

October
2024

Zion Lutheran Church

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L.W.M.L. NEWS

EVENING CIRCLE

The Zion Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 2nd at the church. Co-Hostess is Diane Witt

L.W.M.L. SUNDAY

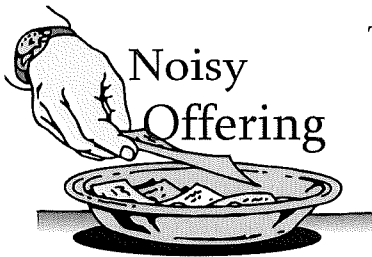
On Sunday, October 6th we will be observing L.W.M.L. Sunday. We will mark the day with a special worship service giving thanks to God for all the blessings our Lord has given to our congregation and the Church-at-Large through the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We will also be having our Noisy Offering that day. All Noisy Offering will be going to New Opportunities for Family Thanksgiving meals.



PARISH CIRCLE:
Diane Witt
Lajeane Shiney

CHANCEL CIRCLE
Marilyn Mumm
Lajeane Shiney

MARTHA CIRCLE
Diane Witt



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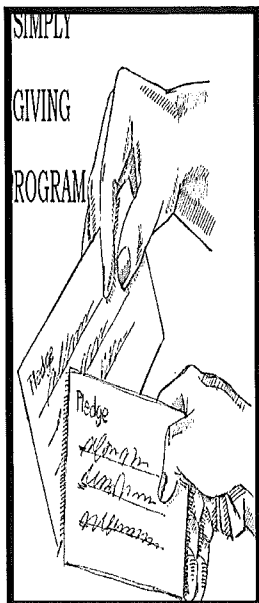
WANTED: Bed Sheets!! These are needed to use for insides and backs rather than trying to sew scraps together for an inside. Also any donations of new fabric is welcome (60"x80")

RESOURCES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN & FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 0-3

The Carroll County Nest is a FREE incentive program for women residing in Carroll County. Women earn points for attending prenatal visits and bringing their child for well baby check ups. Participation in other educational, nutrition, and wellness programs also earn points. These points are cashed in for FREE diapers, wipes, clothing, basic care items, toys, etc related to the care of babies

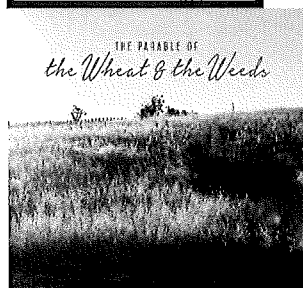
The H.O.P.E.S (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) program is FREE for families in Carroll County. Receive support for parenting and learn about pregnancy and child development in the comfort of your own home. Find ways to navigate family life while learning how to have fun with your children. Both programs are offered FREE through St. Anthony Regional Hospital. Call or text 712-292-1051 to learn more or email sskinner@stanthonyhospital.org

stewardship



In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, once a month, or twice a month, your offering is automatically deducted from your checking account and automatically deposited into the churches account. All you will need to do is once a week (or whatever you choose) is to record the amount in your check register. That is all there is to it. The amount is set by you and doesn't change unless you request it to be changed or discontinued. Special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc are NOT automatically deducted and we would encourage you to use your offering envelopes for those services just like in the past. An additional bonus would be that our giving throughout the year would be more consistent. We prayerfully ask that you consider making this small change that would be of big help. To learn more about this program, please contact the church office.

Also, if you like, you can sign up for Simply Giving and designate it for the Building Fund



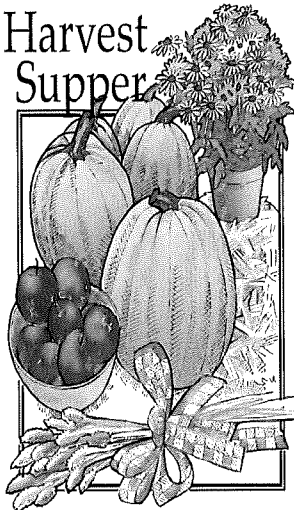
HARVEST ACCOUNT

As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account

Below is a list of accounts that we have here at Zion. They include

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| GENERAL FUND..... | pays all the bills |
| MEMORIAL FUND..... | money donated to the church in memory of someone to purchase memorial items or projects |
| REPAIR FUND..... | money that is designated for repairs or updates on the church or church property |
| ENDOWMENT FUND..... | can be used for a variety of worthwhile missions, charitable projects and evangelism outreach activities. This CAN NOT be used for operating expenses such as salaries, insurance, etc. |

Harvest Supper



The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on **Saturday**, October 19th with serving from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn/green beans, salads, and apple or pumpkin dessert.

