

ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

July 2020

Matthew 10:38–39

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

There is no doubt right now we are living in a time of suffering. From the COVID-19 Pandemic and lockdowns to the riots and unrest following the death of George Floyd we are in a state of suffering, carrying our cross, following Jesus. There are times in the last 3 plus months where we have feared death. There are times where we have feared the possibility of losing this life we live and the comforts we have here. There are times where we have grumbled and became upset because our lives have been put on hold whether it has been not celebrating Easter, family birthdays, or anniversaries together to not being able to give family members hugs. We don't know what it's like to bear our crosses. Jesus catechizes His disciple to be a disciple of Jesus we must learn to bear our cross and follow Jesus. It means being willing to give up our lives to follow Jesus. A lot of times we are not willing to give up the comforts of this life to follow Jesus and be His disciple.

Jesus reminds us that if we lose our life for the sake of the gospel we will find our lives in Jesus. The Christian faith is dying to self and living in Jesus. It is a cycle of living and dying over and over again. We take up our cross and we die to self to follow Jesus. We then find ourselves living not for ourselves, but we live in Jesus. We live differently so others see Jesus in and through us in what we say and do. We can offer peace and hope in times of despair and darkness. Because we find our lives in Jesus we share Jesus with others.

Being a disciple of Jesus is not easy. It is sometimes lousy. We suffer hardships and face challenges. But in the end, when we give up our lives and loves here on earth we find our lives and peace in Jesus and there is nothing better.
Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 9 am. Hostess will be Diane Schroeder

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

MARTHA CIRCLE:

Betty Nobiling & Betty Klink

CHANCEL CIRCLE:

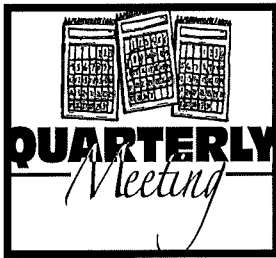
Lajean Shiney & Diane Witt

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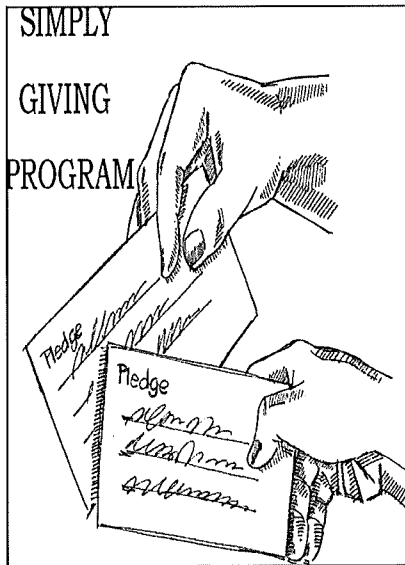
Marilyn Mumm & Donna Rickers



On Sunday, July 12th the Evening Circle will be having their Quarterly “Noisy Mite” offering. Proceeds from the offering will be donated to Orphan Grain Train

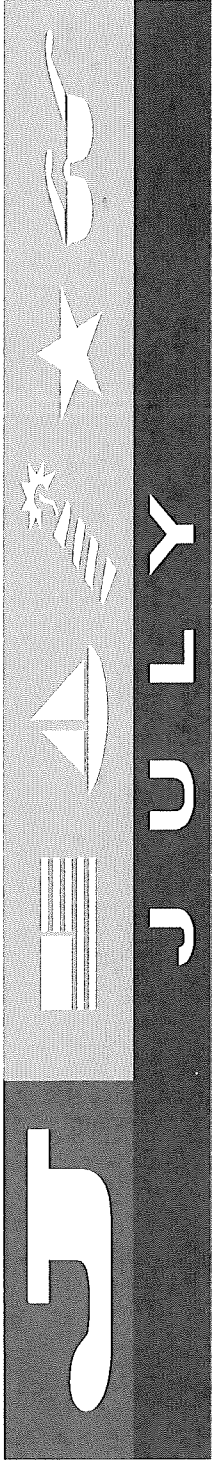


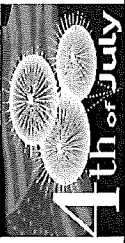
The Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12th following our morning worship service



In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, once a month, or twice a month, your offering is automatically deducted from your checking account and automatically deposited into the churches account. All you will need to do is once a week (or whatever you choose) is to record the amount in your check register. That is all there is to it. The amount is set by you and doesn’t change unless you request it to be changed or discontinued. Special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc are **NOT** automatically deducted and we would encourage you to use your offering envelopes for those services just like in the past. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 275 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. An additional bonus would be that our giving throughout the year would be more consistent. We prayerfully ask that you consider making this small change that would be of big help. To learn more about this program, please contact the church office





