ZON-BROCLAMIES MAY 2022 JOSE OF JUSTIC MAY 2022

We are now in the liturgical season of Easter. It is a time where we continue to focus on the resurrection of Jesus and his post resurrection encounter with the disciples. Our first readings move from the Old Testament to the Book of Acts. So for roughly six weeks we look at that great book which tells of all God does through the church following Jesus' resurrection.

Besides all of that happening with the liturgical season, there is also a lot going on in May here at church. We have the Baccalaureate service on May 18th for the graduating seniors and their families. It will be different this year as Jonathan is graduating from Ar-We-Va high school. Along with that we'd like to open the invitation to the congregation to attend his graduation party downstairs in the fellowship hall on Sunday May 22 following commencement at the Ar-We-Va high school gym. On Sunday May 22nd, we will be having the seniors and their families eat breakfast together downstairs before the Divine Service.

May 15th is the last day for Sunday school. Bible Class will pick up again after Graduation Sunday on the 29th of May.

May 26th is The Ascension of Our Lord where we celebrate and remember all that Christ did on earth and now God the Father receives him back to heaven to sit at His right hand to pray for and intercede for us. Historic Trinity in Manning will be holding services that night at 6:30. There are no Ar-We-Va high school sports (baseball or softball) scheduled that night. We ought to make it a priority to go down and worship together as a circuit for The Ascension of Our Lord.

May 29th, Rebecca and I celebrate 23 years of marriage. What a ride it has been. We've experienced many joys, and yes for sure some deep sorrows, but God is faithful and full of much grace as we live our lives on this side of heaven in faith in Christ's forgiveness.

Join us these special days in May as we remember all that God has given to us in his grace and mercy.

Blessings, Pastor Dose

L. W.M.L.

EVENING CIRCLE

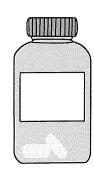
The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 4 at the home of Marilyn Mueggenberg. Co-Hostess is Paulette Von Glan

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid NOT

Meet during the month

Of May



As of May 1st, we will no longer be collecting pill bottles.

Thank You



Please join us on Wednesday, May 18th for the AWV Baccalaureate service to be held here at Zion. Everyone is invited to attend. The Seniors from our congregation include: Jonathan Dose, Damon Ehlers, Jordan Hanson & Will Ragaller. .



A free lunch for all the students (up to age 18) will be offered each day with serving from 11:30-12:00. This lunch is sponsored by the Free Summer Lunch Program at Ar-We-Va. Adults may purchase a meal as well for a small cost (payable that day)



Plans are currently underway for our 2022 Vacation Bible School ""The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation" Classes are open for children 4 years old (<u>MUST</u> be 4 by May 31st through 8th grade (grade you will be in next fall)

We ask that **ALL** persons interested in attending this year, please call the church office (689-2441) to register, or go on line at vbsmate.com /events/zionarcadia so that we can order materials accordingly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would be willing to help out with VBS this year, teaching, craft, snacks, etc, please contact the church office or sign up using the vbsmate.com website.



Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Sunday, May 15 2022 V. B. S. Tuesday-Friday May 31-June 3, 2022 8:30-11:30



We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Ar-We-Va class of 2022. We would especially pray that God would continue to shower His grace and blessings upon our fellow members of Zion who will be graduating, they Jonathan Dose, Damon Ehlers, Jordan Hanson, Will Ragaller. Also graduating from Carroll High School, Dillon Peplinski and Jaggar Luetje from Kuemper



A Word For Graduates

Congratulations to the members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt you are looking forward to the next phase of your lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

²¹ My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; ²² they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck (Proverbs 3:21-22)

