

Dose of Wisdom

Eyes on Jesus

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)

Coming this Wednesday February 26th we remember Ash Wednesday. This begins our season of Lent where we look to Jesus' suffering and death for the forgiveness of sins. This year we are using the theme, *Eyes on Jesus*, based on theme verse written above. We will have services at 11:00 and 6:30. Please join us as we walk together and focus our eyes on Jesus this Lenten series.

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, *Eyes on Jesus* is based on Passion according to St. Mark. We will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

On Ash Wednesday, we will see how, in spite of Jesus' repeated predictions about His upcoming Passion, the disciples with “Misjudging Eyes” fail to recognize that soon He will not be with them, and they cannot see the anonymous woman's anointing of Jesus as preparation for His burial. But Jesus sees her actions as a beautiful deed that will be proclaimed throughout the world wherever the Gospel is heard.

At our midweek service after the First Sunday of Lent, we will look through Judas's “Betraying Eyes” and learn why he did this awful deed. Yet the behind-the-scenes-reality is that Jesus was “handed over” (another way of translating the verb for “betray”) by God the Father Himself, so that Jesus could die for the sin of the world.

“Sleepy Eyes” is the theme for the second week of Lent. In Gethsemane, Jesus' inner circle of Peter, James, and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father's will is that He drink the cup of God's wrath when He comes to the “hour” of His suffering.

In the third week of Lent, we stare into the “Denying Eyes” of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter—when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line—sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

“Murderous Eyes” is the theme of week 4 in Lent. The chief priests and scribes saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by murdering Him through the Roman judicial system. Yet during

the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the Father's sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

In the fifth week of Lent, we look through the "Worldly Eyes" of Pilate, the Jewish leaders, and the Roman soldiers. Pilate can only view matters in a worldly, pragmatic way, wishing to placate the worldly Jewish leaders and crowd, so he consents to handing Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers see the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as "King of the Jews" proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God's way is suffering and the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, there is "More Than Meets the Eye" to the Lord's Supper. We will look into the Old Testament background of the Last Supper and rejoice in the mystery that Jesus, in and with, bread and wine, gives us His body and blood in order to deliver to us the benefits of His Passion.

On Good Friday, we look through "God's Eyes" to see what is happening during the Passion: the once-for-all atonement for the sin of the whole world and the justification of all sinners on Easter.

"Resting Eyes" is the theme for Holy Saturday. Various disciples rested their eyes upon the dead Jesus, cared for His body, and buried it. As Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus rest their eyes upon the sealed tomb and contemplate further anointing of His body the next day, they cannot see that Jesus' own eyes are merely resting temporarily, and Easter morning will bring a dramatic reversal.

Finally, Easter Sunday gazes upon "Angel Eyes." The angel in the tomb knows the whole story of Jesus' resurrection. When he sees the women, he proclaims the Gospel to them, shows them where Jesus' body had formerly lain, and tells them that they can see Jesus themselves in Galilee. Likewise, the "angels" or messengers of the Church in the apostolic ministry tell God's people where they can find Jesus and His salvation in the Means of Grace.

With *Eyes on Jesus* as our theme this Lent, we will continuously focus on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

WOMEN IN MINISTRY L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID:

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Mystel Shiney Christian Life will be led by Shirley Walde.

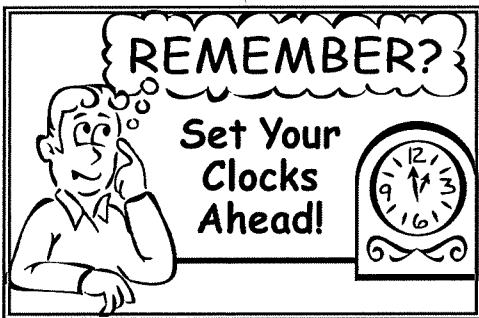


EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, March 4th following the Midweek Lenten Services. We will be working on the confirmation banners Co-Hostess is Lajeane Shiney.



