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# DOSE OF WISDOM

Acts 17:10-12

*<sup>10</sup> The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup> Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. <sup>12</sup> Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.*

There are many things to write about this month. First, I continue to deliberate the call to Michigan. Continue to pray for us. Once again, I am in the “age” and stage of my ministry that I am desirable to other congregations. We have a gap of retiring pastors and not enough younger pastors filling those gaps so the burden of filling those calls falls on us pastors who are considered in the “sweet spot” of ministry. President Turner said it was about the ages of 37-50 that are getting a majority of calls right now from the field. I am in that range. It is not that we are looking for a call, but my name is getting circulated in the Districts.

We had a wonderful Pastoral Conference in Des Moines (Urbandale). We looked at the book of Isaiah chapters 24-27 with Dr. Paul Raabe who was one of my professors at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He spoke to us on the upcoming commentary he is writing and we dug deep into the Scriptures especially Isaiah. It’s the reasons I chose these passages from the Book of Acts to show what it looked like for the early church to dig deep into the Word of God. May we have that same spirit here. As I reflect on the calls I have to Michigan and the call I currently serve here in Arcadia, I can’t help but think and dream of a fellowship hall full of people eager to study God’s Word together here at Arcadia. It has always been a dream of mine to see people active in the study of God’s Word on Sunday mornings. If you are able and available please come to Bible Class with us on Sunday mornings. It is great time to dig deep into the Word and see what God did and desired for the original hearers and what God does and desires for us today.

Third, we will once again have our Annual Memorial Service for families who have lost little ones to infant or pregnancy loss in October. This is from the service folder—

“The death of a child is a horrible event that reminds us how broken this fallen world is. The grief and pain of such a loss may fade into the background of our lives, but it never truly disappears. Events in our lives can bring those feelings rushing back as strongly as we felt them at the time.

One purpose of this service is to assure you that God has never forgotten your pain or your grief. He is always with you remembering as you do your loss of that little one. He surrounds you with His love and care and holds you in His arms. For the sake of Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection, God even forgives those moments when you cry out in anger or frustration at Him or at others as you struggle with an event none of us can really understand.

We also want you to know that you are not alone in this community. Many have experienced this loss, some publicly and others in privacy and silence. As a community of those who trust Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, God brings us together to support each other in His name and with His words of comfort from the Scriptures

We pray this service will serve to bring a bit of healing through the mercy of our Lord... a bit of comfort through the love of our Savior... and an awareness that others remember, care and grieve for your loss.

At the conclusion of this service, you are welcome to stay for prayer, meditation or just basking in the presence of our Lord.” Please let your family and friends know about this service. It is for everyone. You know and I know of people who have lost little ones to pregnancy or infancy loss. We want to bring healing and comfort to all who have gone through this pain.

Janice Wilken announced today September 27<sup>th</sup> these words, “In memory of dad ("Johnny" Vetter): Something that we never went without in our house was ICE CREAM! Root beer floats, strawberry shakes, and just a heaping bowl of deliciousness covered in chocolate syrup were always on the menu at our house. On this day 2 years ago, dad joined his friends and family in heaven. We miss him dearly. If you stop by Johnny Bees’ from today until October 27th we will donate all proceeds of the ice cream to his other passion **CHURCH**. Zion Lutheran Church of Arcadia will receive the donations at the end of October in memory of dad. So please have some ice cream in memory of Johnny

Also we will be having the annual Harvest Supper this month on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October at the Westside Community Building. Come one and come all.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Dose*



Saturday  
October 21, 2023  
4:00-7:00 pm

Westside Community Building

**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



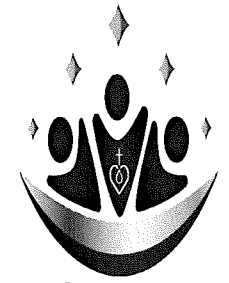
# L.W.M.L. NEWS

## EVENING CIRCLE

The Zion Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 4th at the home of Marilyn Mumm. Co-Hostess is Carm Thiedeman

## L.W.M.L. SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 1st we will be observing L.W.M.L. Sunday. We will mark the day with a special worship service giving thanks to God for all 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



