



# Zion Messenger

May 2024

REJOICING, REACHING OUT, and RENEWING,  
we share the joy of the gospel, through a life of faith.



## Just for Today

*"So do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.  
Today's trouble is enough for today.  
(Matthew 6:34)*

As spring begins to blossom, I think of the dust bunnies and cobwebs of winter that need **to be cleaned. I don't know about you, but cleaning is not my favorite thing to do.** I've used so many excuses throughout the winter and even Lent. So many excuses that as I look **at all that needs to be done, I'm overwhelmed.**

Too many things in our lives are the same way — the job feels so big and overwhelming. **That's when the scripture verse from Matthew is helpful — do not worry about tomorrow... today's trouble is enough for today.**

Every task and every journey begins with **one step at a time. I'm going to begin my** spring cleaning the way I begin all tasks — one step at a time. If we can all focus on what we can do, little by little, the tasks will be done in their own time.

**With that in mind, I share this poem...**

### *Just for Today*

*Just for today, I will live through this day only.*

*I will not brood about yesterday  
or obsess about tomorrow.*

*I will not set far-reaching goals  
or try to overcome all of my problems at once.*

*I know that I can do something for 24 hours  
that would overwhelm me  
if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.*

*Just for today, I will be happy.*

*I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me.  
If my mind fills with clouds,*

*I will chase them away  
and fill it with sunshine.*

*Just for today, I will accept what is.  
I will face reality.*

*I will correct those things I can correct  
and accept those I cannot.*

*Just for today, I will improve my mind.  
I will read something that requires  
effort, thought and concentration.*

*I will not be a mental loafer.*

*Just for today,*

*I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable.*

*I will be kind and courteous  
to those who cross my path,  
and I'll not speak ill of others.*

*I will improve my appearance, speak softly,  
and not interrupt  
when someone else is talking.*

*Just for today, I will refrain  
from improving anybody but myself.*

*Just for today, I will do something positive  
to improve my health.*

*If I'm a smoker, I'll quit.*

*If I am overweight, I will eat healthfully -  
if only just for today.*

*And not only that, I will get off the couch  
and take a brisk walk,  
even if it's only around the block.*

*Just for today, I will gather the courage  
to do what is right and take responsibility  
for my own actions.*

**Let us leave tomorrow in God's hands  
while we do what we can today.**

**In God's love,**

*Pastor Carlson*



# Corner

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.*  
(Ephesians 5:15-16)

# President's

The weather for the last few days has started to feel more like spring. Spring and Fall are my two favorite seasons, and I always say they go way too fast. One thing I have been thinking about lately is how truly fast time seems to go by. I remember being so excited to turn 13, 16, and 21. While I was waiting for these milestone birthdays, it felt like time was going by extremely slow.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> our son Wade will be getting married to a wonderful young lady, Jennifer. We truly love her, and honestly, we would have hand picked her for him ourselves.

The last couple of weeks have had me thinking about how fast Wade's 31 years have flown by. In less than 2 weeks our son will be getting married! It literally seems like just the other day he was born, started talking and walking, going to school, graduating... I'm sure you get my point. I find myself wishing I would have realized how truly fast this time would go by and did better at soaking in every moment just a little bit more. I also realize that I am one of the "lucky" moms that gets to see her son go through all these milestones in life. I know I am truly blessed.

As we focus on the final weeks of wedding preparation, I am trying to remind myself to "soak in the moments" and not worry about the things that truly don't matter in the end.

God's Blessings!  
Tammy Reigle  
Council President

*Be wise  
in the way you act toward outsiders;  
make the most of every opportunity.*  
(Colossians 4:5)



From the  
Vicar



## Be Kind to One Another

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he writes "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32) This passage from Ephesians encouraged me to think what does it truly mean to be compassionate to one another and why is it difficult to do at times? The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines compassion as sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it. Exactly what does this mean though?

Theologian Henri Nouwen defined compassion best in his writing titled "Here and Now." Nouwen wrote,

*"Compassion means to become close to the one who suffers.*

*But we can come close to another person*

*only when we are willing to become vulnerable ourselves.*

*A compassionate person says: I am your brother, I am your sister;*

*I am human, fragile, and mortal, just like you.*

*I am not scandalized by your tears, nor afraid of your pain.*

*I too have wept. I too have felt pain.*

*We can be with the other only when the other ceases to be other and becomes like us.*

*The suffering person calls us to become aware of our own suffering."*

Nouwen's description of compassion explains why it is difficult for us at times to show compassion to others. If we are to truly show one another compassion, we must first become vulnerable and acknowledge our own pain and shortcomings. When we become vulnerable and acknowledge our own pain, it makes many of us feel uneasy and/or uncomfortable. This may be why it is difficult for many of us to show true compassion to others. Although we may be hesitant or uneasy about acknowledging our own vulnerability it can be beneficial to do so.

When we acknowledge our own vulnerability, it can help reduce our anxiety, become more self-aware, and strengthen our relationships according to *Psychology Today*. In becoming vulnerable we build stronger relationships which in return builds stronger communities. When we build stronger communities, we build a community that is resilient and that provides and cares for one another. This must have been what the Apostle Paul was encouraging when he wrote the Ephesians to "Be kind and compassionate to one another." The Apostle Paul was encouraging the Ephesians to build a strong community in Christ that cared for and provided for one another.