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <i>9:00 Ladies Aid</i>	3	4 
5 <i>9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Voters Meeting</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class</i>	20 <i>Sewing Circle</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class</i>	27	28	29	30		

USHERS

Keith Vetter
 Jeff Luetje
 Michael Brockman
 Gene Thiedeman
 Rick Vetter
 Kim Brockman
 Mark Rickers
 Rob Klink

Martha Circle
 Betty Klink

Chancel Circle
 Diane Witt & Lajeane Shiney

Parish Circle
 Donna Rickers & Marilyn Mumm

VOTER'S MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 12, FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE



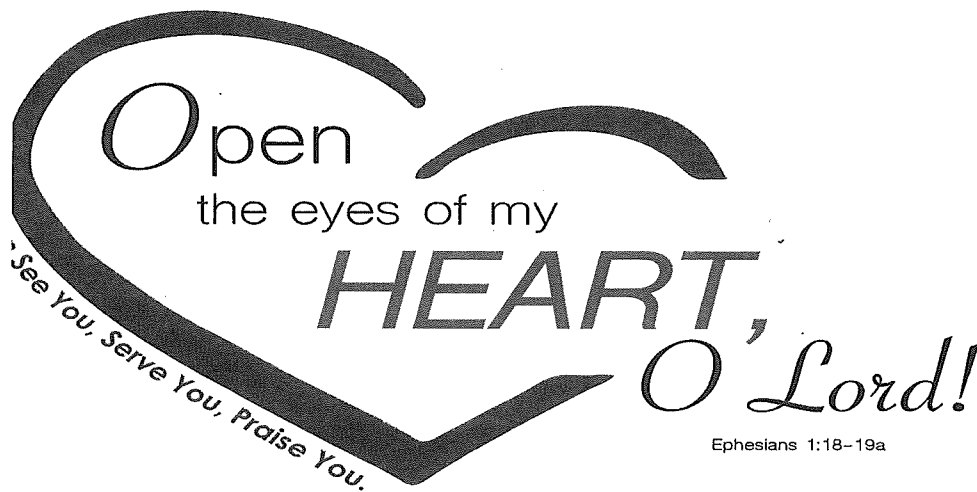
Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Matthew McNelly Mark & Diane Schurke Dennis & Dianne Vetter	2 Ashley Eggers Levi Lenz	3 Scott Linde	4 Corey Erps
5 Dawn Luetje Gary & Jane Vetter	6 Tyler Ehlers Ann Peterson	7 Andrea Gronau Betty Klink	8 Devon Ehlers Carolyn Sander	9 Colton Heithoff Steve Koch Tiffany Wiese	10 Nolan Schmitz	11 Connie Bradshaw
12 Brooklyn Brockman Jane Petersen Darin & Donna Schurke	13 Sophia Koch Dianne Vetter	14 Ross & Michelle Schuette	15	16 Chase Eggers Ellie Eggers Dan Wittrock	17	18 Gene Kuhl Jay Luetje Randy Stoelk Mason Stork Rick Vetter
19	20 Bradley Maasen	21	22 Steve Leiting	23 Justin & Holly Hunter	24 Kathy Kraus Leonard & Shirley Walde	25 Emily Bruhn Mark & Donna Rickers
26	27 Lane Karus Dennis Vetter	28 Wanda Erps Dawn Melton Nick & Krista Koch	29 Doug Gronau	30 Lola Ehlers		

Carroll Zone

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Fall Rally



Sunday

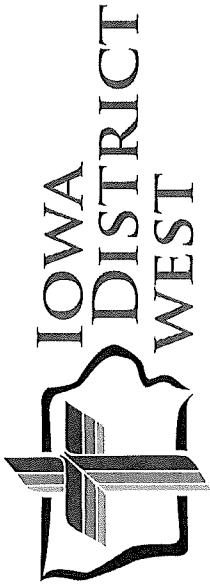
September 27, 2020

3:30 pm

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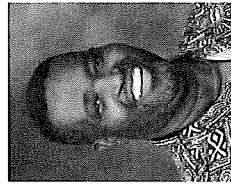
Planting Together

July 2020

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On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Calling for Prayer in a Time of Crisis



We are living in unprecedented times. None of us can ignore the impact the death of George Floyd has had on us and the cities in which we live. I am inviting all believers to come together and pray for our nation and our leaders. Let us lay this spiritual warfare at the feet of the cross.

