

ZION PROCLAIMER MAY 2018

"Dose of Wisdom"

Luke 1:3-4

it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Confirmation was celebrated on Palm Sunday. Nine catechumens were confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time. It is a tradition that has been celebrated and remembered for many years both here at Zion as well as many other churches. It is something that culminates 4 years of catechesis (the same word used in Luke 1:4, see above.) The one misconception many people have about Confirmation is that it is very similar to graduation. I learned all I need to know in catechesis, or I learned all I need to know in high school. Now if you have graduated from high school and you are reading this did you really know everything there was to know in life? I remember my high school days and I must say I know more now than I did in high school for sure. So if we have learned much more since high school how much more should this be for our faith. The goal of catechesis is faith in Christ, meaning it is of the utmost importance we learn of our sins and there is nothing we can do to earn our salvation. Faith in Christ is strengthened when we listen to preaching, confess our sins, receive absolution, and receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our Confirmation might be DONE, but our CATECHESIS continues for our entire lifetime. I encourage you to listen to the readings for the season of Easter especially from the First Reading and the Gospel Reading. We will be focusing on the Book of Acts during this Easter Season. The entire Book of Acts is focused on the teachings of Jesus and the spreading of those teachings so others may be converted from their sins to faith in Christ. I would also encourage you to continue to learn and grow in faith in Christ by reading your Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. In fact if you are looking for a new Small Catechism, then Concordia Publishing House is your place as they have both Luther's Small and Large Catechism bound together in one book. Come and see me for details or go to cph.org. We have treasures in our faith in the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. Let us use those treasures so our faith in Christ may grow.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

L. W. M. L.

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 1st at the home of home Marilyn Mueggenberg and Co-hostess is Paulette Von Glan

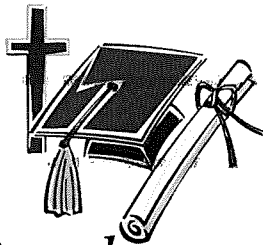
LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will be meeting at 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 2nd. Hostess for the day will be Betty Nobiling



Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Sunday, May 19 2019



Baccalaureate

Please join us on Wednesday, May 15th for the AWW Baccalaureate service to be held at the United Church in Westside. Everyone is invited to attend. The Seniors from our congregation include: Garrett Cleveland Shelby Dirks, Wyatt Neumann, Maddie Owen, Drew Schurke, and Henry Segebart



The members of the LYF would like to thank everyone who supported us and attended the Easter Breakfast. The turn out for the breakfast was great and we appreciate you taking time to attend. We had a lot of help from the youth and also from the parents. Thanks again to you the members of Zion and our friends for all of your support!!!



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.

V. B. S.

June 4-8, 2019

8:30-11:30

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held June 4-8, Our theme this year is "Miraculous Mission" Jesus Saves the World" Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 (By June 4th through the 8th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

REMINDERS: 1) Students are reminded that "good" clothes should **NOT** be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project. 3) There will be sign up sheets for the moms (or dads) to bring treats.

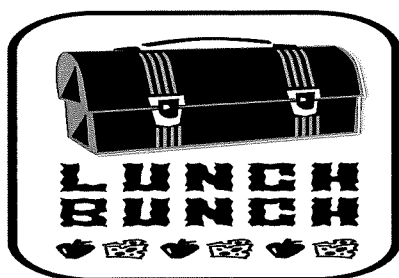
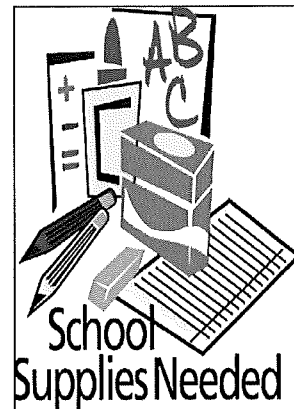
You will be in the class that you will be in this fall. Whether you are or are **NOT** attending this year, or are new to the program, it would be appreciated if you could let the church office know as this makes a difference in the number of materials that we order. (689-2441) or register on line at vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia.

QUILTS: The 5th-8th Graders will be tying quilts with anticipation of out doing the number from last year. If you have any sheets, lightweight blankets, etc, please bring them to the church as this will help with the project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would be willing to help out with VBS this year, teaching, crafts, snacks, etc please contact the church office.

This year we will also be collecting bars of soap and school supplies for the Ladies Mission Projects.