I believe we should follow the Apostle Paul's encouragement to show compassion to one another even if it makes us uneasy. In showing compassion for one another, I hope it will also assist with building strong relationships and a strong community that cares and provides for one another. When a community cares for one another, the community becomes a better place for all.

My siblings in Christ, I encourage us to take the Apostle Paul's words to the Ephesians to heart and to show kindness and compassion to one another. Hopefully when we show kindness and compassion to others it will build a community where all feel welcomed and cared for.

Blessings,  
Vicar Keith Powell

*Zion Congregational Council  
Minutes from March 19, 2024*

**Call to Order:** Tammy Reigle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Present:** Kay Flanagan, Pastor Carolann Hopcke, Jim Meyer, Chris Nelson, Vicar Keith Powell, Sara Rasmussen, Tammy Reigle, Amber Salwei, Roberta Seda, Josh Thayer, Mary Kay Tisthammer,

**Equipping Time:** Tammy Reigle led the equipping time. She shared an article about choosing kindness daily. Kindness might require sacrifice. Dealing with difficult people is part of life, but we can choose how we respond to these people.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** Sara Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2024. Roberta Seda seconded. Motion carried.

### **Report of Officers**

**President:** Tammy Reigle

Sexton Tonya Hunt will be on vacation. She is cleaning right before she leaves for Holy Week. She will be gone the following week. Council members may need to help clean during Holy Week.

**Vice President:** Mary Kay Tisthammer – no report.

**Treasurer:** Nancy Ahlers – Dishwasher fund was changed to kitchen fund. We have recently had a donation to the kitchen fund. Forty for Lent = \$5,195 as of February 29, 2024. This money will be used to repay the building fund for Phase I of our Handicapped Accessibility Project. Mary Kay Tisthammer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Josh Thayer seconded. Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Carolann Hopcke

The Nebraska Synod requires boundary training; this will be April 24<sup>th</sup> in Genoa. Zion's congregational report was submitted. Pastor is putting together a property and acquisitions list. Someone asked about the possibility of an outdoor digital sign. Pastor checked with two sign companies. The bricks are falling apart around our current sign. Holy Week is next week. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday and there are 16 First Communion students.

**Intern Pastor:** Vicar Keith Powell

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) will be May 12<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup> at Good Samaritan, Albion. Vicar will be in class every Sunday from 4-9pm. He will be responsible for visits every day at the assisted living, nursing home, and caring cottages. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, he will be covering worship at the Nursing Home for Pastor Elizabeth Goehring. He has several papers to finish by May 10th. He has been enjoying doing the children's sermons during Lent.

**High School Youth Coordinator:** Dorothy Grosch

They have had several requests for Egg Your yard. They are working on the Sunrise service..

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Evangelism:** The committee prepared new member bags for the Briese & Nelson families. They will need to order more bags – there are only 2 on hand.

Graduate signs – we have enough signs on hand for both preschool & 8th graders.

Hospital Bears / Dogs – we have a box of dogs on hand when the hospital needs more.

May Day Cookies – they will ask for the same amount as last year; this will be done through signup Genius. They decided to give away 22 small trays & 7 large trays. The list of recipients is in the Evangelism minutes.

Family Fun Night with an Outdoor Movie – Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Possible Movies: Air Bud; Babe; Beethoven; Goonies; Harry & the Henderson's; Hotel for Dogs; Secret Life of Pets

**Faith and Fellowship:** Coffee & Conversation continues to happen at 9:30am on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Dotted Daisy. The next gathering will be at 9:30am on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Beer, Soup & Bible Study This study will be held in the community room at the Gateway Terrace.

Potluck Supper & Game Night – Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. This went well. Not many people attended but everyone had a great time.

Pool Party – we would like to rent the pool on either July 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. Deb Borchers will check with Marcia Seier about who to contact.

Family Fun Night – the committee agreed to help the Evangelism Committee with this event.

**Mission Endowment:** All the current officers stayed the same. They reviewed the endowment accounts.

**Property:** The old insurance company completed their report (150pgs) on the bell tower and suggested that we submit a new claim. Part of the problem is due to a lack of maintenance. The black spots on the ceiling are caused by the change of temperatures and lack of insulation. Some of these problems need to be fixed soon. The old entry way and the audio visual balcony need a lot of work.

Furnaces – we had a plan of replacing one or two a year. We need to check with Kelly’s about where we are with that plan.

Drywall Bill – the bill for the drywall was much higher than the estimate. Pat Zaruba called to question the discrepancy and was told to pay the estimate.

Painting – Janice Mangelson \$932 (includes a \$100 discount for the church). She charged the paint to the Lumber yard.

Carpet Cleaning – Bill Frey cleaned the carpet on March 9, 2024.

**Quilters:** Bob and Gay Sandman used one of their Thrivent Action Team cards to purchase materials and build a stand for holding the quilt batting.

**Worship:** The Easter flowers have been ordered from Petal and Stem in Spalding. The Good Friday Ecumenical Crosswalk will take place on March 29th at 10am. They will start at the fairgrounds and end up at the new Levander funeral home. Deb Borchers volunteered to take Nancy Krohn’s job of filling all of the candles with oil.

