ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

0ctober **2022** 

## DOSE OF WISDOM



As I write this on Monday September 26, I am still in the process of deliberating the calls I have to Immanuel, Spirit Lake and Zion, Arcadia.

This is a grueling process to decide where Our Lord would have me serve. Thank you for all the well wishes and opinions on where you want me to serve.

We have heard them all. Thank you. The good news I shared with my family when I received the call to Immanuel, Spirit Lake was, "There is no wrong decision."

That means God will use me and my gifts either here in Arcadia or in Spirit Lake. So, I will continue to pray and seek God's Will in my life as to where He wants me to serve. I continue to ask for your prayers in seeking God's will as well in this decision. God desires us to be in His Word so please be in the Word now and always seeking wisdom and insight into His Holy Word and will.

Blessings,
Pastor Dose



## PRAYER FOR REFORMATION (October 31)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen

#### L.W.M.L. NEWS

#### EVENING CIRCLE

The Zion Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 5th at the home of Carm Thiedeman. Co-Hostess is Diane Witt

**LADIES AID** will meet on Thursday, October 6th at 1:30 pm. Hostess is Audrey Petersen

#### L.W.M.L. SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 2nd we will be observing L.W.M.L. Sunday. We will mark the day with a special worship service giving thanks to God for al the blessings our Lord has given to our congregation and the Church-at-Large through the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We will also be having our Noisy Offering that day with it going to Pastor Pedro Lopez, Assistant to the President—Missionary at Large, serving the communities of Denison and Storm Lake Iowa.



PARISH
CIRCLE:
Diane Witt
Lajean Shiney

<u>CHANCEL</u> <u>CIRCLE</u> Marilyn Mumm Lajean Shiney

MARTHA
CIRCLE
Sandy Hunter
Diane Witt



The Evening Circle will be having their "Noisy Offering" on Sunday, October 2nd in conjunction with L.W.M.L Sunday. The offerings collected will be given to Pastor Pedro Lopez who is the Assistant to the President—Missionary at Large And served the communities of Denison and Storm Lake Iowa. He will also be the guest speaker at the Carroll Zone LWML Fall Rally which will be held at St Paul Lutheran

Church in Carroll Iowa on Saturday, October 8th with registration and breakfast starting at 8:30 am.



**WANTED**: Bed Sheets!! These are needed to use for insides and backs rather than trying to sew scraps together for an inside.

Also any donations of new fabric is welcome (60"x80")

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 2022-23 Sunday School year officially began on Sunday, September 11th. The students gather in the sanctuary for opening devotion and song and then return to their classrooms for lessons.

#### **Teachers for 2022-2023**

PRESCHOOL

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade

5th & 6th 7th & 8th Amanda Kraus, Kelsie Weir, Lydia Dose, Delaney Schurke

Staci Muhlbauer, Karlie Muhlbauer, Makayla Schrad. Kendra

Schuette

Timothy Dose , Maggie Ragaller Cat Luetje, Alison Skinner

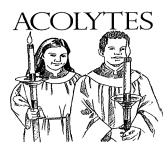
Danielle Schrad.

Please keep all of them in your prayers as they begin this important ministry.



Servers for October are: October 05 Payton Gallagher

October 12 Justice Luetje
October 19 Anna Schuette
October 26 Audery Hill



2nd: Annalee Wittrock & Lacey Middleton

9th: Jax Cleveland & Laynie Muhlbauer

16th: Hannah Dose & Marissa Schrad

23rd Kendyl Riesberg & Madison Stork

30th: Cara Schuette & Audrey Hill



MEMORIAL SERVICE: October is National Pregnancy and Infancy Loss month. In honor and memory of those who have lost children in pregnancy or infancy we are having a Memorial Service on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m here at church. This service is for those who have lost children, but it is also for those who have family members who have lost children. Everyone is welcome. Even though it is here at our church it is open to everyone. Please share the word



The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on **Saturday** October 29th serving from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn/green beans, salads, and apple or pumpkin dessert.

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entry way for volunteers and donations. We are need of workers.