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entry way for volunteers and donations. **We are need of workers.**

This will be a Dine In or Drive-Thru at the Westside Community Building on Main St, Westside, IA

There will be seating available if you like. Cost is \$15



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, October 16 at 6:30 pm Items on the agenda will include the Election of Officers, Endowment Fund projects and the proposal of the 2024 budget **EVERYONE** is encouraged and invited to attend and participate.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE:

- PRESIDENT:**
- VICE PRESIDENT:**
- SECRETARY:**
- ELDERS:**
- TRUSTEE:**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	October 6th	10:30	LWML Sunday
Sunday	October 13th	9:00	Fortnightly Flea Market, Westside
Wednesday	October 16th	6:30	Quarterly Voter's Meeting
Saturday/Sunday	October 19/20		Jr High Youth Gathering Des Moines
Saturday	October 19	4:00-7:00	Turkey Supper \$15 each
Sunday	October 27	10:30	Reformation Service



Harvest
Supper



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

Drive Through or Dine In

4-7 pm

Westside Community Building

Main St

Westside, Iowa

4:00-7:00 pm

TURKEY

Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy

Corn/Green Beans,

Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad

Apple or Pumpkin Dessert

PRICE: \$15.00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!


Advance tickets available...call the church office

712-689-2441

There will be seating available for those who want to dine in.

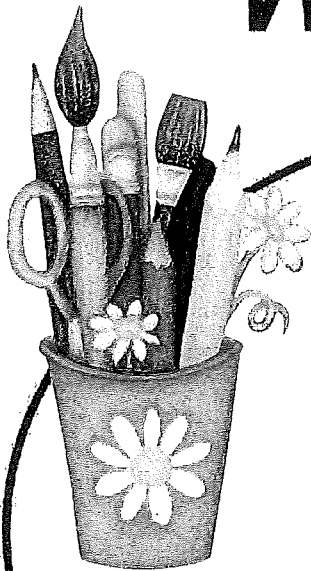
For Take Out Orders of 5 or more, please call

712-830-7694

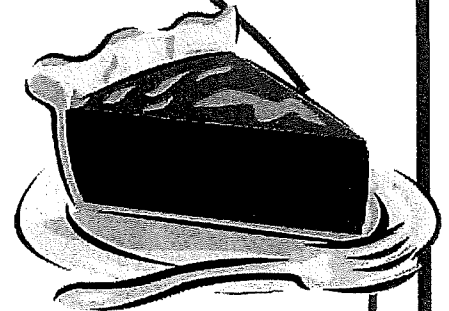


53rd Annual Craft Show & Flea Market

Westside, Iowa



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 13
9 am - 3 pm**

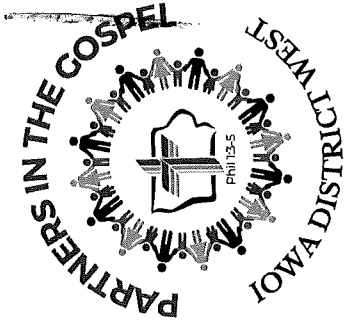


- *Variety of Vendors* •
- *Several Locations* •
- *Good Food* •

Inside and Outside spaces available!

*For more info, call 712-790-4646,
or email westsidefortnightlyclub@yahoo.com*

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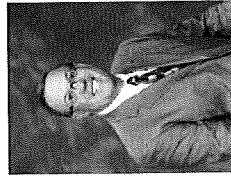


On a Mission
to Support
Christ's Mission!

