



Dear Members of Zion,

The year of our Lord 2023 continues to unfold. The Capital Campaign for a new school here at Zion has been blessed with wonderful success. There can be no doubt that God is at work. We are now very close to four million dollars in gifts and pledges for our New School Building that will be a blessing to our children and their families for generations to come. We pray that God will continue to bless and guide us as His family in this important work of making a new school not just a dream but a reality. .

The months of March and April have been a busy time in our congregation. Our Lenten Midweek services this year centered around the theme “Promised Treasures” and how God used everyday things like, Salt, Ashes Water, Palms, Light and bread to illustrate and assures us of His love and forgiveness.

After an unexpected spring snow storm late in the week, we were blessed with beautiful weather on Palm Sunday, the day in which recalled an remembered our Lord’s triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Within days, the Lord Jesus would suffer and die on a hill outside of Jerusalem known as Calvary. But death could not hold him. Within three days he would rise again, showing himself to be the victor over sin, death and the grave.

It was also on Palm Sunday that we also welcomed nineteen young people into Communicant Membership in our Church. We pray that God would bless and guide them that they would be faithful to their Lord and continue to grow in grace and in knowledge of the Savior Jesus Christ and His Holy Word.

By the time you read this letter, we will have celebrated Easter, the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord. We remember the familiar words of the Angel that greeted the women as they came to the tomb early that first Easter Morning: **“Why do you seek the living among the dead, he is not here, he has risen!”**

Knowing that Jesus has conquered sin, death and the grave through his atoning sacrifice and his glorious resurrection means that we have forgiveness and new life in him both now and forever. It is the Lord Jesus who blesses and guides us through his Word, the Holy Scriptures. It is the same Lord Jesus that promises, “I am with you always.” May this “Good News” bring to our lives and the lives of our families the assurance of the Savior’s love and forgiveness, His presence and peace this Easter Season and always.

Blessings,

Pastor Bruce

## **Greetings and God's peace – Vicar Justin Brockman**

Greetings! Vicar here with some exciting news! Firstly, I cannot believe how fast most of this year has gone now. We have entered April with Spring here finally! It has been juking us out the last couple of weeks with the random snowstorms and ice storms that we have endured these last 3 weeks or so but it definitely is shifting to Spring!

Speaking of Spring have you heard about the events coming up with the Camp Luther trip and its fundraiser? We have been working diligently to get these plans set in motion with the fundraiser at Pizza Ranch the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month but also an informative meeting about the trip the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. The trip itself will happen May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and many of the spots have closed but if still interested please email me at [brockmanj@csl.edu](mailto:brockmanj@csl.edu) for more information.

Outside of advertising for the trip I wanted to offer words of encouragement for everyone with the change of the seasons and the busyness starting to kick-off. While school is still in session it will still be busy. With the school year ending the busyness will escalate between family vacations or sports. Do not be anxious because God is leading you and your households every step of the way. May the excitement of the spring and summer months encourage you all to the glory of God!

**Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Finally, as the Easter and Lenten season comes to a close, we thank God for all he has done for us through the passion of Christ. You sent him to be crucified for our sins and our iniquities because we cannot do it ourselves. With Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter we recognize every bit of love and compassion that God had for his fallen creation. We have seen Jesus teach in his ministry leading up to his crucifixion and we have seen all the miracles that he performed throughout his ministry. The final of course being the resurrection and conquering of death, the world, and the devil.

Just as Christ conquered death he now helps us conquer our troubles or our stress. He encourages us to lean on him and not our own human understandings. As the Proverbs of the Old Testament proclaims...

**Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

Remember that even though Jesus rose again on the third day he still supports us even after his ascension. To God be the glory. Amen!

## **Message from Mr. J- Director of Christian Education**

“What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, ‘You shall not covet.’ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.” (Romans 7:7-9)

I’m sure many of you remember that, just about a month ago, we took a group of youth students and chaperones to Sioux Falls, SD to participate in a one day ski trip at Great Bear Ski Valley. What many of you might not know is that, prior to this trip, I had never been skiing before. Needless to say I began my day trying to get the hang of this new activity on the bunny hill. Unfortunately, after about an hour of making my way down the hill the hard way, which included a lot of time in the snow, it was clear that I was not some kind of natural who would be able to figure things out on my own. Thankfully one of the chaperones who attended this trip did know what they were doing and was able to give me some guidance.