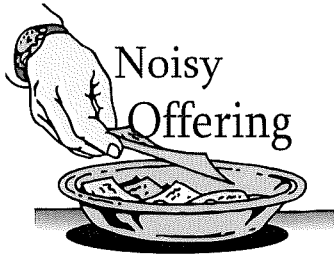
*For Us  
and With Us*

Romans 8:31-39

PARISH  
CIRCLE:  
Diane Witt  
Lajeane Shiney

CHANCEL  
CIRCLE  
Marilyn Mumm  
Lajeane Shiney

MARTHA  
CIRCLE  
Diane Witt



Noisy  
Offering

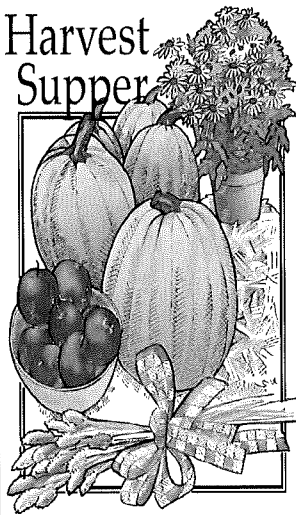
The Evening Circle will be having their "Noisy Offering" on Sunday, October 1st in conjunction with L.W.M.L. Sunday.



**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")

# Harvest Supper

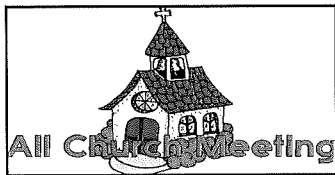


The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on **Saturday**, October 21st serving from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn/green beans, salads, and apple or pumpkin dessert.

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 Dine In or Drive-Thru at the Westside Community Building on Main St, Westside, IA**

**There will be seating available if you like. Cost is \$15**



## QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday** October 15 at 11:00 am Items on the agenda will include the Election of Officers, Endowment Fund projects and the proposal of the 2023 budget **EVERY-ONE** is encouraged and invited to attend and participate.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE:**

**PRESIDENT:**  
**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
**SECRETARY:**  
**ELDERS:**  
**TRUSTEE:**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday	October 1st	10:00	LWML Sunday
Sunday	October 8th	9:00	Fortnightly Flea Market, Westside
Sunday	October 15th	11:00	Quarterly Voter's Meeting
Wednesday	October 18th	7:00	Pregnancy Loss Service
Saturday/Sunday	October 21/22		Jr High Youth Gathering Des Moines
Saturday	October 21		Turkey Supper 4:00-7:00 \$15 each
Sunday	October 29	10:00	Reformation Service

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 2022-23 Sunday School year officially began on Sunday, September 10th. 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

Amanda Kraus, Kelsie Weir,  
Lydia Dose,

### 1st Grade & 2nd Grad 3rd & 4th Grade

Staci Muhlbauer, Karlie Muhlbauer,  
Alison Skinner

### 5th & 6th

Cat Luetje, Kendra Schuette

### 7th & 8th

Danielle Schrad,

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

# MIDWEEK

Servers for October are: October 04  
October 11  
October 18  
October 25

Payton Gallagher  
Amelia Schmitz  
Anna Schuette  
Audery Hill

## ACOLYTES



1st: Joy Luetje & Madison Stork  
8th: Kendyl Riesberg & Kash Riesberg  
15th: Payton Gallagher & Audrey Hill  
22nd: Grant Wilken  
29th: Lacy Middleton & Tyler Middleton



**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 18th 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

# Turkey Supper

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**MAIN STREET/WESTSIDE, IOWA**

**DRIVE THRU OR DINE IN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

**\$15/MEAL**

**SERVING:**

Turkey

Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy

Corn/Green Beans,

Dinner Roll

Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad

Apple or Pumpkin Dessert

**FOR ADVANCE TICKETS.**

Call 712-689-2441

## FALL FEAST



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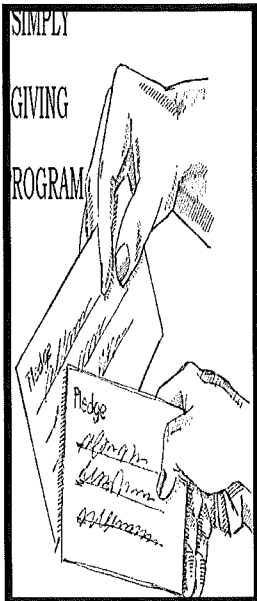
Zion Lutheran Church

