

October
2025

Noble Note

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral, setting off the chain reaction we now know as the Reformation. It's something that our church body joyfully celebrates every year. And yet, every year I am always asked why we celebrate it and if it's still relevant to us today. And even though you didn't ask me those questions, I'm still going to give you my answers...

First off, I like to remind us that the Reformation wasn't just a political or social movement, even though those things did impact the growth and influence of it, but it was solely grounded on the Holy Scripture's proclamation that salvation was won through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection and nothing else. The Reformation is all about the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and what that means for us. This is why it's still relevant for us today, because the world is still in dire need to hear this Good News of forgiveness, love, redemption, and salvation! So, to help us see why the Reformation still matters, let's take a look at a few of the famous *Solas* of the Reformation: Faith Alone, Grace Alone, and Christ Alone.

"By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). We need to constantly be reminded that we cannot add anything to our salvation because Jesus Christ has done it all for us! If this truth gets lost, the rest of our faith crumbles and falls apart. There's nothing we can do in order to be saved. Jesus has already done all the work for us!

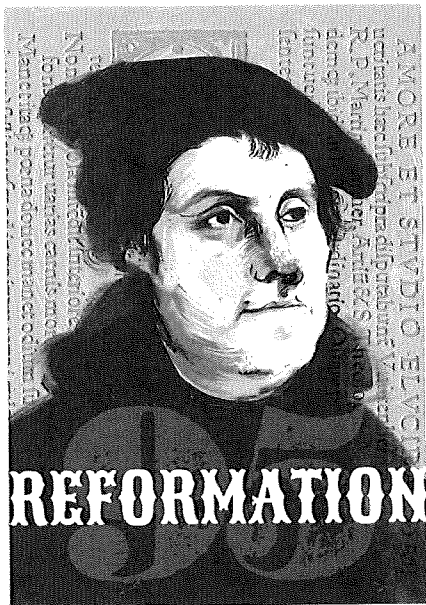
This can often be a difficult concept to grasp because we're so used to having to work for the things we want, and we're definitely used to judging people based upon what they did or didn't do. But how refreshing it is to know that we are not justified by our works but purely because it's a free gift given based on what Jesus alone has done. His work and faithfulness, not ours!

Jesus says, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6). The Reformation is still vitally important because it's all about Jesus and the fact that God put aside His heavenly glory and became a man in order to suffer and die for us. And not only did He die in our place for our forgiveness, but He rose victoriously from the grave showing all of creation that it worked! And it's because of this we rejoice in knowing Jesus not as an example of a way, but as THE WAY! In a pluralistic world that says take your pick in whatever god you like, we are reminded that there is not only One God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), but that there is only one way to Him: Jesus Christ.

The Reformation still matters because it drives our attention back to God's unchanging Word in the midst of an ever-changing world. It helps us become focused on God's mission through the Church and the activity of God's Kingdom within our daily lives. And we return to celebrate this yearly so that we don't lose sight of that truth.

We still celebrate the Reformation because it hasn't stopped. We are still easily distracted by the world and feel like we need to "update" our doctrine and practices to meet the ever-changing philosophies and opinions of people. But thanks be to God we are directed back to the truth of Scripture and are reminded who we are and why we do what we do. So may we never cease to learn, proclaim, defend, and pass along this faith to our generation and the next. Soli Deo Gloria. "To God alone be the glory!"

In His Service,
Pastor Noble



PRAYER FOR REFORMATION (October 31)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen

L.W.M.L. NEWS

EVENING CIRCLE

The Zion Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 1st at the church. Co-Hostess is Diane Witt

L.W.M.L. SUNDAY

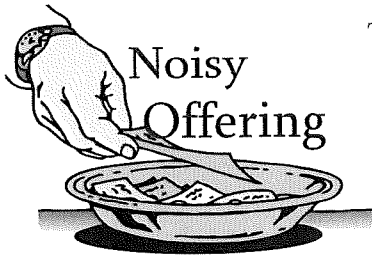
On Sunday, October 5th we will be observing L.W.M.L. Sunday. We will mark the day with a special worship service giving thanks to God for all the blessings our Lord has given to our congregation and the Church-at-Large through the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We will also be having our Noisy Offering that day. All Noisy Offering will be going to New Opportunities for Family Thanksgiving meals.



PARISH CIRCLE:
Diane Witt
Lajeane Shiney

CHANCEL CIRCLE
Marilyn Mumm
Lajeane Shiney

MARTHA CIRCLE
Diane Witt



The Evening Circle will be having their "Noisy Offering" on Sunday, October 5th in conjunction with L.W.M.L. Sunday. All offering will be going to New Opportunities For Family Thanksgiving Meals.