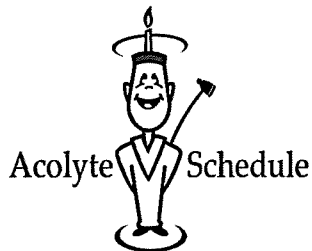
World Day Of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 6th at Peace, Glidden, with fellowship & coffee starting at 9 am and service to follow at 10 am



Daylight Savings time officially begins on March 8th this year. So remember to set your clock **AHEAD** 1 hour when you retire on Saturday evening, March 7th.

Thrivent Financial Members

If you have not designated your 2019 Thrivent Choice dollars, do it now! The March 31 deadline is fast approaching.



- 1st Karlie Muhlbauer & Annalee Wittrock
- 8th Makayla Schrad & Connor Julin
- 15th Delaney Schurke & Devon Ehlers
- 22nd Kendra Schuette & Lilly Julin
- 29th: Joey Peplinski & Abby Klink



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| March 4 | 4 pm | Lydia Dose |
| March 11 | 4 pm | Alex Gallagher |
| March 18 | 4 pm | Karlie Muhlbauer |
| March 25 | 4 pm | Connor Julin |
| April 01 | 4 pm | Emmett Neumann |



Midweek Lenten SCHEDULE

March 04	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
March 11	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
March 18	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
March 25	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
April 01	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
April 05	10:00 am	Palm Sunday/Rite of Confirmation	
April 09	11:00 am	Maunday Thursday/HC	
	6:30 pm	Maunday Thursday/HC	
April 10	11:00 am	Good Friday Service	
	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service	
April 12	7:00 am	Easter Service/HC	
	8:00 am	Congregational Breakfast	

MARCH LIST OF DUTIES

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USHERS

Keith Vetter	Rick Vetter
Jeff Luetje	Kim Brockman
Gene Thiedeman	Michael Brockman
Mark Rickers	Rob Klink

