

**ALL CHURCH**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-DECEMBER 17:** Between 9:30 and 11:00 services:

1. To act upon the nominating committee's recommendations for the new class of elders and deacons.
2. To act on Deena Candler's request of resignation as Associate Pastor effective December 31, 2017 in order to become Interim Pastor of West Hills Church effective January 1, 2018.

**COMMUNION CHANGE:** Communion for December will be the second Sunday, Dec. 10, due to the Intergenerational Christmas Program and **one service** at 10:00 a.m.

**DID YOU KNOW?** You can read "The Window" newsletter, see the weekly bulletins, and listen to a past sermon ALL on our website? Great information on events available. Check it out at: [www.whcomaha.org](http://www.whcomaha.org)

**FAITH PROMISE PLEDGE 2018**

How has West Hills touched your heart?

What would be missing if West Hills was not part of your story?

How has West Hills made a difference in your *journey with the living Christ*?

**2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** We received another five "faith promises" in week three bringing our total to \$705,743 pledged with 174 faith promises returned so far. Historically, 92% of our pledge total has come in during the first three weeks. Please prayerfully consider returning your faith promise in the upcoming weeks to enable West Hills to do the exciting work God has set before us in 2018.

**NOVEMBER OPERATING FUND REPORT**

**ATTENDANCE**  
11-26-17

**COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR:**

	as of Nov. 30th	as of Nov. 19th		
	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	over/(under)	
	Actual	Actual	Prior Year	
Revenues	\$ 1,037,605	\$ 961,136	\$ (76,469)	8:15 31
Expenses	\$ 1,217,596	\$ 1,134,886	\$ (82,710)	9:30 190
surplus/(deficit)	\$ (179,991)	\$ (173,750)		11:00 65
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>286</b>

**COMPARED TO BUDGET:**

	as of Nov. 30th	as of Nov. 19th		
	2017 YTD	2017 YTD	over/(under)	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Revenues	\$ 1,164,678	\$ 961,136	\$ (203,542)	8:15 38
Expenses	\$ 1,292,357	\$ 1,134,886	\$ (157,471)	9:30 210
surplus/(deficit)	\$ (127,679)	\$ (173,750)		11:00 96
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>344</b>

Questions? Please contact Mike Alfieri @ (402) 391-8788 ext. 1008

Contact for all Elders - [session@whcomaha.org](mailto:session@whcomaha.org)

Congregational Relations Committee - [crc@whcomaha.org](mailto:crc@whcomaha.org)

Please submit your questions to the CRC, using the email above.

**ARE YOU NEW? NEWER?**

**GLAD YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!**

If you are visiting West Hills for the first time, or maybe you have been coming for a few Sundays but haven't connected yet, stop by the Welcome Center in Geneva Lounge after services. We would love to meet you and share a little more about West Hills.

**THIS WEEK**

- SUN 12-03** **Intergenerational Christmas Program-Light Refreshments to follow.**  
Familia De Dios (FDD) Service: 2p  
Next Gen Worship: 7p
- MON 12-04** BSF: (Women's Bible Study Fellowship): 6:25p  
AA Group: 8p
- TUE 12-05** Men's Bible Study: (open) 6:30a  
Worship Team: 6p
- WED 12-06** Choir: 6:30p  
Next Gen Band Rehearsal: 8:00p
- THU 12-07** Women's Bible Study: 9:15a  
Women's Leadership Team: 12p  
Al-Anon: 12p  
**Good News Bears Wrapping Party: 5:45p**  
Financial Peace: 6:30p  
Capernaum: 7p (special needs high school group)
- FRI 12-08** **InterVarsity Progressive Dinner: 7p**  
Al-Anon: 7p  
AA Group: 7:30p
- SAT 12-09** FDD dinner: 5p  
Omaha Community Chorus Concert: 6p (open to public)  
Arabic Christian Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.
- SUN 12-10** Childcare: (infants - 3 yrs.) 9:10a - 10:30 & (infants - 4 yrs.) 10:45a-12p  
Children's (4 yrs. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School): 9:15a  
Next Gen (6th-8th grades): 9:30a  
**Chili & Caroling** (see announcement)  
Familia De Dios (FDD) Service: 2p  
Next Gen Worship: 7p

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**GLORIA**  
**IN EXCELSIS DEO**

*Procesional: "Gloria"*

Next Gen Children, Chancel Choir, Praise Band & Praise Team

Welcome & Invocation

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*  
Acappella Choir & Children

Advent Candle Lighting

Brenton & Christina Pyle and family

During Advent we are invited to open ourselves to God's seeking, active Spirit. Like Mary, we ponder what God says to us in scripture.

