

# The Contact May 2023

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The Ascension of Jesus is the Christian belief, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, that Jesus ascended to Heaven after his resurrection, where he was exalted as Lord and Christ, sitting at the right hand of God

### Worship in the Park June 4 10:30 AM

Worship in the park will be at the large shelter at Discovery Park, NOT MPW Park. The picnic meal will be a potluck and Zion will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and condiments for both. We will also provide water and lemonade or tea. Everything else is potluck.



### Invite A Friend

Invite a Friend to Worship Sunday! Do you have a friend or family member who hasn't been to worship in a while or ever? Please invite them to join us for worship on Sunday, May 7th so they can meet the Zion family and experience a worship service with us!

## Message from Pastor Willie:

Siblings in Christ - greetings in the name of the crucified and risen one! Last month I shared with you the idea and some examples of adiaphora - those things which are indifferent or neutral, but we sometimes give them more meaning and importance than they merit. I also told you that this month I would cover the very opposite of adiaphora - central things! Specifically, that which is at the center of our worship life, which is at the center of our life together living in Christian community.

20<sup>th</sup> century German theologian and martyr of Nazi Germany, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, wrote a lovely book called *Christ the Center*. And indeed, at the center of the central things is Christ, crucified and risen. The central things of worship and of life together in community revolve around this good news and the central things directs us to this good news - both hearing it and sharing it with one another and with the world.

In all honesty, there is only enough space here to touch very briefly on the central things and I suspect they will not be unfamiliar to anyone who regularly participates in worship.

### Confession & Forgiveness

We practice confession and forgiveness at most regular worship services of the church. The exception being the use of the rite of Thanksgiving for Baptism during the season of Easter, though I confess that I am somewhat uncomfortable with this thanksgiving replacing confession and forgiveness in a worship service. Confession and forgiveness are the means of grace by which God has given us means to reach reconciliation and peace within our relationship with God and with our neighbor. Sometimes called the Office of the Keys, Lutheran practice both corporate and private confession and forgiveness. The presiding minister declares God's forgiveness of sins through God's love and grace and we are expected to practice this within our own relationships as well, both when we have caused harm and been harmed.

### Proclamation of God's Word

If someone were to plan a worship service without including scripture, I would consider the service woefully incomplete. The gathered body of Christ hears God's Word together in worship, both through the public reading of scripture and through the preaching of the living Word of God - Christ, crucified and risen - to the congregation.

### Prayer

We pray together in worship and privately because this is the means by which we can communicate with God. We have prayers formed by the theme of the scriptures for the day, prayers of intercession, prayers of thanksgiving following the offering and Holy Communion, and the Lord's Prayer. We pray together because God's people have prayed for millennia in relationship with God.

## Message from Pastor Willie Cont'd):

### Sacraments

We celebrate the sacraments regularly in worship. Holy Baptism as we welcome new members into the body of Christ and into the mission we share, celebrating with them as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and God's forgiveness and grace as the baptized body of Christ is united by Holy Baptism to Christ's death and resurrection. Through Holy Baptism we receive new birth and new life.

In Holy Communion we celebrate and receive the true presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine, received by the faith given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit in baptism. This is not merely a meal of remembrance, this is a means by which we receive God's grace and forgiveness through the presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and the wine. We join with the great communion of saints who are gathered at the feast of the Lord's Table. We cannot truly and fully understand how God joins us together with the Church throughout the world and the saints who have gone before us, but we trust in God's faithfulness and the mystery of this meal, from the youngest to the oldest, we place our trust in God that we receive this meal with grateful and faithful hearts.

### Sharing the Good News

All of these central things lead us to the dismissal at the end of the service. This may seem like a nice way to close the service so that everyone knows that worship has ended, but the word "dismissal" is from the Latin *dismissus* which means "to be sent out". The worship service may have ended, but our work in sharing the good news of God's love and grace does not end. We are called, equipped, and sent into the world to share the gospel with the world!

These are the central things of Christian worship. They revolve around the good news of Christ crucified and risen at the center of our faith. They include the means by which we receive God's grace and forgiveness and how we are renewed in faith, hope, and love. Everything else is details - from candles to paraments to the songs we sing. These things may point us to the central things. But let us remember to keep the central things the central things so that we can keep our worship and our lives centered on the good news of Christ crucified and risen.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Willie Rosin

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**Altar Guild:**

Week 1: Richardsons

Week 2: Sheryl & Sarah

Week 3: Pusateris

Week 4: Starkweathers

Sub: Hanson

**Lunch Bunch**

May 11 11:30 a.m. @ Momma Mia

**Contact News**

All newsletter information and articles for the June Contact are due by the end of day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.



