

THE WINDOW

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

August 2022

From Generosity to ABUNDANCE by Mike Overby, Elder of Finance



Last year I wrote to the WHC community as a 'freshman' Elder and shared some financial thoughts on lessons I've learned tied to money, values taught by past generations, and more importantly, it's in God we Trust. The latter principle to be held on to for those finance issues and for all of life issues that we wrestle with. Continuing to be an admitted 'work-in-progress' Christian, I have taken incremental steps forward, assuredly a year older and hopefully a bit wiser. My small group will get the reference here but for the rest of you, we just completed a Life Guide bible study on "Growing Older & Wiser" by Dale and Sally Larsen. The premise of the study finds that scripture reveals the constancy of God over our lifetime at any age.

This year, too, has produced its own set of challenges and learning opportunities. I've always had a fascination with numbers. Numbers tell stories, those stories collectively shape our lives, and set us off on unique paths. Now you may think that the Finance-guy is going to choose the remainder of this article to outline some path using numbers to share a message on the state of the church finances, balanced vs deficit budget strategies, stewardship being a year-round commitment, or planning for future funding campaigns, but we can save those conversations for another time and over my favorite cold beverage (aka ice-tea). Rather, I'm opting to consider matters beyond the numbers and focus on the simple benefits of a generous mindset and the abundance we collectively gain over a life time.

Generosity is one of those ingrained concepts we experience at an early age. The act of giving a portion of an allowance in the collection plate comes to my mind. Sharing of our gifts, big or

small, those given to us by God with others is our calling. Giving is gratifying. From a book I'm reading on church finance, reference to a sociology study cited that generous behaviors have positive outcomes. Those experiences range from personal happiness, physical health, a sense of purpose, and to personal growth. Who among us wouldn't want these types of transformations, one or all, in our lives? This, too, applies to the life of a congregation, I think. The generosity of our time, our talents, and yes, our God blessed treasures, foster a sense of purpose in the mission God is leading us to follow.

If Generosity is the action(s) called for then Abundance is the goal! It's not the accumulation of wealth or possessions. Abundance is knowing there is enough for everyone, greed doesn't exist, and that God will ultimately provide for our needs. For a congregation and/or its leaders, an abundant mindset moves us beyond any perceived limitations and sees that all things are possible with God. This aids in the planning of ministry, mission, and listening to where God might be calling us to step forward. In John 10:10, Jesus proclaims a promise of an abundantly rich life far better than we could ever imagine.

Numbers do play a part in the stories of WHC's past and in the stories yet to be written in our future. However, making them the sole focus around our mission may limit those opportunities in maximizing our impact in service to His community. Simply opening our hearts and minds with pure intentions of looking out for the common good of those in need may be the first step on a new path.

This is my lesson learned for year two.

Let's celebrate generosity!

SPIRITUAL CORRESPONDENCE by Julie Burgess

In all of the years Jana has offered her monthly inspirational words, I have had to take the space but once. In 2008, Jana had emergency neurosurgery, and spent about three weeks in the hospital. Her column was due, and so I wrote it. This month I am exercising my caregiver's prerogative again. Something happened May 22 during worship, and I offer it as an experience of grace for all of us. If you look at the picture, you will see that even Andy was distracted!

The body of Christ.

Post-service reflection on this moment during worship today. Yes, I confess. I posted on Facebook while worship was happening, but this sacred, beautiful moment of grace had to be shared as it illustrated what I tried to put into words a couple of weeks ago.

I am sitting here with a book I read during Lent called, "Wholehearted Faith." It is the last written work of Rachel Held Evans who died three years ago. Her friend Jeff Chu "finished" the writing, making it a beautiful grace-filled collaboration. After I finished it, I thought Jana would like it. Over the course of the last few weeks, she did indeed enjoy it and marked the pages as we often do. I wanted to write a post about what I found looking through her markings, and this is what I will muster today.

