

ZION PROCLAIMER

April 2018

"Dose of Wisdom"

These thoughts are from a pastor friend whose work I have used before. He explains the services of Holy Week and Easter. Join us as we walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Maundy Thursday services are at 11:00 & 6:00, Good Friday Services are 11:00 & 6:00, The Easter Vigil Service will be at 6:00 on Saturday, and finally Easter Sunday service will be at 7:00 with the Easter Breakfast directly following. Have a blessed Lent, Holy Week, and Easter as we remember Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Pastor Dose

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Mark's thoughts: A Preview of What's Ahead: The Chief Services of Holy Week and Easter

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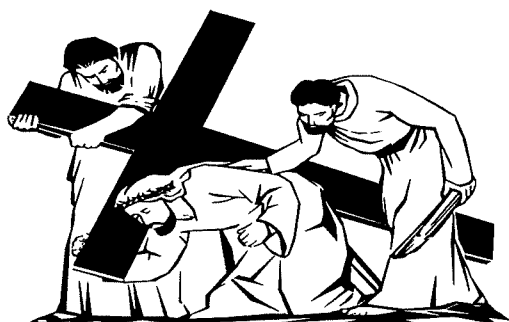
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday with Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, April 14 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 18 11:00 am
6:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 19 11:00 am
6:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 20 6:00 pm

Easter Services with Holy Communion

Sunday April 21 7:00 am

(please note there is only 1 service on Easter Morning)

Easter Breakfast following the 7 am worship service.

April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Service 12:00 lunch 4:00 Midweek 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Evening Circle	4 1:30 Ladies Aid	5	6 No worship
7 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	8	9	10 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Service 12:00 lunch 4:00 Midweek 6:00 Lenten Service 7:30 Voter's Meeting	11	12	13
14 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW/Rite of Confirmation/HC	15	16	17 9:30 Bible Class	18 11:00 Maunday Thursday/HC 6:00 Maunday Thursday/HC	19 11:00 Good Friday Service 6:00 Good Friday Service	20 6:00 Worship Service/HC
21 7:00 Easter Service/HC 8:00 Congregational Breakfast	22	23	24 9:30 Bible Class	25	26	27
28 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	29	30				

USHERS

Doug Schuette
Ron Cornelius
Jeremy Ehlers
Derrick Cornelius

Dan Wittrock
Doug Ehlers
Paul Ehlers
Merle Witt

Parish Circle

Dawn Luejfe
Sara Skinner
CHANCEL CIRCLE
Dawn Luejfe
Allison Ehlers

ACOLYTES

3rd: Kyelar Cleveland & Cody Bair (wed)
7th: Timothy Dose & Danica Ehlers
10th: Sammi Hinners & Alex Gallagher
14th: Delaney Schurke & Karlie Muhlbauer,
Crucifer-Makayla Schrad
21st: Emmett Neumann, Wade Ragaller, Lydia Dose
28th: Elizabeth Brunner & Kendra Schuette



LADIES AID & EVENING CIRCLE

MEETINGS

LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Darleen Linde.

EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 3 at the church following the Mid-week Lenten Service. Hostess is Cathy Meyer.



CHANCEL CIRCLE

Dawn Luetje
Alison Ehlers

PARISH CIRCLE

Dawn Luetje
Sara Skinner

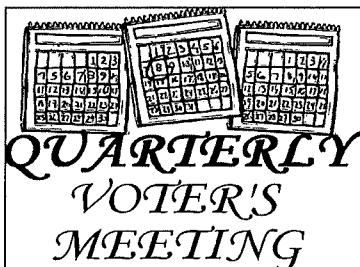


The Sewing Circle will be meeting on Monday, April 15th at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and join.

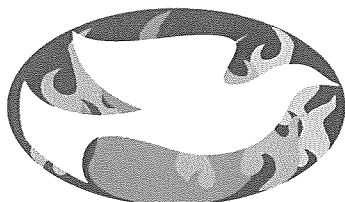


CARROLL ZONE LWML Spring Rally

LWML Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 27th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, in Carroll Registration and Brunch start at 8:30 am. The speaker will be Sam Lee of Charter Oak, IA. She is a fellow LWML'er and will share overcoming prescription drug addiction and living with a rare eyelid disorder call Blepharospasm. She shares her story on how her God saved her life from overdosing and accepting a rare eyelid condition that has no "cause or cure" Prescription drug abuse is a "silent killer"

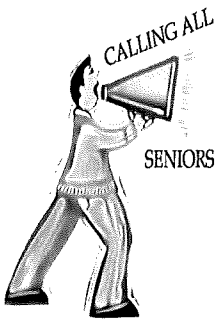


The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30 pm Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

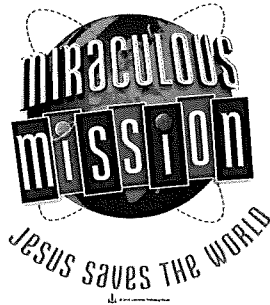


Confirmation 2019

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 14th. The following 9 students will receive the Rite of Confirmation: Elizabeth Brunner, Kyelar Cleveland, Timothy Dose, Johnathan Eason, Jamie Hausman, Payton Henningsen, Samantha Hinner, Dillan Peplinski, Maggie Ragaller.



