



newsletter





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July 2026

<p>July 5</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) Guest Preacher: Pastor Jim Skrobo 10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee—C (Sarah Circle)</p>
<p>July 12</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "Summer Sunday School: David and Goliath" 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 20-23, 32-49 10:30 AM Church & Ministry Cmte. Meeting—Rm. 128</p>
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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!



We are very grateful to our Northwest Hills Church family for all of the prayers, calls, and cards for Christine. Your kindness, empathy and concern, but especially the prayers were a true blessing and yielded positive results. Our whole family is grateful for you!
— Dennis & Terri Burrigth

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We look forward to gathering on Saturday, July 11th at 9:00 AM in the Commons. (Postponed a week due to the holiday). 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. No Bible Study on the 8th, as Pastor Alex is helping out with Camp Kaleo. All are welcome as we continue to work through the book "Bad Boys of the Bible." Come see who's on the list!

RUTH CIRCLE will have their meeting on Tuesday, July 7th at 11 AM in the Commons. Devotions will be by Linda Chandler; dessert will be provided by Ginger Broyles.

WOMEN'S ASSOC. will meet on Thurs., July 9th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Jo Morton will provide the devotions, and Linda Chandler will provide the dessert. *Reminder: we will be cleaning tables after our meeting!*

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

CHURCH & MINISTRY CMTE. will meet Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 AM in Rm. 128.

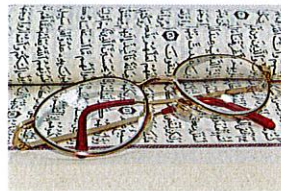
CHURCH COUNCIL does not meet during the month of July. Their next scheduled meeting is for Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 PM. Church office will be closed Tuesday, July 7th, as Pastor Alex is in Camp Kaleo and that is Cheryl's normal day off.

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!)



The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, July 16th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #13. Plant to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM.

If you have any questions, or would like to join, contact Deb Shafer at 402-999-1052. We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.



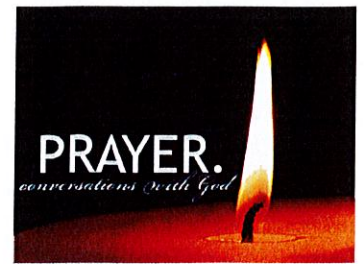
EYEGASSES donations are still being accepted. We take them to the Lion's Club to bless others with the gift of vision! Donation basket is located in the Commons above the coat rack.

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!

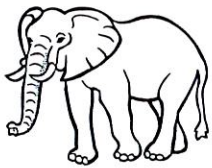
Summer Evening Prayer Services
On two Wednesday July 15th, and August 19th), Pastor Alex will host a time of fellowship followed by a prayer service. Fellowship (potluck style) will begin at 6:00 PM in the Commons area and the prayer service will begin at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome!



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!

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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 17th 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 Coffe 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); Urban family, Benita Davis, Anusha Ganarajah, Knolan Murray, Linda McNeil (David McNeil's sister)

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, Alyce Berk, Linda Burnham, Rich Novak

"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.

On Saturday, July 4th our nation will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone is an opportunity to not only celebrate our nation's history but also to look toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

To help celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America, our denomination, the United Church of Christ, has partnered with the Values in Action foundation to encourage everyone in the United States to join the United States of Kindness (USK) movement and commit to completing 250 acts of kindness throughout the remainder of this year.

The apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to "be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32). The acts of kindness the USK movement encourages can be done individually or as part of a group. These acts can be big, small, and anywhere in-between. It can be helping a neighbor carry their grocery bags, thanking a teacher, watering plants for a friend on vacation, donating to a food bank, calling up and checking in on a friend or loved one, complimenting someone to make their day, or holding the door open for someone. Every act counts. The goal of the USK movement is to show the world that kindness is America's greatest strength.

As we celebrate our nation's independence and give thanks to God for the 250 years of blessings we've received, I encourage all of us to commit to the United States of Kindness movement and show the power of everyday acts of kindness.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for July

Summer Sunday School: July 2026 Sermons

Pastor Alex will continue preaching on the fundamental Bible stories—the ones taught in Sunday School! Grab your Bible, some paper plates, crayons, and a snack because class is in session.

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From our Northwest Hills Preschool... We already have 12 students enrolled for next year!