### Task Force Reports

**Handicap Accessibility Project** – Josh Thayer left a message with Brian from B-D Construction and told him we needed an estimate from them for the elevator to complete a grant application by April 30th.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Adjournment:** Mary Kay Tisthammer moved to adjourn the meeting. Roberta Seda seconded. Motion carried. Tammy Reigle adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm. Pastor Carolann led the council in the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kay Flanagan, Council Secretary



## 2024 Fellowship Coffee Serving Schedule

May: Luther League & Confirmation  
June: **Volunteers Needed!**  
July: **Volunteers Needed!**  
August: Men of Zion

## May Day Cookie Tray Thanks!



The Evangelism Committee offers their thanks to all those who donated cookies for our May Day Cookie Trays! The trays were given to local small businesses that were able to provide their services and survive all the pandemic restrictions! We are thankful for the resilience of our small town people!



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Colby Addison, Cheryl Sherburne
- 2 Jaclynn Roberg, Vicki Rother,  
Pam Wright
- 3 Kalynn Koch, Alida Kurtenbach,  
Josh Thayer, Kolin Zoubek
- 4 Don Thorberg, Karen Wieneke
- 5 Jolene Roberg, Mary Staub
- 6 Morgan Paulson, Baker Rasmussen
- 8 Pat Cleveland
- 9 Dallas Choat
- 10 Lauren Briese, Kennedy Dozler,  
Chance Trollope
- 11 *Paul Brugger\**
- 12 Grant Rasmussen, Susan Staub,  
*Doris Warner\**
- 13 Matt Niewohner
- 17 Paeton Kaumans, Lanny Rasmussen,  
Eliza Trombley
- 18 Tye Nolan
- 19 Taylor Johnston
- 20 Rick Spiegel
- 21 Patricia Cleveland, Parker Roberg
- 22 Kasey Krohn, Amy Nelson, Ross Nelson,  
Philip Rasmussen
- 24 Jon Lindgren
- 25 Ann Ahlstedt, Bill Curry, Kalli Niemann,  
Gay Sandman, Preston Trollope
- 26 Jerry Tisthammer
- 27 Patricia Neidhardt
- 29 Jenna Callies, Mishayla Slaymaker,  
Molly Young
- 30 *Annie Hellbusch\**
- 31 Jeff Lindgren, Brynn Petersen,  
John Wagner

*\*Denotes 80+ years young*



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Michelle & Terry Merten
- 7 Nikki & Rich Heidemann
- 9 *Colin & Mildred Koeppen\**
- 10 *Patricia & Randy Neidhardt\**  
Dave & Kim Woebbecke
- 12 Daniel & Debra Bittner
- 24 Laisha & Matthew Winter
- 26 *Ellen & Mike Frey\**
- 29 Deloris & Jim McMillan
- 31 Kim & Tracy Coakes

**\*Denotes 50+ years of marriage**




The Mission Endowment  
Committee will meet on  
Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

We are not perfect and sadly, neither is our database. If you know of folks whose names are missing from the birthday or anniversary lists, please let us know. We really would like to include everyone. Thanks!



**Women's Circles** May 2024



Peace Circle will meet at Zion on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am. *Mary Levander* will be the leader.

Grace Circle will meet on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Zion. Cynthia Kraus is the host. For more information, please speak with *Doris Warner*.



**Save the Dates!**

Vacation Bible School 2024

VBS will be held from  
June 10-14, 2024  
9am — 12noon

**2024 Flower Committee**



May  
Mary Kay Tisthammer

June  
Jacque Dickey




**National Day of Prayer**  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Armed Forces Day**



Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

★ARMED FORCES DAY★




**Confirmation**

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the following young people will affirm the faith proclaimed at their baptisms:

*Ella Paige Gompert*  
*Bristol Dallas Hardwick*  
*Colton Ronald Juzenas*  
*Kasey Lynn Krohn*  
*Cale William Moser*  
*Dalton James Olnes*  
*Alexis Elizabeth Pedro*  
*Kollin Cyrus Rasmussen*  
*Reed David Reinhart*  
*Ava Marie Tisthammer*  
*Chance Michael Trollope*  
*Tyson James Webster*

On that day, they will recommit themselves to their relationship with God and the church. The congregation will also recommit ourselves to supporting them in faith and life, and pray for God's continued blessings upon them.

On the Friday night before Confirmation, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, families & mentors will host supper for the confirmands, their families, sponsors, and mentors. At that time we will publicly affirm many of the ways we have seen God active in their lives and name the unique gifts we believe God has given them.



Pentecost Sunday  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for worship  
at 9:00am  
Please wear **RED!**



Annie Jo Krohn



Jase Michael Salwei



Kalynn Elizabeth Koch



Kolby James Pedro

Maundy Thursday  
March 28, 2024



Lauren Rose Gompert



Lincoln Alexander Hanaway



Masan David Skillstad





*Mia Jane Curry*



***Paxtyn Lynn O'Connor***



*Skylar Grace Porter*



*Spencer Henry Leetch*



*Tinsley Ray Neidhardt*

*May God bless all of these  
First Communicants  
and strengthen them  
through this  
Holy Sacrament.  
May it continue to be  
a source of  
God's grace and forgiveness  
throughout their lives.  
**Welcome to God's Table!***



*Vienna Clareen Neidhardt*



*Trisha Sue Winter*



*Tucker Maverick Stuhr*



The Annual BONFIRE will be on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

The annual Luther League Bonfire, to welcome 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and wish Godspeed to our Seniors, will be held on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Dorothy's home. (2488½ Old Mill Rd) It will begin at 6:30pm. There will be food and games!

