

ZION PROCLAIMER

April 2024

"Dose of Wisdom"

Luke 24:36-49 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,^[b] ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for^[c] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

This is one of my favorite post resurrection appearances of Jesus with his disciples. By the time this writing gets to many of you we will be in the Easter Season. These readings will be the ones we focus on in the Divine Service. Jesus appeared to his disciples in a miraculous way, they were frightened and astonished Jesus stood among them. What is the greeting Jesus used with them? ³⁸ And he said to them, "**Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?**" This is where context is king! The two disciples who were walking with Jesus on the road to Emmaus recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. They went and told the disciples they had seen the Lord. Why did the disciples have troubled hearts and doubts arose in their minds? Their old sinful natures even in the midst of jubilation and joy of hearing Jesus was alive doubted this good news. Isn't that where Satan hit Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You^[a] shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" Doubt creeps in. It begins to take root and grow stronger and stronger. It grew strong for Adam and Eve and it grows strong for you and me today... We celebrated the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, we're on top of the world, we gather with family, we have the annual Easter breakfast at church, we eat our dinner mid afternoon, find all the hidden Easter eggs, watch the Masters Golf Tournament on tv, take a nap, and finally head back home. Then the doubt creeps in. Did Jesus really die and rise again? Did what we all just celebrate really take place? What difference does it all make for us?

Jesus reaffirms for both his disciples and us he is with his disciples. Always. He shows them his hands and side and eats a piece of broiled fish in their presence. A ghost cannot eat real food. It doesn't work. He then goes through the Scriptures to show them where it promises Jesus must go through these things; suffer, die, and rise again. He spends roughly 40 days with his disciples in catechesis and opening the Bible to them. He does the same for us as well. He wants us to be with him in Bible class both as class here at church, but also doing it privately in our devotions. There is no better way to spend time than to be in God's Word. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and open our minds to the reading of word. Then we can do as Jesus instructs us, from the text, ⁴⁸ **You are witnesses of these things.** ⁴⁹ **And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**" We are witnesses of Jesus and we share Jesus with others. God gives us the power to share Jesus' love, life, death, and resurrection with those who need to hear it. This Easter season, be looking for ways to share Jesus with others. Especially be listening to the Word in the Divine Service in the Old Testament/First Lesson from the Book of Acts. It's always explaining God working his Holy Spirit through the preaching and teaching converting people bringing them into the church. We pray God use us for His Purpose to bring Jesus to the lost and erring.

In God's Joy and Celebration this Easter!

Pastor Dose

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On the 3rd Tuesday of the month Pastor Dose is out of the office due to Carroll Circuit Pastor's Meeting.

The Board of Elders meets monthly at the Church. Please feel free to contact any member of the Elder Board about any aspect of our ministry here at Zion.

Doug Ehlers
Kurt Branning
Randy Bruhn
Jeff Luetje
Kyle Bass
Ryan Middleton

Elders

APRIL LIST OF DUTIES

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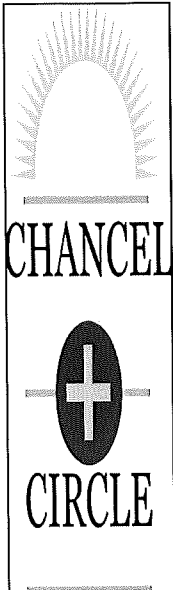




LADIES AID & EVENING CIRCLE

MEETINGS

EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd here at the church. Hostess is Lajeane Shiney



CHANCEL CIRCLE

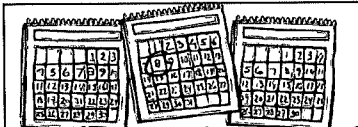
Dawn Luetje
Lajeane Shiney

PARISH CIRCLE

Dawn Luetje
Sara Skinner



The Sewing Circle will be meeting on Monday, April 15th at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to come and join.



