

“Dose of Wisdom”

You have probably heard about the recent law in New York regarding abortion. A bill was signed into law on January 22, giving mothers the choice to abort their children up to the point of birth. In the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we wholeheartedly disagree with this law. We believe in the Sanctity of Human Life. We believe God’s Word which commands us, “You shall not kill.” We believe each life is precious and one for whom Christ died for on the cross to pay for sins. Here is a statement I received via email from President Matthew C. Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod which explains our position in The LC-MS.

Pastor Dose

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

On Jan. 22, 2019, the 46th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand, the governors of both New York and Illinois signed laws to extend and promote abortion.

“This is the evolution of humankind in America,” said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as he signed the Reproductive Health Act into law. In Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed an executive order to ensure taxpayer funding of abortions, saying that it would make his state “the most progressive ... in terms of women’s reproductive rights.”

Life, not death, is the goal of humanity. History testifies that death is never the means through which justice and human rights prevail. We do not advance on the graves of our children. Germany, which sought eugenics as the solution to problems, now has strict abortion laws. To defend and support life is the goal of every just government, and the right to life is the hallmark of a good society.

Yet abortion laws have allowed the abortion of more than 61,000,000 children since Roe v. Wade. That’s nearly 50 times the number of American soldiers killed in all wars. The abortion industry and its proponents take great lengths to avoid facing the fact that abortion dismembers a living child in a horrid pool of its own blood. This is barbaric.

Abortion is a lie. Science is on the side of life. We shall stand against the barbarism of abortion until our dying breath. Abortion is illogical, as we slaughter babies in the womb while developing ever-better care for other unborn children. Abortion contradicts the natural law written on human hearts that teaches us it is wrong to kill.

Lawmakers and bureaucrats in our country have become emboldened to force citizens to go against their conscience. People publicly celebrate laws that lead to the deaths of children.

How long, O Lord, how long?

Our Christian faith teaches us to value life and to love each and every person as our neighbor. Love is life, and life is the great gift of love. Death is our natural enemy. This can be seen in our lives and in our world each day. Even the birds that seek food in winter testify that life is the goal of their movements and their work. The flowers that grow toward the sun seek the light that enlivens them. We all live under God, who grants life to His whole creation.

And in the giving of His Son to be the Savior, God shows that He is the Lord of life. Jesus came to love. He taught us to love all people, including those whom we consider our enemies. He taught us to unconditionally love every person, even those whom this world considers unworthy of love.

Jesus not only taught us to love. He brought healing and wholeness to the broken. He proclaimed peace to those who were troubled. He sat with those who were excluded. He lifted up those who were beaten down. But most of all, He loved through the sacrifice of His own life on the cross. He died to forgive the sins of all humanity. His forgiveness is a free gift for all who trust in Him, including those who suffer from guilt for aborting their child. He rose on the third day.

The resurrection of Jesus is God's grand statement that life is the goal of this creation. The resurrection of Jesus proclaims that all creatures find the goal of their existence in life. Just as God raised Jesus from the dead, so we learn that God treasures life over death.

We live as citizens in this world, and we seek to be obedient to our nation's laws. We thank God for our leaders and for this great land He has given to us and for its precious freedoms and opportunities. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod advocates strong citizenship and active participation in government. We obey the laws of our land and encourage those around us to do so. We are, however, bound by our conscience to speak against those laws that are unjust and, especially, those laws that violate God's law and the natural law that binds all mankind. Abortion and other means through which humans kill humans violate these natural and moral laws that form the foundation of society.

Therefore, we stand against these actions and against all laws that sanction abortion or the taking of innocent life. We cannot stand silent when people elected to positions in which they are to protect citizens continue to pass laws and advocate for legislation that undermines the sanctity of human life. Our conscience is bound by both the Word of God and reason to speak for life as a precious gift of God and to speak against any and all who promote the killing of unborn children. We cannot hide the evil of these laws under the banner of "rights" or "privilege." Children's lives are at stake. They cannot speak for themselves. We will speak for them, and we will work to protect their lives.