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

BIRTHDAYSANDANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Eric Wiese	Claire Lenz	Katie Riesberg		Lori Grundmeier	Rob & Julie	Beth Hansman
Annalee Wittrock	Joel Mumm	,		Michael & Ashley	Klink	
Ryan & Jenni Middleton	Kelly Riesberg			Eggers		
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Shelby Dirks	Doug Bender		Jennifer Kuhl	Terry Strathman	Marissa Schrad	Merlin Brockman
	Sheryl Liechti		Johanna McCarter			Michelle Hagge
	Tylor & Cassie		Jeff Meyer			Mark Rickers
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	Pam Wiese		Jeff & Cathy	Jackie Petersen		Rich & Janet
	Joey & Kimberly		Meyer			Rose (61 yrs)
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Pastor & Rebecca		Courtney Wiederin				
Dose		Nick & Jessica				
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held May 31-June 3, 2022. Our theme this year is "Tree of Life, God's Promise of Salvation. Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 (By May 31st through the 8th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

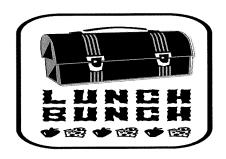
REMINDERS: 1) Students are reminded that "good" clothes should **NOT** be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project. 3) There will be sign up sheets for the moms (or dads) to bring treats.

You will be in the class that you will be in this fall. Whether you are or are NOT attending this year, or are new to the program, it would be appreciated if you could let the church office know as this makes a difference in the number of materials that we order. (689-2441) or register on line at vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia.

QUILTS: The 5th-8th Graders will be tying quilts with anticipation of out doing the number from last year. If you have any sheets, lightweight blankets, etc, please bring them to the church as this will help with the project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would be willing to help out with VBS this year, teaching, crafts, snacks, etc please contact the church office.

A free lunch for all the students (up to age 18) will be offered each day with serving from 11:30-12:00. This lunch is sponsored by the Free Summer Lunch Program at Ar-We-Va. Adults may purchase a meal as well for a small cost (payable that day)



Register Me For "The Tree of Life" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia

(May 31-June 3, 2022)

Register @ vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia

For more information please contact the office at 712-689-2441. Please mail the registration form to Zion Lutheran Church, Box 59, Arcadia, IA 51430 or email it to zionluth@westianet.net

Name of student'(s)	grade to enter in fall
Please provide Birth date for tho	se in preschool (must be 4 by June 8th)
Parents Name	

Phone Number & Or Cell Number



Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number (daycare)



Ellie Menz IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator 807 W. South, Jefferson, IA 50129 <u>ellie@iowadistrictwest.org</u> 515-370-1159

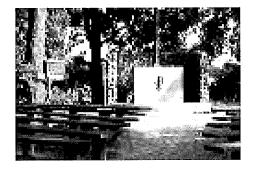
Our Youth ... Valuable Investment



The main mission of the church is to spread the Gospel and present faith-building opportunities to all members, young and old. The "dropout" rate of youth in our churches is very discouraging. How are we doing in reaching our youth? In the present culture of counter-Christian values, our youth need special opportunities. One such opportunity is spending a week immersed in Spirit-filled activities at Camp Okoboji. Recently, at

Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson, two young moms shared some unforgettable memories from their time at camp when they were young. They want the same experiences for their children. How can we make that happen?

Camp Okoboji runs a quality program and with that comes expenses. For some families, it is a financial burden to send their children to camp even knowing it would be a great experience. If financial stress is taken away, it makes camp possible. Secondly, many youth are reluctant to go to camp by themselves, especially if they have never been there. Yet, if a friend can go with them, it's more appealing. They, and the friend each have someone to lean on and it isn't so scary. It is also a great



way to introduce Jesus to young people who may have no church connection. It could be a life changing adventure as they learn about the love of Jesus.

At our recent LWML meeting at Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson, we discussed how we could encourage and support our youth to attend a summer camp at Camp Okoboji.

One idea was to provide \$50 to each young person to attend camp. Of course, that led to a discussion of how many young people might be interested. The cost of tuition differs with each camp during the summer. The cost of camp varies from \$135 - \$370. Providing \$50 won't tip the scales. If a family has more than one child, the cost is unmanageable for many young families and \$50 of assistance won't help their budget enough to make a difference.

Another idea was to provide full tuition for any family that couldn't afford it. While that sounds generous, it usually means that nobody will apply. Pride enters the picture. They will not apply and admit they can't afford it even if it means their child can't go to camp.

It was also suggested one half of the cost would be covered by the LWML. This also was openended since nobody knew how many would be interested.