In the chapter, "Where Stone Becomes Flesh," we are told that the writer Parker Palmer interviewed Rabbi Ariel Burger who had chosen "Ezekiel 36:16 as his mantra for the year and then cited the centrality of 'lev basar' in the thinking of an important Hasidic teacher. There's a Hasidic teaching, from Rebbe Nachman of Breslov: 'There's nothing as whole as a broken heart.'"

Burger further explained, "in these traditions, you cultivate a broken heart, which is very different from depression or sadness. It's the kind of vulnerability, openness, and acute sensitivity to your own suffering and the suffering of others that becomes an opportunity for connection."

The part Jana had highlighted was this: "Could there be a more beautiful hope or a more lovely promise from God than that of a heart of flesh, a heart of vulnerability?"

Jana's heart has been broken in that sense of acute sensitivity to her own suffering that has breathed grace into the way she has lived through it, not the least of when she has lobbied on behalf

of poor and hungry people all over the world. She has felt that brokenness and it has shaped her to see it in others. It is a place of connection.

Ellie, even at her young age, has this same kind of broken heart. Today in worship, the two connected in a wholeness of vulnerability...the opportunity was not missed.

Would that we experienced worship like this! It was a moment that I am so glad to share.



This story began two weeks prior to May 22, when Ellie and Jana had another encounter in Geneva Lounge. No picture was taken, but it

was embedded on my heart forever, and I shared it with Jessica. Among a sea of people in the Geneva Lounge, Ellie was the only one who came up to Jana. Jessica's words to me when I shared the story with her:

"I am so thankful for the kind and loving way Jana welcomes everyone and sees everyone, including - especially? -that spunky, palm-waving, mask-flinging, chip-flapping child who (along with all her siblings and their parents) looks up to Jana. I worry that Ellie doesn't know how to be gentle, but I worry more that people like Ellie and Jana, whose ways of communicating are hard for people to grasp, are overlooked and underheard. Thank you for describing this to me. I wish I had seen it."

Finally, I would just add this. It was impossible for most of you to see this, as Jana (unlike most good Presbyterians :-)) sits in the front row. Always has. And, yes, we should be paying attention to the message coming from the front of the room. But here is my observation: so many moments like this are tiny, imperceptible to most eyes, even the ones with good vision. Life, especially lives like Jana's, are lived in the quiet moments, not the ones that scream, "Look at me! See what I have done?! Praise God!" When those moments happen in front of you, stop and look, for there in the broken hearts and lives is the body of Christ, broken for us all.

August 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. Here are notable activities this month in the life of our church, seeking to connect us to God, others, and the world.

Sundays in August - Kids Crosswalk and Youth Crosswalk are on summer break but will resume in-person on September 11. The worship service @ 10 a.m. is livestreamed and in-person. Following worship, join us for fellowship in Geneva Lounge. For those not attending in-person, we welcome you to watch the service by livestream at: whcomaha.org/live

Discipleship Class Opportunity - "The Lord's Prayer Through Middle Eastern Eyes" is a study based on Kenneth E. Bailey's writings about the Prayer. Facilitated by Julie and Steve Burgess on Sunday mornings in the chapel at 9 a.m. for the month of August.

Tuesday Mornings - Men's Bible Study meets at 7:00 a.m. in the large conference room #182 in-person. The group studies the scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday sermon.

Wednesday Evenings - Men's Bible Study at 7 p.m. meeting in-person, large conf. room #182

August 7-9 - Waterfalls, Worship, and the Word Youth Retreat to Niobrara River Valley

August 14 - Youth Sharing Sunday during worship

August 15 - Open Play Pickleball begins! A weekly rotational play from 6-8 p.m. Come when you want, leave when you want. Invite some friends, but stay out of the "kitchen"!

August 18 - Sloppy Joe Ministry Drop Off at the church. Come between 10-4 to the north circle drive and drop your cooked sloppy joe seasoned meat and hamburger buns in the bins. Make as much as you'd like. The food will be taken to the Stephen Center to be enjoyed by many!

