

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 29, 2018

Greetings to you, beloved of God, this last Sunday of April.

One of the privileges of those who have been adopted into God's family through faith is joining together with the brethren in worship of our awesome Creator.

As we collectively unite before Him, let each of us be personally open and receptive to His Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We want you to know that each visitor is a welcome guest and we are honored that you took time to worship with us today.

## Construction at Southwest Entrance

The southwest entrance will be under construction from Wednesday, May 2, through Wednesday, May 9.

If you park on the south side, plan to enter the church under the small canopy.

A crew is coming to remove the outside doors before the demolition begins. The concrete and bricks will be removed and a new concrete plaza will be put down.

Entrance to Sound Words and the print shop will be available



*Bricks and concrete at southwest entrance are deteriorating and will be replaced soon.*

from inside the building.

## Graduating Seniors

Our graduating high school seniors will be recognized tonight. Be praying for these young men and women as they make decisions over the coming months. May they seek God's will and direction for their lives.

## Q & A Tonight

Gil will host a Q & A tonight at Sunday Night Church. The evening will begin with hymns and spiritual songs, followed by an introduction of our graduating seniors. The teaching hour will be driven by your questions.

# Spiritual Illumination

Rob Schmidt

## (1 Cor 2:11-16)

One of the blessings of being a New Testament believer is the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The moment we repent of our sins and trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our lives. That truth has several implications, but one that believers quickly realize is that the words of Scripture take on new clarity and significance.

God has made Himself known to mankind through general revelation and special revelation. General revelation refers to God making Himself known through the created world.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made (Rom. 1:20).

Special revelation refers to God's personal communication with mankind. The Bible contains all of God's special revelation that is available to us today.

The Bible is not like any other book. It contains spiritual truths. A person who has not believed in Christ does not have the Spirit, so he is not able to fully comprehend the truths of Scripture.



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But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised (1 Cor. 2:14).

The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God because He is God. The same Holy Spirit who indwells each believer helps us to understand Scripture.

...the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. ...we have received... the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God... (1 Cor. 2:11-12).

The Holy Spirit illuminates the truths of God's Word so we can understand His special revelation

to us. God's Word can then perform its work within us — teaching us about sin and godliness, revealing knowledge of God's character, preparing us for service, explaining God's past dealings with man, and revealing what lies ahead in the future.

God has spoken to mankind through the Scriptures and He has given His Spirit to believers so they can understand it. The author of Scripture lives within the believer to explain what He has written! That knowledge makes

a tremendous difference in our lives. We are changed from the inside out.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Cor. 5:17).

That's something to be thankful for! The ministries of Indian Hills Community Church provide many opportunities to learn God's Word. Get involved and let the Spirit teach you!

## 2018 Senior High Graduates



2018 senior high graduates, left to right: Caitlyn Hedrick, Luke Pelton, Jessica Papke, Zach Schroer, Emery Dowding, Sydney Marra, Hannah Ganshorn, Jared Bennett, Carianne Hermanson. Missing from photo: Anita Letyayeva, and Jessica Wheat.

# Girls of Grace Camp

Gale Engle

Girls of Grace Camp will be held May 25-28 at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp, north of Aurora. Camp registration begins today (April 29) in the south lobby.



*Aaron and Heather Terry*

Tyler Morten will be teaching the Bible lessons with a focus on Forever Friends.

“The girls will also have a daily spiritual lesson in their cabins with the cabin leader,” Heather said. “That study will focus on being a godly friend.” On top of that, the girls will have a devotional each evening in their cabin, which may be a testimony or an encouraging talk by one of the leaders.

As camp directors, Aaron and Heather Terry encourage all girls going into third through sixth grade to attend camp.

“Sixth grade girls have an extra treat this year as they may also attend junior high camp,” Heather said.

According to Aaron, camp is a lot of fun. “We have canoeing, paddle boating, swimming in the pool, swimming in the lake with water toys, kayaking, fishing, archery, crate stacking, climbing the rock wall, and flying (in a harness) on the zip line.”





“We are taking a van with a trailer and several of the leaders will drive,” Aaron said. “We will leave from the church on Friday, May 25, at noon and return on Monday, May 28 at noon.”

In addition to our IHCC girls, LeMars Bible Church is bringing ten girls and a couple leaders.



“Camp is a great opportunity for our girls to develop godly friendships with like-minded friends,” Heather said. “They grow in their walk with the Lord, and have fun together.”

The cost of camp is \$125 for each camper. Bake sales throughout the year helped offset the cost.

“The camp food is good,” Aaron said. “They have fruit at every meal and a salad with lunch and dinner. The leaders will provide fruit and other healthy snacks in between meals.”

A talent show is held Sunday night and each cabin presents its own skit. The girls figure out their talent and develop a skit with the help of their junior leaders. The adult and junior leaders also present a skit at the talent show.

