NOVEMBER 2022



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"Dose of Wisdom"

THIS IS MY SON—2022 Advent and Christmas Series

Whenever some pastors meet with a couple for pre-marriage counseling, they will share this quote: "Every disappointment involves unmet expectations." Then they talk about what expectations for marriage are realistic or unrealistic. They also let them know that their spouse will inevitably let them down—sometimes multiple times a day!

Marriage is not the only source of disappointment and unmet expectations. Every human relationship will deal with these issues.

Have you been happy with every decision an elected official has made, even one for whom you voted? Does your boss ever let you down? Have your employees always done their job well? Do your friends always come through for you? Do your children always make good and wise decisions based on what you have taught them? Human beings will disappoint by failing to meet expectations. No wonder the psalmist tells us in Psalm 146:3–4, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish."

Parents have hopes and expectations for their children. Sometimes these are healthy expectations. Other times parents place unfair or unrealistic expectations on their children. This upcoming Advent season, during our midweek services, we will look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers.

In the first week, we will be introduced to Cain, the son of Adam. No doubt Adam had higher hopes for Cain than for him to be known as the first murderer in history. But his murder of his brother reveals the murder lurking in all our hearts.

In the second week, we will be introduced to Ishmael, the son of Abraham. Though it was not his fault, Ishmael was a disappointment to Abraham because he was not the child of the promise. Abraham's efforts to take things into his own hands highlight our own tendency to do the same in our relationship with God.

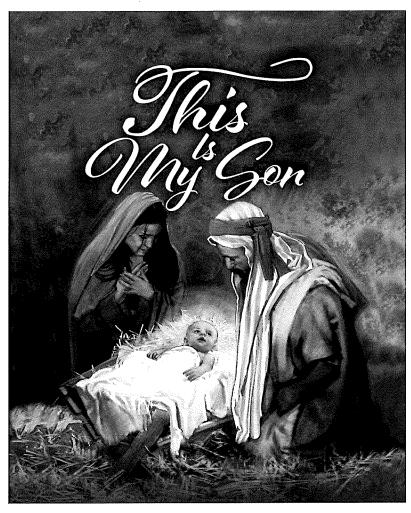
In the third week, we will be introduced to Absalom, the son of David. This rebellious son broke David's heart and exposes the rebellion we display against our heavenly Father. But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son. This Son is the true Son of Adam. He is the true Son of Abraham. He is the true Son of David. He is the Son who never disappointed His Father. He is the Son who never did any wrong. He is the Son of whom the Father spoke: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). This true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, is also the Son of God, the very Son of God now living in our flesh and blood. This Son is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, who fulfills the hope of salvation "that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:5). He is the One whom the psalmist spoke of in Psalm 146:5: "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God."

During this series, entitled This Is My Son, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.

I invite you to join us for the Advent and Christmas services November 30th, December 7th, and December 14th. We will use the Service of Compline for our Evening Services and

the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services will tie into the theme of This is My Son, so don't miss our Advent Services so you can be caught up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.





Upcoming services

Wednesday	November 23rd	6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship/HC
Wednesday	November 30th	6:30 Midweek Advent Worship
Wednesday	December 7th	6:30 Midweek Advent Worship
Wednesday	December 14th	6:30 Midweek Advent Worship

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

LADIES AID:

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 1:30 pm. Hostess is Diane Schroeder

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be having their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2nd at the church. Co-Hostess is Cindy Brockman

CHANCEL & PARISH HELP NEEDED

In November the calendar

for 2023 circles will be set up. Because of declining numbers in the Ladies Aid and the Evening Circle it has become necessary for additional help filling these circles.

This is a great opportunity for you to help out. You would be serving with at least 1 other person for one month. services. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Betty Nobiling or Lajean Shiney Presidents of our circles or the church office.

communion ware after each communion service; provide or place flowers on the altar for services; change altar paraments as necessary.

PARISCH CIRCLE: Fold bulletins for each service

NOVEMBER

Chancel: Cathy Meyer

Nikki Lenz

Parish: Cathy Meyer

Deb Owen

Martha Cathy Meyer

The following members were elected to serve on the 2023 Church Council:



PRESIDENT: VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY: TREASURER:

TREASURER TRUSTEE:

ELDERS

BD STEWARDSHIP

BD EDUCATION: FINANCIAL SEC:

Doug Gronau

Chris Toft Shelly Lenz

Kathy Kraus

Kyle Lenz

Jeff Luetje & Kurt Branning

Lajean Shiney

Chad Wittrock Mary Bruhn

CHURCH

The Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, November 13th at 11 am . All are welcome to attend

COUNCIL

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



You are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm for a special worship service of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us throughout the year. We will be celebrating Holy Communion.



FOOD PANTRY IN-GATHERING

We will be having a food in-gathering for the Food Pantry's in Carroll, Sunday, November 13th-Nov 20th. Items needed are: canned fruit, soup, crackers, cereal, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, egg noodles, pancake mix, pancake syrup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly pork & beans, chili beans, and non food items such as: bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet tissue and laundry soap. Cash donations are always welcome so that we might provide milk, eggs, meat, oleo, cheese, potatoes, and fresh fruits and vegetables.



