times and locations available to serve you.



A few photos of our 2026 Easter Brunch! Yummy food and great fellowship! Thank you to all who participated!



Before the crowd arrived.....



Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

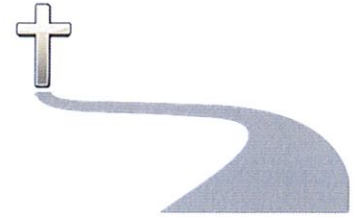
An altogether lovely day of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, in the morning service, followed by a precious time of great food and even greater fellowship! Such a great community at Northwest Hills Church! We love our "family!"



MAY 2026



KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School



May 3 **No Kid's Quest: Enjoy the adult service with Your family!**

May 10 **Rahab & The Walls of Jerico**



May 17 **Mission Sunday!**

May 24 **Esther**



May 31 **Job**



MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11 AM Preschool Picnic in the Park	2 11 Sue Penner Service followed by luncheon in Fellowship Hall
3 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 10:30 Grad & Teacher Recognition—C (Ruth Circle)	4 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	5 11 AM Ruth Circle—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	6 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting—128 6:30 PM Choir	7 12 noon W/A— FH	8 9 AM Men's BYOB-C	
10 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Mother's Day Coffee—C (Fellowship Cmte.)	11 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	12 8 AM—8 PM PRIMARY ELECTION DAY-C 7 PM Scouts-FH	13 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6:30 PM LAST Choir Practice	14 7 PM Church Council Meeting—FH	15 11:15 AM Preschool Program—S followed by Reception-C 5-10 PM Spencer Family—FH	16 2 PM Golf Putting Plus 4 PM Dinner Romeo's
17 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Sound, Video & Choir Recognition—C (Sarah Circle)	18 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	19 7 PM Scouts-FH	20 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	21 10-2 Canasta at Romeo's 7-9 PM Venture Crew-FH	22	23
24 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	25 MEMORIAL DAY (Church Office Closed) 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	26 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	27 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship/Sunday School						

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12	Michael & Janet Davis	20	Terry & Paula Markuson
17	Brad & Christina Beal	22	Bob & Brenda Taylor
18	Donald & Peggy Truckenbrod	25	Jack & Carolyn Williams
19	Robert and Sharon Dolezal	26	Jim & Coleen Vincent