# "SHARING THE GOOD NEWS"

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, Aug 1st –** Communion stewards & Birthday blessings
**Mon-Wed, Aug 2-4 –** Pastor on vacation
**Wednesday, Aug 4th –** All committees' meeting @ 7 pm
**Sunday, Aug 8th –** Anniversary blessings
**Tuesday, Aug 10th –** 4H Club meeting @ 7 pm
**Saturday, Aug 14th –** Kaffee Klatsch/Mini Quilt Show in F.L.C. 10-11:30 am
**Sunday, Aug 15th –** Back to school blessings
**Wednesday, Aug 18th** – Church Council meeting @ 6 pm
**Aug 19th** – Church secretary on vacation
**Wednesday, Aug 25th –** Naomi Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm


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LaVerne Blum
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Viola Weiss

**Oak Haven Assisted Living**
Bernice Vaughn

**Homebound**
Charlie Bentke
Elverna Borchardt
Florence Borchardt
Gene (JoAnn) Draehn
Laverne Ganske
Bradley & Dorothy Grimm
John & Darleen Hardin (in Waller)
Josephine Helm (in Cameron)
Weldon & Marjorie Krinke
Gracy Lange
Veradell Lehde
Alice Macik
Marvin & Joyce Marburger
Joyce Meyer
Mary Lee Schneider
Glenn Schroeder
Alton & Erna Seilheimer
Nathan Zibilski (in Magnolia)

**Isle @ Watercrest (**in C/S)
Alvin & Ruth Free

**Rosehill Retirement Home/Bellville, Tx**
Doris Blum
Leroy Hodde

**2021 Council Members**

President: Brandon Keller
(979) 661-4536
Vice President:
Open
Secretary: Liz Capan
(979) 661-9047
Treasurer: Stacy Hardy
(979) 421-2932
Witness: Chadd Neumann
(979) 277-5382
Bldg/Grounds: Jason Blum
(979) 203-9380
Parish Ed: Allison Crowson
(979) 277-5768
Worship: Joyce Boeker
(979) 277-2271
Stewardship: Matt Supak
(979) 203-4533

# Monthly Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council
# Date: July 21, 2021

Church Staff: Karen Buck *(Interim Pastor)*, Cindy Lyles *(Youth and Family Coordinator)*
*Executive Committee: Brandon Keller (President), Open (Vice President),*
*Liz Capan (Sec), Stacy Hardy (Tres),*
*Board Chairs: Chadd Neumann (Witness), Matt Supak (Stewardship), Jason Blum (Bldg/Grounds),*
*Allison Crowson (Parish Ed), Joyce Boeker (Worship)*
Current Membership
421 Baptized, 348 Confirmed, Active 150

**Attendance-**
*Executive Committee:* Absent: Stacy Hardy
*Board Chairs*: Chadd Neumann -Youth Mission trip to Colorado.
Church Staff: Cindy Lyles- Youth Mission trip to Colorado

**Opening Prayer** Pastor Karen

**Reports**

- **Financial Report:** President: Brandon Keller, submitted by Stacy Hardy
- Reviewed offerings, revenues and expenses for July.
- Discussed Profit and Loss Details
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting

**Committee reports**

- Pastor's Report: Pastor Karen:
  - Discussed Pastoral Care in June & July
  - Viola Weiss remains in hospice care.
  - Expressed appreciation and thanks for Home Communion Stewards assisting to visit and serve Zion's homebound members.
  - Worship Impact/Outreach Online
  - Call Committee is in Round 3 in the call process.
  - Private Baptism Saturday, July 31 Laykin Blayke King, daughter of Calvin & Nikki (Klausmeyer) King.
  - Discusses curriculum for Confirmation Fall classes
  - October Weddings, two couples, both couples are near completion of pre-marital classes.
  - Re-imaging Ministry Questions forms were sent to committee leaders in June ask for a response by August.
  - Funeral luncheon list has been updated. Kitchen stocked with product items.
  - Memorial Committee point person is Dorine Marburger
  - Sunday Morning Adult Class- Discussing Post-Quarantine Church by Thom Rainer.
  - Discussed "To Do" list and Action items.

