

GLOW in the DARK

TRUSTING GOD WHEN WE'RE SCARED

We are having monthly meetings to prepare for teaching that God is the Light of the world for VBS (Jn 8:12). Please pray God will prepare the hearts of kids we can tell about Jesus and His faithfulness during scary times and for volunteers to be that light. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Shawnda Woods at 402-213-9857 or lashawndawoods@icloud.com

VBS
Saturday, June 10
10 a.m. - 2 pm
Ages 4 - 10



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Sunset Hills Church May 2023 Newsletter

I am told by my calendar that May is National Prayer Month. National Prayer Day is May 4th this year.

Someday soon I want to be at the place where I don't need reminders to pray. But let's be clear: at this point in life, I need all the reminders I can get.

I'm too often a true airhead about praying. I am working hard to make prayer my first response when hearing of (or experiencing) a life crisis of any sort. If I don't remember to pray first, I'll end up with my own (often panicked) analysis of how to approach the issue. I'll leave God and His wisdom sidelined. I do so to my own peril, because then I often start implementing my own wisdom without God's input. Then I too often have to co-labor with God to undo my mess to move ahead with His wisdom.

One of the most critical things consistent prayer can do is to help us abide in God. Then we have the truly unique opportunity to be an agent of God's grace and presence because His heart and Word are alive in us. We can ask the Father for amazing things because our desires have been definitively shaped to harmonize with His righteousness through Christ Jesus. We know his game plan and can better exercise His will, operating from a level of true friendship rather than rote duty.

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."
(John 15:14-15)

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The intimacy of prayer teaches us to abide. Abiding draws us into loving obedience. Obedience makes us strategic friends with the Creator of the universe.

So let’s learn to be opportunistic when we hear, “Let us pray.” God is on the move.

--Steve Wamberg

Upcoming Information Gathering Meeting

Breakfast treats including pastries/donuts, fresh fruit, protein bars, coffee, and juice will greet you on **May 13th at 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.** for a crucial information gathering morning where we will discuss:

- 1) the gifted people in our church (that includes you), and
- 2) the things we'd like to be known for in the community

These two items are key pieces of our interim process and preparation for the new pastor. Please RSVP to the church office and reserve the date to be a part of this crucial gathering! We'll see you there!

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

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| Alexander, great-nephew of Gary and Joan Peterson | | | |
| Dave | Tonda Dale | Rusty Anson | |
| Kim Wille | Deanne Caughey | Mike Loeffler | Bob Molby |
| Linda Hedrick | Nancy Berney | Jacque McDuffie | Yvonne Swearingen |
| Glenn & Linda Kilpatrick | Betty Prokop | Jack & Carol Welch | Patty Martin |
| Mark & Ruth Steele | Amber Dale | Nancy Quinnette | Dan & Marge Todd |
| Barb Ganey | Dick & Norma Larsen | | |

Please pray for the NE Regional Search Committee
Sunset Hills Pastor Search Committee
On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.

For regular prayer requests, please text or call and leave a message for Dot North at 402-658-6401, emails may not be seen in a timely manner. She will confirm that your request was received and it will be sent out to the prayer chain. Your prayers are very important.

Mental Health Matters Night
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Pacific Hills Lutheran Church
1110 S. 90th Street
Omaha, NE 68124

Join us for a presentation of hope and healing at this community event to discuss the importance of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Dearest Friends at Sunset,

We have been very blessed through this battle with cancer by our faithful members at Sunset Hills. Thank you to Dot and the prayer ministry for your prayers. Thank you for your cards, they really brighten our days. Thank you to the meal ministry. Your meals have been delicious!

We love you,

Mark and Deanne Caughey

Thank You

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

Coming Next Month
Goal for Sunset Hills is
\$1,400

It’s Time to Share

Vision Statement

Communicate the love of God so all may experience the joy of a relationship with Christ.

Mission Statement

Build disciples by empowering each church participant to practice personal and congregational mission to reach people in our everyday lives.

Date	Attendance	Giving
April 2	76	\$9,726.50
April 9 (Easter)	117	\$7,021.00
April 16	53	\$1,585.00
April 23	50	\$2,650.00
April 30	TBD	TBD

SHBC Financial Scoreboard	
March Pledges	\$10,548
YTD Pledges	\$38,568
March Expenses	\$13,865
YTD Expenses	\$40,776
YTD Income	\$42,194

8 Jay Gordon

14 Kellye Deane

14 Rita Vetter

16 Mary Reed

17 Diana LaCroix

19 Keegan Noggle

23 Aaron White

29 Darby Von Forell



Happy Anniversary!

6 Roy and Vicki Loeffler

25 Jack and Carol Welch

28 years

66 years

Women Mentoring Women

Now meeting on Monday Evenings

May 8 and May 22

6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

See Shawnda Woods or Jacque McDuffie for more information.

Camp Open House

May 6th

1:00-4:00




Come & enjoy the afternoon exploring camp. You won't want to miss information on what's coming next at camp.