August 21 - HymnSing! in the Sanctuary from 9:35 - 9:55 a.m. Join together in singing some of the timeless hymns found in our hymnal. HymnSing will take place before worship the third Sunday of each month. During worship we will welcome our Westgate Elementary principal, Amanda Moon. Following worship, there will be a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary.

August 23 - West Hills Men's Night Out at 6:30 p.m. at Lazlo's (192nd & Center)

August 28 - Picnic on the Playground - bring your lunch and meet on the playground for some fellowship after worship. Also, "O,NE" - A citywide Youth Festival from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

CALLED TO CHANGE by Mike Alfieri, Director of Church Administration



On the front cover, **Mike Overby** writes about “**Abundance and Generosity**”, and how as Christians these concepts are key to our spiritual fulfillment. Over my years at West Hills I have seen their fruition firsthand as we have come through many challenges and unforeseen changes. It is our faith always guiding us, but it is our faithful hearts that have carried us forward. Each day I am witness to the words in action of James (2:18) “...I will show you my faith by my works.” This year, and surely the years to come, are no exception.

Through July we have received several “annual” 2022 gifts that have allowed us to use almost no cash reserves for general operating costs. Since this is a timing of the gifts there is a likelihood that some of the positive impact will erode; but every year the church’s finances are impacted by timing and unexpected changes, positive and negative. At a high level through July this is how we are financially compared to our budget:

	Year-to-date July 2022	
	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged giving	413,661	369,000
All Other giving/revenues	31,357	31,100
Total operating revenue	445,018	400,100
Total operating expenses	446,622	465,514
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(1,604)	(65,414)
Budgeted use of reserves	50,000	50,000
Net surplus/deficit	48,396	(15,414)

At the end of July our Net Operating Cash reserves were: \$161,885; including Capital, Memorial, Emergency funds, our Total Net Cash reserves were: \$195,454.

It is hard for me to believe that we are now half-way through August. My wife and sons starting back to school in the next week. For the church we will very soon begin the process of ministry planning for the upcoming year, and beyond. Two critical components in helping ensure we realize the works of each ministry area are the budget and stewardship processes. Each year hundreds of hours are invested as staff, ministry teams, and Session discern where the church is being called, what programs are needed to fulfill that calling, and what resources are needed to implement them. As in years past, we will again prayerfully seek guidance on many important items such as:

- Mission and outreach ministry support/activities were once set as 23% of the church’s current year pledge and plate giving, but has been reduced over the years to 7% in the 2022 budget. What resources can be put in place to increase? What are possible non-financial resources?
- We have a beautiful property (indoors and out!) that was built with intention of supporting, and being supported by, a congregation of around 800. How do we maintain, update, and fully utilize at our current levels? What resources and partners are needed/possible?
- Unfortunately, like so very many churches our human and financial resources have gotten smaller. This also means that fixed costs (such as utilities, insurance, or personnel) make up a much larger portion of each year’s budget. This year inflation will be another factor as we have already seen utility costs increase \$7,000 from 2021 in just through July.

This short list alone may seem daunting, but it is only a list of some challenges to overcome with new perspectives and needed changes. We have gone through many changes together. We will go through many more together.

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The past months have been troubling and introspective for me. Beginning with Kevin's passing, I have lost several good neighbors and friends in a short time; including a very close call with my own father. Like many folks in my situation, I began to ponder the meaning of my life and mortality. Missing how things "used to be". I find myself thinking of my sons who are all getting older, and recalling how we would do things when they were infants, or starting grade school, or just "younger". How each chapter in their lives represents a new chapter in my own. It was through this process I came to understand that each chapter holds its own special beauty. No, taking a teenager on a road trip is not the same as taking an 8-year old. The wide-eyed wonder and "dad is the coolest" is NOT part of the equation. But now I do get to see him excel at something at which he is talented and thoroughly enjoys. I miss my oldest going on family vacations, but now I revel in seeing him start his own family and chart his own course in the world.