Arcadia, IA

Take Out Orders of 5 or more

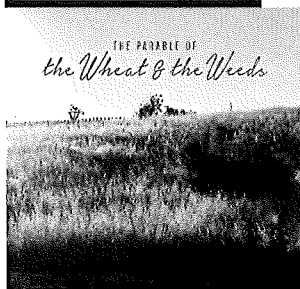
You can text Deb @ 712-830-7694

# 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**

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| <b>GENERAL FUND.....</b>   | pays all the bills   |
| <b>MEMORIAL FUND.....</b>  | money donated to the church in memory of someone to purchase memorial items or projects  |
| <b>REPAIR FUND.....</b>    | money that is designated for repairs or updates on the church or church property   |
| <b>ENDOWMENT FUND.....</b> | can be used for a variety of worthwhile missions, charitable projects and evangelism outreach activities. This <b>CAN NOT</b> be used for operating expenses such as salaries, insurance, etc. |



# OCTOBER Birthdays/Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <i>Tim Kraus</i> <i>Ranee Wernimont</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Helen Leiting</i> <i>Dale &amp; Yrickie</i> <i>Musfeldt</i> <i>Dan &amp; Dawn</i> <i>Segebart</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Cody Bair</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Sophia Dirks</i> <i>Drew Schurke</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Payton Gallagher</i> <i>Kelse Lupole</i> <i>Brian &amp; Kathy</i> <i>Kraus</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Donna Rickers</i> <i>Mitchell &amp; Michelle</i> <i>Hagge</i> <i>Doug &amp; Sue</i> <i>Kahl</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Marshall Owen</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Charlae Ruhland</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Rob Klink</i> <i>Shane &amp; Amanda</i> <i>Kraus</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Tylor Audino</i> <i>Justice Luejfe</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Amanda Dirks</i> <i>Gayle Miller</i> <i>Ryan &amp; Kate</i> <i>Neumann</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Nicky Lenz</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Ron &amp; Kim</i> <i>Cleveland</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Randy Bruhn</i> <i>Asher Ehlers</i> <i>Kate Neumann</i>
<b>15</b> <i>Quinlynn Weier</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Roger Liechti</i> <i>Rob &amp; Dawn Melton</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Danica Ehlers</i> <i>Korbyn Fineran</i> <i>Ty Muhlbauer</i> <i>Hope Schmidt</i> <i>David Vetter</i> <i>Kurt &amp; Jackie</i> <i>Bramming</i> <i>Jay &amp; Cat</i> <i>Luejfe</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Kim Cleveland</i> <i>Sue Musfeldt</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Rebecca Dose</i> <i>Nick Leiting</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Cindy Brockman</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Amelia Wittrock</i> <i>Al &amp; Pam Kock</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Audrey Hill</i> <i>Ben Noble</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Will Ragaller</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Beth Liechti</i> <i>Jaxx Luejfe</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Paul Himmers</i> <i>Brynlee Mohr</i> <i>Louis &amp; Dawn</i> <i>Winey</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Lois Rickers</i>				

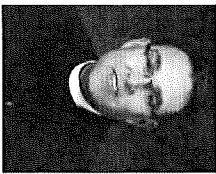




On a Mission  
to Support  
Christ's Mission!

October 2023

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**REFLECTIONS ON THE SYNOD CONVENTION**

My overall impression of the Convention is that our church body affirmed that which is of utmost importance: *We Preach Christ Crucified*. That was the theme, and that is what we have done since our Synod's inception in 1847.

The Convention emphasized:

- 1) The centrality of the Gospel (again, the theme drove this home). I would point you to the fine essay presented by Concordia Seminary president and former pastor of Zion-Storm Lake, Rev. Dr. Tom Egger, as representative of the fine presentations on the centrality of "Christ crucified." His presentation begins at the 3 hour and 12 minute mark here: [Morning Session — Sunday, July 30 - YouTube](#).
- 2) Our firm stance on God's truth, found in His inspired, inerrant Word. Resolution after resolution had us maintaining what God says about marriage, gender, race, life issues, and many more front-page issues today.
- 3) The Specific Ministry Program, a distance-learning route toward ordination, remains largely unchanged. I think this is good news for our District, since the ministry of SMP pastors has been a tremendous blessing to us, especially in our rural communities.
- 4) No doubt you will hear about Concordia University Texas, this overshadowed the overwhelming blessing our Concordia Universities are to our church body.