CHANCEL DUTIES

Diane Witt

PARISH DUTIES

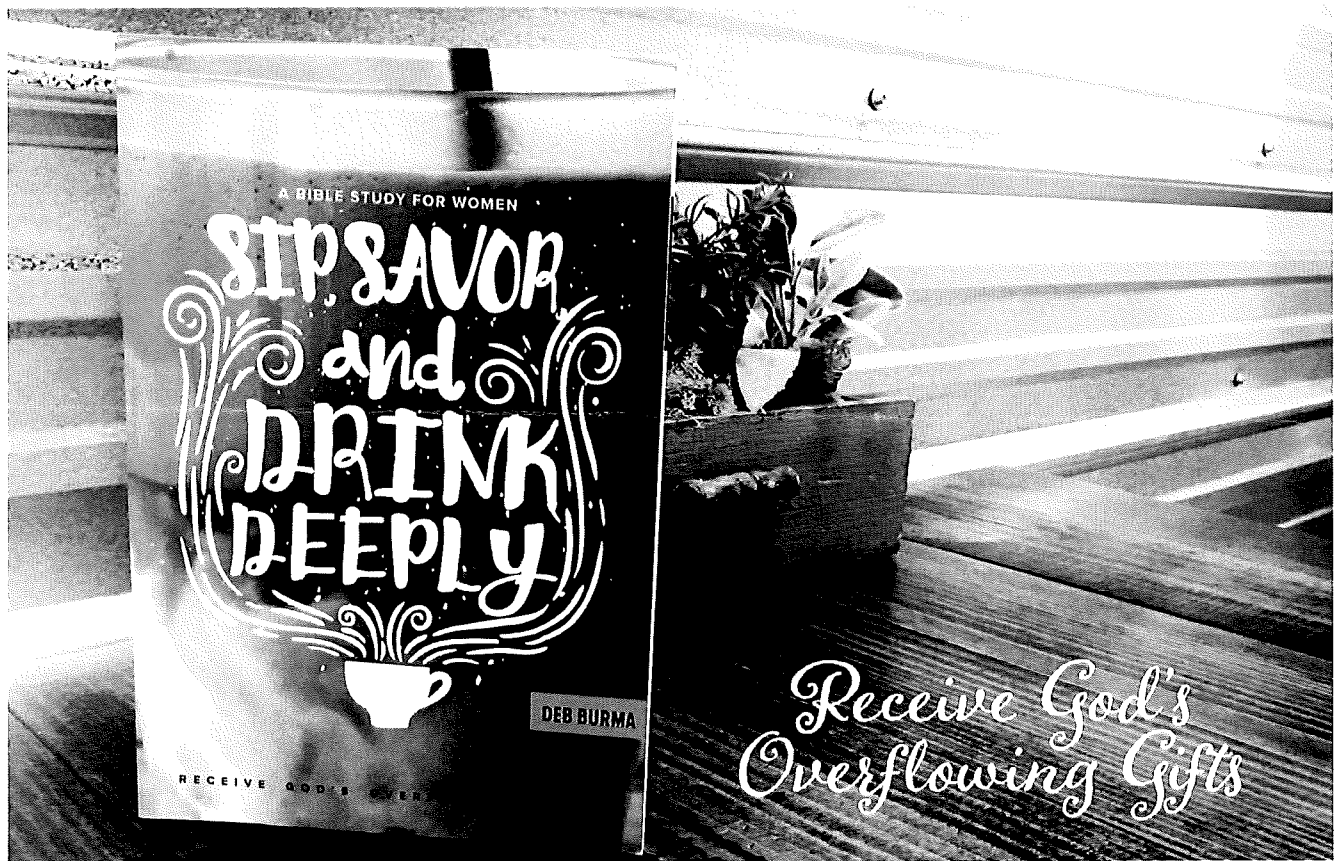
Diane Witt-Jolene Stoelk

MARTHA CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer & Paulette Von Glan

SIP, SAVOR, AND DRINK DEEPLY

Women's Faith Conference



*Receive God's
Overflowing Gifts*

PREREGISTER BY MARCH 6TH
COST: \$16 Light breakfast & lunch provided



Author Deb Burma,
GUEST SPEAKER

Deb Burma, author of *Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply* and other Bible studies, books, and devotionals, is a sought-after speaker for women's retreats and conferences. She's a follower of Jesus, a pastor's wife, and a mom. She is a devoted coffee-mocha-latte drinker too!

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

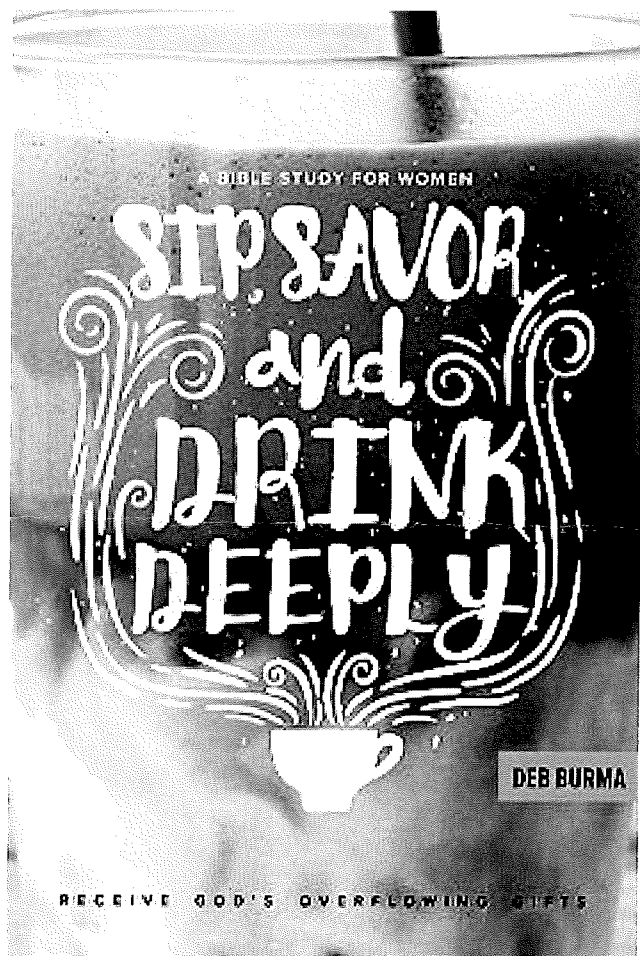
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**WALL LAKE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

