

ZION PROCLAIMER

April 2022

"Dose of Wisdom"

Once again, I share my pastor friend's thoughts on the chief services of Holy Week and Easter. This newsletter article isn't a short read, but please take the time to read it all the way through and think about coming to the entire service from Maundy Thursday to the Easter Vigil. Then Easter Morning we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection at 7:00. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are at 11:00 & 6:30. The Easter Vigil is at 6:30 and Easter Morning service is at 7:00. God bless our end of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Celebrations!

Pastor Dose

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

During Lent we prepare to observe our Lord's death and celebrate his resurrection. It is a time of spiritual discipline as we contemplate His sacrifice on the cross. We repent of our sin and seek to grow in the faith. During the season of Lent we are preparing. The season and its mid-week services are moving to a crescendo. They are moving towards **Holy Week**. During Holy Week we will focus with renewed intensity on the death of Christ for us. The eastern part of Christianity has called Holy Week, "the Great Week," because of the great things accomplished by the events we celebrate then.

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**. Following a tradition that began in the fourth century A.D. in Jerusalem, we will process into the church bearing palms as we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem in the week of His passion. Palm Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Passion since on that day we will read the passion account of our Lord. This will provide a "roadmap" of the events we will be observing in the coming week. Our congregation uses Palm Sunday as the day for the Rite of Confirmation. This is a special day culminating in the confession of faith the youth are making before God and the congregation.

Holy Week provides us with the highpoint of the Christian year. The highpoint of Holy Week itself is the Triduum. **Triduum** means "three days." It refers to the last three days before Easter Sunday: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday. The services that occur on these days are in fact considered to be one service that takes place over the course of three days.

Maundy Thursday derives its name from the Latin word for "commandment," *mandatum*. This word is a reference to our Lord's statement at the Last Supper, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you" (John 13:34). At this service we will again contemplate Christ's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar which He instituted at the Last Supper. We are reminded that through this miraculous meal our Lord gives us the benefits of Good Friday.

The service consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament and the Stripping of the Altar. The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Triduum. The Service of the Word focuses on Christ's humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet. This servanthood was enacted on

the Cross and its benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The Divine Service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover as she passes from death to life and from captivity to freedom. The Divine Service does not conclude with a Benediction, since the service of the Triduum continues the next day.

On **Good Friday** we pause and consider our Lord's death on the cross. Crucified between two criminals He took our sins upon Himself and died in our place. The darkness and earthquake that accompanied that event (Matthew 27:45, 51) demonstrate the cosmic significance of Christ's death as part of God's end-time action. The Good Friday service includes the Bidding Prayer (a prayer in which the topics for prayer are introduced and then the prayer itself is offered) which is one of the most ancient prayers in the liturgy of the Western Church. It also contains the Reproaches which are the words of the Lord directed against his people, the Church. To this the congregation responds with a plea for mercy. The Passion of Our Lord according to St. John is read.

The **Vigil of Easter** on Holy Saturday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord and of our Baptism. The Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday marks the final service of the Triduum – the three day service that leads up to Easter Sunday. Jesus remained buried in the tomb on Holy Saturday. The apostle Paul says in Romans 6:3-4 that when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ into death. Because of the connection between Holy Baptism and Christ's death, the early Church began the practice of baptizing new Christians on Holy Saturday. On this day when Christ was buried in the tomb, Christians were buried with Christ into His death through the waters of Holy Baptism. By at least the early third century A.D. Christians began observing the Vigil of Easter in connection with these baptisms (for more background on this see the post "The surprising history of Romans 6 and baptism in the early Church").

At the same time Holy Saturday stands on the verge of Easter Sunday and is celebrated as the first service of the resurrection. In the Jewish reckoning of time used in Jesus' day, a new day began at sunset. The church in its liturgy has adopted this as well, and therefore Saturday evening begins the celebration of Easter. Baptism on the evening of Holy Saturday reminded Christians that as Paul says in Romans 6:5, their own baptism provided the guarantee that they would also share in Christ's resurrection when He returns in glory on the Last Day.