WANTED: Bed Sheets!! These are needed to use for insides and backs rather than trying to sew scraps together for an inside.

Also any donations of new fabric is welcome (60"x80")

RESOURCES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN & FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 0-3

The Carroll County Nest is a FREE incentive program for women residing in Carroll County. Women earn points for attending prenatal visits and bringing their child for well baby check ups. Participation in other educational, nutrition, and wellness programs also earn points. These points are cashed in for FREE diapers, wipes, clothing, basic care items, toys, etc related to the care of babies

The H.O.P.E.S (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) program is FREE for families in Carroll County. Receive support for parenting and learn about pregnancy and child development in the comfort of your own home. Find ways to navigate family life while learning how to have fun with your children. Both programs are offered FREE through St. Anthony Regional Hospital. Call or text 712-292-1051 to learn more or email sskinner@stanthonyhospital.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ACOLYTES



Oct 5th:	Macie & Joe
Oct 12th	Lane & Sebastian
Oct 19th	Dane & Malachi
Oct 26th	Eliza & Collin



MEMORIAL SERVICE: October is National Pregnancy and Infancy Loss month. In honor and memory of those who have lost children in pregnancy or infancy we are having a Memorial Service on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m here at church. This service is for those who have lost children, but it is also for those who have family members who have lost children. Everyone is welcome. Even though it is here at our church it is open to everyone. Please share the word

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Sunday School Children will be singing at the beginning of our worship service on Sunday, October 12th.

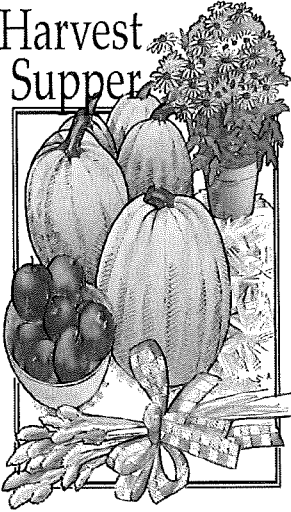
FARM BIDS

Sealed bids for renting the church farm are now being accepted. The bids need to be received in the church office by **Sunday, October 26th at 11 am.**



- ♦ All bids should include an amount per acre times 160 acres
- ♦ The lease will begin March 2026 and end March 2029
- ♦ The total yearly payment shall be due in one payment on March 1st of each year
- ♦ The church will make sure lime is up to date, and current soil test will be available
- ♦ Stalk baling will NOT be allowed
- ♦ The Church Council reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, for any reason
- ♦ If you have questions, contact Dale Lenz, Rick Vetter or one of our Trustees.

Harvest Supper

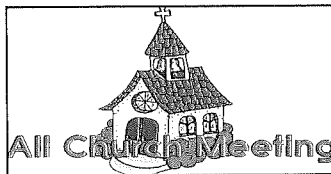


The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on **Saturday**, November 8th with serving from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn/green beans, salads, and apple or pumpkin dessert.

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entry way for volunteers and donations. **We are need of workers.**

Dine In or Drive-Thru at the Westside Community Building on Main St, Westside, IA

Cost is \$15



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm. Items on the agenda will include the Election of Officers, Endowment Fund projects and the proposal of the 2025 budget. **EVERYONE** is encouraged and invited to attend and participate.

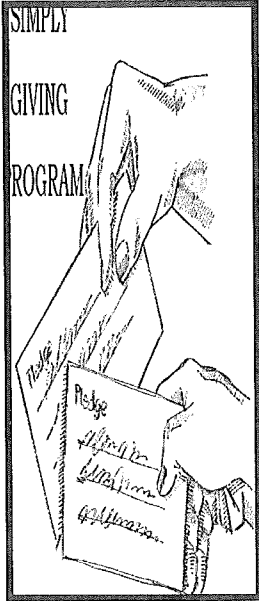
NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE:

