

## Prayer Ministry May – Dot North

We encourage everyone to pray on their own or with family and friends, privately in their homes or wherever they are, throughout the day on Thursday, May 2 in observance of the 2024 National Day of Prayer. A National Observance Broadcast will air that evening on the website, [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org), or on your favorite Christian television or radio network at 7:00 p.m. Central Time.

## 2024 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join Kathy Branzell, President of the National Day of Prayer Task Force along with this year's co-host, Pastor A.R. Bernard, founder of the Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, New York, for the 73rd annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2nd!



Visit our website at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org) to find a prayer gathering near you, then join us that evening on our website, online, or on your favorite Christian television or radio network for our National Observance Broadcast at 8 pm ET, as we join together in unified public prayer to LIFT UP THE WORD and LIGHT UP THE WORLD!



## Sunset Hills Church

May 2024  
Newsletter

### Showing Up

Over the weekend I finally met my new grandson face-to-face. He showed up around a week overdue, as I understand it. When it was clear the baby wasn't about to arrive according to our original plan (silly us!) the question quickly became, "What do we do until the baby comes?"

It ended up that there was plenty to do. Sort of. There was a lot of checking and re-checking, at least. The nursery had been ready for a couple of months. Check. Diapers, bedding and baby clothing: inventoried. Car seats for five: ready. Grandma and PopPop (that would be Annie and I) keeping the baby's siblings for several overnights so our daughter-in-love Brittany and son Ben could rest while waiting: you betcha.

Seven or eight days behind our schedule but probably right on time in God's opinion, Benson Torin Wamberg was napping soundly when it was my turn to hold all 8 pounds, 10 ounces of him yesterday. After ten minutes or so Benson stirred and opened one eye to check me out. It was just for a few seconds, then he slept again. It was a simple and fulfilling moment.

The process of waiting for Benson will be the stuff of family legend for a while. It will recount the flurry of people in and out of the house. Trips to get groceries. Coming up with Benson's name. They will remember our family prayer over their kids, grandkids, family, and friends: "God, please grow our children into warriors for You and Your Kingdom. Jesus, we need You to show up for them like You have for us."

Actively preparing for Jesus showing up happens as we worship, when we pray, as we serve, when we share the message of the Gospel – in other words, all over the place. It's the activity

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necessary to host His presence right here at 94<sup>th</sup> and Pacific, just as a place was prepared for our new grandson Benson through nursery preparation, getting clothes ready, or getting one more car seat.

*Jesus, we need You to show up in our lives. Be welcome in my heart, thoughts, and actions. Let me show up for You and Your Kingdom across the generations.*

-- Steve Wamberg

### Upcoming Sermon Schedule

#### The Sermon on the Mount

May 5	How Can I Turbocharge My Impact on Our Culture?	<i>Matthew 5:13-16</i>
May 12	How Do I explain the Extreme Righteousness of God?	<i>Matthew 5:17-20</i>
May 19	How Do I value Someone Who Makes Me This Angry?	<i>Matthew 5:21-26</i>
May 26	How Do I Live a PG Life in a XXX Culture?	<i>Matthew 5:27-30</i>

### Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Stan	Diane	Klaus & Sabine	Linda Wheatley
Janie Arnold	Nelson Leupp	Michael Thompson	Barrientos family
Sarah Minarick	Kathy Koppenhaver	Bob	Joey Pelster
Cindy Combs family	Jackie Ramey	Nickie	Hugo
Jill Gilliland's aunt	Lala Barrientos	Roberta Williston	Dave
Cheryl Arnold	Matt Phillips	Anji	Cheryl & Carol's Mother
Diana LaCroix	Deanne Caughey	Antonittie Johnson	Darby & Carol Von Forell
Bob Molby	Patty Martin	Phyllis Meyer	Friend of Lala Barrientos
Nancy Berney	Rev. Rick Wheatley	Norma Larsen	Jack & Carol Welch
Mark & Ruth Steele	Barb Ganey	Glenn Kilpatrick	Dan & Marge Todd
Nancy Quinnette			

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.

