

THE WINDOW

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

April 2021

LEFTOVER LILIES by Andy Hamer, Pastor

After all the dramatic experiences of Holy Week, our sanctuary feels a little different this afternoon. The stained glass doesn't hold same brilliance as it did Easter morning. The lilies are still here though. We're nursing these little reminders of our resurrection celebration. This Easter Monday I feel a real sense of momentum, and at the same time I still feel the weight of these unprecedented times. It's a bit like pulling off a huge Thanksgiving Dinner in the midst of an epic blizzard. The next day we might feel the glow of closeness with friends and family, but the house is still in disarray and the driveway needs to be shoveled again.

I wonder how Jesus' disciples felt in the weeks after the resurrection. It was an in-between time. They had already experienced those first Easter moments with their flashes of confusion and fear, sorrow and hope; but the disciples didn't know what was coming next. They wandered through a mix of their old lives and post-resurrection strangeness. They hid out, and then met in public places. They split up and then got back together. They went back to hometowns and old occupations and then headed to public life in the big city. Meanwhile, Jesus seems to come and go at random. He joins two disciples for a long walk, but later walks through a wall to crash a meeting with a roomful of his former followers. Jesus cooks a meal, prophesies about the future, and gives some fishing advice. It's a time of comforting and challenging. The disciples gather around Jesus like old times, and yet the resurrection makes everything ... different.

Imagine that we've been given the task to start a new religious movement that will never end. We've got to prepare the leaders with theology, ethics, and experiences of community and supernatural power. How would we go about this task? Chances are, whatever curriculum we came up with would be more structured than what actually happened in the weeks between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension. And yet, Jesus did comfort, restore, teach, and prepare his disciples. Throughout that in-between time the disciples might not have received everything they wanted, but Jesus provided what



was needed. He met individuals and groups in the turbulent mix of their emotions and expectations. And it worked. Lives were changed. With almost no resources the Church sprouted, and it has continued to flower for millennia.

What will God do with us in this strange in-between time - as we experience pieces of our old lives mixed with drastic changes? Where are we headed, and what will it be like? We are not the same. Disruption, discord, and death have marked us. What does the resurrected Lord want to say to us? Surely we need comfort and forgiveness; we have tasted the disciple's fear and impotence. We have denied Christ by action and inaction; we need restoration. We need to come to grips with the reasons Jesus had to die. We need Him to tell us what resurrection means for us. We need our Teacher's help in order to understand our new identity and calling.

Whatever God is doing in our world in 2021, it's different enough that we're going to need some help to catch on. We'll need to help each other listen because Jesus wants to provide what we need. These in-between times may not come with easy answers, but we are not alone. And the enduring history of the Church has shown us that post-resurrection strangeness can be accompanied by new intimacy with Jesus, by miracles, by new callings, and by hope where we least expect it.

We'll leave these lilies in the sanctuary for few weeks. Because Jesus is alive. We are too. What happens next?

PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER HEAT

by Don Glasgow, Elder for Building and Grounds

Welcome to Spring!

April brings a refreshing feeling as the earth shows its colors. If you participated in the interactive prayer walk during Holy Week, the perennials in the prayer garden were showing promise of colors. The interior of West Hills Church stimulated hope with lilies in the front of the church. The people who welcomed you and the ushers who showed you seating opportunities provided assurance of interacting with God while you were here.

By summer time, you should have forgotten about the deep freeze and snow cover we had in February. We will need cooling in West Hills for worship and activities. In anticipation of the summer heat, the March Session approved a major and much needed 50 ton air conditioning unit for cooling the sanctuary.

The sanctuary is air conditioned by a central air handling unit coupled to an outdoor condensing unit (compressor system). The indoor unit is located in the lower level mechanical room. Both components were installed in the mid 1980's during the sanctuary addition. The outdoor unit has been plagued with problems for several years resulting in thousands of dollars worth of repairs and maintenance. The outdoor unit, located on a grade (south side of the Gym), has 2 of 4 compressors that are beyond repair. As of January 2020, the refrigerant (R22) used in the system is no longer in production. New equipment can no longer be manufactured with this refrigerant.