108 Boyer Street, Wall Lake, IA 51466

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT **DIANE MAHN** MDMAHN@NETINS.NET



Women's Faith Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2020
 Wall Lake Community Center
 108 Boyer Street, Wall Lake, IA
 (Handicap accessible – West entrance with
 elevator to main level)

Registration 8:30 am – 9:00 am
 Program 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Fee per person: \$16

Registration costs include:

Speaker Fee

Light Breakfast and Coffee Breaks

Catered Lunch

Conference Materials

Registration Form and Fee due to
 Peace Lutheran Church – Wall Lake
 by Friday, March 6, 2020.

Questions may be directed to Diane Mahn at
 mdmahn@netins.net

Women's Faith Conference Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Lunch: Please choose one sandwich

- Chicken Salad Croissant
- Egg Salad Croissant
- Chicken Salad on Gluten Free bun
- Egg Salad on Gluten Free bun

Please drop off or mail completed registration form and registration fee (checks, please) to
 Peace Lutheran Church, Attn: Women's Faith Conference, 406 Stuart St, Wall Lake, IA 51466

REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEE ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020.

*Preregistration is required and seating will be limited.
 Please register early and include payment. Sorry, no
 walk-ins will be accepted that day.*

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Iowa District West LLL/LHM

When: Saturday, April 25, 2020
8:30 am Registration & Breakfast; 11:15 Closing

Where: Our Savior Lutheran Church,
500 North 24th Street, Denison, Iowa

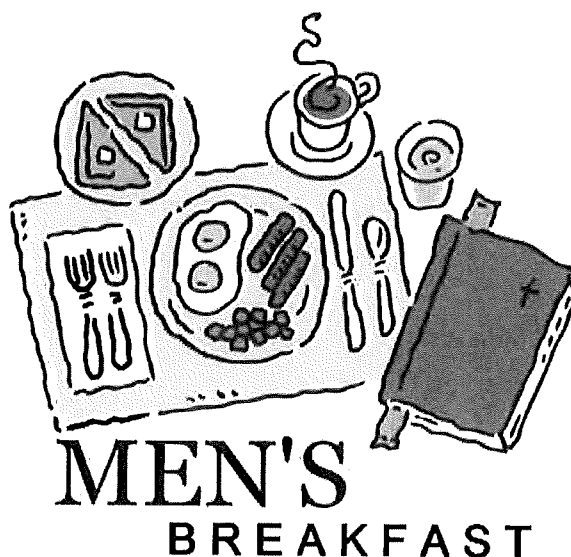
Speaker: Rev. David Loeschen

Topic: Chaplain to Law Enforcement

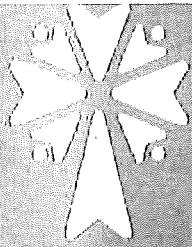
Cost: \$15

Spread the word among the grandpas and grandmas,
the fathers and mothers, and the sons and daughters of your
family and your church!

For more information,
contact John Tews
(valleyinsjt@gmail.com or
641-740-0126 cell).



Watch for future events and other Lutheran Hour Ministries news in The Lutheran Witness and on our new Facebook "group" page, "Lutheran Laymen League of Western Iowa."



Lutheran Family Service

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2020 IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE | IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Monday, March 2 from 11AM - 3PM

Join the Movement | 11AM - 3PM | Rotunda

Stop by the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders tables to find out how you can join the effort to save both babies and mothers in Iowa!

Prayer Rally for Life | 12PM - 1PM | Rotunda

Hear from Iowa's pro-life leaders on the latest efforts to save babies' lives, hear from and encourage legislators who are standing up to defend life, and join local clergy in powerful prayer.

Invited Prayer Rally for Life Speakers: Governor Kim Reynolds, Senator Jake Chapman, Representative Steve Holt, and Restored by Grace Executive Director Laura Limmex.

