



Elkhorn Hills

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional
8:30 AM

Blended
10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:45 am

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Lenten Schedule Begins This Month!

This Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. That evening our Wednesday Night Alive program will be cancelled so we can assemble together for worship at 7:00pm. Since Ash Wednesday has traditionally been a day of fasting for the church, we will not be serving a meal before the service.

On subsequent Wednesdays, we will follow our usual schedule of Wednesday Night Alive. A light soup supper, with child friendly offerings will be served from 6:00-6:30pm. From 6:30-7:30pm we will meet in groups: M&Ms for children; confirmation and senior high for youth; and a special study for adults, *Final Words*. There is something for the whole family.

Final Words, a study by Adam Hamilton, is about the last sayings of Jesus – statements from the cross that teach us much about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves:

- Father, Forgive Them
- Behold Your Son . . . Behold Your Mother
- My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
- Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
- I Thirst
- It Is Finished
- Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit


What is unique about this study is that the biblical account is followed by a first-person story as it might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

Pastor Mark as well as our lay speakers will share in the teaching of this class. Join us as we experience the final words from the cross. You will learn new things and gain a fresh perspective as we study together.

I would also like to thank all of you for your good work in recent days. We are off to a good start this year and great things are happening. Don't forget some special dates. February will be a fun month with mission Sunday on the 5th, and Regina's 25th celebration and the UMM Chili supper on the 12th. As always, it's a pleasure to be in ministry with you!

See you this Sunday,

Pastor Mark



WEDNESDAYS
during Lent

Soup Supper—6:00pm
6:30pm—Final Words
Adult Lent Study,
M & M, Youth LinC
& Confirmation

'Think Spring Fling Ball'

Elkhorn Hills Preschool Annual Parent/Child Dance

Grandparents, too

Saturday, February 18th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Spring attire is optional

Tickets: \$10/person
\$40 max per family

Sponsored by the Elkhorn Hills Preschool & Parents Day Out

RSVP by February 15 to be entered in drawing:
Michele Thompson—mtscow@aol.com



Event to Include
Refreshments
Hot Dog Dinner
Dancing
Games
Silent Auction
Tons of Fun



Registration Now Available for Nebraska UM Camps!

The 2012 "The Secrets of the Kingdom – The Parables of Jesus" is the theme this year for summer church camp. To get your first choice of the program offerings, check out the list in the newsletter and register at: www.umcneb.org/camps or www.campfontanelle.com

Preschoolers and kindergarteners attend Camp Fontanelle with a trusted adult(s) for 24 hours at Guardian Angel camp. 1st and 2nd graders also attend with a trusted adult(s) for 48 hours. Camp Fontanelle is offering 50% off for all registrations for Guardian Angel and Sunshine campers registered by March 31 BY MAIL ONLY.

Registration/health forms are available at www.campfontanelle.com under the "Register for Camp" link.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET!
June 24–29, 2012 (evenings)

Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss out on all the fun and watch for more information.



Do you have an odd job that you need done around your house? Rent-a-kid!

The youth of Elkhorn Hills are raising funds to go on a mission trip this next summer. If you have walks that need washed, lawns mowed, something painted, etc., etc., etc., please let us know and we will send the appropriate number of youth to your doorstep to help you!

Please contact Jenny Louis jjl_1971@yahoo.com

Preschool Sunday is January 29th. Please welcome our preschool families on this day and hear the latest update on our growing mission. Some of our preschoolers will be singing a few favorite songs from school during the 10:45 service.



Preschool & Parent's Day Out Program

Registration for Fall classes start Feb. 2nd.

Classes for --

3 & 4 year old – Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30am
4 & 5 year old Mon., Wed & Fri 9—11:30am
4 day program—Tu-Friday 9-11:30am

Parent's Day Out Program

for children 18 months to 5 years.

Full Day: 9am—2:30pm or 1/2 Day: 9-11:30am

For more information contact

Michele Thompson, director mtscow@aol.com

Elkhorn Hills UMC Planning for Action Meetings Sunday, February 12

5:00pm Committees gather in sanctuary for welcome & short devotional

5:15pm Individual Committee Meetings:
Committees: Adult Education/Fellowship, Evangelism, Children's Ministry, Missions, Nurture, Preschool, Trustees, Worship

6:15pm Groups reconvene to share with the other committees what they are doing.



