

# ZION PROCLAIMER

MAY 2024

## "Dose of Wisdom"

*Philippians 1:3-7, <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,*

Thank you for 16 wonderful years here at Zion, I thank God for the many blessings and gifts he was able to shower upon us while I was your pastor here at Zion. When a pastor receives a call, he tries to make the best decision possible while looking at all the factors of the call both to the current congregation and the calling congregation. I never wanted to receive a call to leave Arcadia, I will say this, I was always open to God using me wherever and whenever he needed me. I looked at this call no different, I wanted to see where God could use me best and after much deliberation and prayer, I could see God using me in this new call to serve him. So, I accepted this call to Algona and Burt. As I said before it's not a win-loss situation, it is a win-win. You had me as your pastor for 16 years of wonderful partners in the gospel as St. Paul says in this text to the Philippians sharing God's love and grace here in Arcadia. It's a win for me as I got to share the gospel here with you here in Arcadia and now, I will continue to share the gospel in another place. We are all together in this body of Christ. What a joy it is to see and experience this wonderful gospel no matter where the Lord leads us in this life. I will continue to pray for the ministry here in Arcadia and Carroll and Crawford County. Please continue to pray for us in this new ministry situation. There are challenges and there are joys no matter where the gospel is preached, and the sacraments are administered. This is the life of the church. Jesus is the head, and he will lead and guide and feed us as we walk through this life. Jesus has everything under his control, we simply trust him. So, take joy in this fact whether we see each other this side of heaven or not, we will see each other one day in heaven with Christ as we await Christ's glorious return.

Blessings and Love in Christ,

Pastor Dose

# L. W. M. L.

## EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 1 here at the church. Hostess is Sandy Hunter



Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Sunday, May 19 2024



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!!!

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**DESSERTS NEEDED:** If you would be willing to provide a dessert for Pastor Dose's Farewell Lunch, please see the sign up sheet on the board by Deb's office or contact the church office.

## CHANCEL

Sandy Hunter & Cindy Brockman

## PARISH CIRCLE

Deb Owen

## MARTHA CIRCL

Diane Witt

## V. B. S

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

Plans are currently underway for our 2024 Vacation Bible School "Celebrating Jesus". Classes are open for children 3 years old (**MUST be 3 by Sept 1** through 6th grade (grade you just finished)

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.

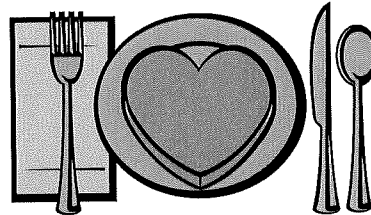
## V. B. S.

Tuesday-Friday

June 4-June 7, 2024

8:30-11:30

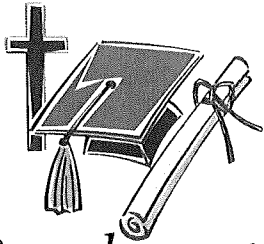
## Farewell



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## Baccalaureate

*Please join us on Wednesday, May 15th for the A WV Baccalaureate service to be held here at the United Church in Westside. Everyone is invited to attend.*

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 2024. 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 Emmett Neumann, Makayla Schrad, Delaney Schurke. Also graduating from Carroll High School is Karlie Muhlbauer.



## 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

**MAY**
  
*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <i>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>
<b>5</b> <i>Lori Grundmeier Mike &amp; Ashley Eggers</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Rob &amp; Julie Klink Jon &amp; Amy Vetter</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Beth Hansman</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Shelby Dirks Calvin Liechti</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Doug Bender Tylor &amp; Cassie Audino</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Jeff Meyer</i>
<b>12</b> <i>Terry Strathman</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Marissa Schrad Kyle &amp; Emily Gallagher</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Michelle Hagge Mark Rickers</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Liam Petersen</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Steve Hoogestraat</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Brian Kraus</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Linda Mumm 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 Heiman</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Emmett Neumann</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Pastor &amp; Rebecca Dose</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Blakely Audino Ron Cornelius Nick &amp; Jessica Gallagher</i>	

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held June 4-June 7, 2024. Our theme this year is "Celebrate Jesus". 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 3 (By Sept1) through the 6th 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 just finished.. 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](https://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia).

**QUILTS:** The 5th-6th 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.



V. B. S.  
Tuesday-Friday  
June 4-June 7, 2024  
8:30-11:30

**Register Me For**  
**“Celebrate Jesus”**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia**  
**(June 4-June 7, 2024)**

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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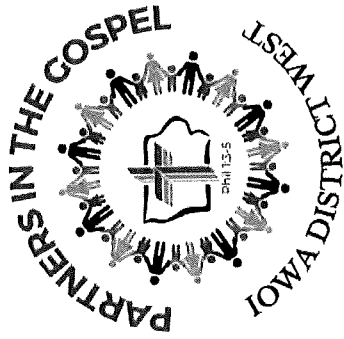
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Please provide Birth date for those in preschool

**Parents Name**

**Phone Number & Or Cell Number**

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



On a Mission  
to Support  
Christ's Mission!

