

"Dose of Wisdom"

The Reconsecration of Confirmed Youth and Adults

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, no activity of the church can do more to equip you for fulfillment of your ministry than the study of God's Word with your fellow Christians. Today, as you reaffirm your acceptance of the ministry of witnessing in the world, we welcome you into the appropriate Bible study group designed to meet your needs. May the Spirit of God so bless your study of the Word that you will be well equipped to function effectively as a light in the world and as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Prayer by Youth and Adults: Heavenly Father, we thank You, for the gift of Your Spirit, who comes to us through the Word. By Your Spirit and through Jesus Christ, Your Son, equip us to live as Your people in this present world so that in the end we may receive the crown of eternal life with you. Amen.

For the rededication of the church on September 10th, we will also have The Reconsecration of Confirmed Youth and Adults. This is taken and modified from a service that was done in the 1960's here at Zion.

Notice the words of the reconsecration—**"No activity of the church can do more to equip you for fulfillment of your ministry that the study of God's Word."** A healthy congregation is one that is studying God's Word. This was the topic of one of our Pastor's Conferences here in Iowa District West a few years ago. We need to be a congregation that studies the Word of God. We offer Bible Class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 during the school year. We will once again look at the same lessons the youth in Sunday school use. This way youth and adults can talk about what you all learned in Bible class and Sunday school together. It can be interactive, talking about faith in the home and everywhere you go. So come to Bible class with us as together we dig deep into the Word of God this year. We have much room for improvement when it comes to reading the Bible together. There are many, many seats that are open in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Think of other areas and other opportunities to study the Bible together. We have a women's group that meets in the afternoon that maybe you could be a part of that study. We used to have (before COVID) a Bible Study that met on Wednesday mornings. Talking to one of our shut ins she misses us not having this Bible study anymore. If you look at any of the churches around us or churches your kids or grand kids attend, you can see they have many Bible study options for people to attend. We are starting to bring back LYF and one of the goals of the LYF is to have Bible studies together digging in and growing in the Word of God and faith.

Once again, **"Today, as you reaffirm your acceptance of the ministry of witnessing in the world, we welcome you into the appropriate Bible study group designed to meet your needs. May the Spirit of God so bless your study of the Word that you will be well equipped to function effectively as a light in the world and as a disciple of Jesus Christ."** Let's look for opportunities to study God's Word together so we can go out into the world and witness Christ so others may know Him and receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

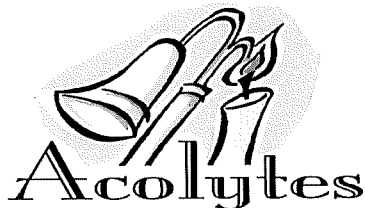
Blessings,

Pastor Dose



**Ages 3 to 8th
grade**

RALLY SUNDAY:
We are ready for another exciting year here at Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School. Classes get started on September 10th which will be our Rally Sunday. We will be meeting for devotions starting at 9 am. We will be singing and praising God. We will be dismissing our students at 9:50 am each Sunday Morning.



- 9/10 Jax Cleveland & Anna Schuette
- 9/17 Hannah Dose & Amelia Schmitz
- 9/24 Payton Gallagher & Laynie Muhlbauer



**SNACK SERVERS FOR
SEPTEMBER**

- 9/13 Laynie Muhlbauer
- 9/20 Jax Cleveland
- 9/27 Marissa Schrad

Remember it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to be here on your assigned Sunday.

Please be ready to acolyte by 9:45

L.W.M.L

**EVENING
CIRCLE:**

Will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 6th at the home of Carm Thiedeman. Co-Hostess is Diane Witt

L.W.M.L Sunday will be October 1st

**PARISH
CIRCLE:**

- Beth Wittrock
- Cindy Brockman

CHANCEL

CIRCLE

- Beth Wittrock
- Alison Ehlers

Harvest Supper



The Annual Turkey Supper will be held on **Saturday October 28th at the Westside Community Building.** Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 pm. Cost is \$15 each meal. All meals will include: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Corn dinner roll, salads, and a piece of dessert (apple or Pumpkin) This will be a drive through event. However, there will be some seating at the building for those who wish to dine in.

