

# ZION PROCLAIMER

MAY 2023

## "Dose of Wisdom"

We are now in the liturgical season of Easter. We have witnessed Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We have sung the Alleluias and continue to sing the Alleluias that proclaim this wonderful event of Christ rising from the dead! There is so much going on liturgically, but there are also so many things happening here at church as well through the next few weeks as well.

There is the Baccalaureate Service here on May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm celebrating the graduating seniors from Ar-We-Va and their families..

For the second year in a row, we will have a graduating senior from the Dose household in the Ar-We-Va graduating class. We'd like to open the invitation to anyone from the congregation to attend Timothy's graduation party downstairs in the fellowship hall on Sunday May 21 following commencement at the Ar-We-Va high school gym. On Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having the seniors and their families eat breakfast together downstairs before the Divine Service.

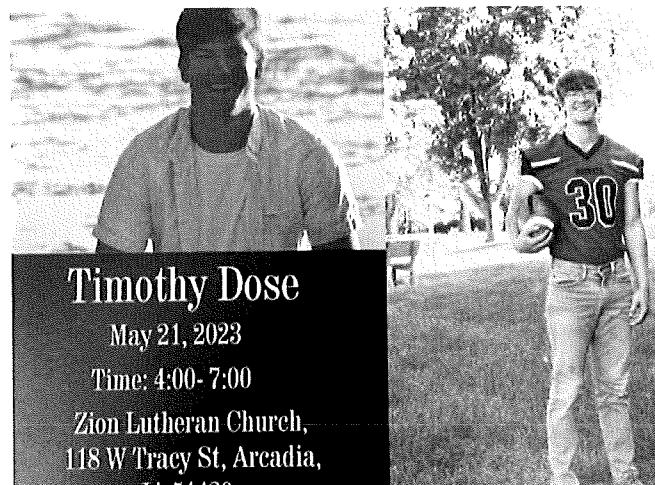
May 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day for Sunday school and Adult Bible Class. Bible class will start again after Graduation Sunday on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

A reminder for June, VBS will be from June 6-9 here at Zion. So mark your calendars for those days.

Join us for these special events.

Blessings,

Pastor Dose



## L. W. M. L.

### EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3 at the home of Marilyn Mueggensberg. Co-Hostess is Paulette Von Glan

### LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, May 4th at 1:30 pm.

## CHANCEL

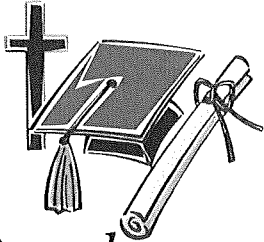
Sandy Hunter & Cindy Brockman

### PARISH CIRCLE

Deb Owen

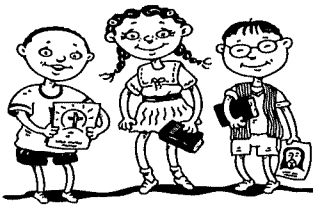
### MARTHA CIRCLE

Diane Witt



## Baccalaureate

Please join us on Wednesday, May 10th for the AWW Baccalaureate service to be held here at Zion. Everyone is invited to attend. The Seniors from our congregation include: Elizabeth Brunner, Kyler Cleveland, Timothy Dose, Jamie Hausman, Samantha Hinners & Maggie Ragaller



## Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Sunday, May 14 2023

## V. B. S

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

Plans are currently underway for our 2023 Vacation Bible School "Gods Living Water" Covered in Jesus Grace. Classes are open for children 4 years old (**MUST** be 4 by June 6th 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](https://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](https://vbsmate.com) website.



The members of the LYF would like to thank everyone who supported us and attended the Easter Breakfast. The turn out for the breakfast was great and we appreciate you taking time to attend. We had a lot of help from the youth and also from the parents. Thanks again to you the members of Zion and our friends for all of your support!!!

## V. B. S.

**Tuesday-Friday**  
**June 6-June 9, 2023**  
**8:30-11:30**

This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ...



Philippians 1:9

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Ar-We-Va class of 2023. We would especially pray that God would continue to shower His grace and blessings upon our fellow members of Zion who will be graduating, they Elizabeth Brunner, Kyelar Cleveland, Timothy Dose, Jamie Hausman, Samantha Hinnens and Maggie Ragaller.