All 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!



Luther League would like to THANK EVERYONE for so lovingly and faithfully supporting us and coming to our EASTER BREAKFAST

*We appreciate all of you!*

## Bible Emergency Numbers



"No, it hasn't stopped raining. The puddles are still wiggling."

amen  
amen

- When in sorrow.....John 14
- When men fail you.....Psalm 27
- When you have sinned.....Psalm 51
- When you have worry.....Matthew 6:19-34
- When you are in danger.....Psalm 91
- When God seems far away.....Psalm 139
- When your faith needs stirring.....Hebrews 11
- When you are lonely and fearful.....Psalm 23
- When you grow bitter and critical.....1 Cor. 13
- When you feel down and out.....Romans 8:31-39
- When you want peace and rest.....Matthew 11:25-30
- When the world seems bigger than God.....Psalm 90
- When you want Christian assurance.....Romans 8:1-30
- When you leave home for labor or travel.....Psalm 121
- When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....Psalm 67
- When you want courage for a task.....Joshua 1
- When you think of investments/returns.....Mark 10
- How to get along with others.....Romans 12
- For great invention/opportunity.....Isaiah 55
- For Paul's secret to happiness.....Col. 3:12-17
- If you want to be fruitful.....John 15
- If your pocketbook is empty.....Psalm 37
- If your losing confidence in people.....1 Cor. 13
- If people seem unkind.....John 15
- If discouraged about your work.....Psalm 126
- If you find the world growing small, and you great...Psalm 19



Graduate  
Recognition  
Sunday  
May 12, 2024  
9:00am

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Colby Daniel Addison  
Dylan Leigh Choat  
Luke Wade Curry  
Audra Linn Groth  
Halle Paige Hanaway  
Thane Mitchell Hardwick  
Hank Anthony Hudson  
Kathryn Elizabeth Kohtz  
Cade Brian Moser  
Mason Allen Nelson  
Kolton Jon Rasmussen  
Elizabeth (Elle) Ann Webster

Please join us as we honor and celebrate our graduates!  
Cookies and coffee will be served after worship.  
We are so proud of all our Graduates!

**Graduate**  
*PowerPoint*

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

*We would like to put together a slide show for Graduate Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Email pictures to the church office at [office@zionalbion.org](mailto:office@zionalbion.org). You may also bring  
them to the office and we can scan them.*

*We would like a total of 7 pictures per graduate: 2 senior year, 1 baby, and 4  
others of your choice. Please submit your pictures **no later than Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>!***

*If you would like to help put the PowerPoint together, please let Amy Allgood or Pastor know.*

*Thanks for your help!*

# PUZZLE

## UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.  
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.  
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

flower, stem, bee, leaf

pink, red, yellow, blue

mother, sister, brother, aunt

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

my, our, she, your

faith, family, love, hope

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

silver, white, gold, bronze

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"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,  
the unfading beauty of a g \_\_\_\_\_  
and qu \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_, which is  
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

## a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop  
a vase to help arrange  
flowers and hold stems  
in place. This personalized  
frog will become a favorite!

### What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



### What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



## Bible Quiz

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Puzzle Answers on page 14

## ♪ **Just a Note** ♪

Thanks Bell Choir!

**Jacque Dickey,  
Jenny Gompert,**

**Sheena Krohn, Jerene Kruse,  
Mary Levander, Whitney Paulson,  
Marcia Seier, Cheryl Sherburne,  
Linda Spiegel, Tami Texley and  
Bonnie Wagner** — you did a

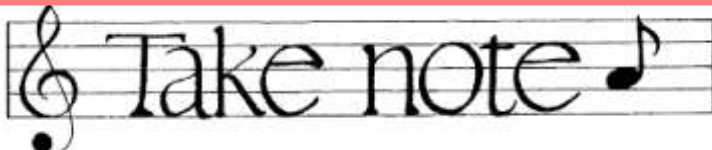
GREAT job on Easter! Your  
music helped make  
celebrating Jesus even more  
meaningful! **Thank you!**



## **Communion Elements Available**

Individually packaged communion elements continue to be available for pick up in the church narthex. Take as many as you need for your household. This will let you take communion with us on Sundays as you watch Facebook live or Vyve Channel 21. If it is easier, or you are more comfortable taking communion in your seat, you may use these elements to take communion on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions, please talk to  
Pastor Carolann or Amy Zaruba.



## Thank You Sr. Choir!

We can't thank all of you enough for all the time, effort, and talent you shared with the congregation on Easter! You all added so much to our praise and worship of Christ's Resurrection — Thank you!

The choir will be taking a break during the summer, but if you are able to offer any special music this summer, let me know. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Tiffany Curry, Choir Director

## ✝ Christian Symbol ✝

### **GREEN**

Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.



## Altar Guild

2024

May:

Kent & Sheila Carder\*  
Kent & Mary Kay  
Tisthammer

June

Jacque & Tom Dickey  
Connie Nelson  
Gina Temme

# NewsLetter DEADLINE

**The deadline for the  
June Messenger is  
Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**



All of Zion's SignUp sheets can be found online!