The Vigil of Easter falls into six parts. In the Service of Light the Paschal Candle is lit and processes into the nave of the darkened church. Individual candles are then lit from the Paschal Candle. The light that pierces the darkness and emanates out among the people represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ that has pierced the darkness of death and brought the hope of resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

In the Service of Readings we hear recounted God's saving acts in the Old Testament that prefigured and pointed forward to Christ's great victory that he shares with us through Holy Baptism. In the Service of Holy Baptism we hear Romans 6 read and then renew our baptismal vows. In the Service of Prayer we pray the Litany of the Resurrection which recounts our Lord's death and resurrection. In the Service of the Word the Easter Gospel is read and we hear the first news of our Lord's resurrection, which points us forward to the full and joyous celebration that will follow in the morning on Easter. Finally, in the Service of the Sacrament the risen Lord comes to us in His true body and blood as He gives us a share in His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins.

Then, on Easter Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. After observing His death *for us* and the means through which Christ gives us a share in that death, we will then rejoice in His resurrection from the dead and celebrate the fact that through His resurrection we have the assurance that He will raise us up on the Last Day.

Sometimes Christians want to focus on Easter and ignore those services leading up to Easter Sunday. However, we are only prepared to celebrate our Lord's resurrection if we have walked the way that led to Easter Sunday. Congregation members are encouraged to view the Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – as one service and attend it accordingly. The services on these three days will deepen our appreciation of our Lord's sacrifice during Holy Week and will strengthen us in the faith. Then, after observing these great events of the Great Week, we will celebrate the victory of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Written by Pastor Mark Surburg, Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Marion, Illinois

The Easter Vigil

There seems to be a need for some training of the mind in preparation for our Easter celebrations, especially when it comes to the Great Vigil. The Great Vigil is the solemn service of Saturday night before Easter morning, in which we welcome the end of Lent and the coming of Easter.

One of the elements of the liturgical reform which has taken hold in many segments of Christendom is the recovery of the Great Vigil. For a very long time there was little or no concept of what the Great Vigil was, or what it was for. Indeed The Lutheran Hymnal itself has no propers listed for the Great Vigil. There's only a little reference to "Holy Saturday, Easter Eve," having only a collect and two readings, the Gospel being a reference to the burial of Jesus (St. Matthew 27). So even there, although the collect for Easter Eve contains the traditional reference to "the glory of the Lord's resurrection" on "this most holy night," nothing else does. There was no Great Vigil among Lutherans in the early 20th century.

The recovery of this ancient and venerable tradition has been a key ingredient in the rediscovery of liturgical beauty and importance for Lutherans.

But still there is resistance, particularly among people who hadn't grown up with the tradition, and for whom therefore it represented something new. Actually it's something very old, which, like many venerable traditions, fell into disuse between the 17th and 19th centuries when Rationalism was on the rise. The recovery of Confessional Lutheranism has brought with it an awakening of liturgical piety, and a renewed appreciation for the Great Vigil.

The Vigil is a bit lengthier than a regular Sunday mass, but for those who are aware and appreciative of what's going on, time does not seem to be a factor. It requires a little disciplining, a little training of the mind to grasp and appreciate the majesty of this holy night, but when that discipline is achieved, the Great Vigil begins to stand apart as an awe-inspiring ceremony.

It's an accumulation of four services set end-to-end, each building on the former, until finally Easter formally arrives.

Beginning at dusk, the congregation gathers around an open fire for the Service of Light. The paschal candle is lit and a procession forms to enter the church. When the long procession finally wends its way into the church, and hand-candles are lit, the solemn Exsultet is chanted, a beautiful and melodious proclamation of Easter's arrival. There is high ceremony here, done with purpose: we are witnessing and partaking in the celebration of the renewal of all creation in the resurrection of our Lord.

The Service of Readings follows in which several Old Testament readings foretelling this grand event are read. The service concludes with the great canticle called the *Benedicite Omnia Opera* in which now the re-

joicing of all creation is openly expressed. Also known as the Song of the Three Children (the three men in the fiery furnace), it speaks of the rejoicing of all creation: angels, heavens, waters, sun, moon, stars, showers, dew, winds, fire, winter, summer, dews, frost, cold, ice, snow, nights, days, light, darkness, lightning, clouds, mountains, hills, green things, wells, seas. floods, whales, all that move in the waters, fowls, beasts, cattle, and children of men. Here, as before, we observe that all creation bends toward its Creator who has renewed all things by rising from the dead.