## A Word For Graduates

Congratulations to the members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt you are looking forward to the next phase of your lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

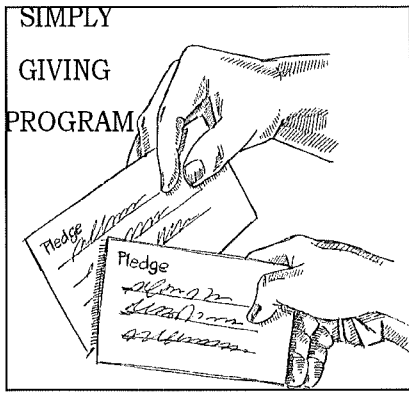
We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

*<sup>21</sup> My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; <sup>22</sup> they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck (Proverbs 3:21-22)*

*<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11

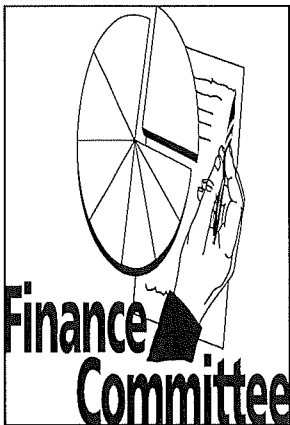


In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, once a month, or twice a month, your offering is automatically deducted from your checking account and automatically deposited into the church's account. All you will need to do is once a week (or whatever you choose) is to record the amount in your check register. That is all there is to it. The amount is set by you and doesn't change unless you request it to be changed or discontinued. Special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc are **NOT** automatically deducted and

we would encourage you to use your offering envelopes for those services just like in the past. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 275 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. An additional bonus would be that our giving throughout the year would be more consistent. We prayerfully ask that you consider making this small change that would be of big help. To learn more about this program, please contact the church office

Thank you for your help

*Stewardship Committee*



<b>OFFERINGS (Jan-April)</b>	<b>\$32,042.61</b>
Thrivent Choice \$	<b>512.00</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL/Fish Bowl (Jan-April)</b>	<b>126.00</b>
Lutheran Witness	<b>52.32</b>
<b>Non Budget Income</b>	<b>\$10,569.54</b>
(repair acct \$5,000) (\$420 interest from CD)	
\$5,000 from LYF)	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$43,302.47</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Jan-April)</b>	<b>\$ 54,700.57</b>
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>\$-11,398.10</b>
<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>\$193,790.66</b>
<b>Need weekly</b>	<b>\$ 3,726.75</b>

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

Jesus said we are to love our neighbors, and we are to serve and support them. We violate Scripture's principles when we ignore the interests and needs of others. We were not created for the purpose of spending all our time looking out for our self-interests. If we ignore God and others, we may hear Him saying to us, "You fool" as Jesus said to the Rich Fool in the Parable (Luke 12:13-21)

# *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023*

Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held June 6- June 9, 2023. Our theme this year is "God's Living Water". Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 (By June 6th through the 8th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

**REMINDERS:** 1) Students are reminded that "good" clothes should **NOT** be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project.

You will be in the class that you will be in this fall. Whether you are or are **NOT** attending this year, or are new to the program, it would be appreciated if you could let the church office know as this makes a difference in the number of materials that we order. (689-2441) or register on line at [vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia](http://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia).

**QUILTS:** The 5th-8th Graders will be tying quilts with anticipation of out doing the number from last year. If you have any sheets, lightweight blankets, etc, please bring them to the church as this will help with the project.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you would be willing to help out with VBS this year, teaching, crafts, snacks, etc please contact the church office.

**Register Me For**  
**“God’s Living Water”**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia**  
**(June 6-June 9, 2023)**

Register @ [vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia](http://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia)

For more information please contact the office at 712-689-2441. Please mail the registration form to Zion Lutheran Church, Box 59, Arcadia, IA 51430 or email it to [zionluth@westianet.net](mailto:zionluth@westianet.net)

Name of student'(s)

grade to enter in fall

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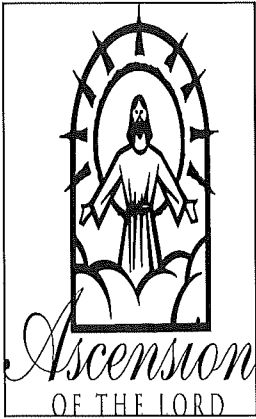
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Please provide Birth date for those in preschool (must be 4 by June 6th)

**Parents Name**

**Phone Number & Or Cell Number**

**Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number (daycare)**



## Ascension Day

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.

