

ZION PROCLAIMER

April 2023

"Dose of Wisdom"

Below is the preview of what is to come during Holy Week and Easter. This is not my own writing but offer it as something edifying for the growth of faith in Christ. This was written by a fellow pastor in Illinois.

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. We celebrate Confirmation on this day in the church year. It has been a long standing tradition to have Confirmation and Palm Sunday together on the same day.

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").

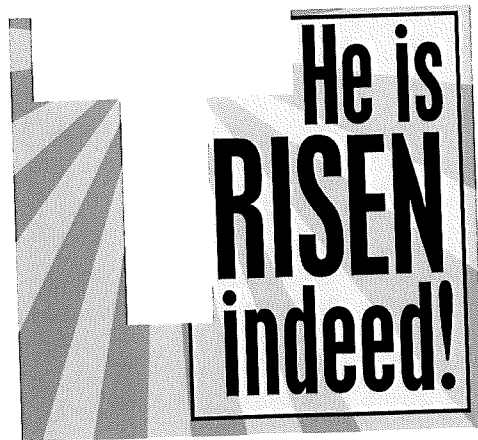
At the same time Holy Saturday stands on the verge of Easter Sunday and is celebrated as the first service of the resurrection. In the Jewish reckoning of time used in Jesus' day, a new day began at sunset. The church in its liturgy has adopted this as well, and therefore Saturday evening begins the 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.



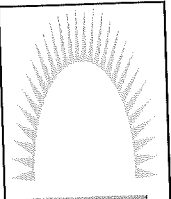


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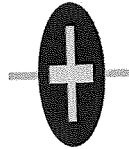
MEETINGS

LADIES AID: Will meet at 1:30 pm on Thursday, April 6. Hostess is Betty Nobiling

EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 5th at the home of Linda Mumm



CHANCEL



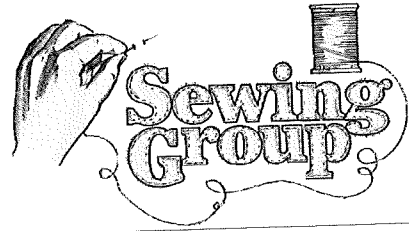
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Dawn Luetje
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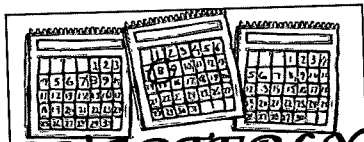


The Sewing Circle will be meeting on Monday, April 17th at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to come and join.



CARROLL ZONE LWML Spring Rally

LWML Carroll Zone Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 1st at Zion, Arcadia. Registration will be a 8:30 the speaker and meeting will begin at 9 am



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, April 16th following our worship service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend



*The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 2nd. The following 5 students will receive the Rite of Confirmation:
Jacob Hanson, Connor Julin, Jaxx Luetje, Justice Luetje, Annalee Wittrock*

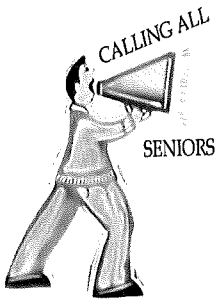


We offer our Christian Sympathies to the family of Pat Branning. Our sister in faith was called home on March 21st and here funeral was here at Zion on March 27th.

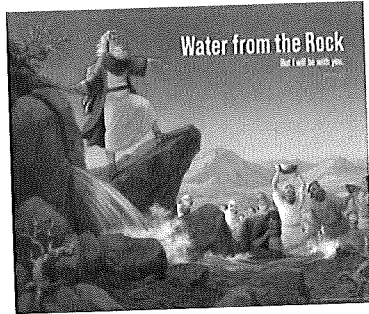
Lila Irene Thiedeman, daughter of Gavin & Holly Thiedeman, was baptized here at Zion on Saturday, March 18th by Rev. Merle Mahnken. Serving as sponsors were Leigh Thiedeman and Pete Hamilton.

Baptisms

Lettie Elizabeth Hagge, daughter of Mitchell & Michelle Hagge, was baptized on Sunday, March 26th here at Zion by Rev. Ben Dose. Serving as sponsors for Lettie were Ryan Schurke and Derek Schurke.



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 23rd.



Register at
<https://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia>

Plans are currently underway for our 2023 Vacation Bible School "God's Living Water"; Covered in Jesus Grace

Classes are open for children 4 years old (MUST be 4 by June 5 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 <https://vbsmate.com/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.

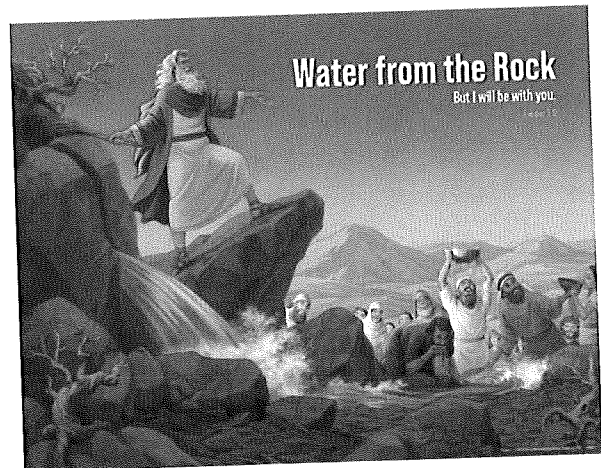
Please watch for more details as time gets closer to V.B.S.