- 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper;
- 30 centimeter ruler (can have inches on the other side)
- pencil sharpener
- blunt scissors
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2" eraser



A free lunch for all the students (up to age 18) will be offered each day with serving from 11:30-12:00 . This lunch is sponsored by the Free Summer Lunch Program at Ar-We-Va. Adults may purchase a meal as well for a small cost (payable that day)

Register Me For
“Miraculous Mission”
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia
(June 4-8, 2019)

Register @ vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia

For more information please contact the office at 712-689-2441. Please mail the registration form to Zion Lutheran Church, Box 59, Arcadia, IA 51430 or email it to zionluth@netins.net

Name of student'(s)

grade to enter in fall

Please provide Birth date for those in preschool (must be 4 by June 4th)

Parents Name

Phone Number & Or Cell Number

Emergency Contact Person & Phone
Number (daycare)



This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ...



We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Ar-We-Va class of 2019 who will be graduating on May 19th. We would especially pray that God would continue to shower His grace and blessings upon our fellow members of Zion who will be graduating, they Garrett Cleveland, Shelby Dirks, Wyatt Neumann, Madison Owen, Drew Schurke and Henry Segebart.

Also on May 15th baccalaureate service will be held here at the United Church in Westside starting at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday, May 19th we will remember and honor these members of Zion in our worship service and announcing the Violetta



A Word For Graduates

Congratulations to the young members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

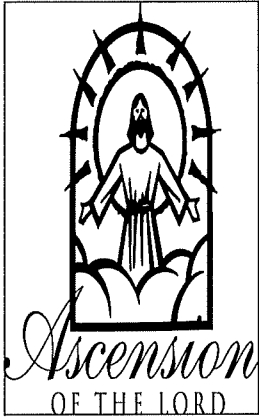
We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

²¹ *My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion;* ²² *they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck* (Proverbs 3:21-22)

¹¹ *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11



Ascension Day

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.

Easter isn't over

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now. Easter isn't over ... ever!



Here are some happenings at Camp Okoboji this summer. They include:

GIRLS BASKETBALL or VOLLYBALL CAMP: (4th-8th grade). For more details go to: www.campokoboji.org.

KIDS KAMP designed as an entry level camp for kindergarten-2nd graders who are accompanied by a loving parent or care-giver. (www.campokoboji.org)

IOWA DISTRICT WEST JUNIOR HIGH WEEK: (www.campokoboji.org) for those students who have completed 6th-8th grades.

YOUTH WEEK: For students who have completed the 8th-12th grades.

CUB WEEK: (the church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee)

There are also several other Camps available. They include: **Family Retreat I ; Family Retreat II** For more information and registration forms, please contact the office or go to the website of camp Okoboji www.campokoboji.org.

When a house is a home

A house is a home when it is infused with love, when there is acceptance that never wavers, and where there is always food for the mind, for the spirit, for the body and for those in need. Is your abode a house or a home?





THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together

May 2019

409 Kenyon Road, Suite B — Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
515-576-7666 Fax 515-576-2323 www.idwlcms.org
Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

LCEF Kaleidoscope Fund Grant



Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is proud to announce the 2019 Kaleidoscope Fund grant process with a proposal submission deadline of May 31. The committee will then select ministries from these proposals to apply for a grant. Funds will be granted in amounts between \$15,000 and \$75,000. This year, LCEF is narrowing the focus of impact for the grants to Lutheran elementary education. Lutheran schools play a critical role in impacting the community through Christian education. Qualified grant purposes include: Faculty Development/Training; Curriculum Development; Facility Upgrades (Smartboards, STEMM/STEAM Labs, Sensory); or Endowment Creation (matching program). Each school can apply for one purpose. Visit lcef.org/kaleidoscope for full details and to submit your proposal. At LCEF, we praise God for Lutheran education where children hear about Jesus' love every day and we pray His blessings on the administration and staff, children and families, and the congregations and individuals who support Lutheran education.

