

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 21, 2017

We are pleased you have joined us this morning and invite you to take part in the many programs and ministries we offer throughout the week. Our mission is to teach the Word, and by God's grace many have come to faith and are growing in their relationship with Him.

Reaching Out in Love

Are you looking for ways to minister to others? As believers, our desire is to serve other people—especially the brethren. However, we may not always be aware of the opportunities around us.

Sometimes ministry opportunities are very simple, like picking up the phone to call someone we want to encourage.

Ministering to others may be as simple as coming to church or the Bible Fellowship Hour a bit early to visit with people and encourage them in their walk with the Lord.

Another simple way to minister is to invite a friend to come with us to an event or to sit with us in church. Ministering to loved ones who are far away, can be as simple as sharing what the Lord is

doing in our life through a letter or e-mail. This is an inexpensive way to keep in touch, and today almost everyone has e-mail.

Reaching out to show we care is not difficult and everyone needs to be encouraged at times. A Bible passage that sums it all up is Hebrews 10:23-25, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but *encouraging one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

The early Christians needed to be encouraged just like we do. Let each of us take the aggressive attitude and prepare for our ministry to others. God can use us in unexpected ways as we prepare our hearts and desire to be sensitive to His leading.

One day in heaven we may be amazed to discover that a pat on the back was exactly what our brother or sister needed to fulfill the work God had for him or her that day.

Have a good week!

Meet Elder Rob Jensen



Rob Jensen, Elder

How did you get saved?

I grew up in the Lutheran church and knew all the Bible stories, but I didn't know what Christ's death and resurrection meant. The gospel made sense to me for the first time when I was 12 years old and saw the Billy Graham film, *Time to Run*. The following week I attended a Lowell Lundstrom crusade and I went forward at the altar call. I was ready to turn from my sins and live for Jesus.

How did you meet your wife?

I met Lynne in high school at Lincoln Christian and got to know her at IHCC in the High School group. We started dating when we were in High School and married in 1984.

Did you know you were called to be an elder?

I was drawn to leadership in the elder realm and was honored when I was asked to consider becoming an elder. I sensed the Lord's leading and after evaluating myself and talking to Bill Becker, I decided to pursue the office of elder.

Why are elder candidates recommended to the congregation?

Although we go through a thorough interview process, it's good to get additional feedback. This process is crucial to reveal hidden sin or character flaws that we are not aware of.

How do you deal with disagreements on the board?

If there is a concern from one member, we shelve the topic for the future. We do not move forward until we have 100% agreement.

How do you deal with sin in the body?

Thankfully, the Word and Holy Spirit convict believers of sin in their lives. When the elders have to get involved and deal with sin, it is a matter of confronting and dealing with it as recorded in Matthew 18:15-20. Working with people caught up in sin is a pro-

cess and battle that requires lots of prayer. It is also a time for rejoicing when a sinner repents.

How do elders shepherd the flock?

A shepherd cares for the sheep. God's children are often referred to as sheep in the Bible. Therefore, the shepherd/elder cares for the sheep/body by teaching the Truth and leading by example.

What have you observed about the elder board?

I have always been amazed at the diversity of strengths we have on the board. The board is a microcosm of the Church, with men who have various gifts, talents, wisdom or experience that is utilized in leading the Church. Where one is weak, another is strong. It's amazing to see how God fills those

roles to manage and shepherd the church.

Will the elders be held accountable for how they led the church?

Yes. Every believer will be judged at the Bema Seat (II Cor. 5:10) but leaders/teachers will be held to a higher standard. Salvation is not an issue at this judgment. This judgment is for rewards that will be given back to the Lord, for His glory. This will be a perfect judgment where all intentions will be taken into account. For example, if pride was involved in a decision, a reward will be lost. This drives me to continually check my motives before the Lord.

Do you have any requests?

It's always good to pray for your elders.

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Heather Willet was baptized May 14, 2017

I grew up in a Christian home and have attended the Hills my entire life. I was involved in every ministry you could be, I was Homeschooled and my dad worked at church.

My life was saturated with the Word and examples of godly living. I had made a profession of faith when I was young, it was my fire insurance policy that had no eternal value.