This will be a Drive-Thru or Dine in at the Westside Community Building on Main St, Westside, IA

There will be seating available if you like. Cost is \$12



## **QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING**

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on <u>Sunday</u> October 16 at 11:00 am Items on the agenda will include the Election of Officers, Endowment Fund projects and the proposal of the 2023 budget <u>EVERY-ONE</u> is encouraged and invited to attend and participate.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE:

PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY:

**ELDERS**:

TRUSTEE:

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Sunday	October 2nd	10:00	LWML Sunday
Sunday	October 9th	9:00	Fortnightly Flea Market, Westside
Sunday	October 16	11:00	Quarterly Voter's Meeting
∥ ∥Wednesday	October 19	7:00	Pregnancy Loss Service
Saturday/Sunday	October 22/23		Jr High Youth Gathering Des Moines
□ I Saturday I	October 29	4:00-	Turkey Supper 7:00 Drive-Thru \$12 each
Sunday	October 30	10:00	Reformation Service





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
Drive Through or Dine In
4-7 pm
Westside Community Building
Main St
Westside, Iowa
4:00-7:00 pm

#### **TURKEY**

Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy
Corn/Green Beans,
Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad
Apple or Pumpkin Dessert

PRICE:

\$12.00

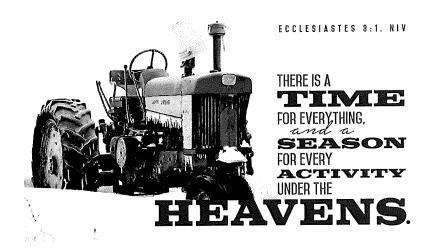
#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**

Advance tickets available...call the church office 712-689-2441

There will be seating available for those who want to dine in.

For Take Out Orders of 10 or more, please call 712-830-7694





#### **FARM BIDS**

Sealed bids for renting the church farm are now being accepted. The bids need to be received in the church office by Sunday, October 30th. At 11 am.

- All bids should include an amount per acre times 160 acres
- The lease will begin March 2023 and end March 2026
- The total yearly payment shall be due in one payment on March 1st of each year
- The church will make sure lime is up to date, and current soil test will be available
- Stalk baling will NOT be allowed
- The Church Council reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, for any reason
- If you have questions, contact Dale Lent, Rick Vetter or one of our Trustees.

## stewardship



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. 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.

Also, if you like, you can sign up for Simply Giving and designate it for the Building Fund



#### HARVEST ACCOUNT

As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account

#### Below is a list of accounts that we have here at Zion. They include

**GENERAL FUND**..... pays all the bills

MEMORIAL FUND.... money donated to the church in memory of someone to

purchase memorial items or projects

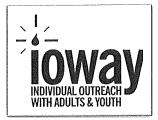
REPAIR FUND..... money that is designated for repairs or updates on the

church or church property

ENDOWMENT FUND..... can be used for a variety of worthwhile missions, charitable

projects and evangelism outreach activities. This CAN NOT

be used for operating expenses such as salaries, insurance, etc.



Ellie Menz IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator 807 W. South, Jefferson, IA 50129 <u>ellie@iowadistrictwest.org</u> 515-370-1159

#### **Breathe! Breathe!**

As I look back over the last 21 years as IOWAY Director, I have been remembering and reminiscing. For 12 of those years, I had the opportunity to lead a total of 248 youth and adults on a two-week mission trip to work with six Lutheran churches in the inner city of Los Angeles, California. Many adventures come to mind as I think about canvassing neighborhoods, teaching VBS, doing crafts, working on Skid Row and with Lutheran churches in Tijuana Mexico.

Many times, I have been told that I need to write a book about these adventures. It is finally happening! My husband and I are currently writing a book to share some of the IOWAY adventures.

Following are a few memories from our time of serving at St. Phillips Lutheran Church. For security reasons, to get into St. Phillips, someone had to unlock the gate and let us in. If you are old enough, you may remember the race riots and violence that happened many years ago in the cities of Compton and Watts. It was an ugly time that struck the national consciousness and made the news for days. This is where St. Phillips Church is located and apparently the area remains unsafe and the security fence surrounding the facility is a necessity. Even though this area had major challenges, it is interesting that in all the years I went there, I never felt we were in any danger.

This church is unique because there is a nursing home next to it. The nursing home residents, mostly women, were enthusiastic participants in the IOWAY VBS program. There were usually more women involved than kids which made it a unique experience. During craft time, the women would not be left out. They wanted to do the crafts as much as, or even more so, than the children.