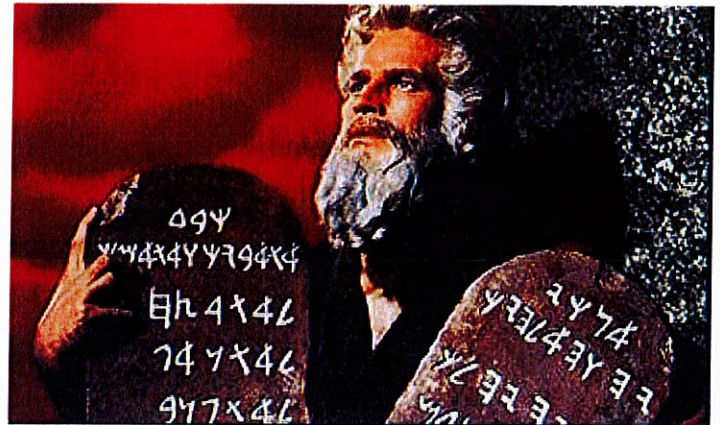
Please pray with us that God will bless us with another full year, a safe and enjoyable summer, and more opportunities to share His love with the community. Once again, thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way! Enjoy your summer and we will see everyone this fall.

— Jacque, Lori, and Robin



From the Christian Ed Department....

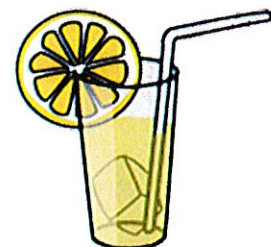
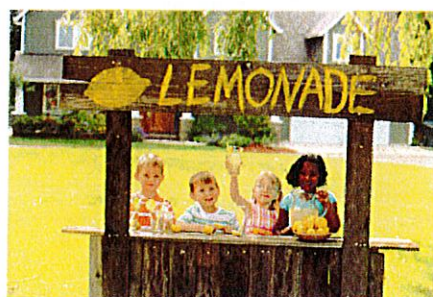
We love keeping our youngsters engaged at Northwest Hills Church. Some of our lessons coming up are the story of Esther, and the Ten Commandments.



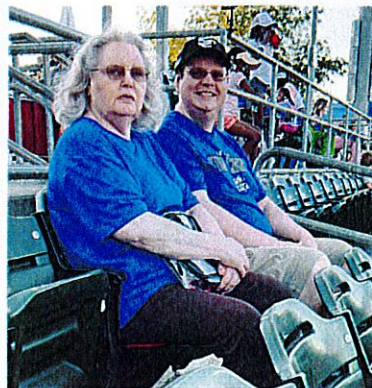
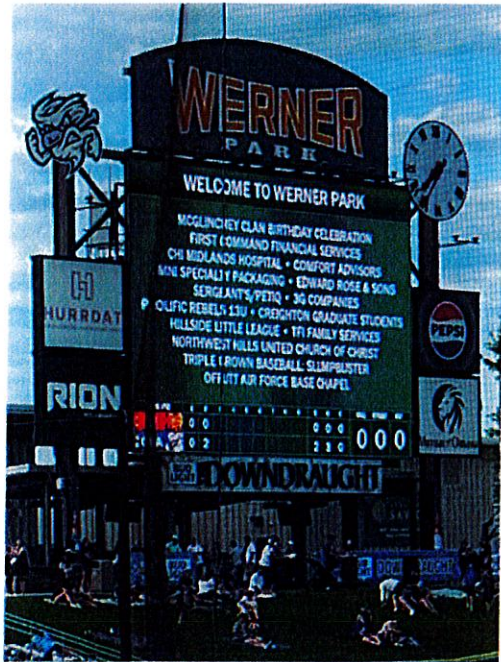
On the first Sunday of the month, our kids and teens spend Sunday morning in the main sanctuary worshipping with their families in the adult service. The second and fourth

Sundays are usually when we have our Bible stories/lessons in the classroom on the lower level.

On the third Sundays of the month, we usually plan some kind of "mission" activity. Every summer at the end of August, our youth typically have a "Lemonade Stand" to raise funds for their mission project, Heifer International. This is a wonderful global mission where funds can be sent around the world to purchase, chickens, ducks, honey bees, and even livestock, along with training of how to sustain life in developing countries. Nearly half the world's population — and most people living in poverty — depend on agricultural livelihoods to provide for their families. Supporting farmers to sustainably improve production and build resilient food systems is essential to meeting the world's development goals and nourishing a growing global population. Heifer International works with smallholder farmers and partners at all levels to establish farms and food systems that feed families, create economic opportunity and minimize stress on the planet, with a focus on climate-conscious production and inclusive markets. Our youth will be baking cookies and treats for the Lemonade Stand, so know your kind donations are making an impact around the world!



June 12, 2026: a beautiful night at Werner Park (the Storm Chasers actually WON the game!)...Northwest Hills Church proudly representing.....