- PRESIDENT:**
- VICE PRESIDENT:**
- SECRETARY:**
- ELDERS:**
- TRUSTEE:**

UPCOMING EVENTS

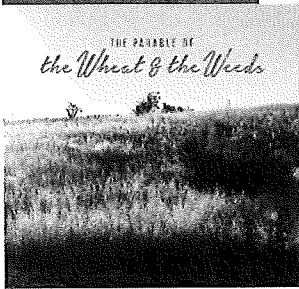
Sunday	October 5th	10:00	LWML Sunday
Wednesday	October 8th	6:30	Quarterly Voter's Meeting
Sunday	October 12th	9:00	Fortnightly Flea Market, Westside
Saturday/Sunday	October 18/19		Jr High Youth Gathering Des Moines
Wednesday	October 22nd	7:00	Pregnancy & Infant Loss Service
Sunday	October 26th	10:00	Reformation Service
Sunday	November 2nd	10:00	All Saints Sunday

stewardship



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. 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



HARVEST ACCOUNT

As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account

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

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| 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. |



Harvest
Supper



SATURDAY, November 8, 2025

Drive Through or Dine In

4-7 pm

Westside Community Building

Main St

Westside, Iowa

4:00-7:00 pm

TURKEY

Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy

Corn/Green Beans,

Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad

Apple or Pumpkin Dessert

PRICE: \$15.00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

Advance tickets available...call the church office

712-689-2441

There will be seating available for those who want to dine in.

For Take Out Orders of 5 or more, please call

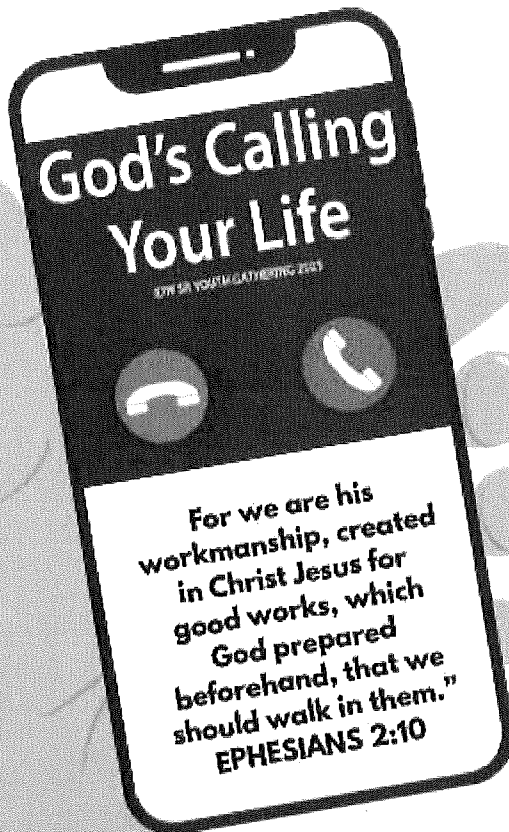
712-830-7694



IDW SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING

NOVEMBER 21-23, 2025

Cost: \$250



Main Presenter
Pastor Drew Oswald



Emcee
Director of Youth Ministry
Laura Nelson

BIBLE STUDY

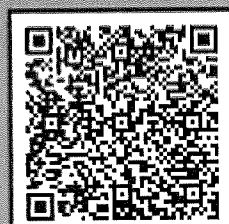
MASS EVENTS

SERVANT PROJECT

GLORIA DEI YOUTH BAND

NIGHT LIFE ACTIVITIES

**Scan the QR code
to register**



SCAN ME

**HOLIDAY INN DES
MOINES - AIRPORT**
6111 Fleur Dr, Des
Moines, IA 50321



October

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

5

Read
2 Corinthians 2:15.
Say one way you were
the aroma of Christ
this week.

6

Read
Ephesians 2:10.
Create actions to go with
this verse.

7

Read
Ephesians 2:12.
Pray for a friend who does
not know Jesus.

8

Read
Ephesians 2:14.
Pray for someone who you
are in conflict with.

9

Read
Ephesians 3:20.
Memorize this verse.

10

Read
Ephesians 4:16.
Wiggle your body while
saying this verse.

11

Read
Ephesians 4:27.
Ask an adult about a time
God forgave them for
a wrong action.

12

Read
Ephesians 4:32.
Is there anything you need
to ask forgiveness for?
Spend five minutes
praying.

13

Read
Matthew 5:44.
Find a persecuted country
and pray for its leaders.

14

Read
Matthew 5:47.
Brainstorm how to find
someone new to sit with
this week.

15

Read
Matthew 6:12.
Recite the Lord's Prayer.

16

Read
Matthew 6:26-28.
Draw what you hear
in this verse.

17

Read
Matthew 7:1.
Pray for forgiveness for
judging others.

18

Read
Matthew 7:12.
What is this verse called?

19

Read
Matthew 7:25.
Act out this verse.