Just before junior high my dad lost his job at church because of sin in his life. Through this I was privileged to see another great example of godly living. Witnessing how seriously my dad took his sin and how seriously he pursued repentance gave me a whole new practical way to view my sin.

Over the next few years I had a greater guilt over my sin but it wasn't enough to change my heart towards Christ.

I went into high school thinking I could run from my sin, guilt, and doubts about my faith, but that was far from reality.

The first major activity you go to in high school is camp. The theme for the week was the Patience of God. God was having patience with me but if I continued to reject Him He could leave me dead in my sin. At the end of the week I gave my life to Christ after hearing the words to Amazing Grace. He truly did save a wretch like me!

I began to see a real difference in my life, I took my sin seriously before the Lord, I was in no way perfected overnight and I am still far from perfect. But God's grace and finishing work on the cross was finally applied to my life and my chains of sin were gone.

Praise God for His amazing grace.



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Jason Willet was baptized May 14, 2017.

Growing up at Indian Hills, the gospel was taught to me starting at a young age, and I had Christian influences all throughout my life in friends and family.

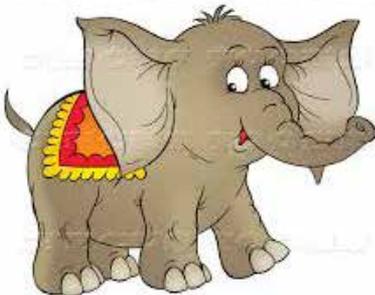
I enjoyed going to church and hearing the stories taught at Sunday School, Awana, and other church activities. I was thoroughly intrigued by the stories of Old Testament Israel, the miracles throughout the New Testament, and the lessons learned, but I did not fully understand the truth of the message.

This instilled in me a head

knowledge of God's Word and that I was a sinner, bound by the world and in need of salvation. I knew I had to ask forgiveness for my sins and accept Jesus Christ as my Savior, but I never truly did until I matured in my understanding of biblical truth.

Around the beginning of my teenage years, my eyes were opened and God drew me to what I had seen my whole life. I saw the love that believers had and the hope they had in trusting God's plan for them. My sin became evident in my life, and I knew I could not do anything to pay the penalty for my sin.

I prayed for salvation and believed in Jesus Christ as my savior. He paid the penalty for my sins on the cross. It is not just by knowledge and going to church that salvation is provided. It is by placing our faith in God, glorifying Him by serving and obeying His Word. God has blessed my life and gave me a loving and caring wife, Heather, and our first child in May of 2016, Hudson.



VBS Decoration Closet is filled and ready for use.

It is located in the unfinished area on second floor.

If you have questions, please text or call Michelle Pietzyk at 402-480-1347.

Sunday Night Church



Come back tonight for Sunday Night Church. Gil will be teaching from Galatians and you will meet people on a more informal basis.

If you are only attending church on Sunday morning, you are missing much of what the ministry offers. As the weeks and years flee by, we need to capitalize on the opportunities God gives us and sometimes that takes discipline. However, looking back in five or ten years (should the Lord tarry) we will surely agree that a little discipline was well worth what we received in return.

A Spiritual Battle Is Brewing *between* **Christianity & Islam**

Presented by **Lyle Goodenkauf**

Wednesdays, May 24, May 31, & June 7 at 7 p.m.

Learn about the 1400-year link with Islam &
current events in the world today

Child care services are not available for this class

Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

Visit the Sunday school coordinator's desk for class locations.

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Acts
Team Taught
Cornerstone House

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Topical Study
Team Taught
Room 1430

Alpha Omega (18-25)

Studying 1 Corinthians
Duane Nelsen Teaching
Room 2311

EDGE

Studying Philippians
Jimmy Pelton Teaching
Rooms 2211

Common Bonds

Studying Acts
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

LOGOS

Studying First Samuel
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

180° Fellowship

Studying Luke
Bill Cooley Teaching
Room 1100 (Chapel)

One Heart

Studying Matthew
Dick Bergt Teaching
Room 1112

LIFE

Studying Matthew
Jim Pelton Teaching
Room 1419

The Father Knows Best

Studying "Taking the Mystery Out of Revelation"
Don Goertzen Teaching
Room 1414

Prime Time (60+ retired)

Studying Life of Samson
Ed Daly Teaching
Room 1417

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. but everyone is welcome to come at 8:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

For more information about any of these classes, contact Duane Nelsen at 483-4541, visit the class, or stop by the information center in the south lobby.