### ***Easter isn't over***

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now. Easter isn't over ... ever!



Here are some happenings at Camp Okoboji this summer. They include:

**GIRLS BASKETBALL or VOLLYBALL CAMP:** (4th-8th grade). For more details go to: [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

**KIDS KAMP** designed as an entry level camp for kindergarten-2nd graders who are accompanied by a loving parent or care-giver. ([www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org))

**IOWA DISTRICT WEST JUNIOR HIGH WEEK:** ([www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)) for those students who have completed 6th-8th grades.

**YOUTH WEEK:** For students who have completed the 8th-12th grades.

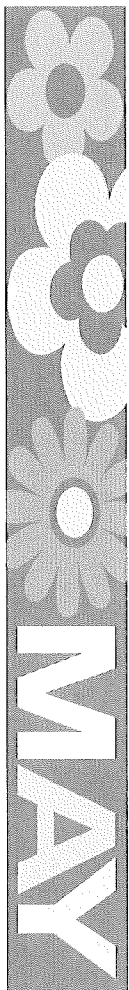
**CUB WEEK :** (the church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee)

There are also several other Camps available. They include: **Family Retreat I ; Family Retreat II** For more information and registration forms, please contact the office or go to the website of camp Okoboji [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

## When a house is a home

A house is a home when it is infused with love, when there is acceptance that never wavers, and where there is always food for the mind, for the spirit, for the body and for those in need. Is your abode a house or a home?

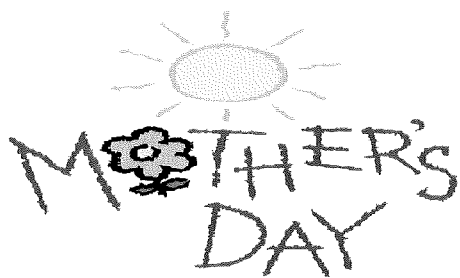




## Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <i>Eric Wiese Annalee Wittrock Ryan &amp; Jenni Middleton</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Claire Lenz Joel Mumm Kelly Riesberg</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Katie Riesberg</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Jennifer Kuhl Jeff Meyer</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Lori Grundmeier Mike &amp; Ashley Eggers</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Rob &amp; Julie Klink</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Beth Hansman</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Shelby Dirks</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Doug Bender Tylor &amp; Cassie Audino</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Terry Strathman</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Marissa Schrad</i>
<b>14</b> <i>Michelle Hage Mark Rickers</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Liam Petesen</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Jerry Thiedeman</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Steve Hoogestraat Paul Wiese</i>
<b>21</b> <i>Brian Kraus</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Linda Mumm Pam Wiese Joey &amp; Kimberly Bauman</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Nolan Neumann Jeff &amp; Cathy Meyer</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Jacob Hanson Jackie Petersen</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Caity Heimann</i>
<b>28</b> <i>Emmett Neumann</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Pastor &amp; Rebecca Dose</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Paul &amp; Pam Wiese</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Blakey Audino Ron Cornelius Nick &amp; Jessica Gallagher</i>			





### The Best mother that I LOVE

When God set the world in place,  
when He hung the stars up in space,  
when He made the land and the sea,  
then He made you and me.

He sat back and saw all that was good,  
He saw things to be as they should.

Just one more blessing He had in store;  
He created a mother, but whatever for?  
He knew a mother would have a special place  
to shine His reflection on her child's face.

A mother will walk the extra mile  
just to see her children smile.

She'll work her fingers to the bone  
to make a house into a home.

A mother is there to teach and guide,  
a mother will stay right by your side.  
She'll be there through your pain and strife,  
she'll stay constant in your life.

A mother will lend a helping hand  
until you have the strength to stand.  
She'll pick you up when you are down,  
when you need a friend she'll stick around.

A mother is one who listens well,  
will keep her word; will never tell.