And we will continue to work to love and support the women who face difficult choices or suffer from the consequences of abortion. We support young mothers who have chosen life for their children. We work to provide adoption and other opportunities to care for children in need. And we continue to show God's mercy to all, just as He, in Jesus, has mercy on all.

We will work, love and pray that all might know the love of Jesus and trust in Him for salvation. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Prayer

Gracious Father, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts. We do not understand the disregard for the work of Your hands and the wanton destruction of human life that has taken place through the atrocity of abortion. Bring an end to abortion, euthanasia and all other legal means to unjustly take life. Instill in Your people love for life as is pleasing in Your sight. Grant wisdom and strength of conviction to those who make, execute and administer our laws, that they might protect the unborn, the aged and all those whom they govern. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

EVENING CIRCLE

Will hold their meeting on Wednesday February 6th at 7 pm at the church. Co-Hostess is Lajeane Shoney.

Sub Sandwich Sales

They LYF has been taking Sub Sandwich orders for Super bowl Sunday. They made the sandwiches on Wednesday, January 30th. The sandwiches will be available for pick up or delivery. There will be some additional sandwiches made for those who did not place an order or who wish to purchase additional sandwiches. Remember they are great frozen for later use in addition to being served for Super bowl Sunday. Sandwiches are made with Roast Beef, Ham, turkey and 2 types of cheese, They are selling for \$3.50 each or 5 for \$15 Thank you for your support. It is appreciated.



Winter has settled into the Sunday School. Even though it is cold outside we have a lot of warm hearts inside due to the Good News of Jesus Christ being shared by our teachers and students.



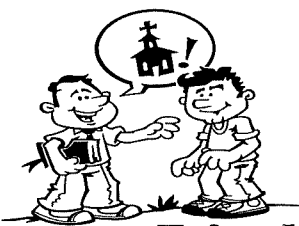
February is Friendship Sunday month! We are working on a new song we will be presenting on February 10th along with observing Friendship Sunday Bring a friend. The more the merrier.

Thank-you to everyone that helped with the Christmas Program, The children did an awesome job! We were worried some days but the kids and staff pulled it all together. Special thanks to the parents for making sure the kids were there

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Friendship Sunday --- February 10, 2019

WE WANT YOU TO INVITE SOMEONE!

Invite a Friend to Church

You may not have done this before – but this year we want you to! Consider a neighbor, a friend, a relative, someone with whom you work, or see occasionally. They could be new to the area or someone who has been around for years. God wants you to invite them. The front entry of our church with its stain glass windows were designed to make people look, wonder, and want to come in – but the doors alone cannot do this. **WE'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP**; the Holy Spirit will help. Offer to pick them up if there is any way you could work this out.

Come, join us and bring a friend or two! You'll learn some things which may surprise you and all those who come will not go away hungry.

FRIENDSHIP ABLAZE! MEANS BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS: Perhaps there is an acquaintance in your life who needs you to build a stronger friendship with him/her. Maybe it is your mechanic, your hair dresser, a neighbor, or a person at work. You are someone who can share the greatest Friend any of us will ever have. Now is the time to intentionally build that friendship. Spend time with that person. Remember birthdays, anniversaries. Share your times of joy and celebration with that person. Seek ways to help and encourage your friendship. This is how we set our friendships *Ablaze!*



Work Hard,
Do Your Best,
Keep Your Word,
Never Get Too Big For Your Britches,
Trust In God
And Never Forget a Friend

LUTHERAN

WITNESS

If you would like to renew or become a new subscriber to the Lutheran Witness, please contact the church office by Sunday, February 24th. The cost is \$22.67 for a year.

What is Happening At YOUR Camp?



Hauk Cabin Removed

Hauk has been taken down. At the present time, nothing will be built at that location. Plans are in process as to what will become permanent housing for summer staff that can also be used during the other months for retreats or small groups. The temporary housing will be in Dan and Zebulun, which are currently being remodeled with updated bathrooms (including showers), insulation, heating and cooling units, and new windows. Once permanent housing is established, these two cabins will be available for spring, summer, and fall usage by youth and families. They also serve as a model for the other dorm-style cabins which we hope to update as funds become available.