Change is a part of life. Change is something we all undergo as we strive to become the people God has called us to be. Too often however we focus on what was lost in the change, rather than the new possibilities and gifts it brings to us. We pine for something that is gone. We fail to grasp the blessing before us. Loss is doubled instead of the gratitude. We will seek to discern what God is calling for the church, and we will remember what we have learned from the past. But mostly we will give thanks for the blessings of today and tomorrow, and strive to be the best stewards of those gifts we can possibly be.



Sunday, August 21, is the date for the first **West Hills HymnSing**. Starting at 9:35 am we will devote about 20 minutes to singing some of the timeless hymns from the church hymnal. There will be a table in the Geneva Lounge for all who are interested to submit suggestions. The current plans are to make the third Sunday of each month the **HymnSing Sunday**, so there will be several opportunities for YOUR favorite(s) to be included.

MISSION: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Three participants share their experience from the ABIDE Impact Mission Weekend from July 8 - 10.

JONATHON SCHEOPNER

This summer, I had the opportunity to serve on a team of eleven wonderful, mission-centric people as we traveled together to the Better Together Campus - the home of ABIDE. We stayed in the Better Together dormitories for the next two days, serving the neighborhood, helping out around the campus, and interacting with the neighbors. Our team was able to help out in a multitude of different ways. We had teams playing basketball with the youth in the neighborhood, grilling hamburgers, organizing pantries, painting decks, and doing work on one of the ABIDE Lighthouses. On every second Saturday of the month, ABIDE holds a gigantic event called Second Saturday Serve (SSS), where they set up a distribution line consisting of essentials: food, pantry items, frozen items, diapers (for those with children), and most importantly, hope. Eighteen churches partnered with ABIDE on the specific Second Saturday that we served, making it a truly re-energizing event. Hundreds of locals from the area drive and walk up to SSS, collecting the essentials and connecting with ABIDE.

Now, a full month after the Impact Weekend has ended, as I sit on my bed, eating a muffin and writing this, I know that the Impact hasn't really ended. The ripples of God's love that we share still persist, expanding slowly, continuing the revitalization of North Omaha. The weekend was a fantastic opportunity to help in practical ways around a specific area of our city; and while I loved learning about ABIDE, what they're doing, and how God is shaping the future of Omaha, the most Impactful part was experiencing the ways God was shaping me along the way. We have the chance to continue our partnership with ABIDE through the Second Saturday Serve program. Our church is joining with Abide to deliver hope to those who may need it and to discover how God is using our church, ABIDE, and each one of us



TRINK TRAUDT

So much on my mind. So much to chew on, pray about, but compassion is growing in my heart and this wasn't my first rodeo in North O. I met Ron Dotzler on a mission trip to China in 2007. From there, my involvement grew into this mission from walking house to house inviting folks to events, praying for them, building trust and giving recognition that someone cares, to the demolition of a Lighthouse where a wonderful woman "abides" and cares for her neighbors. Mowing a lawn or picking up trash, it all has impact.

The folks at ABIDE gave us a bag of stuff: info in a folder for a week, a t-shirt, a water bottle, Ron Dotzler's "Out of the Seats and Into the Streets" book ... I'm still going through it all. Re-reading his book and will donate my extra copy to the church library. (Janet Laughlin gets first dibs.)

We split as needed to do different things and had discussed before going the need for flexibility and openness to whatever God needed of us. That spirit was in our midst the whole time. I really appreciated our intergenerational group and everyone's enthusiasm. The staff at ABIDE were very helpful and engaging, guiding us through a tour of the campus where there is financial counseling/guidance, the arts, an International daycare serving folks of 15 languages with plans to provide care 24/7 to meet swing shift employment of parents GCA - Game Changers Academy. So much has been done in 6 years and even during the pandemic!