Just a reminder that Zion has 2 scholarships available. They are the Zion Memorial and the Violetta Anderson Scholarships. Applications for both scholarships are available from the church office and need to be returned by Sunday, May 5, 2019



Register @
vbsmate.org/events/zionarcadia

Plans are currently underway for our 2019 Vacation Bible School "Miraculous Mission" Jesus Saves the World.

Classes are open for children 4 years old (MUST be 4 by June 4th through 8th grade (grade you will be in next 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 [vbsmate.com /events/zionarcadia](http://vbsmate.com/events/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 4-8, 2019
8:30-11:30



We are in need of teachers for our Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be held June 4-8 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.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR
V.B.S.

White sheets to make bandages for 3rd World Missions.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Iowa District West LLL/LHM

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019
8 am Registration & Breakfast; 11:15 Closing

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church,
713 North 12th Street, Guthrie Center, Iowa

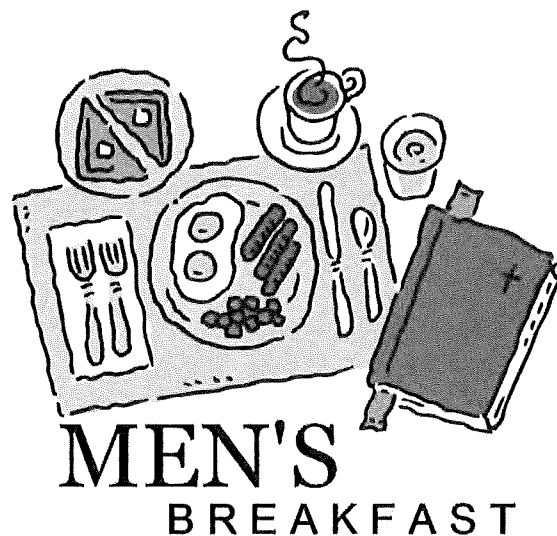
Speaker: Rev. Jonathan Conner

Topic: Manhood: Defined / Controlled Strength in Action

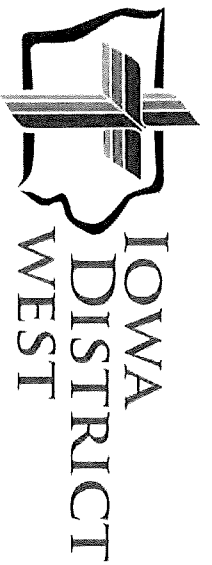
Cost: \$15

Spread the word among the grandpas, the fathers, and the sons
of your family and your church!

For more information,
contact John Tews
(valleyins@netins.net or
641-740-0126 cell).



Watch for future events and other Lutheran Hour Ministries news in The Lutheran Witness and on our new Facebook "group" page, "Lutheran Laymen League of Western Iowa."



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together

April 2019

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Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Dear Friends in Christ,



I pray this has been a blessed Lenten season for each of you. St. Paul writes in Romans 6:3-5 "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection." This means your Baptism, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday are all connected together. Jesus was with you in your Baptism; this means you were also with Him on the Cross on Good Friday. You were again with Him looking over the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

Easter celebrates that we have been raised with Christ. This is a reality. We are made spiritually alive in our baptism. Easter morning we exclaim, "Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!" Included in this celebration is the reality that we are alive as well! And so we might exclaim, "We have risen! We have risen indeed!"

We are more than mere spectators in this divine drama. We are active players. Our baptism seals us into a relationship with Christ. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we have the forgiveness of sin. Christ's resurrection guarantees us our resurrection. We are more than spectators, we are participants in this great and wondrous event both now and forever.

President Steve Turner
Steve@iowadistrictwest.org

Church Worker Scholarships

Iowa District West offers substantial scholarships to those students who are going in to full time church work or those attending one of our Concordia Universities. Applications for the 2018-2019 scholarship are located on our Iowa District West website under the tab resources and forms and links. Applications are due by June 1. Rev. Tom Schlund, Senior Pastor at Trinity, Algona, is our Director of Student Financial Aid.