**FFN: Family Faith Night**

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of Family Faith Night! Our final FFN for this 2022/23 year will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Thank you!**

Dear Zion Lutheran Church, Quilting Ladies:  
On behalf of our Veterans and staff at the Iowa City Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System we extend our sincere appreciation for your gifts. Your donation will be used to bring cheer and comfort to Veterans during their visit. We strive to provide the best in care and treatment for our Veterans and your gifts help us to add a personal, caring touch to our services. Thank you for showing this interest in our patients and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,  
Cesar G. Emano  
Chief, Center for Development & Civic Engagement

**Thank you!**

From MCSA  
Thank you for your Food Pantry Contribution of \$46.00 We are pleased to accept your contribution and will use it toward food for those in need in Muscatine County. Your support also encourages us in our efforts to empower people to work out of poverty.

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### Birthdays:

Cindy Hank 05/03/1955  
Tyler Baars 05/06/1994  
Beth Batenhorst 05/08/1960  
Ella Schroeder 05/08/2005  
Jacob Dornbush 05/09/1990  
Allen Miller 05/10/1946  
Leslie Watson 05/10/1958  
David Hanson 05/12/1949  
Grace Rosin 05/12/2003  
Ellie McCleary 05/14/2013  
Brian Wright 05/16/1962  
Oliver Thompson 05/17/2021  
Briar Evans 05/18/2011  
Stacey Ramos 05/19/1964  
Asher Dornbush 05/20/2020  
Reita Driskell 05/20/1947  
Ria Meyer 05/23/1944  
Kirk Butcher 05/26/1957  
Alexandria Steele 05/26/2003  
Carolyn Dittman 05/27/1947  
Julissa Williams 05/28/2004  
Braelynn Steele 05/29/2013  
Natalie Taylor 05/29/2014  
Lexi McCleary 05/30/2011  
Richard Jacobsen 05/31/1958

### Birthdays Over 80:

\*\* Shirley Paetz 05/03/1927

\* 80-89 Years Young

\*\* 90-99 Years Young

\*\*\* 100 Years Young



### Birthday Party

You are invited to an open house to celebrate Doris Watson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 6/2/2023



at Zion Lutheran Church!! It will be in the fellowship hall from 4 p.m. - 7p.m.  
NO Gifts please.

### Graduate Sunday

Graduate recognition Sunday is May 21<sup>st</sup> during the 9 a.m. worship service. Graduates or parents of graduates, please bring to the church office a senior picture and brief description of your future plans, by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. These will be used on a display board on May 21<sup>st</sup> and in the worship bulletin for that day. Thank you!



### Sunday School Flower Planting

The Sunday School will plant flowers in the cross after worship on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Donations of flowers can be brought to the church beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping with this project!  
The rain date for planting is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Toiletries for MCSA

Just a reminder that the Social Ministry Committee collects donations of toiletries and delivers them to MCSA. Now that you may be traveling more for work or for fun, you may have the opportunity to pick up extra shampoo, conditioner, or body lotion that you did not use. Feel free to drop them off in our tote which is labeled and located next to the Church Mailboxes in the basement entrance. We will make sure that they get to MCSA. Thank you! Social Ministry Committee

### Isabelle Rosin Graduation Party

On May 20<sup>th</sup> you are invited to join us as we celebrate Isabelle's graduation from Muscatine High School. We will have a reception at Zion Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall from 4:00-7:00 p.m.



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**Anniversaries:**

Jessica and Joseph Hoiberg 05/13

Doreen and Neil Borde 05/14

Dyann and David Roby 05/31

**Over 50 Years:**

Vivien and Tim Halloran 05/30

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert & Rev. Pam Saturnia & Rev. Bill Dyar.

**Usher Schedule**

Riley Padgett

Mike Watson

Mark Perisho

Bill Toyne



**FREE Summer Music Camp**

July 10-14, 2023, for students who have completed K-6th grade Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine K-2nd grade students meet 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. daily 3rd-6th grade students meet 9:00am-2:30 p.m. daily with lunch provided. Register at <https://wesleyonline.org/music/> by July 3, and by June 15 to guarantee a camp t-shirt.

We have sign-up sheets for **Hospitality 2023** upstairs.