MISSION: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED, continued

We were given a driving prayer tour of the greater neighborhood with facts shared and prayers lifted for all the good that is happening, for safety and improved conditions and economic development. Finding a beautiful, though small, new community garden without a fence and the plants thriving and intact with plenty of space for expansion! Helping with staining a chair glider and deck at a Lighthouse. Can you just imagine the gatherings with neighbors that will happen there in building relationships, trust and maybe even discussions of faith?

My favorite experience that we all shared was with a little girl. She was on a porch with her family and called out that she's a cheerleader. Well I was too but when we asked her to do a cheer for us she was shy. I started "Gimme an A" ('A') gimme a "B" ('B') gimme a... and she ran out and said "no no no, R-E-B, E-L-S, REBELS!", and we all cheered! I am still laughing! It was so fun!

There is transformation when we unleash compassion in action. So much has improved, so much remains to be done but so many can also share in the process!

We worshipped at nearby New Life Presbyterian where I met our own Carolyn Grice in the parking lot! What a joy! The "ABIDE" theme was even evident in the service with the scriptures. Talk about "God ordained"! No coincidences for people of faith!



DON GLASGOW

I know from past experiences that choosing to be a member of a mission trip means to expect the unexpected. God provides opportunities to relate to others. I signed up when I heard that West Hills Church was having a mission weekend on the ABIDE campus, Friday through Sunday

church time. I grew up in the Benson region of Omaha, 4 blocks west of the Nebraska School for the Deaf campus that is now the ABIDE campus.

Friday afternoon, my partners Jay Schoepner, Steve Burgess, and I, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for the food handout to the neighbors on Saturday.



Saturday morning from 9 am to noon, I was a member of a team that handed out food boxes. I felt the joy of being compassionate to others. As each car approached there were expressions of thankfulness from the occupants.

Other memories include :

- Conversations at dinner with neighborhood children
- Shooting hoops in the Gym with the children after the meal
- Generating a handshake and smile from a teenage boy after acknowledging his skill at shooting three point shots
- Walking a couple blocks on Fowler Avenue near the Dotzler's home with our West Hills team stopping and praying for the neighborhood residents. I felt the presence of Jesus with us as the spontaneous conversations with the neighbors developed.

The Better Together cheer after each activity became automatic. I experienced the goal of ABIDE Ministries, "NO INNER CITY."

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS,

TIME AND TALENTS...

devotion article

provided by Peggy Kelley,
Elder of Nominating

As we approach this season of both Nominating and Stewardship in the life of West Hills, I was reminded of something which I recently read in the Encounter, a daily devotion from Dick Innes of Acts International.

"Happiness is not about what we possess, but rather what we give. The gifts God has given us are not meant only to bring us satisfaction, but rather to be a blessing to others. When we share what God has given us and seek to bring him glory, we are fulfilling His purpose for our lives, and this produces true happiness."

Suggested prayer: *Thank you, Lord, for the gifts you have blessed me with. Whether they are in the form of talents or material possessions, I ask that you show me ways to bless others with them, and in doing so, bring honor and glory to you. My desire is to fulfill your purpose for me and find true happiness that comes from You.*

JULY Session notes

- A Congregational Leadership Nomination Form and explanation of the submission process will be included in an email to the congregation in late July.
- A replacement sink has been installed in the children's classroom area in the lower level.
- Session discussed the removal and trimming of trees on the property and the installation of hard surface flooring in an area in Geneva Lounge.

Session approved the following motions:

- to amend the WHC By-Laws to read "One year shall elapse between expiration of office of two full three-year terms and eligibility for re-election."
- to call a Congregational Meeting on August 21, 2022 following worship, for the purpose of electing a Stephen Minister Deacon to complete an unfilled position
- to keep the Covenant for Coming Under Care of Session for a candidate to receive \$4,800 over a two-year period to be used toward expenses.

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



Table Talk

You're Invited to Table Talk!

Gather around the table to draw closer to God and one another.