- August 22 Milestone Sunday
- August 29 Acolyte Training

➢ Building-Grounds: Jason Blum Submitted report
- Playground area for VBS has been cleaned.
- AC drain in room behind FLC stage was clogged, has been cleaned, draining now.

- Cemetery mowing contract needs reviewing for better prices, discussed different plan options and frequency of mowing each month. Allison suggested requesting that Thrivent Committee pay half the cost of maintaining the cemetery lawn, she will help Jason file the paper work.
- Flower bed near playground needs attention suggested putting in river rock since it is not being maintained.
- Gary Wagner had lights replaced in the office area.
- Matt Supak fixed the switch for the 2-turn mower.
- Stan Ford is getting an estimate to have the roof re-caulk to stop water leaks.
- Water bill hike for June was due to a broken toilet bowl flapper in the nursery area. Water has been shut off.
- Council approved led lights- cost $13 each for approximately 20 led cans.

➢ Parish Education: Allison Crowson
- Discussed upcoming week of VBS attendance 19 Children
- Still working on getting someone to look at the organ to see what the problem is.
- Discussed October 8 event and activities.

➢ Stewardship: Matt Supak
- Discussed October 29th Fest fund raiser. Food, dine in numbers and drive through numbers.
  Contacted Smitty's to cater dinner, chicken fried steak with 2 sides. Ticket price to be determined at later due to price changes of beef. Discussed various activities for attendees and other fund raisers for the day.
- Tithe.ly is now connected to Zion website.

➢ Worship: Joyce Boeker
- Discussed various ways to distribute church communion in front of church and in the pews. For now, distribution of communion will continue as is.
- Had one new volunteer to help with distribution of communion, need more volunteers.
- Zion's Wedding policy needs clarifications and updating.
- Zion's Funeral policy also needs clarifications and updating.

➢ Witness: Chad Neumann-Youth Mission trip to Colorado

➢ Youth: Cindy Lyles- Youth Mission trip to Colorado

➢ President: Brandon Keller

- Discussed agenda items for the semi-annual congregational meeting on July 25.
- There are160 unmarked graves that need markers cost is $9,000. This item will be presented to the congregation on Sunday at the semi-annual meeting for approval.
- Council approved Beverly Roehling to use F.L.C. for meeting on August14.
- Council approval to reopen church for normal activities.

- Discussed Chapter 5 “Rethink Your Facilities for Emerging Opportunities.” Discussed different ways the church building could be used to get the community involved.
- Rescheduled September 15th meeting, due to fair week, to September 29.

➢ **Closing Prayer:** Lord’s Prayer lead by Brandon Keller.

*Respectfully submitted,*
*Liz Capan, Secretary*

# Zion Lutheran Church
# Congregational Semi- Annual Meeting
# July 25, 2021

Meeting was called to order by: Council President, Brandon Keller.
Opening prayer was given by Pastor Karen Buck

Approval of the minutes for January 24, 2021 Congregational Meeting. Due to COVID-19 there was not a Semi-annual Congregational Meeting held in July, 2020.

**Financial Report** Brandon reviewed the Financial Report as of June 30, 2021.
**Other Business**

- **Funeral Service Volunteer Committee** Retirees were recognized for their years of faithful service as Chairman. Each one present received flowers of appreciation.

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| Evelyn Buck | Elvera Drews | Allyne Emshoff |
| Susan Henske | Gladys Hodde | Dorine Marburger |
| Betty Pelkemeyer | Mary Lee Schneider | |

And Walline Lorenz as contact/sales person for Brenham Wholesale purchases.

- **Cemetery Committee** update was presented by Allan Niemeyer

He spoke about the number of unmarked graves for children (122) and adults (41) and the uncertainty of the exact location of each. He requested that a single granite monument be purchased with each name engraved on it. The cost of stone is $8,750. The money has already been raised and is in the cemetery fund. Motion for approval from Congregation Allison Benkte made first motion, second made and the vote was approved by congregation.