**Z - Book Club**

**Monday, June 26, at 5:30**

**PM at Diamond Dave's**

**The Smoke of You: A Memoir of Love During & After Deployment.** After

years of flirting in the baseball dugout of their small South Dakota town, denying to friends and family anything beyond a friendship, Amber-now home from her college study abroad in Mexico-and Blake-newly committed to military service-reunite, and finally confess their true feelings for one another. Later, their love and marriage are tested by Blake's deployment to Iraq during Amber's first pregnancy, and by the changes in Blake after his return and reintegration, his subsequent battle with chronic pain, and the slow-burning challenges of married life.

Pastor Willie went to high school with Blake and Amber and all of them were part of the same congregation in Bryant, South Dakota.



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**Upcoming Meetings:**

**May 16- 1:00 p.m.** Group 5 MPR  
Carol as hostess

**May 25 -6:30 p.m.** Joy Circle

**Reminders:**

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

**Men's Bible Study** meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All American Diner.

**Z-Book Club**

Monday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Diamond Dave's

**Laundry Love**



Zion has an opportunity to jump in and help Trinity Episcopal Church to ensure everyone has access to clean laundry! What human dignity is to smell good & have clean clothes, towels, blankets, and sheets! Just think about it - it helps people apply for jobs by showing up for interviews in clean clothes. And remember what it was like at school for those who did not smell the freshest; this helps alleviate the embarrassment for the kids. Next time you wash your sheets and blankets, take a big, deep breath of clean linens, and imagine how great that would be for everyone to experience! And you can help make this happen!

Zion will be collecting supplies in our labeled white hamper at the basement entrance, and the Social Ministry will ensure they get to Trinity. Supplies needed are the following: Laundry Detergent, Softener Sheets, Bleach, Socks for kids and adults, Big Garbage bags, Funds (can be given through your offering, label it for Laundry Love).

On the 4th Thursday of every month, Trinity provides folks vouchers to come do their laundry. If you are interested in volunteering, your help would be greatly appreciated!

Midtown Laundromat 1508 Isett Avenue, Muscatine

Date: 4th Thursday of every month

Times: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The folks from Trinity will be there to provide guidance. Help put coins into the machines when the vouchers get turned in, help fold clean laundry and help provide some company. More hands make less work! If you want to assist, contact Jim Sammons, the lead of Laundry Love, at 563-260-7291. Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee

**VBS**

Currently planned for 6/13-6/17. From 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. @ Grace Lutheran Church. More information to follow.

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### Christians Underground -

We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

### Food For Thought

Sometimes those around you will not understand your journey. That's okay. It's not their path, it's yours. Remember, if you live for people's ACCEPTANCE you will die from their REJECTION.

So don't worry about other people's opinions of you. God never told you to impress people, only to love them.

### Did you know?

We need your help!!

The church website needs new pictures. Please help by submitting church/church event pictures to zionmuscatine@gmail.com or dropping them by the office.

We now have a "give" button on our website and on our Facebook page!!

It's linked through Tithe.ly.

### Evangelism Committee

The Zion Evangelism Committee has been inactive for several years. Rev. Bill Dyar volunteered to chair this committee and is looking for members to help with this committee. If you are interested in serving on the Evangelism Committee, please contact the Zion church office. Thank you!

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$300	\$275	\$77

Total Offering Received For Week 4/30/23	\$3974
YTD Offering Received	\$69326
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to Meet Weekly Budget	\$5289

### Matthew Richardson's Graduation Party



Help us celebrate Matthew's graduation from high school on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall!!



## May 2023 LSI Article and Story

### Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.

LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

**Our Mission:** Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

### Staying Connected to your Roots

LSI Foster Care and Adoption is proud to be part of the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) project, which is a collaborative effort between the four native tribes of Nebraska, human services agencies and private agency partners in Nebraska and Iowa. As part of the project's efforts, we recruit, train, license and support Native American families in accord with the traditions, needs and resources of their communities.

Rebecca and Kirby expanded their family when they adopted their son in January. The couple had the opportunity to work with the Omaha Tribe and were able to participate in the second Customary Adoption in the State of Iowa.

Through their Customary Adoption, the family completed a culture plan with the tribe and will be able to keep their newly adopted son connected to his cultural roots with the Omaha Tribe. The new family also was able to keep their son connected to his biological siblings, so he can continue to be involved with them.

LSI is proud to help connect families, like Rebecca and Kirby, with the resources they need to continue to grow their families and build the brightest future for Iowa children.

