

# Northwood Christian Church

The Church that says, "Welcome Home..."

## The Window

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### A Word from Barry

In the past year or so I have made a deliberate decision to put more of myself into my sermons. I have found that the most powerful illustrations are my personal stories and my journey. Yet to do this is always risky. I was thinking about this the other day when I read an article from Rick Warren sent to pastors. Let me share part of what he wrote...

"There are people in your church who don't want you to be vulnerable. They want to put a halo on you and pretend you're never tempted. They want to believe you're just a little bit above the crass realities of life. But that belief denies a truth of life. It'll also keep us from having full impact in other people's lives.

Sometimes pastors will succumb to the pressure of maintaining a more-than-human image. But don't do it. Don't let people put you on a pedestal. It's dishonest. It's hypocritical. And when the inevitable truth comes out, people become disillusioned because they believed the unrealistic image."

To be willing to share our joys, sorrows, and struggles is always risky but I believe that the benefits outweigh the risk. This week I will be preaching on a willingness to share our faith with others. I believe we best do this by being vulnerable. We best share our faith by sharing our story, both our successes and failures. The more honest you are about your weaknesses—the more you are seen as being real. The more real you are—the more credibility you have to share your faith with others.

See you Sunday,

Barry

COME &  
WORSHIP

Join your Northwood family for

STH NIGHT

A quarterly worship service of  
Prayer

Singing Praise & Hymns

April 29th at 5:30

Childcare Provided

### Thursday G.O.L.F. Class

One of the reasons people fall away from the Lord is because they never really "meet Him." Pastor Gary Wells is leading a series that invites you to "Meet Jesus As If For The First Time." The first session is Thursday, April 12, 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room. To reserve your place, call Hallie or Gary Wells, 726-2965.

### A Family Faith Journey

On Good Friday, April 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. there is a family (children and their adults) worship event.

*Easter is a time of celebration of new life in Jesus!*

This year let's go beyond Easter egg hunts and chocolate bunnies – let's experience a step-by-step journey with Jesus and have our children receive a deeper understanding about His crucifixion and resurrection, and the powerful, everlasting truths of His teachings. All activities are appropriate for children and adults of all ages. There will be prizes, games, and crafts for the family to experience together.



### Lifeline Bowling Field Trip Event

No School Day – April 10, 2007

Everyone in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades and their friends are invited to join us for a day of bowling! We will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and then go bowling at Strike City (1170 Highway 99). Followed by going out for pizza at Pizza Hut on Franklin Blvd. The cost is \$10 per Lifeline, which will cover, two games of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza. (Snacks or drinks during bowling not included) Parents are invited to join us for some fun and to provide transportation.

## Northwood Student Ministries

### Hosea Youth Project

Donations needed for our April delivery to Hosea Youth Project are Hooded sweatshirts sizes L, XL, XXL; and socks. They can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

### Baptism Class

A Baptism class for students 6th–12th grade will be held on April 15 at 3:30 pm. If you have questions about baptism, this class is for you. Contact Mike if you are interested in attending.

### Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, April 1, but will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 8.



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Students should check with their D Group leader to see if your group will meet during the week.

## Alert & Alive

April 17th is our next Alert & Alive Potluck. Joyce Nickelson and Jeannine Mart are the hostesses and are planning a Spring theme. The March potluck was just great. We had an Irish theme and what fun singing those good old Irish songs. It is so good to have some of our "Happy Travelers" back. We had over 40 in attendance. If you weren't there you were missed! We will see you on the 17th.



## Library



We're still adding furniture to the library in an effort to give us more shelf space. We have two multi-media towers for DVDs, CDs

and videos and that has provided some space that will be used for children and youth. We have a young adult's section for you older "kids." We're open to suggestions for books and also for donations. There is no need to go to the public library; we have thousands of great books, etc. for you to check out.

## VBS Helpers Needed Join the VBS Family!

June 17-21 your talents are needed to help with cooking, outside activities, crafts, teaching, or assisting in classes. Please contact Judy Hockett at 746-7882 or jhockett@comcast.net to sign up.