Wagon Rides | Hiking | Frisbee Golf | Valley Games | Refreshments | Explore all buildings | Memorial Garden | Stargazing Deck | and More

Sunset Hills Spring Clean-Up

Help us on Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon for a spring clean-up day at the church. If you know of an area or something that could use some attention, please write it down and put it in the suggestion box in the narthex. Thank you!



SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT: Please add **Sitting With God – An Interactive Prayer Service to your calendar for June 1st from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** This is the second time we are offering this wonderful opportunity to experience a special closeness with God in prayer. Everyone/anyone is encouraged to attend and take part in this incredible experience. Any questions may be directed to Pastor Jason Workman, who led us in the first Sitting With God service.

Attendance continues to grow at the monthly Prayer Time, which is held on the first Monday evening of the month at 6:00 p.m. There is no set length of time for this, but it usually ends between 6:30-7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

You may have noticed that the procedure for sharing Prayer Requests and Concerns in the weekly bulletin has been changed slightly, due to the space needed to list the growing number of prayer requests. Recently added/new prayer requests regarding health concerns are listed each week in the bulletin. All other prayer concerns are listed on the handout in the narthex and will be updated monthly.

Education continues for awareness and encouragement of the use of the Confidential Prayer and Praise box. Any prayers or praises that need to be quite private and only for God’s listening ears should be placed in this box. The notes placed in this box are never read and a respectful ceremony with a group prayer and burning of the unread notes is periodically conducted.

There is also a box for suggestions, ideas, and comments regarding Sunset Hills and you, just to the right of the Confidential Praises and Prayers box. Both boxes are hanging on the wall just beside the bulletin board over by the entrance to the women’s restroom (to the right of the coffee/snack bar.) Please consider taking the opportunity to stop and pray whenever passing by these boxes.

Upcoming Sermon Schedule		
May 7	Call to Action	<i>2 Chronicles 7:12-15</i>
May 14	Watch Out! Mom’s Praying!	<i>1 Samuel 2:1-11, 18-21</i>
May 21	Back Ahead to the Basics	<i>Matthew 6:5-15</i>
May 28	That Pesky Fork in the Road	<i>2 Chronicles 7:12-22; John 15:1-17</i>

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
April 17, 2023

Attendees: Jason Workman, Worship & Safety/Security; Diane Workman, Moderator; Dot North, Prayer; Doug Larson, Treasurer; Visitor, Bob Molby

Devotion & Prayer – Rev. Jason Workman - *Jeremiah 29:11*

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Doug Larson

- Doug made a motion to move \$50,000.00 out of our checking account to a Morgan Stanley Investment account. The account is a 4% earning account. There is no penalty for moving funds in or out of our account.

Business

Pastoral Search Committee: Diane Workman

- Telly sent an update via email. He has had contact with Dr. Mamula and no applications have been received. He has a meeting with ABC leaders this week to see if they can help identify potential candidates.
- Rev. Wamberg is planning on scheduling the next phases that the Region recommends for an interim pastor to complete with the congregation. More information to come with date and times.

Safety & Security: Rev. Jason Workman

- Cameras in the nursery are installed and functioning.

Music and Worship: Rev. Jason Workman

- Drum campaign - Goal has been met. Jason Rich will make a move to purchase the new drum set.

Pastor/Staff Relations: No report

Prayer: Dot North

- May 4th National Day of Prayer.
- June 1st “Sitting with God” Prayer night scheduled for 6:00 pm at Sunset Hills Baptist church.
- Prayer ceremony was completed with burning of the prayers received.
- Prayer requests have been updated in the bulletin including the most recent requests. There is another insert listing all prayer concerns. Prayer request boxes are being utilized.

Discipleship: Vacant

- May 28th will be Graduation/Teacher Recognition
- Mother’s Day Recognition, May 14

Mission/Outreach: Vacant

- Brainstormed options of places where we can be involved or programs that can be offered to the community. Noted Women mentoring Women also brainstorming outreach options.

- Website update: Telly Woods
 - ◊ Plan is to launch the first week of May. He is finishing up the ministry pages.

Shepherding: Vacant

- Benevolent Fund was transferred to Pinnacle Bank – Jason Workman seeking new leader for this ministry.

Stewardship: Vacant

- May 20th is Spring Clean-Up day. Submit suggestions in the suggestion box for items/ places that need to be addressed.
- Ron Reed to continue to manage while looking for a new leader.
- Tabled discussions regarding women’s bathrooms, stump removal, erosion concerns and parking lot maintenance due to lack of query.

Prayer: Rev. Jason Workman

Next Meeting: May 15 at 6:30 pm.

American Baptist Women’s Ministry
Spring Conference
June 2 - 4, 2023

Freedom in Christ

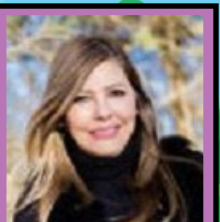
Full weekend = \$140 Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday = \$95

Saturday only = \$50

Scholarships are available!

Please register through Camp Moses Merrill @ www.campmerrill.com

Bring personal care items to go to Women’s Shelters (details on MCCC



Speaker
Irina Sorrels