



MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

Little Dresses for Africa is one of the many mission projects for the Faith Lutheran Church LWML. During February volunteers met each Monday night to cut pillowcases, assemble kits and sew dresses. Many women took the kits home to complete the dresses and add their own personal touches.

This year 200 dresses were sewn and will be sent to Little Dresses for Africa, a non-profit Christian organization. This ministry has sent dresses to 43 African countries, countries in crisis such as Honduras, Guatemala, the Philippines, Cambodia, Mexico, Haiti and the United States. Mission teams from the United States personally deliver a majority of the dresses to girls giving them hope and touching their lives in the name of Jesus.

The pillowcases, bias tape, elastic, ribbon, decorative trim, buttons, and thread are all donated. The LWML appreciates and thanks everyone for their generous contributions, help and support.



Blood Drive Results Thank you for all those who took the time to donate blood on April 18th. There is a hero in all of you! They were able to collect 64 units of blood, 11 more than they expected! That is our best ever. So a BIG THANK YOU!

Our next blood drive at Faith will be on Aug 15th. Char Russell and Sandy Bales

Our 2013 Confirmands

Cassandra Elizabeth Axtell
Psalm 118:24

Dillon Dean Axtell
Ephesians 4:6

Kaileigh Corinne Beug
Psalm 130:14

Chase Aaron Bolte
1 Thessalonians 5:18

James Michael Fuerst
Revelations 22:5

Tyler Lee Hansen
Exodus 20:12

Nathanael Nicholas Hill
Hebrews 11:1

Damon Lee Hoftiezer
Philippians 4:13

Brooke Jane Kampfe
Philippians 4:13

Abby Grace Keith
Proverbs 31:30

Joseph Daniel King
Philippians 4:13

Veronica Lei Kinkler
2 Timothy 1:7

Chelsey Nichole Meier
Psalm 23:4

Brooke Erin Miller
1 Corinthians 13:13

Cassandra Mae VanDeWiele
1 John 5:14

Daniel Mark Voita
Psalm 91:2

Jessica Lea Weber
Proverbs 31:30

Our 2013 Graduates

Megan Marie Arneson

Wylin Baker

Courtney Elizabeth Brandt

Alyssa Bump

Kaci Deal

Rachel Jo Hartmann

Kaiden Benjamin Karst

Faith Kongslien

Andrew Thomas Leif

Logan Joseph Lenz

Reed James Lindbloom

Maranda Kathleen Olson

Caden Robert Overturf

Cameron Pease

Nicole Ann Smith

Molly Mae Tschetter

Brooklyn Voeltz

Austin James Wagner

Vance Erick Weber

Amber Nichole Ziebart



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Pastor Urbach's Message

Greetings to you in the Lord Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer.

It is later April as I write you and to nobody's surprise it is snowing. What an April it has been weather-wise! While the moisture and ground cover comes a bit late to save a lot of winter wheat, we hope this provides moisture for spring planting and pasture land.

April 19 is already a date of remembrance for us. Twenty years ago we lost Governor Mickelson and a number of special South Dakotans including our own David Hansen. It's the date of the Waco conflict and the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and now the Boston Marathon bombing. Our congregation has a couple of ties to this area. The Capital City Children's Chorus was in Boston during this time and Steve and Nancy Allard's son Eric lives right in the middle of the area where this all took place.

We live in dark and difficult times. Now, more than ever we need to share the brightness of our Savior, Christ Jesus. It is in Christ the Savior of the world that—

- We find a comfort that overcomes death.
- We find the hope of the resurrection and the gift of eternal life.
- We find a genuine pathway of life that teaches us love for the neighbor and reverent respect for all life, including the unborn.

This is why we rejoice in the growth of Christ's Kingdom on earth and

we have celebrated in the months of March and April several Baptisms, the adding to our parish of new members and the Confirmation of 17 eighth graders, oh, and the Baumann's are going to have a baby boy!

We also bid Shalom to Ryan & Maranda Meyer and sons James and Zane to Sioux Falls. Ryan has taken a position in Sioux Falls as a pilot. We will miss them. They have been most faithful and we too will miss Ryan's parents of Mitchell who were frequent visitors at Faith. I have known Ryan since Camp Minneboji days.