Flood Relief in Iowa and Nebraska

Our hearts are broken as we see the destruction caused by the recent flooding. President Turner and Ellie Menz have been contacting pastors in the affected areas asking how we can help. We have also been in contact with the Nebraska District office and with the leaders of disaster response with our LCMS.

The first rule in a disaster response is to NOT collect items until we know exactly what is needed. At this point (March 20), we need to wait until the water recedes and the needs are assessed. We will be coordinating efforts with the Nebraska District and with LCMS Disaster Response.

At this point, the best way to respond is to send donations that will be used when the needs are assessed. Donations can be directed to: Iowa District West-Flooding and sent to Iowa District West, 409 Kenyon Road-Suite B, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. Please contact Ellie Menz, IDW Disaster Response Coordinator, with questions, concerns, or if you hear of individuals and/or communities who need help with flood relief. Contact Ellie at 515-370-1159 or ellie@iowadistrictwest.org.

Chaplains Serving in Iowa District West

Council Bluffs/Omaha: Rev. Ron Holling—402-670-0447
Rev. David List—402-599-9837
Des Moines: Rev. Donald Boesch—515-278-4134
Rev. James Brammeier—515-276-3571
Sioux City: Rev. Charles Horkey—712-898-4983
Rev. Leland Schmidt—712-251-0437

Calendar of Events

April 4-5...Concordia-Seward College Visit
April 19...Good Friday—District Office Closed
April 21...Easter Sunday
April 27...Moulton School Outreach Event, Des Moines
May 6-7...District Pastors Conference, Fort Dodge
May 11...LHM/LLL Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study, Guthrie Center



For more information on Iowa District West activities,
view [The Messenger](http://The Messenger at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php) at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

What's Happening AT YOUR CAMP?



Registration
For All Camps
Is ONLINE NOW!

April Events

- April 5-6 Spring Women's Retreat
- April 18-21 Office Closed for Easter
- April 25-27 Wittenburg Academy Family Retreat
- April 27 Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting
- April 28 Sunday Funday



Spring Women's Retreat to be held April 5 and 6

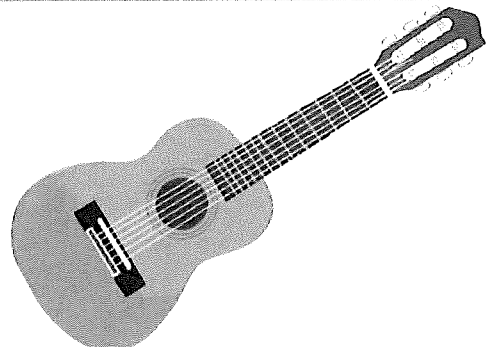
Our Guest Speaker is DeAnn McCue
from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale, IA

The theme is "Greatly to Be Praised" and will focus on several different Psalms. There will be crafts, fellowship, joys, laughter and more! To register, go online to www.campokoboji.org.

There is more information on the website.

New Camp
Opportunities!

- June 9-14 Lake Adventure Camp for Guys (Grades 6-8)
- June 23-28 Lake Adventure Camp for Girls (Grades 6-8)
- July 28-August 2 Guitar Camp (Grades 4-6)



Summer Camp Schedule

May 22-24	Continuing Education Workshop
May 31-June 2	Kids Kamp
June 3-7	Day Camp 1
June 6-9	Joy Camp 1
June 9-14	Guys Lake Adventure
June 9-15	Okoboji Girls Sports Camp
June 10-14	Day Camp 2
June 16-22	Minneboji
June 17-21	Day Camp 3
June 23-28	Girls Lake Adventure
June 23-29	Cub Week 1
June 24-28	Day Camp 4
June 30-July 5	July 4th Family Retreat
July 1-5	Day Camp 5
July 7-13	Junior High Week
July 8-12	Day Camp 6
July 11-14	Joy Camp 2
July 14-20	Cub Week 2
July 15-19	Day Camp 7
July 21-27	Youth Week
July 22-26	Day Camp 8
July 28-August 2	Family Retreat 1
July 28-August 2	Guitar Camp
July 29-August 2	Day Camp 9
August 4-9	Family Retreat 2
August 5-9	Day Camp 10
August 9-11	Hispanic Family Retreat



Continuing Education Workshop—May 22-24



Dr. Reed Lessing will be the guest speaker for this event. The topic is Zechariah: Behold Your King! It is based on Reed's forthcoming Concordia Publishing House commentary on Zechariah.