“The girls also have fun with traditional camp songs like *Elbows on the Table*, *The Announcement Song*, or *What Are They Going to Do for the Fourth Graders?*” Heather said. “The girls decorate their cabins with streamers, lights, and have room inspections every day.”

The last night of camp is a special night for the sixth graders. This year they will have ice cream sundaes and a fun activity in honor of their last year at camp.

***Camp registration begins today in the south lobby.***





Austin Rugh was baptized April 22, 2018, and said:

“The realization that I was completely helpless, a sinner, and in need of a Savior came in fourth grade at the age of 10. It became clear that my actions had eternal consequences and the only hope I had was trusting that Christ paid my penalty on the cross.

I hold this to be true because my life became guided by God’s desire instead of my own. Prayer and love for others occupied my mind rather than the misguided pride of a ten-year-old and I was making decisions to please God.

“The struggle I ran into was identifying if I was truly saved or if I was living the only lifestyle I knew. I grew up in a Christian home and attended Indian Hills since I could breathe. Not only was I surrounded by church, but I attended a Christian school all through elementary and middle school. The passage that concerned me was Matthew 7:21-23:

Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not

prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?” And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”

“To hear of someone who lived their whole life, fully convinced of salvation, only to be turned away, terrified me. I decided to attend a public high school where I wouldn’t blend in and I would have the opportunity to be a light and truly test myself.

“Public high school made it very obvious that I was different than the world. But I still wasn’t convinced of my salvation. It wasn’t until college when we studied 1 John that I was able to find key attributes in my life that convinced me of my salvation.

John talks about the supernatural way a believer loves and cares for another believer. Something that I always thought to be normal was actually a God-given gift. I was able to recognize that it was God who provided me with this desire and not a lifestyle that was passed on.

“Christ died for me, a sinner who did not deserve anything but eternal hell. But thanks to his grace, we have the opportunity to spend eternity with him.

All we need to do is place our faith in Christ, His work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. If we truly believe this, our lives will begin to reflect Christ in our hearts and actions.”



Sydney Rugh was baptized April 22, 2018, and said:

“I was born into a Christian home to two, amazing, loving, god-fearing parents. From as early as I can recall, my parents spoke of my need for a Savior and demonstrated what a relationship with Christ looks like.

“We attended church on Sundays and all the various activities that went on throughout the week. I enjoyed the social aspect of church and I took pride in knowing all the right answers. I assumed I was saved, but I never thought too much about what it truly meant to be a believer and have a relationship with Christ.

“When I was in eighth grade my parents made the decision to leave the church I grew up in and start attending Indian Hills. This was a decision I was not happy about. I would come to church on Sundays and Wednesdays but I often had a bad attitude and didn’t make much of an effort to be friendly to anyone.

“I lived my life going through the motions and saying all the right things. In 2010 my parents told me I would be going to camp with the high school group, yet another decision I was not happy about, but

I had no choice.

Much to my surprise, I was actually enjoying the trip and having fun with my peers. I noticed a difference in some of the students around me. They actually looked forward to the lessons and their love for the Lord was evident in everyday conversation.

“I felt convicted but my pride got in my way. I didn’t want to acknowledge that all this time I was faking it, even though in my heart I knew something was missing. I sat through lessons, small groups, and others sharing their testimony, trying to ignore the tugging on my heart, but it wouldn’t go away. The Holy Spirit was convicting me.

“It wasn’t until the end of a lesson, when the teacher challenged us on our relationship with God that I realized my total depravity and worthlessness without Christ. For as long as I can remember I knew that Christ humbled Himself and came to Earth to pay for my sin, but I never dwelt on what that meant. And now I have the free gift of spending eternity with Him (Psalms 16:11).

“I spoke with a sponsor after that lesson and asked Christ into my heart that night. Returning home from camp I remember being excited to get plugged in at church and to start growing in a sincere relationship with God. I no longer focus on how my behavior looks to other people, but on the hidden person of the heart; striving to ensure my true thoughts, motives, and desires are ones that will be pleasing to the Lord.”

## Family News

**Hospitalized.** Deanna Downey was a patient at the Nebraska Spine Hospital.

**Thank You.** As we approach the one-year anniversary of the adoption of our daughter, Lucie, we wanted to thank everyone who has come alongside us through this journey! We know so many of you have prayed for us and for her. You have taught her, loved her, and loved and supported us. Your prayers and support of our family have meant so much to us. We praise the Lord for all He has done for us through the church body. Thank you—Adam & Jennifer Lenzen & family

## Children's Studies

**Children's Sunday School.** The children reviewed recent lessons.

**Children's Church.** The children studied Numbers 13–14 and learned that Israel rejected God's plan. The lesson goal is to respond in faith to our faithful God.