Who: West Hills women & their guests

What:

- Enjoy some casual fellowship and dessert. Come a little earlier if you'd like more time to visit.
- After listening to a brief talk on an everyday topic rooted in Scripture and real life, we will discuss the topic in small table groups. Using questions designed to generate a deeper level of sharing, a table host will lead these discussions. We'll reaffirm truths; gain new perspectives; and recommit ourselves to more fully living out our daily faith walk.
- The evening will conclude with a song and prayer.

When: Last Tuesday of the month (Sept. - May) 6:30 - 8 pm
Each Table Talk will have a new topic, so come whenever you can! Our first Table Talk is Tuesday, September 27.

Where: Fellowship Hall at West Hills

Questions? Contact Patti Brownlee or Jessica Scheopner

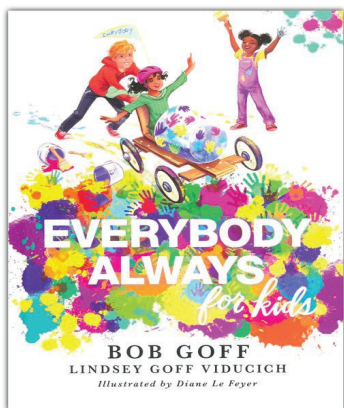
This fall, Women's Ministry is rolling out a new program—Table Talk!

If you have never been involved with Women's Ministry, this program is for you. If you have been an active member of Women's Ministry, this program is for you, too.

Bottom line: *Table Talk will provide a setting where you can talk about everyday issues (e.g. loneliness, waiting on God, hospitality, experiencing peace) with new and old friends through a faith-filled perspective.* Our hope is that our conversations will be honest, thought-provoking, and uplifting, and ultimately we will leave the outcomes of our conversations with Jesus. Jesus calls us to meet, to encourage one another, and to get to know Him better, and that's what we're going to do.

We hope you will prayerfully consider coming to the first **Table Talk** on **Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!**

BOOK SUGGESTION



The book, "Everybody, Always for Kids" was published in 2021 and written by Bob Goff and his daughter, Lindsey Goff Viducich.

This book features 40 stories which lead the reader through Christian problem-solving techniques of

dealing with such things as bullying, sadness, and everyday frustrations.

The book offers wisdom to children 6-10 years of age and up, with messages that they can utilize in their daily lives.

Included in the book are situations such as:

- Using a Walkie Talkie to talk to a neighbor
- Swapping places with a limo driver
- Pretending to be a wax figure
- Carrying a bucket around everywhere

The key lesson in the book is how embracing others is essential to a happier life.

About the authors and illustrator: Robert Kendal Goff is a lawyer, speaker, and author of the New York Times bestselling "Love Does"; "Everybody Always"; and "Dream Big". It is Goff's unique storytelling about unconditional love that attracts members of different generations.

Lindsey Goff Viducich, began her teaching career in Seattle at a therapeutic childcare center. Since then, she has taught elementary school children in Nashville, Salem, and San Diego. She spends her free time with her husband John creating art and "living her stories".

Suggested by Debbie Chadwick

BIBLE QUIZ compiled by Gloria Zinn

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

1. Who deceived Jacob into marrying one of his daughters? A. Isaac B. Laban C. Elkanan D. Zebulun

2. Who was married to Isaac? A. Hagar B. Rachel C. Leah D. Rebekah

3. Who was Saul's daughter and David's wife? A. Abigail B. Michal C. Bathsheba D. Haggith

4. Who left her husband and married her brother-in-law? A. Herodias B. Salome C. Peninnah D. Delilah

5. Who was Enoch's son? A. Obadiah B. Methuselah C. Abraham D. Elijah

6. Who did Jesus identify as "the greatest man"? A. Abraham B. Elijah C. John the Baptist D. David

7. Who wrote a letter to the church in Smyrna? A. Paul B. Jesus C. Peter D. Timothy

8. Who raised a widow's son from the dead? A. Elijah B. John the Baptist C. Samuel D. Paul

9. Who was the last Judge of Israel? A. Samson B. Deborah C. Gideon D. Samuel

10. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves to protect them from Jezebel? A. Elijah B. Elisha C. Obadiah D. Ezekiel