Nebraska Brass & Friends

Adults \$12
Seniors \$10
Students FREE

Friday, February 24, 2012 • 7:30 pm
Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church

"Nebraska Brass & Friends" features percussionist Joe Holmquist in an entertaining potpourri of traditional and contemporary selections.

Watch for tickets on sale at church

Small Group Gatherings

See below the listing of various opportunities for you to join a small group for social, study or service and get to know others in the church.

The Breakfast Club meets from 9:45 – 10:45 following the first service with a coffee break before class begins.

Presently the Breakfast Club is studying the DVD series on *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Answers to questions about "Why We Are Here" and "What is God's Plan for us" will be addressed

February 26, 2012, A new study will begin -- **24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**, written by Adam Hamilton, pastor at the Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The study is seven weeks long and we will not meet on Easter Sunday, but finish on April 14, 2012. The aim of the study is to help you better understand the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus' Life, see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and reflect upon the meaning of these events for your life.

The class will view a 10 minute DVD on The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, Condemned by the Righteous, Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate, The Torture and Humiliation of the King, The Crucifixion, and Christ the Victor. Each chapter is designed to help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you never have before. We will travel to the Holy Land with Hamilton to visit the sites where those events took place.

Please consider joining us for study as we prepare for Easter. Questions may be directed to Gayle Preston, mgpreston@tconl.com or 402-330-3669

Grace: God Reaching Adults with Children Everywhere

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 Meets on the stage in the Family Life Center

SOUL SURFER Bible Study join as we learn and discuss the events that occurred before and after Bethany Hamilton's shark attack. Be inspired to develop an unwavering faith with the encouraging portrayal of family values and uplifting message.

Contact Person: Lena Beeson: 402/319-2071

Women's Book Club

1st Monday of the Month

6:30pm at Scooters in Elkhorn

A book discussion by multi-aged women.

Contact: Jan Heliker: 402/779-2237

Upcoming books.....

Feb 6th: *Before I Go To Sleep* by S J Watkins

March 5th *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa Se

April 2nd *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci

May 7th *The Magic Room* by Jeffrey Zaslow

June 4th *Lost & Found* by Anne E Schraff

Wednesday Morning Fellowship

First Wednesday of the month

10:00am - Donut Professor, Elkhorn

Women of all ages meet for fellowship and great donuts.

Contact: Connie Bell, 402/933-5289

Prayer Shawl Ministry

3rd Friday of the Month

10:00am—2:00pm

Women meet with sewing machines, knitting needles, and other supplies to create blankets and quilts for those in need. Church Conference Room Contact: Jan Heliker 402/779-2237

Men's Basketball

Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. Come play some pickup ball—invite a friend along with you. — If you have any questions call Lynn Ferdig, 492-2445 Lferdig@cox.net or Steve Neth 289-3208 ebox13@cox.net.

United Methodist Men

2nd Saturday of the month

8:00am—Conference Room

Men of our church meet for breakfast, fellowship and service
Contact: Jim Haase 402/289-3159

Service at Elkhorn Hills

There are many ways of being in service—join a choir, help with the newsletter once a month. Help straighten up the kitchen/sanctuary, etc on Wednesday mornings at 9am with Christina. Volunteer to be a second adult in Sunday school or help out in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are also being sought to help out during worship with ushering, greeting, scripture reading and with communion.

For more information on how you can be in service, contact the church office.



February Birthdays

- 1 Joel Carney
- 4 Darlene Wiebelhaus
- 4 Shelly Wiley
- 5 Jennifer Riddell
- 6 Brent Muir
Caleb Murphy
- 7 Max Dunham
Carter Ray
Rich Wilson
- 8 Alicia Monnier
- 9 Amy Jackson
Sharon Sartore
- 10 Brant Sweiderk
- 11 Ryan Bertucci
Allie Morris
- 12 Lauren Clark
Lynn Ferdig
Robert Heliker
Rick Larmore
Caroline Thompson
Sawyer Thompson
- 13 Drew Dunham
- 16 Cindy Friese
John Moody
Megan Ray
Connie Williamson
- 18 Torrie Cammack
Haydn Muir
- 19 Waylon Schroeder
- 20 Joni Buzzell
- 20 Julia Paul
- 20 Jackie Pfannenstiel
- 21 Jon Buzzell
- 22 Travis Bond
- 22 Doug Frailey
- 22 Ella Holtz
- 22 Callie Humphrey
- 23 Jordyn Ritnour
- 23 David Van Vleet
- 24 Noah Moody
- 26 Jim Johnson
- 26 Laura Cyr
- 26 Olivia Neth
- 26 Scott Riddell
- 26 Phil Ward
- 26 Mike Wolford
- 27 Stephanie Grooters
- 28 Dawn Howell



February Anniversaries

- 14 Will & Deanne Fedde
- 24 Courtney & Carol Campbell



Jenny Louis—Youth Director
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Check Out What's Happening

****Youth Group (unless specifically noted) is for Middle High AND Senior High Youth 6th—12th Grade**

Saturday, February 4th – UNO Maverick's Hockey Game at 7 p.m.!!
For those of you who signed up to go to the game, we will meet at the church at 6 p.m. to leave together.