## Fruit of the Spirit ~ VBS 2024

Saturday, June 8

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ages 4 ~ 10

Register on the Sunset Hills website [www.sunsethillschurch.org](http://www.sunsethillschurch.org), call the office at 402-391-0820, see the display in the narthex, or scan the QR code.



VBS is our biggest outreach program for Children's Ministry, and we need YOU. We would love to have adult AND teen helpers this year. Is God calling you to serve? Take a step of obedience, mark your calendars, and say yes to this incredible opportunity for our kids. Bring your kids and grandkids and enjoys the day learning beside them.

There are opportunities to help with crafts, participate in the Bible lesson, music, games, prepare snacks and/or lunch, and travel to each of the fruit of the spirit stations for fun learning.

Dear Sunset Hills Parishioners,

Pine Elementary School greatly appreciates that you helped to provide the staff with delicious Orsi pizza during Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was such a relief, after many meetings, just to go to the lunchroom and relax over a delicious meal.

*Thank You*

We truly appreciate the day Mr. Anderson notified Pine Elementary what support Sunset Hills Baptist Church parishioners would provide for us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Adriana Vargas, Principal

Rose Pope, Counselor



Date	Attendance	Giving
March 31	114	\$5,724.92
April 7	55	\$6,837.82
April 14	NA	\$4,990.00
April 21	62	\$1,026.82
April 28	TBD	TBD

## SHBC Financial Scoreboard

**March Income**      \$15,862  
**March Expenses**    \$17,949  
  
**YTD Income**        \$42,587  
**YTD Expenses**      \$56,247

14 Kellye Deane  
 14 Rita Vetter  
 16 Mary Reed  
 17 Diana LaCroix  
 19 Keegan Noggle  
 23 Aaron White  
 27 Gary Peterson  
 29 Darby Von Forell



### Bible Study

Join Rev. Steve on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study. All are welcome.



### Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday, May 6  
6:00 p.m.

### Women Mentoring Women Monday, May 13

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

### RetroActive Launch Meeting

Wednesday, May 8  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunset Hills Fellowship Hall

### Study of the Book of James

Tuesday evenings  
6:00 - 7:00  
Led by Pastor Jason

## Stewardship Ministry Team May Update

1. The Spring Clean-up was a success. Thanks to many hands for helping with outdoor and indoor projects.
2. The much-needed reorganization of the Stewardship Ministry was presented during the April 28<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Congregational Meeting. The outreach for volunteers to serve God and our church with our team has begun. We have serious need to fill open sub-category leadership and task openings.
3. A decision has been made to repair two parking lot drain areas, fill open cracks, seal coat and paint for parking stalls has been made. The work is to begin soon.
4. Four responded out of eight companies invited and will provide us with proposals to repair fascia and soffit repairs on our building's east side.

In the love of Christ,  
 Ron Reed, Stewardship Ministry Leader  
 Marvin Vanosdall, Grounds Leader  
 Open, Facilities Leader; Open, Events Leader; Open, History Leader

### Men's Study Group May Update - Ron Reed

The study of *What Would Jesus Ask? How To Use The Jesus Method of Asking Questions* by the late Dr. Paul Welter is fascinating. You are welcome to join us by way of Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Please contact Don Zak, Rev. (retired) Bob Molby, Bob Slechta, Marvin Vanosdall, Rev. (retired) Rick Wheatley, Judah Anaya, Rev. Steve Wamberg, or Ron Reed if interested.

### Adult Sunday School May Update - Ron Reed

The presentation of *The Chosen* brings the Bible to life. We praise Dot North for serving as facilitator for this study. You are encouraged to join us Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level's doubles classroom.

### Pastor/Staff Relations Ministry - Gary Peterson

Your Staff relations committee will be meeting in May. May God continue to bless the ministries at Sunset Hills. Members include: Gary Peterson, chairperson, Ron Reed, Linda Wheatley, Nancy Berney, Denise Vanosdall

### 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.

6 Roy and Vicki Loeffler      29 years  
 25 Jack and Carol Welch      67 years

*Happy Anniversary!*

### Family Gathering Friday, May 3 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



**Share the Light** ~ One Great Hour of Sharing  
 Coming in June  
 Goal \$1,400

*You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.*

**Matthew 5:14-15**  
 (The Message)

**One Great  
 HOUR  
 OF SHARING**

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
Ministry Council Minutes  
April 15, 2024**