Then follows the Service of Baptism, in which any confirmations are also held, as well as a calling to mind of Baptism for all in attendance. This follows fittingly, since it is through Baptism that we have become participants in the renewal of creation.

Finally, the Service of the Sacrament marks the point of entry into Easter. The lights come up, the celebrant is vested, the lilies seem to trumpet, and we sing the Gloria in Excelsis with gusto; the organ keeps its silence no more, and even the bells are rung. This is the Church's finest hour: Christ is risen! And so, we feast, coming to the altar to receive His Body and Blood in the Sacrament.

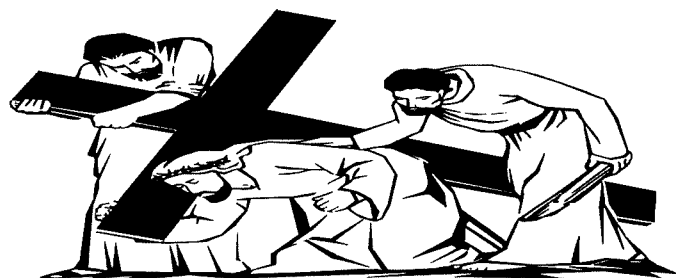
This crescendo of rejoicing continues at sunrise, when in the bright array of the morning sun we recall the moment in which the women at the tomb, and Jesus' disciples, first learned of His resurrection. Easter Sunrise is more festive still than the last part of the Great Vigil. Now we are in full-throated song and music, our choir is at its very best, and our hearts sing in glad harmony with our voices.

The best way to gain the full effect of this great liturgical Feast is to witness it from Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, when the Church is at its darkest and most somber. From the deepest depths to the highest heights, we go in just three days, as the liturgy of the Church mimics Christ Himself, who went through death to resurrection. So, we sing a mournful tune during the Holy Three Days, but it gives way to a heady rejoicing when we celebrate that Easter has come, and with it, our victory over the grave. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Come and join us for the Easter Vigil.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 15 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 16 6:30 pm

Easter Service

Sunday, April 17 7:00 am

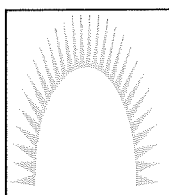


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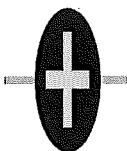
MEETINGS

LADIES AID: NO MEETING

EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 6th following our Midweek Lenten Service.



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Diane Witt

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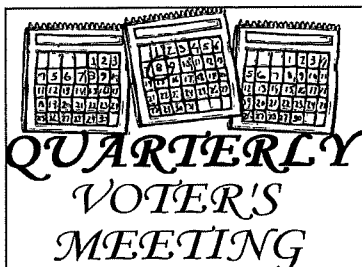


The Sewing Circle will be meeting on Monday, April 18th at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and join.



CARROLL ZONE LWML Spring Rally

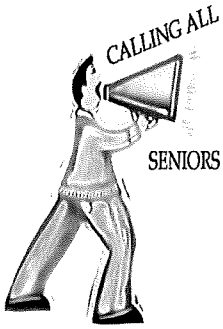
LWML Carroll Zone Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at Zion, Manning. Registration will be a 9:30 the speaker and meeting will begin at 10 am with lunch following. The theme is "Transition and How to Cope" presented by Amy Hull She is a licensed independent Social Worker with a Master's degree in social work and has been active in mental health services for the past 21 years, currently full time at the Senior Life Solutions at Manning Regional Healthcare center and has been providing ministry/therapy services through LFS for the last 2 years. Amy will speak on life changing roles we, as women in mission, face today. How do we manage this shift in our lives and cope with guilt when we no longer are able to serve as we have and worry that can affect our core values and our faith?



The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, May 1st following our worship service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.



The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 10. The following 7 students will receive the Rite of Confirmation: Devon Ehlers, Lynn Hensel, Lilly Julin, Abby Klink, Ty Muhlbauer, Wyatt Ragaller and Alison Skinner.



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, April 24th.



Register @

vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia

Plans are currently underway for our 2022 Vacation Bible School "The Tree of Life; God's Promise of Salvation."

