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## June 2026

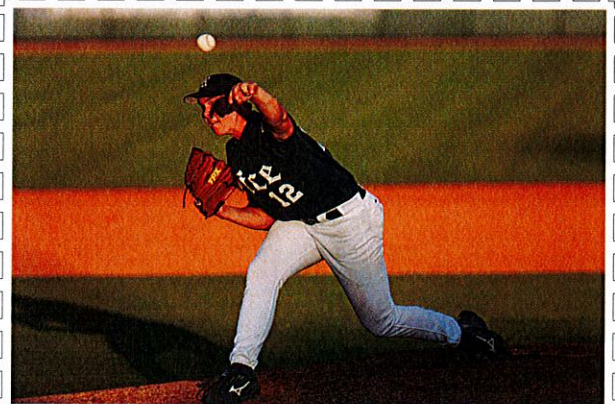
<p>June 7</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) "Creation" Genesis 1:1-5, 27-2:4a</p>
<p>June 14</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "Noah's Ark" Genesis 6:9-14; 7:1-5 10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee—C (Ruth Circle)</p>
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<p>June 28</p> 	<p>9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School "The Fall of Jericho" Joshua 6:1-5, 15-21</p>



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**  
**Friday, June 12**

Join us for a night out at Werner Park in Papillion as the Omaha Storm Chasers take on the Las Vegas Aviators on Friday, June 12TH at 7:00 PM. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$17. If interested, please let Pastor Alex know by Wednesday, June 3rd.



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!

**MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST:** We look forward to gathering on Saturday, June 6th 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:** 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 have lunch out on Tuesday, June 2nd at the Alpine Inn, 10405 Calhoun Road, Omaha. We will meet there at 11 AM. Those wishing to carpool need to meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 AM.



**WOMEN'S ASSOC.** will have their **LADIES DAY OUT** on Thursday, June 4th at 12 noon at the Cracker Barrel, 9409 S. 142nd St, Omaha. If you would like to carpool, please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM.

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

### Summer Evening Prayer Services

On three Wednesday evenings in the summer (June 17th, 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!

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will have their meeting on Thursday, June 11th 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!)



The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, June 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #12 (Mary Alice and Deb Rachow). Plan 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.

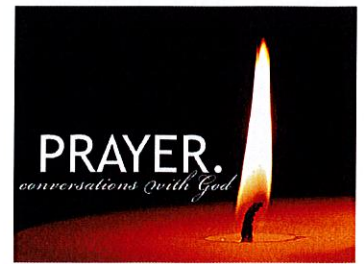


**EYEGASSES** donations are still being accepted. We take them to the Lion's Club to bless others with the gift of vision! Donation basket is located in the Commons above the coat rack.

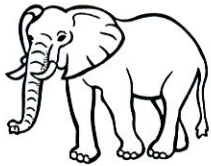
*Do you have a passion for music? Do you like to sing (even if it IS only in the shower?) Do you play an instrument? Are you considering joining the choir? Be brave and take the first step and reach out to Barb Renicker, our Director of Music, to explore the possibilities. We would love to have you join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



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!

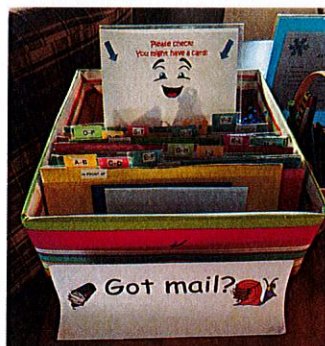
**CLOTHES\*\* are** being collected year-round for the Open Door Mission. New or clean, gently-used clothing can be deposited in the specially-marked bin in the Commons. Thank you for your kindness!



**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 Coffer 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 Crary's sister), Caroline Williams, Christine Burreight, Alyce Berk, Linda Burnham

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**"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.