A mother never pokes or pries  
but stands quietly by your side,  
giving you the strength you need,  
encouraging you to succeed.

A mother is one who can be strong  
when you need someone to lean on.

You're more than a mother to me;  
a reflection of Him in your face I see,  
a love that knows no boundaries.

I'm glad that you chose to be  
all this and more to me.

You share a love that knows no end,  
you're more than my mother,  
you are my friend.

Susan Jordan

## Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

### GOD'S GIFT

My Mother is a special gift,  
A special gift that God gave to me.  
I'd be lost and lonely without her,  
If God took her away you see.

I love her so very much,  
That I couldn't bear to live without her healing  
touch.

Thank-you God for giving me such a loving  
Mother,

For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.

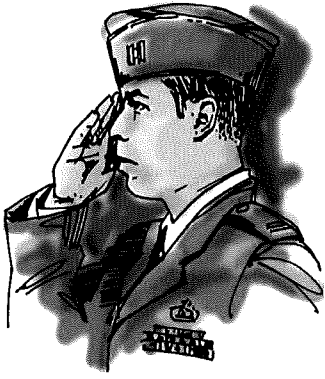
By Melanie Reid

### A mother's prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of my children. Help me rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout my days.

I want my children to love you, worship you and serve you as best they can. Grant me the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent me from provoking my children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our household with abiding love and respect, and help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

## The price of freedom

In the song "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me,  
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?  
I believe we will answer each to heaven  
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.  
Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?"

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.

## How will they know?

A well-known 1960s song by Peter Scholtes answers an implied question: How will others know we're Jesus' disciples? Not by how we understand family values. Not by our politics or theology. Not by how many Bible verses we've memorized, how often we attend church or how much offering we give.

Rather, the song's title and refrain say it all: "They'll know we are Christians by our love." Jesus put it this way: "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35, NIV).

Sometimes love involves words — teaching, proclaiming, bearing witness to God's presence. But if words aren't backed by actions, they soon fall flat. We can, as

# Memorial DAY



# *Easter Lilies*

We would like to thank the following members who donated Easter Lilies this past Easter to help beautify our chancel.

## **In memory of**

Irene Stark & Deceased family members

Glenn & Shirley Ehlers

Barbara Ehlers

Karen Grundmeier

Karen Grundmeier, Gene Liechti

Jerry & Bernice Wittrock

Harvey & Annette Vetter

Joyce Vetter, Cecil Booth

Edwin Hopp

George & Ruthanna Witt

Gary Witt, Zelda Anderson, Jake Davis

Fred & Hilda Branning

Jake Muhlbauer, Phyllis Kuhl, Ryan Carlson

Wilbur & Dee Luetje

Norm & Helen Pohlman

Joan Hiles & Bill Hiles

Lila Thiedeman

Her family

Eileen, Curtis & Chris Ehlers family

Curtis Ehlers

Stan Grundmeier

Dale & Beth Wittrock

Warren & Luci Mooney

Merle & Diane Witt

Steve & Connie McCollough

Jeff & Dawn Luetje

Randy & Mary Bruhn

Gerald Thiedeman

Dose Family

Ladies Aid & Evening Circle



On a Mission  
to Support

Christ's Mission!

May 2023

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Contact email: [sue@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:sue@iowadistrictwest.org)

### Joy

*"Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God" (Psalm 43:4).*

"Christian joy is like that singing, yellow bird. One of the first effects of sin or doctrinal error is that we lose our joy in Christ. When your heart stops singing, that is a warning to watch your life and doctrine closely." - Jim Johnstone

Have you been living a season of life or ministry joyless? A lack of joy is a warning sign there is a void in our life. Or you could be in a time of transition. It is not a place we want to let become commonplace. It is a period when life is a struggle.

The psalmists point us back to the source of our joy. We will go to the altar of God.

In the presence of God, our hearts are filled with exceeding joy. Joy over the love and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At the altar of God, ministry nor life is about us, it is always about Jesus. Joy helps us bask in the awesomeness of God while rejoicing in the joy of our salvation. It is easy to allow the world and all its struggles to suck the joy out of us. We allow our hearts to become discouraged and distressed with problems. God has promised us the joy of the Lord is our strength. Give us Your strength which is made perfect in our weakness. Fix our eyes fixed firmly on the Lord Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

Rev. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President  
[keith@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:keith@iowadistrictwest.org)

### HEARTLAND LUTHERAN SINGLES

Heartland Lutheran Singles encourages young singles to check out this conference.