I am going to paraphrase the basic elements of this lesson and boil it down to the few main points that were foundational for me that day. First, I was told that it was important to fall. By falling down early in the experience, I wouldn’t need to defer progress through avoiding due to a fear of falling into the snow. That part I had mastered already. The next lesson was, of course, getting back up after you fall down into the snow. It’s natural to fall when you first start something new, but because you can’t let yourself stay down forever, you have to learn to get back up. Once I was able to get back up, not gracefully I might add, I was told that the next important lesson was to be able to stop, for my safety and the safety of others. Finally, to finish out the basics, I was told that I would need to work on my ability to turn to the left and the right.

Now, as I am sure anyone who has been skiing will tell you, there is a lot more to the activity than the few points that I mentioned here, but for the sake of brevity, I am leaving out a lot of the finer points of skill and technique, of which I am not qualified to even try to summarize here. I will, on the other hand, use these few points outlined above to draw our attention to something I am able to discuss with confidence. Specifically, when thinking about these fundamental points, it draws me to consider the three uses of the Law.

At the time of writing this message, we are currently preparing for the Confirmation season, and as every Lutheran confirmand knows, there are three main uses of the Law. Quick, before I review them here, take a moment to pause your reading and see if you can remember them for yourself. The further we get away from those 8th grade years, the harder it can be to recall all of those questions and answers, unfortunately. To review, the three main uses of the Law are to act as a curb, meaning to prevent us from engaging in sinful behaviors, a guide, meaning to show us how to live according to God’s will, and a mirror, meaning to show us that we will always sin and fall short and as such need a Savior. Hopefully, by this point, you are seeing some parallels.

Just like skiing, it is important to know how to stop our reckless actions, so we do not go barreling around harming ourselves and others. Just like skiing, it is important to know how to turn, so we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, work through the right way to navigate and make it through the course. Finally, although no one likes to end up in the snow, it is important to know what falling feels like, so we do not delude ourselves into thinking that we are some sort of perfect expectation. We are creatures that have fallen down into the dirt and the cold, but just as we discussed above, we don’t stay down.

The Law may show us our sin (S.O.S), but the Gospel shows us our Savior (S.O.S). Jesus died on the cross for our sins, so that through Him, we can be picked up, cleaned off, and be brought back to a right relationship with our loving God. This is the great message of the Gospel. Simply put, God loved us so much that He was not willing to leave us where He found us, and still today we are able to receive the greatest level of comfort knowing that, every time we partake in Confession and Absolution, we are able to confidently stand back up through Jesus.



May the sure hope that comes from the knowledge of the forgiveness won by Jesus Christ's glorious death and resurrection comfort and preserve you.

At the time of writing this message, spring has certainly sprung, and although it might not feel like it now, summer is definitely coming up soon. It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close, and we are already looking forward to summer activities. That being said, let's not get too eager and forget about the exciting things that are still planned for the next few months. Before I get into that, though, let me offer a few reminders and recap a few things that have happened lately. First, even though the school year is winding down, if any students would like a church worker from this church to try to attend an upcoming school or summer activity, make sure to let us know when these events will be taking place. Barring that in mind, we would also love to see our youth at our many planned activities here at the church, especially in light of the summer months. It would break our hearts if we went for three months without seeing everyone, so please consider adding our events to your calendar. Bring a friend, as well!

Speaking of events, we have two that are planned to take place during the month of May. First will be our regular monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade students planned to take place on Sunday, May 7th, from 5PM to 7PM at Zion Lutheran Church, likely in the church fellowship hall/gym. Second will be the Camp Luther trip that is being planned for 5th through 10th grade students on the weekend of May 19th through 21st by Vicar Brockman. Participating students and chaperones should have already registered. For anyone planning to attend this trip, please make sure to attend all meetings and read all messages in relation to this event, and if you would like more information, please speak to Vicar, as soon as possible. Details are still being finalized, so for that reason, please continue to check for updates in the church announcements and on the church website for the most current information about this, and all, youth activities.