The Session's Building and Grounds Committee sought proposals beginning in October 2020. Four contractors visited the church. After they submitted bids, we asked a local engineer to inspect our system to verify what really is needed. By December, a representative of the Trane Manufacturing Company visited our church with one of the contractors. The contractor's company answered the questions and submitted a new bid. We sought an additional proposal to test the bid quote. Another company submitted a lower bid

in early March. The Session approved the last bid that was submitted to the church.

The age and condition of the sanctuary AC unit justifies the need to upgrade the entire system. That includes the outdoor and indoor units. New equipment will improve the efficiency of the system, save operating and maintenance costs, and serve the church well into the future.

Historical and ongoing faithful giving at West Hills Church, plus the prudent stewardship of these resources by our staff, has enabled us to pursue this project from available reserve funds.

SPIRITUAL CORRESPONDENCE

by Jana Prescott



Have you ever had to use a special kind of tool for something? Like if you're out fishing, and you need a strong net to help you catch that fish, because it's too big to just pull it in with your pole? Or how

about a soft net to catch a butterfly? Or any old net lying around to get, say, a fly? Have you ever considered that the kingdom of Heaven is like a net? "Once again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace..." (Matthew 13:47-50) So how much would you want to be loved by Christ and led forward into His heavenly Home?

April At A Glance

At West Hills our mission statement . . . On a journey with the living Christ; connecting with God, others and the world, provides us with the framework for how we live our lives. Even though life is different now, and we're connecting in new and different ways, here are notable dates this month in the life of our church.

Sundays in April - Livestreaming and in-person worship service @ 10 a.m. For those who won't be joining in-person, you can go to the website to connect by livestream! whcomaha.org/live

April 11 - Celebrate 410 Day. In honor of our partnership with 410 Bridge, we are accepting donations to support pastor training in Jeanton, Haiti.

April 14 - Women's morning six (6) week book study begins on Zoom 9:15-11:15 a.m. Facilitated by Jane Loeck and Tracy Enholm. See page 8 for more details.

April 14 - Women's evening in-person Bible study begins at the church from 5:15-6:45 p.m. Book to be announced soon.

April 15 - Sloppy Joe Ministry Drop Off at the church. Come between 10-3 to the north circle drive and drop your cooked sloppy joe meat and buns in the bins located outside. The food will be taken to the Stephen Center to be enjoyed by many!

April 19 - Six (6) week book study begins on "The Myth of Equality" from 6:30-8 p.m. on Zoom, facilitated by Kathy Padilla. See page 8 for more details.

April 21 - Volunteer at Heartland Hope in the clothing closet the third Wednesday each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Contact Peg Shirley if you want to join in on the fun! 402-980-2650



MACKENZIE by Cheryl Havekost, Deacon of Caregiving Ambassadors

There is a beautiful, touching and inspiring tale circulating on the internet about a young soldier who goes to the hospital to tell a father that his son was killed in Iraq. However, the father was confused and thought that this man was his son. The soldier spends the night comforting a dying stranger. After the man passes away, the soldier tells the nurse that the old man was not his father, he simply stayed to comfort him in his last hours.

Sometimes just “being there” is all that’s needed. A quiet presence may be the best support. Not coming up with solving the problem, not making a plan or analyzing the situation, not necessarily even making positive statements to change someone’s mood. Sometimes it’s just “being there”.

I have been involved with pet therapy for 15 years now. Dogs seem to understand what just “being there” is all about.

A couple of years ago my lab/pointer mix MacKenzie and I were on a therapy visit at a mental health inpatient unit. Most of the patients at that visit were in their 20’s and 30’s. There were other volunteers with their dogs and several people sat in the lounge area in an informal circle, some on chairs, some on the floor. The dogs were getting a lot of attention.