Carole White, LCEF Vice President
carole.white@lcef.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

Help Needed in Glenwood

1. Volunteers needed to assist people at the flood relief site to find items they need and to organize and restock donated items.
2. Volunteers needed to sit and chat with people during meals. There is also a need to assist people with paperwork and computer work.
3. Assistance is needed from accountants, personal finance specialists and counselors.
4. Current needs: glass cleaner, white vinegar, bug spray, waterproof work gloves, new bed sheets, large trash cans, long socks for wearing in boots, hand lotion, bath towels (new and used), shelf stable milk, apple sauce, breakfast and protein bars, plastic totes, microwaves, crock pots, fans, dehumidifiers, toasters, women's size 6, 7, 8 rubber boots and men's size 13 and 14 rubber boots.
5. Gas cards—Many are living temporarily in nearby towns and the parents need to bring their children to school in Glenwood.
6. Food and servers for noon and evening meals. If you or your group/church are willing to cook/provide food for a meal, please contact Monica at 402-505-1266.
7. DO NOT need water, bleach, toothbrushes, toothpaste, or clothing.
8. Collect the needed items and deliver to the Glenwood Resource Center (111 Lacey Street) in Glenwood.
9. If you wish to donate to the Iowa District West Disaster Relief Fund, go to the district website (www.iowadistrictwest.org). Click on the "donate" button and designate "Disaster Relief" or send a check to

Iowa District West-Flood Relief
409 Kenyon Rd Suite B
Fort Dodge IA 50501

Help Needed in Hamburg

Four LERT teams have helped clean out houses in Hamburg.

Join a volunteer group on Saturday clean-up days by calling Terry Dammann at 402-250-6150 or Deb at 712-242-5345 and let them know what Saturday would work for you. Meet at 8:30 am at the Shenandoah Walmart parking lot at the LERT trailer.

To help on a day other than Saturday, contact Ellie Menz (IDW Disaster Relief Coordinator) at 515-370-1159 or Megan Schmidt (AmeriCorps) at 712-202-5351. Megan is working with the registration of volunteers at Hamburg.

Calendar of Events

May 6-7...District Pastors Conference, Fort Dodge
May 11...Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study, Guthrie Center
May 20...Pastor Golf Day, Ida Grove
May 27...Memorial Day, District Office Closed

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

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

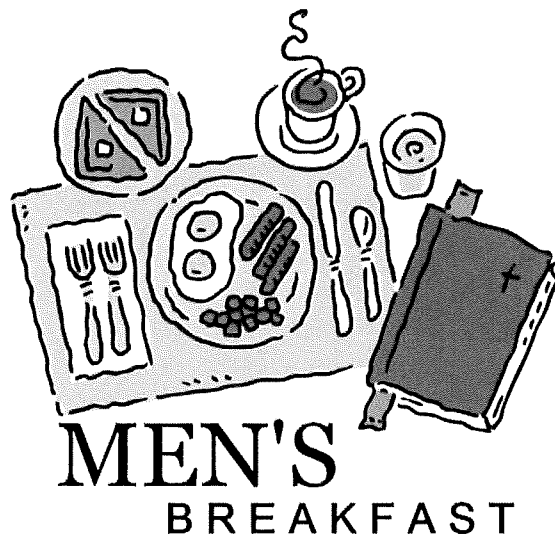
Speaker: Rev. Jonathan Conner

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).



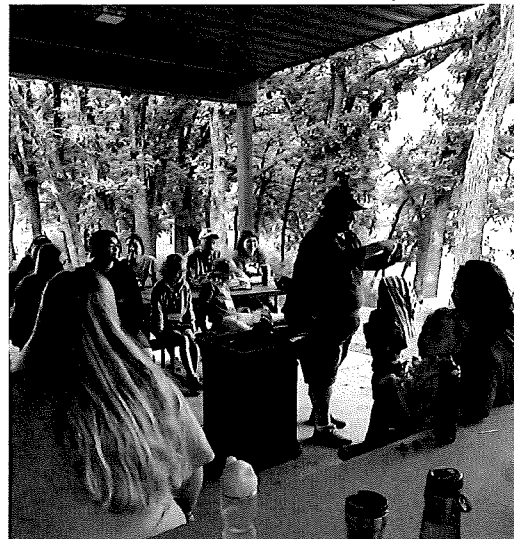
Watch for future events and other Lutheran Hour Ministries news in The Lutheran Witness and on our new Facebook "group" page, "Lutheran Laymen League of Western Iowa."

What's Happening AT YOUR CAMP?

Camp
Okoboji

May Events!