Classes are open for children 4 years old (MUST be 4 by May 31) 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 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.

May 31-June 3

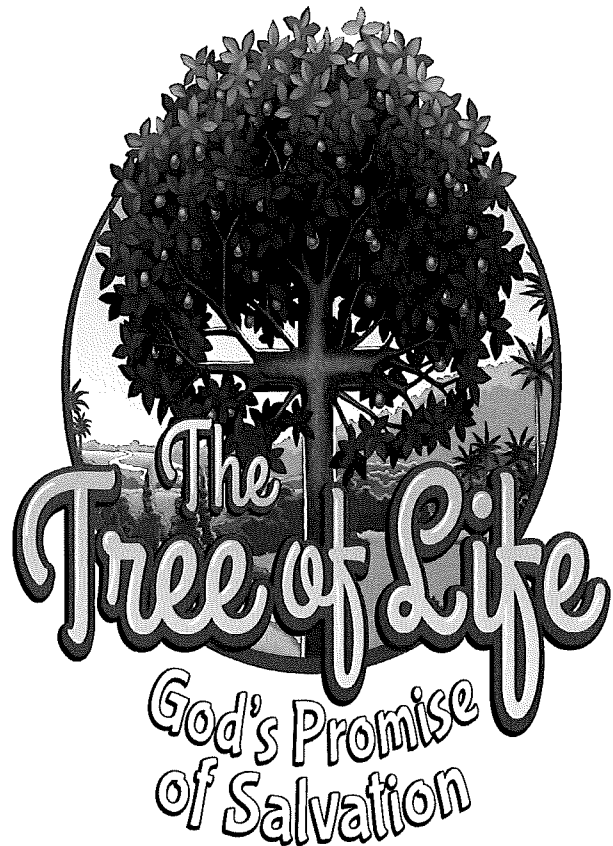
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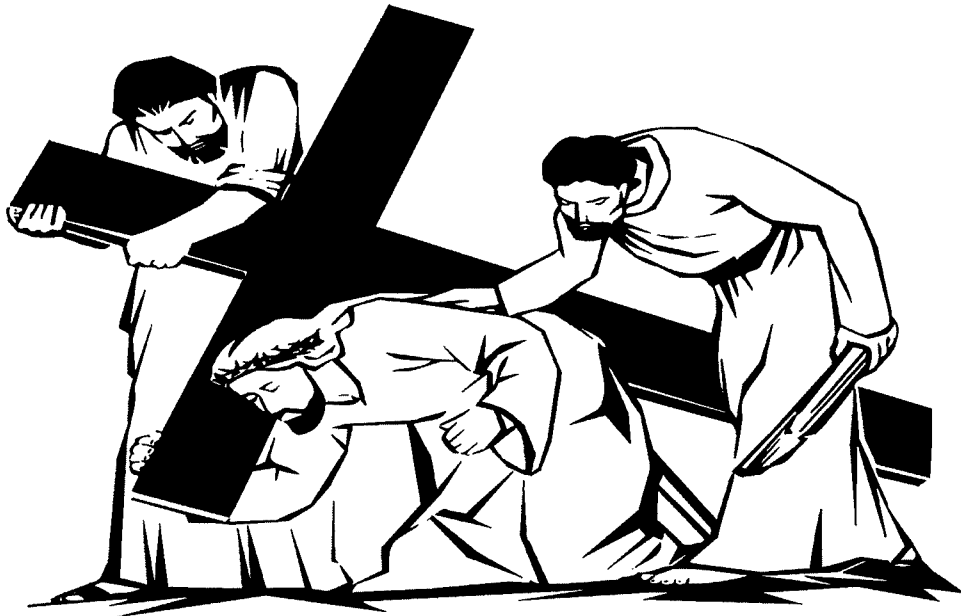


We are in need of teachers for our Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be held (God willing) May 31-June 3rd. If you would be willing to help teach or help in one of the classrooms, please contact the church office as soon as possible so that we can get materials ordered.