I noticed a young couple with a toddler heading toward the exit. They were saying their goodbyes. The man was trying to take the little girl, with the woman staying behind as she was a patient. The little one was not happy that her dad was taking her away from her mother. She started loudly wailing, “**Mama, Mama**” and holding out her little arms for her mother to take her. Her dad was trying to calm the child but she wasn’t having it. “**Mama, Mama**”, she sobbed over and over as she struggled to get to her mom. Finally, the dad broke away and headed for the exit with the little girl still crying in his arms. The woman looked crushed as she watched them leave. Tears flowing, she put her face in her hands, and ran to her room.

It became very silent. One of the patients said, “Wow, there isn’t a dry eye in the house after that.” Everyone silently agreed.

About 10 minutes later the young mom came quietly out of her room. She silently walked over to the circle and sat cross legged on the floor. No one said a word. No one knew what to say

or do. Except for my dog. MacKenzie turned away from the young man petting her and went directly to the mom. Once she faced the woman, she turned around and slowly lowered herself into the woman’s lap and leaned back. All 60 pounds of her. As we watched, the woman put both arms around her and buried her face in her fur. MacKenzie leaned further into the embrace, relaxed, and just stayed still as she let the woman softly cry.

A huge sigh of relief went through everyone. Nothing more was said. Nothing more done. MacKenzie had taken the situation and made it a little more bearable by just “being there”, allowing herself to be used as a source of comfort. There was no resolution of the problem, there were no words of wisdom. She was just there. And we were all grateful.

I have always believed that there are lessons that we learn from our canine companions. And this was one of them. When the going gets tough, just “be there”. Don’t worry about what you will say or what else you can do. Just “be there” as a source of comfort and as we have been commanded to do so.



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

We’ve had a tough year, where it hasn’t always been easy to “be there”. At times we’ve had to rely on other ways to extend ourselves, but hopefully, that will be changing in the near future. We can’t underestimate the power of just “being there”. We have so much to offer one another by just “being there”. I figure if my dog can understand and do that, so can I.

QUILT ART by Maralee Gifford

A MUST SEE!!!!

Early in 2020, Kevin Gibson asked Karen Lofgren-Anderson if she did “custom work” with her quilting talents, and would she be willing to make something special for the church for Easter. Kevin didn’t want something traditional or contemporary but something modern and representative of our personal journeys to Christ. Karen willingly said “Yes” and set about to make her masterpiece.

Karen shopped for months (“here, there and everywhere”) for just the right material. She knew right away when she found it. She decided to make three separate sections going from dark at the beginning with the first section to lighter hues in the third section representing our journey to enlightenment.

When I first saw her finished work I wondered where she found such intricate material. Little did I know that it did not come that way. There are ribbons, beads, lace, yarns, netting with glitter, rhinestones and other materials that Karen wove

into the fabric to represent different aspects of our particular journeys. Some of the strips of the material itself are jagged and some of it smooth “just like life” Karen said, representing how our journeys take us in different directions, sometimes even crossing over each other. Finally, there is a special area of red (see if you can find it) that represents Christ’s sacrifice for our sins and promise for our future.

It took Karen about 2,500 hours to make this beautiful quilt. I asked Karen if it was difficult thinking of how she was going to put all these material together. Karen said “God guided her hands and she just left it up to Him”. Her personal feelings of the quilt are that she hopes it enriches people’s meditative aspects of their faith - “the more you look at the quilt, the more you see” and the more you reflect

on your own personal journey with God.

Do not miss seeing this beautiful piece of art. Right now it’s on display in Geneva Lounge waiting for you.



Lenten Journey

ASK THE PASTOR

Ever have a question about something you read in the Bible? Or, maybe you don't understand why we say or do something during worship? Well here's your chance to ask a pastor the question you've wondering about. In this ongoing newsletter segment we will include a question from the congregation and the response from one of the pastors. To submit a question, email it to: info@whcomaha.org

Q: The thief next to Jesus on the cross wasn't baptized, yet Jesus told him he would be with Him in heaven. Does that mean we don't need to be baptized?