I am reminded of this verse when reflecting on our current crisis.

"I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, 'Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'" (Revelation 21:2-4 CEB).

As our nation cries out for justice, let us come together and cry out to our God for the strength to show mercy when confronted with wounded souls; to seek peace when there is war, and love where others shout hate. Remember, we are not powerless. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:20-21, *"For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?"* Rest and rely on the power of the Almighty God.

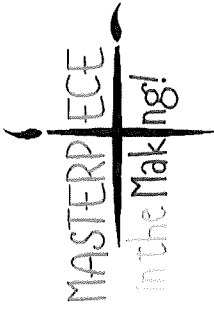
Rev. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President
keith@iowadistrictwest.org

Iowa Early Childhood Conference

Date: August 7

Theme: Masterpiece in the Making

New Location: Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines



Concordia Plan Services Workshops

Health care in today's world continues to change and it is hard to keep up on the complexities of the health care options. Anyone interested in learning more about all the Concordia Health Plan options, special coverages, and what is new for 2021 is encouraged to attend a workshop this summer.

- July 15 — Online Zoom meeting - 3 pm
- August 6 — Gloria Dei, Urbandale - 3-5 pm
- August 6 — Messiah, Johnson - 6-8 pm



You can explore a wealth of information online at www.concordiaplans.org. Also, the Congregational Treasurer's Manual, Chapter 4 has a plethora of information at www.lcms.org/ctm.

Secretarial/Administrative Assistants Fall Conference

The Iowa District West Secretarial/Administrative Assistants Conference Committee has an excellent program planned for Tuesday, **September 22**, in Fort Dodge. The theme, based on Romans 10:15, will focus on Effective Communication (including newsletters). Brenda Clark Hamilton, National speaker, will talk about communication and a current popular topic — Recalculating — Skills for When Life's GPS Takes an Unexpected Turn. More details and conference brochure will be shared this summer.



Calendar of Events

- July 15...Concordia Plan Services Workshop, Online Zoom Meeting
- August 6...Concordia Plan Services Workshop, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
- August 6...Concordia Plan Services Workshop, Messiah, Johnston
- August 7...Iowa Early Childhood Conference, West Des Moines
- August 31...Pastors Golf Day, Ida Grove
- September 22...Secretarial/Administrative Assistants Conference, Fort Dodge

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

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Women's Bible Study...6:30 pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month (does not meet during the summer)
Wednesday Morning Bible Study.....9:30-11:00

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month Pastor Dose is out of the office due to Carroll Circuit Pastor's Meeting.

The Board of Elders meets monthly at the Church. Please feel free to contact any member of the Elder Board about any aspect of our ministry here at Zion.

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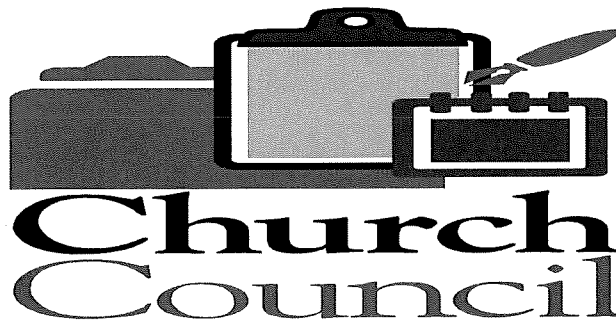
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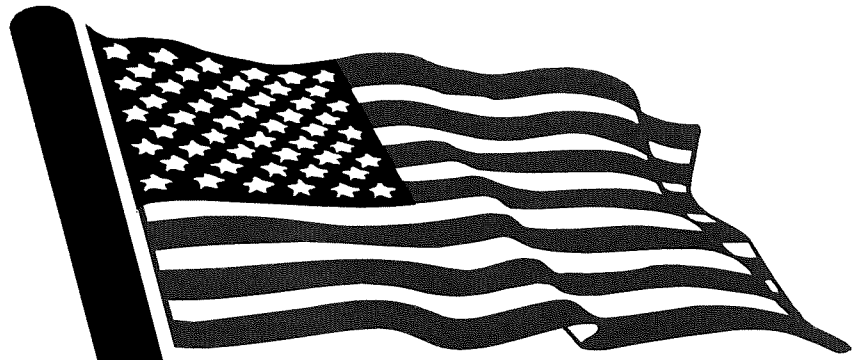
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Divine Worship	9:00 am



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