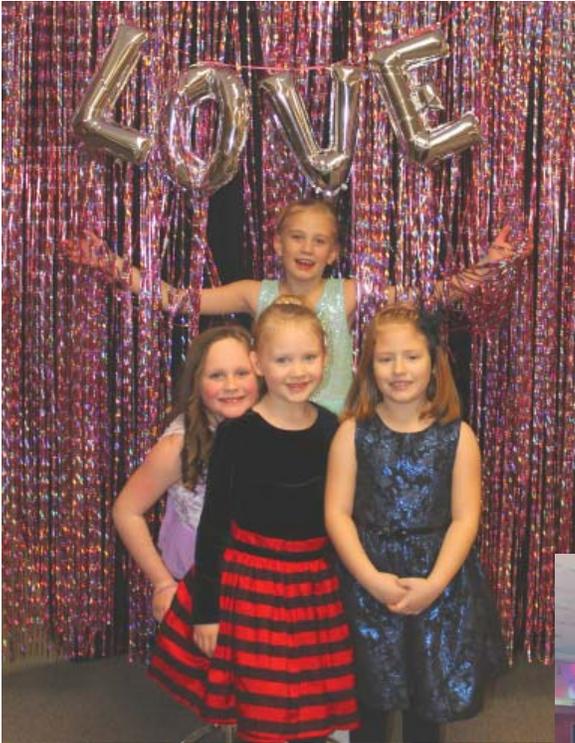


Father/Daughter Dance - February 16, 2019



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Neither rain, nor snow nor dark of night was going to keep West Hills from having the Father/Daughter Dance Saturday night. Even though the weather report did not sound good, West Hills did not disappoint. About fifty people, fathers and grandfathers, daughters, granddaughters and helpers, turned out to enjoy a fun-filled evening.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Steve Dostal did an amazing job of DJ-ing the dance complete with mirror ball lights. Steve said the children had great fun chasing the lights.

A "selfie station" was set up so children and fathers could take selfies of themselves with hand-held props.

The food station included cupcakes, cookies, chocolates and lemonade.

The craft station was a special favorite.

Special Song of the Night - "Let It Go" from the movie Frozen

COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES

Laci, Marti and Terry Bloes' granddaughter, said her favorite things were the crafts and being able to get "all dressed up."

Reported at "Joys and Concerns" on Sunday, one little girl kept asking all week if "this was the night of the dance." Very excited AND she got a new dress for the event.

Paul Bates said "It was a special one-on-one time with his daughter."

A big "thank you" to Jessica Scheopner and all her helpers who made this dance/night special.



Membership?

by Linda Schuchman, Elder

Question: What does being a member of something mean?

Answer: Being a member means belonging to a particular group, system or whole; a number of persons bound together by common social standards, interests, etc.

Question: What does it mean to be a member of the Body of Christ?

Answer: *“So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”* Romans 12:5 Here, Paul is referring to the universal church, the Body of Christ which is composed of all true believers in Christ. As believers, we have our names written in the Lamb’s book of life (Revelation 20:12), and that is what is most important.

Question: Why is membership in a local church important?

Answer: Local churches are to be a microcosm of the universal church. It is important to commit to a local church where we can give of our resources, serve others, and be accountable.

The Bible does not directly address the concept of formal church membership, but there are several passages that strongly imply its existence in the early church. *“And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved”* (Acts 2:47). This verse indicates that salvation was a prerequisite for being “added” to the church. In Acts 2:41, it seems that someone was keeping a numerical record of those who were saved and thus joining the church. Churches today that require salvation before membership are simply following a biblical model.

Although there is no scriptural mandate for official church membership, there is nothing to prohibit it, and it seems the early church was structured in such a way that people clearly knew if someone was “in” or “out” of the church. Church membership is a way of identifying oneself with a local body of believers and of making oneself accountable to proper spiritual leadership. Church membership is a statement of solidarity and like-mindedness (Philippians 2:2.) It is not required of Christians. However, it is a simple way of saying, “I am a Christian and I belong to or am bound together with this group of people who are also Christians and have similar beliefs as mine.”

