

## Sunday Worship

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Social Distance Seating  
50 People Maximum  
Masks Required (age 5+)  
(no in person worship if  
COVID-19 risk dial is in red)

## Stream Worship Live

You can watch our Sunday 8:30  
a.m. worship service live on  
YouTube through our website.

[www.southgateumc.org/video](http://www.southgateumc.org/video)

You can also watch anytime on our  
website or YouTube channel.  
Search on YouTube for South Gate  
UMC Lincoln.

## Sermon by Phone

**402-261-0325**

Recording available after 12 p.m.  
on Sundays.

**Next Key: June 1**

**Deadline: May 22**

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## The Key

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Dear Church Family,

We are approaching our second summer since the COVID pandemic began. Much has changed in our world in that time as we at South Gate UMC have worked to find creative and new ways to strengthen our connection with God, one another, and our community.

In the coming months, as we emerge into this “new normal” we will need to be agile in a changing world and open to God’s Spirit calling us to dynamic ministry and gospel sharing. But in order to know where we’re going, we need to know where we are. That is why I, along with church leadership, are inviting you to participate in a church-wide survey called Readiness 360.

This survey will help us identify opportunities for strengthening our multiplication DNA through assessing our spiritual intensity, dynamic relationships, missional alignment, and cultural openness. After a critical mass within our congregation takes the 20 minute online survey, we will report back our findings and discover next steps together.

If you are on our email list, you should have already received an invitation to participate. If not here’s how to access the survey:

Go to: <https://app.readiness360.org/survey/login>  
Enter the survey code: 2409364061

Optional PIN is only for folks who begin the survey then log out before submitting. You’ll receive an email with a personalized PIN to enter to pick up where you left off.

If you don’t have a computer, but would like to participate, please call the church

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office to make an appointment with me to use one of our computers at the church.

I look forward to discovering, along with you, our greatest strengths as a church, and how we can Engage, Act, and Grow together as the Body of Christ.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Amy*

### Amazon Smile

If you shop Amazon, using AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support South Gate. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make your purchase and when you check out, you will be asked to select a charity to receive 1/2% of your purchase. To select South Gate, enter "**south gate lincoln**" in the charity search field. For information, including how-tos, go to:

[smile.amazon.com/about](https://smile.amazon.com/about)

### Baptism

We welcome Sophie Marie Larkins into the family of faith. Sophie is the daughter of Hunter & Colbi Larkins and the granddaughter of Brian Reetz. She was born on March 21.

## Mission News

### Connection Point

The drive up drop off date for our collection of canned peaches and pears will be May 9 from 9:45—10:45 a.m. This will be the last drive up event unless the pandemic worsens. Donations may be dropped off on Sunday mornings or during regular church office hours (8:00 a.m.—noon, Monday—Friday). If you can't bring your items to the church, please call the church office to arrange an appointment for someone to pick them up at your home.

In May we are collecting canned garbanzo beans (chick peas) and baked beans for Connection Point.

### Cedars

During the month of May, the mission committee will be collecting items for Cedars to use in their summer programming. They are in need of cases of bottled water and individually wrapped snack portions such as peanuts, cheese and crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, and fruit bars. Please place your donations at the collection site located below the missions bulletin board.



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 1 Katie Craig
- 6 Betty Cummings
- 9 Barb Hoffman
- 9 Dylan Mieth
- 11 Carter Schoenleber
- 12 Ruth Petersen
- 14 Cynthia Marquis
- 14 Cathy Newsham
- 18 Jeffrey Lamb
- 21 Dennis Duckworth
- 21 SharonAnn Smith
- 22 Dawn Elliott
- 22 Blue Furstenfeld

- 25 Tyler Grooms
- 26 Joyce Davidson
- 26 Larry Bose
- 26 Owen Humphress
- 28 Sandy Hershberger
- 28 Will Higgins
- 30 Mildred Petersen

### Anniversaries

- 5 Dennis & Marcia Duckworth
- 18 Alfred & Linda Stark
- 20 Gene & Karen Hand
- 31 Dennis & Barb Nelson

### Photos Needed

Please help! In order to keep our South Gate website current, please submit pictures of our members engaged in church activities. Let the people in your photo know that it may be published on our website and do not submit it if someone objects. When submitting, include a description of the activity and a date. Photos should be in jpg format and emailed to the church:

[office@southgateumc.org](mailto:office@southgateumc.org)

### Thank You

Thank you for the cards and phone calls recognizing Sean's birthday. It made his day even more special. Thanks also to those who helped us when our car needed repairs. We are so thankful to be a part of such a caring congregation.

*Judy & Sean Lingard*

Thank you so much to everyone for the cards, phone calls, food and restaurant gift cards. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

*Diane McClain*



## South Gate Preschool

Our Preschool is now enrolling students for fall 2021. Our program is designed to enrich each child's life spiritually, physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally. Registration forms, parent handbooks and a description of our program may be found on our website:

[southgateumc.org/preschool](http://southgateumc.org/preschool)

Or email:

[preschool@southgateumc.org](mailto:preschool@southgateumc.org)

## South Gate Giving

Thank you for your continued support of South Gate. You can give online at:

[www.southgateumc.org/donate](http://www.southgateumc.org/donate)

You may also drop off a check on Sunday morning, during church office hours or give by mail.