As we flip the calendar over to June, we move into the summer months. With summer come many things: vacations, barbecues, and baseball, to name a few. Another thing associated with summer is the longer days. June 21st is the summer solstice, the longest day and shortest night of the year. People love summer partly because the light shines longer.

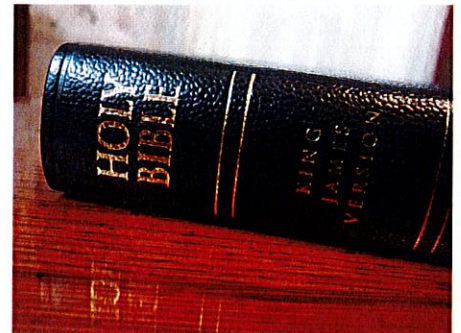
Throughout Scripture, light is often used in connection to God. The apostle John states in his first letter, "God is light..." (1 John 1:5). The psalmist declares, "The Lord is my light..." (Psalm 27:1). Jesus identifies Himself as the "Light of the World" (John 8:12). What is the significance of God being described as light?

- 1) Light brings life. Physically speaking, all life on earth is dependent upon the light of the sun. Plants use sunlight to synthesize food, sunlight's warmth allows Earth to be habitable, and sunlight evaporates water which is essential for drinking water. God as Creator gives us life and light was the first element created by God to sustain our lives.
- 2) Light brings clarity. I think of the psalmist's words, "Your word is a lamp for my feet and light for my path" (Psalm 119:05). As a light helps us walk the path before us, God and God's Word helps guide us on our path through life.
- 3) Light brings hope. Whether it's seen at the end of a dark hallway or every morning when the sun rises, optimism is stirred in the heart at the sight of emerging light. We have hope through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, reminding us that in whatever circumstance we face we are forever loved and cared for by God.

So, as you enjoy these longer days of summer, may the blessing of God's light be upon you, light on the outside and light on the inside.

In Christ's Love,

**Pastor Alex**



## Sermon Topics and Scriptures for June

### Summer Sunday School

June 2026 Sermons

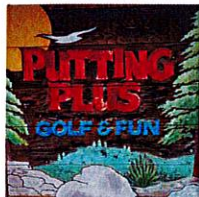
This summer, Pastor Alex will be preaching on the fundamental Bible stories—the ones taught in Sunday School! Grab your Bible, some paper plates, crayons, and a snack because class is in session.

- June 7 – Genesis 1:1-5, 27-2:4a, "Creation"
- June 14 – Genesis 6:9-14; 7:1-5, "Noah's Ark"
- June 21 – Exodus 14:19-31, "The Exodus"
- June 28 – Joshua 6:1-5, 15-21, "The Fall of Jericho"

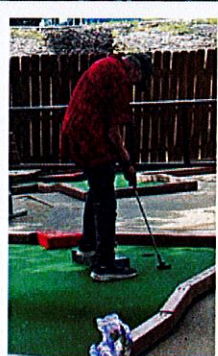




## NORTHWEST HILLS SINGLES & FRIENDS!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Miniature Golf Tournament on May 16! Here are a few photos to commemorate the event:



A fun time  
Had  
By  
All!



Thank you for everyone's input during the month of May 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!



### 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 "housekeeping" reminders...*

First of all, a HUGE thank you to the team who took on the challenge of scouring and cleaning the ovens in the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall! They literally SPARKLE and look brand new! Wow! And the microwaves look marvelous as well!

Now having a fresh "spring clean," let's try to keep our facility in tip-top shape. If you spill something, please clean it up and wipe it clean. Don't assume clean up is someone else's job. The Fellowship Hall especially gets a lot of use, so it's incumbent that we are all diligent to leave whatever part of the building we are using in as best shape as possible for the next party. Many hands make the load lighter.