May will bring an opportunity for Papa Urbach to look after the Bismarck grandchildren for a few days, the Graduation of our Riggs and Stanley County Seniors, and Joshua Hartmann's graduation from the Air Force Academy which will give Grandpa Urbach a chance to see the Denver grandchildren.

Spring, a busy time in my life and the life of Faith Lutheran

May God bless our nation, may it truly be "...One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." May God also bless His Holy Christian Church on earth. May it prosper and grow and share the bright Light of Christ, Him crucified, Him risen, Who truly sets us free to be His.

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Brad Urbach

Ladies It's Not Holy Cross Day!

But join the Ladies of the LWML for a topic lead by Pastor Urbach and wear your favorite cross.

That's Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Wear Red Day!

Sunday, May 19, is the Day of Pentecost! You will note the Pastors' Stoles, the paraments, and the banners will all be red as we celebrate the birth of the New Testament church. Why not consider wearing something RED on Sunday, May 19?

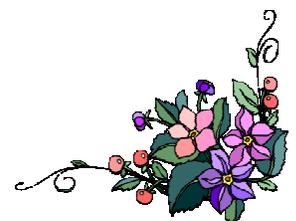
Letter of Thanks

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

We are so grateful for your expression of love and concern for us and our church family through this very difficult time. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your lovely flowers that graced our church during the days of our mourning. We are deeply touched and so thankful for the family of God.

Sincerely,

The family of Charlotte Bacon and Christ the King Lutheran Church Sandy Hook, CT





2013 Faith Lutheran Food Drive - Wow! A TON of Food!

The Faith Lutheran Congregation is helping put food on the plates of many, many families in our community.

The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry has been facing a significantly higher need for food the past couple of years, and the people of Faith once again stepped up to lend a hand.

During the month of March, the congregation brought **2,165 food items and paper products** to the church. That's the second highest count ever for our March Food Drive; it's just 185 less than last year, when there was an extremely pressing need for donations following the flood. And, although the quantity was down slightly from last year, the overall expenditure for the items donated this year appeared to be much higher. For example, this year there were considerably more donations of cereal, homestyle bakes, potato mixes, and hamburger and tuna helper than usual.

In addition, members of the congregation gave **cash and checks totaling a whopping \$5,660** to the Pantry in conjunction with this year's Food Drive. That was nearly fourteen times the amount that we generally receive for the Pantry, thanks to one family's incredibly generous donation of \$5,000.

On Good Friday, a group of guys from the church hauled **142 boxes** from the church to the Pantry, which is housed at the Boys and Girls Club. For the first time ever, all of the donations were hauled in a single trailer. Al Meier showed up with his huge trailer, which looked about as long as a city block, and that made it easier to keep the boxes organized by

product type when loading and unloading.

Pastor Urbach had said we'd be hauling "a ton of food" to the Food Pantry this year, and he was right. At weigh-in time, it came to **2,339 pounds**.

A note for those of you who like statistics: When we started systematically tracking the numbers in 2006, our item count was 1,456. The numbers have gone up and down every year, with an average count of 1,891, which means this year's count surpassed the average by 274. Since we also started taking cash and checks donations a few years back, the annual monetary donation total has averaged \$408.

Among the items collected this year:

- 329 cans of soup, chili and stew, and packages of soup mix
- 223 cans of vegetables
- 174 boxes of Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper and Chicken Helper
- 160 cans of tuna, chicken, salmon and other canned meat
- 122 boxes of cereal and oatmeal
- 119 boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 85 boxes of potato mixes
- 83 cans of fruit
- 52 cans of beans
- 49 bags and boxes of noodles
- 40 cans and boxes of spaghetti, lasagna, ravioli and other pasta meals
- 39 cans of diced, chopped or stewed tomatoes
- 35 cans and jars of spaghetti sauce
- 32 boxes of pancake mix
- 28 bottles of syrup
- 28 boxes of crackers
- 22 bags of flour and sugar
- 19 boxes of stuffing mix

Thank You!