## Finance Report

### Operating Funds: Jan. - March

Income	\$59,608
Expenses	\$57,880

## Donation Request

The Outreach Committee is seeking a donation of 2 sturdy realtor "Home for Sale" type signs. Please contact Barb Hellerich at

[bhellerich@live.com](mailto:bhellerich@live.com)

if you have one to donate or know where to obtain one.

## Tuesday Lunch Bunch

We will meet on May 18 at noon in the church parking lot. Bring a chair, your sack lunch and a mask to wear when not eating. In case of bad weather, we will meet in Memorial Hall at 12:30 for conversation only.

## Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Friday, May 7 and Monday, May 31.

## May 2 Worship

11:00 a.m. only  
In person and online



## ENGAGE, ACT, GROW Finance Committee

The Finance Committee wants to let you know some exciting things that have occurred recently regarding the financial health of South Gate. In February, the South Gate Preschool received a \$3,000 grant through the CARES Act Stabilization Fund administered through the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. The money was used to fund implementation of the Preschool's new COVID protocols since reopening in Fall 2020. A big thank you to Mary Tisdale for her work in securing this grant.

In March, South Gate was approved for a loan/grant through the federal Payroll Protection Program in the amount of \$35,515. Funds are to be used for payroll as it was impacted by the pandemic.

As these two examples are one-time infusions of funds, we continue to be challenged to improve our financial stability. The committee is encouraged and confident that our future does look bright and want the congregation to feel the same. We Can **Do** This!! Again, we want the congregation to consider other potential sources of revenue that may increase the funds necessary to provide the ministries that we all cherish at South Gate. Consider what we all consider important missions at South Gate and how our financial commitments support those missions.

Upcoming will be a fundraiser on Wednesday, May 12, at Runza at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Highway 2 (see article in The Key) and Give to Lincoln Day, Tuesday, May 25. Continue to communicate your ideas with members of the Finance Committee (Dave Brolhorst, Dennis Duckworth, Diane Lamb, Rex Newsham, Emily Schoenleber, Alfred Stark).

Philippians 4:13 – "I can **do** all things through Christ who strengthens me."





## Run to Runza on May 12

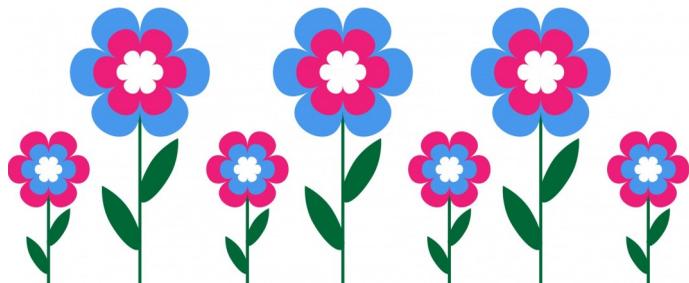
South Gate United Methodist Church invites you to a fundraiser to benefit its Missions Shares through its Mission Agency Support.

**The fundraiser will be held at Runza Drive Inn (33<sup>rd</sup> and Highway 2) on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Some of the organizations that are part of our Mission Agency Support include the following:

- ◆ Nebraska Wesleyan University ([nebrwesleyan.edu](http://nebrwesleyan.edu)) - dedicated to intellectual and personal growth within the context of a liberal arts education and in an environment of Christian concern.
- ◆ Released and Restored ([releasedandrestored.org](http://releasedandrestored.org)) - provides inmates and ex-offenders in Nebraska with the tools and support systems needed for learning how to live moral, ethical, and legal lives in our communities.
- ◆ Epworth Village ([epworthvillage.org](http://epworthvillage.org)) - provides comprehensive family-centered services that bring hope and healing to children, youth and families across Nebraska in a compassionate and caring manner.
- ◆ Immigrant Legal Center ([immigrantlc.org](http://immigrantlc.org)) – welcomes immigrants into our communities with high-quality legal services, education, and advocacy.

Ten percent of the sales will be used to help support these organizations through our Mission Agency Support. **Don't forget to grab your frozen Runzas and gift cards too!**



## Eagle Scout Project

Hunter Oakes is completing his Eagle Scout project for Troop 93 and needs our help. He is collecting items to assemble 100 first aid kits for the homeless at Barnabas Community here in Lincoln.

- gel pads for blisters & burns
- triangular bandages
- tweezers
- adhesive bandages
- 3 x 3 sterile gauze pads
- small rolls of adhesive tape
- 3 x 6 mole skin
- medical type scissors
- small bars of soap
- small bottles of hand sanitizer
- small tubes triple antibiotic ointment
- non latex gloves
- alcohol wipes
- pencils
- small notebooks
- plastic pencil cases
- emergency rain coats or emergency blankets

Please bring items to the church by May 7.



## Martha Circle

South Gate United Methodist Women's Martha Circle will meet on the first Monday of May and June at 3:00 p.m. All women are invited to join.

## PANA Events

The Prescott Area Neighborhood Association invites South Gate's congregation to their upcoming events:

May 2, 5:00—7:00 p.m. Chalk the Blocks Sidewalk Art Celebration in the South Gate Parking Lot. There will be live music and a food truck.

July 11, 5:00—7:00 p.m. neighborhood gathering. Details will be published later.

August 3, 6:00—7:30 p.m. National Night Out Block Party.

## Sunday School

We are continuing to hold Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Classes for adults and children are currently via Zoom. Youth are meeting in person at the church. Contact the church office for information on how to join a class.