Information Center

We would love to meet you! Please stop by and pick up your visitor/newcomer gift bag. We're located across from Sound Words.

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship" (Romans 12:1).

Family News.

Birth. Stephen and Emily Bede are the parents of a boy, Alec Isaiah, born May 12, 2017. Grandparents are Dennis and Cathy Bede and Richard and Janet Barber.

Birth. Drew and Dani Attanasio are the parents of a boy, Copeland Welles, born May 13, 2017. Grandparents are Dan and Lissa Buhr.



Congratulations to Marvin and Carmen Moser on their 70th wedding anniversary. Marvin and Carmen were married May 25, 1947.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Revelation and learned about the new heaven and new earth.

Children's Church. The children studied Acts 28 and learned about Paul testifying to the gospel in Rome. The lesson goal is to turn to God when we hear the Gospel.

Information

Sound Words Summer Hours. Sound Words will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, before and after morning and evening services. We are now closed on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings through the Labor Day weekend.

Girls & Boys Summer program begins tonight. Now that Boys of Faith and Girls of Faith are done for the summer, boys and girls will sit with their parents in Sunday Night church through the music and then go to the Family Center at 6:30 p.m. Our Alpha Omega group will lead them in music, games and a spiritual lesson. Children can be picked up in the Family Center at 7:30 p.m.

Music Camp begins July 2 and runs through September 3. All first through eighth grade students are welcome. More information to come in following weeks.

Tornado/Spring Storm Alert. Spring is here and with the warmer temperatures we must prepare for the occasional spring storm or tornado.

Kevin Wheat has posted maps (with both fire and tornado escape routes noted) in each of the classrooms. Should an emergency arise, teachers will lead their students to safety using the prearranged route.

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Rainout Gardening. When Wednesday gardening gets rained out, the 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 are provided.

VBS Craft Team needs Pringles, Lays and Baby Puff containers with the lids. Please drop them off at the north or south information desks.

Pickleball meets on Mondays from 7–9 p.m. in the Family Center. Everyone is welcome and every age and ability can play. Questions? Call Vince Ganshorn at 402-440-9640.

VBS Workers Needed. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, call Kathleen Anderson, 402-483-4541. Workers are needed in all areas. Classroom teachers are especially needed.

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

Prescription Glasses are in the Lost & Found, room 2313. Many of the glasses are for children. If you are missing other items, be sure to stop by the Lost & Found in the Media Center.

Gardening meets Wednesday at 1 p.m. If you'd like to help with the church flower gardens, we'd love your helping hands. Experience and green thumbs are not required. We provide the tools. Please come and enjoy the fresh air and fellowship. Meet in the south parking lot.

Substitute Nursery Workers are needed for all three services on Sunday. If you're available for one or all three services, call Stephanie Dowding, 402-416-9868, and she will put you on the list.

Cleaners are needed to vacuum an area of the church once every five weeks. If you would like to help, call Tami Coffin, 402-366-3490.

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 watching and listening.

Last Week's Message

May 14 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2003. *True Worship*. Revelation 4:8-11

May 14 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 2085. *Opposing the Opponents*. Galatians 2:3-5

This Week's Events

Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.
Boys & Girls Summer Music
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Orchestra 6:00 p.m.
Islam vs. Christianity 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Girls of Grace Camp
Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Girls of Grace Camp

Saturday

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Future Events

May 28

Duane Nelsen Preaching AM
Jimmy Pelton Preaching PM

May 29

Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

June 2–5

Girls' Choir Tour

June 9

High School Freshmen Welcome/
Overnighter

June 11

Communion

June 12–16

Vacation Bible School

June 20

High School Worlds of Fun

June 26–29

High School Senior Trip

July 2–September 3

Music Camp

July 4

Independence Day (Offices Closed)

July 9–14

High School Camp

July 30

Communion

August 5–8

Boys of Faith Camp

August 6

Baptism

August 9–12

Junior High School Camp