20

Read
Psalm 4:1.
Ask an adult about a
time God answered
their prayers.

21

Read
Psalm 4:8.
Pray for good sleep!

22

Read
Psalm 9:9-10.
Talk about how God
keeps you safe.

23

Read
Psalm 16:11.
What is joyful about
your church?

24

Read
Psalm 18:6.
Set a timer and pray for
ten minutes.

25

Read
Psalm 18:49.
Pick a song to sing to
the Lord!

26

Read
Psalm 9:13-14.
Tell about a time it felt
good to know God
sees you.

27

Read
1 Kings 19:11-13.
Draw what you hear in
this verse.

28

Read
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.
Pray for a married couple.

29

Read
Isaiah 12:2.
Memorize this verse.

30

Read
Isaiah 55:12.
Where is your favorite place
to enjoy God's creation?

31

Read
Psalm 46:10-11.
What does it mean that
God is our fortress?



Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 5: OMELET BRUNCH: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
Oct. 10-11: FALL VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND
Oct. 10-12: IDW PASTOR'S WIVES RETREAT

CAMP OKOBOJI FALL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

October 10 - 11

Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!

PERSONNEL: It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer, please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us in 2026.

Camp Executive Director, Adam, loves to visit congregations to talk about Camp Okoboji! Sundays are filling up for the fall and early winter, but he is looking for congregations to visit after the first of the year. Please reach out!

Thank You!

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- A huge thanks to the lawn mowers through the summer. Thank you to Roger Brockshus and Steven Frank for helping us look our best!



Youth Week was July 20-26 and we had a wonderful time with the high school youth in attendance! It's such a blessing to see how the youth engage with others in faith and grow in their knowledge of and love of Jesus Christ.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Iowa District West

October 2025

The following events are hosted by District congregations/circuits.
Contact information is provided.
To include your church's event, send information to emilie@iowadistrictwest.org.

Quilt Craft & Bake Sale

The LWML is having a
Quilt, Craft, and Bake Sale.
Lunch including Sloppy Joes,
chips, bars, and drinks will be
available for a free will offer-
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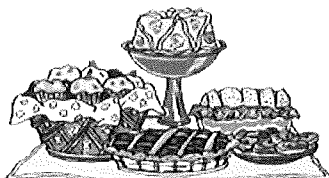
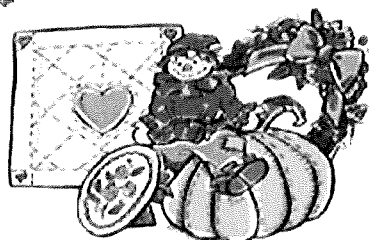
Where:

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1023 South 27th St, Fort Dodge

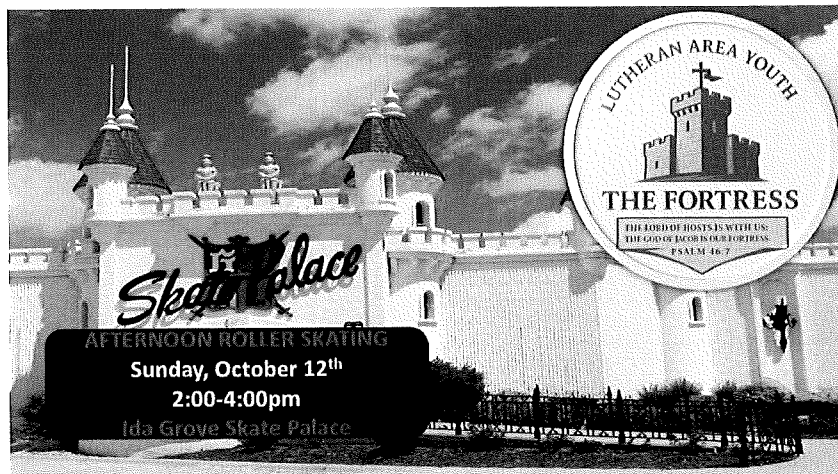
When: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 10:00a—2:00p

Lutheran Women's
Missionary League
and
Sewing Group




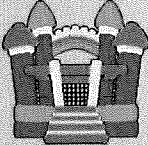


Proceeds go to D/SOAC and Home Missions



St. Paul's 2nd Annual Oktober-Fun-Fest & Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 27th, 2025

  3:00pm to 7:00pm  

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

1500 N. 16th St.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork, German Side dishes, Baked Beans, Pretzel

Bites w/cheese, Desserts,

Drinks (Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, & Water)

