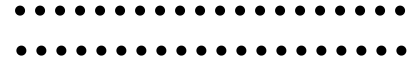


# HAVE-O-GRAM



Dear Friends,

## *LOVING PRESENCE*



As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it's remarkable to pause and reflect on where we've been and where we're going. For many of us, the past year may have been a challenging journey—marked by loss, health struggles, broken relationships, or financial difficulties. Perhaps you found yourself exhausted, overwhelmed, or weighed down by pain and despair.

But here's the truth: we don't have to remain bound by the burdens or traumatic memories of the past. The concept of Jubilee, introduced in the book of Leviticus, offers us a profound message of hope and renewal.

Jubilee, or *Jobel* in Hebrew, meaning "the sound of a horn," represents a year of liberation and restoration. Every 50 years, the trumpet would sound, announcing freedom for the enslaved, the return of possessions to their rightful owners, and the fallowing of the land (Leviticus 25:10). This ancient practice reflects the spirit of God's kingdom—a radical celebration of renewal, justice, and restoration.

As Leviticus 25:23 reminds us:

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me, you are but aliens and tenants." In essence, Jubilee teaches us that everything we have is a gift from God. Our lives, our time, and even our hardships are woven into His divine plan of liberation and restoration.

Entering a new year is like stepping into a modern-day reminder of Jubilee. It's an invitation to release the shackles of the past, to let go of fear and worldly pressures, and to embrace the restoration God promises. While the weight of last year may still linger, this new beginning allows us to experience God's healing and grace afresh.

Imagine this year as an opportunity to walk in the freedom of God's blessings, leaving behind the wounds of the past. Not only are we called to enjoy this liberation, but as Christians, we are also invited to extend it to others—to help them experience God's healing, hope, and restoration.

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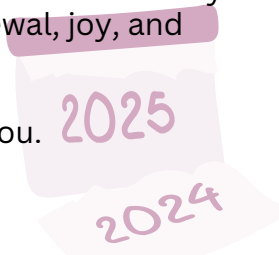
Take heart in the words of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus declared, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:21). And through Him, we have the strength to overcome struggles and embrace the freedom He offers.

So, as we move into this new year, let us step forward with hope, courage, and faith. Let us trust in God's restoration for ourselves and extend that same hope to others.

May this year be a Jubilee for you – a time of renewal, joy, and peace.

Peace be with you.  
Your friend,  
Kyu



# FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES – TREASURER

Financial Update thru November 2024:

Giving: \$116,563.44  
Savings: \$33,552.38  
Total: \$150,155.82  
Expenses: \$150,225.65  
Difference: (69.83) shortage



Note, all bills were paid for November. We are very close on having enough money to make month end payroll at the end of December. I am currently \$2,050.00 short, so we need to bring that in the next two Sundays.

We have paid \$200.00 towards our Mission Shares, but \$18,920.00 is the total due. I know this is way short and not something the conference likes. We did not have to pay gas this month as we have a credit balance, so that was a nice surprise. We have the credit due to being on the budget plan.

We do have \$3,076.13 in our Mutual Funds, which I can draw from if necessary and group approval from the Finance Committee.

I do want to thank people who have been stepping up and giving more money, it is much appreciated.

I would like to remind people to turn in their pledge cards for 2025 giving.

The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 29th from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This will be a grab-and-go meal.



Please join us for coffee and refreshments every Sunday:

- In the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am
- In the narthex immediately following our morning worship service



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 2025 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.

# THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who purchased candy and/or made a donation for the Children's Sunday School fundraiser. 84 boxes of candy were sold! Please watch the bulletin insert for the total proceeds given back to the church. Thank you again for your generous support!!



## ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE – 2025

- If you have not already done so, please complete a 2025 annual stewardship pledge card. This helps our Finance team determine our budget for the upcoming year.
- Pledge cards are on the welcome center, or you may contact the church office if you would like one mailed to you. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate each Sunday, or returned to the church office.
- Thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

**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) or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.



**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY - SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY - JANUARY 19, 2025**  
We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers, and programs that work with at-risk teens.



This year we collected 1 pair of sweatpants, 14 pairs of socks, 4 pairs of gloves, 44 pairs of mittens, 4 hat/glove sets, and 24 hats for the children of the Head Start program. We wish to thank everyone who donated items to this worthy program.



We will have our January Young Adults Gathering on Sunday, January 19th at 12:00 pm in the friendship parlor. Please bring a potluck dish to share and join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome!



Our church will be hosting a Nebraska Community Blood Bank blood drive on Wednesday, January 15th and Thursday, January 16th. Please contact the NCBB at 402-486-9414 to schedule an appointment.

We still have cookbooks available! These would make great gifts for upcoming graduations, Mother's Day, birthdays, or "just because"! Please see Sandy Carlson or Nancy King-Gardner if you have any questions. All proceeds will go to the church general budget. Pricing: 1 cookbook = \$10 --- 2 or more cookbooks = \$9 each!

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Beginning in January, the Lincoln Animal Ambassadors group will utilize our church library for some of their meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Pati Hughes. Stay tuned for upcoming 2025 dates for our Mahoney Manor Breakfast ministry!			1 1	2 Animal Ambassadors Meeting 6:00 pm	3 AA 7:00 pm	4
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Why was the telephone late for work on January 1?  
It was busy ringing in the new year!

Why is New Year's a slice of bread's least favorite holiday?  
It has to make a toast!

The church office will have limited hours from December 23rd - January 5th. Regular office hours resume on Monday, January 6th. Email and voicemail will be monitored periodically during this time. Please contact Jamie with any questions. Thank you!