On top of our regular meetings and events, we recently planned to host a fundraising opportunity last month. To raise money for our upcoming Camp Luther trip, Vicar planned to host another fundraising event on Wednesday, April 26th, at the Pizza Ranch in Norfolk, NE from 5PM to 8PM. Just like last time, our youth we set to serve as the waitstaff, and interested parties could show their support by leaving a tip for our group. Just to be clear, only the tipped amount went toward our fundraising goal, and although people could certainly choose to pay to eat on this occasion, the amount paid toward a meal did not benefit the youth group. At the time of this writing, this event had yet to take place, so I cannot comment on how everything turned out on this occasion.

As we mention this upcoming fundraising opportunity, it would be a shame to miss an opportunity to thank the congregation for the support they showed in regards to the fundraising opportunities that we provided during the month of March. For everyone who attended either the Sweetheart Lunch or the Lenten meal, or both, we thank you for your generous support toward the youth programs of this congregation as both events were a huge success!

Finally, to provide a brief recap from our recent past, March was a flurry of opportunities for the youth of this congregation. First, as I mentioned in my DCE message, we took a group of students on a day long trip to go skiing in Sioux Fall, SD at the beginning of the month. Between eating at Pizza Ranch and spending all day in the snow, the students seemed to have a great time, and despite the falls, several students remarked that they are excited about going back again next year. On top of that great start to the month, we also held our monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting here at the church on Sunday, March 12th,

and because the Zion basketball teams had their end of the season party on that same evening, we decided to do some combining for the activity portion of this meeting. As you can see, we have a lot of fun each month, so if you haven't joined us lately, consider joining us for our next meeting.

Finally, for the month of April, our 7th through 12th grade Fusion Youth Group students are invited to join the youth group from St. John's for a combined kickball, yard games, and cookout event on Sunday, April 30th, 2023 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at St. John's Lutheran Church. Food and supplies will be provided, and we are only asking that students provide their own chair. As always, more information can be found on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Youth Ministries." Bring a friend!

Mr. J

May 7th - Fusion Youth Meeting - 5PM to 7PM at Zion Lutheran Church  
May 19th-21st - Camp Luther Retreat - Schuyler, NE (Departure and Return Times to Be Determined)  
April 30th- St. John Kickball/Cookout Event – 5PM to 7PM

## **Faith Weavers**

As we head into the month of May, we do so with a heavy heart knowing that another year of Faith Weavers is coming to a close. That being said, we are not done yet, and as such, we will be having classes every Wednesday during our regular time, barring an unforeseen cancelation. With that, though, if this school year has taught us anything, it is that sometimes things can change on a dime. As such, we would like to remind everyone to check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date announcements and reminders, and again, if the public school were to cancel school due to inclement weather/activities, Faith Weavers will likewise be canceled for that evening. Otherwise, classes will continue through Wednesday, May 3rd, which is the date of our planned last evening of classes for this calendar year and our Faith Weavers closing picnic.

Also, although we will plan to utilize the outdoor space as the weather gets warmer and the sun remains longer into the evening, we would still like to remind parents that students should not be playing on equipment unless supervised by a parent or guardian. This is for the safety of both our volunteers and students. As always, Faith Weavers will take place from 5:15PM-6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced, and if any children between kindergarten and 6th grade would like to join the fun, parents should check our church website under "Educational Ministries" for more information and a way to register online. In addition, if you would like to help with Faith Weavers this year, or next year, by serving in some capacity, week to week, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) in the near future. Those interested in donating to support the Faith Weavers program this year, besides monetary donations, should see the list below for currently needed items. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

## **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Please put donations in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Frozen items should be placed in the freezer. For more information, contact Mr. Jareske using the church phone number.

### **For April:**

1. Jars of alfredo sauce
2. Boxes of spaghetti noodles

### **For May:**

1. Packages of hotdog buns
2. Cans of green beans

# CAMP LUTHER

On Tuesday, April 25th, there will be an informative meeting at 6PM in the Zion gym to discuss the Camp Luther trip in a bit more detail. The goal of the meeting is to give most of the chaperones, participating children, and their parents the proper information on what the trip will entail. At the meeting I would like for most, if not all, the children and their parents that have confirmed their participation to attend. We then can discuss the events and activities of the trip, as well as chaperone arrangements and what we will be doing for meals. We will also be discussing the expected behavior of the youth that are coming, so that it can be a memorable and a fun time, especially as we may look toward providing this type of event in the future. Details about the fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Norfolk, NE on Wednesday, April 26th, will also be included in this meeting. If you cannot come, please email me at [brockmanj@csl.edu](mailto:brockmanj@csl.edu), so that I can pass along the information we will be talking about during the meeting via email. Otherwise, you may call the church's number and ask for me to get more details. ~Vicar Brockman