Summer staff needed!

We are currently recruiting for our 2019 Summer Staff. This year, summer staff will be trained in all areas of our ministry and will serve in a variety of roles. With that being said, we are looking for people of college age who want to work with the fulltime staff serving God in the ministry at Camp Okoboji. Areas of responsibility include: overnight and day camp counselors, housekeeping, kitchen and dining hall, maintenance, life guards and water front supervision, media and more! To apply go to www.nloma.org.





THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together February 2019

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On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Family Gift Fund



Did you know that you could continue giving to your favorite LCMS ministries including your local congregation even after you die and go to be with the Lord?

All you need to do is to establish a Family Gift Fund with the LCMS Foundation. You determine the ministries to benefit from your fund and what percentage of the Fund's investment income would go to each ministry. You then make plans to transfer assets from your estate to your fund. You can do this while you are alive or at your death.

A very common asset to transfer to your gift fund would be assets from your IRA, 401K, or annuities. These assets are income taxable if received by your children and they are tax free if you transfer them to your gift fund. A family gift fund is easy to establish and I can assist you. Please contact me for a personal visit.

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

Church Worker Scholarships

Iowa District West offers substantial scholarships to those students who are going in to full time church work or those attending one of our Concordia Universities. Applications for the 2018-2019 scholarship are located on our Iowa District West website under the tab resources and forms and links. Applications are due by June 1. Rev. Tom Schlund, Senior Pastor at Trinity, Algona, is our Director of Student Financial Aid.

IDW Outreach to California Fires

Ellie Menz has been working to find the best way to reach out and help those in need in response to the damage done by the California fires. She has been in contact with Pastor Michael Meyer, LCMS Disaster Response Coordinator, and with the Disaster Response Coordinators in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. If you wish to donate for the needs, please make your check payable to Iowa District West with "Disaster" in the memo and send to Iowa District West, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite B, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501. If you have any questions contact Ellie at ellie@iowadistrictwest.org.

Strengthening Your Marriage Workshop Good Shepherd, Fort Dodge

Iowa District West is sponsoring this workshop which will help married couples to: focus on their marriage, grow in their communication skills, have time to process with each other, celebrate the marriage with which God has blessed them, and couples will enjoy the fellowship of other married couples. When: Saturday, March 3; Time: Check in between 8:30am-8:50am; Workshop: 9am-2pm; Cost: \$40 per couple (payable the morning of the workshop to IDW). Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Have childcare needs? Indicate on your registration. Register at the IDW website iowadistrictwest.org. Registrations must be made by February 25. Questions about this event can be directed to Rhonda Mohr at 515-576-7666.

Save the Dates: 2019 Junior and Senior High Youth Gatherings

Junior Youth — "Come to the Table" — October 19-20
Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines

Senior Youth — "Foundations Prepared" — November 15-17
Embassy Suites, Downtown Des Moines



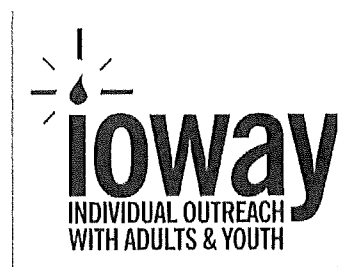
Calendar of Events

February 14...Board of Directors, District Office

IOWAY MISSION TRIP



The team of 28 Petal Pushers experienced the *beauty* of the flowers and the *brokenness* of the lives of many who live on Skid Row in Los Angeles. Following are some of their comments.



Beauty

Really a great trip and highly recommended for everyone. I'm not a big flower lover, but enjoyed putting roses on the Lutheran Hour float. Sharing Jesus through the float, in person and with those experiencing homelessness, was the highlight of the trip.

Attending the game, even if Iowa was not playing, was a big plus for me. Probably be the only Rose Bowl game I ever get to attend. I did not realize that there was a reception for those going to the game, so that was good.

I think this has been an awesome experience. Many thanks to Ellie and Lynn for leading this group of faithful servants. The parade was magnificent, and I thought people were very friendly and warm.

Best experience – ever!