Sunday, February 5th – SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Prior to the 8:30 service and also before the 10:30 service, the youth will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations to send to COPE and food banks in the Omaha area. Clean out your cupboards and drop off your donations in the Narthex. *YOUTH, I need your help holding soup pots and gathering any money donations and canned goods at this time.*



Sunday, February 5th (4:30 p.m.) - SUPER BOWL PARTY for Middle and Sr. High Youth at the Muirs' house, 3839 N 210th St., Elkhorn! Bring your favorite football appetizer or snack and a drink to share and come root on your favorite team! A BIG Thank you to the Muirs for inviting the youth into their home. Come enjoy an evening of fun and laughter with your friends!!

Sunday, February 12th at 4:00 p.m. – Middle and Sr. High Youth will be preparing a meal and delivering it to the Binders! Let's come together as a youth group and prepare a nice meal to take to the Binders. We had a great time working in the kitchen together last year, so come have fun with your friends and bake a little! Parents, if you can help me in the kitchen and with the delivery of the food, I'd greatly appreciate it! *I will be sending out an e-mail asking for donations of the items we need. Thank you.*

***NEXT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, February 13th @ 7:00 p.m.*

Thursday, February 16th – Winter Jam Concert at the Mid-America Center. We would leave from the church at 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are only \$10 to hear some amazing Christian groups – Building 429, Group1Crew, Kari Jobe, Peter Furler, Aaron Shust, Newsong, Skillet and others. Please contact Jenny by Wednesday, February 8th if you are interested in going!

February 24th – 26th – WEIRD Retreat at Camp Comeca for Sr. High Youth only! If you are interested in going, the cost is \$75. We will need an adult volunteer to go if any youth are interested. Please contact Jenny for more information.



Sunday, February 26th (1-5 p.m.) – NOTHING BUT NETS TOURNAMENT Please contact Jenny if you have a team you want to register. The cost is \$5/per person. **WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS AT A LATER DATE!!** This is open to all youth and even younger basketball teams. It's a lot of fun and a good time to get to know other kids in the church.



Looking Ahead.....

Sunday, March 11th – ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION AND PANCAKE FEED! Please be watching your e-mails for more information!!

Sunday, March 18th – YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE at 6:30 p.m.! Jen Hill is putting together her awesome team again to host a service filled with music, praise, and worship for the youth. Bring your family and come share in this amazing experience!!

Our Middle High and Sr. High Youth are a great group of young people. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer in the church and want to check out youth group, please contact Jenny to see how you can help out! Parents, you are always welcome at youth events. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jjl_1971@yahoo.com or on my

YOUTH PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Elkhorn Hills Youth Ministry exists to EXPOSE teenagers to God's love while preparing them to SHARE God's word, and EXALT in the Lord, all while OFFERING their services to the Lord and CONNECTING with others.



NUMB -- Nebraska United Methodist Bike Ride for Hunger. This year NUMB will celebrate 17 years of feeding the hungry of the world. NUMB has contributed over \$519,000 to alleviate hunger since the first ride in 1996. NUMB is sponsored by the *Nebraska United Methodist Church Risk Taking Mission and Justice Team of the Common Table*.

NUMB 2012 is a 275+/- mile loop tour starting and ending in Beatrice, Nebraska. The United Methodist Churches of *Beatrice & Auburn, Nebraska, Sabetha & Marysville, Kansas* are this year's hosts. NUMB is challenging and riders must be in excellent riding condition and using quality biking equipment. Helmets are required. Participants must pay \$50 for registration (*after May 1st - \$55*) and secure a minimum of \$100 pledged to United Methodist Hunger programs. Registration is limited and is filling fast – join other riders from Elkhorn Hills on this year's NUMB. For more information go to www.numbride.org – you can access online registration there or pick up a registration form from the church office – *Regina is the NUMB registrar*.