## Hands for Christ

With the summer months fast approaching, planning has already begun to once again provide this weekend long event for 8th through 12th grade students and adult volunteers aimed at service and community enrichment. As always, expect more information to come in the near future, but if you have any questions at this point, feel free to direct those to Mr. Jareske. Zion Lutheran Church is blessed to have several congregation members on the planning committee for this endeavor, so if Mr. Jareske is unable to provide an answer, he will certainly be able to work with someone who can.



Unless otherwise stated, the Wednesday night Bible Study led by Mr. J will plan to resume meeting in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday evenings beginning in May. Unfortunately, due to a variety of events that are already planned to take place on most Wednesday nights throughout the month of April, Mr. J feels that it would be better to restart this class, with less interruptions, beginning on the evening of Wednesday, May 3rd, at approximately 7PM. This will also coincide with the final week of classes for our Faith Weavers program for this calendar year, and as such, this Bible Study will be able to begin meeting earlier in the evening throughout the summer months following this first week back. All that being said, continue to look for more updates in the church announcements and on our church website in the near future.



In a world full of dangers and distractions around every corner, what can we do to find protection for ourself and those we love? As always, God's Holy Word, the Bible, provides the answer even as we will travel back to a world of princesses and kings, knights and dragons, and castles and kingdoms to explore just what the Bible has to teach us. During Vacation Bible School we hope everyone is prepared to take a medieval journey to a world of adventure where God's Word is mightier than any sword, and a great king takes on the form of a humble

servant to save everyone and become the greatest hero the world has ever known.

The theme for Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce, VBS this year will be Keepers of the Kingdom (Answers in Genesis), and it will be taking place Monday, June 5th, through Friday, June 9th, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM each day, with the VBS closing to take place during the 10:00AM church service on Sunday, June 11th. All students going into Pre K through 6th grade are welcome to join as participants, and anyone 7th grade and older is encouraged to lend a hand as a volunteer. Online registration, both child and volunteer, can be found on our church website, under the VBS tab, and paper registrations can be found in the church office, both beginning in mid April. Mr. Jareske will be leading this event, and he can be contacted by phone (402-329-4313) or by email ([dejare01@icloud.com](mailto:dejare01@icloud.com)) for questions. Adventure awaits this summer!

Also, as we continue toward this summer, if you would like to be involved in the planning process for VBS, please come to our upcoming planning meetings on Tuesday, May 23rd, beginning at 5:30PM in the church fellowship hall. This event takes a lot of planning and preparation, and so we appreciate any help that anyone is able to offer. We will look forward to seeing you soon!

### **VBS Information and Donations**

Although it may be hard to believe, VBS is only a little more than a month away. Keeping that in mind, we are asking the congregation to consider aiding our VBS program by lending their support through a variety of ways, such as:

1. Please continue to keep our students and volunteers in your prayers.
2. We need volunteers who would be willing to serve in a variety of areas. Please consider registering to help with VBS by filling out a paper registration, found at the church office or on our church website, or by completing registration online at our church website, <https://zionlutheranpierce.com/>, under "Educational Ministries" and the VBS tab.
3. Students are now able to be registered, so please consider inviting friends or family members. Paper registrations are available in the church office or can be printed from our church website, and online registration can be completed from our church website, <https://zionlutheranpierce.com/>, under "Educational Ministries" and the VBS tab. Paper registrations may be returned to the Zion Church offices during our regular business hours.
4. For your convenience, a donation board will be featured in the Narthex starting in mid May, so if you are able to buy or provide a few needed items from our wish list, that would be very helpful. For those interested in making cookies, peanut products (including peanuts and peanut butter) are sticky prohibited. We will begin looking for cookie bakers in mid May.
5. For those who would like to support our VBS but cannot volunteer or provide items, we will be accepting monetary donations, as well. Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church, and they can be sent to Zion Lutheran Church (520 E. Main Street, Pierce, NE 68767).

Reminder Vacation Bible School will be taking place June 5th through June 9th from 9AM to 12PM, daily. For question, please contact Mr. Jareske by email ([dejare01@icloud.com](mailto:dejare01@icloud.com)) or by phone (402-329-4313).

