

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 5, 2017

Hospitality Meeting Today at 7:30 p.m. in Bible Learning Center

Hospitality Is for Everyone

Gale Engle

All believers are commanded to show hospitality. “Let love of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:1, 2).

According to Dictionary.com, hospitality means: 1. the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers, and; 2. the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.

“Hospitality was crucial in Old and New Testament days,” Pastor Aaron Nicholson said, “and involved inviting a stranger in for a meal and providing a place to stay.”

Hospitality involves sharing what you have with someone else. “Through the ministry of hospitality, we share the things we value most: family, home, financial resources, food, privacy, and time. In other words, we share our lives.”¹

“We are not called to live in a holy huddle,” Aaron said. “Practicing hospitality is basic to the



Pastor Aaron Nicholson leads the Hospitality Ministry

Christian life. We practice hospitality because there’s an opportunity for us to serve others and to please the Lord. We don’t know what kind of impact we will have when we are friendly to guests and strangers.”

Our natural tendency is to neglect hospitality, but God has given us the responsibility to be hospitable at all times, not just at Christmas and Easter. Also, Scripture tells us to minister to both believers and unbelievers.

“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith” (Galatians 6:10).

Of course, we are commanded to exercise judgment in everything

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we do. We must use discernment in our interactions with others. There are times when it would not be prudent to invite a stranger to our home. Thankfully, there are many other ways to exercise hospitality.

We can be friendly at the grocery store or department store. With a little effort, we can ask the stranger behind us in the checkout aisle about their day, with the goal of glorifying God. That is the way we love people to Christ.

Friendliness comes more naturally to some than others, but we are all commanded to show hospitality.

The danger of having an official Hospitality Ministry is that people think “others are doing those things, so I don’t have to.” Obviously that is not true since God has given each of us that responsibility.

As head of the Hospitality Ministry, Aaron’s hope is that everyone coming through the doors will be ministered to from entrance to exit. “While our emphasis is on visitors, we do not want to forget our own people. We never know how God will use our love and friendliness in someone’s life. A smile or kind word can make a big difference to a hurting soul.”



Brian Willet manages the week to week operations of the Hospitality Ministry. Pictured with wife, Michelle and son, Asher.

As assistant to Aaron, Brian Willet oversees the week to week operations. Besides helping with the vision for the ministry; he plans schedules, and communicates with greeters, section hosts, and information desk workers.

Practical ways to develop your ministry of hospitality

1. Consider inviting people to your home. Share the things that are most important to you with someone else. Get to know one person (church visitor or member) each month. The time in your home does not have to be fancy; paper plates are okay.
2. Keep an eye out for visitors at church. Invite them to your Home Bible Study. Contribute to a warm, friendly atmosphere at IHCC.
3. Come to the hospitality meeting today (Feb. 5) at 7:30 p.m. in the Bible Learning Center.

We never know what will happen when we obey God’s command to show hospitality. After all, Abraham entertained angels.

1. Alexander Strauch, *Leading with Love*, pg. 99.

Deacon Candidate Galen Pfeiffer

Galen Pfeiffer is presented to the congregation as a candidate for the position of Deacon in the Awana Ministry.



Galen and Kellie Pfeiffer and family

Galen shared his testimony Sunday night, January 29 and said, “I tried to make myself happy with things. Kellie and I had built a house, and I was enjoying my work, but nothing brought true contentment or joy.”

Galen was working as an electrical engineer and often worked

late at the office. Dan McGerr had a custodial contract and came in after hours to clean.

“One night Dan asked me, ‘If you died tonight, would you go to heaven?’ I didn’t answer straight away, but it definitely got me thinking.”

The next door neighbors invited Galen and Kellie to attend a Bible study in their home. “Kellie and I enjoyed getting to know them and the others in the study, and studying the Bible,” Galen said.

After Bible study the gospel became clear to Galen. “I knew I was a sinner and that my sin separated me from God. I also knew He would never let me into His heaven because of my sin.”

Galen turned from his sin and believed in Jesus’ complete work on the cross and His resurrection. Kellie also became a believer in Jesus Christ and the Pfeiffers began attending Indian Hills.

If you have questions or comments regarding Galen’s candidacy, please share them with an elder by February 15.