October 2024

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Consider Adding a Christian Preamble to Your Will



Over the years, I have assisted hundreds of individuals and families in our Iowa District West of the LCMS in including a personal written statement of faith in their will or written separately and placed with their will. This gives you a last time to confess your faith in Jesus as your Savior. Your confession of faith can give comfort to your family and your friends at the time of your death. You can include your favorite Bible verses and maybe your Confirmation verse. At your death, your pastor can read this to your loved ones at your funeral or during the visitation time. Contact me if you would like to receive a sample Christian Preamble or separate statement of faith. You can edit these on your own or you can request a personal visit from me to assist you. My help is available to you at no cost through your congregation's partnership with Iowa District West LCMS.

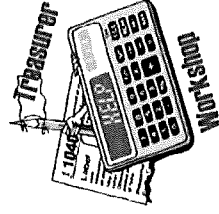
Jim Schroeder
Christian Estate Planning Counselor
515-490-7371 — Jim@iowadistrictwest.org

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwicms.org/publications.php

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

For this school year, 2024-2025, over \$500,000 in tuition assistance from 2023 donations was awarded to Lutheran students in Iowa through the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. These awards were mainly for new students in our Lutheran Schools. We would like to increase this amount for 2025-2026, but we cannot without your help. Donations are currently at 5% of our 2024 goal of \$1,148,202. Now is the time to contribute for the next school year so we can continue this great program. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

You may also download a donor form at www.iowalutheransto.com.



Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurers Workshop

Mark your calendar to attend the fall workshop on **Saturday, November 9** from 9 am to 1 pm. at St. Paul, Alta. Pastors and any individuals within the church having financial responsibilities should attend. The guest speaker will be Bob Joy, a CPA who has been presenting for over 25 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise. To register, [click here](#).

Gender Identity Project – Lutheran Family Service
Upcoming Schedule

- October 5, 2024 – LCMS Iowa District West Council Bluffs Circuit Gathering, St. John Lutheran Church, Clarinda, Iowa
- October 10-11, 2024 – South Dakota Lutheran Educators' Conference, Sioux Falls Lutheran School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- November 16, 2024 – Joint College Ministries Presentation, St. John Lutheran Church, Center Point, Iowa
- January 14, 2025 – LCMS Iowa District East Davenport Circuit Gathering, Location TBD

For more information, go to <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/gender-identity/>

Calendar of Events

- October 5-6...Sr Youth Gathering, Camp Okoboji
- October 11-13...Pastors Wives Retreat, Camp Okoboji
- October 17-18... Teachers Conference, Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines
- October 19-20... Jr Youth Gathering, Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines
- Future Event**
June 8-10, 2025...District Convention, Camp Okoboji



Update

With the summer season now fully in the rearview mirror, we give thanks for generally a good summer. It was not without its challenges, but through it all, God is good!

During the off-season is a great time for Adam to visit congregations. Let him know if he can visit to give updates on Camp Okoboji. He'd love to come and share a little about Camp. Please contact Adam if a visit would be of interest to your congregation or youth.

Also, the Fall season is a great time for servant events, perhaps your congregation would be interested in coming. It is also a great activity for a youth group. Contact Kellie or Adam.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

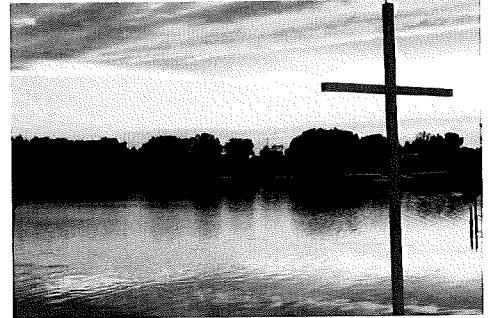
October 4-6: IDW Senior High Youth Gathering

October 6: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM Omelet Brunch.

October 11-12: Camp Okoboji Fall Volunteer Weekend

Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!

October 11-13: IDW Pastors Wives Retreat



Personnel Updates

Summer Staff: It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer. Please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us in 2025.

Cleaning Staff: We are also looking for part-time cleaning assistants to help us through the off-season. Please contact Kellie at (712) 337-3325!

Thank You!