- **Call Committee Update** if there are any questions or concerns contact Lori Wittner

- **Building repairs** led lights, audio/video, sanctuary carpet, broiler and other projects completed and expenses incurred due mostly to the Ice Storm in February, 2021. Damages were covered by insurance $50,701. Church deductible $5,000.

- **Service Opportunities** Spoke on various activities and opportunities of service that members could become involved in. They should call the church office for inquires.

Closing pray, The Lord's Pray led by Brandon Keller
Meeting Adjourned

*Respectfully submitted,*
*Liz Capan, Secretary*

*Elvera, Susan, Gladys, Dorine, Walline*

**Service Volunteer Committee Retirees**

# From the Interim Pastor…

## Responding to God's Blessings in Our Lives

+Ministry Opportunities to use your spiritual gifts:

Church Mowing Team - equipment provided.

Contact Rodney Wittner to join this crew! 836-6482

Balcony Tech Crew - Media Production, Media Operator, and Sound System volunteers are always needed. Help lead Zion in worship both in person and online. Training provided. (If you can make a video and post it to YouTube or TikTok, then you have what it takes!) Church Office - 836-7909

Worship Assistants & Communion Assistants during Worship- IF during the past year, you have discerned that you would like to be an usher OR a greeter OR the person who reads the scriptures on Sunday morning OR one who assists in serving communion "up front", we are excited that the Holy Spirit has led you to this decision! Please contact Judy Jeske so that she can add you to the rotation. 836-2644

Burton Bridge Ministry Mobile Food Pantry - Friday, August 20 at 10:00am. Volunteers are always needed to help with food distribution. Wear a hat and sunscreen. Bring a HUGE water bottle. You can assist those in need and get in a great workout all at one time! Just show up ready to work at 9:30am that day in the parking lot behind St. John's UCC in Burton.

+Make a physical offering…

+Bring it with you to In Person Worship!

+Mail it to the Church Office

+NEW - Use Online Giving! Download the tithe.ly app on your smart phone. (It is the green one, subtitled "Finance".) Under "Find a Church" type in Zion Lutheran Church…double check the address to make sure it's YOUR Zion Lutheran. Follow the directions to set up your account. And YOU are ready to make an offering!

## Events and Excitement in Worship during August!!!

| Sunday | Theme | Join the FUN!!! |
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| August 1 | Polka Sunday | Let's have a "Tacky Polka"! Wear mis- matched clothes!<br>+Birthday Blessings<br>+Blessing/Sending Communion Stewards |
| August 8 | Old Time Religion | Wear a fancy hat/fedora or something that your grandparents would have worn to worship |

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| August 15 | Back to School Blessings | |
| August 22 | Milestone Sunday | 3 year-olds<br>Bible presentations for elementary/Confirmation Class |
| August 29 | Acolyte Training | |

## In Between Times…

LOTS of great conversations and fantastic ideas are being generated in the Adult Class after worship on Sundays!!!

The impact of the pandemic continues to be felt here at Zion. BUT there are lots of ideas about how the church can re-emerge with a sharper focus on ministry and mission. We have been reading/reviewing the information presented in Thom Ranier's book The Post-Quarantine Church. Here are some of the ideas shared…

**Challenge 1 - Gather Differently and Better**

*Host a dinner outside (potluck, picnic, grilled burgers, etc). Could call it Open Table.
*Invite Neighbors/Call people have not seen in while
*Begin a Mother's Day Out
*Begin an Adult "Game Day" (similar to Bluebonnet Club)
*Evening Dinner and a Movie (outside)
*Dinner Outside with outdoor games (corn hole, giant Jenga, horseshoes, etc)
*Host a Garage Sale (asking that people tithe from their sales)
*Re-open for and Advertise church space for rentals (birthdays, bridal/baby showers, etc)
*Car Wash
*Idea that the Church is called to live into the Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20), but instead we live fully into the "Great Ommission" as disciples…saying nothing to anyone.

**Challenge 2 - Seize Your Opportunity to Reach the Digital World**

What is new at Zion - digitally - since the pandemic?