Faith Lutheran has one of the largest food drives for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry each year, so the congregation's generosity is greatly appreciated by the Food Pantry, and the families it serves.

A big thanks to everyone who lent a hand in any way with this important service project: the Faith congregation for their generous donations of food, paper products, and money; the men who hauled everything from the church to the Food Pantry; and Pryntcomm for giving us the sturdy white boxes which were set on top of the tables in the Narthex, and which help keep everything tidy as we sort the donations as they come in.

Paul Lepisto & Donna Leslie

FOREVER YOUNG

The third **Thursday**
May 16, 2013
At High Noon

It's a Salad Luncheon.
Bring a salad to share, crackers and beverage will be provided.

Please note :
We are back to Thursdays!





A Lot for YOUth to BE Excited About!

MAY HAPPENINGS

Well, the month of May is upon us and it is yet to be seen what the weather in Pierre, SD is going to be like this month. You've probably been wondering... "Is May ever going to get here?" It has been a good long winter with some nice days sprinkled in between for us here in the Capital City, but it just hasn't felt like spring yet, has it? We do praise God for the recent moisture and much needed rain.

Rain or shine, snow or sleet we've been entrusted to bring the Good News of God to people in all seasons of life. The Father's undeserved grace and love to us through His Son Jesus, continues to pour down upon us, an undeserving people. I am so grateful for God's faithfulness to you, and to me, and to His Church. Where would we be without His grace? In difficult and uncertain times, God's Word and His promises are steadfast. As the Assistant Pastor, I am so very grateful to be with people from all walks of life, and to journey with them right where they are at. I am especially blessed to work in large part with the youth of our congregation. Now is a great time to share with you some youth-related activities and happenings for the month of May.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Our Sunday school children did a FANTASTIC job singing for Palm Sunday! We always love hearing their wonderful voices and thank them and our adult leaders for their service. * **Our last day of Sunday school is going to be Sunday, May 19th.** We will have an end of the year Sunday school party the following Sunday, May 26th, to go along with our last day of classes. There will be snacks, games, and prizes!

MIDWEEK

*Our last night of Midweek classes for this year is going to be Wednesday evening May 8th. There will be a brief period of class, some music, and an ice cream social outside to wrap up our year. *We hope that you would consider thinking about being a Midweek teacher for next year and we ask that you would prayerful-

ly consider the possibility of God using you to instruct our Midweek youth. *Our Midweek students will be singing on Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 12th at the 11 o'clock service.

L.Y.F.

*Our high school Lutheran Youth Fellowship group continues to be active and busy with a variety of different projects/fundraisers/trips in the works. On a weekly basis, our Wednesday night high school group averages between 20 and 25 youth. Some weeks we are as high as 40 high school students! Praises to God for the blessing L.Y.F. has been in the lives of our youth and the youth of the community.

*We are planning to do an afternoon on the river with a shrimp boil and tubing again this summer. *This summer may also bring a day at a water park in Rapid City, as well as a high school lock-in to be held at Faith. Dates for those activities will be posted in the future. Stay tuned! * Sunday, May 19th will be a graduate reception. The seniors will be honored at the 8:20 service and will be given a "children's message" and in between services there will an opportunity to congratulate the seniors. All are invited to come have coffee and goodies in between services and to hear about the next steps for these young men and women. *Captive Free will be mingling with our high school youth for L.Y.F. night on Wednesday, June 12th from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

*The L.C.M.S. National Youth Gathering is fast approaching. The dates for the gathering are June 30th through July 5th. *On Sunday, June 23rd, all participants attending the 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX will be commissioned at both the 8:20 and the 11 o'clock service and are asked to be present as our congregation prays for you and bids you go with God's blessing. Our pastors will plan the commissioning accordingly so that it will happen later in the first service and earlier in the second. *We are still fundraising for our efforts. We made about \$3,000 between our Good Friday potato supper, Easter Sunday breakfast and silent auction.