The 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference includes an on-campus singles event (ages 21-40) after the Divine Service on Saturday. The premier conference for Lutheran laity is Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. The "Making the Case" speaking lineup includes: Journalists Mark and Mollie Hemmingway, LCMS President Matt Harrison, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. To register, call 618-223-8385. <https://issuesetc.org/2023-conference/>

Also, if a larger church in a larger city in Iowa held a singles event we could help! Please consider doing so. Please contact Pastor Kluzek if interested at [Godcares1000@gmail.com](mailto:Godcares1000@gmail.com).

### IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

Please help ILSTO be fully funded for 2023! For the 2023 tax year, the legislature has allocated \$20,000,000 for Tuition Tax Credits for the STO program across the state of Iowa so ILSTO will have over \$1,000,000 in tax credits to distribute to donors. We need your help to raise this money to be able to fund our tuition assistance. Contact Dewey Torkelson for more information about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization at 712-260-2991.



### Calendar of Events

- May 1-2... Pastors Conference, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge
- May 13... Organist Workshop, Zion Lutheran Church, Manning
- May 14... Mother's Day
- May 17... District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge
- May 22... Pastors Golf Day, Ida Grove Country Club
- May 29... Memorial Day, District Office Closed

For more information on Iowa District West activities,  
view *The Messenger* at [www.idwlcms.org/publications.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php)



MISSION: We provide Sanctuary which connects guests with God and His Creation.

VISION: Refreshing Body & Spirit

VALUES: Gospel, Safety, Excellence, Wellness, Stewardship, Legacy

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5 - 7: VOLUNTEER WEEKEND
Mark the dates on your calendar. We really need extra help this year. Come and spend all or part of the time at Camp, helping to prepare Camp for the summer season! This is a great opportunity for a congregation or youth group servant project. Room and meals are provided.

May 7 BRUNCH
Join us for our first 2023 Sunday brunch, 9:30-1:00 in the Ginny DeWall dining Hall.

May 28 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 am - ROLLS AND COFFEE BEFORE SERVICE

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED! CUB WEEK 1, CUB WEEK 2, JUNIOR HIGH WEEK AND YOUTH WEEK ARE STILL SEEKING TO FILL THEIR COUNSELOR POSITIONS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF MALE COUNSELORS. To apply go to Camp Okoboji - Volunteer Counselors or PLEASE CONTACT KELLIE JONES AT kellie@campokoboji.org OR CALL HER AT (712) 337-3325 TO VOLUNTEER OR INQUIRE!

OPENINGS IN OUR FAMILY MINISTRY AND LARGE RETREAT CENTERS!! CALL JOY AT 712-337-3325 TO GET THE OPENINGS FOR OUR FAMILY MINISTRY CABINS OR RETREAT CENTERS. WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR FAMILY REUNIONS OR YOUTH RETREATS. COME JOIN US FOR A TIME TO REFRESH IN BODY & SPIRIT. We look forward to seeing you at the Lake.

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2023

Discipleship Programs

- June 2-4.....Kids' Kamp
June 8-11.....JOY Camp #1
June 25-July 1...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