A: Just moments from his death, the assurance of a lasting relationship in "paradise" was likely all that mattered to the criminal next to Jesus. For those disciples with more life to live, Jesus offered the command to be baptized, (Matthew 28:18-20). Like the Old Testament practice of circumcision, baptism is a physical ritual with spiritual and relational significance. It is an outward sign of inclusion into the people of God - inclusion into both the human community and that community's covenant relationship with God. These rituals also mark God's people as specially loved and set aside (made holy) as God's priests to the world.

Baptism is a way to understand these realities and to claim them for ourselves. Our baptism helps us remember that we are made clean in the blood of Jesus, that we are adopted into the community of God, and that as disciples we follow Jesus down into the waters of death and rise again to new life.

Each month our pastors attempt to briefly answer your tough questions. They would be happy to continue these conversations with anyone, and or to provide further biblical and theological resources.

BIBLE QUIZ

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

1. What Babylonian king had a dream that only a Hebrew boy could interpret? A. Nebuchadnezzar B. Potifer C. Ahab D. Belshazzar
2. Fill in the blanks: "All men are like _____ and all their _____ is like the flowers of the field; the _____ withers and the flowers _____ but the _____ of our God stands _____." (Isaiah 40:6-8)
3. What king of Salem (Jerusalem) and priest of the God Most High, met Abraham and blessed him? A. Azariah B. Eleazar C. Melchizedek D. Levi
4. Who said to God: "You have collected all my tears in Your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book."? A. Abraham B. Joseph C. David D. Paul
5. In the book of Luke who begged Jesus not to be sent into the abyss? A. temple guards B. demons C. beggars D. sinful men
6. In the Bible, who were the Samaritans? A. An army of Assyrians who defeated the Jews B. A strong force of young Jewish warriors C. A group of pure Jews D. A mixed race made up of Jews married to foreigners
7. Who had two brothers named Moses and Aaron? A. Sarah B. Ruth C. Hannah D. Miriam
8. Who were the Zealots? A. Dedicated group of Jews determined to end Roman rule in Israel B. Dedicated group of Jewish leaders determined to destroy Jesus C. Dedicated group of Gentile leaders determined to destroy Israel D. Dedicated group of Israel Babylonians determined to defeat Rome
9. What was the name of the group that denied the resurrection of the dead? A. Pharisees B. Sadducees C. Herodians D. Essenes
10. In 2nd Corinthians we are told "For we walk by _____, not by _____."
11. Which prophet prayed and God raised a young boy from Death? A. Elisha B. Isaiah C. Elijah D. Ezekiel
- 12.** What boy was sleeping near the ark of the covenant when he heard the voice of God? A. David B. Ahab C. Joel D. Samuel

**Ultimate Bible Trivia by Tim Parker

“JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW.....” by Gloria Zinn

*Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so*

You may have sung this song as a child, and it could have been the first Christian song you learned. This song originated from a poem written in 1860 by Susan Warner in a novel she wrote entitled *Say and Seal*. The words in the poem were spoken to comfort a dying child. A few years later William Bradley composed the words into a song, and added a chorus. It became one of the most popular Christian hymns in churches around the world, especially with children. According to a Time magazine article written in 2005, when the late John F. Kennedy's PT109 boat was sunk during the 2nd World War, two of the natives who rescued the Marine survivors recalled singing "Jesus Loves Me" with the men as they took them to their island. They said it had been taught to them by missionaries who had come to their island home years before.