Please note we are only planning 4 days this year. Tuesday to Friday

8:30-11:30 Am





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Easter Service

Sunday, April 17

7:00 am

APRIL LIST OF DUTIES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

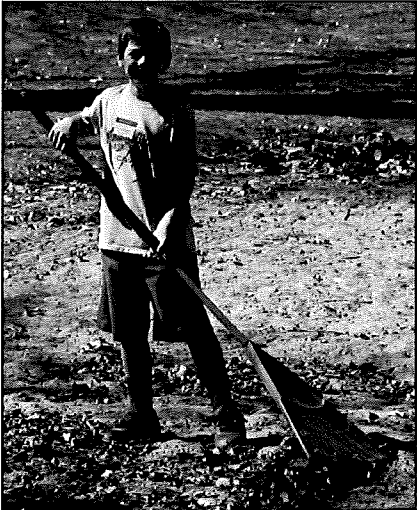
CAMP OKOBOJO ANNUAL MEETING

April 23, 2022 | 11:00am (check-in @ 10:00am)

At the Camp Okobojo Annual Meeting, delegates from IDW congregations are informed of the ongoings & ministry of Camp Okobojo. They become the voice & advocates for Camp Okobojo to their local congregations. All are welcome to attend! In addition to the Annual Meeting, here are some extra ways you can be involved:

Basket Silent Auction & Bake Sale – The Camp Auxiliary will be fundraising for Camp Okobojo through their annual basket silent auction & bake sale.

Grocery Shower – donate nonperishable items (except peas) for the upcoming summer!



VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

May 6-7, 2022

The summer season is ahead & it's time to get ready! Consider coming to Camp to give of your time & talents to maintain & sustain Camp. Come for the day or come for the hour – all help is appreciated!

Breakfast, Lunch, & Supper will be provided on Saturday. Volunteers are welcome to stay the night Friday or Saturday – lodging will be provided. Give a call to let us know you're coming!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Continuing Education

May 11-13, 2022

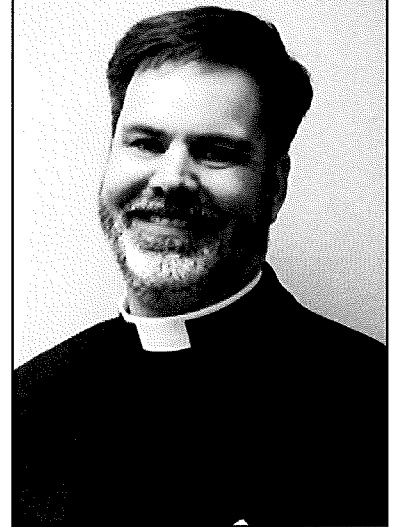
Ministry & Discipline in the Midst of the Digital Age

Cost: \$225/person (register through CTSFW) +
\$105/person (to Camp for lodging & meals)

REGISTER @ ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/continuing-education/camp-okoboji-iowa/
RESERVE LODGING & MEALS by calling Camp Okoboji (712-337-3325)

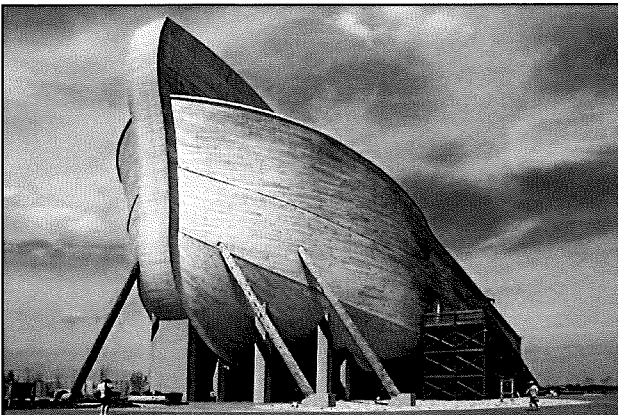
Join us at Camp Okoboji as Dr. David Petersen guides this Continuing Ed. Course. This course investigates the changes in culture due to information technology. *The aim is to offer help to pastors for their own well-being and that of their families while also exploring how the church can faithfully use, subvert, and offer alternatives to or techniques to minimize digital culture.*

[For a course guide \(syllabus\), click here.](#)



At the end of this course, the student will...