At the end of Sunday's worship service (yes, our LWML meets on Sunday at 8:15 AM ③), it was announced that our LWML would like to help with the cost of camp and to let us know if they were interested. Families were encouraged to begin thinking and talking about camp. Instructions were given on how to obtain enrollment forms for their children.

The Holy Spirit was working! During our coffee and fellowship time after services, a member quietly told me that they would donate up to \$3,000 to cover the cost of any youth who wants to go to camp this summer. That blew me away, but it got better! Later in the afternoon, another member called and made the very same offer! Both individuals asked to remain anonymous!

With this great turn of events, more discussion was held. With the approval of both anonymous donors, it was decided to fully fund any of Trinity's youth and to also fully-fund a friend if they wanted to share the adventure. At this writing, fifteen youth are interested! That is huge for our congregation! I am sure more will be registering.

The response has been wonderful and we at Trinity are very excited about the Christ-filled experience each of our youth will have at Camp Okoboji. When all applications are set, the donors will give their offering to the church and the church will send one check to Camp Okoboji.

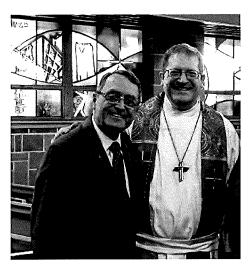
You may be thinking that it all sounds good, but you don't have people interested in funding such an amazing outreach. How do you know? We had no idea! It has never happened before. I invite you to think outside of the box. What about offering it? What about using some of your endowment money? How about including it in the yearly budget?

And let's get serious. We all say we want young families and children in our congregations but what are we as a congregation doing to encourage them? There are other ways to offer encouragement, but having youth immersed in God's Word with other Christian youth at Camp Okoboji certainly is a great place to begin.

Let's invest in our youth! Some congregations have been given land or large cash gifts from estates, etc. Many have endowments that produce annual income for their congregation. Fully funding the cost of camp, would be a wonderful investment in the faith life of your youth. If your congregation has been so blessed, this is something you might consider. It certainly is an outreach and a way to spread the Gospel and bring youth into a closer relationship with Jesus! In addition to being a great benefit for the youth, the parents feel appreciated and valued.



A WONDERFUL EVENT ON MARCH 27, 2022!



Something very special occurred on March 27, 2022, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in West Point, Nebraska. On that wonderful day, Rev. John Gierke was installed as shepherd of the congregation.

Missionary Gary has had the privilege of knowing, loving and being a part of the Gierke Family for 28 years!. The Lord put this family in this journey to encourage and keep the work for the Lord Jesus going day after day at the world-famous Mission Central!

It was a special day because Rev. Gierke's dad, Rev. Charles Gierke and his family was there. His uncles, Rev. Tim Gierke and Rev. Eugene Gierke, and their families were also present. What a wonderful event and one that we will never forget!

FAMILY FROM DES MOINES, IOWA COMES FOR SPECIAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON FULL TOUR!

I could tell the first time I met Grant and Vicky Krohn in Des Moines, Iowa that they truly were NOT NORMAL! They are people filled with the Lord Jesus, and they wanted their children to see Mission Central!

The family enjoyed a full tour. It was a blessing to pray with this Christian family. The Krohns are pictured in Missionary Gary's office with our Boss in the background. We had the privilege of presenting them with a special photo of Sallman's head of Christ, which pointed out the 5 hidden things in this famous picture.



It was a trip that was meant to happen as Old Missionary Gary was available that Sunday afternoon!

THE LORD SENDS A SPECIAL "RAKING CREW"

What a blessing to see that "at just the right time" the Lord will send a group of NOT NORMAL people to help with a HUGE job here at the Lord's Mission Central!

On Saturday, March 26, the Lord sent volunteer Wayne Kafton from Mapleton, Iowa and

special friends from Our Savior Lutheran Church at Denison, Iowa, to clean up the horrible mess of sticks, twigs, and limbs from the winter damage. Huge loads were raked and hauled away. It wasn't easy, but these helpers did a wonderful job.

It is a JOY to see how the Lord provides helpers at Mission Central! Perhaps you recognize some of them. The yard at Mission Central is totally changed and restored. We thank God for friends who are willing to help!