Recommended Resource: **Why Church Matters: Discovering Your Place in the Family of God** by Joshua Harris

WOMEN’S SPECIAL SATURDAY



PNC - A Few Words

by Louie Harrison, Chair of PNC

A couple of weeks ago our meeting opened with a discussion about how Mathias was chosen to replace the fallen Judas. How did the disciples go about making such an important decision? Does it surprise you to know they threw dice and trusted God to show them the name? It was called casting lots and entailed tossing two markers on the ground to see which one landed face up. Casting lots was a tradition of the time, but in this case they were placing true faith in God to choose for them. It wasn’t luck of the draw and they weren’t just taking a chance, they were certain God had already determined the name of the new minister and He would show them through the lots.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is preparing to roll the dice. We are so sure God has a plan for our new pastor we can hardly wait to see whom He has chosen. So, why go through all this work and planning if we are putting it in His hands? Why not just hang out the “Help Wanted” notice and wait for God to send someone? Funny thing, God doesn’t seem to work that way. He teaches us lessons along the way, listens to our prayers to see if we’re sincere and on track, gives us scriptures to read to direct our thoughts. How many examples do we know of where He knew the answer, but made the people walk a certain path to get there? Moses, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, David, Peter, Paul, you and I? The time and effort we go through is important to work through our fears, doubts and questions. He uses our talents, shapes our hearts and minds, sets things in motion so when He is ready, we are ready. The members of the PNC believe all of that has been happening throughout West Hills Church. God has been at work with a purpose, preparing us for His selection of our next pastor. The disciples had to narrow their choices to two men who had been with them even through the resurrection, before casting lots to see which name would land upright. Mathias was His choice.

Our work continues as we move through preparing the Ministry Information Form (MIF) to present to Session before sending onto the Presbytery. Receiving applications (Pastor Information Forms – PIF) will follow and then interviews and narrowing of our list. Casting lots will come later! Please continue to do your part by praying and being in scripture throughout these steps. We appreciate the lessons He is giving us; patience, trusting each other and coming together to believe in His choice for our new pastor.

The Special Saturday team is excited to tell you that we are going to welcome spring with a Special Saturday devoted to our gardens. Our theme is “A Well Watered Garden” and our speaker will be a master gardener from the Douglas County Extension Office. Brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, in our Fellowship Hall.

If you are a veteran gardener or a beginning gardener we know you will learn something useful. So come with your gardening questions and your friends and enjoy a wonderful brunch and fellowship with fellow gardeners. If you are not a gardener, please come and enjoy the fellowship and experience a taste of spring.



Chocolate Snickerdoodles

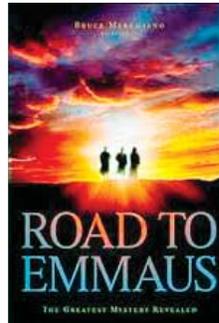
Ingredients

- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 cup sugar (200g)
- ½ cup light brown sugar tightly packed (100g)
- 2 large eggs
- 2¾ cups all-purpose flour (326g)
- ¼ cup cocoa powder (25g)
- 1½ tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- **For rolling**
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¾ tsp cocoa powder



Instructions

- In KitchenAid or with electric mixer cream butter.
- Add sugars and beat until light and fluffy.
- Add eggs, one at a time, beating until combined and pausing after each addition to scrape down sides of bowl.
- In separate, medium-sized bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, cream of tartar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt.
- With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, pausing occasionally to scrape down sides of bowl.
- Once all ingredients are incorporated, transfer bowl to refrigerator and chill 30 minutes.
- In small bowl, whisk together sugar, ground cinnamon and cocoa powder for rolling.
- Once dough has finished chilling, remove from refrigerator and roll into 1-1½" balls.
- Roll in sugar/cinnamon/cocoa powder mixture until coated in mixture and place on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet, spacing about 2" apart (do not ever put cookie dough on a hot/to-warm pan, the cookies will spread too thin when baking if you do).
- Place pan in refrigerator (or freezer!) and chill sugar/cinnamon/cocoa coated dough balls for another 30 minutes (this step is optional & can be skipped if you're impatient -- you can jump right to placing them in the oven. However, doing this step will give you nicer, more pronounced crackles in your cookies, if you're into that sort of thing).
- While dough is chilling, preheat oven to 350°.
- Once dough has finished chilling, bake on 350° - 10 minutes.
- Remove from oven and allow to cool 5-10 minutes on cookie sheet before transferring to wire rack to cool completely.