As an adult many of us may have special memories relating to this song, which was written over 160 years ago. My sister was two years older than me, and often very patient when I pestered her for attention. However, when she reached her breaking point she would sing all the verses and chorus to "Jesus Loves Me" over and over again, very loud until I went away! Pat King shared that her mother, who was a Sunday School Teacher, had taught her "Jesus Loves Me" before she started school. Pat said, "every time I hear it, it brings back those wonderful memories of my mom and going to Sunday School." Darlene Burham recalled walking to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs with her friends and singing "Jesus Loves Me." She said her aunt and uncle, who raised Darlene, did not attend church, "but always sent me every Sunday." She recalled it being the "first song I ever learned as a child and I even sing it to myself now at 93!" Jana Prescott said the song "reminds me I just have love trying to take me where I need to be." Bonnie Aden learned the song "as a child of 6 when my two

aunts took me to church and Sunday School." Those days became very important, Bonnie said, "because I not only learned 'Jesus Loves Me,' but a number of other songs, and I learned to pray." She was able to pass down what she learned to her daughters, "which has been very important in my life." Carolyn Collins shared that when she was a small girl she attended school "in a small one-room country school-house in north central Nebraska. On Wednesdays two Missionary ladies would come after school and have Bible study with us for an hour and tell Bible stories with a flannel board, and oh how I loved those stories!" She said they sang songs, and she especially loved singing "Jesus Loves Me" because "I knew that one by heart." It was played on an old pump organ we had in the room." She also said "Jesus Loves Me" is still a "favorite of mine."

Kathryn Traudt (Trink) shared a time she went on a mission trip to China in 2007, visiting an orphanage. On that trip she met a "little girl who was bent with scoliosis, perhaps due to malnutrition and was quite short due to her curved spine. She was very outgoing, and on our last day a new girl arrived with big, fluffy pigtails. The child with scoliosis took the new girl around showing her everything and telling her they had hair ornaments she could use." Trink also recalled on the day the group had arrived all the children were dressed up and sang "Jesus Loves Me" to their visitors. Trink said how this child had later sung the song in a "joking/mocking manner, which made me wonder if she had been taught it's meaning." However, when she saw how she welcomed the new child "better than any of the other children, my thought was she exemplified the welcome of Christ and had a bit of Jesus in her already and wanted the new girl to know she would be loved and cared for as well as the rest of them were, to reassure her and help her feel at home."

If you, as a parent or grandparent, haven't taught any of the children in your life....related or not..."Jesus Loves Me" this would be a great time to share something that has been shared for over 100 years with a number of adults and children. Trink said that her devotional mentions "Jesus Loves Me" being one of the first hymns taught to new converts in foreign lands. May it be the first song you teach in our precious country.

NEW BOOK STUDY OFFERINGS!

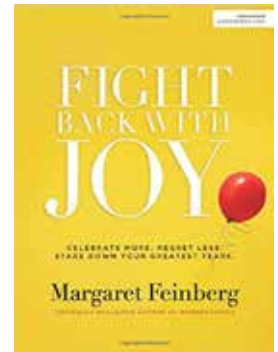
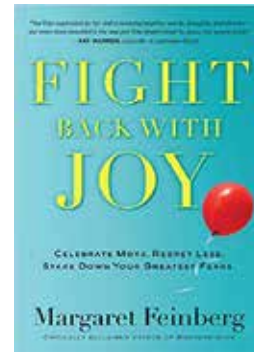


You're invited to a six week online book discussion via Zoom on "The Myth of Equality" by Ken Wytmsa.

The group will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., beginning April 19 - May 24, and will be facilitated by Kathy Padilla.

The book is available to purchase on Amazon in paperback, by audio, and Kindle versions. <https://tinyurl.com/yubfcr59>

To join this book discussion, please register on the website, whcomaha.org under "[Events](#)"



All women are welcome to join the next Wednesday morning book study on Zoom beginning April 14 from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

This six week study will be on "Fight Back With Joy - Celebrate More, Regret Less, Stare Down Your Greatest Fears" by Margaret Feinberg.

Participants are on their own to purchase study materials. There is the book and workbook companion to the DVD. Items can be purchased on [Amazon](#).

Contact Jane Loeck with questions or to join. jaloeck@cox.net or 402-398-1636.

All women are welcome to join the next Wednesday evening in-person book study beginning April 14 at the church from 5:15 -6:45 p.m. Book study to be announced. Contact Leann Schaffer or Bev Eckhoff with questions or to join.

