

Our Shared Identity in the Lord's Supper

Imagine meeting me for the first time on a Sunday morning. We exchange names and begin asking questions to learn about each other. Some of my own identifying marks are that I'm a husband and father, that I serve with a church, and that I'm from Minnesota — a proud Vikings fan, despite our team's well-known Super Bowl drought. These are things that make up who I am, and I celebrate them every chance I get. My family and I mark anniversaries and birthdays, gather to tell the same stories over and over, and when a crisis comes, we draw together. That shared familiarity and intimacy remind us that we are *stronger together*.

Recently, Glenn Hawley preached on the origins of the Lord's Supper in the Jewish Passover Feast. The Passover was celebrated yearly in family homes, where generations gathered to retell how God rescued them from Egypt. Every bite of food, every cup of wine, every prayer and song symbolized their shared faith in God, their Redeemer. It was never a private, personal activity — it was communal at its heart. We see this same spirit in Jesus sharing the Last Supper with His disciples. Together they prayed the Psalms (113-118 in particular), shared four cups of wine representing the four promises of Exodus 6:6-7, and broke the unleavened "bread of affliction" recalling Israel's hasty departure from slavery. This holy meal strengthened the Jewish people's identity as God's own — and without a doubt, it bound them together in faith.

The Lord's Supper was meant to serve the same purpose for Christians: a unifying, intimate sharing of who we are in Christ. As a church family, we celebrate the whole gospel — the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the forgiveness of sins, the restoration of our souls, and the coming Kingdom of the Messiah. Like the Passover, this was always intended to be a communal practice, not a solo or silent one.

The Apostle Paul speaks directly to this in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. The Corinthians observed the Lord's Supper as part of a shared church meal — much like the Passover — but some members had begun eating before others arrived. Paul rebuked this because it failed to honor the *body of Christ*: not only the body sacrificed for us, but the living body of Christ present in the community of believers.

The Lord's Supper, then, is meant to be a practice in which we remember the gospel *and* our bond in Christ, and in this unity we share the "peace of Christ" with one another (Colossians 3:15; John 13:34-35; 14:27). How deeply we need that peace! How deeply we need one another to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus! In taking the Lord's Supper together, we have the opportunity to greet each other in love — to extend a hand or offer an embrace. I witnessed a beautiful expression of this recently when, one by one, members gathered around a Christian sister who had just lost her husband, holding her close as she stood at the Table. The peace of Christ, carried in their arms, was given through their shared identity in the communion around the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Table-communion gives us the opportunity to practice communion with each other. I find myself wondering whether our tradition of passing trays and silent prayer has, perhaps unintentionally, obscured Jesus' intention that we also "discern the body of Christ" in one another. In our expectation for quiet, have we turned too far inward when we should be turning outward — toward each other, and toward Christ? Private, silent prayer is meaningful, but perhaps expecting the Lord's Supper to be primarily that kind of moment causes us to miss a precious opportunity: to bond together in retelling the story of Jesus, and in doing so, to become *stronger together*.
With love for you and the church, Glenn Dallmann

Welcome to East Hill Church of Christ, a place where you can discover the gospel!
Please, don't hesitate to let any of the greeters or ministers know how we can serve you.

C April
26 Elders' Meeting 3-5 pm
28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
29 New Song Night in lieu of adult
classes

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L May
1 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
2 YU Commencement
2 Ladies' Craft Day 2 pm in FH
2 Fun and Fellowship 5 pm in FH
N 9 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
9-17 Adult Ecuador Mission Trip
15-16 Men's Retreat at NYC
D 10 Mother's Day
17 High School Seniors Honors
A 17-23 YU Round Up
23-29 Youth Mission Trip to Colorado
R 26 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
31 Mission Sunday

FriendSpeak: Do you know someone who would like to have conversational English lessons? Have them call our FriendSpeak hotline: 402-710-0042

4/26 Delores Hartman
4/26 David Odom
4/28 Allan Huskins
4/28 Jay Roberts
4/28 Hailey Stutzman
4/30 Erin DeHart
4/30 Abby Powers
5/1 Verla Krula
5/1 Kris VanPatten

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

All College Students: We have a finals care package for you... no matter what college you may attend... Please stop in the foyer on your way out to pick one up this morning.

Lincoln Food Bank: The Monthly Food Distribution will be Tuesday this week, April 28, from 10:30-11:30 in the south parking lot. Please spread the word.

New Song Night is this Wednesday at 6:30 in the auditorium. Please join us to worship and to learn two new songs: "Rejoice" by Ben Shive et al., and "Gratitude" by Brandon Lake et al. Watch the EHPN for links to listen to these songs before Wednesday. The adult and teen classes will be canceled. We hope you can make it.

Sonshiners: will meet this Friday at Chances "R" at 5:30.

Ladies Crafting: Ladies are invited to join together in the fellowship hall on Saturday from 2:00-7:30pm to work on their crafting projects and to enjoy a time of fellowship. Contact Tera Knapp with any questions.

Fun and Fellowship: Everyone is invited to have some fun this Saturday, starting at 5 pm in the fellowship hall . Please bring games or activities to share. Contact Hal Hockersmith with questions.

Save the Date: The National Day of Prayer event is on Thursday, May 7, at 5:30pm in the York University chapel. Several East Hill members are helping to lead this prayer service.

Men's Retreat: The NYC men's retreat was moved to May 15-16. The theme is Acts 4 "I Serve a Risen Savior". Go to dadsnlads.org/men or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Nebraska Youth Camp Volunteer Opportunity: The Camp is still seeking volunteers for **Junior Session Week Two (June 28-July 4)**. The camp is currently looking for: **nursing staff, teachers for crafts, nature, or music, and a cook assistant** to help the Leinens in the kitchen. If you have skills in any of these areas and would enjoy serving during this week of camp, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Andy Adams (Mr.adams84@gmail.com) or talk with Michele Briggs.