**Save the date - May 20, 2023!** On Saturday, May 20th, you are invited to join the entire Southeastern Iowa Synod for a Revival at Grand View University in Des Moines! This is a A one-day event presented by the Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA designed to nourish and connect people and to reimagine our relationships in and with the church. This event is free of charge and intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, food, and prayer. Bring your friends, neighbors, family, or anyone and watch what God does! Please bring your own chair for sitting outside. In case of rain, all events will be inside at Grand View University facilities. More information is available at the Southeastern Iowa Synod website [www.seiasynod.org](http://www.seiasynod.org)

## **What to Expect at the Synod Revival**

### **Mainstage Access and Parking**

The main stage will be outside, there is nearby parking on flat paved surfaces. We ask that participants bring a chair but there are hard surfaces to walk and set up chairs. Restrooms are nearby.

*In case of inclement weather:* The main stage will be held inside the Student Center which is a short walk from parking on hard surfaces. Restrooms are located in that building.

### **Varied Ministries Building**

The varied ministries building is a short walk on paved surfaces from the mainstage area. Various ministries and organizations from around the synod and our church partners will have activities, information about their ministries, and more.

*In case of inclement weather:* the Varied Ministries will also be in the Student Center.

### **Food**

Light snacks and coffee will be freely available until lunch time. There will be a \$5 lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, a drink, a side, chips, and a cookie) and a la carte snacks available for purchase during the event. Free popcorn will be available at the varied ministries building. In case of heat, bottled water will also be available at the registration tent.

### **Will there be things for kids to do?**

We have a team of volunteers working on activities that will be fun for ages 0-99.

Organizers have arranged for family fun activities with a special focus on kids. There will be outdoor games for adults and kids alike. Several of the varied ministries' displays have activities for children as well.

### **I'm concerned about mobility and accessibility...**

We are working hard to ensure that this is an event for all and volunteers will be on-site to assist. The main areas of the revival are all accessible by paved surfaces and ADA-accessible buildings.

### **Schedule/Worship**

10:00 AM Opening and Welcome - Bishop Amy Current and President Keck, Grand View University

10:30 AM Bishop Yehiel Curry, Metro Chicago Synod

11:00 AM Rachel Kurtz, Musician

11:30 AM Break

12:00 PM Bishop Yehiel Curry

12:30 PM Rachel Kurtz

1:00 PM Break

1:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (Varied Ministries Building closes for worship)

3:00 PM Closing

## Updated 2023 Global Barnyard



NAME	Animals
Dave & Peggy Starkweather's Grandkids	2- Goats
Dave & Peggy Starkweather's Grandkids	3- Pigs
Dave & Peggy Starkweather's Grandkids	6- Chickens
Riley Padgett	1-Cow
Mike Carter, Bill Dyar, Loryann Eis	1-Cow
Group 5, Wilma Montgomery, Michael & Leslie Watson, Sunday School Classes, Mark & Julie Frye, Group 6, Denise Dunnahoo Bulcke, Office Crew, Jan Pohl, Doris Watson	1-Cow
Mark & Sara Perisho	1-Cow
Jim & Julie Haage	1-Cow & 1-Pig
Bob Nicolai	10- Goats
Ruth Starkweather	1 Goat

## Puzzle Page

### Mother's Day Word Scramble

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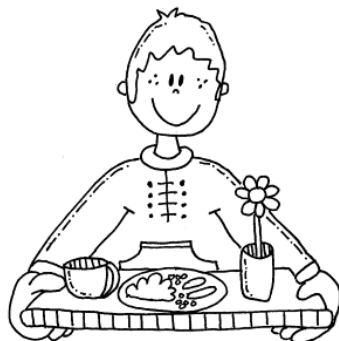
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 Pastor's Sabbath</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Building Use - Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:00 p.m. FFN 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Bag of Blessings</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>8 Pastor's Sabbath</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>9</b> 1:00 p.m. Memorial Committee 7:00 p.m. Building Use - Scouts	<b>10</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:00 p.m. FFN 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>11</b> 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @ Momma Mia 6:30 p.m. All Comm. Night	<b>12</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Quarters For Hunger</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>15 Pastor's Sabbath</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Group 5 MPR 7:00 p.m. Building Use - Scouts	<b>17</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:00 p.m. FFN 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>18</b> 6:30 p.m. Council Mtg	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>20</b> 4-7 p.m. Rosin Grad Reception
<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship - Grad Recognition Sunday 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>22 Pastor's Sabbath</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>23</b> 8:45 a.m. Building Use Foster Care Review Board 7:00 p.m. Building Use - Scouts	<b>24</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Joy Circle <b>Contact info due</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Food Pantry</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Building Use AA	<b>29 Pastor's Sabbath</b> 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>30</b> 7:00 p.m. Building Use - Scouts	<b>31</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:30 p.m. Building Use - AA	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>