

## CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD



Pick up a catalog in Geneva Lounge to see the special giving and serving opportunities available to you and your family this Christmas season!

**GOD'S GIFT SHOP:** This year we are offering two giving opportunities. We will once again sponsor families from Westgate School. You can pick up a tag and purchase the gift items suggested or make a donation and we will shop. We are also offering the opportunity to give the gift of livestock to our new community in Jeanton, Haiti. You can purchase a livestock item or make a donation and we will add the donations together and purchase the livestock. We will also have items from Cameroon, Syria, and Ecuador for sale at our table. You might find something that would make a perfect gift. Stop by the table and pick up our God's Gift Shop catalog for other opportunities to get involved and serve this holiday season.

**CASSEROLE CARE:** West Hills hosts a foster family support group every other month. One practical way we can show the love of Christ to families who are fostering is to help with a meal for a busy day. **Pick up a disposable casserole dish in Geneva Lounge today.** Make one of your favorite meals and attach the recipe. You can add a card or note telling the family you are praying for them as well. When you return your frozen meal to the freezer in the church kitchen by **Wednesday, November 20,** you will have provided a meal for a foster family to pull out of the freezer on a day when their hands are full.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN:** Our mission partner, **Youth for Christ**, is looking for men to engage in authentic, Christ sharing relationships with middle and high school boys. If you would like to know more, or would like to volunteer to connect with a small groups of boys, please call or text Joann Topolski at 402-733-7153. Volunteers are needed at Westside Middle School on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00 a.m. and at Westside High School on Mondays from 2:45-4:30 p.m.



**SLOPPY JOE MINISTRY:** Much appreciation to the faithful volunteers that have provided sloppy joes every month for years! If you want to contribute to this ministry, drop off cooked sloppy joe meat and buns by the third Thursday of the month and it will be enjoyed by many. Bless you West Hills for your continued generosity!

**SAVE HY-VEE RECEIPTS:** We are again collecting Hy-Vee receipts for the benefit of Westgate Elementary School. Receipts can be left in the white box located on the north side of Geneva Lounge. 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 visitor's bag. We hope that you will join us in worship again soon!

### THIS WEEK

**SUN 11-17** **Sunday Service: 9a & 10:30a**  
*Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.*  
**Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs.-6th grade**  
**Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade**  
**Congregational Meeting: 10:05a**  
**Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a**  
**Discipleship Class: 10:30a chapel**

**MON 11-18** Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): 6:40p  
 AA Group: 8p

**TUE 11-19** **Men's Bible Study: 6:30a**  
 Arts For All: classes 5, 6, & 7p (see their website)  
**Session: 6p**

**WED 11-20** **Women's Bible Study: 9:15a**  
**Advent Decorating: 5:30p**  
**Wednesday Night Youth Group: 6:30p**  
**Worship Choir: 6:00p**  
 Open Arms Bereavement Support Grp.: 7p

**THU 11-21** **Women's Bible Study: 9:30a**  
 Al-Anon: 12p  
**Sloppy Joe Ministry: 1p**  
 Christian Heritage Foster Care Group: 6p  
 Young Life - Capernaum: 7p

**FRI 11-22** Al-Anon: 7p  
 AA Group: 7:30p newcomers/8p regular group

**SAT 11-23** BSF Leaders Meeting: 6:15a

**SUN 11-24** **Sunday Service: 9a & 10:30a**  
*Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.*  
**Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs.-6th grade**  
**Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade**  
**Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a**  
**Advent Decorating: 12p**

Visit our website for all upcoming events: [whcomaha.org](http://whcomaha.org)

**Preaching:** Andy Hamer  
**Assisting:** Chris Hanna, Linda Schuchmann  
**Sound:** Matt Huck  
**Media:** William Scheopner

**Music:** Al Anderson, Brian Eichhorn, Steve Dostal, Kevin Gibson, Kathy Leach, Stan Parker, Sarah Weller

Attendance	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
11-10-2019	183	99	282
11-3-2019	195	99	294

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November 17, 2019

**REMEMBER**  
 and Live

### Worship Celebration

*Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparing to Encounter God's Word

#### Call to Worship

*O Worship the King*

*Holy Is the Lord*

#### Prayer of Confession

### The Good News of God's Forgiveness

*Rain Down*

### Encountering God's Word

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:1-6** (page 141)

### "God Gathers the Wayward"

*Take My Life*

### Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

### Responding to God's Word

### Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

### Pastoral Blessing

*Children of God*

*Postlude*

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

## CONNECTING WITH GOD

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# Hanging of the Green

Sunday, December 1 @ 6:00 p.m.