May 2024

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Dear friends in Christ,



On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus, who were eyewitnesses of His death, resurrection and ascension, were still hiding behind closed doors. The disciples were still wondering what all of this means. On Pentecost, God delivers a clear message to the disciples and us, that Jesus is both *Lord and Christ*. The Christian Church celebrates that the promises of God have been fulfilled.

Jesus completed all that is necessary for our salvation. Anything less than Jesus living a perfect life for us and dying a sacrificial death for us would have been incomplete. When Satan, speaking through the scribes and pharisees on Good Friday, urges Jesus to come down from the cross, he knows that anything less than Christ's suffering and dying for the world would be **incomplete**. It would mean there is a limit on what God will do for His people. There is a threshold God would not cross to rescue His children. It would mean that God's love for His people was half-finished. This is why the words of Jesus from the cross are so very important to us. Jesus says, "It is finished!" God's plan of salvation is complete! This reality is now sealed and confirmed with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This same Spirit comes to us in Holy Baptism. The Holy Spirit calls and gathers us into the church. May the Holy Spirit empower you to live your lives, your complete and your completed lives in the grace of our Lord Jesus.

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## IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

Please help ILSTO be fully funded for 2024!

For the 2024 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. For more information about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization, contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

## NEW FREE RESOURCE: Daily Lutheran devotions for Spanish-speakers!

*La Palabra del Señor Permanece Para Siempre* ("The Word of the Lord Endures Forever") is now available from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation at <https://pubsearch.lhfmissions.org/>. From the link, search by language or title to download the most recent edition. These quarterly collections of devotions are written by LCMS Latin American missionaries and by pastors of LCMS Latin American partner churches.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CONFERENCE

Level up your church's social media game! If you are tasked with updating your church's social media, come learn how to effectively reach more people and shine God's light!

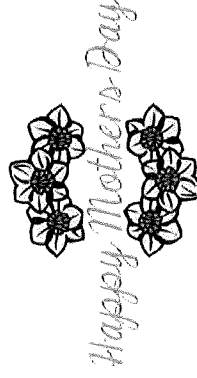
Date: Saturday, May 18

Location: Iowa District West Office  
409 Kenyon Road, Suite B  
Fort Dodge

Schedule: 9am-4 pm

Registration Deadline: May 10

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/epyY8Up3nj>



## Calendar of Events

May 6-7...District Pastors Conference, Greenfield

May 16...District Board of Directors, District Office, Fort Dodge

May 18...Social Media Conference, District Office, Fort Dodge

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



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**CAMP OKOBOJI'S ANNUAL MEETING** was held on April 6. We had 61 delegates representing their congregations this year. In back-to-back years, we have had over 1/3 of our congregations represented at the Annual Meeting. Praise God for the growth we have experienced! Candidates elected to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors were Reverend Robert Zellmer, DCE Jenn Fuller and Layperson Dayna "Joy" Brown. Adam Hengeveld was installed as the new Executive Director. Concept Drawings were presented for rebuilding the Baumann Cabin and Long-Range Plan, Finance, Camp Okoboji LCMS Foundation and staffing information was shared. Reverend Richard Merrill was named "Friend of Camp." The Auxiliary Grocery Shower and Basket Auction were very successful events to assist Camp.



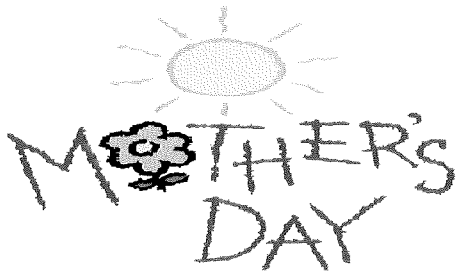
**NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT CAMP OKOBOJI: ADAM HENGEVELD**



Adam Hengeveld grew up in Hartley, Iowa and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church. After graduating from high school in 2005, he attended Concordia University, Nebraska and earned a degree in secondary education and social sciences in 2009. His first call was to Zion Lutheran Church and School in Dallas, Texas teaching 6-8 grade history and religion. Adam transitioned out of teaching by returning to Concordia Nebraska where he served in marketing and as alumni and university relations director. He and his family returned to Dallas in 2015 and served at some area universities and

nonprofits in fundraising. His family includes his wife, Beth, and three children, Charlotte, Edy, and Henry.





### 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.

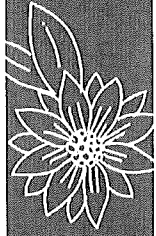
## How will they know?

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 7:00 Evening Circle	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 Church Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Baccalaureate @ United Church Westside 7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 VBS Teacher Meeting 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Farewell Lunch @ Arcadia Legion for Dose Family	<b>27</b> MEMORIAL DAY 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## USHERS

Dale Wittrock    Jacob Wittrock  
 Kurt Branning    Kyle Lenz  
 Doug Gronau    Gary Lenz  
 Kelly Riesberg

Chancel Circle  
 Sandy Hunter  
 Cindy Brockman  
 Parish Circle  
 Deb Owen

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### FRIENDS WHO CARE

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



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