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- As I think back over the last several months, it is very obvious that Camp Okoboji relies heavily on volunteers of all types, from kitchen to cleaning, to mowing and maintenance. THERE'S SO MUCH! I'm absolutely in awe of the dedication of so many people who love Camp.

NEEDS/WANTS:

- 3 office chair mats
- Gas grills
- Outdoor Rocking Chairs
- Laundry soap, bleach and hand soap
- Queen size mattress pads
- New commercial grade vacuums, coffee pots, toasters, crock pots
- Thrivent Action Team Cards (contact Kellie Jones for potential projects; 712-337-3325)
- Also, see our Amazon Wish List at:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3MCM8Z6HGPY?ref_=wl_share

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Rev. Dr. Steven Turner

Iowa District West, LCMS

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Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Many Lutheran congregations hold a Reformation Sunday in October, ordinarily on the last Sunday. This service provides an opportunity for our congregations to reflect on our heritage, reaffirm our commitment to the core principles of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Fide* and *Sola Gratia*. The Latin word *sola* means “only” or “alone.”

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It alone is the supreme authority in all matters of faith, life and practice. It emphasizes that Scripture alone is sufficient for guiding the life, beliefs and practices of Christians.

Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

We believe that salvation is received only through faith and not by works. The gift of forgiveness is received through faith in what Christ has done for us. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only means by which individuals can be justified and made right with God.

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

We believe salvation is an unearned gift from God, granted by His grace. I have often said grace is my favorite word. Please read the following slowly:

The grace of God is His unmerited favor, kindness and mercy to you.

No matter how you see yourself, grace is how God sees you! God's love is freely given, and not something that can be obtained from human effort or earned, nor is it deserved.

The concept of *sola* (“alone”) is a bit of a paradox because the solas are never alone. We can add to this short list:

Sola Christus (Christ Alone)

We believe that salvation is achieved solely through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, and that the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross at Calvary was completely sufficient to cover all sin. John the Baptist proclaimed:

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” **John 1:29**

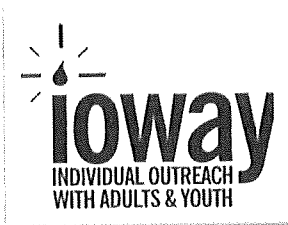
Christ alone is the mediator between God and mankind. Jesus is the only means by which we are justified and reconciled to God.

Sola Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)

We believe that all glory is due to God alone. There is no room for human pride or accomplishment when considering our salvation. It is all from God, and to Him be the glory. We so often want to replace God with our own human accomplishments. *Sola Deo Gloria* reminds us that God is God!

These core principles of the Reformation are just as relevant to the church today as they were over 500 years ago. **“We believe”** means these promises belong to us today! I believe it is not only appropriate, but also important for our congregations to celebrate the Reformation; not to celebrate Luther or even our Lutheran heritage, but to celebrate and remember: **We believe that God is for us.**

Your Partner in the Gospel,
President Steve Turner

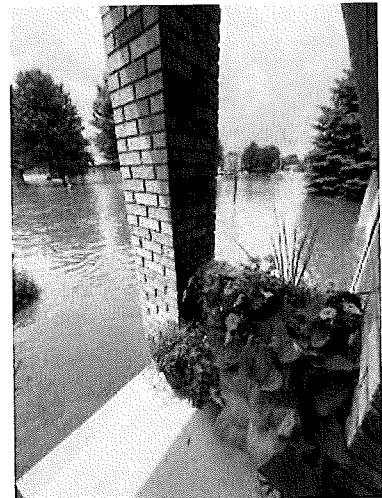


Julie Mann
IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator
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"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" This is part of a very familiar recounting from the feeding of the five thousand from John chapter 6. Do you remember what happened next? Jesus asked all the people to sit down, and He gave thanks for the gift that had been brought forward. Then the miracle happened, the food was multiplied to feed all the people (5,000 was just the men), everyone was filled, and there were even leftovers!