Experience once again the awe and wonder of the coming of Christ in this participatory, family-friendly service that helps mark the beginning of the Advent season. Together we will add the finishing touches to decorations in our sanctuary, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy choir selections, readings, video, dance and vocal and instrumental solos.

## 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.*

### ALL CHURCH

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** for the purpose of electing officers 10:05 a.m.

## ONE DATE, TWO EVENTS; VOLUNTEER, ATTEND, OR BOTH ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6!

**EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS!** Bring your children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors for a time of shared memory-making with hands-on Christmas fun! This will be an evening to pause and reclaim the warmth and joy of Christmas by participating together in any or all of these activities: gingerbread house creation, the Christmas cookie contest, the manger project, deck the tree ornaments, and the merry and bright photo fun from 6-8 p.m. **Invite your people and please preregister to reserve your materials: whcomaha.org or 402-391-8788. \$10 per family**

**INTERVARSITY PROGRESSIVE DINNER!** Come and join us for the annual InterVarsity progressive dinner. West Hills will be hosting the dinner portion of this event at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers for set up, greeting and joining the students at their dinner table, and cleanup. This is a great outreach event to college students. They love coming to West Hills and visiting with our congregation and enjoying all the beautiful decorations. Volunteers are needed at different times; check out the sign-up sheet in Geneva Lounge. This will be an awesome night of fellowship. Join us!

### WANTED: CHRISTMAS TREES AND GREEN GARLAND!



**Children's Ministry** is decking the halls for the Christmas Experience. We are in need of 6' or taller pre-lit trees and green garland to make the area merry and bright as we welcome our Westgate neighbors for our winter outreach event on December 6. **We will be decorating on November 20, so donations or loans are welcome any time before then!**

**ADVENT DECORATING:** As we prepare our hearts for the season ahead we also need to prepare our building. We invite you to join us as we decorate West Hills for Advent. As you know many hands make the work lighter and merrier! We will be decorating on two dates: **Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 12:00 p.m.** Food will be provided.



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PIE FEST:** Join us for a special worship service of thanksgiving on **Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Hear how God has touched the lives of friends at West Hills. After the service, in Fellowship Hall, enjoy a slice of pie at our annual **PIE FEST!** Come on down with a pie to share; there will be plenty of whipped cream available!



## CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

### ALL CHURCH

**2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** We received nine more faith promises during the second week of our 2020 Stewardship campaign, bringing the total pledges returned to 137. "Thank you!" to all of you for your generous response to help complete the work God has for West Hills. Please prayerfully consider returning your faith promise in the upcoming weeks to enable West Hills to do the exciting work God has set before us in 2020. If you require a blank pledge card, you can find one in the pew racks. Pledge cards can be turned in during the offering.

**PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY!** West Hills is seeking a part-time Children's Ministry coordinator to oversee Crosswalk, our Sunday morning children's ministry. This is a part time position, with 5-8 hours of work each week. If you are interested in this position, please go to indeed.com and search West Hills to apply.

**MEN - MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Saturday morning, February 8, 2020. That's the date for West Hills' tenth annual Men's Game Day!

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS!** Join us for a class on Simon Peter. Mike and Cammy Bridgman will be facilitating. It will run through November 17 at the 10:30 hour in the chapel. All are welcome!

**FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY:** Do you have a love of baking or the gift of fellowship? We are looking for bakers and coffee servers to serve one Sunday a month, December - February. Sign up in Geneva Lounge or contact Peggy Kelley at 402-290-4724



**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are provided today by Hal and Jeanette Capps in memory of their son Mark.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HOSPITAL/REHAB:** Jean Andersen - Hillcrest Rehab Bellevue, Phil Oftelie - Hillcrest Rehab Papillion

**PRAYER REQUEST?** Please use the **YELLOW** prayer cards in the pew racks. Place your request in the offering plate.

**A STEPHEN MINISTER** is available in the quiet room after the service for private prayer. Need to contact a Stephen Minister during the week? Pick up a brochure in any of the wall racks for a list of names.

**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: Laura Meyers:** Prayers for Laura's health issues, guidance for her doctors and peace for her family as they journey through this experience.

**Leadership: Rosa Norman, Receptionist:** Prayers for Rosa's Aunt Betty, age 96, for renewed strength and a reduction in the side effects of her medication.

**Monthly Mission Partner:** InterVarsity Christian Fellowship