Learn to Lobby | 1PM - 2PM | Room 315

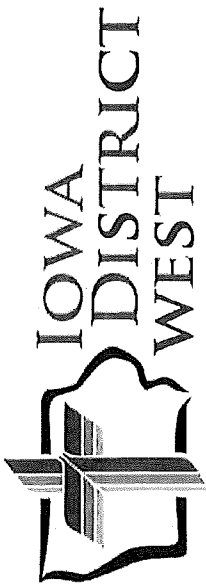
To lobby is to seek to influence a politician or public official on an issue. And your voice matters! Work with veteran lobbyists on how to effectively lobby at the State Capitol.

Lobby Your Legislators | 2PM - 3PM

Encourage, pray for and work to influence your legislators to support pro-life legislation!

STRONGER TOGETHER

IOWA COALITION OF PRO-LIFE LEADERS | #SHESABABY



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together

March 2020

409 Kenyon Road, Suite B — Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
515-576-7666 Fax 515-576-2323 www.idwlcms.org
Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Establishing a Family Gift Fund



Would you like to continue your support for your favorite LCMS ministries including your local congregation after you die?

You can by establishing a Family Gift Fund with the LCMS Foundation. Most of the families that do this type of planning establish the fund while they are alive and then make plans for some of their estate assets to go into their fund after they die.

The investment income from their fund is divided among the ministries of their choice. A very common asset that is directed to a family gift fund is a percentage of an IRA or 401k plan. These assets are taxable if given to children and not taxable if directed to a family gift fund.

Developing this type of Christian Estate Planning is easy and there is no cost. Give me a call or send me an email for a time to meet with you to share how a Family Gift Fund could work for you.

Jim Schroeder
Iowa District West Christian Estate Planning Counselor
515-490-7371 jim@iowadistrictwest.org

Calendar of Events

March 2...2020 Iowa Prayer Rally for Life, State Capitol, Des Moines
April 25...Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study, Our Savior, Denison
May 18-19...Rev. Richard G. Kapfer Memorial Symposium on Preaching, Memorial, Ames

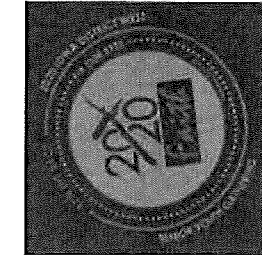
Junior Youth Gathering IDW 2020

Save the date and start promoting the Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering that will take place on October 17-18, 2020 at the Sheraton in Des Moines. The theme is centered around the study of the Ten Commandments. The gathering team is busy planning another high quality event that will foster spiritual growth and the strengthening of relationships as we focus on God's Word and His commandments. Youth will leave being challenged and reminded of God's great love and redeeming work through His Son, Jesus Christ. Registration materials will be sent the beginning of August. Start promoting and planning now! We'd love to see all congregations across the district sending their junior high youth to our district youth gathering.



2020 IDW JR YOUTH GATHERING

Senior Youth Gathering IDW 2020

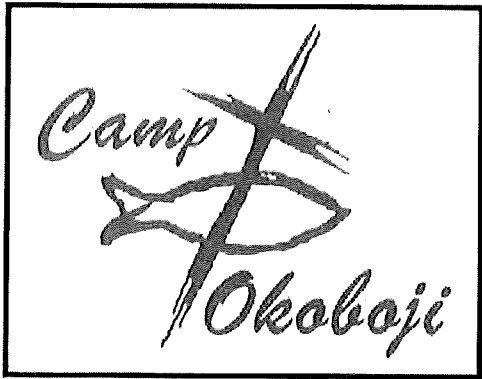


The Iowa District West Senior Youth Gathering will take place November 20-22, 2020 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Des Moines. Our theme is "20/20 Faith" and our theme verse is Hebrews 12:1b-2. Our eyes are an important part of our body. They enable us to see. Our faith is the same way. Satan and the world try to put blinders on us so that we only see his lies, temptations, and deceit. When that happens, our faith suffers. We begin to doubt, get lonely, and become lost. Jesus breaks the blinders of sin so that we can clearly see His grace. Fixing our eyes on Him allows us to see the joys and strength of faith. Jesus strengthens us to go out into the world as more than conquerors. He walks through this life right beside us, bringing us all the way to heaven! Registration materials will be sent in early August.