The busyness of the world is stilled; we pay attention, trust in God's promises, and wait together in joyful anticipation.

The four candles, three purple and one pink, placed around the wreath with a white Christ candle in the center of the circle symbolizes the second coming of God's Son, Emmanuel, the Prince of peace.

Week One of Advent is "Hope."  
Keep awake. Stay alert. The kingdom of God is near.

**(The response: "We are God's partners in hope.")**

L- The days are surely coming when God will fulfill the promise.  
**(response)**

L- A righteous branch will spring up and will bring forth justice.  
**(response)**

L- Stand up. Raise your hands. Your redemption is drawing near.  
**(response)**

L- As we light this first candle, the candle of "hope," may we be partners in hope, witnesses to the promise that hope is coming... it is being born into the world. Amen!  
Jeremiah 33:14 and Luke 21:25-36

*Glory to God in the Highest*

Michael Johnson, Jessica Scheopner & Next Gen Youth

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*Mary's Little Boy Child*  
Male Quartet by Larry Wright

*Vivaldi's "Gloria"*

Chancel Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

*Unto Us*

Praise Team, Praise Band, Orchestra

*Sing a Song of Christmas*

Chancel Choir, Congregation, Praise Team, Praise Band & Orchestra

Pastoral Blessing

Pastor Bill Bowers

*"Gloria" (Reprise)*

Chancel Choir, Congregation, Praise Team, Praise Band & Orchestra



# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DEC. 3 10:00 AM

## Next Gen Children

Jennifer Allen	Andrew Gollehon	Hazel Sauer
Nathan Anderson	Tomas Gollehon	Ruby Sauer
Seth Anderson	Tim Johnson	Catherine Scheopner
Cristian Barboza	Emily Lenart	Jonathan Scheopner
Olivia Barboza	Matthew Lenart	Carson Stoffel
Aaliyah Burns	Johnny McClaren	Colton Stoffel
Zayne Dozier	Susie McClaren	Kennedy Stoffel
Zoe Dozier	Calvin O'Hare	Lauren Vanhessche
Zayanna Dozier	Graham Papenfuss	Nicholas Vanhessche
Beckett Dunn	Milla Papenfuss	Luke Weller
Jayden Fernen	Braxton Pyle	Corinne Wenck
Luke Freeman	Jude Pyle	Grace Wenck
Julianne Gill	Simeon Pyle	Haley Wohlgemuth

**Thank You for helping the children prepare to show and tell about the good news of Jesus' birth.**

Luke Burns, Carolyn Collins, Linda Gadwood, Renee Johnson, Kathy Leach, Laura Meyers, Jack and Judy Pagel, Jason, William, and Juliana Scheopner, Kim and Sarah Sedivy, Steve and Mary Beth Seyler, Doug Thomas, Laressa Tromler, Cathy Voshell, and Diane Woodworth

<b>Sopranos</b>	<b>Altos</b>	<b>Tenors</b>	<b>Basses</b>
Myrtle Heise	Julie Burgess	Robert Hilkemann	Stan Owens
Meri Hoover	Patti Gatzke	Tom Backer	Bill Spiecker
Liz Etchison	Laurayne Hall	David Rod Gibb	Kevin Wagaman
Ida Jackson	Jane Loeck	Dan O'Reilly	Larry Wagner
Jen McClaren	Priscilla Powell	Stan Parker	Lloyd Woodworth
Trink Traudt		William Scheopner	

## Vivaldi Gloria Soloists and Guest:

Laudamus Te (Duet)	Meri Hoover & David Rod Gibb
Domine Dei	Meri Hoover
Agnus Dei	Liz Etchison

<b>Praise Band</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Praise Team</b>
Luke Burns	Steve Burgess	Matt Huck	Julie Burgess
Steve Dostal			Jane Loeck
Ayden Larson			Jen McClaren
Kathy Leach			Stan Parker
Walt Jones			

## Orchestra Members

<b>1st Violins</b>	<b>2nd Violins</b>	<b>Cello</b>	<b>Oboe</b>
David Neely (Principals)	Mary Amador	Holly Stout	Theresa Fletcher
Linda Autenrieth	Christine Brown		
Steve Kelley	Mary Siref	<b>Trumpets</b>	
		<b>Viloa</b>	Dave Fletcher
		Lise Neilson	Sarah Short

