

HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE

Time goes in one direction from past to future, which means that our life in the world is a one-time event that cannot be re-done. Like we cannot catch past time passed away, we cannot return what we have said and done in our life. In this regard, we would have regrets in our life because it is for sure we as human beings have made so many mistakes and failures that are irreversible in our life. So, do you want to turn back time to correct something in the past? Unfortunately, that cannot happen. Then, do you think it is too harsh? I sometimes thought that God's providence is too harsh because I thought my life would be much better if I could return the time.

I had a hard time with my mom when I was young. I felt that she has forcefully pushed me to have her way of faith. She had demanded so many things from me, and I was so overwhelmed by my mom. So, I had been often abrupt and antagonizing to her. But, I did not know exactly how hard she was working to find hope and raise her kids in God while my dad was alcoholic and violent. I regretted it a lot after recognizing her heart but could not turn back time.

However, when we think of God's providence about time carefully, we can discover God's grace that seasons wheel around. God gave the Israelites the concept of Jubilee according to Levites 25:8-34, which indicates the 50th year. Jubilee, which means a ram's horn in Hebrew, is the time of blowing the ram's horn to proclaim the joy of freedom. So, it is a year of liberation that comes every 50 years, in which all slaves are set free, all possessions are returned to their original owners, and all lands are laid fallow. It contains the spirit of the kingdom of God. What God wants from us is not to return to the past, but to move forward to change today and the future with hope. Having today that is better than the past and tomorrow that is better than today will be the principle that builds the kingdom of God.

Like the Israelites had Jubilee every 50 years, we have a new year again and again. Spring season comes back after winter every year. God doesn't allow us to return time but help us to have new starting points regularly with reminders through the concept of date, season, and holiday. We cannot change our past but today, tomorrow, and our future from now on to be better.

What we should pay attention to in May and June is probably family. Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June are coming again. I think they are not just given to us only for fun. The meaning of Mother's Day and Father's Day, which are repeated every year, is probably a reminder for us to strive for the restoration of the family in God. On this Mother's Day and Father's Day, you can take life-changing actions that are different from the past, which can turn concerns into gratitude, brokenness into union, and despair into hope in your home.

May you all experience the transformation of your family toward the kingdom of God.

Peace,
Kyu

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th, and we are planning a few surprises for the moms in our congregation! We won't give out all of the secrets just yet, but there is one thing we need all of the moms to help with...

We would love for all moms to wear their favorite apron to church on Mother's Day! After the morning worship service, please attach your church nametag onto your apron, and leave the apron in the church office.

If you do not have an apron that you wish to bring, please feel free to bring a picture, a book, or anything else that, to you, symbolizes being a mother. We will display the aprons and other items in the narthex through the month of May in honor of all of the moms in the church!

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Joyce Frain, who passed away on April 18th.



Please join us in welcoming Mark Welch as our newest member of HUMC. Mark joined our church on April 9th!

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year March 2023:

Giving: \$33,923.86

Designated special offering: \$670

Savings: \$5,000.00

Expenses: \$41,203.09

Shortage: (\$1,609.23)



We do have a positive cash balance. We did have to take \$5,000.00 out of savings in February. Also, we already had to withdraw another \$5,000.00 from saving in April. I am worried about our finances. We can't continue at this rate. We need to look at ways to reduce expenses or increase income.

Please remember you can mail a check into the church or drop one off using the mailbox in the alley. You can give online, looking for the updated link on our Facebook page or you can go to our website at www.havelockumc.org. Of course if you're attending church you can put one in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact me at 402-440-7512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.



Please note that the friendship parlor will be used for the Lincoln city general election polling on Tuesday, May 2nd. FoodNet will be moved to Monday, May 1st at 4:30 pm for this week.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we raised around \$600 for our Lenten offering! This money will be split evenly between Turkey/Syria earthquake relief, and our pastor's discretionary fund.

Saturday, May 6th at 10:30 am, New Covenant Community Church (6000 S 84th St) will host a presentation, featuring a guest speaker who received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox when she was a child in the Dominican Republic. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information!

You may RSVP by calling 402-484-5033.

Camp Chippewa is hosting a variety of summer camps for youth of all ages, as well as some family and adult camps! Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information, or visit their website www.campchippewa.org.

The next
Last Wednesday
Community Supper
will be held on
Wednesday, May 31
from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
This will be a grab-and-go meal.



Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am.



If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512 for delivery or pick-up options. You can also purchase the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall.

Our church receives a percentage of all sales!

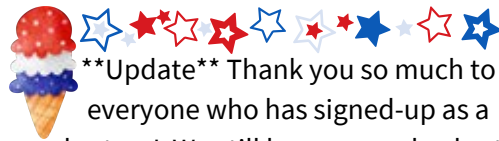


The 2023 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.

**PLEASE KEEP US
UPDATED!**

Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual call, the church office (402-466-6736), Beth Honnen (402-466-5722), or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



****Update**** Thank you so much to everyone who has signed-up as a volunteer! We still have several volunteer spots left, so please make sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet on the welcome center by May 21st!

Summer will be here before we know it, and the Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this year's 4th of July party. We need help to make sure we can give everyone the best experience possible! Contact Luetta Sinner with any questions.

**RETREAT
OPPORTUNITIES**

The Nebraska Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis Community ministries, sponsored by the Upper Room, have some retreat opportunities this summer!

- June 1st - June 4th: Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights
- August 3rd - 6th: Men's Walk to Emmaus
- August 10th - 13th: Women's Walk to Emmaus

Registration and details can be found at:
nebraskachrysalis.org
nebraskawalktoemmaus.org

May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>BEST MOM EVER</p> <p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 Trustees 5:00 pm AA</p>	<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Lincoln City General Election 8:00 am</p>	<p>SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm</p>		<p>AA 7:00 pm</p>	
<p>*Mother's Day*</p> <p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm AA</p>	<p>AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Priscilla Circle 8:30 am Ad Council 6:00 pm</p>		<p>AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Esther Circle 8:30 am at Panera</p>
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Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"