- May 1-2 Mt. Olive Lutheran School 7th Grade Class Retreat
- May 5 Omelet Brunch 9:30 AM to 1 PM
- May 18 Volunteer Work Day
- May 19 Summer Staff Arrives
- May 20 Summer Staff Training begins
- May 22-24 Continuing Education Workshop
- May 27 Memorial Day Commemoration at 9:30 AM
- May 31 Kids Kamp begins!



Continuing Education Workshop—May 22-24

Details!

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.

For housing and meals, register online at www.campokoboji.org. Cost is \$200.00 and includes housing from Tuesday evening through Friday lunch. Meals start Wednesday morning. A schedule may also be found online at www.campokoboji.org

Saturday, May 18, 2019 is our last big push to get Camp ready for summer! Get a group together and help us prepare for the hundreds of campers who will come to Refresh Body & Spirit!

The two high priority projects are outdoor painting and wood splitting.

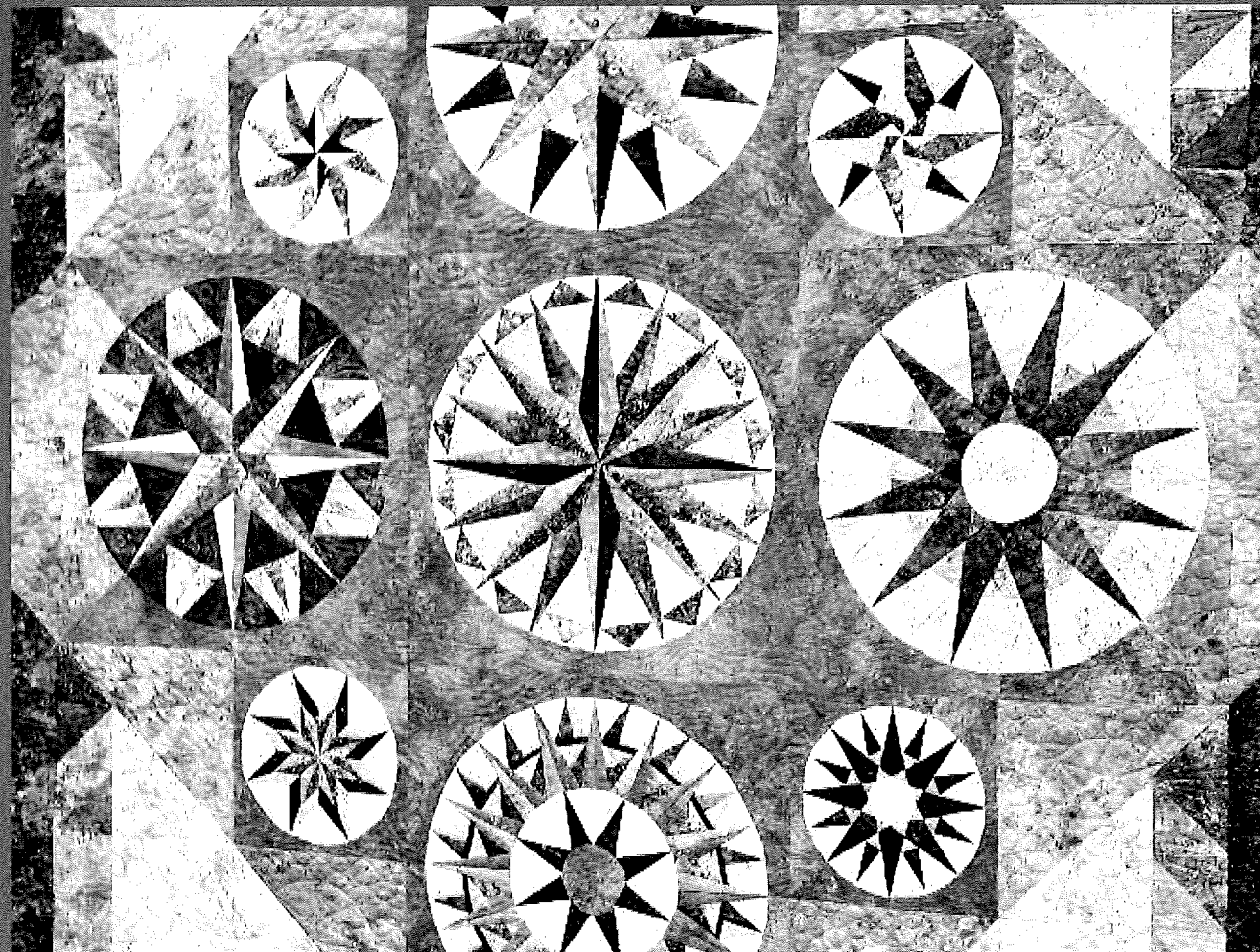
There will be day care available.