AWV STAFF SCHOLARSHIP STALEY'S CHICKEN SUPPER "DRIVE BY STYLE:

WHEN: Wednesday, 9/13/23

TIME: 5:00-7:30 pm

MENU: Staley's Chicken
Baked Potato with butter/& sour cream
Corn
Coleslaw
Dinner Roll & Ice Cream Cup

COST: Adults (ages 9 & up) \$14

LINEUP will start on Main Street at the Westside Park and continue North toward the Community Building. AWV staff and members of the senior class will collect tickets or money and deliver dinners at your car.

For advance tickets, call the AWV school at
712-663-4312

Chicken Supper



**What if we began to treat our Bibles
the way we treat our cell phones?**

What if we...

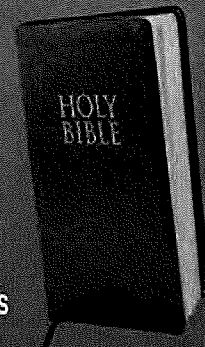
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everywhere?

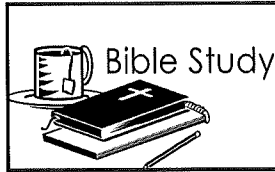
...turned back to get it if
we forgot it?

...checked it for messages
throughout the day?

...used it in case of an
emergency?

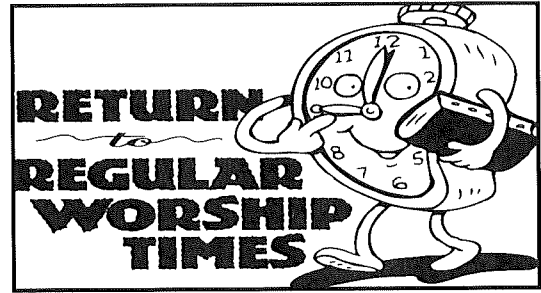
...spent an hour or more using
it each day?





ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Our Adult Bible Class is held on Sunday mornings at 9 am. The Bible narratives are going to be the same lessons so that youth and adults can speak this faith to each other outside of classes. Catechesis is a lifelong process beginning at infant baptism until entering into eternal glory. Come and join us!



Please note that we are in our Fall Worship Schedule

Christian Education and Adult Bible Class at 9 am
Divine Worship at 10 am

Youth Gathering

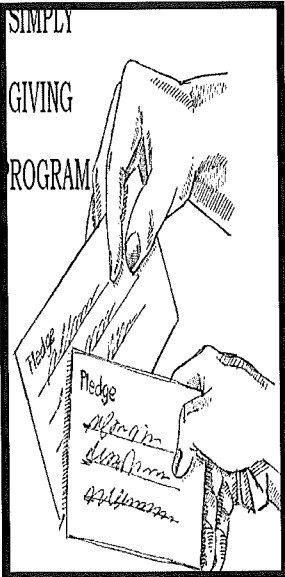


ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ---

The IDW Sr High Youth Gathering will be held November 17th-19th at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Des Moines. Cost is \$250. Registration forms are in Deb's office. They need to be filled out and signed along with a \$125 deposit (church will pay the other 1/2). Any questions please contact the office.

Iowa District West Jr. High Youth Gathering

The IDW Jr High Youth Gathering (grades 6-8th) will be held Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22nd at the Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines. Registration forms and \$87.50 are due to Deb by September 6th. The cost is \$175 per person. The church will cover 1/2 of the cost.



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. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 275 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. 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

FROM A FAMILY WHO USES THE "SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM"

"Simply Giving" is simply easy! If you are hesitant about starting the "Simply Giving" program...don't be! Just decide how much you normally give to church each week (or month) and have it transferred from **your** banking account to the **church's** account. It is shown on your bank statement and you decide when you want to give each month. It frees your mind as you go to church in that you have given your share and don't have to write a check or look for money each time you go to church. You are REALLY putting the **Lord's** work **first**. You will still have the envelopes and can give more throughout the year. If you are gone the church still receives your contribution. Give it some thought. The more who participate gives the church board the financial support in a more orderly fashion as they will know how much to anticipate each month.



INCOME (year to date)	\$ 89,503.64
EXPENSES (year to date)	\$ 119,757.37
	(\$30,253.73 behind)
MEMORIAL ACCT Balance	\$ 3,160.37
REPAIR ACCT Balance	\$ 32,427.26

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

- 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.

