# CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD

**HEARTLAND HOPE FLOOD RELIEF:** Many people think the flood waters have receded and things are back to normal. This **M** Heartland Hope isn't the case and Heartland Hope is still a flood relief site for those in need. Flood victims are encouraged

to come to Heartland Hope once a week and pick up needed food and hygiene items so they can use the money they have to get themselves resettled into their old home or into a new home. Heartland Hope is a West Hills mission partner and we are excited to help them as they help our fellow Nebraskans impacted by the flood. Red tubs will be available at both entrances throughout the month of September.

HYGIENE ITEMS: baby diapers, pull-ups, and wipes (critical item needed, sizes 4, 5 and 6)/shampoo and body wash/deodorant/razors/sanitary pads/ toothbrushes and toothpaste/paper items (toilet paper, paper towels, etc..)

**FOOD:** canned meat/cereal and breakfast food items (breakfast bars, granola bars, pop tarts, oatmeal, etc..)/soup/canned ravioli/anything easy for families to prepare (Microwave dinners, EZ mac, etc..)/baby food and formula/bottled

**CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** disposable kitchen utensils (spoons, forks, knives, plates)/linens, towels and washcloths/pet food

INTERNATIONAL MISSION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!: The Mission team



is proud to once again offer International Mission Sunday on October 6th! Come and join us in Fellowship Hall to meet our International Mission partners. We will be highlighting our partners in the Middle East (Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo and El Marie and Scott Parker); Cameroon, Africa (Al ChrisWOV); Jeanton, Haiti (410 Bridge) and Ecuador (For His Children and Pastor Rafael

Yuquilema). We are also excited to tell you that Joe R., our mission partner in a targeted country will be in service with us and you will be able to visit with him in person. Stop by our tables and hear updates on each partner, check out the pictures, hear a video message and taste some food from each country. This is also World Communion Sunday and Reverend Nancy Fox will be joining us as our guest speaker.

MISSION PARTNER - JOE R. TO SHARE OCT. 6: A young man who grew up at West Hills church and is a dear friend to many will be presenting a class in the chapel on October 6th at 10:30. Joe will be speaking on the challenges and joys of being a missionary in a targeted nation. He will help us understand how he is presenting the Word of God in that nation and sharing the good news with his non-Christian neighbors. We are so fortunate to have Joe here in person to help us celebrate our international mission partners. Please join us in the chapel for a great class.

WESTGATE PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE MEAL: Believe it or not, its time for Parent Teacher Conferences at Westgate. We will be serving a meal for the teachers on October 14th at 3pm. Stop by our table near the west doors. We will have a sign up sheet for food items you can bring to help serve the meal. We will also be looking for three volunteers from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. to help deliver and set up the food, and two volunteers to clean up and bring the items back to the church. You can deliver your items to the church by Monday, October 14th at 12:00 p.m. Thanks for making the Westgate teachers feel appreciated.

**SAVE HY-VEE RECEIPTS**: We are again collecting Hy-Vee receipts for the benefit of Westgate Elem. School. PLEASE NOTE: The receipts must be dated between the dates of September 1 and December 31, 2019

# ARE YOU NEW? NEWER?

# WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US!

Are you a visitor or wishing to learn more about West Hills? Please fill out the "Friendship Pad" in your pew so that we may become better acquainted. Visitors are invited to the Welcome Center in Geneva Lounge to pick up a West Hills Visitors Bag. We hope that you will join us in worship again soon!

THIS WEEK	
SUN 9-29	Sunday Services & Healing Prayers: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
	Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.
	Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs6th grade
	Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade
	Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a
	Learn More About WH: 10a & 11:30a Soul Cafe
	Discipleship Class: 10:30a chapel
MON 9-30	Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): 6:40p
	AA Group: 8p
TUE 10-1	Men's Bible Study: 6:30a
	Westgate Elementary School Kindness Retreat: 8:30a-3p
	Newsletter Writing Team: 1:30p
	Arts For All: classes 5, 6, & 7p (see their website)
	InGathering: snacks 6:30p & meeting 7p
WED 10-2	Women's Bible Study: 9:15a
	WN@WH - Dinner: 5:30-6:15p (Meatloaf!)
	WN@WH - Classes: 6 & 6:30p
	Wednesday Night Youth Group: 6:30p
	Worship Choir: 6:30p
	Open Arms Bereavement Support Grp.: 7p
	Worship Team Rehearsal: 7:30p
THU 10-3	Women's Bible Study: 9:30a

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Stewardship Meeting: 6p Young Life - Capernaum: 7p

FRI 10-4 Fall Fun: 6p (Ditmar's Orchard 19475 225 St. Council Bluffs)

Women's SilentRetreat: St. Benedict Ctr. (Oct. 4-6)

Al-Anon: 7p

AA Group: 7:30p newcomers/8p regular group

**SAT 10-5 SUN 10-6** 

Blood Drive: 8a-12p Fellowship Hall

Sunday Services with Communion: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**International Mission Sunday: 9-11:30a** 

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Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a Joe R. Sharing: 10:30a chapel

**Preaching**: Andy Hamer **Sound:** *Greg Schuchmann* Media: Trink Traudt

**Music:** Al Anderson, Kaitlin Bates, Brian Eichhorn, Kevin Gibson, Kathy Leach, Sarah

Weller

Attendance	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
9-22-2019	162	109	271
9-15-2019	163	107	270



September 29, 2019



# **Worship Celebration**

Unchanging

**Announcements** 

# **Preparing to Encounter God's Word Call to Worship**

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Forever

**Prayer of Confession** 

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

Above All Else

I Need Thee Every Hour

**Encountering God's Word** 

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (page 126)

"The Original Greatest"

I Give You My Heart

**Healing Prayers** 

**Responding to God's Word** 

**Gathering of Tithes & Offerings** 

Way Maker

**Pastoral Blessing** 

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

postlude

On a journey with the living Christ; connecting with God, others and the world

# CONNECTING WITH GOD

# **CONNECTING WITH OTHERS**

# NURSERY & CHILDREN

WE ARE GLAD YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE! We love having families worship with our "big West Hills family." Your children are welcome in the worship service. A "quiet room" is available at the back and north side of the sanctuary, if the need arises. Worship resources for children are just outside the main sanctuary doors. The polka dotted bags are for pre-readers and solid colored bags for readers. Please leave your used bags on the pew after the service.