*We have a You Tube Channel.
*We have updated our website.
*We now offer the use of the tithe.ly app for offering contributions.
*We attempt to be more active on Facebook

*Idea that what people most appreciate is authenticity in community life together

IF you have not heard it yet, then you are invited to listen to the song "Start Right Here" by Casting Crowns. There is SO much truth in their lyrics. The questions are…How will Zion re-start post-quarantine? How will we live into the Great Commission in this "new" world?

*Pr. Karen*

**PS** - Pastors interviewing with Zion will be thrilled to learn that this faith community is already hard at work doing these things!

**PPS** - Those of you living into the digital world know how to find Casting Crowns on iTunes or wherever you look up music. Those of you who do not can find the lyrics in print…on a table just inside the Parlor Doors.

## Sunday Morning Discussion Topics in the Parlor - ALL ages welcome!

Book Study - The Post-Quarantine Church by Thom Ranier

Sunday, August 1 - Challenge 3 - Reconnect with the Community Near Your Church
Sunday, August 8 - Challenge 4 - Take Prayer to a New and Powerful Level
Sunday, August 15 - Challenge 5 - Rethink Your Facilities for Emerging Opportunities
Sunday, August 22 - Challenge 6 - Make Lasting Changes-That Will Make a Difference

## Have you heard about it? Have you seen it?

On behalf of the May Dell Steinfeld estate, Cindy Buck and Judy Jeske have donated a pump organ to Zion. It is beautiful! And it sounds amazing!

If you want to see it, stop by the parlor! And, if you are wondering why there are TWO seats/chairs at the organ…well… One chair was for the organist (who is pumping the organ with their feet and using their finger to play). The second chair was for page turner!

Thank you, Cindy and Judy for this incredible gift! We can't wait to gather around it and sing…Christmas Carols this winter!

If you see Cindy and Judy, please make sure you thank them!

## Zion's Faith Community has been invited to… an "All Church Picnic" at Long Life Brotherhood in Burton!

**When:** Saturday, August 7, 2021
11:00am - Midnight
**Where:** 12419 W. Branch Street in Burton
**Host:** Chris Evans, the park's newest president and great-grandson of one of the park's founders

Come enjoy great music and plenty of food!
$5.00 Admission Fee per guest of all ages

Bring a lawn chair and canopy tent.

*The Long-Life Brotherhood Club was established in 1868 by the African-Americans living in the area. This is a fundraiser to help restore one of Texas' oldest African American Parks which happens to be located in Burton.
*If you have a golf cart or an ATV, you are invited to clean it up and bring it to show it off!

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**Lutherhill Ministries 15th Annual**
**S'mores & Champagne Gala**

Saturday, September 11, 2021

In Person: 6:00pm at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Virtual: 7:00pm from the comfort of your own home

RSVP by August 28th
www.lutherhill.org/gala for more information

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**Lutheran World Relief School Kit Collection**
**School Kits**

This is a great month to gather the items needed for the LWR School Kits. Here are the supplies needed to make ONE School Kit -

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper (NO loose leaf paper)
ONE 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with both inches and centimeters
ONE pencil sharpener
ONE pair of blunt scissors
FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (NO gel ink.)
ONE box of 16 OR 24 crayons
ONE 2 ½ inch eraser

You may purchase supplies for ONE kit OR you may just purchase items from the list. Another donor will purchase the drawstring backpacks requested for these kits.
Kits will be assembled on Sunday, September 12 as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.
Please bring supplies to the church by Sunday, September 5. Thank you!

*In Christ,*
*Pastor Karen*

# Call Committee Update

On May 31, the Call Committee received the names of three candidates in Round 2 of the call process. The Call Committee released one of the candidates from the selection process after the initial interview but wanted to continue conversations with the remaining two candidates.

The Call Committee received notification from one of these candidates that they wished to withdraw their name from further consideration because their spouse received an unexpected, yet exciting job opportunity that they felt should be accepted. A second interview was held with the other candidate. After careful discernment, the Call Committee released this candidate from Zion's call process.

The Synod has begun the process of matching our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) with the pool of pastoral candidates' Rostered Minister Profiles (RMP) that are available for a call. Once the Synod has identified three to five candidates that they feel are a good match for Zion, the Synod will provide a list of those names to the Call Committee. This process could take more than four weeks. The congregation will be informed when the Call Committee receives the names of Round 3 candidates.