GOD'S CAKE

This is about the best thing I've ever read for an explanation:

Sometimes we wonder,

'What did I do to deserve this?' or

'Why did God have to do this to me?'

Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how **everything**
Is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend
Broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and
Asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the
Daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers.

'Yuck' says her daughter.

'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!'

'Would you like some flour then?

Or maybe baking soda?'

'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies :

'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves.

But when they are put together in the

Right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! '

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why

He would let us go through such **bad** and **difficult**
Times. But God knows that when He puts these things

All in His order, they always work for good! We just

Have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all

Make **something wonderful!**

God is crazy about you.

He sends you flowers every spring and

A sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He can live anywhere in the universe,

And He chose your **heart**.

If you like this, send this on

To the **people you really care about**.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are

Here we might as well dance!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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August 24, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before Me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting My Name there forever. My eyes and My heart will always be there." - 1 Kings 9:3

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you from Christ Jesus, the Lord of the Church!

When the members of Zion Lutheran Church, some of them your family members, undertook the building of a church in 1923, I'm sure there were many things that they envisioned for the church building they were erecting. First, they may have seen it as a home, a home where the family of God might gather for worship and fellowship, praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and giving witness to one another of their hope and faith in Christ. They might have also seen it as a hospital for the wounded and hurting souls around them. A place where through the ministry of Word and Sacrament the Lord could bring the healing and comfort of the Gospel to those left wounded and hurting by Satan's attacks. And they may have also seen it as a mission outpost in Arcadia and the world. A place from which they could reach out with the saving Word of God to all those around them. I am here reminded of an old children's fingerplay and rhyme; "Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the doors and see all the people." Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the doors and see the people of Zion worshipping, praising God and joining in fellowship. Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the doors and see all the people of Zion ministering and caring for one another. Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the doors and see the people of Zion teaching the young, reaching out to the community and world with the Word of God 100 years ago and today.

As you celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building of your church home there is one thing I hope you do not see your church home as: a museum. A place simply where you glory in past achievements and the great things you accomplished in the years gone by. Yes, it is good to remember and give thanks for God's blessings in our life and the life of His church, but we must also, as Scriptures repeatedly remind us, look to the day of His coming and be about the work of His kingdom today.

As much as I wish I could be with you to celebrate the Rededication of the Church, unfortunately I will be unable to attend. That Sunday, September 10th, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the congregation I am currently serving, will be holding a special community event as they celebrate their 50th anniversary as a congregation. Certainly my thoughts that day will be with you and the many special memories I have of my time at Zion.

One memory I have, as you mark the 100th anniversary of the church building, is the renovation that was carried out in 1991. When I first arrived at Zion the interior of the church was completely white, a project that had been undertaken sometime in the 1970's. One of the first projects we undertook, after we had established the endowment fund, was to restore the church to its original state. Some of you may remember the massive scaffolding that filled the church during that time and the worship while the work was going on. After the scaffolding was removed it was remarkable to see the beauty of God's house with the altar cleaned and repainted, the sanctuary and nave repainted, the gold leaf restored to the altar, walls, pulpit and lectern, the hymn boards pulled out of storage and restored, and the emblems once again adorning the front walls. Truly it was something I will always rejoice in.

May the Lord continue to bless you and may Zion continue to be a home for the saints, a hospital for those who need the healing message of God's grace, and a mission outpost to the world.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor Steven Stork".

Pastor Steven Stork

ENDOWMENT PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

Once again the council is asking the congregation for suggestions on how to spend the money made available from the endowment fund. The endowment fund was started approximately 34 years ago when the Mildred Kasperson estate gave Zion approximately \$100,000 in cash and 160 acres of farmland. At that time it was decided to only spend the interest generated from that cash, and the farm rental income, and to never invade the principle of those funds. **The spending of those funds is not to be used for normal budgeted items.** Over the years this has been a wonderful blessing to our congregation and the council wants all our members to know that anyone may donate to the endowment fund any time. This year we will have approximately \$70,000 in unrestricted and \$1,500 in restricted (mission projects) to spend from the endowment fund. Your input is welcomed and encouraged!