*Our youth will be making and selling Kuchen on May 12th. A fine Mother's Day gift indeed! Kuchen will be filled with a fruit type filling and sold for \$8. *June 7th will be an afternoon carwash fundraiser at Beck's from 3-6 pm. (A rain date is Saturday, June 15th from 12-3 pm.

J.Y.M.

*Junior Youth Ministry is for any youth between grades 6-8. *In May we will be taking a trip to the Black Hills to do the Crazy Horse Volksmarch. We are also going to see the lighting of Mount Rushmore that Friday evening as well. We will leave on Friday, May 31st and plan to stay at a church in Custer and return on Saturday, June 1st. A packing list and sign-up sheet will be posted on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex at the church. *On Monday evening June 10th from 8:30-10:00 pastor Baumann and the Youth Encounter Team *Captive Free* will be hosting an event for our 6th-8th graders in the gym. *6th-8th graders are needed to help out with VBS from June 9th to the 13th. *On Sunday evening May 5th, all 8th graders are invited (in fact, *strongly encouraged*) to come for acolyte training from 4 to 5 in the evening at Faith hosted by our Elders. This will help you become acquainted with the routine and procedure of acolyting. Eighth graders are then invited to stay and join all the current acolytes for a pizza party. All current high school acolytes are invited (in fact, *strongly encouraged*) to come for a pizza party hosted by the board of Elders at 5 pm on May 5th as a way to say "Thank You" for all you do! *Sign-up now for Camp Minneboji to be held June 16th through the 22nd. Registration forms are available in Pastor Baumann's office. Scholarship money is available to help offset some of the costs. I will be going to Camp as a counselor. Please look this letter over twice because there is A LOT happening in the next weeks and months. Once again, it is a true blessing to serve the Lord of the Church in this place. God be with you all!
Pastor Joshua Baumann





Debt Retirement

Here is yet another thank you!

Along with our April 1st regular monthly payment of \$5395.00, we were able to make two advance payments which saved us \$5,477.86. In total we have saved \$391,273.38. This is because of your generosity for which we say an enormous THANK YOU!

Our balance, as we indicated before is now over \$800,000.00, \$792,792.76 to be exact.

Final Window Shade The final window shade has been purchased and installed in the CFLC second floor All Saints' Hallway by the elevator. This final shade touch was made possible by your gifts to the Building account. Thank you! God loves a cheerful giver!

Gideons International

Rev. Brad Urbach, Pastor
Faith Lutheran Church
714 N Grand Ave.
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Dear Pastor and Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

I want to express my appreciation to you and to the Faith Lutheran congregation for the warm reception that I received in presenting the Gideons International report on April 14, 2013. As Gideons we are pleased that you have taken seriously the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ in spreading the Gospel throughout the world, and it is such a pleasure to be partners in this great endeavor.

For your records, the Faith Lutheran Church gave an offering of \$1,097.00.

Men's Fellowship

Monday
May 6, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of Bean Bag Toss and snacks.

Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share.



We are thankful to be able to say that 100 per cent of the offerings go to the printing and distribution of God's Word.

It has been a joy partnering with you in reaping eternal rewards for the Kingdom of our Lord. In behalf of Gideons International, I wish you and your congregation God's rich blessings as you continue to serve Him in this world that desperately needs to hear the Good News of God's love and forgiveness.

In His Wonderful Name,

Ken Wonnemberg, Representing
Pierre Gideon Camp

Last year the Gideons shared 84 million copies of Scripture in our world!

Official Acts

Baptisms—March 30-April 30

Kaylee Marie Kampfe
Sage Marie Briggs
Kenya Grace Briggs
Taya Kenzie Briggs
Jody Marie Williams
Jason Allan Hyde
Jesse Charles Boyer
Lindsay Jo Beckwith
Kenley Jo Boyer
Samantha Kay Zeltinger
Colt Ryan Warriner
Cash Ryan Lantz
Camden Bernard Hyde