WINTER INSTRUCTIONS

As cold, snow and ice storms move in, we will try to keep abreast of the weather and road conditions. Church cancellations or delays will be posted on the church website: www.ihcc.org

Ladies Seminar Is Friday, February 24

Worship As a Way of Life

Carrie Smith

Women's Ministries is providing a special evening for the ladies of our church on Friday, Feb. 24.

There will be a lovely dinner in the Family Center catered by Julie Harper and opportunity for visiting with other ladies. There will be singing as we join together in the Bible Learning Center after dinner.

Two lessons will be given by Sheila Abresch and Carrie Smith. They will answer the questions: What is worship? Is it only our time together on Sunday morning? Is worship the same thing as glorifying God? And what are my responsibilities when it comes to worshipping God properly?

We were created to worship God. We hope you join as we consider this important topic. Many of our ladies are currently enjoying an expanded study of worship at

Titus Tuesday. As part of this series, we are looking at some of the perfect attributes of our great God. The more we know Him accurately, the better equipped we are to worship properly. Please join us!

If you are not able to be with us on Tuesdays, the lessons are on the website under "classes" then select "Titus Tuesday." Chris Thomas began this series on November 15. The lessons usually last 30 minutes, making them just the right length to put your mind on something good (Phil. 4:8) while going about the tasks of the day.

Registration brochures are on a table in the south lobby. Completed registration forms will be taken February 5, 12, and 19. Please come (even if you have never come before!) and bring a family member or friend. The evening is interpreted for the deaf. We look forward to our time together!



Ladies Titus Tuesday

"For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15).



Ladies Friday Night Seminar

Friday, February 24

6–9:30 p.m.

**“I Lift Up My Eyes”
Worship As a Way of Life**

**Catered Meal in the Family Center
Seminar in the Bible Learning Center
Interpreted for the Deaf**

Stop by the table in the south lobby to register.

Registration will be held February 5, 12, 19.

All ladies are welcome.

you're invited to

Girls of Grace Mother Daughter Tea

1st-6th grade girls

A Passion for God's Fashion-
Are you wearing His wardrobe?

February 10th 6:30pm

Indian Hills Church - Family Center
1000 S. 84th Street

\$6 per person / \$12 per family
casual attire

RSVP by January 29th

to your Girls of Grace Leader
or Steve or Gail DeRiese

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and
dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12



Men's Retreat 2017

THE REFORMATION

With Dr. Manfred Kober

Friday & Saturday, February 17 & 18

Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska



Martin Luther

Martin Luther and the Reformation

The selling of indulgences was a sign to Luther that the Catholic Church was in opposition to the Bible.

Infuriated by this assault on God's grace, Luther began working on his "95 Theses" (a list of propositions demonstrating errors in the Catholic Church), which sparked the Protestant Reformation.

Stop by the table in the south lobby and get signed up.

Registration ends today, February 5

Bible Resources

The church website (www.ihcc.org) has many resources for the Bible student. We currently have around 2,000 of Gil's messages available as well as messages from other speakers and classes. These messages can be listened to, watched, or downloaded at your convenience.

If you would like to get Bible teaching on your mobile device, download the Sound Words app to your iPhone or Android device. You will have access to a multitude of resources for your personal Bible study.

It is our hope that these study materials will aid you in your study of the Scriptures and bring you to a closer understanding and walk with the Lord.

Family News

Marriage. Karl Nelsen and Lauren Cline were united in marriage January 20, 2017.

New Address. Karl and Lauren Nelsen's new address is 1409 F St. Apt. 11, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Thank You. We would like to thank all in our body who were so supportive of us following Cindy's surgery. A special thank you to Curt Kuster for his hospital visit and prayer. All the calls, texts, cards, flowers, prayers, visits, and delicious food, as acts of brotherly kindness, were such an encouragement and blessing to us.—Brad and Cindy Andreesen

Praise the Lord for such a great surgery report! Thanks for all the prayers, phone calls and cards.—Allen and Madeleine Moser

Hospitalized. Jason Prather was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

Hospitalization. Todd Smith was a patient at the Lincoln Surgical Hospital.

Hospitalization. Dick Kleager was a patient at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Omaha.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Psalm 51 and learned about the repentant heart.

Children's Church. The children studied Acts 3 and learned about

Peter and John preaching the gospel. The lesson goal is to trust in Jesus for salvation.