- ♥ God winks abounded through new relationships in our group and new relationships as we built the floats.
- ♥ Learning a lot of the details that go into making the floats was incredible! All the flowers, seeds, grass and materials. So cool! Appreciate those beautiful floats even more!

Decorating floats – was so impressed with all the diversity in the people and yet everyone was so friendly and had a smile. Parade – I could hardly believe I was actually sitting at the parade – more than I expected. Ballgame – so exciting to see the bands. The stealth bomber flew over the game lower than at the parade – unbelievable! Our group – as the days go on, I feel like I have met some wonderful people – people I feel good being around.

The Petal Pushers trip has been wonderful! I have enjoyed every part of the mission trip. We have worked hard and have gotten a lot accomplished. I enjoyed doing the tedious work of making the floats, and it was fun to see them in the parade.

The devotions this week was on how to manage our chaos which fit this week perfectly. Through all of the chaos we finished the health kits and were ready to present all of the donations to the rescue mission after finishing the floats. The parade was amazing - to see all of the hard work being presented to the world. We pray that the Lutheran Hour float was able to reach the hearts of many individuals.

Upon signing up for this trip – I really did not know what to expect – except that we would work on floats and watch the Rose Bowl parade. Three days in – I am changed. The group has taught me to love one another – humility – servanthood – patience – “let it go” – serve as needed and realize that God does not expect me to finish all that I am working on!



Relationships – how amazing the relationships that were formed in past years and that continue to bless us forward – the beautiful seats at the parade! Excited to watch the new things God still has planned!

This experience was the childhood dream to participate in the decorating of a Rose Bowl float. Watching and working with so many people was so rewarding. The fellowship with the group was also tremendous; especially since I didn't know anyone personally. Ellie's organizational skills are fantastic to see so many working together buying items for the homeless and then packing the kits. Watching the parade in person brought tears to my eyes. You can't imagine the size and sounds of the bands and the enormous size of all the floats!

Brokenness

So many lives are broken. We were told that there are 41,000 homeless people in Los Angeles County. We can't solve their problems but we brought a smile and a ray of sunshine into many of those at Union Rescue Mission on January 3, 2019. We served a meal, distributed thousands of items and worked with the children. There are currently 300 children in the Union Rescue Mission. Following are comments from some of our team.

Awesome day! Gives clear focus to the "better to give, than receive" statement. Makes me feel incredibly blessed.

Eye-opening, makes you realize that you are blessed to have a place to call home – the same place every day. Overwhelming to see all the tents on the sidewalks in the area of the Mission. The cost of running the mission - \$54,000 per day (all donated as they accept no government funding). Amazing!

I was very apprehensive about going to the mission, but I really feel good about what we did and with the interaction we had with the people. They were all very appreciative of what we gave them. Many said, "God bless you." It's so sad to see how they have to live. It's heartbreaking.



The mission ministry is very organized in how they are trying to help people get out of their current situations. The building was very clean and the people were very appreciative of the items we brought. It made me realize how God has blessed me.

- Amazed by what we witnessed today. So many people are homeless and are in need of items.
 - Neat to hear how grateful people are. They all or many said "God bless you" to us when it should have been us saying that to them first.
 - Gave me warm fuzzies to be able to help others in need.
 - Makes me thankful of all the blessings I have received – I am so spoiled.
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I thoroughly enjoyed working with the children at Skid Row. I was pleasantly surprised that some of them knew of Jesus. I was deeply moved when a 6-year-old girl offered to lead us in prayer before our snack. Kids are kids no matter what their situation. It is my hope that we were able to bring hope through Jesus to these most precious children. I'm saying prayers of thanksgiving for the generous people who have donated items to the Children's Room at Union Rescue Mission!

I have everything I need – not everything I want. Union Mission has made such an impact on my life. It is humbling to serve those who have nothing. To watch moms with their children breaks my heart. One wants to fix the problems but today was a day to share "light, joy and peace" with those we served a hot meal and give them needed items. I want to be a light in each day and to each person God brings into my life!

STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE WORKSHOP



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
FORT DODGE, IOWA
LED BY
PASTOR JONATHAN CONNER

Time: Check in between 8:30am-8:50am **Workshop:** 9am-2pm

Who: For ALL married couples...this is an opportunity to strengthen your marriage

Cost: \$40 per couple (payable the morning of the workshop)

Morning refreshments and lunch provided

Have childcare needs? Indicate on your registration.



Couples will

Grow in their communication skills with each other.

Have the opportunity to focus on their marriage.

Have time to process with each other and discuss areas that need strengthening.

Celebrate the marriage with which God has blessed them.

Enjoy the fellowship of other married couples.

Contact Rhonda Mohr to ask questions about the workshop.
515-573-0010

Register by February 25
Registration link posted on IDW website
iowadistrictwest.org

February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 No worship till April
3 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	4	5	6 9:30 Bible Class 2:30 Midweek 7:00 Evening Circle	7	8	9
10 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW 11:00 Church Council	11	12	13 9:30 Bible Class 2:30 Midweek	14	15	16
17 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	18	19	20 9:30 Bible Class 2:30 Midweek	21	22	23
24 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	25	26	27	28		

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Dwight Ehlers Randy Neumann
 Brian Kraus Jake Kraus
 Curtis Ehlers Dale Lenz
 Brad Hinners Zack Kraus
 Colton Neumann Ryan Neumann

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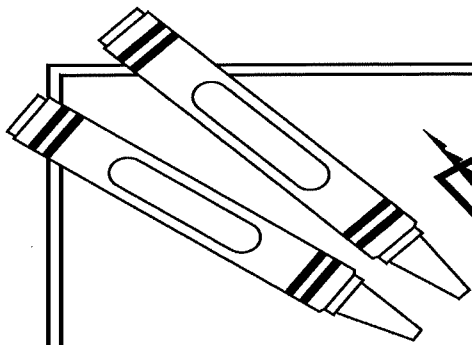
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ACOLYTES

3rd: Delaney Schurke & Lydia Dose
 10th: Elizabeth Brunner & Danica Ehlers
 17th: Kyelar Cleveland & Alex Gallagher
 24th: Timothy Dose & Wade Ragaller

MIDWEEK SNACK SERVERS

6th :???
 13th: Payton Henningsen
 20th Wyatt Ragaller
 27th Lydia Dose

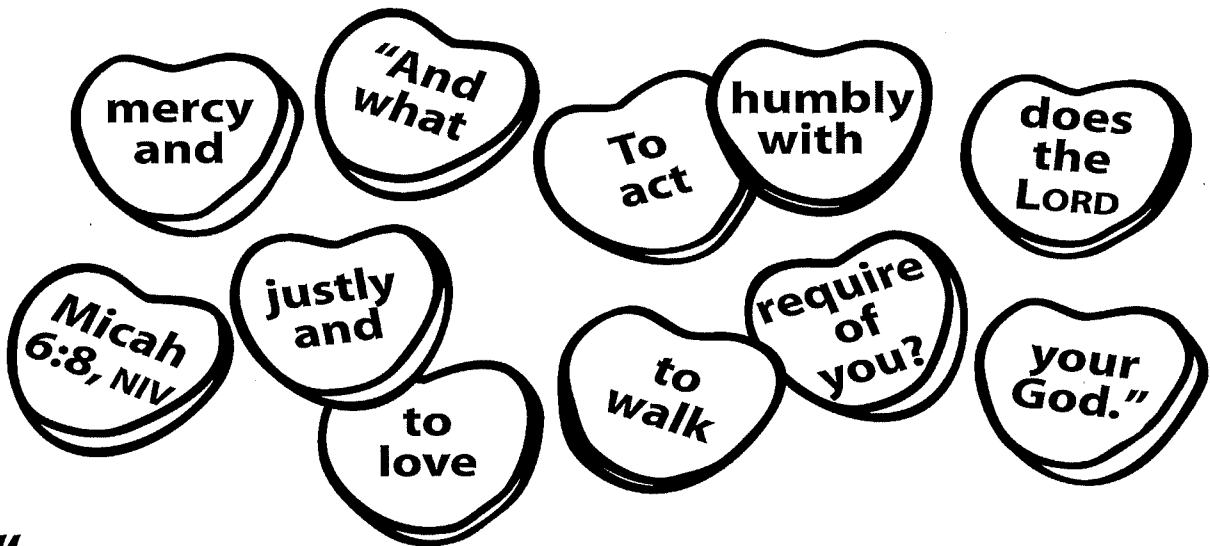


PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



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_____ ? _____

_____ " _____ 6:8 _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

The Holy Alphabet

(Whoever came up with this one must have had some Divine guidance!)