**Thank You to all those who shared their musical gifts and talents.**

## CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

### NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

#### CHILDREN

#### CHILDREN'S GREETING AND SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED:

Do you have a smile to share? Would you like to welcome kids and their families to West Hills? We would like to add two people to our Sunday morning team to greet families and check children in and out beginning in January. This team serves from 8:55-10:40 a.m., so it is convenient to worship at either of the other services. Please contact Jessica with questions, to sign on, or to join this team as a substitute.

**Save those empty water bottles!** Next Gen Children's needs your clean, dry water or soda bottles for craft projects. Please include the lids if possible. Thank you!

#### YOUTH

**NEXT GEN CHRISTMAS PARTY:** All Next Gen Youth and College students are invited to come to our Next Gen Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a gift card exchange - please bring a five dollar gift card to ANYWHERE wrapped in a unique and cool way. We will also be sharing our favorite Christmas Cookies; please bring a dozen cookies to share. You will take home the same number you bring or more. Remember it's Christmas so of course, Christmas Sweaters are encouraged!

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Hospitalized:** Sherry Heldt- discharged.

**This week's families to pray for are;** Jenny Anderson, Jocelyn Anderson, Joel & Nancy Anderson, Joel Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Paul Anderson, Angie Arner, and Kerry Ault.

If you have a concern or prayer need, the **Stephen Minister** will pray with you after the service in the quiet room. If you would like to speak to a Stephen Minister during the week, call Cathy Voshell, 402-933-9095.

**Chancel flowers** are provided today by Julie and Steve Burgess and Jana Prescott in celebration of our church family at West Hills Church in the great expectation that in this season of Advent, God will be with us. It is his name: Emmanuel!

**Prayer Chain:** Shirley Nelson; 402-391-8370 or shurlnelson@gmail.com

Carolyn Collins; 402-331-7481 or carolyn4nu@aol.com

#### Prayer Pager Ministry

**Pager #1** - phone # 402-271-1053 (congregational pager): This week we are praying for Lisa Harrison and the Nominating Committee. Prayers that this committee will always seek God's will in what is best for West Hills Church. Prayers for all who have accepted the new positions of deacons and elders, and for those still deciding.

**Pager #2** - phone # 402-271-1155 (staff pager): This week's staff member to pray for is Bill Bowers, Bridge Pastor.

\*When you've prayed for one of these people, dial the corresponding phone number. After the beep, press 1 2 3 # and hang up. You will NOT be called back. Thank you!

**PRAYER REQUEST?** Please use the YELLOW prayer cards in the pew racks. Place request in offering plate or in the box on the small table in the corner of Geneva Lounge.

**Men's Game Day - Mark Your Calendars! January 20, 2018 @ 7:30 A.M.**

**You won't want to miss this exciting event for guys of all ages!**

**Have "GAME" you would like to donate? Contact Bob Drake 402-639-3701.**

## ALL CHURCH



**CHILI AND CAROLING:** Sign up today in Geneva Lounge for this West Hills tradition immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Enjoy a simple meal and then share the Good News of Jesus' birth through song with members of our West Hills family who are experiencing special challenges this season. Everyone is welcome to join in. All that's needed is a hearty appetite and a joyful heart!

## CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD

### CHRISTMAS GIVING

This year's featured giving opportunities for our mission partners includes:

Maliarette, Haiti / The 410 Bridge - Foundations for Farming

Westgate Elementary School - Christmas gift sponsorship

Abide - Toys for the Better Together Christmas Store

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Progressive Dinner



View the "Christmas Give & Go Catalog" for more information AND visit our display in Geneva Lounge by December 10



• provide appetizers

• provide desserts

• greeter

• table host

• set up

• clean up

Sign-up in Geneva Lounge and join us for this holiday opportunity to show the extravagant love of Jesus with area college students.

Contact Kathy Padilla for info. [padillakathy@hotmail.com](mailto:padillakathy@hotmail.com) or 402-321-8215

**HY-VEE RECEIPTS:** We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts to support the Omaha Street School. For every \$1000 in receipts OSS receives \$5. They must be dated between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31. Place your receipts in the white drawers on the north end of Geneva Lounge.