HARVEST ACCOUNT

For the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord of the Harvest by presenting a portion 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 Co-Op know how many bushels of corn or beans you wish to have placed in Zion's Harvest Account.



A Time to Say Thank You

What we have

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

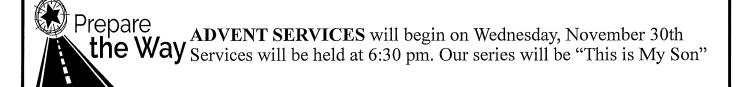
When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas is fast approaching. If your child is planning on participating in the Christmas program please have them let their teacher or the church office know as soon as possible as we are preparing for the program. During December our practices will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time. Please watch the December newsletter for more information



On Saturday, November 5th Daylight Saving Times ends, so remember BACK to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before retiring on Saturday evening November 5th.



MIDWEEK SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER

2nd Faith Neumann
9th Joy Luetje
16th Cara Schuette

23rd NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

30th Kendyl Riesberg

ACOLYTES

6th: Grant Wilken &

13th Jacob Hanson & Payton Gallagher20th Connor Julin & Anna Schuette27th: Justice Luetje & Joy Luetje

Harvest Supper

The annual harvest Supper was held on Saturday, October 29th from 4-7 pm at the Westside Community Building using a drive-through style. We served Turkey, Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans/Corn, Macaroni Salad and Coleslaw and apple or pumpkin dessert. Thank you to all who helped in any way!!

It takes lots of hands and people working together to host this kind of event. Again Thank You



Honor our veterans

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself.



community Events

SOUP SUPPER:

Sunday

November 6

4:00-6:30 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lidderdale

Serving: Oyster, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle Soup,

Ham sandwiches, Pie/dessert, Ice Cream and beverage

Free-Will Offering

Veterans Memorial Breakfast

Sunday

November 13

8:30-11:30 am

Arcadia Legion Hall

Serving:

Eggs, Sausage, hashbrowns, rolls, fruit

Free-Will offering....proceeds to help defray the cost of cement for handicap parking lot

Chicken Dinner

Friday

November 18

5:00-7:00 pm

Arcadia Legion Hall (sponsored by Arcadia Community Club)

Serving:

Broasted Chicken (Staley's), mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll &

dessert

COST:

\$13 for adults

Children 4-10: \$8

FEATHER PARTY

Friday

November 18

7:30 pm

Arcadia Legion Hall (sponsored by Arcadia Community Club)

\$10 BINGO Card for 20 games of BINGO..for a chance to win a 10-12 lb turkey and a chance to win a 25lb turkey door prize.

All proceeds will be used for the Arcadia Community Club's future events and contributions to the community.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area: KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am; KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am; KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am; WHO 1040 AM, Des Moines, 7:30 a.m. Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet @ www.lutheranhour.org

November 6

"Barefoot Saints"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Moses heard God speak to him from a burning bush. Where do we hear Him?

(Exodus 3:1-6 (7-15))

November 13

"Still Holding On"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's judgment clears the way for God's new creation, in Christ.

(Luke 21:28)

November 20

"Where It All Comes Together"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We see division and discord all around us, but there is one place where it all comes together—the fullness of

God in the person of Jesus Christ.

(Colossians 1:19-20)

November 27

"Freshly Fallen Snow"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler</u> Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow and fresh

starts.

(Isaiah 2:1-5)



All Saints' Day

On November 6th we observe All Saints' Day. We will remember those who have gone before us this past year.

Sharon Maasen
Lila Thiedeman
Sharil Lawler
Merlin Brockman
Irene Stark
Joan Hiles
Gene Liechti
Richard Rose
Clayton Nobiling





Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Giving thanks for all things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted, such as freedom, clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

What about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that he is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

The beginning of Advent

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: "The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.

God's precious saints

A man mourning the sudden death of his young wife wondered, "Where was God when Jenny died?" Unable to sleep, he turned to Scripture and read Psalm 116:3 (NIV): "The anguish of the grave came upon me: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow." The man's anguish echoed the psalmist's. Reading on, he discovered verse 15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

"What does it mean by precious?" the man wondered. The footnote proved helpful: "Not in the sense of highly valued, but of that which is carefully watched over." The widower pictured God watching over his wife in her last moments. "That's where God was," the man thought with relief.

May we, too, be assured that God cares for his saints — not only at death but also in life, through grief and into healing.



aste and see that the LORD is good. Pealm 34:8

Enter Mis gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

due His name. Psalm 29:2

Glory in Warne; let the hearts of this holy who seek the LORD rejoice.

Poalm 105:3

Let us neel before the LORD our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the father for everything.

Ephesiano 5:19-20

Have we forgotten God?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole of the American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

—Abraham Lincoln, 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Control

Things we **CANNOT** control:

- Someone else's faults
- How long we will live
- Another person's opportunities

Things we **CAN** control:

- Our attitude
- The kind of life we live
- What we do with our opportunities

Three kinds of giving

"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, 'I have to'; duty giving says, 'I ought to'; and thanksgiving says, 'I want to.' The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God."