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, April 14th following our worship service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend



**CARROLL ZONE
LWML Spring Rally**

LWML Carroll Zone Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 13 at St Paul, Carroll from 9 to 11:30 am



The Rite of Confirmation was held on Sunday, March 31st. The following 8 students received the Rite of Confirmation. Jax Cleveland, Hannah Dose, Payton Gallagher, Joy Luetje, Kendyl Riesberg, Anna Schuette, Cara Schuette, Grant Wilken



Just a reminder that Zion has 3 scholarships available. They are the Zion Memorial the Violetta Anderson Scholarship and the Lila Thiedeman Scholarship. Applications and information for the scholarships are available from the church office and need to be returned by Sunday, April 28th.



Register at
<https://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia>

Plans are currently underway for our 2024 Vacation Bible School "Celebrate the Savior" Jesus gives us joy

Classes are open for children 4 years old (MUST be 4 by September 5th and will be attending preschool this 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 <https://vbsmate.com/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.

Please watch for more details as time gets closer to V.B.S.

V. B. S.

June 4-7, 2024

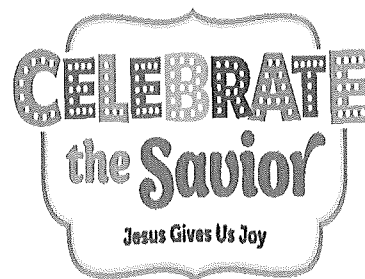
8:30-11:30



We are in need of teachers for our Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be held (God willing) June 4-7, 2024. If you would be willing to help teach or help in one of the classrooms, please contact the church office as soon as possible so that we can get materials ordered.

Please note we are only planning 4 days this year. Tuesday to Friday

8:30-11:30 Am





On a Mission
to Support

Christ's Mission!

April 2024

409 Kenyon Road, Suite B — Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
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Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

Here, Near, or Far

One of the most beautiful facets of working in Missions is seeing how God blesses and multiplies what may seem like very small things to us for the larger good of others. When people reach out to me through IOWAY and ask, "Do you know anyone who could use _____?", followed by items they have been making on their own or with a group, it always gives me a spark and the thought of "if I don't know in the moment, I'll find someone who can be blessed by this love."



One of the places IOWAY connects with, through the gifts of making rolled bandages, is Global Health Ministries, an outreach founded by Lutherans. GHM works with 13 countries in Africa for health education, equipment needs, and community life. A recent story they shared was as follows: "Together we support young Christian leaders like Anica to become tomorrow's leaders. Anica just completed her midwife training. Her heart is fixed on serving in some of the most remote regions of her home country of Madagascar... By this time next year Anica will have been trained and placed in a rural village where she will organize, train, and manage a corps of volunteers that will teach whole villages how to live healthier lives."

If you are interested in rolling bandages (or have some to donate), making newborn or hospice kits, or donating medical/dental equipment (much can be previously used), please reach out to me at the IDW office or check out [About Us — Global Health Ministries \(ghm.org\)](#)

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

Through a donation to ILSTO you can 1) Reduce your Iowa tax bill and 2) Fund Tuition Assistance at our Iowa LCMS schools. In 2023, ILSTO awarded \$817,000 in tuition assistance. Due to smaller donations in 2023, in May we hope to award \$500,000 for the school year 2024-25. With your help, this can be close to \$1 million for the following school year 2025-26. You may donate cash, appreciated stock, grain, or RMD before December 31. You may also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars with no tax consequences. Now is the time to check with your tax advisor to see how this can affect your taxes and help our Lutheran school families with financial assistance. There are additional tax benefits for C Corporations.

For more information, check out our webpage at iowalutheranststo.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

NEW FREE RESOURCE: Daily Lutheran devotions for Spanish-speakers!