SUGGESTION

AMOUNT REQUESTED

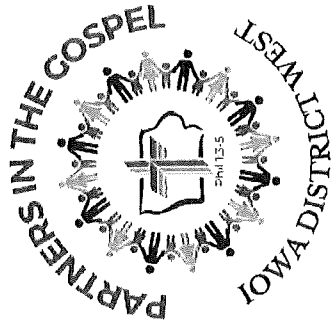
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(not required, but helpful in case the Council has questions)

Please return to church office by Sunday, October 1, 2023

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Sandy Hunter</i>	2
3 <i>Zack Kraus Thea Schurke Roger & Beth Liechti</i>	4 <i>Ryan Ehlers</i>	5 <i>Jonathan Dose Paul & Peggy Hinners</i>	6 <i>Dalton Ehlers Jessica Hensel Jenny Middleton Laynie Muhlbauer Isabelle Vetter</i>	7 <i>Christina Thoreson Justin & Caity Heiman</i>	8 <i>Connor Hansman Jenna Hausman Sebastain Kraus Cara Rosener</i>	9
10 <i>Magen Fineran Mandy Heithoff</i>	11 <i>Todd Gronau Blake Liechti Rachel Mohr Kevin & Sara Skinner</i>	12 <i>Laurie Anderson Kevin Skinner</i>	13 <i>Delby Bruhn Hunter Klink Doug & Doreen Bender Nate & Casey Bruch Dan & Misty Spoonier</i>	14 <i>Andrew & Kelsey Lupole</i>	15	16 <i>Matthew Dirks Amanda Kraus</i>
17 <i>Michael Brockman Katelyn Hinners</i>	18 <i>Lisa Gallagher Tanner Hage Linda Irlbeck Nick & Cara Rosener</i>	19 <i>Heather Hansman Jamie Hausman Al Hunter Clayton Vetter</i>	20	21 <i>Dale Lenz Kelsie Weier Gail & Marilyn Mumm</i>	22 <i>Bryan Miller Baylee Travis Matt & Kelli Dirks</i>	23
24	25 <i>Kris Hoffman Chandler Nelson</i>	26 <i>Kalon Cleveland Gary Lenz Misty Spooner Jace & Kelsey Hawley Ben & Hop Schmidt</i>	27 <i>Rich & Christy Hanson</i>	28 <i>Chris Ehlers Neil Liechti</i>	29 <i>Darin Schurke Willard Scott Eric Vetter</i>	30 <i>Dwight Ehlers</i>



On a Mission
to Support
Christ's Mission!

September 2023

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"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18



This verse has been coming back to me over and over again as I dig deeper into the work of IOWAY and get to know what is happening around our district. The question I've been most often asked is, "How can we help?" What a generous inquiry, and hopefully the IOWAY ministry can be beneficial to people in connecting with opportunities to serve. My encouragement will be to pray: before, during, and after any service action. Is there an opportunity in your community that the Holy Spirit continues to nudge you toward? Is there something you've heard about that you need or want more information on? Are there words you speak, in Jesus' name, as you work on a project or ingathering?

One of my favorite things to do with my students in inner city Minneapolis was taking prayer walks. The idea is simple. Gather some friends to walk (or drive) your ministry's neighborhood stopping frequently to talk with the people you meet and pray with or for them. If no one is out and about, still stop and pray for the people who live or work on that particular block. Ask God to bless and lift up the activities going on in the area that glorify Him, while praying for protection from satan all around the neighborhood. Keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open and enjoy the interactions! (PS – If you see a great need or opportunity, please share with me...thanks!)

Julie Mann, IOWAY Director
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IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

SAVE THE DATE — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24!

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization will be featuring a fundraising campaign on the last Sunday of the month. Please consider contributing to the effort to provide scholarships for Iowa students. Stay tuned for more information to share with IDW and IDE congregations on how to aid this ministry. We are only 6% funded for our \$1,078,184 goal for 2023. Please help us reach this goal!

Dewey Torkelson, ILSTO Program Manager, 712-260-2991

HEALTHY TOGETHER CONFERENCE

The Healthy Together Conference is scheduled for October 6-7, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa. All church workers and lay members are invited to attend by registering on the District website.

- Hear about the state of things in our LCMS church as we live and serve in this uncertain and challenging culture from the esteemed Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer.
- Learn from a pastor who's been there what is (and is not) helpful as you and your fellow church members work to support your pastor and his family.

See Pastor Haney's Mission page in the September Messenger for more details.