People looking through the Soul Café for an entertaining 30-minute DVD should not overlook, "Road to Emmaus."

Following the crucifixion of Jesus, two traveling mourners are joined by a mysterious stranger on the road to Emmaus.

During the next few hours the stranger tells of mysteries that lay hidden in the scriptures and the true purpose" of Jesus life.

This DVD stars Bruce Marchiano. Marchiano appeared in a 1985 episode of Murder She Wrote and later in L.A. Law, Columbo, Days of Our Lives, and General Hospital to name just a few of his appearances.

However, he holds the distinction of portraying Jesus in more films than any actor in history; according to IMDB (Internet Movie Data Base).

The "Road to Emmaus" received the 2010 Bronze Crown Award in addition to the Best Drama Under \$250,000 at the International Christian Visual Media Association.



Author Francine Rivers has been writing for more than thirty years and received the prestigious "ECPA Gold Medallion" for her book, **A Lineage of Grace: Five Stories of Unlikely Women Who Changed Eternity.**

The five biblical women whose lives are explored include:

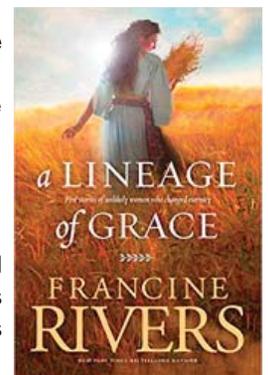
- Bathsheba: A Woman of Unlimited Grace
- Mary: A Woman of Obedience
- Rahab: A Woman of Faith
- Ruth: A Woman of Love
- Tamar: A Woman of Hope

Although this is a book of historical fiction, the stories are based on the lives of actual women and the biblical accounts of their lives.

A six part Bible study is included at the end of each woman's story. The study is perfect for either individual or group study.

In the back of the book is a section entitled "The Genealogy of Jesus the Christ." This chapter lists all of the descendants of "Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of King David, and Abraham."

You can find this book in our library, the Soul Café.



?’S - SERENDIPITY SISTERS

Answers by Angie Arner, Deacon

1. Who brought the group idea to West Hills and when?

Cheryl Miller brought the idea of “Serendipity Saturdays” to the Women’s Ministry Team over seventeen years ago. It was a fresh idea to bring women together in a special way. She looked at me about a year later and said “She thought this is something I might like to do.” So, I have been the facilitator ever since. We changed the name to “Serendipity Sisters” when some wanted to meet during the week.

2. What is the purpose?

To gather up to eight women for a special time of fellowship, sharing, reflection, fun, prayer AND food! Ladies do love the experience of attending or being a hostess.

3. Is there a similar group in other churches?

Not that I am aware of.

4. Is there any Bible study involved? If so, in what way?

There is no Bible study. There may be a short devotion and certainly sharing about our lives.

5. How many times a year do the Serendipity Sisters meet? What is the format, and is it the same at each meeting?

Groups meet once each quarter and ladies indicate if they want to participate or be a hostess. The hostess/co-hostess decide on the date, the time and place. The meal can be potluck or at a restaurant.

6. Are there any results you can share as far as personal goals or desires met from attending or belonging to this group?
Gatherings are not limited to women who attend West Hills. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to a neighbor, co-worker or a woman through one of West Hills outreach ministry partners. We encourage the ladies to invite another woman. Guests have been blessed by an invitation to attend. The women have the opportunity to ask for others to pray for them, during this time. “It has been my privilege to assign the groups of women, always praying for the participants of each group to be matched as God wants to bless each woman. I am still excited to bring women together with this “flourishing” ministry opportunity. It is a great way to get to know women on a more personal level. Let’s see what God has in store for us! He always has sweet surprises!”

7. Is there anything you want the readers to know about Serendipity Sisters, such as, what you would like to see for the group over the next few years?