The Call Committee would like to thank you for your understanding of the confidential nature of this portion of the call process. In most cases, the candidate's congregation is unaware that he/she has entered the call process. If it should get back to a candidate's congregation that the individual is interviewing, it could severely damage the individual's effective ministry at that congregation.

We appreciate everyone's continued support, patience, and prayers during this time.

Zion Call Committee
Shane Bentke, Melisa Bosse, Herbert Hardan, Trey Hardy, Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner and Lori Wittner

# Kaffee Klatsch / Mini Quilt Show

*Saturday, August 14, 2021*
*10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*
*Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center*
*1800 FM 2679, Brenham, TX*

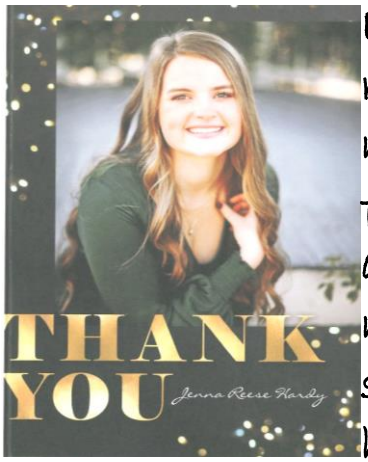
Please come join us for coffee, fellowship and a mini quilt show. Bring a favorite family quilt that you or someone else made and share your story about the quilt. Tell about the person who made the quilt, when it was made, the name of the quilt pattern, or any special memory attached to the fabrics used to make the quilt. Even if you can't bring a quilt, please come and enjoy the fellowship. For more information, contact Beverly Roehling at 979-251-4673.

***A good friend, like an old quilt,***
***is both a treasure and a comfort.***

Attending Youth Mission Trip in Colorado, more updated exciting news next month.

Blessings,
Ms. Cindy

Dear Zion Lutheran Community,




I cannot express how thankful I am to have received this scholarship. It means so much to me that y'all are willing to invest in my future. I am so blessed to have such a loving and supportive church community that makes me feel welcome and appreciated. I am so grateful for everything this community had done for me throughout the years,

Love, Jenna Hardy

Questions:
1. How was Daniel protected from the lions in the den?
2. "Everyone that is proud in heart" is what to the Lord?
3. What did John the Baptist say when he saw Jesus?
4. How did the city that Jonah was sent to react to God's message of destruction?
5. Who asked Jesus to remember him when he came into his kingdom?

**1.** An angel shut their mouths [Dan 6:22] **2.** An abomination [Pro 16:5] **3.** Behold the Lamb of God! [John 1:29]
**4.** They repented [Jon 3:8] **5.** The criminal on the cross [Luke 23:42]

# Attendance

| Date | Worship In-house | Worship Mail-outs | Sunday school |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7/04 | 27 | n/a | 0 |
| 7/11 | 91 | 31 | 12 |
| 7/18 | 71 | 31 | 7 |
| 7/25 | 79 | 31 | 15 |

# Offerings

| Date | Regular | Memorials |
|---|---|---|
| 7/04 | 1601.00 | 140.00 |
| 7/11 | 5053.00 | 595.00 |
| 7/18 | 3056.00 | 170.00 |
| 7/25 | 3000.00 | 20.00 |

**Earl Blum**
Suzanne Braun
Marcie Parker
BNB Employees
M/M Mark Pawlak
M/M David Bartay
Elverna Borchardt
Blue Bell Creameries

**Viola Koehn**
M/M Donald Winkelmann

**Edna Roehling**
M/M Ralph Zann

**Gary Buchanan**
M/M David Buck

**Denise Ebert**
M/M Elroy Maass

**John Hermann**
M/M David Buck

Prayers thru the last month of July have gone out to:

Family of Jeff Sommer
Laverne Blum
Gertrude Krinke
Veradell Lehde
Marvin Marburger
Jannet Rosenbaum
Laverna Schiller
Viola Weiss
Ashley, Paisley & Linley Goldberg
Matt Grant
Levonne Hegefeld
Darrell Meyer
Cameron Lane Wilson
Herbert & Joyce Rust

And continue to hold in your prayers:

*Zion's Call Committee; Shane Bentke, Melisa Bosse, Herbert Hardan, Trey Hardy, Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner, and Lori Wittner.