MAUI FIRES – HERE'S HOW TO HELP

- ◆ Collect a congregational door offering and send it to Iowa District West, marked Maui Disaster Relief
- ◆ Pray! For the individuals and families who were directly affected in so many ways. For all the community related pieces; businesses, schools, healthcare, government, and safety. For the responding agencies and volunteers who are there to help. For hearts to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit giving hope in such a tumultuous time.
- ◆ Donate directly on the source websites
 - ◇ <https://www.elc-maui.org/> (Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School)
 - ◇ <https://www.cnh-lcms.org/> (California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the LCMS)

Calendar of Events

September 4...Labor Day, District Office Closed
September 19...Administrative Assistants Conference, Zion, Manning
September 25-26...District Pastors Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale

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

L.I.F.E. - Living in Faith Everyday

By Kay L. Meyer, Director of Development

How do we live in faith every day? **Living In Faith Everyday** means we keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and preserver of our faith. It means knowing our Savior, Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. He is perfect. **We are not!**

Thankfully, we have a Savior who forgives us for **all** our sins. He gives us physical **life**, an abundant **life**, and eternal **life** as gifts. We recognize that the forgiveness that Christ offers us didn't come easily. Jesus suffered and died for our sins. Soldiers spit on Him, mocked Him, beat Him, and stripped Him of His clothes. His disciples and friends deserted Him. Peter denied Him three times. Even His Father turned away as Jesus cried from the cross, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** (Mark 15:34) Jesus suffered in our place. His blood covers ours sins. He died. His body was placed in the tomb. It was sealed and guarded. Thankfully, three days later, as He had promised, He rose from the dead. He showed His glorified risen body to the disciples, the women, and to 500 believers at once during the 40 days He remained on earth after His resurrection. Because He rose from the dead, we can be confident that we will also rise and live with Him forever.

Living In Faith Everyday means we understand that we are saved by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9), not by our works. But, we also understand that Ephesians 2:10 tells us that God has prepared works for us to do in advance. What work God has prepared for you? Is it helping a woman who is pregnant and alone? Is it ministering to someone who has had an abortion and can't believe that God would forgive her? Is it feeding the hungry? Is it ministering to the sick? Is it helping those who have lost their home in a tornado? Is it sharing God's Word with someone who doesn't know the Lord? Is it offering encouragement and help to those who are Christians, but struggle with drugs, alcohol, pornography, or a myriad of other issues of life? Whatever God has called you to do, do it with joy.

Living In Faith Everyday means we attend worship services, partake of communion, study God's Word,

and pray. We grow spiritually and learn to discern truth from error. With God's help, we grow into the person God wants us to be.

Living In Faith Everyday means learning to say, "I'm sorry, will you forgive me" to the Lord, and to our family and friends. We also learn to say "I'm sorry" in the workplace, to neighbors, and those we meet in the community

Living In Faith Everyday means we are confident that He is risen! He is risen indeed! And it means we know that when we die, because of our faith in Christ, we will go to live with Him forever.

Living In Faith Everyday means we are shining lights for Christ and tell others about the great things that the Lord has done. We tell them about His forgiveness and the grace that He gives us every day.

Living In Faith Everyday means we share the Law and Gospel with those within the Church and those outside of it and speak up for Life! And we remember that it is God who gives us life as a gift.

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior" (Isaiah 43:10-11).

For
by
GRACE
you
have
been
**saved
through faith.**

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 10:00 DW/HC	4	5	6 7:00 Midweek Parents Meeting 7:00 Evening Cir	7	8	9
10 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC Rally Sunday 11:00 Lunch	11	12	13 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Church Council	14	15	16
17 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	18	19	20 4:00 Midweek	21	22	23
24 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	25	26	27 4:00 Midweek	28	29	30

USHERS

Dale Wittrock Jacob Wittrock
 Kurt Branning Gary Lenz
 Kyle Lenz Doug Gronau
 Ty Muhlbauer Kelly Riesberg

PARISH CIRCLE

Cindy Brockman
 Beth Wittrock

MIDWEEK SERVERS

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RALLY SUNDAY & RE-DEDICATION

SANCTUARY
 SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

LUNCH TO FOLLOW.....PLEASE RSVP
 TO THE CHURCH

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Friends Who Care

Christian Education	9:00 am
Adult Bible Class	9:00 am.
Divine Worship	10:00 am