Also realize that our custodian's work hours sometimes don't always align and allow his follow-up when we have extra events going on, like funeral luncheons, special events, or celebrations involving food and leftovers. We normally have large, lined trash bins available for plates, un-eaten foods, and trash both in the Commons area and in the Fellowship Hall/kitchen areas. If you have an event that involves food, if you would kindly pick up, bag, and then dispose of the large bins of the trash in the disposal bin right outside the Fellowship Hall entrance closest to the kitchen, that would help us deter any "critters" that might be

attracted by all of the good-smelling leftovers. We've been pretty lucky as of late that the mice populations seems to be leaving us pretty well alone, but better safe than sorry!



On several occasions now, staff has come in on a random day to find the coffee pot in the Commons still "ON" and dehydrated coffee burning in the bottom of the glass carafe! Yikes! We don't want to start a fire hazard! PLEASE PLEASE turn the coffee pot "OFF" when leaving after an event. Don't assume "someone" will do it: YOU do it! We're counting on everyone to be aware of the surroundings and keep everyone safe!

*.....if all of us remember that we are all to be wise and thoughtful stewards of what our good Heavenly Father has blessed us with — the building and grounds of Northwest Hills Church—everyone's attentiveness will make for a clean, safe, and enjoyable environment for our worship and all of our community activities. You matter, and we appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you for your help!*



# JUNE 2026



**KIDS QUEST!!**  
**EPIC Youth**  
**PK-High School**

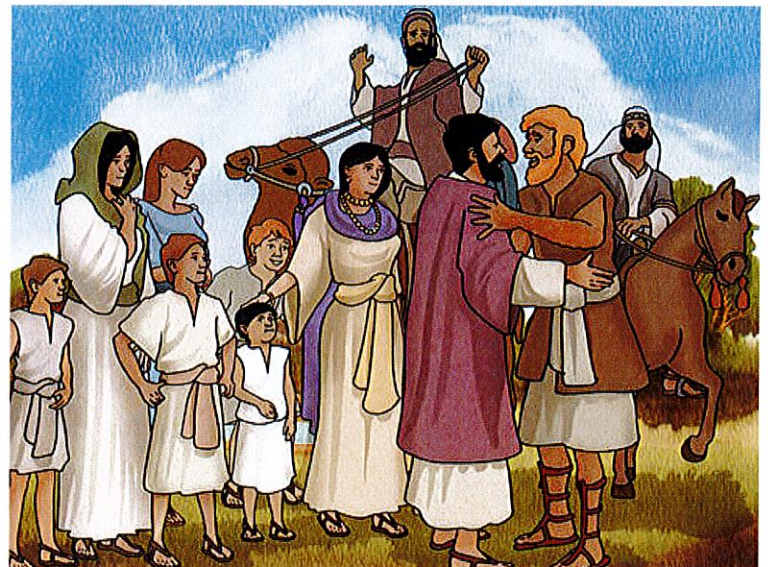
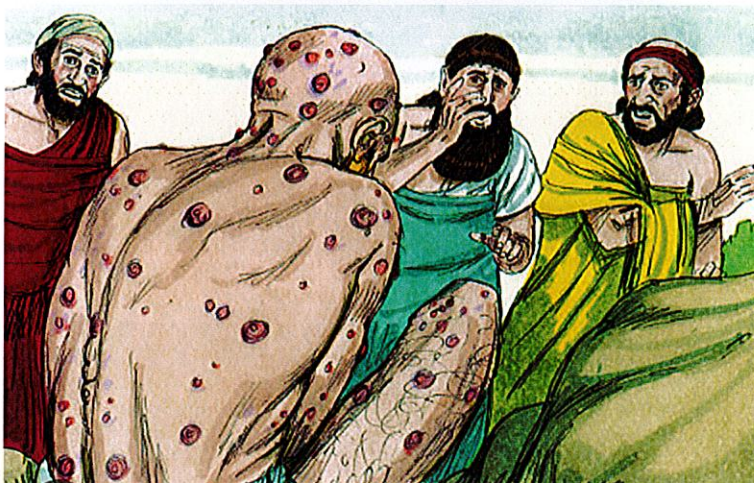
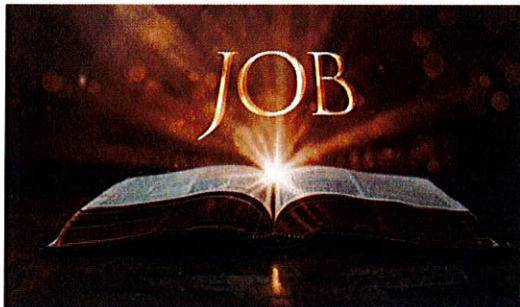
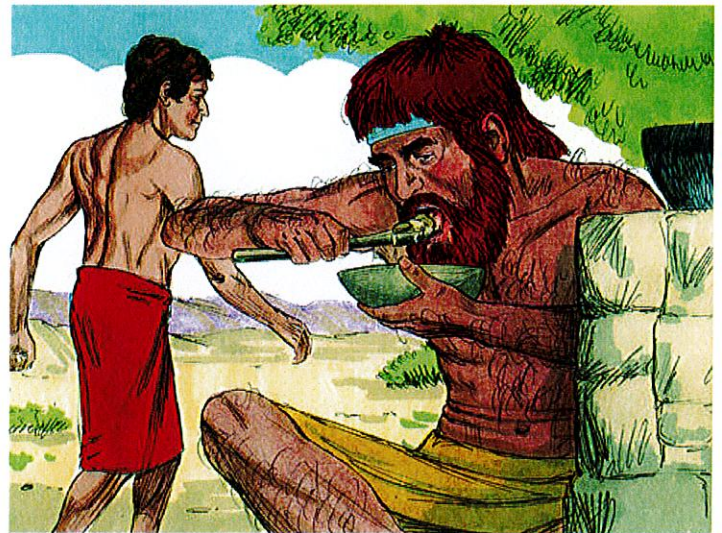