# 2023 Education Conferences



Iowa Lutheran Early Childhood Conference

Friday, August 4, 2023

Gloria Dei, Urbandale

Theme: I Love to Tell the Story

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Jeff Burkart

Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference

Thursday & Friday

October 19-20, 2023

Sheraton, West Des Moines

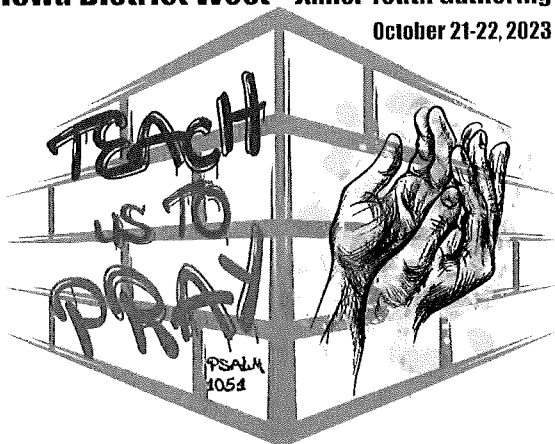
Keynote Speaker – Dr. Micah Parker



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# 2023 IDW Youth Gatherings

**Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering**  
October 21-22, 2023



**Iowa District West Senior Youth Gathering**

**Ready,  
SET,  
GO**

Matthew 28: 19-20a

**November 17-19, 2023**

Save the dates on your church calendars and begin talking to your youth and their parents about these great youth events available in our district. Registration information will be sent in July and will also be available online.

# CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE CONFERENCE

2023

JULY 7 - 8

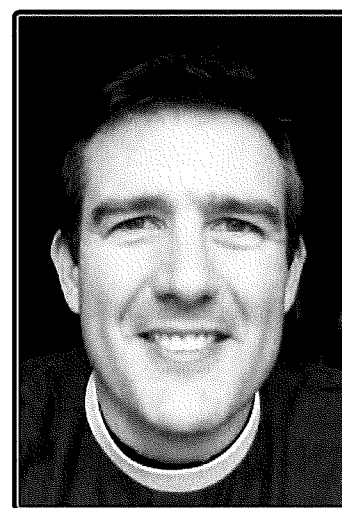
## COMPETING STORIES : GOD'S AND THE WORLD'S

Featuring - Pr. Bryan Wolfmueller who will present and explore these opposing worldviews in 6 sessions over 2 days.



Scan to Register and purchase your tickets at Eventbrite.com only \$15 for the 2 day event!

**CHRIST THE KING  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
500 4TH AVE SW  
SPENCER, IOWA**



Friday: 8:30 am Matins

Session 1 - **How It All Started**

Session 2 - **Who Are You?**

Lunch (Free-Will Donation)

Session 3 - **How Things Went Wrong**

Session 4 - **What's the Fix?**

Vespers to close the day (4:30)

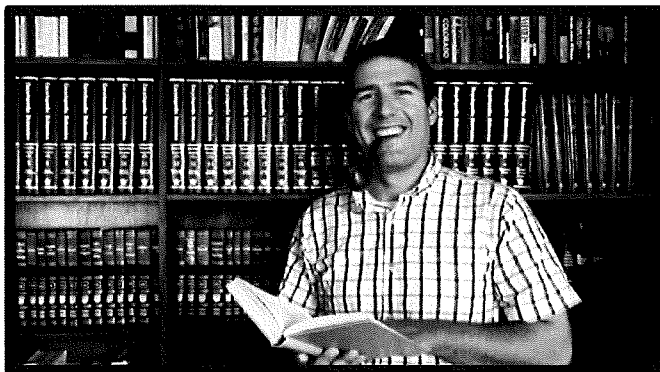
Saturday: 8:30 am Matins

Session 5 - **How it Ends**

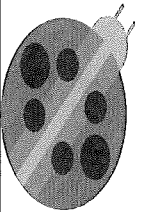
Session 6 - **Living in the Middle of a  
"Cosmological Rap-Battle"**

(All sessions include a 60 minute presentation, a 15 minute Q&A, and close with a 15 minute break)

Midday Prayer to close Conference.



About the speaker: Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller is pastor of St. Paul and Jesus Deaf Lutheran Churches in Austin, TX. He is the author of *Take They Our Life: Martin Luther's Theology of Martyrdom* (2019), *A Martyr's Faith for a Faithless World* (CPH, 2019), *Has American Christianity Failed?* (CPH, 2016) and *Final Victory: Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian* (CPH, 2010). He is host of *What-Not*, the Podcast; posts videos on YouTube at [wolfmueller1](https://www.youtube.com/user/wolfmueller1), and has a number of other theological projects that all end up on his blog, [www.wolfmueller.co](http://www.wolfmueller.co). Bryan is a member of the Doxology Collegium. He and his wife Keri live with their four children in Round Rock, TX.



# MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:30 Choir Pract 7:30 Evening Cir	1:30 Ladies Aid		Nelson/Vetter Wedding
7 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Council Meet	8	9	10 7:00 AWV Baccalaureate	11	12	13
14 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:00 DW/HC	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 DW/HC	29	30	31			

### USHERS

Dale Wittrock Gary Lenz  
Kyle Lenz Jake Wittrock  
Ty Muhlbauer Kelly Riesberg  
Doug Gronau Kurt Branning

### CHANCEL CIRCLE

Sandy Hunter  
Cindy Brockman

### PARISH CIRCLE

Deb Owen

### ACOLYTES

7<sup>th</sup>: Payton Gallagher & Madison Stork  
14<sup>th</sup>: Cara Schuette & Audrey Hill  
21<sup>st</sup>: Grant Wilken

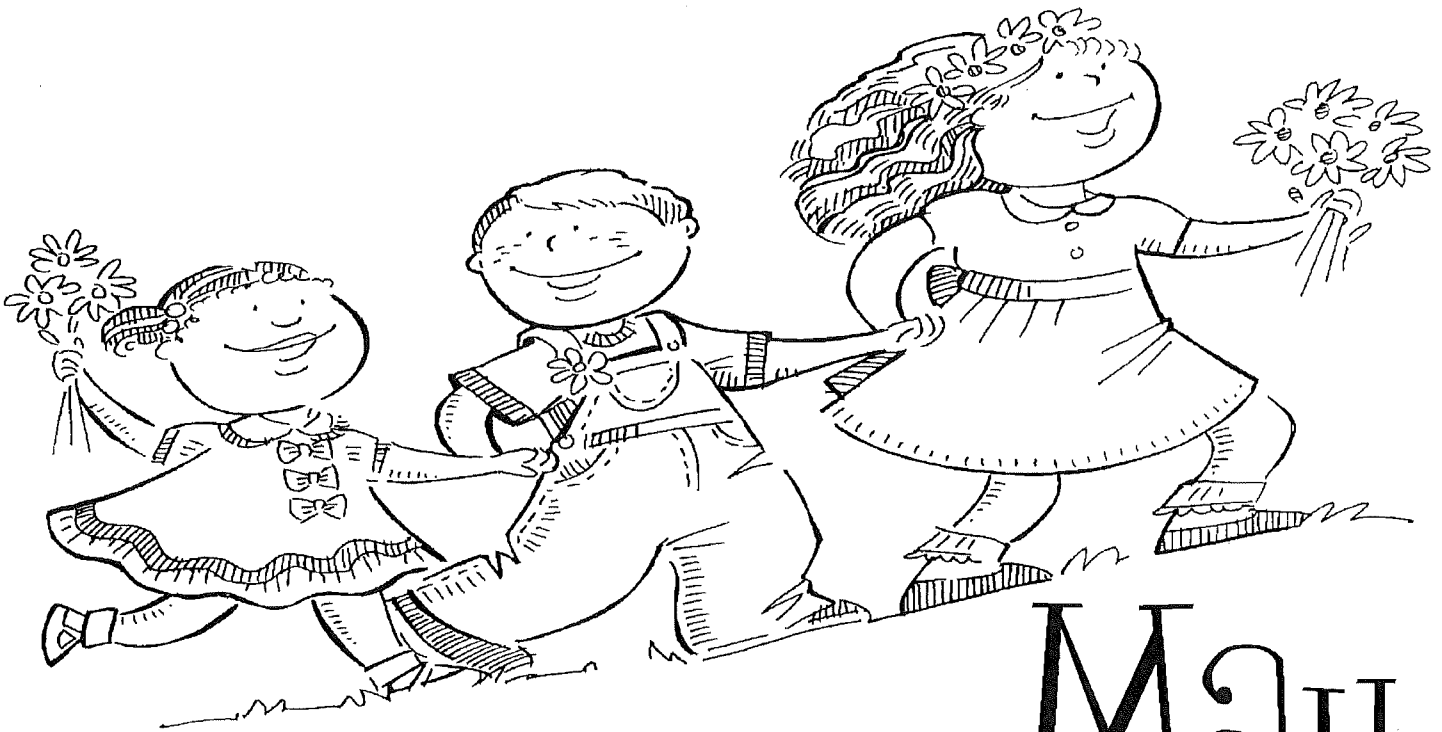


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FRIENDS WHO CARE

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



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