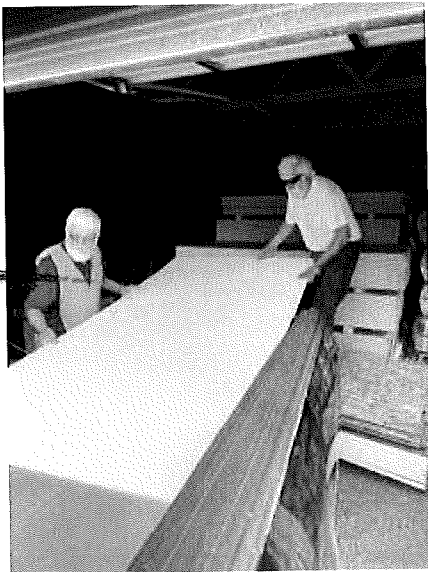
I have seen this miracle played out, not with fish and bread, but with donations of funds and materials during the last four months of our rough spring and summer weather. The need was great, in fact some days quite overwhelming! If I'm honest, I worried. Tornadoes and flooding brought on so much destruction and need...but God provided with abundance.

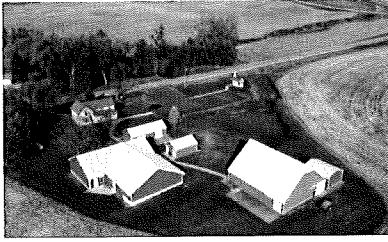
He provided for His people through His people. The funding that came into our district office was amazing, and it was wonderful to share it with the people who were living a reality they never dreamed of. It wasn't always easy. There were many days when there weren't enough hands to help, but God had people ready to step in. There were days of hand wringing and frustration, when this woman who thrives on organization had to be ok with the plans changing multiple times (btw – flexibility is key when working in disaster situations). Through these situations, God connected



our district to so many others: Orphan Grain Train, multiple congregations with quilts, people stepping up on LERT deployments from IDW and several other districts, food organization, books and devotionals on grief and disaster from CPH, counseling assistance from Lutheran Family Service, Lutheran Church Charities, LCMS Synod disaster relief, and many congregations and individuals.

So, I am giving thanks for God continuing to perform miracles in our lives, and I hope you will too. Also, in response I hope we do what the people on that mountainside by the Sea of Galilee did, and declare the wondrous things our God has done, and continues to do, for us to anyone and everyone.





MISSION CENTRAL

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October 2024



What a blessing it was to welcome Jordan, Justin, and Malachi Logston who are heading to the Dominican Republic. Also present was Melissa Pflug who is going to Romania to tell people in those lands of darkness about our dear Lord Jesus! Pictured are the missionaries with our guests who came on August 10 to rejoice with us in all the exciting things that our Lord is doing on His mission fields around the world.



We had the privilege of hosting the seniors from Lutheran High in Norfolk, Nebraska on August 12, 2024! The day was such a blessing to them and to us. They received the full tour and were "sworn in" as missionaries for the rest of their lives. We reminded them that, because of Jesus, we never say "Goodbye" we just say, "we'll see you later." The students will never forget their time here at this special place!

Saturday, August 17, 2024, was a day filled with God's blessings! People from Fairbury, Fremont, and Tobias, Nebraska along with folks from Ames and Ankeny, Iowa joined us to hear a mission update from Rev. Charles St. Onge and his family from Montreal, Canada! Many of them had never been to Mission Central, so they all enjoyed the full tour and a wonderful meal. It was truly a day these dear folks will always remember!

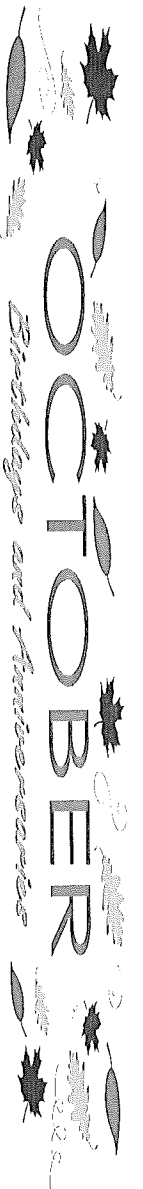


Happy Birthday, Gary!