- ...understand the effects of information & communication technologies upon our minds, hearts, & bodies.
- ...grasp the theories of media ecology & their relevance for Lutheran ministry.
- ...appreciate the current thinking regarding neuroplasticity and the mind/brain problem and the ramifications for preaching, teaching, youth ministry, etc.
- ...write sermons, devotions, & lesson plans/catechetical lessons that demonstrate a deep reading of Scripture & other sources to the hearers and students.
- ...make use of various strategies & techniques that limit the dangers of digital media in personal life & ministry while teaching those strategies & techniques to those he teaches.



Travel Camp: ARK Encounter & Creation Museum

September 5-9, 2022

SAVE THE DATE! We'll be traveling to the ARK Encounter & Creation Museum.

Register by submitting your \$75 deposit.

For more information, visit campokoboji.org or call Izaak Wendorff at Camp (712-337-3325)!

HELP PROMOTE CAMP!

We need your help! Print off CAMP OKOBOJI FLYERS FOR Youth Camps, Family Retreats, Counselors, Summer Staff, and JOY Camp! We want as many people as possible to hear about & receive the Camp Okoboji Discipleship Experiences!

You can also print off these flyers at this link.

Additionally, visit & share Camp Okoboji's Program Promotional Videos on our YouTube Channel!

SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

CLICK THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

JUNE 3-5.....KIDS' KAMP

JUNE 9-12....JOY CAMP 40th ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 12-15...CUB WEEK #1

JULY 3-8.....JULY 4 FAMILY RETREAT

JULY 10-16...JR HIGH WEEK

JULY 17-23..CUB WEEK #2

JULY 24-30.....YOUTH WEEK

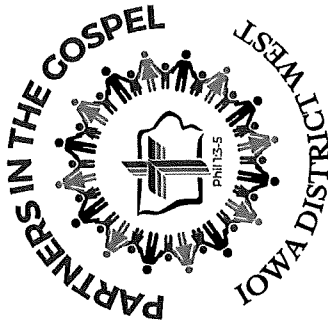
JULY 31-AUGUST 5..FAMILY RETREAT #1

AUGUST 7-12.....FAMILY RETREAT #2

SEPTEMBER 5-9....TRAVEL CAMP: ARK ENCOUNTER/CREATION MUSEUM

Summer
2022
Theme:

MORE
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ROMANS 8:37



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April 2022

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Easter Memories



Spring has always held a special place in my heart. Even more so lately now that I have moved from the deep south to the frigid Great Plains.

My memories of spring also take me back to Easter morning in my little household. My mom would go all out, Easter bunnies, dyed hard-boiled eggs, which I never ate but loved to make a mess dyeing. She would take me out to get a new Easter outfit every year. I would usually pick a pin-striped double-breasted suit coat, either gray or black with a matching vest. With some new wing-tipped shoes and argyle socks to match. I got decked out in my Sunday best. You had to look cute for Easter worship service. After getting up and putting on that new suit, it was off to sunrise service at 6 am. We had to be there to see the sunrise. Sometimes the service was planned just right so that the sun rose during the pastor's sermon. What an event!

After that was the Easter breakfast, fresh eggs, pancakes, grits (we were in the south, after all, and had to have grits), smoked sausage and orange juice all while trying not to mess up my new suit. All that ended with the Easter egg hunt with children in an all-out sprint knocking each other over to gather eggs we would never eat, but it was about competition. At least, it was for me. But is that all there is to Easter? Is it just about bunnies, bonnets, and Easter baskets? How are you approaching Easter this year?

Rev. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President
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STEWARDSHIP UNDER THE CROSS WORKSHOP

Hosted by the LCMS Stewardship Ministry & Iowa District West

Save the Dates: May 16 (District Office, Fort Dodge, IA) or
May 17 (St Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, IA)

Pastors and lay leaders from around the district are encouraged to join us to hear from LCMS Stewardship Coordinator, Rev. Heath Curtis. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for your church.