## Information

**Girls of Grace Camp.** Stop by the table in the south lobby and get your daughter registered for camp. Girls' camp will be held May 25–28. Registration will be held April 29, May 6, and 13. Registration deadline is May 13.

**Potluck Today** for Section E. Section E is directly north of the sound booth; it is also where Duane and Cathie Leach sit. If you sit in this section, please come to the Family Center after the morning worship service and enjoy some fellowship and a great meal.

**VBS Supply Closet** is open. It is located in the unfinished area just north of the elevator on the second floor. Please let Michelle Pietzyk know if you have any questions or requests.

**VBS Crafts.** We need empty foil, wax, and plastic wrap boxes. Our kids will be transforming them into fun periscopes. Boxes can be dropped off now through June 10 at the north or south information desks.

**Gardening** in the church flower beds begins each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the south parking lot. Tools and gloves are provided. Bring water and a hat.

**Rainout Gardening.** When Wednesday gardening gets rained out, workers meet on Thursday at the same time they were scheduled to work on Wednesday. If you would like to help on a rainout Thursday, please come! Tools and gloves are provided.

**Jacket Found.** A size 3T North-face jacket was found in the Wee Care Park. If you lost one, please check in the Media Center's Lost and Found.



**One person** is needed to share the position of nursery coordinator during the Sunday school hour. Each coordinator would work three months, then have three months off. For more information, call Stephanie Dowding, 402-416-9868.

**Boys of Faith** campout will be held May 4–6. All first through sixth grade boys and their fathers are invited. Cost is \$14. Registration is due May 2. Contact Jonathan Goodding with questions: 402-326-8505; bof@ihcc.org

**Vegetable Plants for Sale.** The Girls of Grace ministry will again be selling tomato and pepper plants, along with some other vegetables and flowers, starting Sunday, May 6. All donations go toward Girls of Grace camp costs.

**Ladies! Did you attend Intermision?** Please check the serving spoon you went home with. One of our ladies is missing a plain square-handled, slotted serving spoon. It says Community Stainless on the back. If you find it, please contact Merrily Bailey, 402-730-7617 call/text; or Micki Arbuck, 402-570-6146.

**Titus Tuesday** is on break until September.

**Weekly Outings.** Join us Tuesday, May 1, and meet other moms, grandmothers and kids at Pioneers Park and Nature Center (it's Free!) from 9–11 a.m. In case of rain, we'll go to Morrill Hall Museum and Planetarium from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, May 1, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**Cubbies Awards Night** is Wednesday May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Sparks/T&T Awards** will be presented Wednesday, May 9 at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**The Great Awakenings** of the Americas meets on Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in room 1414. Donald Goertzen is the teacher. Everyone high school age and older is welcome. Cookies and coffee top off the evening.

**Door 2 Door Evangelism** (in the neighborhoods of Lincoln) meets each Monday at 6:15 p.m., weather permitting. Meet at the north entrance of IHCC (by the security desk). Everyone is welcome to attend. If you've never been out before, we will pair you up with someone who has experience and you can learn by observing. If the weather looks unpredictable, please check the church website, [www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org), for instructions.

## Last Week's Message

April 22 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2039. *True and Righteous Judgment.* Revelation 16:1-7

April 22 PM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1180. *God's Purpose for His Church*, Part 2. Selected Verses

## This Week's Events

### Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.  
Senior Recognition  
Senior Banquet  
Boys of Faith 6:00 p.m.  
Girls of Grace 6:00 p.m.  
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

### Monday

Door to Door Evangelism 6:15 p.m.  
Pickleball 6:45–9:00 p.m.  
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Titus Tuesday on break  
until September  
Weekly Outings (Pioneer Park)  
9:00–11:00 a.m.  
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

### Wednesday

Flower Garden Workers 10:00 a.m.  
Girls' Choir 5:00 p.m.  
Praise Team, Band 6:00 p.m.  
Orchestra 6:00 p.m.  
Awana 6:45 p.m.  
Cubbies Award Night 7:00 p.m.  
Junior High Study 7:00 p.m.  
Issues . . . World 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
on break until September

### Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

### Friday

Boys of Faith Spring Campout  
JHAM Friday Night Live

### Saturday

Boys of Faith Spring Campout

## Future Events

### May 6

Girls of Grace Plant Sale

### May 9

Awana Award Night  
Sparks/T&T 6:45 p.m.

### May 13

Mother's Day  
Boys of Faith Last Night Cookout

### May 25–28

Girls of Grace Camp

### May 28

Memorial Day  
Church Building Closed

### June 3

Communion

### June 17

Father's Day

### June 18–22

Vacation Bible School

### June 26

JHAM Worlds of Fun Trip

### June 27–July 1

Senior High Camp

### July 4

Independence Day  
Church Building Closed

### July 15

Communion

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