

Summer 2024 at North Hills Church

GLORIFY!

~Weekly services at 9:30am continue. There will be great music all summer; we don't take a break! The summer sermons will review the gifts of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5.

~While Pastor Engle is on vacation in June, we'll be led by the Rev. Stanley Mast; when Pastor Engle is on vacation in August, we'll be led by the Rev. Dr. John Rottman.

~The nursery (ages infant to 4 years old) will be available for younger children and grandchildren in Room D.

~Worship bags are available for children in the cadenza outside the Pastor's office.

~Communion will be celebrated the first Sundays of June, July, August, second week of September.

~Music (instrumental, soloist, quartet) will be integrated into every worship service this summer.

~Coming this summer: big recording improvements to our livestream ministry.




GATHER!

~Get involved in a committee (refer to *Give Your Time and Talent!* section below)!

~Join a Sports Team: Hit a homerun! Get a hole in one! Get your picture in the *Connected!* See Coach Jeff Feikens to join softball, Golf Commissioner Dan Asma to join the golfers.

~Did you see the new digital picture board in the Fellowship Hall? Is your picture missing or outdated? Be proactive! Solve the problem! Find Kim Faloppa to have your picture taken.

~A new, in-print directory will be published this summer.

~Plan to attend the *Sunday Sundaes* after-church ice cream social on June 9. 

GROW!

~Summer Wednesday Bible Study: Women's Coffee Break at 10:00am.

~Did you know? The Joys of Recovery Alcoholics Anonymous group meets in our Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6:30pm. And remember, a "sister" narcotics anonymous program meets across the street at Pilgrim Congregational church on Monday evenings.

~Plan to attend *Growing Violation* outdoor concert on our hill. Saturday, August 3. Watch for details.

GIVE!

~ North Hills has additional giving opportunities outside the General Fund. Consider:

~**Benevolence Fund:** Helps those in our church family in need, and those outside our church as well. Administered by the deacons.

- ~**Beyond the Walls:** The deacons choose a cause to help “beyond our walls.” Current cause is always displayed on the bulletin board.
- ~**Bob Reeves Memorial Mission Fund:** New to North Hills this year, this bequest of Bob Reeves underwrites up to 33% of North Hillian mission projects. Administered by the deacons. Anyone may donate to the fund.
- ~**Christian Education Fund:** The Christian Education Fund was approved by the Council in the Fall of 2021. The fund provides financial assistance for North Hillians who send their child(ren) to a K-12 Christian School. The committee is preparing applications and will disburse funds in time for the 2024 Fall opening of school.
- ~**Debt Reduction:** Trick category! We actually no longer have a debt reduction fund since we paid off our debt December 2022.
- ~**Feikens Memorial Fund:** The interest from this endowment aids our Child Care staff to further their training and education. Anyone may donate to the fund.
- ~**Flowers:** Give flowers for the Communion Table! Honor a person or an occasion, or “just because”! See Muriel Meyerand to coordinate.
- ~**Legacy Fund:** In November 2021, the Council established an endowment fund, a “Legacy Fund,” through the Barnabas Foundation—an estate planning and stewardship ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. An initial, anonymous gift of \$200,000 established the fund. Each June, in perpetuity, the Council will decide to receive the annual disbursement of the fund, or reinvest that year’s proceeds into the fund. By adding to the Legacy Fund, your gift will give in perpetuity to North Hills Church! See Pastor Engle or Cheryl Yuhas for more questions on how to make a contribution to our Legacy Fund. Our Legacy Fund currently stands at about \$250,000.
- ~**John Malestein Homiletical Award:** Administered by Calvin Theological Seminary, our scholarship is awarded to the most gifted senior preacher by declaration of the Homiletics Professor. The recipient is invited to come and preach at North Hills. Anyone may donate to the endowment through Calvin Seminary; the endowment has grown to approximately \$90,000.
- ~**Music Fund:** Enjoy North Hills music? Want to sponsor an instrumentalist or soloist? Mark “Music Fund” on a check, or give online using the pull-down menu to select the fund.
- ~**Pastor’s Discretionary Fund:** Not for personal use, this fund gives the Pastor discretionary funds to use as non-budgeted needs or opportunities arise. Anyone may donate to the fund.

GIVE YOUR TIME AND TALENT!

~**Child Care Board:** Meets monthly (first Tuesday at 6:00pm) to handle matters and administration of our Child Care Center. See Jeff Feikens, chair, if you’d like to be considered.

~**Children’s Ministries:** Our children’s programs are growing! Are you interested in leading a Sunday School class? Playing with babies and toddlers in the nursery? Youth Group? Planning the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Program, or helping anywhere as needed? Plant the seeds of faith in our younger generation! There’s a way for you to be involved a little bit, or a lot! See Michelle Konik to get started.

~**Christian Service:** Chair Martha Ruit is always looking for volunteers to prepare and deliver meals to members.

~**Coffee:** Many hands make light work! All members of North Hills are invited to host coffee hour this Summer. All the directions on how to do so, and the requisite supplies, are in the church kitchen. Get creative! Host the reception outside as weather permits! There will be coffee hour each week there is a volunteer host.

~**Fellowship:** North Hillians don't need an excuse to get together; we just need people to organize all-congregation events that are "just for fun." See chair Melody Huisjen to organize the fun.

~**Grounds:** Adopt a "square inch" (ok, how about a square acre or so?) of North Hills! See Jon Feikens if you'd be willing to tend to a portion of our beautiful campus during the summer months.

~**Nursery:** If you'd like to bounce babies on your knees, or play LEGOS, contact Michelle and she'll happily add you to our nursery schedule.

~**Outreach:** Help inform our community about North Hills Church! Reach out with the love of Jesus in our church's name! See Dan Asma to join.

~**Property:** Don Callihan and team fulfill Work Request forms and love your expertise and help. And you don't have to be able to climb a ladder (though it helps).

~**Technology:** Are you that person who can do anything that "requires technology"? Then see Allie Brown to help maintain and streamline North Hill's electronics.

~**Usher:** You're coming to service anyway, why not show up a little early and help usher? See Worship Chair Muriel Meyerand for details.

~**Welcome Desk:** Take a break from a hard, oak pew and enjoy a Herman Miller cushion during worship! Welcome Desk Volunteers are coming back to attend the front welcome desk. You can still listen in on the service through a way-cool electronic speaker—and there's even a hymnal to use to sing along! Volunteer to the church office.

~**Worship:** Chair Muriel Meyerand ensures that our worship environment is beautiful and meaningful—see her if you'd like to share some of your fresh flowers this summer to celebrate an occasion (or just because).



What's all that noise? And the dust! Coming this summer: Pella windows are replacing all of our old windows. We're in the final phase that will be finished this summer. Thanks again to Don Callihan and Council Liaison Kyle Thompson for the work to see these projects through!

North Hills CRC Staff



Pastor and Kathy Engle



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