## Camp Scholarships

Did you know that, as a member or regular attendee of Northwood Christian Church you qualify for a partial scholarship to a summer Christian Camp? When you register, please let the church office know. If you have questions, please contact either the office or Judy Hockett (746-7882).

## Interfaith Shelter

From April 30-May 7, **HELP THE HOMELESS** volunteers from Northwood will again partner with First Christian Church in Eugene to provide warm meals and overnight shelter for homeless families with children. A sign up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall starting April 15. Jobs needing to be filled will be breakfast & dinner helper, craft person, and van driver.



Contact Meredith Noble or Vicki Beaudry for more information.

## Nomad Reminder

Our trip to Silverton (Silver Spur RV Park) is coming. Don't forget to call and make your reservation at 503-873-2020. The dates are June 25 & 26. Please let Gary Noble know you are planning to go.



## Lamplighters

### A Class for Adults and Children G.O.L.F. April 4 - May 6

Participants will work in pairs or small groups to memorize some of the best-known and best-loved Bible scriptures. Participants of any age are welcome. Join us for fun and fellowship.

Students can earn any of the following: partial scholarships to camp, bibles and covers, and Christian CDs; adults can earn the joy of helping young people.

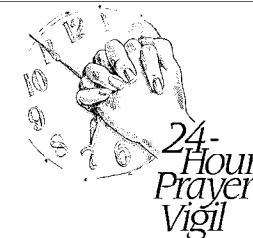
## Sunday School Offerings

Each Sunday, our Sunday School students have the opportunity to give an offering. The Christian Education Ministry believes this is a very effective way to teach our young children the joy of giving. Many parents use this opportunity to teach their children about tithing their allowances.

## Prayer Vigil

"So could you not watch with me one hour?" asked Jesus to His disciples that night in the garden of Gethsemane. This year, we ask you to practice the pattern and depth of Jesus' prayers the night before He was crucified. Pray for God's will, clarity and reason, and for all who need to know Jesus died for everyone. Everyone is invited to the table.

The prayer vigil is held in the family room at the church, and lasts from Good Friday noon through Saturday at noon, but we would love to see the vigil go until the traditional hour of Christ's resurrection on Easter morning at 6:00 a.m. Sign up for a half-hour or hour section of our Prayer Vigil in the Fellowship Hall and watch what God makes happen through a church of prayer.



## World Outreach: St. Vincent de Paul

Established in Lane County in 1954, the purpose of Saint Vincent de Paul is to implement social service programs that provide opportunities for the homeless, destitute, and at risk populations to become self-sufficient.

Saint Vincent de Paul is the largest non-profit humanitarian agency in Lane County with more than 240 employees, 500 units of affordable housing, five emergency service programs, eight retail thrift stores, a Vocational Services Department serving difficult to place job candidates, a glass foundry, a mattress recycling operation and a woodshop. Last year, more than 45,000 low-income, homeless and at risk individuals benefited from outreach and services.

Preserving the natural environment, creating a community environment where people are fed, clothed, housed, and given the opportunity to help themselves - this is the work of Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.

**Last year Northwood gave \$2,069 in support of our ministry partner, St.**

**Vincent de Paul.** In addition, as part of the Interfaith Emergency Shelter System (Night Shelter) our church helped provide 5,099 nights of shelter for homeless families with children through the Interfaith Shelter this past year.



Eugene, Oregon USA

## February Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$598	Christian Church in Oregon	\$1,134
Mission Scholarships	\$206	Habitat for Humanity	\$392
NCC	\$1,031	El Faro Orphanage	\$289
FISH	\$392	Week of Compassion	\$206
Young Life	\$82	Whisler Family	\$825
Eugene Mission	\$412	Lemke Family	\$516
St. Vincent de Paul	\$186	Neveux Family	\$206
Lane Christian Aftercare	\$227	Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$1,728
Youth for Christ (Detention)	\$392	Mission to Mexico	\$828



**Baptisms**

**New Members**

**Babies**

**Change of Address**

We don't put our Members personal information on the web. Please see your printed version or contact the church office for the new members this month.

**Spring G.O.L.F.**

G.O.L.F. begins Wednesday, April 4. Pick up a G.O.L.F. flyer from Pastor Paul at the kiosk to see a complete listing of classes.

