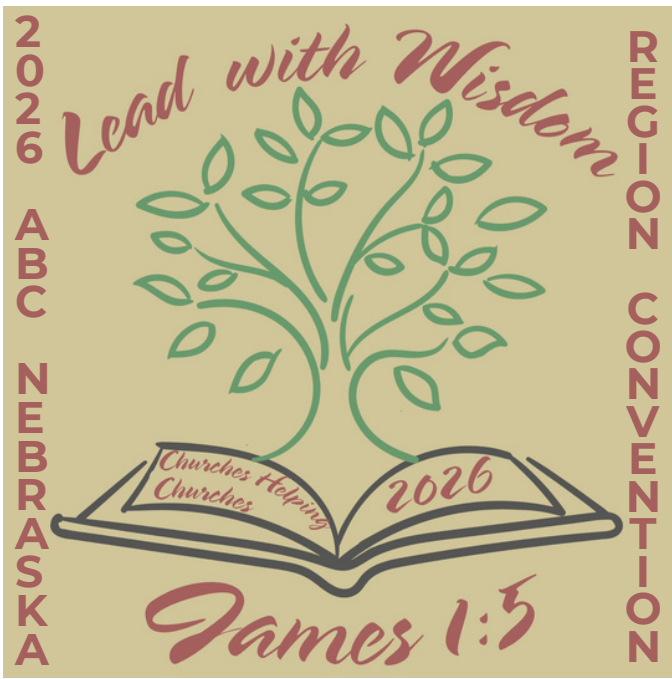




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Sunset Hills Church August 2026 Newsletter

READY? WRESTLE!

I remember learning some fundamentals about competitive wrestling in the fifth and sixth grades. I never quite made the more delicate adjustments needed to truly compete well, even at that age level. That said, I benefited from the training involved to wrestle according to middle school rules rather than the more circus-genre professional wrestling broadcast by KETV on Mondays after the nightly news.

So the hope for me was that, at the end of the abbreviated season, I could make it through one period at a regional Optimist event in Harlan, Iowa. Don't misread that: the goal was to make it through the first of three periods in a three-period match. Two or three minutes without being pinned; a relatively low bar of expectation.

I thought about strategically running around the mat just out of my opponent's reach for three minutes. Surely my survival instincts would trigger an adequate adrenaline rush in this contest. But suddenly I was called to the middle of the mat to meet my opponent and shake hands. I realized I would be nowhere close to quick enough to fare well in the match.

My opponent was a head taller than I and already sported the shadow of a mustache. He was muscular. I was not-so-much. The whistle blew. I held my own in the first 15 seconds or so of classic grappling. I even leaned in on him to slow him down with a bridge. But there was no time to gloat. He grabbed my shoulders, picked me up, and tossed me to the mat like a playful puppy tosses a puppy toy across the yard. Three seconds later, it was over. Mercifully so.

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Have you ever wondered where Jacob found the moxie to wrestle God? How he found the wherewithal to look past a severely injured limp to complete his challenging encounter with the Holy One in a way that satisfies Him? Is there a secret – even a benefit -- to staying the course in difficult circumstances?

This month we’ll take a closer look at grappling with God during exceptional situations, and the value of staying in the match.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Steve

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

August 2	TBD	Pastor Jason Workman
August 9	Ready? Wrestle!	<i>Genesis 32:22-32</i>
August 16	Hurry Up and Wait	<i>2 Kings 24, 25</i>
August 23	Now That You’re Married – Or Not	<i>1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4:7-8</i>
August 30	Don’t Wait for the Movie	<i>John 5:39-44; Hebrews 4:12</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.

August 2026 Prayer Requests and Concerns

Health Concerns:

Jean Larsen	Lou Riggs	Dave/Cheryl A. & Carol M.
Mindy B./Cindy A.	Brenda Baker	Glenn Kilpatrick
John/Cheryl A. & Carol M.	Diana LaCroix	Deb Vetter & Friends
Jacob Dale’s grandma		

Other Concerns

Our sympathies to Roberta Williston, whose brother and only sibling, passed away recently. Pray for Gordon and Lee Ann Hwang’s ministry. They are the missionaries we support in Japan. Pray for all the people in the military. We are so thankful for their service and we pray for their safety and protection. Pray for all the people touched by violence and accidents. Pray for those with ongoing mental and physical health problems. 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 all of the confidential/private prayer concerns of our church family.

Please contact Dot North or Lidia Anaya if you are automatically removed from the prayer chain and desire to remain on it. Need to be added to the prayer chain or have a prayer request? 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 on Wednesday’s only and will then be in Sunday’s bulletin. Your requests are very important to us.

Adult Sunday School August Update

We have been learning much from Dr. David Jeremiah's *Where Do We Go From Here*, which will continue into August. We'd love to have others join us as we grow stronger in faith together. We meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 in the upstairs classroom.