Many of the craft projects were very simple and geared for children, but the women would carefully finish the crafts and take them to their rooms to display. It was as though they reverted to their childhood and those little crafts became their treasures. The women sat around the tables with the children and listened intently during the teaching sessions. The evening ended with a delicious meal served by the middle-aged members.

We always did an early evening session of VBS at this church, usually arriving around 5:00 in the afternoon. The first time I went to St. Phillips Church, I felt a little intimidated. Maybe it was because the mix of older participants and young children made it an unfamiliar situation. Because of the great age difference of those in attendance, I didn't know which age group I should teach to. I asked the pastor, and he told me to teach to the children.

With the Holy Spirit's guidance, things fell into place, and it wasn't long before I saw the pastor give me a "thumbs up" for something I said. Bonds were created with many of the nursing home ladies over the years. They were faithful and hungry to hear God's Word and to participate in the VBS program.

One evening as I was sharing the lesson, I heard one of the ladies loudly exclaim, "Breathe, breathe, breathe" with great urgency in her voice. On her lap was her young granddaughter who had suddenly stopped breathing. I called out for someone to call 911. The fire station was only two blocks from the church, so they arrived quickly, but it seemed like a long time because of the urgency of the situation. There were three IOWAY team members who had CPR training and they responded instantly and began doing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The little girl's grandma shouted out that she was not yet baptized. I yelled to the pastor to come quickly. I grabbed water from a fountain and rushed to the child. The pastor had also jumped into action and had some water and pronounced, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"

The ambulance soon arrived and by this time the little girl was breathing again. They rushed her to the hospital where the parents met them. The little girl stayed for two days for observation because the doctors first thought she might have meningitis but thankfully, she didn't. The next year the grandmother was at VBS and proudly introduced her granddaughter, a healthy young girl. What caused her to stop breathing was unknown, but it certainly created a "God moment" for all of us.

One of the ladies, who became a special friend, shared in her quiet little voice that for any of life's situations all you need to do is say, "Jesus, Jesus." Interestingly, I noticed that during the time we were waiting for the ambulance, her adult daughter was audibly in a very soft voice, a short distance from the little girl was repeating, "Jesus, Jesus." We, Iowans always felt like we had come home once we walked through the chain linked gate and the church door. They were a very loving and caring church, a very special gift to the IOWAY team.

One member of St. Phillips had some challenges. He was a young man in his thirties. I begin to cry every time I share this story! He could not read or write due to learning disabilities. Every time we arrived at the church, he was the first person to meet us at the gate with the biggest smile. His mother brought him to VBS each day. Also, he was the acolyte each Sunday for the worship service and proudly carried the cross into church at the beginning of the service.

Since he could not read, he loved to listen to the Bible on tape and had committed large sections of it to memory. Anthony could not hold a job, but he stayed busy going to nearby parks where he shared Bible stories with anyone he met. One day when we arrived at St. Phillips, he was not at the gate to greet us. We later learned his mother was sick and they had to move. She was unable to bring him to church. In order to come, he would have to take two city buses and this was not something he was capable of doing.

The pastor's wife tried to find him and discovered that his mother was in the hospital and visitors were not allowed. I don't know all the details, but somehow a few days later he found a way to get to the church. The pastor's wife knew of his mother's death, and she was very concerned about him. Instead, it was with great excitement that he shared, "Mom's with Jesus! Mom's with Jesus!" His excitement told it all. He was sharing his faith and teaching us all. So, can we say he had a disability?

Thank you and God's blessings as you serve Him.

Ellie Menz IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator 515-370-1159 ellie@iowadistrictwest.org

## You are invited!

# Annual IOWAY Celebration & Ellie's retirement

Celebrate what God has done through IOWAY and wish Ellie Menz well as she retires as the IOWAY Director.

Sunday, November 6, 2022 Open house 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. with main program at 3:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church 400 S. 13th St. Fort Dodge IA 50501

Enjoy a light meal as you reminisce with old friends and make new ones.

#### Meet & Greet with IOWAY Mission Partners

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.



Melissa Salomon
IOWAY connection to mission
trips to Tijuana Mexico

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.



Jackie Rychel
IOWAY connection to Haits

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Kimberley Fortier

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.



Lonnie Reynolds Expert freeway sluttle driver.

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.