11. Who lied to a king about his wife being his sister? A. Jacob B. Abraham C. Reuben D. Isaac

12. Who brought Tabitha (Dorcas) back to life? A. Jesus B. Peter C. Paul D. John

(answers on the back page)

NORTH OMAHA LEGACY TOUR

by Gary Anders

On July 30, 2022, our small group from West Hills toured North Omaha. The small group invited members of the Racial Justice & Reconciliation (RJR) team to join us. We started with lunch at Champions Café at the Revive Center located at 24th and Lake Street. A chef at the Café, Darnell Relford, spoke to the group about the Café. After lunch, Willie Barney, Founder of the Empowerment Network, spoke to us. He provided information about the Empowerment Network, Revive Omaha, the Revive Center, the Carver Legacy Center, and other happenings. For more information, go to the website reviveomaha.com.

After listening to Willie, we went on the North Omaha Legacy Tour with Preston Love, Jr. The Institute for Urban Development sponsors the North Omaha Legacy Tours. There are one- and two-hour tours available. Contact information for the tour is (402) 812-3324 or northomahatours.com. The tour provided us with a great overview of the positive things in North Omaha.

After the tour, several members of the group enjoyed ice cream at Roll-N-Sweetz Ice Cream Shop at 60th and Ames Avenue. Roll-N-Sweetz was founded by 17-year-old entrepreneur Ron Burns. Roll-N-Sweetz is an example of one of the investments in North Omaha by the Carver Legacy Center as they provided Ron with the loan to make his business a possibility. rollnsweetz.com

Feel free to ask about the tour of North Omaha. Steve Burgess and I are looking into the possibility of arranging a North Omaha Legacy bus tour for a larger group of up to 50 people sometime this fall.



Left to Right in the picture:

Bob Drake, Jeff Smith, Jan Drake, Esther Smith, Ginny Jansen, Al Jansen, Steve Burgess, Theresa Hamer, Kathy Padilla, Rene' Padilla, Preston Love, Jr., Rick Westcott, Gary Anders, Andy Hamer

OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL

by Sheryl Overby



Dust off those pickleball paddles and buckle on the knee braces. *Pickleball is back!*

The gym at West Hills will be open on Monday nights for open play Pickleball beginning August 15. We will use a rotation system during open play from 6 to 8 pm, so you can just come when you want, and leave when you want. More information on the rotation format will be available in the gym on Monday. There are a few options based on the number of players. We will start with these suggestions and then change it as we go along if needed.

Feel free to invite others, this is really an open gym and fellowship time for everyone in the community.

Please use the east entrance and parking lot. The east doors are set to lock at 8:30 pm. See you on the Pickleball court!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



AUGUST

1-Patti Brownlee
Brayden Gill
2-Hal Capps
3-Steve Reese
4-Sandy Jernigan
9-Theresa Hamer
10-Ken Blatny
Megan Boyd
12-Luke Burns
14-Sherry Reese

16-Ethel Owens
Stan Parker
17-Hazel Sauer
Liz Woodworth
18-John O'Donovan
Al Jansen
19-Lloyd Woodworth
Kristina Schaffer
21-Elina Willie
22-Hal Waller
24-Carolyn Collins

Dan Travaille
26-Don Good
Sarah Sedivy
27-Connie Schobert
Nikki (Burns) Wozny
28-Marti Bloes
Leann Schaffer
29-Carolyn Bonner
Stacy Neil
30-Ethan Neil

SEPTEMBER

1-Pat King
Peggy Wheeler
3-Ted Tromler
Gladys Rumbaugh
4-Jan Drake
Sam Nodes
5-Jack Culek
6-Karen Garvey

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