La Palabra del Señor Permanece Para Siempre ("The Word of the Lord Endures Forever") is now available from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation at <https://pubsearch.lhfmissions.org/>. From the link, search by language or title to download the most recent edition. These quarterly collections of devotions are written by LCMS Latin American missionaries and by pastors of LCMS Latin American partner churches.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONFERENCE

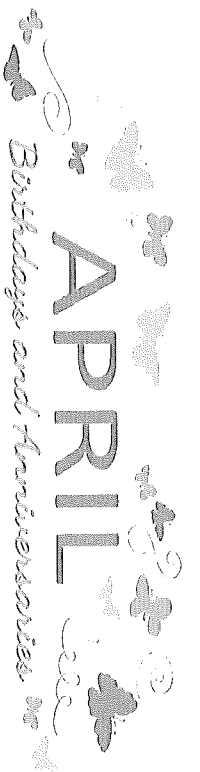
Level up your church's social media game! If you are tasked with up-keeping your church's social media, come learn how to effectively reach more people and shine God's light!

Date: Saturday, May 18
Location: Iowa District West Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite B, Fort Dodge
Schedule: 9am-4 pm
Registration Deadline: May 10
Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/epyY8Up3mj>

Calendar of Events

April 13.. Concordia Plans Pre-Retirement Workshop, Grace-Storm Lake

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



 BISHOPS and FAMILIARITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Cassie Audino Shirley Bald Matt McNelly	2	3	4 Greg Hansman	5 Brandon Koch	6 Easton Spooner
7 Kaleb Riesberg	8	9 Colton & Anna Neumann	10 Dave Leiting	11	12	13
14 Jax Cleveland Craig Nobiling Dawn Segebart Paul & Susan Ehlers	15 Donald Vetter	16 Jeff Vetter	17 Michael Bair Steve Mumm	18 Lisa McNelly Faith Neumann	19 Hillary Haggge Nicole Liechti Michael Rickers	20 Randy & Monica Neumann
21 Rhett Petersen	22 Jacob & Kim Kraus	23 Jaggar Luetje Kendra Schuette	24 Kimberly Bauman Judy Gronau Macie Schrad	25 Kyler Bruch Jeremy & Magen Fineran	26	27 Rich Hanson Beth Wittrock Ron & Bonnie Cornelius Steve & Bonnie Schmitz
28 Makayla Schrad	29	30 Jess Gallagher Jeff Schmitz Doug & Allison Ehlers				

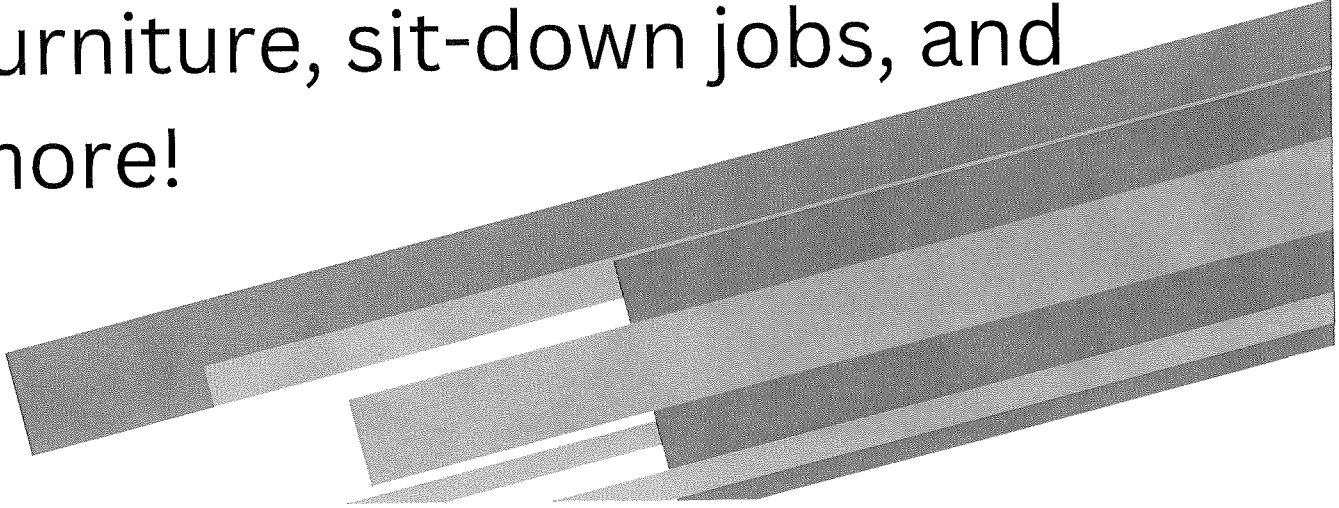


VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

May 3-5

Come help Camp Okoboji!