Live Music provided by St. Paul's Music Conservatory

**Activities: Bounce House, Face & Pumpkin Painting,
Hayrack Rides, Treasure Hunt, Airplane Races,
Polka Dancing, Dueling BBQ Chef Competition**

Free Will Offering taken at the door,

*Purchase tickets for, Activities, at the

Guest Information Table

All Proceeds to Support St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

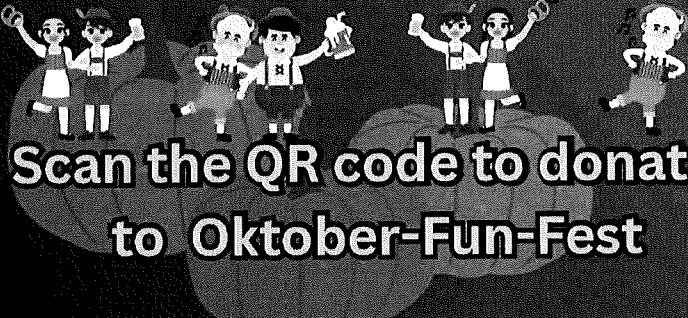
Questions, please contact St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center at

712-322-3294 or email becca.heinicke@splecc.org or

glenda.hedlund@splecc.org

SPLECC website: www.splecc.org




**Scan the QR code to donate
to Oktober-Fun-Fest**



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Tim Kraus Owen Weier Ranee Wernimont	2 Dale & Vickie Musfeldt	3 Cody Bair	4 Sophia Dirks Drew Schurke
5 Payton Gallagher Kelsey Lupole Brian & Kathy Kraus	6 Donna Rickers Mitchell & Michelle Hagge Doug & Sue Kuhl	7 Marshall Owen	8 Charlee Ruhland	9 Rob Klink Shane & Amanda Kraus	10 Tylor Audino Justice Luetje	11 Amanda Dirks Gayle Miller Ryan & Kate Neumann
12 Nicky Lenz	13	14 Randy Bruhn Asher Ehlers Kate Neumann	15 Quinlynn Weier	16	17 Roger Liechti Rob & Dawn Melton	18 Danica Ehlers Ty Muhlbauer David Vetter Kurt & Jacke Bramming Jay & Cat Luetje
19 Kim Cleveland Sue Musfeldt	20 Nick Leiting	21	22 Cindy Brockman Remi Ebelhare	23 Amelia Wittrock Al & Pam Kock	24 Audrey Hill Ben Noble	25 Kolsen Vetter
26 Will Ragaller	27 Kate Lenz Beth Liechti Jaxx Luetje	28	29 Paul Himmers Brynlee Mohr Louis & Dawn Winey	30	31 Lois Rickers	

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			1 3:45 <i>Midweek</i> 7:00 <i>Evening</i> Circle	2	3	4 <i>LWML Fall Rally</i>
5 9:00 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:00 <i>DW/HC</i> <i>LWML Sunday</i>	6	7	8 3:45 <i>Midweek</i> 6:30 <i>Voter's</i> <i>Meeting</i>	9	10	11
12 9:00 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:00 <i>DW/HC</i>	13	14	15 3:45 <i>Midweek</i>	16	17	18
19 9:00 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:00 <i>DW/HC</i>	20	21	22 3:45 <i>Midweek</i> 7:00 <i>Pregnancy</i> & <i>Loss Service</i>	23	24	25
26 9:00 <i>Chr Ed</i> 10:00 <i>DW/HC</i>	27	28	30	30		

USHERS

Dwight Ehlers
Jake Kraus
Curtis Ehlers
Devon Ehlers
Randy Neuman

Brian Kraus
Zach Kraus
Dale Lenz
Ryan Neumann
Riley Neumann

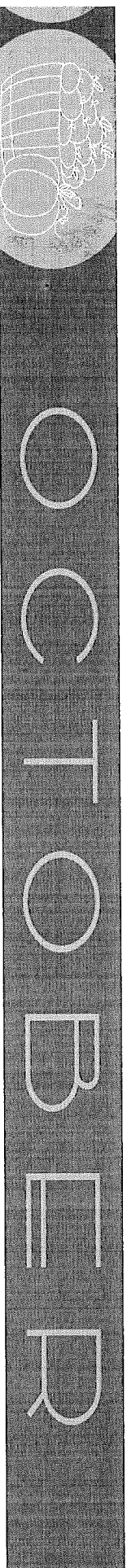
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FRIENDS WHO CARE

<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Adult Bible Class</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Divine Worship</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>



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