**June 7**      **No Kid's Quest: Enjoy the adult service with Your family!**

**June 14**      **Job**

**June 21**      **Mission Sunday!**

**June 28**      **Jacob and Esau**



# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	11 AM Ruth Circle @ Alpine Inn for lunch (carpool from church at 10:30 AM) 7 PM Scouts-FH	10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting—128	12 noon W/A @ Cracker Barrel for lunch: (carpool from church at 11 AM)		9 AM Men's BYOB-C
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School)	6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	7 PM Scouts-FH	10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	1-4 VAS Homestead Exemption—FH 7 PM Church Council Meeting—FH	7 PM Werner Park Ballgame	11-8 Merriam Family—FH
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Ruth Circle Coffee—C	6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	7 PM Scouts-FH	10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 6 PM Fellowship & Prayer C & S	10-2 Canasta - FH 7-9 PM Venture Crew-FH		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Father's Day Coffee—C	6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	1-4 VAS Homestead Exemption-FH	6-10 Old Dominion Dancers—FH	
28	29	30				
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## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 Olivia Hultman	12 Christina Beal	24 Wyatt Stricker
1 Laurie Salonen	14 Cheryl Morehouse	25 Stephanie Henkel
3 Tyler Stricker	14 Ashley Tracy	26 Nancy Ressel
5 Adam Markuson	14 Lauren Tracy	27 Jennifer Hunter
6 Austin Infante	16 Madeline Carlin	29 Andrew Key
9 Ernest Summers	17 Heather Antoniak	
	19 Steve Shafer	

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Allen & Linda Chandler	10 Larry & Glenda Kalina	23 Kevin & Lisa Hall
2 Mark & Dianna Cupps	12 Steve & Barbi Beberniss	26 Bob & Tiffanie Bergamine
4 Ed & Beth Perley	12 Corwin & Nancy Miller	29 Charles & Catherine McIntosh