We have projects for everyone:
splitting wood, moving
furniture, sit-down jobs, and
more!



CAMP OKOBOJI

Quilt Auction

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Auction starts at 12:30 p.m.

CAMP OKOBOJI | 1531 EDGEWOOD DRIVE | MILFORD

Craft Fair

Lunch | 11:00 a.m. – Free Will Donation

View the quilts online at www.campokoboji.org

or on site Friday, May 31 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

or Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

**If you aren't able to attend,
bids can be submitted to the camp office.**

Services donated by Todd Hattermann (Paulina) and Colt Berger (Milford)

Proceeds will go towards updates needed in the Family Ministry Cabins.



Education Youth Family Life

Rhonda J. Mohr Assistant to the President 515-573-0010
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SR Youth Gathering to Take Place at Camp Okoboji

Mark your calendars for October 5-6 with the option of arriving Friday night, October 4.

This year's gathering will be different – different month, different location, different schedule, and different cost but the **same GREAT QUALITY event!**

Theme: One in Christ – Galatians 3:28: “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Keynote Speaker – Pastor Paul Dare, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake

Cost - \$85 - October 5-6 - includes one night lodging, three meals, all programming and activities
\$115 - October 4-6 - includes two nights' lodging, four meals, all programming and activities

Detailed information and logo coming soon!

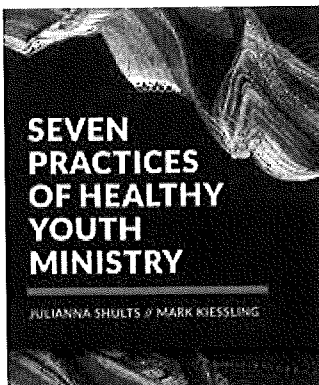
JR Youth Gathering

October 19-20 – Sheraton, West Des Moines

Theme: The Great Exchange (Psalm 51)

Focus on Confession and Absolution

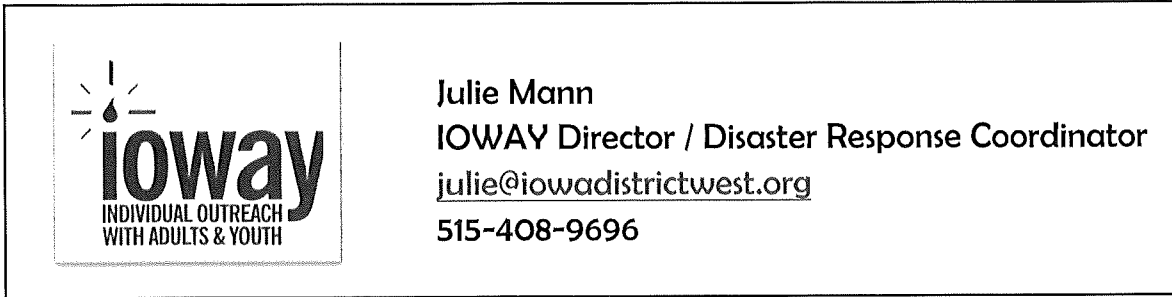
Available from Concordia Publishing House



I recommend youth boards walk through this book together to help strengthen youth ministry in their congregation.

<https://www.cph.org/seven-practices-of-healthy-youth-ministry>

\$16.99



There is a verse in Acts that is very familiar to most of us. “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). It is a wonderful verse indeed, however I found out in researching a bit deeper, that I have been not only saying it incorrectly but also attributing it to the wrong person for my entire life. I used to say “better” rather than “more blessed,” which I think are definitely different, and I thought Jesus said it, but in fact it was Paul after learning Jesus’ ways and in speaking to the elders in Ephesus.