Date	Attendance	Giving
6/28/2026	60	\$2,716.07
7/5/2026	48	\$3,642.00
7/12/2026	55	\$3,406.07
7/19/2026	NA	\$2,928.00
7/26/2026	54	\$6,048.71



- 10 Steve & Jess Mikkelson

14 years
- 13 Dan & Marge Todd

27 years
- 14 Mike & Sarah Minarick

50 years
- 20 Bill & Theresa Clark

38 years
- 23 Rev. Steve & Annie Wamberg

46 years
- 27 Taylor & Maddie Hedrick

5 years
- 29 Doug & Jean Larsen

45 years



- 5 Steve Bottum

7 Carol Welch

8 Mike Minarick

11 Colton Richard

13 Terry Anderson

14 Joseph Bergman

15 Cindy Combs

16 Joan Peterson

21 Ron Reed

25 Momoro Ono

25 Jane Ray

26 Judah Anaya

27 Roy Loeffler

Stewardship Team August Update

Our quarterly meeting was held on July 22 with good attendance. A few capital projects have been taken on since the concrete project was completed. The team is in serious need of a few church members or attendees to step up with their God-given gifts and serve Him with us. Occasional small tasks can be done at one's convenience. Please contact me if you have the heart to help.

In the love of Christ,
Ron Reed, our Church Board's Operations Leader - Stewardship Ministry Team Leader

Sunset Hills Financial Scoreboard	
June Income	\$11,570
June Expenses	\$15,975

Happening this month

- August 2 - Communion, Don & Millie’s Fundraiser Sunday



- August 11 - RetroActive Lunch Bunch at Brazen Head Pub- 11:00 a.m.



- August 16 - Undie Sunday
- August 23 - Undie Sunday
- August 24 - Women Mentoring Women - 6:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
- August 27 - Unbroken and Forgiven - 7:30 p.m.
- August 31 - Ministry Council - 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunity

AseraCare Hospice needs volunteers to provide support to our terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers can complete many tasks from home, including writing pen pal notes, sewing memory pillows, and making phone calls to bereaved family members. There are also opportunities to support patients directly with visits or behind the scenes with administrative tasks.

Volunteers are provided with extensive training and support. To sign up or find out more, please contact Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Vogt, at 402-943-6871 or at jen.vogt@amedisys.com. Apply online at <https://bttr.im/sjmww>

“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

Missions and Outreach Ministry -- Terry Anderson

The Missions and Outreach Ministry has mapped out projects through much of the rest of the year. We will complete the backpack and school supply drive for Wakonda Elementary School on August 2. A new project is Undie Sundays, on August 16 and 23, during which the congregation is invited to bring underwear for all ages and genders, to be delivered to schools and adult homeless facilities. Other projects between now and December include cold weather gear for Wakonda Elementary (see next page), fleece tie-knot blankets, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and Angel Tree Christmas gifts for Maple Crest Nursing Center.

Suggested Items (Sizes X-Small - X-Large) (Unisex When Possible)

- Sweatshirts (Blacks, Grays, Blues)
- Sweatpants (Blacks, Grays, Blues)
- Hoodies: Pull-on or zip-up
- Sweaters: Pull-on or button-up
- Long Sleeve Shirts: Flannel or heavier fabrics
- Jeans or Twill pants: Must have elastic waists
- T-shirts for boys
- Camis for girls
- Boys' brief-style underwear in S-XL
- Girls' brief-style underwear in S-XL
- Crew socks in black or gray all sizes
- Hats
- Scarfs
- Gloves and Mittens (When possible, sew a length of yarn to each end of the gloves/mittens. This allows them to be drawn through the coat arms cutting down on loss.)
- Coats in all sizes and genders (If they need a coat then chances are they need a hat and gloves or mittens. Please place them in a plastic bag and safely pin it to the coat.)
- Shoes and Boots as requested
- Unisex Deodorant, Oral Care Kit, Brush/Comb, Hair Clips
- Travel sizes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotions, Lip Balm
- Others as requested

Nebraska American Baptist Men's Camp
August 7-8, 2026
Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center

Keynote Speaker
Rev. Lauren Parliment
Associate Executive Minister of Nebraska

Friday Steak Dinner Fellowship Campfire Shooting Range Camp Activities

Friday & Saturday \$105 | Saturday only \$50 | Friday only \$40
Bring a friend, son, grandson, brother, or uncle. All ages welcome!

REGISTER
campmerrill.com

Keeping them Warm

No child should ever be cold, wet or hungry. The Keeping them Warm Ministry is designed to provide warmth inside and out.

This ministry provides NEW or very gently used clothing and personal items as requested by staff members on behalf of the student or other family member.

This ministry will continue to encourage the teachers and staff members of Wakonda Elementary School to reach out to us for any need that may arise. As a Mission and Outreach Ministry we must strive to meet the needs of others physically and spiritually.