Other than what I have already shared, we learn from each other. We can grow in our faith with time spent in a casual, home-like atmosphere and just enjoy each other’s company.

It is my hope that those invited will continue to invite other women new to West Hills. Our fellowship time blesses everyone and must make our LORD smile!

We have a special “thank you” for the ladies who hosted gatherings in 2018: Jan Drake, Patti Gatzke, Peg Shirley, Jane Loeck, Donna Peterson, Kelly Latimer-Briggs, Chris Moats, Lisa Harrison, Barb Spiecker. The blessings of being a hostess are very special! The extra time spent by our hostesses in making each gathering unique and fun is very much appreciated!!

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE



1. Where was Jesus baptized?

- A. Sea of Galilee B. Sea of Tiberias C. Jordan River D. Dead Sea

2. Who was one of the first disciples to follow Jesus?

- A. Andrew B. Simon Peter C. Nathaniel D. Phillip

3. What celebration was being held in Cana when Jesus’ mother told him “they have no more wine.”

- A. Jesus’ bar mitzvah B. a baptism C. a funeral D. a wedding

4. Who was the Jewish religious leader, a Pharisee, who came to speak to Jesus?

- A. Caiaphas B. Nicodemus C. Annas D. Joseph of Arimathea

5. What was the first recorded miracle Jesus performed?

- A. a lame man is healed B. raising Lazarus from the grave C. turning water into wine D. an official’s son is healed in Cana

6. Whose well was the Samaritan woman drawing water from?

- A. Isaac’s B. Jacob’s C. Esau’s D. Abraham’s

7. Why was the Samaritan woman surprised when Jesus asked for a drink of water?

- A. men did not talk to unaccompanied women in those days B. She saw Jesus had nothing to put the water in C. it was noon and no one came to the well at that time D. She knew Jews hated Samaritans and wouldn’t talk to them

8. How long had the lame man laid by the pool of Bethesda?

- A. 38 years B. 24 years C. 15 years D. 32 years

9. Why were the Pharisees (Jewish leaders) anxious to kill Jesus after he healed the lame man?

- A. because Jesus healed him on the Sabbath B. because Jesus told them his Father “never stops working, why should I?” C. because he confronted their non-belief in God D. all of the above

10. After confronting the religious leaders what was Jesus’ next miracle?

- A. walking on water B. feeding the 5000 C. healing a blind man D. raising Lazarus from the dead

11. Why didn’t some of the crowd believe Jesus was the son of God?

- A. because he wouldn’t perform miracles when they asked him to B. because they found out he was a clever magician C. he hadn’t received blessings from the religious leaders.

12. Why did Jesus’ words as recorded in the gospel of John cause many of his followers to desert him?

- A. they realized he wasn’t going to be the conquering Messiah-King they expected B. he kept emphasizing faith, not deeds C. his teachings were difficult to understand D. all of the above



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
June 23-27, 2019

Don't miss the FUN!
The **WHOLE FAMILY** will want to be here!

Men's Game Day

by Daniel Patrick O'Reilly, elder



Well, hello fellow West Hillians. If you came to church on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m., one of two things happened. Either you slapped your forehead and said, dang, I thought it was Sunday. Or, you smelled the wonderful aroma of corned goose (yes, that's a thing, a delicious thing) and

heard the music of the Husker tunnel walk coming from the sanctuary. Yes, it was Men's Game Day. Nearly 100 men from across the metro, not just West Hills, came for prayer, worship, singing, food, fellowship, friendship and... football! Jerry Tagge, of Nebraska football fame, was the featured speaker. He talked about "the journey": his journey in life, football and with God. He was a man with great stories and a heart for Christ. Jerry also had a willingness to be vulnerable and to share his story.

Men's Game Day was a day of male spirituality. I know what you're saying. C'mon Dan, isn't male spirituality an oxymoron? Yes, when the rubber meets the road, it's usually the women who are the spiritual leaders. Yet, as Jerry pointed out, Christ calls men to be leaders in their churches, families and everywhere. A challenge for us and, as Jerry also pointed out, the challenge of following Christ is much easier said than done.