HUGE TOUR GROUP FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FROM FREMONT, NEBRASKA COME FOR SPECIAL DAY TOUR!

It was truly one of those special days that we will never forget. Students from Trinity Lutheran School in Fremont, Nebraska came on March 8, 2022, for a day tour of the Lord's Mission Central.

This was one of the most wonderful groups that we have had visit this MIRACLE PLACE! The students were well behaved and extremely attentive!



The students were officially "sworn in" as missionaries for the rest of their lives during a special ceremony in the Barn Museum. They enjoyed their tour of the Lord's Creation Theater, the Barn Museum, and the Ministry Center.

It was indeed a day that they will never forget! God blessed our time together in such a powerful way!

Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

HELP PROMOTE CAMP!

We need your help! Print off CAMP OKOBOJI FLYERS FOR Youth Camps, Family Retreats, Counselors, Summer Staff, and JOY Camp! We want as many people as possible to hear about & receive the Camp Okoboji Discipleship Experiences!

You can also print off these flyers at this link.

Additionally, visit & share Camp Okoboji's Program Promotional Videos on our YouTube Channel!

SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

CLICK THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

JUNE 3-5.....KIDS' KAMP

JUNE 9-12....JOY CAMP 40th ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 12-15...CUB WEEK #1

JULY 3-8....JULY 4 FAMILY RETREAT

JULY 10-16...JR HIGH WEEK

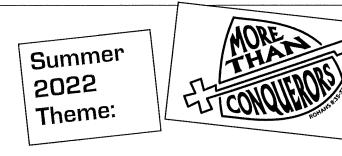
JULY 17-23...CUB WEEK #2

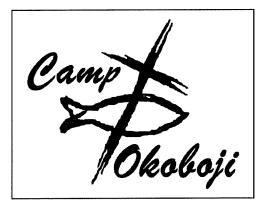
JULY 24-30.....YOUTH WEEK

JULY 31-AUGUST 5...FAMILY RETREAT #1

AUGUST 7-12.....FAMILY RETREAT #2

SEPTEMBER 5-9...TRAVEL CAMP: ARK ENCOUNTER/CREATION MUSEUM





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MISSION: We provide Sanctuary which connects guests with God and His Creation.

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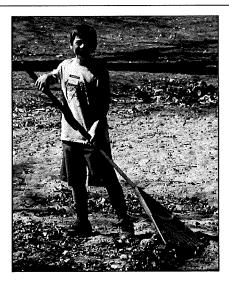
VALUES: Gospel, Safety, Excellence, Wellness, Stewardship, Legacy

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND May 6-7, 2022

The summer season is ahead & it's time to get ready! Consider coming to Camp to give of your time & talents to maintain & sustain camp. Come for the day or come for the hour – all help is appreciated!

Breakfast, Lunch, & Supper will be provided on Saturday. Volunteers are welcome to stay the night Friday or Saturday – lodging will be provided. Give a call to let us know you're coming!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Continuing Education

May 11-13, 2022

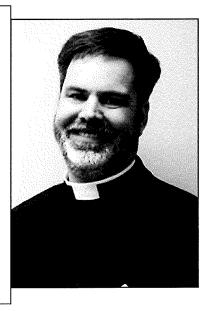
Ministry & Discipline in the Midst of the Digital Age

Cost: \$225/person (register through CTSFW) + \$105/person (to Camp for lodging & meals)

REGISTER @ ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/continuing-education/camp-okoboji-iowa/ RESERVE LODGING & MEALS by calling Camp Okoboji (712-337-3325)

Join us at Camp Okoboji as Dr. David Petersen guides this Continuing Ed. Course. This course investigates the changes in culture due to information technology. The aim is to offer help to pastors for their own well-being and that of their families while also exploring how the church can faithfully use, subvert, and offer alternatives to or techniques to minimize digital culture.

For a course guide (syllabus), click here.





Camp Okoboji Quilt Auction July 16, 2022 | 12:30 P.M.

Join us as we admire, bid, & buy the 100+ beautiful quilts that were made & donated. All proceeds go toward Camp Okoboji's Playground Renovation.