**Monday Class**

**Lose it for Life**

*April 2-May 14 ✧ 7 week class continued from the Winter Term.*

**Wednesday Classes**

**Lose it for Life**

*April 4-May 16 ✧ 7 week class continued from the Winter Term.*

**Kairos-Operation World View**

*April 4-May 9 ✧ 6 week class continued from the Winter Term.*

**Lamplighters**

*April 4-May 9 ✧ 6 week class*

**Men's Accountability Group**

*April 4-May 9 ✧ 6 week class continued from the Winter Term*

**Expressing Your Faith**

*April 4-May 9 ✧ 6 week class*

**What's Really Holding You Back**

*April 4 & 11 with a discussion group through May 9 ✧ 6 week class*

**Thursday Classes**

**Alpha**

*April 5-June 7 ✧ 10 week class 6:00-8:30 pm*

**Meeting Jesus As If For the First Time**

*April 12-May 31 ✧ 8 week class*

**April Elders**

Communion & Offering

April 1 -

Jeff Svejcar & Beverly Robertson

April 8 -

Judy Hockett & Steve Carden

April 15 -

Shelli Jackson & Brad Childs

April 22 -

Tom Utt & Greg Noble

April 29 -

Dennis Page & Mary Lou Hanna

**April Diaconate Teams**

April 1 - Rick Christian

April 8 - Mike Wiebe

April 15 - Kitty Bates

April 22 - Doug Kartub

April 29 - Steve Weber

**April Preparers**

Jeanette Jacobson, Diann Prenevost &

Bethany Boardrow

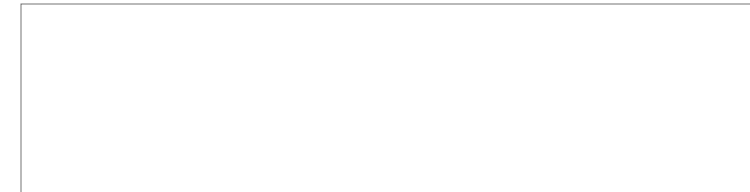
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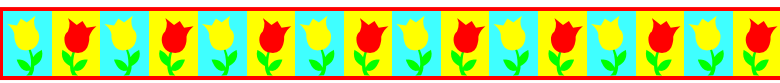

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	April Highlights	
1 8:00 am Jump Start <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Act up for Jesus 6:00 pm Youth Group	2 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Lose it for Life	3 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Drop in B-ball	4 2 pm A & A Games 6 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 G.O.L.F. Classes	5 9 am Library Crew 4:30 pm Camp Fire 6:00 pm Alpha 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	6 12:00 pm Prayer Vigil Begins 6:30 pm Family Good Friday Faith Journey	7 12:00 pm Prayer Vigil Ends	<b>April Highlights</b> Sunday, April 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday</li> </ul> Wednesday, April 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring G.O.L.F. Begins</li> </ul> Thursday, April 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maundy Thursday Service</li> </ul> Friday, April 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins</li> <li>• Family Good Friday Faith Journey</li> </ul> Sunday, April 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Sunday</li> </ul> Tuesday, April 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April Board Meeting</li> </ul> Wednesday, April 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Jesus As If For the First Time begins</li> </ul> Friday, April 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrapbooking</li> <li>• Karaoke</li> <li>• Great Dates</li> </ul> Sunday, April 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Baptism Class</li> </ul> Tuesday, April 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert &amp; Alive Potluck</li> </ul> Friday, April 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karaoke</li> </ul> Saturday, April 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Breakfast, Country Waffle</li> </ul> Sunday, April 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5th Sunday Night</li> </ul>	
8 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Act up for Jesus No Youth Group	9 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Lose it for Life	10 10:30 am Lifeline Bowling Trip 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Drop in B-ball	11 2 pm A & A Games 6 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 G.O.L.F. Classes	12 9 am Library Crew 6:00 pm Alpha 7 pm Meeting Jesus As If For the First Time	13 5:30 pm Scrapbooking 6:30 pm Karaoke, Fireside Room 6:30 pm Great Dates	14		
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May 2007						
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