Email: ls@qualityfirstconst.com or dbeckhoff@cox.net

compiled by Maralee Gifford

The Book of Job and Dinosaurs



“Why did dinosaurs disappear?” Science can only speculate. However, the answer may be in Job 40:15-24. In this passage, God Himself speaks of a great creature called “behemoth”.

Some Bible commentators think this is a reference to hippopotamus. However, one of the characteristics of this massive animal is that it had a tail the size of a large tree. The hippo’s tail isn’t like a tree; it’s more like a small twig.

Here are all the given characteristics of this huge animal: It was the largest of all the creatures God made; was plant eating (herbivore); had its strength in its hips, and a tail like a large tree. It had very strong bones, lived among the trees, drank massive amounts of water, and was not disturbed by a raging river. He appears impervious to attack because his nose could pierce through snares, but Scripture says, “He that made him can make his sword to approach him”. In other words, God caused this, the largest of all the creatures He had made, to become extinct.

Is it possible that extinction for some animals is due to God’s diversity in his creation - some creatures become extinct while new ones are discovered?

Comfort, R 2001 *Scientific Facts in the Bible: 100 Reasons to Believe the Bible Is Supernatural in Origin*, Bridge-Logos Publishers



Did you know?...

**The first week in April is National Library Week?
It’s also take a librarian to lunch week.**

Okay, I made the second one up.

If you are looking for resources for a group study, whether it’s by Zoom, in person, or even individual study, there are many choices in the resource room.

We have group studies that include DVD’s by well-known authors like Beth Moore, John Ortberg, Priscilla Shirer, Max Lucado, and others.

We also have multiple copies of books that other small groups have studied, enjoyed and donated to the library so that someone else can have the same experience.

There are studies about books of the Bible, marriage and family, parenting, men’s studies, women’s studies, people in the Bible and a variety of other subjects.

So if you are interested in learning more, stop by and **Check It Out!** You’re welcome to check out books on Sunday morning or during normal church office hours. You can also see a list of the available DVD resources [here](#).



SAVE THE DATE

~ MAY 16 ~

Volunteers are needed to serve our Westgate neighbors with yard clean up

Contact Peg Shirley to participate 402-980-2650

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Creamy Lemon Pasta With Chicken and Peas

Prep: 10 min. Total 25 min.

- 2 Tbls. olive oil
- 12 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 2 in. pieces
- Salt and Pepper
- ¼ C. fresh lemon juice
- 4 C. low-sodium chicken broth
- 12 oz. fusilli or other short pasta
- 4 oz. cream cheese at room temp
- 1 C. peas, thawed if frozen
- 2 tsp. lemon zest
- ½ C. finely grated Parmesan
- 1 Tbls. finely chopped tarragon

Heat oil in large, deep skillet on medium-high. Season chicken with ¼ tsp each salt and pepper and cook until golden brown on all sides, 4 to 5 min; transfer to large bowl. Add lemon juice to pan, scraping brown bits, and then pour over chicken in bowl.

Add broth and pasta to skillet and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring often, 10 min.

Return chicken and any juices to skillet and continue to cook until pasta is just tender, about 3 min.

Add cream cheese, stirring to melt, then fold in peas, lemon zest, Parmesan and tarragon.

To contact Session, send an email to:
clerkofsession@whcomaha.org

MARCH *Session notes*

- Session accepted, with regrets, Paul Bates resignation as Elder for Youth.
- Session reviewed basic meeting considerations, including Roberts Rules of Order.
- Andy plans to return to in-office hours the week of March 22nd.
- Spiritual Formation and Discipleship will be looking into programs based on what members are looking for.
- Approved the request from Building and Grounds to replace the Sanctuary HVAC unit.
- Formally approved West Hills as a Matthew 25 Church.
- Reviewed and approved new recommendations from the Covid-19 Task Force regarding reduced restrictions. See highlights below.