All of Zion's signups are now digital through the SignUpGenius website. Simply Google SignUpGenius – find a signup. Enter office@zionalbion.com in the creator search bar to find us.

There are signups for greeters, ushers, acolytes, reader, communion assistants, audio/video, and PowerPoint volunteers! Dorothy and Pastor also added signups for hosting Luther League and confirmation class meals.

This is a very easy and convenient way to volunteer for the dates and ways you would like to help. If you need any assistance, please contact the church office. Thanks!



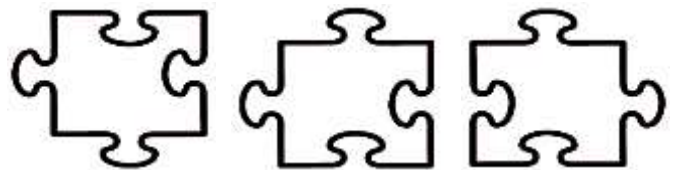
Zion Church Council Will MEET on Tuesday May 21st at 6pm.



# Puzzle Answers

Bible Quiz Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14)

Answer: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, heart, potato, she, family, temperate, sandwich, white, gentle, quiet, spirit



## Sunday Bulletins



Sunday bulletins are available in the narthex. They are in the tract rack by the Thursday Bulletins before the upcoming Sunday. Feel free to stop by and pick one up.



Next Meeting: Sunday, June 9th at 10:15am

Faith + SHARING = EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Thursday, July 11th at 7pm. All are welcome!

## Table Grace

### The Master Calleth

(Tune: She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain)



“Come and dine,” the Master calleth, “Come and dine.” There is plenty at God’s table all the time. He who fed the multitudes, turned the water into wine, to the hungry calleth now, “Come and dine.”

# Boone County

## Food Pantry



1108 W. State Street  
Albion, NE 68620

Open EVERY Thursday  
2-4pm

## Ongoing Needs:

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Canned Soup                             | Crackers       |
| Canned Fruit                            | Toilet Paper   |
| Cereal                                  | Bar Soap       |
| Kleenex                                 | Toothpaste     |
| Hand Sanitizers                         | Paper Products |
| Miscellaneous Personal Hygiene Products |                |

Donations may be brought to the Pantry on Thursdays between 2-4pm.

For more information, call Nancee Krohn (402) 741-1184 or Lynn Bygland (402) 920-3552



## Worship Committee

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 5:30pm**



## Worship Song Leaders

- MAY** 5 Jacque & Tom Dickey  
12 Kay Flanagan  
19 Tiffany Curry  
26 Kim Schaefer



## Mobile Food Pantry Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Boone County Fairgrounds. This will be set up as a drive-through only. All patrons will need to enter the fairgrounds from the 11<sup>th</sup> and Fairview entrance. Vehicles will be taken in order of arrival in a designated line. The first vehicle to arrive is asked to follow the road into the fairgrounds and stop and park directly in front of the cones that will be set out. All other vehicles entering that are there for the mobile pantry need to follow in line and wait until you have been asked to do otherwise.

If anyone is coming to volunteer their time, please park in the west parking lot next to the Casey Building. If you are willing and are able to volunteer, please arrive around 8:15 am.

If any volunteers or patrons have any symptoms of illness, please refrain from coming to the mobile pantry this month but feel free to ask someone else to pick up for you.

The Food Bank of the Heartland will provide pre-packaged boxes, along with some other produce and food products. Each patron will be required to take what is already packed in each box.

Everyone is reminded that there is always the possibility that the mobile pantry could be cancelled or postponed due to the current events. Coordinators will do their best to update the information in the newspaper or through the Boone County Nebraska Sheriff's Facebook page.



## FLAT SHEETS NEEDED!

Our quilters are in need of FLAT cotton sheets – they need to be full size or larger and they can be any color you like. We CANNOT use microfiber sheets because they are not durable and they don't breathe as well as the cotton. These flat sheets are used for the backs of the quilters' beautiful quilts.

For more information please speak with Marcia Seier 402-395-6163.



**CONFIRMATION  
ORIENTATION MEETING**  
Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm

All those finishing 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades are invited (with parents) to the confirmation orientation meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We'll talk about class and meal schedules, student requirements and expectations, as well as acolyte schedules and mentors.

**Please join us!**

For more information,  
speak with Pastor Carolann.



**Church  
Musicians**

**MAY**

- 5 Sarah Liss
- 12 Tami Texley
- 19 Tami Texley
- 26 Tami Texley



**Affirmation  
Dinner  
for Confirmands  
& Mentors**  
Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6pm at Zion

7<sup>th</sup> Graders, families & Mentors will serve the meal to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, families & Mentors.

**Mark your calendars!**



**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm  
Fellowship Hall**

This will be our last Zion Alive before summer break. We will meet at the park for some outdoor fun

All children in grades 2 through 5 are invited with their families to join us for some food, fun and fellowship!

Please check out the Facebook page for Zion Alive updates.

Please speak with Kim Young (402-843-8562) for more information.