To register for the workshop contact Kera Mertz at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Email: kara.mertz@ctwsfw.edu or call 260-452-2103

Cost for the workshop is \$150 for professional church workers and \$100 for retired pastors and laity.

The cost for housing and meals is \$200 which includes housing from Tuesday evening through Thursday evening and meals include Wednesday breakfast through Friday lunch. For housing and meals, register online at www.campokoboji.org. A schedule can also be found Camp's website.



Camp Okoboji is still looking for 2019 Summer staff. We are in need of college aged people both male and female willing to serve in all areas. Summer staff will be

trained to serve as counselors for our onsite day camp, overnight camps and traveling day camp, kitchen, dining hall, housekeeping, lifeguarding, and waterfront supervision. To apply, go to www.nloma.org and check Camp Okoboji as your first choice camp.

Camp Okoboji

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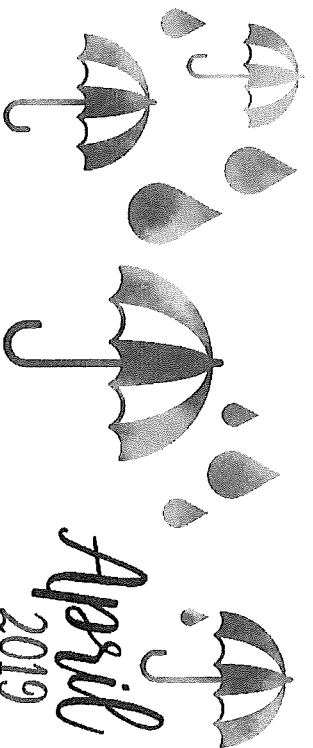
Milford, IA 51351

camp@campokoboji.org

www.campokoboji.org

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Shirley Walde</i>	2 <i>Cassie Luetje</i>	3	4 <i>Jim & Myra Luetje</i>	5	6
7 <i>Kaleb Riesberg</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Jaxson Cleveland Paul & Susan Ehlers</i>	15	16 <i>Jeff Vetter</i>	17 <i>Michael Bair</i>	18 <i>Lisa McNeilly Faith Neumann</i>	19 <i>Nicole Liechti Michael Rickers</i>	20 <i>Randy & Monica Neumann</i>
21 <i>Gene Liechti Denny & Sharon Maasen</i>	22	23 <i>Jaggar Luetje Kendra Schuette</i>	24 <i>Kimberly Bauman Judy Gronau Macie Schrad</i>	25 <i>Kyler Bruch</i>	26	27 <i>Rich Hanson Beth Wittrock Ron & Bonnie Cornelius</i>
28 <i>Makayla Schrad</i>	29 <i>Bob Erps</i>	30 <i>Jeff Schmitz Doug & Alison Ehlers</i>				

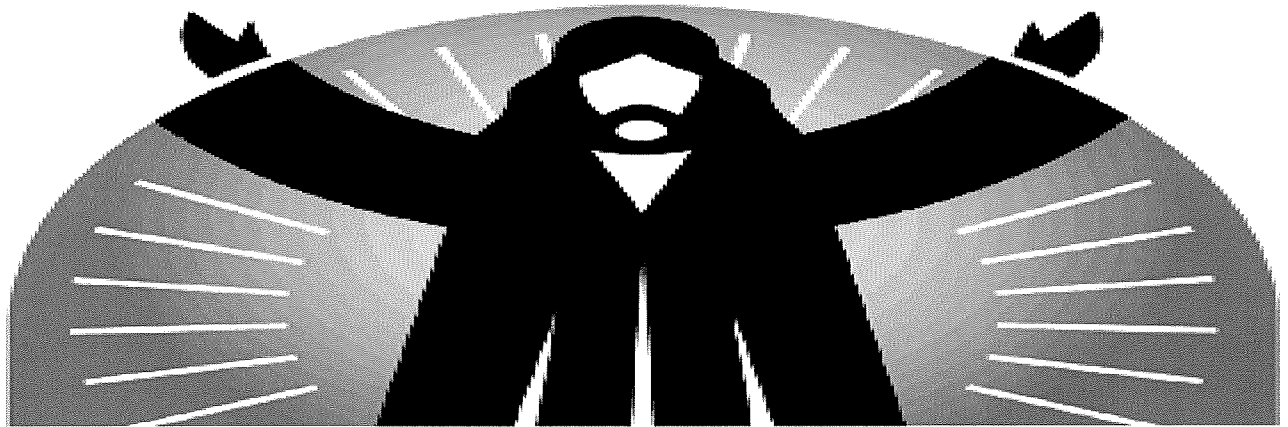


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