It, however, is based on many of Jesus’ words to take care of the people around us and to shine the light of Christ by reaching out and using the talents and gifts He gives to each of us. Recently, one of our district congregations emailed me asking about specific needs that IOWAY was connecting with, and their endowment committee was able to give a gift which helped outreach in four different partnerships. That was definite cause for thanksgiving!

Another blessing was connecting with many other (mostly Lutheran) Christians on the campus of Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix for the Best Practices for Ministry (BPM) annual conference. Over 225 speakers donated their time to share their wins and missteps, encourage others in ministry avenues, and to exchange ideas to better help reach out within our communities with the love of Jesus Christ. It’s a place for lay people and professional church workers to get refilled, both physically and spiritually.

It does feel blessed to give! In my role, I also get to enjoy being the messenger with those gifts (of all kinds) that you share, passing them on to their intended recipients. Thank you for entrusting me with that.

Here are a few of the vendors from BPM that may be helpful resources for you and your congregational groups:

Concordia Publishing House www.cph.org

- (books, music, Bible studies, church supplies, educational materials)

Actually Fun www.actuallyfun.com

- Resources for youth leaders, curriculum, connecting with and beyond the games

1000 Young Leaders www.1kyl.org

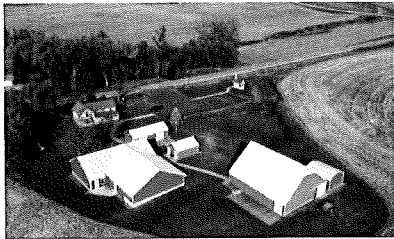
- 21-36 year olds who want to be part of lay leadership and desire to grow their faith

Visual Faith Ministry www.visualfaithmin.org

- Connecting to God’s Word in a kinesthetic and visual way (projects, Bible journaling, worship resources)

Red Letter Living www.redletterchallenge.com

- Discipleship challenges all laid out for you (adult, youth, and kid materials)



MISSION CENTRAL

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We had the joy of welcoming 65 students and adults from St. Paul Lutheran School in Arlington, Nebraska! What a wonderful group of people they are, and they asked so many good and insightful questions as we toured our facilities here at Mission Central. They were all sworn in as missionaries for the rest of their lives! The group enjoyed special presentations in the Creation Theater and in the Barn Museum. During lunch, the students were shown our special pictures and stories in the Ministry Center. It was a day they will never, ever forget, and we look forward to having them visit us again.



The excitement never ends here at Mission Central. What a blessing to welcome President Dr. Brian Friedrich and a group of students from Concordia, St. Paul on Thursday, February 29. It was a joy to encourage these young missionaries as they look to what the Lord has in mind for them in the future. It was indeed a very special day to be together!

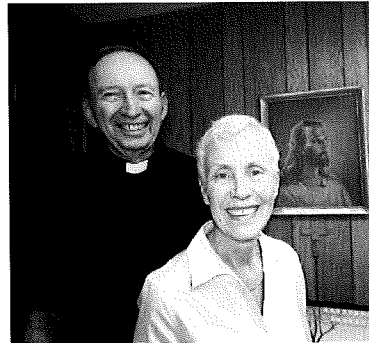


MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Rev. Paul Nelson and Family
Southeast Asia
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
1 PM

Rev. Herb & Markie Burch
Belize
Saturday, April 20, 2024
1 PM



Rev. Jerry Lawson and Family
Riga, Latvia
Saturday, April 27, 2024
1 PM



Rev. Chris Tiews and Family
Leipzig, Germany
Saturday, May 4, 2024
1 PM



SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE

AT MISSION CENTRAL ON MAY 9, 2024

MEAL AT 5 PM – WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM

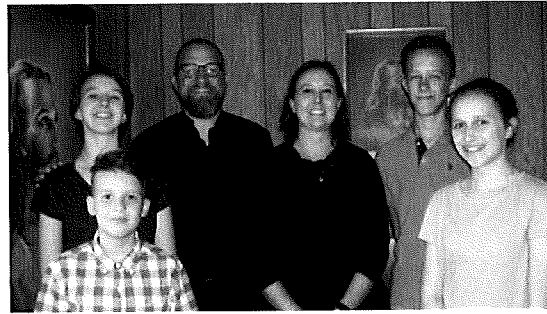
Rev. Chris Tiews will share the exciting work that our Lord is doing in the mission fields of Germany.