For more information, visit campokoboji.org

Travel Camp: ARK Encounter & Creation

Museum

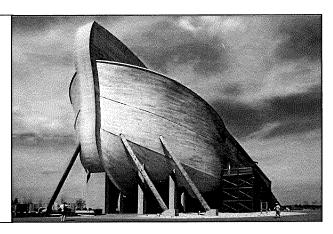
September 5-9, 2022

SAVE THE DATE! We'll be traveling to the ARK Encounter & Creation Museum.

Register by submitting your \$75 deposit.

For more information, visit campokoboji.org or call Izaak

Wendorff at Camp (712-337-3325)!



Iowa District West Youth Gathering Events

As you plan your 2022-2023 youth calendar, please make note of our gathering dates and start promoting early. Also, remember there is financial aid available for those who need assistance.

Registration information will be sent out for both gatherings in August. Look for your registration packet in the church office.

Junior Youth Gathering

October 22-23, 2022

"Called + Gathered + Enlightened"

The Sheraton-West Des Moines

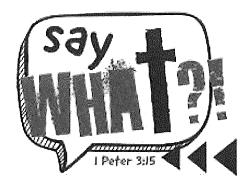
Topic: Apostles Creed

Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:11

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Cost - \$175





Senior Youth Gathering

November 18-20, 2022

"Say What?"

Holiday Inn at the Airport-Des Moines

Theme verse: 1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."



The Best mother that I LOVE When God set the world in place, when He hung the stars up in space, when He made the land and the sea, then He made you and me. He sat back and saw all that was good, He saw things to be as they should. Just one more blessing He had in store; He created a mother, but whatever for? He knew a mother would have a special place to shine His reflection on her child's face. A mother will walk the extra mile just to see her children smile. She'll work her fingers to the bone to make a house into a home. A mother is there to teach and guide, a mother will stay right by your side. She'll be there through your pain and strife, she'll stay constant in your life. A mother will lend a helping hand until you have the strength to stand. She'll pick you up when you are down, when you need a friend she'll stick around. A mother is one who listens well. will keep her word; will never tell. A mother never pokes or pries but stands quietly by your side, giving you the strength you need, encouraging you to succeed. A mother is one who can be strong when you need someone to lean on. You're more than a mother to me; a reflection of Him in your face I see, a love that knows no boundaries. I'm glad that you chose to be all this and more to me. You share a love that knows no end, you're more than my mother,

you are my friend.

Susan Jordan

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands
- something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" and a sticky kiss.

-Unknown

GOD'S GIFT

My Mother is a special gift,
A special gift that God gave to me.
I'd be lost and lonely without her,
If God took her away you see.
I love her so very much,
That I couldn't bear to live without her healing touch.
Thank-you God for giving me such a loving Mother,
For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.

By Melanie Reid

A mother's prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of my children. Help me rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout my days.

I want my children to love you, worship you and serve you as best they can. Grant me the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent me from provoking my children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our household with abiding love and respect, and help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

The price of freedom

In the song "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me,

Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?

I believe we will answer each to heaven

For the way we spend a priceless liberty.

Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?"

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.

How will they know?

A well-known 1960s song by Peter Scholtes answers an implied question: How will others know we're Jesus' disciples? Not by how we understand family values. Not by our politics or theology. Not by how many Bible verses we've memorized, how often we attend church or how much offering we give.

Rather, the song's title and refrain say it all: "They'll know we are Christians by our love." Jesus put it this way: "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35, NIV).

Sometimes love involves words — teaching, proclaiming, bearing witness to God's presence. But if words aren't backed by actions, they soon fall flat. We can, as





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Dale Wittrock Jacob Wittrock Gary Lenz Kyle Lenz

Kurt Branning Kelly Riesberg

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Sandy Hunter Cindy Brockman

PARISH CIRCLE

Deb Owen

ACOLYTES

- 5/1 5/8 5/15 5/22 Abby Klink & Hannah Dose
 - Allison Skinner & Jax Cleveland
 - Lynn Hensel & Jacob Hansen
- Annalee Wittrock & Marissa Schrad

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education Divine Worship

9:00 am 10:00 am