Funerals

Beverly J. Gross
David Wayne Hughart

New Members

- * Jesse Boyer & Lindsay Beckwith, & Kenley Jo Boyer
- * Harry & Sage Briggs, Cole, Shyanne, Kenya & Taya
- * Greg Dykstra
- * David Gannaway
- * Jordan & Erica Hartshorn, Caiden & Ava
- * Jason Hyde
- * Mike Jochim
- * Jen Kenzy, Trent, Taryn, & Trinity
- * Jason Kientop
- * Chris & Erin Marsh & Evert
- * Carl Mitchel
- * Amber Moeding
- * Frank & Beth Marnell
- * Rebecca Pope, Lane, Collin, & Ann
- * Lila Schaefer
- * Shane Shepherd
- * Steve & Susan Stoneback
- * Jody Williams
- * Damon & Brenda Zeltinger & Samantha





Do This in Remembrance of Me

The idea of bringing the Last Supper to life came to me while I was perusing the newest issue of a publication from my home state, “Minnesota Moments.” One of the featured articles was about a small rural parish that has lovingly presented “The Living Last Supper” for a couple of generations. It had become something of a traditional way to usher in Holy Week, and people came from miles around to be inspired.

Having grown up in a farming community, I am familiar with that particular lifestyle. It is not unusual to see a country church about every ten miles. Those farm families that work the land are of strong character, and equally strong convictions. Their faith is very important to them and they cling to their traditions. Several photos accompanied the article, and in my mind’s eye I could see what was taking place. I wanted to be a part of something similar.

My home parish revisits the Last Supper with a tableau of sorts, and it is worked into their Maundy Thursday worship and liturgy. I decided to surf the Internet and found a script. Intrigued, I ordered it, read through it a number of times, and being who I am, thought that music would enhance the spoken word. The choir willingly came on board in January and Pastor Urbach gave it his blessing.

I know firsthand that undertaking a

project such as this requires a great deal of planning, input from others, and a lot of effort from a lot of people. Betty Leidholt and Donna Leslie were a fountain of information; they knew what had to be done, how to do it, and who to contact. Donna took over publicity and did research. Sandy Bales and Donna Gohl headed up the reception. Those two ladies, along with Ruth Leidholt, baked dozens of cookies, stirred up punch and organized tables. Marilyn Nugent decorated the chancel area, paying close attention to authenticity. The stunning decorations on the serving tables were the work of Kathleen Monfore. Marrill Bales, Dale Gohl, Mike Leidholt and Lee Axdahl served as ushers.

Pastor Baumann’s humble portrayal of Jesus was done with the earnest heart of a servant. It made sense that our twelve elders become the twelve disciples, except – David Zuercher is a member of the choir. He remained the go-between for the Board, and we asked Bob Shoup, a former elder, who’s president of our congregation, to fill out the last role of the Twelve. Curt Everson summed it up, “Once the members of the Board of Elders, myself included, got over the initial fear factor, I believe all enjoyed the chance to contribute to the event’s success.” Our elders were very committed to rehearsals. As the weeks progressed, one could see their characters develop and the solemnity of the rite take on new meaning. But, they had fun, too! Overheard:

“Does this gown make me look fat?” “What time are you sending the limo for us?”

Doreen Miller sewed three new tunics for our disciples, and Mary Heidelberger and Jodi Hartmann worked behind the scenes. Paul Lepisto and Bob Shoup constructed the Last Supper table, and Donna Leslie shared her large collection of pottery. Tim Larson served as the narrator, while Jeanne Schweigert provided music before and after the production, and accompanied the choir. Andrew Wulf was our flautist. Finally, Faith’s choir added the emotional connection and ethereal touch to the evening. They understand that they have a responsibility to the text of each song, and their passion and commitment to the music and each other is worth noting. I am grateful for their dedication to worship, their many hours of rehearsal and their inspiration.

I would like to express a huge thank you to everyone involved! It is awe-inspiring to take part in and witness the single, significant rite that the Lord’s Supper is, and be aware that it has endured for over 2,000 years, all around the globe.

Karen Lindbloom





HONG KONG MISSION TRIP:

Plans are being made for another mission trip to Hong Kong! The specific date has not yet been set, but it will most likely be in February 2014. The approximate cost will be the same as in past years – about \$1800 per person (approximately \$1200 airfare and \$600 in-country fee, which covers lodging at the school and most other expenses, including meals and transportation while in Hong Kong). No special training is needed – just a desire to share Jesus’ love. If you are interested in going or have any questions, please speak to Nick or Annette Hill (nanisahill@gmail.com, 224-0884) as soon as possible.