We are in need of teachers for our Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be held (God willing) June 6-9, 2023. 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

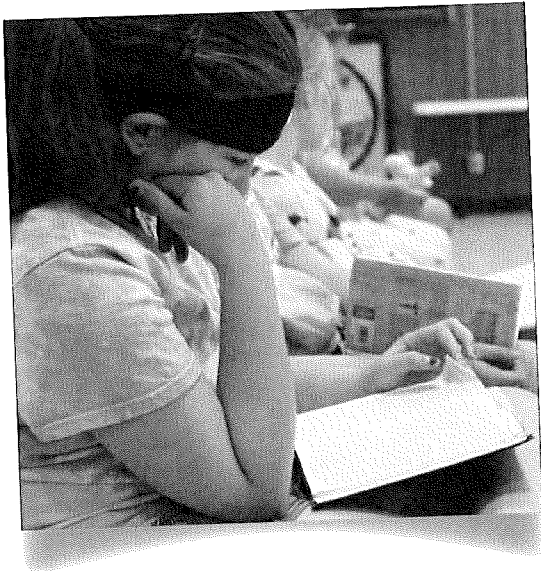


V. B. S.

June 6-9, 2023

8:30-11:30

REGISTER NOW!



Register
Youth & Family
for Camp this
summer at
campokoboji.org

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2023

Discipleship Programs

- June 2-4.....Kids' Kamp
- June 8-11.....JOY Camp #1
- June 25-29...Cub Week #1
- July 2-7.....July 4 Family Retreat
- July 9-15.....Junior High Week
- July 13-16.....JOY Camp #2
- July 16-22.....Cub Week #2
- July 23-29.....Youth Week (High School)
- July 30-Aug. 4...Family Retreat #1
- August 6-11.....Family Retreat #2

Other Events

- January 27-29.....Family Ice Fishing Retreat
- May 6-7.....Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
- June 11-14.....Living Proof Dance Camp
- June 17.....Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
- June 18-24.....Minneboji Lutheran Camp
- August 17-20.....Warrior Rock Camp
- May 30-Sept. 5.....Sunday Morning Worship
- 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October).....Omelet Brunches!



For more information
and to register, visit
campokoboji.org

PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY
Iowa District West LLL/LHM

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023
8:30 am Registration & Breakfast; 11:30 Closing

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
2214 East Second Avenue, Indianola, Iowa

Speaker: Pastor Kevin Johnson
(Holy Cross, Carlisle)

Topic: The Importance of Lutheran Education and Evangelism

Cost: \$15

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

For more information,
contact John Tews
(valleyinsit@gmail.com or
641-740-0126 cell).

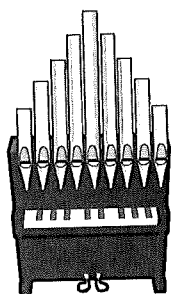
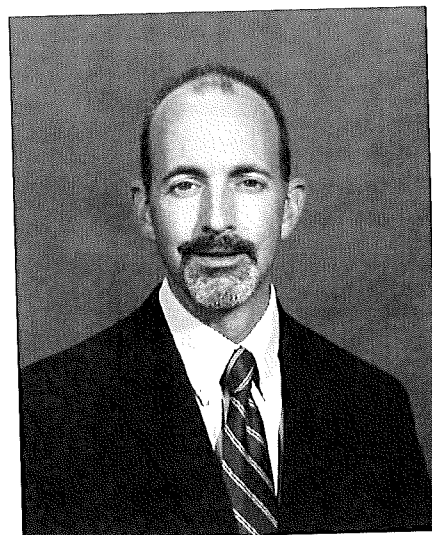


*Prayer
Breakfast*

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."

Iowa District West Organist Workshop

Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, Presenter
Concordia Theological Seminary



Saturday, May 13, 2023

9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
1204 Center St, Manning, IA

What Topics Will Be Included?

- Getting to Know Your Instrument and Registrations
- Playing Hymns and Leading Newer Hymns
- Playing Settings of the Liturgy
- Selecting Good Repertoire (for all ability levels)

Who Should Attend and Why?

