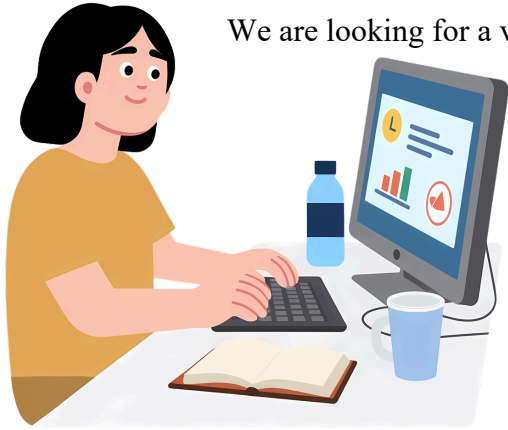


Website Manager Needed



We are looking for a volunteer to help manage the website. We'd appreciate your help with keeping the website up to date. Please let Rev. Jason Workman know if you would be interested. Thank you!



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Sunset Hills Church May 2026 Newsletter



In a way, the conflict in and surrounding the Middle East has found me looking through my books for some wisdom to help process that maelstrom. I defaulted to the authors below for their input on breaking old patterns of fear on personal and national levels. I share these now not to distract us from the conflict, but to learn from two men who made careers of helping people break old patterns of fear. Here goes.

Russian writer and Christian philosopher Alexandr Solzhenitsyn offers some thoughts about the power of limiting oneself as an act of love to benefit others. He writes, "We are always very ready to limit others – that is what all politicians are engaged in their lives; we are always anxiously on the lookout for ways of curbing the inordinate greed of the other man, but no one has heard of renouncing his own inordinate greed ... The idea of self-limitation in society is not a new one. We find it over a century ago in such thoroughgoing Christians as the Russian old believers."

The late pastor Earl Palmer commented, "It is this very self-limitation practiced by the thoroughgoing Christians that our modern time needs more than any other social virtue. It should not only be practiced by individuals but also by nations! Jesus challenges his disciples to dare such a good strategy of hope. Self-limitation should never be seen as passive or the strategy of inactivity. Jesus is describing a strategy of dynamic action aimed at breaking through the old patterns of fear. It involves finding the real person who hides behind old patterns."

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May God grant the mercy that each of us could help each other come out of hiding, even as we practice the virtue of self-limitation.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Steve

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

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|--------|---|---------------------|
| May 3 | Back to Basics: God the Creator | <i>John 1:1-5</i> |
| May 10 | Mom Gets the Last Word | <i>John 2:1-12</i> |
| May 17 | Back to Basics: Jesus' Character & Ministry | <i>John 13:3-15</i> |
| May 24 | TBD | |
| May 31 | Rev. Rick Wheatley ~ Freedom | <i>John 8:36</i> |

If you would like to meet with or talk to Rev. Steve during the week, please feel free to call or email at 719-330-3536, sunsethillspastor@gmail.com. You may also call the office at 402-391-0820 Monday-Friday from 8:00 - 1:00 to make an appointment. Convenient times include Saturday mornings or Sunday morning after the worship service.

Sunset Hills Study Group May News - Ron Reed

Our growing attendance is encouraging. We invite others to join us on Zoom, Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30, as we study in depth C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Please contact any current attendee to learn more.

Adult Sunday School May News - Ron Reed

We will finish the powerful study of Dr. Jack Graham's *At The Cross*, the 6 statements of Jesus while He was on the Cross, on May 26th.

On May 31 we will begin the study of *Where Do We Go From Here*. "Dr. David Jeremiah takes us on a tour of today's major issues, showing us where we are, what they mean, and what we should do next." Handouts will be provided. Come, grow with us in faith and fellowship Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 in the upstairs classroom.

May 2026 Prayer Requests and Concerns

Health Concerns:

Jean Larsen
Brenda/Deb Vetter
Dorothy/Lisa B.
Vaughn/Joan P.
Glenn Kilpatrick
Aaron/Lowell's
Carol/Dan A.
Ed/Kathy K.

Pravin/Nalini A.
Deb Vetter
Lola/Lowell's
Cindy Combs
M.C./Maggie Wamberg
Diana LaCroix
Tami/Dan A.

Gary Peterson
Travis & Traci Gilmer
Brenda Baker
Dave/Cheryl A. & Carol M.
Annie Wamberg
Dan Allman
Jacob Dale's grandma

Other Concerns

Continue to pray for those with ongoing mental and physical health problems.
Continue to pray for the safety of those who are living alone and for those who are lonely.
Pray for our church family and our Pastor and church leaders and groups.
Pray for churches in transition: FBC Lincoln, Second Baptist Lincoln.
Pray for all those dealing with illness, natural disasters, violence, injustice, and terror around the world. Places of ongoing conflict: Burma, South China Sea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, South Sudan, Gaza, Syria, Iran, the Middle East, Israel, Congo, Libya, Mali, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Pakistan, Venezuela, Haiti, Cuba, Mexico, United States.