To register, email Jill at the District Office (jill@iowadistrictwest.org). Please specify date/location you plan to attend.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO)



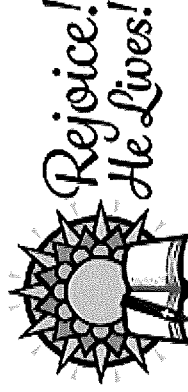
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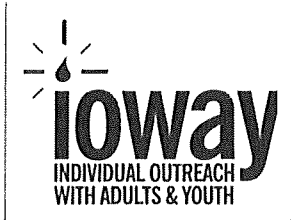
- 1) Reduce your Iowa tax bill; and
 - 2) Fund Tuition Assistance at our Iowa LCMS schools.
- In 2021, ILSTO awarded \$670,000 in tuition assistance. In May, we hope to award \$750,000 for the 2022-23 school year. With your help, this can be close to \$1 million for the following school year. You may donate cash, appreciated stock, grain, or RMD before December 31. You may also direct Thrivent Choice. Dollars with no tax consequences. Now is the time to check with your tax advisor to see how this can affect your taxes and help our Lutheran school families with financial assistance. For more information, check out our webpage at iowalutheranschooltuition.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

Calendar of Events

April 15... Good Friday, District Office Closed
April 23... Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study, Redeemer-Sioux City
April 30... Concordia Plans Retirement Workshop, District Office



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



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Looking Back!

As the Iowa District West Disaster Response Coordinator, I have been reflecting on the many problems that natural disasters cause. Along with all the losses, tears, and hard work to rebuild after a disaster, there are also blessings. Many people get out of their comfort zone and offer physical and financial help to those affected by a disaster. They are a huge blessing as they reach out and let the affected families know that people care.

There never seems to be a shortage of disasters. Following is a short summary of our Iowa District West LERT outreaches in the past four years, 2018-2021:

- Greenfield, Iowa: LERT team of 24 volunteers helped with clean-up.
- Paradise, California: Pastor Brandon Merrick and family lost their home and church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, to fire. Donations helped replace some of their household items.
- Hamburg, Iowa: Six LERT teams volunteered to clean-up and rebuild after the flood.
- Pacific Junction, Iowa: \$86,256 was donated to help families in Pacific Junction to rebuild their lives and homes. Seven LERT teams helped in the clean-up and rebuilding.
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina: Donated money was used to purchase food, toys, blankets, and cleaning supplies.
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Panama City, Florida: Donated money was used to purchase items as needed.
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Four LERT teams cleared debris after the derecho. One LERT trailer remained for two months for use by volunteers at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Marion, Iowa. Donations were sent to help in rebuilding homes.
- Woodward, Iowa: Three LERT teams cleared debris after the derecho.
- Des Moines, Iowa: Two LERT teams cleared debris after the derecho.
- Lake City, Iowa—2018 and 2021: Each time, a LERT team helped clean up after the damage caused by a storm.
- Hurricane Ida, Louisiana: I worked with the Southern District through Atonement Lutheran Church, Metairie, Louisiana. \$15,705 was donated and used to purchase food, toys, blankets, space heaters and cleaning supplies.
- Paducah, Kentucky: I worked with Ed Brashier, Southern District Disaster Response Coordinator. \$9,244 was donated for materials to help rebuild a family's home.
- Haiti: \$9,100 was donated for relief after the earthquake.



IDW LERT team at Woodward
(2020 Derecho)

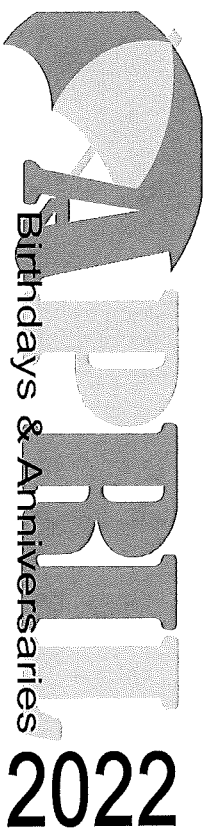
LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Trainings

- Zion Lutheran Church, Atlantic and Trinity Lutheran Church, Manilla joined the list of 20 previously conducted trainings in Iowa District West. This brings the total to over 700 individuals who have attended a LERT training and 60 of those individuals have also participated in a chainsaw training.
- I worked with four IDW churches providing a LERT trailer, materials, coloring books and Jesus witness bracelets for parades, community and congregational outreaches.
- We are blessed in Iowa District West to have four LERT trailers. They are in the Sac City, Boone, Southwest, and Northwest Circuits. A trailer was onsite with each of the Iowa LERT outreaches except for one.