Church Work as a Career?

There continues to be a shortage of full-time church workers. You may not realize how easily you could help recruit young people to consider church work as a vocation. Consider planting the seed in the life of a young child by recognizing gifts they have and encouraging them to be a Lutheran pastor, teacher, DCE, or Deaconess. Our district is blessed with the resources to give substantial scholarships to those pursuing church work as a full-time career. Can you think of someone you could encourage? Pray for them.

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



What's Coming Up?

March 20-21

Higher Things Retreat

April 18

Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting

April 23-25

Wittenberg Academy

May 1-2

Spring Women's Retreat

May 1-3

Volunteer Work Weekend



Summer Staff Needed!

Do you know someone who is committed to serving others and glorifying God? Refer them to us! Camp is in need of hard-working, committed young adults to serve guests and campers on our Summer Staff. To learn more and to apply, check out our webpage:

campokoboji.org/summer-jobs.php

Higher Things Retreat

On March 20-21, Camp Okoboji is hosting a Higher Things Retreat! Bring your 7th-12th grade youth to this retreat. Pastor Donovan Riley will guide learners through what it means for Christians to embrace being sinful and justified at the same time! Find more information on Camp's website!

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HIGHER THINGS RETREAT



March 20-21

Speaker: Rev. Donovan Riley

Simul Justus et Peccator



Volunteer Work Weekend

Join us at Camp Okoboji on May 1-3 as we prepare the grounds for the Summer Season! Breakfast and lunch will be on us! For more information, call the Camp Office at 712-337-3325! See you at the Lake!

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Jeff Luetje Patty Vetter	2 Lydia Dose Alex Gallagher Nicole Winey Mark & Jolene Stoelk	3 Susan Ehlers	4 Ryan Neumann Irene Stark Dale & Nicky Lenz	5 Kurt Branning	6 Wyatt Neumann	7 Garrett Cleveland Merle Witt
8 Jeff Luetje Patty Vetter	9 Nick Bender	10	11 Kyelear Cleveland Kris Kean Shane Kraus Lajeane Shiney Dwight & Melissa Ehlers	12 Keith Kaspersen	13	14 Timothy Dose
15	16 Kyle Liechti Chad Wittrock Jeff & Cheryl Vetter	17 Pat Branning Myra Luetje Karlie Muhlbauer Jim Vetter Matt & Lisa McNelly	18 Scot Muhlbauer Cheryl Vetter	19 Kash Riesberg Lee & Lajean Shiney	20	21 Cat Luetje Katelyn Wittrock Randy & Lisa Stoelk
22 Derrick Cornelius Edna Hansman Jane Vetter	23	24 Alyssia Giermann Jill Kasparbauer Andrew Skinner Gary & Shelli Lenz	25 Sharil Lawler Steve & Linda Mumm	26	27 Danielle Nelson Keith & Jane Petersen	28 Heather Cornelius Maggie Ragaller Aaron & Sara Peterson
29 Brooke Bass Connor Julin Scot & Stacie Muhlbauer	30 Tom Hoogstraat					

March 2020

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1 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	2	3	4 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Serv 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Lenten Serv 7:00 Evening Cir	5	6	7
8 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW 11:00 Council Meeting	9	10	11 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Serv 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Lenten Serv	12	13	14
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 Rob Klink
 Rick Vetter
 Kim Brockman
 Mark Rickers
 Michael Brockman

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PARISH CIRCLE
 Diane Witt & Jolene Stoelk

MIDWEEK SERVERS

3/4 Lydia Dose
 3/11 Alex Gallagher
 3/18 Karlie Muhlbauer
 3/25 Connor Julin

ACOLYTES

3/1 Karlie Muhlbauer & Annalee Wittrock
3/8 Makayla Schrad & Connor Julin

3/15 Delaney Schurke & Devon Ehlers
3/22 Kendra Schuette & Lilly Julin

3/29 Joey Peplinski & Abby Klink