MILITARY Do you have a loved one deployed in the military? If so, your Elkhorn Hills family would like to reach out to them with a care package. Please contact the church office with their information.

If you would like to help out with reaching out to deployed military, please contact Colleen Tuttle or Regina in the church office.

BUSINESS CARDS In the next Elkhorn Hills phone directory we would like to have 'Ads' so that the Elkhorn Hills family when searching for someone to do a service they could contact someone in their 'Family' to do the work. If you are interested in advertising in the phone directory, please drop off in the church office or email your business card to Regina@elkhornhillsumc.org. *Donations would be appreciated to help out with the printing.*



Daffodil Sunday March 11, 2012

What is the color, shape, and smell of hope? *The Daffodil!* This beautiful flower has been selected as the American Cancer Society's flower of hope because it is the first flower of Spring. It represents hope for a new season, and hope for a community free of cancer. Daffodil Sunday is March 12, 2012, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

You are invited to order fresh cut daffodils for friends and loved ones as tributes, memorials or gifts.

The daffodils are available for a donation of \$10.00, please make your check out to American Cancer Society. All orders must be turned into the church by Feb. 19, 2012. Thank you for your support of this event of HOPE in finding a cure for cancer.

Daffodils \$10.00 (bouquet of 10)

I would like to order _____ bunches Enclosed is \$_____

Please indicate if you would like your order (or how many) on the altar or just take an unopened bunch home.. Please mark one:

_____ Please place my order on the altar:

In memory of:

In honor of:

_____ I will pick my order up on Sunday, March 11

NAME: _____

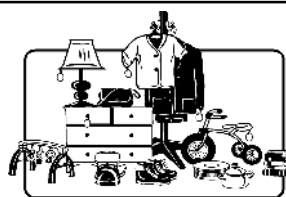
*Please deposit in the box in the narthex or church office.
If you have any questions, please contact the church office.*



DINING OUT GROUP Farmer Brown's—Waterloo Thursday, February 23 7:00pm

Singles, Couples and families are all welcome to join your Elkhorn Hills Family in dining out. Each person buys his or her own meal. All had a great time at our first dine out so plan to join us in February.

We plan to meet at Farmer Brown's, in Waterloo at 7:00pm. Hope you can join us -- please RSVP to the church office or sign up in the narthex by Feb. 20.



Church Garage Sale for Missions

The Elkhorn Hills UMC Garage Sale benefiting Missions will be held again this next summer. So if you made a New Year's Resolution to declutter and clean those closets, stash them away for the garage sale this next summer.

Thanks to the VERY generous donation from Dino's Storage in Elkhorn, we now have the ability to accept furniture donations for the garage sale throughout the year rather than just at garage sale time. However, in order for this to work we are in need of some volunteers who have a pick-up (or a van) and who would be willing to help on an "as needed" basis to pick up furniture items and take them to the storage unit as they become available. If you are willing to serve Elkhorn Hills in this capacity, please let us know and we'll compile a list of volunteers. You can contact the church office, or Lena Beeson 5bees1@cox.net or LuAnn Dritley dritley@cox.net



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CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, Feb. 12th

Following the 10:45 Service
 Family Life Center

Enter your favorite Chili Recipe

Plan now to bring a crock-pot of your favorite chili recipe. Tables with electricity will be available for the contestants.

Judging will be accomplished by vote of tasters.

Tasters will receive judging supplies, (cup, spoon and ballot)
 Place your ballot in the container marked for your favorite chili.
 Winner will be the cook with most ballots. *Tissues and water will be available to aid the recovery of those brazen enough to try some of the more 'lively' concoctions.*

Also Serving:

**Leland's delicious Chicken & Noodles
 & House Chili**

Free will donation for lunch

Sponsored by: EHUM Men



Celebrate Regina's
25 years of service at Elkhorn Hills!
 Sunday, Feb. 12

Join us as Regina Bergman is being recognized on Sunday, February 12 for her 25 years of service at both services, and with a cake at the chili feed. Regina's service at Elkhorn Hills touches a multitude of aspects of many lives. She has worked for Elkhorn Hills with dedication, commitment, and professionalism.

We are having a card shower and donations are also being accepted for Regina, send to Nina Clark 20965 Corral Road, Elkhorn, NE 68022, or place it in an envelope marked for Regina and turn it into the church office by February 10th. If you would prefer to give Regina a separate gift, please feel free to do so.