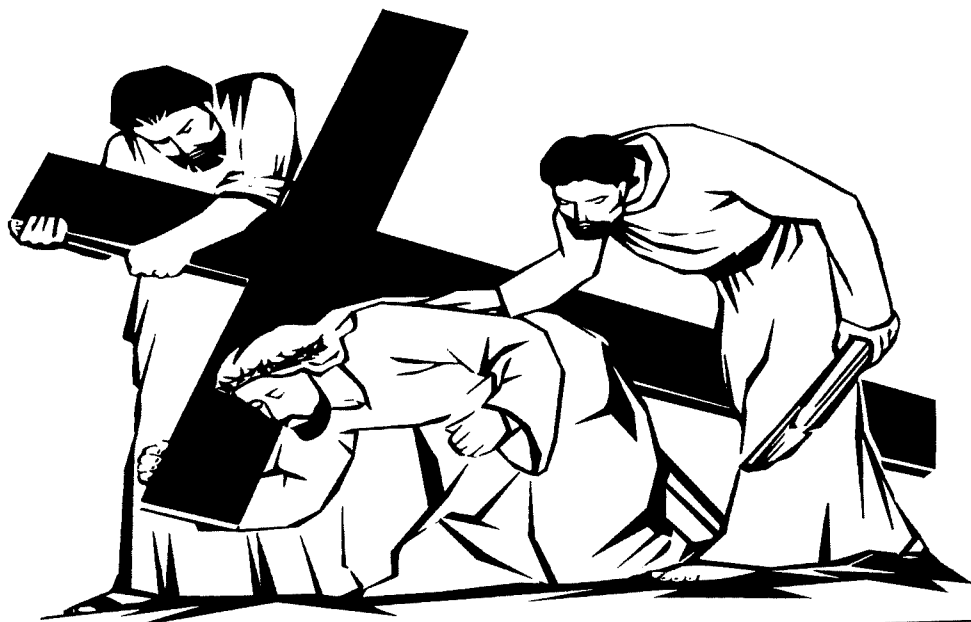
- Part time organists, full time organists, and student organists
- Enjoy learning from a skilled teacher and from each other as we explore how to better lead the church's song!

Registration and Lunch are FREE

(compliments of Brotherhood Mutual Ministry Partner Program)

RSVP by May 8 to Pastor Timothy Frank

pastorfrank239@gmail.com; Cell: 712-269-3683



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maunday Thursday

Thursday, April 06 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 07 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 08 7:00 pm

Easter Service

Sunday, April 09 7:00 am

APRIL LIST OF DUTIES

USHERS

Doug Schuette

Dan Wittrock

Paul Ehlers

Merle Witt

Jeremy Ehlers

Ron Cornelius

Derrick Cornelius

Tyler Ehlers

Doug Ehlers

CHANCEL DUTIES

Dawn Luetje

Lajeane Shiney


PARISH DUTIES

Dawn Luetje

Sara Skinner

MARTHA CIRCLE

Carm Thiedeman & Linda Mumm



April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Cassie Audino Shirley Bald Matt McNelly	3	4 Greg Hansman	5 Brandon Koch	6 Easton Spooner	7 Kaleb Riesberg	8
9 Colton & Anna Neuman	10 David Leiting	11	12	13	14 Jax Cleveland Craig Nobling Dawn Segebart Paul & Susan Ehlers	15 Donald Vetter
16 Jeff Vetter	17 Michael Bair Steve Mumm	18 Lisa McNelly Faith Neumann	19 Hillary Haggge Nicole Liechi Michael Rickers	20 Randy & Monica Neumann	21 Rhett Petersen	22 Rich Koenck Jacob & Kim Kraus
23 Jaggar Luetje Kendra Schuette	24 Kimberly Bauman Judy Gronau Macie Schrad	25 Kyler Bruch Jeremy & Magen Fineran	26	27 Rich Hanson Beth Wittrock Ron & Bonnie Cornelius Steve & Bonnie Schmitz	28 Makayla Schrad	29
30 Bo Ebelhare Jessica Gallagher Jeff Schmitz Doug & Alison Ehlers						

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Lenten Ser 7:30 Evening Cir			1
2 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	3	4	5 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Lenten Ser 7:30 Evening Cir	6 1:30 Ladies Aid 7:00 Maunday Thursday/HC	7 7:00 Good Friday Service	8 7:00 Easter Vigil
9 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Voter's	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	17	18	19	20	21	22
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USHERS

Doug Schuette Dan Wittrock
 Doug Ehlers Jeremy Ehlers
 Merle Witt Paul Ehlers

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Dawn Luetje
 Lajeane Shiney
PARISH CIRCLE
 Dawn Luetje
 Sara Skinner

ACOLYTES

2nd: Grant Wilken & Hannah Dose
 Crucifer: Kendyl Riesberg
9th: Jacob Hanson, Laynie Muhlbauer
 Crucifer: Connor Julin
16th: Justice Luetje & Joy Luetje
23rd: Jax Cleveland & Laynie Muhlbauer
30th: Anna Schuette & Marissa Schrad

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712-790-0716 (cell)

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.

Doug Ehlers
Ryan Neumann
Kurt Branning
Randy Bruhn
Jeff Luetje
Kyle Bass

Elders

CHURCH COUNCIL

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

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



ALLELUIA!
He Is Risen!