We would appreciate it if you called ahead so we can plan for meals and lodging. Please call the Camp Office at 712-337-3325 or email our Volunteer Coordinator Kim Warnke at kim2camp@gmail.com.



CAMP OKOBOJI *Quilt Auction*

Camp Okoboji, 1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford Iowa 51351



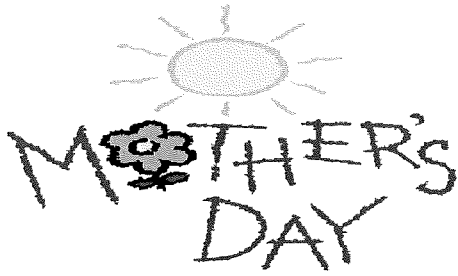
Saturday, June 15, 2019

Beginning at 12:30

*Lunch served 11-12:30 (freewill offering)
Proceeds go towards renovation of Zebulun Cabin
Craft Sale*

*View Quilts online at www.campokoboji.org or
On site June 14th 5-7 or June 15th 9-12*

*Services donated by
Todd Hattermann (Paullina) & Cott Berger (Milford)*



The Best mother that I LOVE

When God set the world in place,
when He hung the stars up in space,
when He made the land and the sea,
then He made you and me.
He sat back and saw all that was good,
He saw things to be as they should.
Just one more blessing He had in store;
He created a mother, but whatever for?
He knew a mother would have a special place
to shine His reflection on her child's face.
A mother will walk the extra mile
just to see her children smile.
She'll work her fingers to the bone
to make a house into a home.
A mother is there to teach and guide,
a mother will stay right by your side.
She'll be there through your pain and strife,
she'll stay constant in your life.
A mother will lend a helping hand
until you have the strength to stand.
She'll pick you up when you are down,
when you need a friend she'll stick around.
A mother is one who listens well,
will keep her word; will never tell.
A mother never pokes or pries
but stands quietly by your side,
giving you the strength you need,
encouraging you to succeed.
A mother is one who can be strong
when you need someone to lean on.
You're more than a mother to me;
a reflection of Him in your face I see,
a love that knows no boundaries.
I'm glad that you chose to be
all this and more to me.
You share a love that knows no end,
you're more than my mother,
you are my friend.

Susan Jordan

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

GOD'S GIFT

My Mother is a special gift,
A special gift that God gave to me.
I'd be lost and lonely without her,
If God took her away you see.
I love her so very much,
That I couldn't bear to live without her healing
touch.
Thank-you God for giving me such a loving
Mother,
For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.

By Melanie Reid

A mother's prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of my children. Help me rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout my days.

I want my children to love you, worship you and serve you as best they can. Grant me the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent me from provoking my children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our household with abiding love and respect, and help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Annalee Wittrock</i>	2 <i>Claire Lenz Joel Mumm Kelly Riesberg</i>	3 <i>Katie Riesberg</i>	4
5 <i>Michael & Ashley Eggers</i>	6 <i>Rob & Julie Klink</i>	7	8 <i>Shelby Dirks</i>	9	10	11 <i>Jenny Kuhl Johanna McCarter</i>
12 <i>Terry Strathman</i>	13 <i>Marissa Schrad</i>	14 <i>Merlin Brockman Michelle Hagge Mark Rickers</i>	15 <i>Liam Petersen</i>	16	17 <i>Jerry Thiedeman</i>	18
19 <i>John Vetter</i>	20	21 <i>Brian Kraus</i>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Jacob Hanson Jackie Petersen</i>	27 <i>Caitly Kraus</i>	28 <i>Emmett Neumann Rich & Janet Rose</i>	29 <i>Pastor & Rebecca Dose</i>	30	31 <i>Ron Cornelius</i>	

May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	1 9:30 Bible Class 12:00 Senior Lunch 7:00 Evening Circle	2 1:30 Ladies Aid	3	4 6:00 DW/HC
5 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Church Council	6 Pastors Conference	7	8 9:30 Bible Class	9	10	11
12 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW	13	14	15 9:30 Bible Class 7:00 Baccalaureate @ United Church in Westside	16	17	18
19 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	20	21	22 9:30 Bible Class	23	24	25
26 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	27	28	29	30	31	