Information

Cookie Dough. Girls of Grace will be selling Eileen's Cookie Dough on Sundays, February 5, 12 and 19, before and after both morning and evening services. The girls will also be selling industrial strength cookie pans (small and large), as well as ice cream scoops and spatulas. Pickup date for the cookie dough will be on Wednesday, March 8 from 6–8:30 p.m.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, February 7, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

Ladies Titus Tuesday. Join us Tuesday, February 7 at 9:30 a.m. for a wonderful morning of fellowship and learning. Deb Terry will be teaching on *This Must Be the Place* with discussion to follow. Come at 9:15 a.m. for a light brunch.

Wednesday night class. Nearly every day we hear violent Islamic news somewhere in the world, as well as the ongoing claims that Islam is a "religion of peace." Thus, for three Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning February 8, join Lyle Goodenkauf as we investigate the 1,400 years of Islam and the Quran. Our primary purpose is to point out the clear and vivid contrasts between biblical Christianity and Islam. Everyone is welcome.

Issues in Our Contemporary World meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Donald Goertzen is teaching on Eretz Israel. Everyone is welcome.

Nursery Workers are needed for the second hour. Please contact Cheryl Slade, 402-770-3055, if you would like to help.

Nursery Workers are needed Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. Call Stephanie Dowling, 402-416-9868.

Cleaners are needed to vacuum an area of the church once every five weeks. If you would like to help, call Jennifer Gadeken at 402-438-4671.

Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and will sing every other Sunday morning, plus sing for the Easter service. New and veteran singers are welcome.

Hospitalizations. Please call the church, 402-483-4541, and notify Pastor Aaron Nicholson or Curt Kuster of all hospitalizations and births.

Weather Alert. If you are wondering if the church will be open or closed due to the weather, check www.ihcc.org.

Last Week's Message

Jan. 29 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1990.
Truth Mixed with Error Becomes Error. Revelation 2:20-29

Jan. 29 PM. Duane Nelsen. DN 14.
Live and Love in the Truth. 2 John 4-6

Girls' Choir (fourth–twelfth grade) meets on Wednesdays from 5-6:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Nursing Home Door-to-Door Evangelism. If you'd like to help, call Adam Flaugh, 402-310-2070.

Lending Library. Winter is a great time to introduce your kids to the church Lending Library. We have all kinds of books for both children and adults. Consider making this a "reading winter."

Home Bible Studies. If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study in your home, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541.

Teacher Is Needed the first Sunday of every month at the Waterford (south) on South 48th Street. The service starts at 2:30 p.m. and usually is done in 45 minutes. A teacher and song leader are needed on the first Sunday of the month at Country House (70th and O) starting the first Sunday in February. A teacher and song leader are needed at The Arbors in north Lincoln on the fourth Sunday of every month. A teacher is needed the first Sunday at Gramercy Hill. Contact Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com for more information.

Used Book section is available at Sound Words. You may contribute to or make purchases of discounted and hard-to-find books. Our shelves are growing and the stock is constantly changing in both the fiction and non-fiction categories.

This Week's Events

Sunday

Boys of Faith Derby Cars for Sale
Sunday Night Church 6 p.m.
Girls of Grace 6 p.m.
Boys of Faith 6 p.m.
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Sisters 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Mansion Builders 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5 p.m.
Orchestra 6 p.m.
Awana 6:45 p.m.
Junior High 6:45 p.m.
Choir 7 p.m.
Issues . . . World 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Study 7 p.m.
Mansion Builders 7 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Friday

Mother/Daughter Tea 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Boys of Faith Derby Car Workshop

Future Events

February 17, 18

Men's Retreat

February 19

Baptism

February 24

Ladies Seminar 6–9:30 p.m.

February 26

Communion

March 4

Boys of Faith Pinewood Derby

March 8

Cookie Dough Pickup 6–8:30 p.m.

March 12–16

High School Ski Trip

March 28

Intermission (Brunch Break) 9:15 a.m.

April 2

Steve Scheibner Preaching
Boys of Faith Dessert Social

April 14

Good Friday/Communion

April 16

Resurrection Sunday

April 28–30

Boys of Faith Spring Camp

May 25–28

Girls of Grace Camp

July 9–14

High School Camp

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