After Jerry spoke, we broke into small groups and asked some questions related to his talk. Why do we go to church? Are we giving our lives to Christ or just going through the motions? Soul searching questions for us to chew on. And speaking of chewing, finally, the feast. Enough tail gate food to feed an army that was served by numerous volunteers. A big thank you to Tom Pittack for organizing said volunteers into the well-oiled machine involved in the prep, execution and clean up for this event. Watch for future events sponsored by Men's Ministry moving our church forward into a bright future. See you in church.



Maternity Leave

by Caitlin O'Hare, Mission Coordinator

If you're anything like me, about this time of year, spring fever is hitting hard. All throughout college and for several years following I made a habit of getting out of town for a week sometime in March. From 2006-2012 those trips were to New Orleans to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery. This year I'll be out



of the office on a different kind of adventure. Baby girl O'Hare is due at the end of March, and after her arrival I will be on maternity leave for twelve weeks. Peg Shirley, Mission Elder, and the Mission Ministry Team, will handle anything that comes up during my absence, and I'll be working ahead to prepare for this time away, so all ministry should continue as normal. You can contact Peg Shirley at pjshirley55@yahoo.com if you have any Mission Ministry related questions. Thank you for all the love and support you give to me and my family and I look forward to introducing you to our newest member this spring!

Spiritual Correspondence

by Jana Prescott



"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but Thou art mighty, Guide me with Thy powerful hand." (William Willis, 1745)

A pilgrim: anyone, and actually everyone, who is having a tough time at some moment trying to cope with life.

I can be weak at any moment; but Thou art strong at every moment: *"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through out all generations. Amen."* (Eph 3:20,21)

How can we wait for God's powerful hand to come forth: we can be humble and wait for Him with patience; His kingdom comes silently. *"For nothing is impossible with God."* Luke 1:37



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February- Session

notes

- Session met with members from the PNC to accept, complete, and approve the MIF.
- Elder Beth Anderson will be the contact person for Mike Geiler who is a Candidate for being under care of session.
- Discussed letting congregation know that being faithful to pledges is requested as due to weather, this has been a tough month for finances with contributions down and expenses up.
- The Ash Wednesday Service will follow the neighborhood Fish Fry on March 6, 2019.
- A motion was made to formulate a social media policy.

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ANSWERS "TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE"

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| 2. A | 5. C | 8. A | 11. C |
| 3. D | 6. B | 9. D | 12. D |

BOWLING!
PARENTS vs. KIDS
 Parents...It's Time to Take Back the Trophy!
 i March 15 i 6:30 p.m.
 i Western Bowl 4725 S 131st St
 i \$6/person
 Register by March 8 at whcomaha.org
 Questions?
 Email Luke@whcomaha.org

Core Values of West Hills Church

- Giving ourselves in God's mission
- Rooted in God's Word
- Authentic relationships-freedom to be real
- Christ-centered community
- Energized through joyful worship and prayer

MARCH

1-Dwight Rickard
3-Kassandra Chesire
4-Jamie Carlson
5-Chelsea Grossoehme
Jan Richardson
Robin Rusie
6-Cammy Bridgman
7-Braxton Pyle
Rick Wollen
8-John Good
Jane Loeck
9-Johnny Dunn
Bo Gratton
10-Tim Briggs
11-Sophia Luethge
12-Cathy Burgess
Jeffrey DeHaven
Pat Graves
Kathy Padilla

13-Tracy Enholm
Kathy Kerkhove
15-Malekai Conrad
Peggy Thomas
17-Craig Moore
19-David Bogacz
Chris Neil
20-Kevin Gibson
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27-Mar,Joyce Blatny
28-Matthew Johnson
David Naderi
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Ron Gatzke
30-Sherrie DeHaven
Nathan Turner
31-Clark Crinklaw

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Friday, March 8

★ West Hills ★
MOVIE NIGHT!
Mary Poppins: The Original

5:30 Dinner Lower Level
6:00 Movie Room 175

- ★ Bring a popcorn mix-in to share!
- ★ East and West doors open at 5:15
- ★ Register by March 1 at whcomaha.org

Audience Participation!
Costume Contest!