**Attendees:** Rev. Steve Wamberg; Music/Worship & Safety/Security, Rev. Jason Workman; Moderator, Diane Workman; Pastor/Staff Relations, Gary Peterson; Prayer, Dot North; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Stewardship, Ron Reed; Financial, Terri Rich; Missions/Outreach, Terry Anderson; Visitors, Bob Molby, Marvin Vanosdall

**Devotion and Prayer** – Rev. Steve Wamberg

**Monthly Treasurer’s Report** – Doug Larsen

- Provide itemized budget report for each ministry.

**Business:**

**Financial** – Terri Rich

- Proposal for parking lot expense - Motion was made and approved to use money from Capital Projects, Dappen Memorial, Miracle Hills, and General Fund to pay for work needing to be done.
- Terri and Doug will also meet to get a budget sheet put together for the Quarterly Business Meeting.

**Stewardship** – Ron Reed

- Meeting on Thursday, April 18 to go over reorganization of ministry and make a chart so congregation can see where help is needed.

**Safety/Security** – Rev. Jason Workman

- No updates

**Music/Worship** – Rev. Jason Workman

- Mother’s Day is on May 12. Diane is working on a craft to hand out to mothers.
- Dan Todd will not be here on May 26 for music.
- Graduation celebration will be on May 19.
- Father’s Day is June 16.

**Pastor/Staff Relations** – Gary Peterson

- May 13 ministry meeting to go over staff evaluations.

**Shepherding** – Amber Dale

- No updates

**Missions/Outreach** – Terry Anderson

- Provided food for teachers at Pine Elementary during parent/teacher conferences.
- Sunset Hills will be a polling place in May and supplies have started to arrive.
- Newsletter coming out will promote VBS.

**Prayer** – Dot North

- Prayer/Suggestion box update.
- National Day of Prayer is May 2 and plan on having a link available to watch the National Day of Prayer Organization program.

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**Ministry Council:**

- Next leadership training is May 20 at 5:30 and topic will be internal communication.
- Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck is on April 28 – Plan for Agenda – Let Diane know if you plan on speaking and how much time will be needed.
- Update yearly agenda as needed (dates, times, etc. for Sunset Hills activities)
- May, June, July Council/Ministry preparations

**Discipleship** – Vacant

- VBS – Jill Gilliland will lead – Sheets are available to sign-up with a QR code. Volunteers are still needed.

**Prayer** – Rev. Jason Workman

**Next Meeting** – May 20, 2024

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**Missions and Outreach Ministry** – Terry Anderson

When Sunset Hills, the church, was new, so was Sunset Hills, the neighborhood—making connections, making friends, making new lives with mostly Baby Boomers.

The church was a connection with the neighborhood, first with the Fellowship Hall, which served as the sanctuary until our current sanctuary was ready for occupancy. Then came the educational wing. The church served the community, with two services on Sunday mornings and a preschool.

The preschool was gone by the time I became a member in 1986. The only time I recall two services was on Easter during COVID. Times have changed. Churches aren’t as much of a neighborhood center as they once were. Schools have become more of a focus point, as have, to some extent shopping areas.

Sunset Hills, the church, can become a stronger force, just by becoming more available to those living nearby. We’re doing that by serving as a polling place for Nebraska’s primary election on May 14. Several years ago, when the Pacific Row project on our east border was still in planning stages, the church hosted a required meeting for developers and residents on both sides of Pacific Street. The meeting drew a crowd, many of whom had never been inside our church and knew nothing of what we offered. They just didn’t know.

Serving as a polling place will bring residents – neighbors – from 84<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> Streets and from Pacific to West Dodge Road through our front doors. Once they get inside, they may like what they see and come back or tell others about us – connecting.

We can do special things to make Sunset Hills, the church, more inviting, such as cleaning inside and outside during the spring work day, and having posters on the walls to promote Vacation Bible School.

There are five churches along Pacific Street from the 84<sup>th</sup> Street intersection to Interstate 680. Having voters come through our doors is just one way to serve our neighbors. What other ways come to your mind?