Rev. Adam Lehman and Family

Puerto Rico

Saturday, June 1, 2024

1:30 PM



Rev. Quintin Cundiff and Family

Riga, Latvia

Saturday, July 6, 2024

1 PM

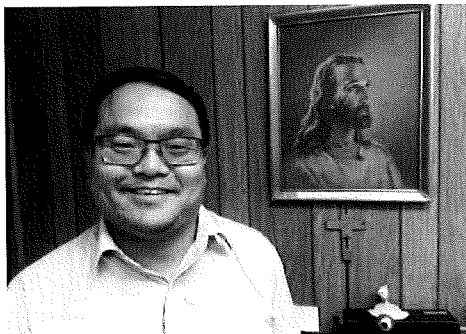


Barb Rebentisch

Taiwan

Saturday, August 3, 2024

1 PM

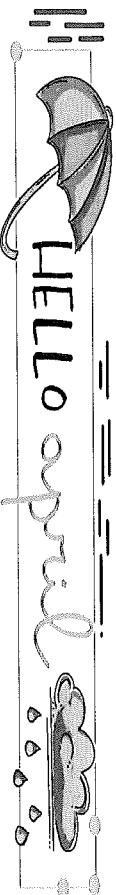


Tom Park

Taiwan

Saturday, August 3, 2024

1:30 PM



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	1	2	2 7:00 Evening Circle	4	5	6
7 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Council Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	29	30				

USHERS

Doug Schuette Dan Wittrock
 Doug Ehlers Jeremy Ehlers
 Merle Witt Paul Ehlers

ACCOLYTES:

4/7 Joy Luetje & Payton Gallagher
 4/14 Kendyl Riesberg & Kash Riesberg
 4/21 Cara Schuette & Anna Schuette
 4/28 Audrey Hill & Amelia Schmitz

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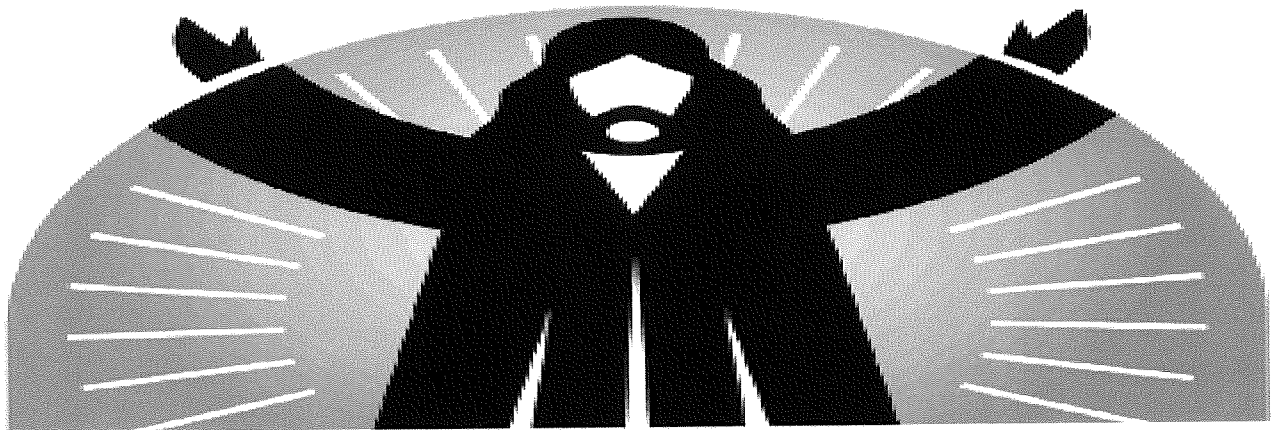
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FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education 9:00 am

Divine Worship 10:00 am



ALLELUIA!

He Is Risen!