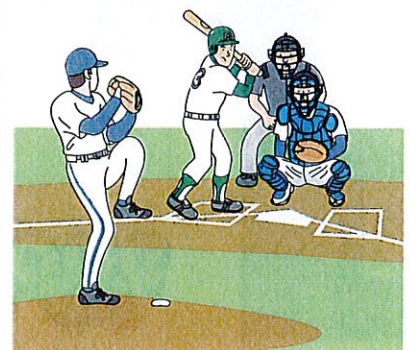
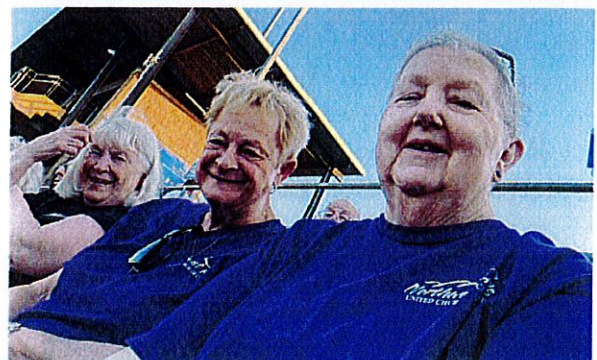
Thank you for everyone's input with your choices of favorite hymns and songs to sing for worship. During June, July & August, we will be including some of your favorites all summer long.



Greatly appreciate everyone's participation! Let's "make a joyful noise" together!

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

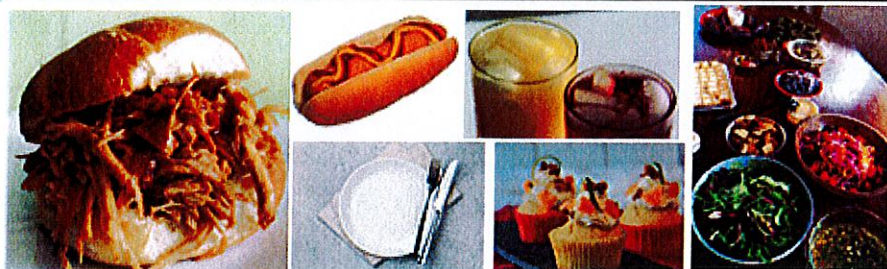
See you back in September when we start gearing up for Trunk or Treat!



Looking ahead.....

Northwest Hills Church Join us!
Sunday September 13th, 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.

Fellowship Time!

One activity we really enjoy at
Northwest Hills Church is
fellowship time after the service.

Various Circles, groups, or
individuals can sign up to bring
treats anytime. Below are a
couple pictures of Ruth Circle
hosting a red, white, and blue
time of fellowship for Flag Day,
June 14, 2026.

Thank you, ladies!



JULY 2026



KIDS QUEST!! EPIC Youth PK-High School



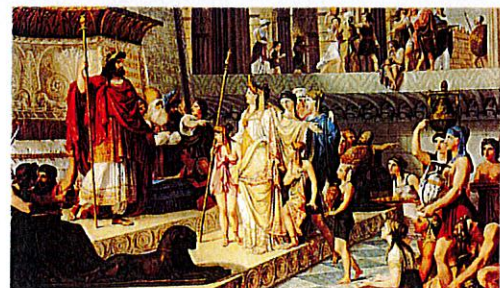
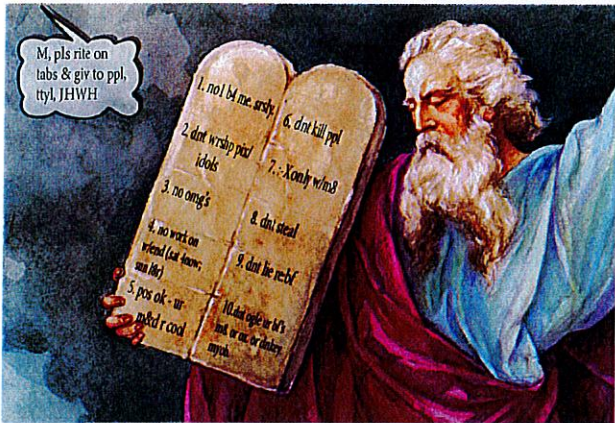
July 5 No Kid's Quest: Enjoy the adult service with Your family!

July 12 Esther



July 19 Ten Commandments

July 26 Ten C Activity



July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting—128	2	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! Happy 250th Birthday, America!
5 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) Guest Preacher: Jim Skrobo 10:30 Fellowship Coffee—C (Sarah Circle)	6 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH Alex at Camp Kaleo--	7 11 AM Ruth Circle—C CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the day 7 PM Scouts-FH	8 1-3 Crafting-128 —————>	9 12 noon Women's Assoc. Mtg.—FH	10	11 9 AM Men's BYOB-C
12 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Church & Ministry Cmte. Meeting—Rm 128	13 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	14 7 PM Scouts-FH	15 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6 PM Fellowship & Prayer C & S	16 10-2 Canasta - FH 7-9 PM Venture Crew- FH	17 6-10 Old Dominion Dancers—FH	18
19 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	20 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	21 7 PM Scouts-FH	22 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	27 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	28 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	29 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	30	31	

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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