Hope to see you on **May 19<sup>th</sup>!**



**Average  
Church  
Attendance**

	In person	Online
January	82	97
February	128	79
March	173	80

**Year to Date:**

128 In person  
85 Online





## Prayer Concerns this Month

### **Wolf Memorial Home Residents**

Liz Hunt      LaVonne Mills  
Fran Obermire      Ruth Pribnow  
Muriel Young

### **Good Samaritan Estates (Assisted Living)**

Arletta Francis      Donna Kruse  
Dorothy Tisthammer

### **Arbor Care Center (Fullerton)**

Ron Weltruski

### **Primrose Retirement Community (Grand Island)**

Joy Haas

### **Heritage of Bel-Air (Norfolk)**

LaVonne Olnes

### **Our Homebound**

Barb Buckendahl      Judy Harder  
LaDonna Morris      Dale Sheldon  
Virginia Storm

### **In Our Sunday Prayers**

Bob Bruland, Ardy Choat, Ron Coakes,  
Dave Fisher, Mary Pat Freeman,  
Riley Nelson, Mark Smith, Teresa Tisthammer,  
Pat Tobiason, Dennis Tyson, Ron Weltruski,  
and the families of  
Lillian Lane, Gary Morgan, Mary Lou Nore



### **Our Congregation**

Confirmands  
Confirmation Parents  
Mentors  
Godparents  
Graduates  
Graduate Parents

### **Other Concerns**

Our Military  
The people of Gaza, Israel,  
Palestine & Ukraine  
All those affected by war, violence & hatred  
Those affected by natural disasters  
Other prayer concerns are welcome

## THANK YOU Sunday School Teachers!

We offer our heartfelt  
thanks to our  
2023-24 Sunday  
School Teachers!  
It was a GREAT year  
thanks to YOU!



Krista Choat  
Bill Curry  
Tana Dozler  
Madison Gompert  
Nikki Heidemann  
Sheena Krohn  
Tara Leetch  
Stacy Petersen  
Brooke Stuhr  
Josh Thayer  
Lisa Thayer  
Kent Tisthammer  
Teresa Tisthammer

We thank you and appreciate you!

*(Hint: If you'd like to teach again next year,  
please let Stacy Petersen know!)*



## Prayer Chain & Prayer Concerns

If you'd like to add someone  
to the prayer chain, please call  
Sharon Waters (402-741-2358)  
or the church office (402-35-2043) and they  
will start the chain. If you'd like to add  
someone to our Sunday prayers, please call  
the church office (402-395-2043).

***“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus  
for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)***

# PEOPLE SPOTS

## Jim Meyer



James (Jim) Alan Meyer was born November 21, 1958, in Grand Island, NE to Wayne and Murena Meyer. He was welcomed home by his two older brothers, Kenneth and Michael. Jim and his older brothers later welcomed two more siblings into the family Dwaine (Dewy) and Patricia (Trish).

Jim grew up in Central City, NE and attended school at Central City Public Schools from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. After graduating high school, he served four years with the United States Navy. He later attended college at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He graduated with a B.A. in Physical Therapy.

Jim's first job was during high school; he worked at Safeway grocery store in Central City. Jim also worked detasseling corn in the summer, which was his least favorite job. His favorite place to work was as a Physical Therapist at Boone County Health Center. After 30 years with BCHC, Jim retired this past October.

Jim married the love of his life, Patti Mumm, on October 26, 1991. They have three wonderful sons: Jacob, Jackson, and Joel whom they love and adore. In his free time, Jim enjoys golfing and lifting weights. He also enjoys spending time outside and mowing his lawn. Jim enjoys watching sports; his favorite teams to watch are the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Chicago Bears. He also enjoys traveling. Jim's favorite vacation spot is Lake Powell, and his least favorite trip was when he attended boot camp.

Jim is a lifelong Lutheran. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith at Zion Lutheran Church in Worms, NE. Jim was confirmed on April 19, 1973, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City. He joined Zion Lutheran Church, Albion, in 1994. Jim currently serves on the Worship and Music committee and the Church Council. He also assists Patti on altar guild. We are honored by his membership, and for all the ways in which he has chosen to serve God at Zion.

Written & submitted by  
Vicar Keith Powell





**Happy Mother's Day Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>!**



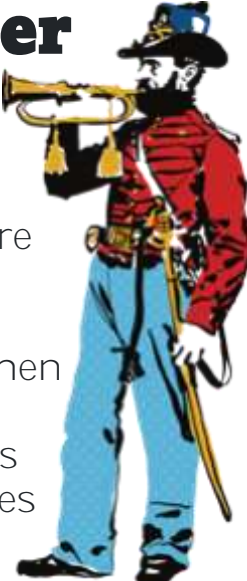

**Memorial Gifts**

The following people made donations to **Zion's Memorial Fund** in loving memory of **Sandra Lindgren**

**Nancy & Terry Ahlers** (Scholarship Fund)  
**Carolyn Johnson** (Sunday School)  
**Cynthia Kraus** (Scholarship Fund)  
**Bob & Lavonne Kruse** (Scholarship Fund)  
**Marlene Miller** (Sunday School)  
**Gerry & Jenny Schmitz** (Scholarship Fund)  
**Bonnie & Mark Wagner**  
**Doris Wagner**


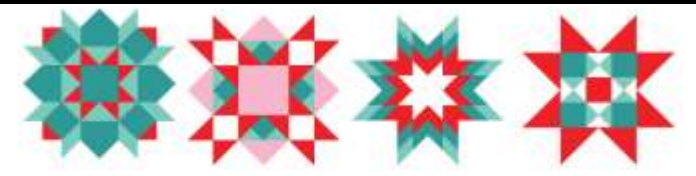


**We remember**

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.