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.
The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

JESUS, MY SPECIAL FRIEND

When the troubles of this world crowd my
mind, I turn to Jesus every time

I tell Him all that in my heart

So he can do his work of art

On my thoughts, my fears and doubts

He dries my tears and drives evil out

He has never told a secret yet

And He understands me you can bet

He treats me so gentle and so kind and

Holds me close to Him at times

Sometimes I can almost hear him whisper
"I love you, please don't cry" He gives
me strength to carry on

When I have thought and cried till dawn

He is the very best kind of friend

On Him I can always depend

He is never too busy to listen to me and

He fills my heavy heart with glee

I hope I can be the kind of friend to Him

as He has always been to me

Kay Harrison



Jesus
Our True Friend



"A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

A Friend in Jesus"

Who could I turn to?
There's no one, but you,
My Savior who loves me,
Guides me each day through.

My Savior, who's there,
When I need a friend,
Always ready and able,
For my problems, to tend.

My Savior, who's there,
When I'm down sick or crying,
Even when my life's path,
Full of knots needs untying.

What could I say?
Your love shines forever,
Burning in my heart,
Lighting any stormy weather.

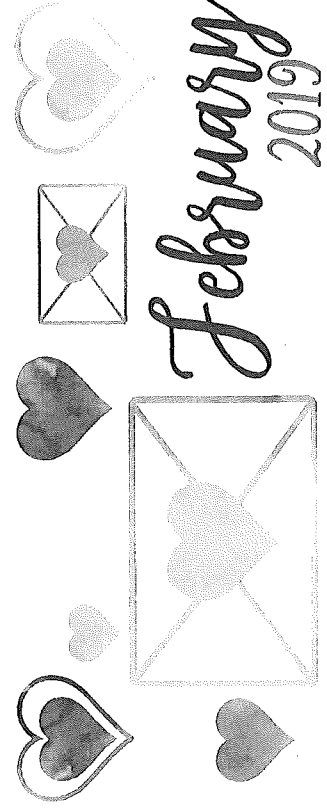
What back, could I give?
But just words, I love you
And what back might I ask,
Knowing you love me too.

Thank you, my Savior,
You're my real true friend,
You gave your life for me,
And on you I can depend.

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February Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Camille Mumm</i>	2
3 <i>Denise Ragaller Kendyl Riesberg Grant Wilken</i>	4	5 <i>Paulette Von Glan</i>	6	7 <i>Hannah Kraus</i>	8	9 <i>Donna Schurke</i>
10 <i>Dane Dirks Mary Lou Kraus</i>	11 <i>Denny Maasen Marilyn Mumm</i>	12	13 <i>Al & Sandy Hunter</i>	14 <i>Shayna Hinners Trama Vetter Jacob Wittrock</i>	15 <i>Dylan Vetter Jim & Patty Vetter</i>	16 <i>Myles Bruch Ryan Middleton</i>
17 <i>Brandon Hinners Lillyann Julin Lacey Middleton</i>	18 <i>Wyatt Ragaller</i>	19 <i>Tyler Middleton</i>	20	21	22 <i>Brian Hausman</i>	23
24 <i>Janice Wilken</i>	25 <i>Doug Kuhl Raelyn Petersen Gavin Thiedeman</i>	26	27	28 <i>Wilbert Ehlers Heather Hill Emily Vetter Randy & Mary Bruhn</i>		



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Friends Who Care

Christian Education 9:00 am
Divine Worship 10:00 am

Friendship Sunday



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