Mission Sunday 2026: We're planning a special mission-focused service for May 31, that will include a special offering for the Quito School of the Bible in Ecuador.

Then Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

East Hill 2026 Theme Verse—Luke 9:23 (NIV)

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayer Request:

Candy Battreal was hospitalized at Bryan West on Sunday. She is now being treated for a strep infection. Please keep Candy and her family in your prayers.

The **Jansen & Amy Fraser/Troy & Kami Flynt families** need prayer warriors lifting up their dad, Dan Fraser. He went into cardiac arrest early Tuesday morning. After an hour of work, he was sedated and stable. Thank you for the prayers!

Logan Rice asks for continued prayers for the healing of his leg. He started physical therapy this week, and his therapist believes it's going to be a long healing process. This also affects his family, as he's unable to work.

Body Life:

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the leaders and helpers that worked on preparations for our Clothing Giveaway this last week. All of the hours spent folding, sorting, hanging, and praying were appreciated. This labor of love glorifies God!

Welcome to the world Ember Jeanne Sikes and congratulations to Devin and Heather! Ember was born April 18, at 6:05pm, 7lbs 9oz and 20.5" long. Mom and daughter are doing great... and so are the grandparents, **Steddon and Brenda Sikes**.

The **York University Singers** will have their spring concert this coming Monday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the YU Bartholomew Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, and several East Hill members will be performing.

College Graduates:

Dallas Albin, son of Jerry and Tana, and **Daniel Stewart**, son of Kyle and Chandra, are graduating from Southeast Community college, with degrees in mechanics/power sports on May 5. Dallas will continue working at Harley Davidson in Lincoln. Daniel plans to continue working at Nelson Motorsports in David City.

Evan Fraser, son of Jansen and Amy, graduates May 2nd from Lipscomb University with a degree in Commercial Music Production. He plans to remain in Nashville.

Weekly Events

Attended Nursery: You can drop off children ages 0 up to 2 years in the nursery during services.

Service at Legacy Square:

There is a service for the residents of Legacy Square in Henderson at 2:30 each Sunday.



Youth Updates: To stay current with Youth Group activities, sign up for the "Band" announcements.

Women's Thursday Class

meets on Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Deloris Hartman is bringing a study on Anxiety.

Praise in Motion will not yet be meeting this week.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Love – Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
~Ephesians 5:1-2

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 4/26-Ps 1, 14,15,36, 37, 39

Mon 4/27-Ps 40, 49, 50, 73

Tue 4/28-Ps 76, 82, 84, 90, 92, 112, 115

Wed 4/29-Ps 8, 9, 16, 19, 21, 24

Thu 4/30-Ps 29, 33, 65-68

Fri 5/1-Ps 75, 93-94, 97-100

Sat 5/2-Ps 103-104, 113-114, 117

Sun 5/3-Ps 119

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 10 am, livestreamed on Facebook
 Bible classes for all 9 am
 Sunday evening 5 pm, communion available

Wednesday

Adult Class 6:30 pm (livestream-East Hill's Facebook)
 Children's Class 6:30 pm (drop off 6:20, pick up 7:15)
 MS & HS Huddle 6:20-7:20 pm

For the Record:	April 19, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	248
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$6,868.15
Children's:	\$131.04
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$119,717.28
Giving:	\$115,842.73
Children's for Ecuador:	\$818.37

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Children's Ministry - School Age

Brittany Kretz

Children's Ministry - Preschool

Jodie Yunevich

Youth Ministry - Coordinator

Dan & Julie Goodwin

Administrative Assistants

Michele Briggs 9 am-noon

Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

Missionaries in Ecuador

Joshua & Julie Marcum

Michaela, Eliana, Jana, Enoch

Shepherds:

Tim Carr

Michael Case

Ron Kretz

Keith Miller

Mark Miller

Todd Sheldon

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons-----Area of Service

Marty Barrett -----Benevolence

Trey Colle-----Emergency Meals

Troy Flynt -----Treasurer

Dan Goodwin-----Youth

Trent Hinton-----Livestream

Casey Kinnison-----Facilities

Larry Light -----Single Seniors

Jared Pack -- Fellowship & Involvement

Jeff Shafer-----Worship Support

Kyle Stewart -----Media

Ken Van Gomple -----College Ministry

CAMPUS CONNECTION

Congratulations to the YU Graduates who will graduate Saturday (May 2). Good luck on your finals!

The following students sent their information to the office for us to share:

Mayah Colle is graduating with a degree in biology—Exercise Science and minors in psychology and athletic training. In the fall she will go to Creighton University to start the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program.

Mallory Tremaine is graduating with a degree in Vocal Music Education. She and Simeon plan to stay in York for now. She will be applying for local education related jobs and see what doors God opens from there.

Nayana Vahrenkamp is graduating with a degree in psychology and a minor in athletic training. She and her husband, Ryan, plan to stay in the area for a few more years. She hopes to coach volley ball somewhere in the area.

Harry Yunevich is graduating with a degree in General Biology and Biology with Exercises Science and a Biblical Studies minor. His future plans are for God to decide.

Order of Worship

The Good News of Peace

Worship Leader:

Charlie Van Gomple

*528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 337 Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Noah McNeese

Scripture Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Andrew Van Gomple

Welcome

*464 Because He Lives
 In Christ Alone*

Communion: Rick White

Children's Offering

607 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

"To Live is Christ"

Philippians 1:19-26

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

*662 All to Jesus I Surrender
 This is the Day*

Shepherd's Prayer: Steddon Sikes

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

Memory Verse: Isaiah 64:8

Blessing