By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored, too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.

**Memorial Day Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>!**

**Memorial Gifts**

The following people made a donation to Zion's Memorial Fund in loving memory of **Mary Lou Nore**

**Carol & Paul Brugger** (Harry Kruse Scholarship)  
**Anonymous Donations**  
**Raelynn & Steve Bygland**  
**Norman & Phyllis Choat**  
**Margaret Erickson**  
**Ellen & Mike Frey**  
**Brad & Val Haas**  
**Rev. Carolann Hopcke** (Scholarship Fund)  
**Liz Hunt**  
**Cynthia Kraus** (Elevator Fund)  
**Mary & Ron Levander**  
**Jane Mundschenk** (Scholarship Fund)  
**John Nore**  
**Louanna Pierson**  
**Bruce & Janet Sparling**  
**Jim & Mary Staub** (Scholarship Fund)



# Zion Memorial Scholarship

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the following people who have made donations to our

## Zion Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Nancy & Terry Ahlers in loving Memory of Sandra Lindgren  
 Pastor Carolann Hopcke in loving Memory of Mary Lou Nore & Barry Wade  
 Cynthia Kraus in loving Memory of Sandra Lindgren  
 Bob & LaVonne Kruse in loving memory of Sandra Lindgren  
 Jane Mundschenk in loving memory of Mary Lou Nore  
 Gerald & Jenny Schmitz in loving Memory of Sandra Lindgren  
 Jim & Mary Staub in loving Memory of Mary Lou Nore  
 Doug & Pam Young in loving memory of Roylynn Von Hemel

A total of \$3,010 has been received.  
 As of 4/18/24

This scholarship will be awarded at 7pm on **Honors Night, Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Zion Lutheran Church Ladies,  
 Please know how much we appreciate all you do for Zion Lutheran Church and for our Mom's service. God has truly blessed us with so many wonderful people like you in our lives.



**THANKFUL  
 for  
 YOU**

Love,  
 The family of  
 Mary Lou Nore

# Forever Ours

Child Loss Grief Support Group



May 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Zion's Youth Room



*Forever Ours is a support group for parents who have lost children of any age.*

For additional information, contact Pastor Carolann Hopcke at Zion Lutheran Church (402-395-2043) or Arielle Lindt at AseraCare Hospice (402-745-1602).



## Parish Ed. Committee

Next Meeting:  
 Wednesday,  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 At  
 1pm

## Boone County Food Pantry



**Thank you!**

Zion Lutheran Church,  
 Your contribution to the Boone County Food Pantry is appreciated! Your support helps to fill pantries of qualified families and individuals here in Boone County. Thank you for the recent donation of \$495.58 from the Theresa Rengler CD Interest. This is a wonderful gift that will be used to purchase groceries locally.

Raelynn Bygland, Food Pantry Volunteer Mgr.

# BAPTISM



*On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the gift of God's grace as Noah Topher Lindgren was baptized in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Noah was born on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 3:17pm. He weighed 6lbs., 1 oz. and was 19" long.*

*Loving Parents:  
Christopher Lindgren  
Kathryn Whelan*

*Godparents:  
Krystal Collins  
DJ Heiderman*

*Grandparents:  
Jeff & LeAnn Lindgren*



*We also welcomed Kathryn Whelan to our church family on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>!  
Welcome Kathryn!*



*On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated the gift of God's grace as Cal Olsen Rasmussen was baptized in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Cal was born on Friday, February 16, 2024 at 3:30pm. He weighed 6lbs., 6 oz. and was 20" long.*

*Loving Parents:  
Amanda & Philip Rasmussen*

*Big Sisters & Big Brother:  
Collins, Baker & Grant Rasmussen*

*Godparents:  
Taryn Friend  
Brandon Rasmussen*

*Grandparents: Brent & Tracy Lipker  
Michelle Rasmussen  
Melissa & Shawn Rasmussen*

*Great-Grandparents: Theresa Copen  
Gary & Violet Lipker  
Tim & Connie Neyens  
Roger Olsen  
Deb & Dale Rasmussen*

*May God continue to bless Noah, Cal, and their families with His abundant love and grace.*



2pm on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Wolf Home  
Volunteers & Prizes needed!

We will be hosting Bingo at Wolf Home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. We need at least 2 volunteers each month. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. We are looking for donations of Large Print puzzle books, coloring books for adults, beanie babies, nice costume jewelry (clip on earrings), etc. Donations are being collected in the marked box in the narthex.

For more information, please speak with Pat Neidhardt (402-395-2802).



Coffee  
and  
CONVERSATION

May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30am at  
the Dotted Daisy



The Faith & Fellowship Committee is inviting everyone for Coffee & Conversation at the Dotted Daisy on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30am.

Please join us & invite friends!

**Beer, Supper  
& Bible Study**  
Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
6pm at the Gateway  
Terrace Community Room



Everyone is invited to the Gateway Terrace Community Room (11<sup>th</sup> St) for a casual evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Please Join us!