Note: If you would like to be added to the prayer chain and receive immediate and detailed prayer requests via email, please contact Dot North. The church family appreciates and relies on the prayers of our prayer chain warriors. For prayer requests, please text or call and leave a message for Dot North at 402-658-6401, emails may not be seen in a timely manner. She will confirm that your request was received, and it will be sent out to the prayer chain. Your requests are very important to us.

"The family that prays together, stays together!" ... this applies to a church family too!
Amen.





| Date | Attendance | Giving |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| 3/29/2026 | 69 | \$3,724.00 |
| 4/5/2026 | 140 | \$3,455.98 |
| 4/12/2026 | 66 | \$5,378.00 |
| 4/19/2026 | 64 | \$5,255.00 |
| 4/26/2026 | 61 | \$6,176.07 |



14 Kellye Deane
 14 Rita Vetter
 16 Mary Reed
 17 Diana LaCroix
 19 Keegan Noggle
 24 Gary Peterson
 27 Bill Clark
 29 Darby Von Forell



Happening this month

- May 3 - Communion
 Don and Millie's Fundraiser Sunday 
- Sunset Hills Study Group (Zoom) - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. 
- Prayers for our country - Wednesdays following Bible Study
- May 8 - Church Office Closed
- May 9 - Mother's Day Tea - Noon 
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 11 - Women Mentoring Women - 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- May 12 - Primary Election (Sunset Hills will be a Polling Location)
 (Office Closed)
- May 13 & 27 - RetroActive - 9:30 a.m. 
 "Youth Group for Adults"
- May 18 - Ministry Council - 6:00 p.m.
- May 25 - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
- May 28 - Unbroken & Forgiven - 7:30 p.m.
- May 30 - Game at Werner Park - 6:05 p.m.
- May 31 - ALS Walk at Werner Park

| Sunset Hills Financial Scoreboard | |
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| March Income | \$17,033.00 |
| March Expenses | \$13,854.00 |



06 Roy and Vicki Loeffler 31 years

RetroActive will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 13, 2026. We invite the whole church to join us in collecting items for the sale. Now's the time to start purging and boxing/bagging up your donations. We will receive items on June 10, 11, and 12 for the sale. Please have your items clean and in good shape. If you have larger items and need help transporting them, contact Annie Wamberg.



"Youth Group for Adults"

Proceeds from the sale will be divided among RetroActive, fundraising for a van for the Rick Wheatley Preparatory School in Africa, and Unbroken and Forgiven, the new young adult group. We will have sign-up times available if you would like to help set up and help at the sale. Thank you, we will appreciate your help!

Annie Wamberg



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it; 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:36-40

CAMP MOSES MERRILL SUMMER CAMP 2026



FAITH * FUN * FRIENDS

Nestled in the rolling hills near Linwood, Nebraska, the great outdoors is the backdrop for summer camp at Camp Moses Merrill. Join us as we proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord and that salvation comes through Him and His resurrection.

JAM Camp: May 31 - June 2

1st - 6th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$175

Junior Camp: June 7-12

4th - 6th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$385 (\$360 before May 1st)

Mid High Camp: June 14-19

7th - 9th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$385 (\$360 before May 1st)

Senior High Camp: June 21-26

9th - 12th grade fall of 2026
Cost: \$400 (\$375 before May 1st)

Family Camp: June 26 -28

Bring the whole family
Cabins or lodge room options
Check our website for pricing

**Register
cammerrill.com**



campfire * basketball
archery * games
volleyball * chapel
zip line * crafts
swimming * hiking
yummy food * snacks
so much more



Mother's Day Tea

Please mark your calendars for the Mother's Day tea being planned for Saturday, May 9 at the church. Tea time will start at Noon. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by signing the sign-up sheet in the narthex or calling the church office at 402-391-0820. Thank you.



Missions and Outreach Ministry – Terry Anderson

Easter is over and the drive for hygiene kits is ending (though they can be assembled at any time), we look forward to future activities. Not only how we can use VBS, and Unbroken and Forgiven for Missions and Outreach, but how we can use Missions and Outreach for VBS and for Unbroken and Forgiven. We're also promoting the group attendance for an Omaha Storm Chasers' game on May 30.

Shepherding Ministry - Amber Dale

The Shepherding Ministry is in need of two or three more volunteers to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please see Amber Dale. Thank you.