PRAISE GOD! Since becoming the Disaster Response Coordinator in 2007, God has provided over \$438,000 through His people and congregations in IDW. This, along with the numerous hours of volunteer work, provided an amazing outpouring of love and concern which has impacted the lives of many families and communities.

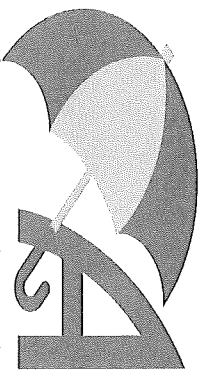
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Shirley Walde</i>	2 <i>Cassie Audino Shirley Bald Matt McNelly</i>
3 <i>David Letting</i>	4 <i>Greg Hansman</i>	5 <i>Brandon Koch</i>	6 <i>Easton Spooner</i>	7 <i>Kaleb Riesberg</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Jax Cleveland Craig Nobiling Dawn Segebart Paul & Susan Ehlers</i>	15 <i>Donald Vetter</i>	16 <i>Jeff Vetter</i>
17 <i>Michael Bair Steve Mumm</i>	18 <i>Lisa McNelly Faith Neumann</i>	19 <i>Hillary Haggie Nicole Liechti Michael Rickers</i>	20 <i>Randy & Monica Neumann</i>	21 <i>Gene Liechti</i>	22 <i>Riah Koenck Jacob & Kim Kraus</i>	23 <i>Jaggar Luetje Kendra Schuette</i>
24 <i>Kimberly Bauman Judy Gronau Macie Schrad</i>	25 <i>Kyler Bruch Jeremy & Magen Fineran</i>	26	27 <i>Richard Hanson Beth Witrock Ron & Bonnie Cornelius Steve & Bonnie Schmitz</i>	28 <i>Makayla Schrad</i>	29	30 <i>Bo Ebellhare Jess Gallagher Jeff Schmitz Doug & Allison Ehlers</i>



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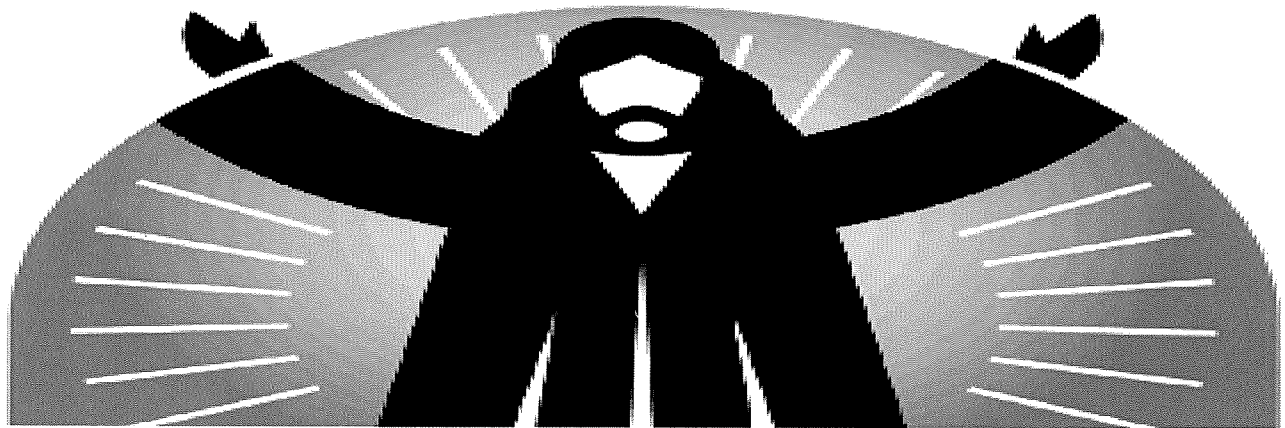
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3 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	4	5	6 11:00 Midweek Lenten Service 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Midweek Lenten Service 7:30 Evening Circle	7	8	9
10 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 Rite of Confirmation	11	12	13	14 11:00 Maunday Thursday/HC 6:30 Maunday Thursday/HC	15 11:00 Good Friday Service 6:30 Good Friday Service	16 6:30 Easter Vigil
17 7:00 Easter Service/HC 8:00 Easter Breakfast	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	25	26	27	28	29	30

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

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



ALLELUIA!

He Is Risen!