There you have it — some reflections and a bit of a report on the Convention. It is a blessing to belong to The Lutheran Church—Missouri

Synod! We are not perfect, but we do keep the main thing the main thing: the blessed Good News of forgiveness and salvation through Christ alone!

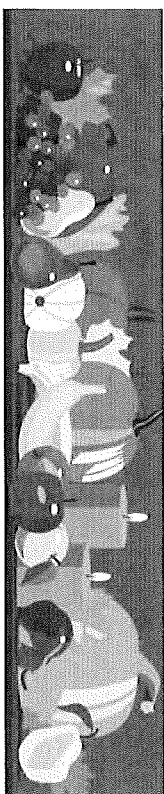
Rev. Dr. Steve Turner, President  
[steve@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:steve@iowadistrictwest.org)

**IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)**

For this school year, 2023-2024, over \$800,000 in tuition assistance from 2022 donations was awarded to Lutheran students in Iowa through the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. We would like to increase this amount for 2024-2025, but we cannot without your help. Donations are currently at 10% of our 2023 goal. Now is the time to contribute for the next school year so we can continue this great program. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You may also download a donor form at [www.iowalutheransto.com](http://www.iowalutheransto.com)

**MAUI FIRES – HERE'S HOW TO HELP**

- ◆ Collect a congregational door offering and send it to Iowa District West, marked "Maui Disaster Relief."
- ◆ Pray! For the individuals and families who were directly affected in so many ways. For all the community related pieces: businesses, schools, healthcare, government, and safety. For the responding agencies and volunteers who are there to help. For hearts to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit giving hope in such a tumultuous time.
- ◆ Donate directly on the source websites
  - ◇ <https://www.elc-maui.org/> (Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School)
  - ◇ <https://www.cnh-lcms.org/> (California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the LCMS)



**Calendar of Events**

October 6-7...Healthy Together Conference, St. Paul, Fort Dodge  
October 21-22...Jr. Youth Gathering, Sheraton, West Des Moines  
October 23-24...Circuit Visitor Training, Redeemer, Sioux City

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



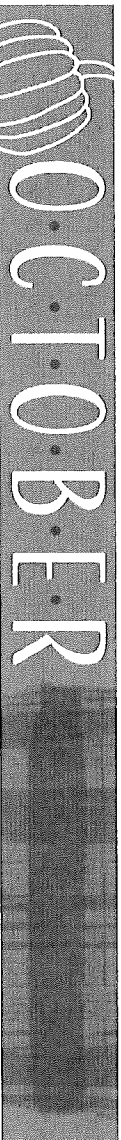
**MISSION:** We provide Sanctuary which connects guests with God and His Creation.

**VISION:** Refreshing Body & Spirit

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 1:       **OMELET BRUNCH (9:30 AM TO 1 PM):** This will be the final Omelet Brunch of 2023. Free will offering, held in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall. Come join us for some good food and good fellowship! Proceeds to benefit our J.O.Y. Camps.
- Oct. 13-15:   **VOLUNTEER WEEKEND:** Fall Volunteer Weekend is just weeks away. Save the date and come to share your time and talents helping us wrap up summer and prepare for winter. Lodging and meals will be provided for volunteers. Volunteer Weekend is a great opportunity for a congregation retreat or youth group retreat to grow church community and relationships. For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325.
- Oct. 14:       **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER:** To be held Saturday evening of Volunteer Weekend, October 14. Serving to begin at 5 PM. Appreciation Dinner is for anyone who volunteers at Camp and all who have assisted in any way. Please call the office (712-337-3325) by Wednesday, October 11 to acknowledge your attendance, so we have an indication of how much to prepare.
- Oct. 20-22:   **LUTHERAN ADULT SINGLES RETREAT:** Retreat for singles ages 20 to 40. Reverend Keith Schweitzer will lead the retreat. The cost for this retreat is \$100 which includes two nights and four meals.



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<b>15</b> 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Voters Meet	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Memorial Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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### USHERS

Dwight Ehlers      Brian Kraus  
 Jake Kraus        Zach Kraus  
 Curtis Ehlers      Dale Lenz  
 Ryan Neumann     Randy Neumann

### PARISH CIRCLE

Diane Witt  
 Lajean Shiney  
 CHANCEL CIRCLE  
 Marilyn Mumm  
 Lajean Shiney

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*FRIENDS WHO CARE*

<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Adult Bible Class</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Divine Worship</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>



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