*The Future Called Pastor of Zion and his/her family.

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| Scot Dannhaus | 1-Aug |
| Janet Dannhaus | 2-Aug |
| Marian Helfrich | 2-Aug |
| Shannon Hetzel | 2-Aug |
| Alvin Free | 5-Aug |
| Ruth Free | 6-Aug |
| Brandon Muske | 7-Aug |
| Gunther Niemeyer | 8-Aug |
| Carol Ann Spreen | 8-Aug |
| Rickey Gaskamp | 9-Aug |
| Rachel Parker | 9-Aug |
| Erna Seilheimer | 11-Aug |
| Trey Hardy | 12-Aug |
| Billy Lehde | 12-Aug |
| Bobby Lehde | 12-Aug |
| Kayden Pieper | 13-Aug |
| Jannet Rosenbaum | 13-Aug |
| Elverna Borchardt | 14-Aug |
| Theresa Rodenbeck | 14-Aug |
| Andrew Cmajdalka | 17-Aug |
| Jill Keller | 17-Aug |
| Karley Lorenz | 17-Aug |
| Herbert Jr. Glaesmann | 18-Aug |
| Gertrude Krinke | 18-Aug |
| Craig Conner | 19-Aug |
| Kaci Neumann | 19-Aug |
| Hadley Cmajdalka | 22-Aug |
| Marina Seilheimer | 22-Aug |
| Betty Pelkemeyer | 24-Aug |
| Ryan Raley | 24-Aug |
| Ricky Buro | 26-Aug |
| Katelyn Wittner | 26-Aug |
| Erin Keller | 27-Aug |
| Shirley McCord | 28-Aug |
| Karina Engeling | 29-Aug |
| Ricky Seilheimer | 30-Aug |
| Alice Studhalter | 30-Aug |
| Brian Lorenz | 31-Aug |

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| Elvera Drews | 4-Aug |
| LaVerne Blum | 5-Aug |
| Kinsley King | 5-Aug |
| Cody Supak | 5-Aug |
| Phyllis Vaughn | 5-Aug |
| Madison Maass | 7-Aug |
| Justin Blum | 8-Aug |
| Dean Winkelmann | 10-Aug |
| Cullen Roberts | 11-Aug |
| David Reynolds | 13-Aug |
| Allison Marburger | 14-Aug |
| Adrie Niemeyer | 14-Aug |
| Belinda Vincent | 14-Aug |
| Shelby Mantey | 15-Aug |
| Alton Seilheimer | 16-Aug |
| Melanie Lehde | 17-Aug |
| Dennis Roehling | 17-Aug |
| Natalie Bell | 19-Aug |
| Addison Lehde | 19-Aug |
| Kaci Neumann | 19-Aug |
| Gary Lehde | 21-Aug |
| Mike Davis | 22-Aug |
| Jeff Maitland | 22-Aug |
| Joy Fuchs | 23-Aug |
| Larissa Maass | 23-Aug |
| Charlene Hahn | 24-Aug |
| Jerry Joe Vaughn | 25-Aug |
| Jill Keller | 27-Aug |
| Janet Dannhaus | 29-Aug |
| Tristan Smith | 29-Aug |
| John Hardin | 31-Aug |
| Brianna Maitland | 31-Aug |

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| Rickey and Carol Gaskamp | 1-Aug |
| Terry and Nancy Wunderlich | 8-Aug |
| Rod and Belinda Vincent | 13-Aug |
| Dean and Sandra Winkelmann | 15-Aug |
| Mark and Cindy Buck | 18-Aug |
| George and Walline Lorenz | 23-Aug |
| Don and Alice Studhalter | 23-Aug |
| Garrison and Amanda Roberts | 25-Aug |
| David and Evelyn Buck | 26-Aug |
| Trey and Stacy Hardy | 28-Aug |

Articles for the September 2021 newsletter must be received by August 23rd. Thank you!

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