—Robert N. Rodenmayer





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Hurricane Ian Update #3

October 14, 2022

Updates #1 and #2: https://idwlcms.org/ioway.php

Pastor David Dahlke, Lakeside Lutheran Church at Venice, Florida called to express his thanks and the thanks from the people who received tarps, etc. from Iowa District West. Pastor Mark and Ruth Gerken were with him as they were delivering items. Mark and Ruth were happy to arrive in Florida safely. The



ambulance had tire issues created by the wrong valve stems on new 12-ply tires. This happened three different times. Two tires went flat before they got out of lowa and the next one was in Tennessee, I believe. The tire issues delayed the delivery of tarps and health kits, causing much frustration and concern for Mark and Ruth as well as for Deb and Bret Harklau who purchased and donated the ambulance. A silver lining in this tire problem is that the first delay in Des Moines allowed for the addition of 202 health kits assembled by LWML women in Mapleton Zone to be added to the delivery.

The health kits and over 1,000 tarps are now in Florida where they are desperately needed. The phone conversation this morning was emotional. They delivered many tarps to a FEMA location and the people were overwhelmed that they could get one and that they were free. Tarps were soon gone. Also, three of the churches south of Pastor Dahlke's church also received tarps for people in those locations. The health kits were viewed as gold by those receiving them.



I had also ordered box fans that were sent via Amazon Prime, and they are being distributed. Money was also sent from our district to Pastor Dahlke's congregation for them to distribute to people in need. They have been giving gift cards and donations to those who are hurting from their loss and once again, their hearts are responding with thankfulness as it lifts their spirits. The people are so thankful that lowa people are responding to their great need caused by Hurricane lan's devastation.

THANK YOU to those who have donated to IDW for the disaster response! \$4,000 was initially sent to Pastor Dahlke's church and I directed \$6,000 more because of the generosity of God's people. The money will bless people with God's love. Additionally, they can use more fans, so I have ordered them as well. The generosity of people in our district is wonderful and I am privileged to be able to be part of the relief effort. God's blessings to all of you!



If you or your congregation wish to provide financial support, please make a check to IDW-lan Relief and send to: Iowa District West 409 Kenyon Road Suite B Fort Dodge, IA 50501

To give online through Iowa District West, go to www.idwlcms.org and click on "Donate" at the top of the homepage.

You can also send support directly to the LCMS Synod Disaster Relief. On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used.

Make check payable and mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod P.O. Box 66861 St. Louis, MO 63166

An additional option is to give electronically directly to the Florida-Georgia District at https://flgadistrict.org/give/

Please pray for the people affected by this disaster. Thank You,

Ellie Menz IDW 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 Haiti

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Kimberley Fortier IOWAY connection to Skid Row

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.



Lonnie Reynolds
Expert freeway shuttle 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.



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

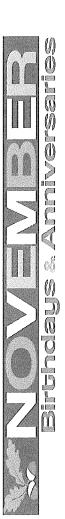
Spread the word among the grandpas and grandmas, the fathers and mothers, and the sons and daughters of your family and your church!

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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		Brock Travis		Greg Gronau	Lucas Hansman	Mitchell Hoffman
				Peg Hinners	Jacob Kraus	
				Amanda Hoffman	Joyce Lee	
				Matt & Janice Wilken	Gladys Rickers	
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Keith Vetter	Thomas Bass		Cora Erps	Cory Wittrock	Curtis Ehlers	Dashel Bolin
	Kelsea Hawley		Sara Schurke		Camdyn Mohr	
13	7	15	16	17	18	19
	Stacie Muhlbauer		Alison Ehlers	David Peters	Jerzie Bruch	Christy Hanson
	Chris Toft				Jean Hausman	Dave & Lisa
	Brian & Jean Hausman				Peggy Peplinski Deh Wittrock	Gallagher
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Dan Segebart	Evan Nelson	Stan Grundmeier	Jolene Stoelk	Gail Mumm	Deb Owen	Becky Golson
Tyler & Jackie Petersen		Betty Nobiling Rvan Schurke	JoAnn Wernimont			
27	28	29	30			
Brayden Schmitz	Acelyn Hawley Jerald Luetje	Michael Anderson Timberlen Koch	Allen Grundmeier			



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USHERS

Rick Vetter Gene Thiedeman Keith Vetter Jeff Luetje

Kim Brockman

MIDWEEK SERVERS

Faith Neumann Joy Luetje 11/2 11/9

No Class Thanksgiving Kendyl Riesberg Cara Schuette 11/16 11/23

ACOLYTES

Cathy Meyer & Nikki Lenz

PARISH CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer & Deb Owen

MARTHA CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer

11/13 Jacob H & Payton G 11/6 Grant Wilken

11/20 Connor J & Anna S 11/27 Justice L & Joy L

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education9:00 amDivine Worship10:00 am