On August 28, "Old" Missionary Gary celebrated his 82nd birthday. He received many cards, emails, text messages, and Facebook greetings from our Mission Central friends. We want you to know how much you are all loved and appreciated, and we thank you for your kindness in remembering Gary on his birthday. We celebrated with a special meal and birthday cake!

August 30, 2024, was one of those very special days at Mission Central when Ashley Lehr from Puerto Rico and Tirzah Krey from the Dominican Republic came to give us an update on the exciting things that Jesus is doing in these two lands of darkness! We had guests from Savannah, Georgia; Hiawatha, Kansas; and from all over Iowa! They came for a tour and to rejoice with us in all that our Lord is doing on His mission fields.

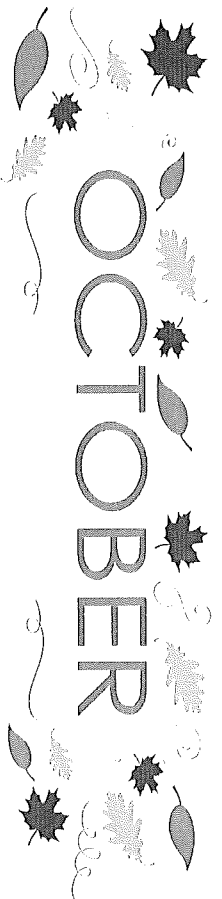




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Birthdays and Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Tim Kraus Ranee Werrimont	2 Helen Leiting Dale & Vickie Musfeldt Dan & Dawn Segebart	3 Cody Bair	4 Sophia Dirks Drew Schurke	5 Payton Gallagher Kelsey Lupole Brian & Kathy Kraus
6 Donna Rickers Mitchell & Michelle Hagge Doug & Sue Kuhl	7 Marshall Owen	8 Charlee Ruhland	9 Rob Klink Shane & Amanda Kraus	10 Tylor Audino Justice Luejje	11 Amanda Dirks Gale Miller Ryan & Kate Neumann	12 Nicky Lenz
13 Ron & Kim Cleveland	14 Randy Bruhn Asher Ehlers Kate Neumann	15 Quinlynn Weier	16	17 Roger Liechti Rob & Dawn Melton	18 Danica Ehlers Korby Fineran Ty Muhlbauer Hope Schmidt David Vetter Kurt & Jackie Branning Jay & Cat Luejje	19 Kim Cleveland Susan Musfeldt
20 Nick Leiting	21	22 Cindy Brockman	23 Amelia Wittrock Al & Pam Kock	24 Audrey Hill Ben Noble	25 Kolsen Vetter	26 Will Ragaller
27 Kate Lenz Beth Liechti Jaxx Luejje	28	29 Paul Himmers Brynlee Mohr Louus & Dawn Winey	30	31 Lois Rickers		



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 3:45 <i>Midweek</i> 7:00 <i>Evening Cir</i>	3	4	5
6 9:30 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:30 <i>DW/HC</i>	7	8	9 3:45 <i>Midweek</i>	10	11	12
13 9:30 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:30 <i>DW/HC</i>	14	15	16 3:45 <i>Midweek</i> 6:30 <i>Voters Meet</i>	17	18	19 4:00-7:00 <i>Harvest Supper at Westside Community Bldg</i>
20 9:30 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:30 <i>DW/HC</i>	21	22	23 3:45 <i>Midweek</i>	24	25	26
27 9:30 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:30 <i>DW/HC</i>	28	29	30	31		

USHERS

Dwight Ehlers Brian Kraus
 Jake Kraus Zack Kraus
 Curtis Ehlers Devon Ehlers
 Randy Neumann Ryan Neumann
 Riley Neumann Dale Lenz

Chancel Circle

Marilyn Mummm
 Lajean Shiney
Parish Circle
 Diane Witt
 Lajean Shiney

ACOYLTES

10/6: Audrey Hill & Dane Dirks
 10/13 Lacey Middleton & Lane Kraus
 10/20 Laynie Muhlbauer & Eliza Wittrock
 10/27 Marissa Schrad & Sutton Wittrock

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>
<i>Adult Bible Class</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>
<i>Divine Worship</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>



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