JOIN THE CROSSWALK PARENTS GROUP on Facebook for conversation about spiritual parenting of kids.



**CHALLENGE RUNS AUGUST 18 - SEPTEMBER 29** 

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

# ALL CHURCH\_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WEST HILLS? Do you have questions about West Hills Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? You may have worshipped with us a few times, or a few years and are wondering what the next steps are to get connected and involved. Bring your coffee to the Soul Café TODAY at 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. for an opportunity to talk with Elders about what West Hills has to offer and the next steps toward becoming a member.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Rejoice! We're growing, and we need help! Come have the joy of being a part of kids' lives at Crosswalk or Youth **Sunday School:** 

- \* 3rd-4th Grade small group leader or assistant (8:45-10:15 Sundays)
- \* 5th-6th Grade assistant in the Preteen Room (8:45-10:15 some Sundays)
- \* 7th-12th Grade assistant in the Youth Sunday School (8:45-10:15 Sundays)
- \* Substitute to help in Early Childhood, Elementary, Preteen, or Youth rooms (8:45-10:15 some Sundays)

## Behind the scenes:

Imagine and create dynamic, creative sets for the monthly room themes at Crosswalk and Youth Sunday School.

COMMON SENSE PARENTING CLASS OCT. 2! Raising children is TOUGH and West Hills wants to give you an opportunity to put more parenting tools in your toolbox! We're offering the 6-week Boys Town Common Sense Parenting Class beginning Oct. 2. This program is a positive, sensible



approach to common problems parents experience. To love on our families, West Hills wants to share the program expense with you. The typical program cost is \$50 per family but your cost will be \$25 per family. Pre-registration is required, please sign up at whcomaha.org

BLOOD DRIVE OCT. 6 FROM 8 AM-12 PM! The American Red Cross is dealing with the catastrophic impacts of Hurricane Dorian. Severe weather, like Hurricane Dorian, can force the cancellation of **American** blood drives and decrease donor turnout in affected areas. Roll up your **Red Cross** sleeve and give at West Hills on Oct. 6. There is a sign up sheet at the west entrance or go online to https://www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 68124.

# JOIN US THIS FRIDAY FOR FALL FUN! DITMAR'S ORCHARD & 3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6-8 PM \$5/PERSON DITMAR'S 19475 225TH ST. Chili Competitors are FREE! COUNCIL BLUFFS YOU MAY WANT TO BRING SOME LAWN CHAIRS BONFIRE hay rack rides s mores REGISTER OR FIND MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.WHCOMAHA.ORG

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:** Join Jeff Smith in the chapel at 10:30 am in September as he leads a class on "Some thoughts on Psalms". Everyone is welcome!

FREE ALZHEIMER'S SEMINAR SATURDAY OCT. 12: To be held in West Hill's Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Presented by West Hills Stephen Ministers. Please join us and feel free to invite anyone you feel would find this seminar beneficial. No prior registration needed.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL SATURDAY OCT 19:** Special Guest, Joy Bartling, from Scatter Joy Acres will be joining us to share how her unique animal rescue came to be. The program is 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm with some time spent with a few of her sweet farm animals. A potluck lunch will follow Joy's message. This event is open to all so bring your littles and invite your friends! There will be a freewill offering accepted with all of the funds going to Scatter Joy Acres. Please sign up at the west entrance to come and to bring a potluck dish.

ARABIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Pastor Emad Tawadrous and the Arabic Christian Fellowship are hosting a seminar to reach out to Muslims in the area. The Seminar will be held Oct 19 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Master. Volunteers are needed to simply be there in fellowship with those in attendance. See Peg Shirley or Steve Burgess for more information. A sign-up sheet will be at the west entrance.

**COMING SOON...EXPERIENCE THE JOURNEY!** The next new member class is October 20 - November 10 (4 weeks) from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. lunch and child care provided. More info to follow.

SERVANT SUNDAY OCTOBER 27: 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. We will have a signup sheet at the west entrance for West Hills congregation members who are unable to do their Fall prep work and would like some help. We will also have a signup sheet for kitchen help to prepare a sandwich luncheon meal and a signup sheet for volunteers who would like to join a worksite leader and help our neighbors. Plan to join us for this fun event. Even if you can't do any physical labor, the homeowners love to have someone to visit with, so join us.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are provided today by a thankful member to welcome to our new Pastor and his family. Welcome Hamers!

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hospitalized/Rehab: Jacque Bandiera - Rehab @ Methodist

**Encouragement Cards** and the drop box are located at the Caregiving Table by the north doors. Send a word of encouragement to someone this week!

Prayer Chain: Shirley Nelson; 402-391-8370 or shurlnelson@gmail.com Carolyn Collins; 402-331-7481 or carolyn4nu@aol.com

# This Week's Prayer Focus...

**Congregation:** Jacque Bandiera – Prayers for healing as she recovers from a stroke.

Leadership: Kathy Padilla, Elder for Spiritual Formation - Please pray as I get to know all the leaders in this ministry, that I will be a good listener.

Mission Partner: Heartland Hope Mission