We want to emphasize that even though this mission team will again be serving at MCDH, a Christian secondary school in Hong Kong, most of the students and many of the teachers are *not* Christians. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to let these kids (and teachers) know how valuable they are to God, and to let them know that through Jesus they can have real and lasting hope. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this ongoing mission effort.

Thanks again!



Preschool News

What a blessing this past year at preschool has been! We were privileged to care for and instruct 69 children from our community and in return received a bounty of blessings ourselves. God is so good! We are praying that the weather will be beautiful on May 10 so that we can have our picnic outside at Griffin Park. However, if it is not nice enough to be outside, we are so thankful to have our Christian Life Center for the “graduation” ceremony and picnic. It is a fun way to end our year.

We currently are nearly full for next fall, with just a few openings in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday class. Please feel free to send in your registration to be put on a waiting list. Even though there may be several people on the list, many times when I call for an opening, the people have made other arrangements.

Thank you to all of you that designated your Thrivent choice dollars to the preschool. These dollars will go far to help with many of our expenses including our curriculum and toys and equipment needs at preschool.

Thank you too for saving those milk caps, soup labels and Dakotamart receipts. These seemingly small things add up to several hundred dollars for our program. Thank you also for your continued prayers and support of our preschool. It is truly a privilege and honor to be able to share Jesus’ love with these little ones. Thank you for making this all possible. God bless you and enjoy the long awaited summer.

In Christ’s love,
Jan Larson

Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare!

We have been busy learning about Jesus’ death, His Easter resurrection, His ascension, and Pentecost. The children have been excited to learn so much about Jesus. And with the close of the Easter story we have brought our Bible studies to a close this year. We will still be talking about Jesus in circle time and about all the things that He has created for us, but our official Little Lambs curriculum is over for the year. Once our school year starts again we will be learning from our new curriculum; One in Christ.

We are very sad as our cook Vicki Healy is leaving us. We love her so much and all the yummy food and wonderful company she has brought with her this past year. We hope she and her husband have fun moving closer to their grandchildren.

On April 22nd we celebrated Earth Day and all that God has created for us! We were able to complete our star chart and will be having our Pajama Party on April 26th! We will be celebrating our Mothers all week long from May 6th – 10th. We’ll even be making little surprises for them as well!

Daycare is currently looking for substitutes, part-time positions for the mornings, and a cook! Applications for daycare can be picked up in the daycare office.

Daycare can always use donations of items such as Kleenex, baby wipes, craft items, and paper. If you ever want to donate anything you are welcome to drop things off at the daycare office anytime.

Your friend in Christ,
Jennifer Carr

FLC YOUTH PAGE



Did you know? J.Y.M. Circuit Bible Camp will take place again this summer! The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: July 22nd—25th under the theme: “*And God Said...*” This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade and also to any youth who are going into 9th grade, so 5th through 9th graders please come. Mark July 22nd through July 25th off on your calendars for **CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP**. Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and a day on the water with Steamboat Outfitters will be \$90 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. A sign-up sheet will be on the back table in the narthex.

The Theme for this year’s Vacation Bible School will be: *Go Tell It on the Mountain!* Our VBS dates for this year are: June 9-13 and Captive Free will be joining us as well! If you are interested in serving as a part of VBS there are a number of ways in which you can do so. Be looking for the sign-up to be posted in the Narthex with the places where we could sure use your help! Shout it from the mountain: “**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**”

May 5

Early: Morgan Deis and Abby Lingle
Late: Jaden Filler and Brad Koch

May 12

Early: Wylin Baker and Carly Niemann
Late: Courtney Brandt and Julia Jares

May 19

Early: Hallie Dunn and Hanna Dunn
Late: Joshua Ramquist and Kimberlee Geuther

May 26

Early: Riley Bren and Whitney King
Late: Caitlin Bolte and Reed Lindbloom



THIS & THAT

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