# **LWML Agape Circle**

**March 23, 2023**

Zion's LWML Agape Circle met on Thursday March 23 at the church. Betty Maulding gave a devotion about old things becoming new. She also told one of her favorite church memory. Vicar Brockman led the bible study " God's Chosen People - Yesterday and Today. President Lynette Koehler called the meeting to order with 7 members present. The secretary report was read and approved. The treasures report was read and approved. Sandy Buckendahl made a motion and Nancy Kahny second it to give \$200.00, that the Agape and Katherine Circles made from the Lenten meal to go to the Capital Campaign for the new school. Tabled until next month will be further planning for the fund raiser. NE North and South Districts will hold a Seek 'N' serve Day on Saturday April 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Island. The event will be from 9:30 to 3:30. The bible study will be with Molly Dixon. The serving will be between Grand Island Orphan Grain Train and Mercey Meals Headquarters. The in gathering will be for OGT in Grand Island - Hygiene Kits and/or School Kits. The Spring Forward in Faith Event will be on Saturday April 22 at St Paul ( Buffalo Creek ) Lutheran Church , rural Tilden. Registration and brunch is at 8:30 with the meeting starting at 9:00. The speaker will be Rev. Chad Boggs. In gathering will be care packages for deployed service members. The meeting closed with the taking of mites, the LWML pledge and prayers. Dessert was served by hostess Betty Maulding. The April meeting will be on Wednesday April 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. Marlys Bockelman will be the hostess.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Koehler, Secretary*

# **LWML Katherine Circle**

**March 8, 2023**

Shirley Warneke read a daily devotion by Dr. Kari Vo from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Vicar Brockman led the Bible study from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly titled "God's Chosen People...Yesterday and Today." It dealt with three covenants—One: The Abrahamic Covenant from Genesis; Two: The Mosaic Covenant from Exodus; and Three: The New Covenant in which we as believers are united with Christ. Anne Weber read Jacque Collison's notes from a recent Zone Board meeting. Items to note on our calendars are:

April 15, 2023 a Servant Event at Grand Island;

April 22, 2023 Spring Ahead in Faith Event at St. Paul Buffalo Creek rural Tilden with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting at 9:00 a.m.;

October 27, 2023 will be a Fall Event hosted by St. John Battle Creek.

The Katherine Circle's next meeting will be April 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Shirley volunteered to serve the lunch at our April meeting. The meeting closed with prayer. Dessert was served by Dottie Ahlers.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie Ahlers, Secretary*



## LHM Devotions

The Lutheran Hour Ministries devotions will return to their regular routine after Easter. We hope you have grown in your faith from the Lenten devotions; **Man of Sorrows, People of Joy**. Consider using the LHM devotionals for your family devotions and/or your personal devotions. LHM Daily Devotions are written by multiple authors and follow a weekly schedule. The Monday through Thursday devotions are based on the Holy Scripture readings for the following Sunday worship service.

**Monday** - the Psalms **Tuesday** - the Old Testament text **Wednesday** - the Epistle  
**Thursday** - the Gospel **Friday** – preview of Sunday’s **Lutheran Hour**  
sermon **Saturday** - a sermon excerpt by a former Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**  
**Sunday** - a devotion based on a hymn from our hymnal; Lutheran Service Book

LHM daily devotions are available on your cell phone, computer, and I-Pad. Check it out! LHM's **Daily Devotions** are available at: <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/> .



To God be the Glory, Great Things he has done! As the Wild Game Feed Committee puts away the last of the supplies, and signs the final thank you, we give Glory to God and our sincere gratitude to the Zion School Family, the Zion Congregation and the community of Pierce. For 13 years, the Wild Game Feed’s mission has been simple, raise money to continue the Christian education in Pierce at Zion Lutheran School. Year after year, the **MISSION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED**, and we **THANK YOU!** For those who spend countless hours, preparing meat, auction items and setting up the fairgrounds... for those **who** have been at all 13 game feeds, for those who attended for the first time and tried something new on the buffet, and for those **that** give of their time, talent and treasures in a way that brings them joy, we are truly blessed! As a committee, we are proud of the progress we have made in keeping true to our mission, and are excited to see the proceeds of this year’s Wild Game Feed be put to work in the next year at Zion Lutheran Church and School. *Much like any successful event, plans for the 2024 Wild Game Feed are under way!* The date will be Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Lydee Jo Krueger- 402-750-0613. Thank you or all your support from the Wild Game Feed Committee.