COVID-19 Task Force Recommendations

(Revised 3/20/21)

1. It is spring and lots of things are changing. We encourage people to return to in-person worship as they feel comfortable. West Hills has been a relational church, scripture encourages Christians to gather together, and there are spiritual benefits to gathering in community. Currently West Hills has been worshiping between 20 - 40 people each Sunday. We have the capacity for at least 125 people to gather safely socially distanced in the Sanctuary, so we certainly have room for folks who wish to return to worship.

2. The current pandemic safety measures will stay in place and will be evaluated monthly as the pandemic landscape changes.

3. The Worship Team is encouraged to provide live music and singing during in-person worship. Worship Team members would need to test negative for COVID-19 within 48 hours of worship or be fully-vaccinated. The congregation is also encouraged to sing while wearing masks and being socially distanced.

4. West Hills will now be open to outside groups to begin using the church (inside groups already have this option). Groups will need to follow the guidelines currently in place. (Example: no groups larger than 20, rooms assigned based on being able to safely distance, masks required.)

MOVIE SUGGESTION



A Christian movie, "I Still Believe" is the story of a tragic love story based on the book by Grammy nominated singer songwriter Jeremy Camp.

This true story follows the lives of Camp and his girlfriend Melissa. They meet, fall in love and later she is diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer.

The movie deals with the struggle of holding on to your faith when such an illness strikes from out of the blue. One of the key scenes is when Camp asks his father, a retired minister, to help him make sense out of the illness.

The movie stars KJ Apa, as Jeremy Camp, Britt Robertson, as Melissa, Shania Twain, as Teri Camp and Gary Sinise, as Tom Camp, with a cameo performance by the films subject, singer songwriter Jeremy Camp.

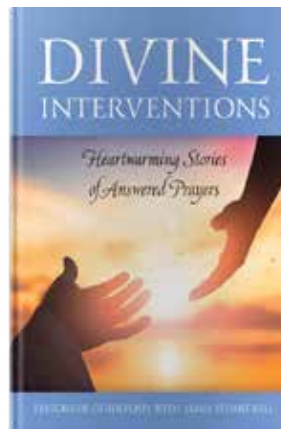
This video can be streamed on Hulu or Prime Video.

suggested by Debbie Chadwick

Youth Commitment Sunday

We are SO blessed by your generosity!
Thank you West Hills for your love and faithfulness to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry. As of March 31, \$9,906 has been received! We will be able to accomplish the work He has set before us with these generous gifts Thank you for being a part of the ministry and on this journey together!

BOOK SUGGESTION



"Divine Interventions: Heartwarming Stories of Answered Prayers," is a newly published book by Guideposts International which features chapter after chapter of true stories where God has answered prayers.

This 364 page book begins with a quote from Christian author and

pastor, Craig D. Lounsbrough: "Our prayers have two stages. First we pray for something. And then second, we pray for the courage to deal with the rather shocking reality that the prayer was actually answered."

The book begins with the ten promises God has made to us regarding prayer and is followed with chapter after chapter of personal stories where God has answered prayer. The last chapter of the book, entitled "The Power of Prayer," includes the following gems:

- Four Key Elements of Prayer
- The Power of Praying Together
- How to Pray When You Don't Know How
- How to Wait in Faith for Answers
- When God Says No
- The Sweet Scent of Prayer

Because the book is a compilation of individual narratives there is no author. The book was edited by the editors of Guideposts with James Stuart Bell.

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7-Aniston Barko
8-Dave Richardson
10-Laurayne Hall
11-Maralee Gifford
12-Barb Wooley

Danny Miller
13-Carson Stoffel
Deb Keyport
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15- Eleanor Scheopner
16-Rylee Zimmerman
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Rhonda Hall
27-Ian Meyers
29-Cathy Greger
Linda Gadwood

May

1-Doris Edwards
Deena Candler
2-TJ Travaille
Ed Leach
Steve Thedens
3-Cheryl Havekost
Hailey Wohlgemuth
4-Dan O'Reilly

The complete list of May birthdays will be in the May newsletter.