Christmas Sharing Tree
Drop Gifts off by December 14
Take a tag(s) from our tree - return the gifts by December 14th. You can also donate by check, cash, and on our website using the drop down menu. We partner with True Vine Ministries, Love Never Fails, Prison Ministries, Restore Recovery Homes and Contra Costa Foster Friends. In many cases the gift we provide may be the only gift someone receives. Please prayerfully consider giving in this way. For more information contact: Sheri Nodder (925) 324-1160.

Hands and Feet Christmas Festival 2026
Saturday December 5 | 9AM-1:30PM | Meadow Homes Elementary
Hands & Feet East Bay's biggest event of the year!
Expect 500–600 guests, with: Gifts for every child, Santa & Buddy the Elf photos, clothing and grocery giveaways, cookie decorating, face painting, crafts, a tea for moms, and a shared festive meal.
We hope you can join us! We have lots of opportunities to serve and donate. Sign-Up: hillsidecovenant.org/events

Kids Nativity Choir
Practicing in Sunday School & Presenting on December 13
This year, our kids will be learning "O Come, All Ye Faithful" in both song and sign language.

2nd Sunday | December 13 | After Church
Hang out with your church family after service and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies. Make sure to say hello to someone you don't know. Great Sunday to invite a friend!

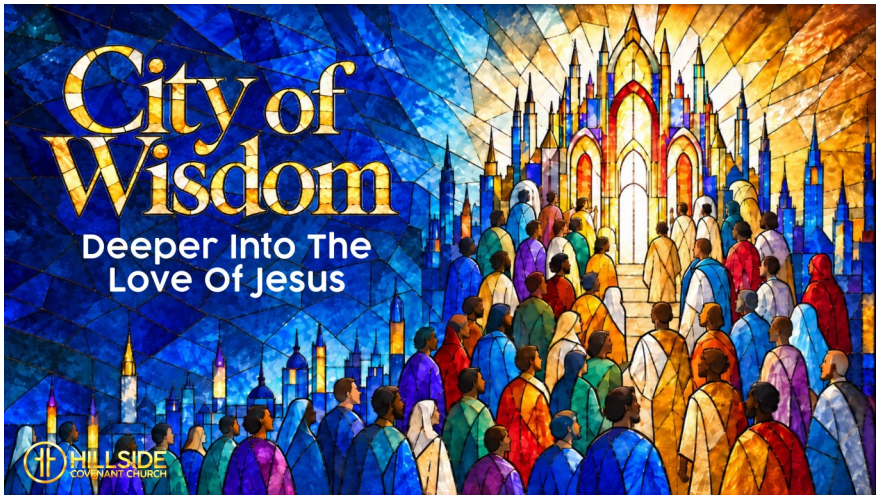
Unite 2027 | July 18-23, 2027 | Lincoln, Nebraska
Unite is the triennial youth conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church — a formative gathering that invites students into deeper faith, shared life, and God's work in the world. Rooted in Scripture and shaped by the life of the church, Unite creates space for teaching, prayer, service, and joy. Students are called not only to belong — but to be sent.

Submit your interest today by contacting: alice@hillsidecovenant.org

Weekly News and Events
Don't miss out on the great things happening at Hillside.
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Preschool
Head downstairs before church begins.

K- 5th grade
Check in at the Welcome Counter.
Dismissed during announcements.

Students
10AM in Student Center.
1st Sunday Stay in Service for Communion.

Order of Service
Advent Intro
Praise: Angels We Have Heard On High, Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Advent Reading
Announcements
Praise: O Come All Ye Faithful, We Fall Down
Sermon: Pete Stafford
Praise: God So Loved
Benediction

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Deeper Into The Love Of Jesus
Ephesians 3:14-19
Pete Stafford – November 29, 2026

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in LOVE, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the LOVE OF CHRIST that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

BIG IDEA: Moving from knowing about Jesus' love to experiencing its transforming power

WHY Paul's Prayer Matters:

WHAT Paul actually Prays:

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that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

that you … may have strength to comprehend… and to know the LOVE OF CHRIST that surpasses knowledge

that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

HOW we get this prayer into our LIVES

Clues: bow my knees - - comprehend (grasp) - - with all the saints