## **JUNIOR HIGH CLASS UPDATE**

The year is flying by here in the Jr. High classroom. So far this year we have read 8 novels! Some of those novels were: *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Wrinkle in Time*, *Diary of Anne Frank*, and *Woods Runner*. We are close to completing our 100th math lesson! Our favorite math concepts are collecting like terms, using order of operations, solving proportions, and two-step equations. In social studies, we have recently been studying the American Revolution and the forming of our nation. The students were interested in the different battles and the perseverance of the soldiers. In our science curriculum this year we have studied the different body systems! Our quiz bowl team won their pool play rounds this year and won one match in the tournament. Those students were: Nora Herian, Adrienne Riggert, Brayden Lambrecht, Meredith Krienert, Elliot Vanness, and Natalie Endorf. Our spelling bee participants also did amazing with Meredith Krienert winning the 7th grade division. Max Weber got 2nd and Payton Montgomery placed 3rd in the 8th grade division as well! Last but not least we are so incredibly proud of our confirmands this year. They worked so hard on studying Lutheran doctrine and passed their tests with flying colors! Those students are Brayden Lambrecht, Adrienne Riggert, Nora Herian, Payton Montgomery, Lucea Miller, Max Weber, and Mackenna Wachholtz.

## **Ladies Aid**

**April 5, 2023**

Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> with four members and Vicar Brockman in attendance. The hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” was sung and the devotion titled “Christ’s Easter Victory” was read by LaVon Wachter. Vicar Brockman led the topic titled “Savor for the Lost”. President Sharolyn Buss conducted the business meeting with the secretary and treasurer reports being approved. A total of 30 cards had been sent for the months of Jan., Feb., and March. We certainly want to thank all those who provided rolls or a coffee cake for the Easter breakfast and also to those who helped or provided food for the 2 funerals served. Pastor Bruce was honored for his April birthday. Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer and Table Prayer. Lunch was provided by Sharolyn Buss. *LaVon Wachter, secretary*

## **SUPPORT YOUTH GROUP**

**Stop by the office to get your greeting cards including birthday, sympathy, graduation, confirmation, etc.**



# Confirmation Class 2023

MaKenna Louise Blecher

Revelation 2:10

Brian & JoBeth Blecher

*“Do not fear what you are about to suffer...Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

Jada Elizabeth Brummels

Deuteronomy 7:6

Chris & Kristi Brummels

*“The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the people’s on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.”*

Noah James Fuerhoff-Gubbels

John 15:5

Sarah Fuerhoff Craig Gubbels

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

Cailynn Ann Gardner

John 8:12

Travis & Sara Gardner

*“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Miley Jean Gnirk

John 3:16

Matthew & Heather Gnirk

*“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

Nora Lynn Herian

Jeremiah 29:11

Matt & Lynsey Herian

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Ariana Grace Hilkemann

Psalms 46:1

Gary & Roxie Hilkemann

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

Brailey Lynn Jensen

Joshua 1:9

Jeff & Jessica Jensen

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened; And do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

Brayden Drew Lambrecht

Acts 16:31

Scott & Bridget Lambrecht

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved- you and your household.”*

Charlie Ella Miller

John 8:12

Chad & Amy Miller

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Lucea Grace Miller

John 8:12

Pastor Luke & Chelsea Miller

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Payton Lea Montgomery

Psalms 55:22

Trent & Cindy Montgomery

*"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."*

Maya Elizabeth Reed

Psalms 23:1

Jeremy & Kayla Reed

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."*

Adrienne Carol Riggert

Jeremiah 29:11

Travis & Gretchen Riggert

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

Brynn Maeann Schwartz

John 8:12

Rod & Sarah Schwartz

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Mackenna Jeannine Grace Wachholtz

Isaiah 40:8  
Brian & Kathy Wachholtz

*"The grass withers, The flower fades, But thy word of our God stands forever."*

Chloe Laine Warneke

John 8:12

Justin & Carrie Warneke

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Maxwell James Weber

Romans 1:16

Amy Weber Jim Weber

*"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."*

Lawson Carter Zierke

Philippians 4:13

Gene & Erin Zierke

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*