USHERS

Dale Witrock Gary Lenz
 Kurt Branning Kyle Lenz
 Greg Gronau Doug Gronau
 Keith Petersen Jake Witrock
 John Vetter Kelly Riesberg

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Sandy Hunter
 Cindy Brockman

PARISH CIRCLE

Pat Branning
 Karen Grundmeier

ACOLYTES

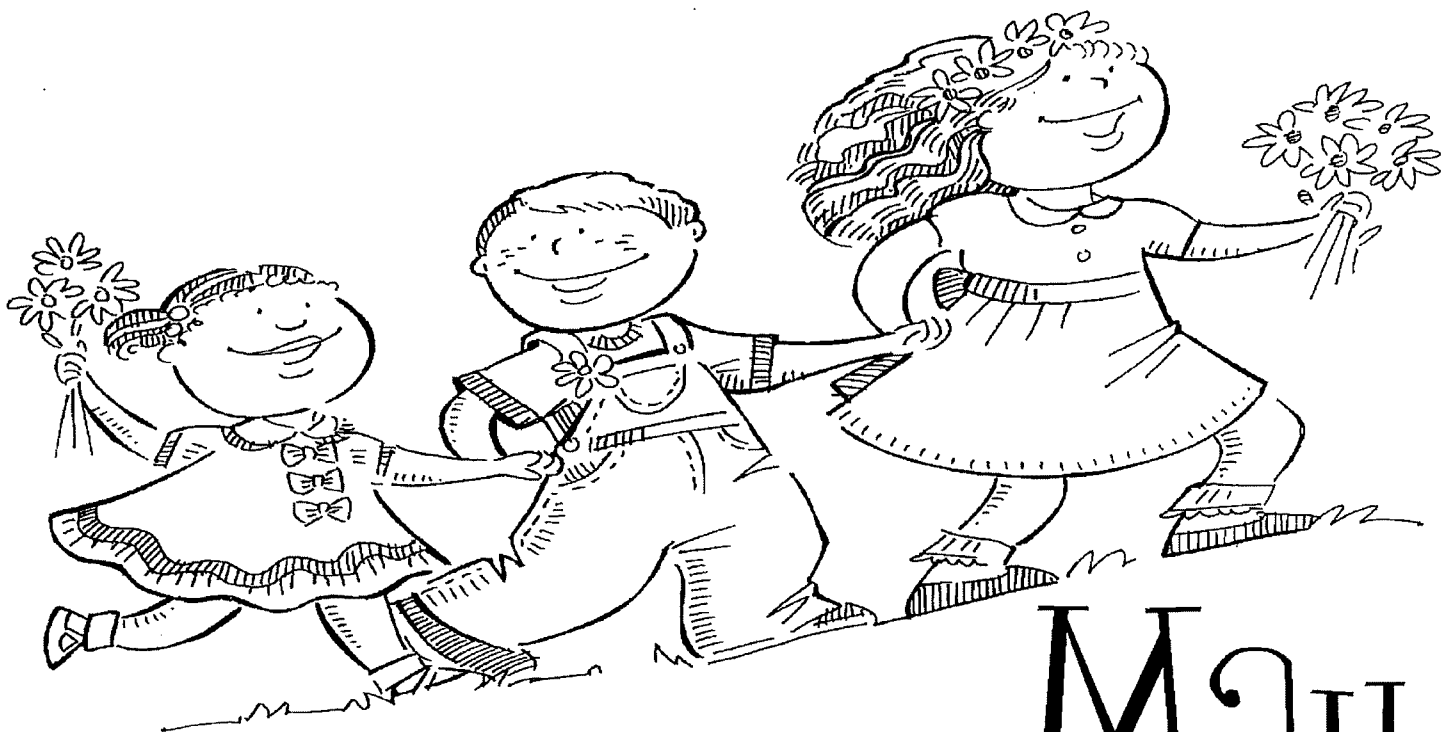
5th: Kyelar Cleveland & Devon Ehlers
 12th: Timothy Dose & Jaxx Luetje
 19th: Jamie Hausman & Abby Klirk
 26th: Peyton Henningsen & Jaxson Henningsen

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education	9:00 am
Divine Worship	10:00 am



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