Omaha & Council Bluffs

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.



Dustin Ibarra
IOWAY connection with Moulton
Elementary, Des Moines

Register at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IOWAY2022 or contact Ellie Menz: 515-370-1159 or ellie@iowadistrictwest.org.

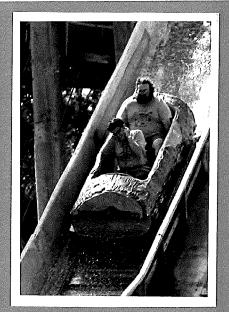




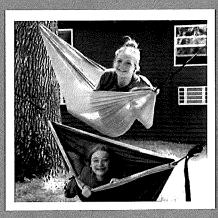








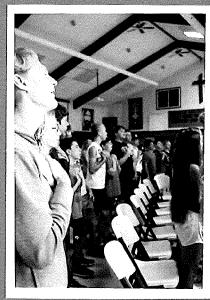


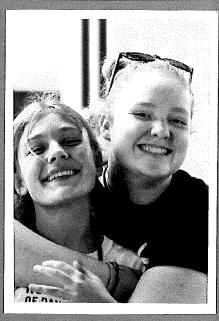




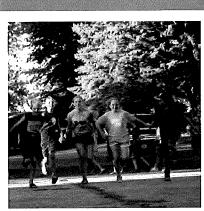


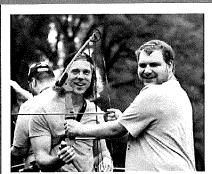


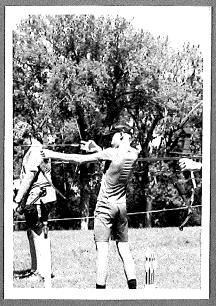


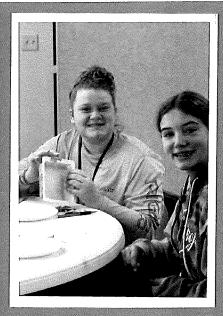




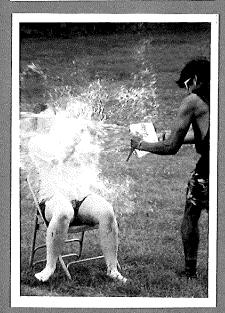






























#### We hope to see you all next summer!

Visit our website for future events.



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#### Camp Okoboji

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Vision: Refreshing Body & Spirit

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## PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY Iowa District West LLL/LHM

When: Saturday, November 5, 2022 8:30 am Registration & Breakfast; 11:30 Closing

> Where: Zion Lutheran Church 811 Oak Street, Atlantic, Iowa

Speaker: Pastor Jeff Keuning

Topic: Luther's German Bible

Cost: \$15

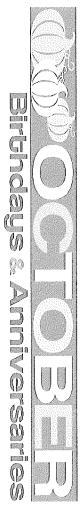
Spread the word among the grandpas and grandmas, the fathers and mothers, and the sons and daughters of your family and your church!

For more information, contact John Tews

(valleyinsjt@gmail.com or 641-740-0126 cell).



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



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Kraus		Ryan & Kate Neumann				
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	Roger Liechti	Danica Ehlers	Kim Cleveland	Rebecca Dose		Cindy Brockman
	Rob & Dann Melton	Korbyn Fineran Ty Muhlbauer	Susan Musfeldt	Nick Leiting		
		David Vetter Kurt & Jackie				
		Branning Jay & Cat Luetje				AAAAA
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Al & Pam Kock	Ben Noble		(	Jaxx Luetje		Brynlee Mohr
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## COMERO

Jake Kraus **Dwight Ehlers** Brian Kraus Curtis Ehlers

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# MIDWEEK SERVERS

10/19 10/12 10/5 Payton Gallagher Anna Schuette Justice Luetje

Audrey Hill

Sandy Hunter & Diane Witt

MARTHA CIRCLE

Diane Witt & LaJean Shiney

PARISH CIRCLE

## ACULYIES

10/9 Jax & Laynie AnnaLee & Lacey

Marilyn Mumm & LaJean Shiney

10/16 Hannah & Marissa

10/23 Kendyl & Madison 10/30 Cara & Audrey

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#### FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education

9:00 am

Adult Bible Class

9:00 am

Dívine Worship

10:00 am