**Faith &  
Fellowship**

**Committee  
will meet  
at 10:15am**

**on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
(after church)**

**All are welcome to join us!**



**Confirmation Camp**



**Carol Joy  
Holling Camp**

**Attention:  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

The Elkhorn Valley Cluster is doing Confirmation Camp together at the Springs the week of June 16-21. Campers sign up online. Families are responsible for the initial deposit and because Zion believes in the power of Camp, our church will pay for the balance of the registration fee.

Camp is a requirement of Zion's Confirmation Program, so please sign up soon! For more information, please speak with Pastor Carolann.



Can You Tie A Knot?



Zion's Sew Happy Mission Quilters are always looking for people to help them quilt! You are welcome to join them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays to help tie & pin quilts. If you like to sew, they always need help to sew quilt blocks together. The blocks and strips are already cut and put together in a bag ready to be sewn together. For more information, contact Barb Michael (402-395-6377) or any of the other quilters.



Zion Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for giving me  
the Harry Kruse Scholarship  
this year. It will be of  
great help in paying for my college classes.



Sincerely,  
Timothy A. Woebbecke



Lutheran  
Disaster Response

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your gift of \$969.62 to  
Lutheran Disaster Response designated for  
US Wildfires in Maui, HI.

*"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three,  
do you think, was a neighbor to the man  
who fell into the hands of the robbers?'*

*[The lawyer] said,*

*'The one who showed him mercy.'*

*Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*  
*(Luke 10:36-37)*

As a church, we are freed by the  
transformative life of Christ, and this freedom  
emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors  
just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the  
ministries of the ELCA help people around  
the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families  
and communities reeling from disasters. No  
matter the variety of disaster, no matter the  
variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran  
Disaster Response enable people to rebuild  
their lives and livelihoods now and far into  
the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The  
glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,  
Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity

Handicap  
Accessibility  
Project



\$40. for Lent Update

Phase I

\$64,738.85	Total Expense
\$12,182.20	Donated Labor/Materials
\$13,080.50*	Monetary Donations
<b>\$39,476.15</b>	<b>Left to be repaid to Zion's Building Fund</b>

\*\$6,575 was from \$40 for Lent



**Thanks for your support  
of this very important project!**

# Thank You!

Dear Zion Lutheran,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all that  
you do as God's people in Albion. Thank you also  
especially for your continued participation in Mis-  
sion Share. Through you, and because of you, so  
much good work is done in the world, and so  
many lives are changed our of God's love made  
real through you. Together we "Go and..." as  
God's people, cultivating love as Jesus' disciples.  
Please know that your congregation is prayed for  
daily by your grateful siblings in Christ, near and  
far. Thank you for sharing God's love with the  
world!



God's peace  
and blessings,  
Timothy Siburg  
Nebraska Synod Staff



Thank to everyone who participated in this year's Lenten Bible Reading Challenge!

Youth Participants:

Annie Krohn, Caleb Krohn, Avery Petersen, Colin Petersen, Kelby Rasmussen, Kessa Rasmussen, Elaine Reinhart, Allie Stuhr, Bentley Stuhr, Kyler Stuhr, Tucker Stuhr, Jace Thayer, Kolby Thayer, Ben Tisthammer, Nolan Tisthammer, Chase Young, Ryleigh Young

Adult Participants:

Deb Borchers, Bill Curry, Chad David, Jacque Dickey, Vivian Eucker, Joe Flanagan, Kay Flanagan, Cynthia Kraus, Cheryl Krohn, Jane Mundschenk, Brooke Stuhr, Mary Kay Tisthammer, Jeremy Young, Kim Young

Congratulations to the **BIG Winners:**

*Deb Borchers, Chad David  
Chase Young*



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



"I was sure motherhood would be hard work when it began with something called labor."



*Weddings*

**Congratulations & God's Blessings to Jenna Callies & Ethan Naughtin who will be tying the knot at Zion on June 22<sup>nd</sup>!**





Many thanks to Newman Grove Bowling!  
 Our Confirmation kids & mentors had a  
 great time!



# Thank You

We offer our heartfelt thanks to *Nancee Krohn* for her 12 years of dedication to filling all of candles with oil each week. It is a big job that no one notices unless a candle goes out! (LOL!) You and Ron were so faithful in your commitment to God in this way.

*Thank you!*

Thanks also to *Deb Borchers* who volunteered to take on this role of candle-filler! Thanks also to Deb's "back-up" *Connie Becker*. We appreciate your willingness to take on this important responsibility!

*Thank you!*



Thanks to the Curry Family for being Zion's Voting Members at the Nebraska Synod Assembly this year! Pastor Carolann, Vicar Keith, and the Curry's will be in Kearney for Synod Assembly May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# Worship with us from HOME

Zion Sunday Services are broadcast LIVE on Eagle Cable Channel 21 and repeated on Wednesdays at 8am, 10:30am, 12pm, 4pm, 7pm, 8pm & 9pm and Saturdays at 8am and 12pm.

You may also join us each Sunday morning at 9am on Facebook Live!



You may worship with us live, or watch the service by clicking the link on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionalbion](http://www.facebook.com/zionalbion)

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319 S 5<sup>th</sup> St., Albion, NE 68620  
Worship Services - Sunday 9:00am

## Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4pm  
Friday Office Closed  
Phone 402-395-2043

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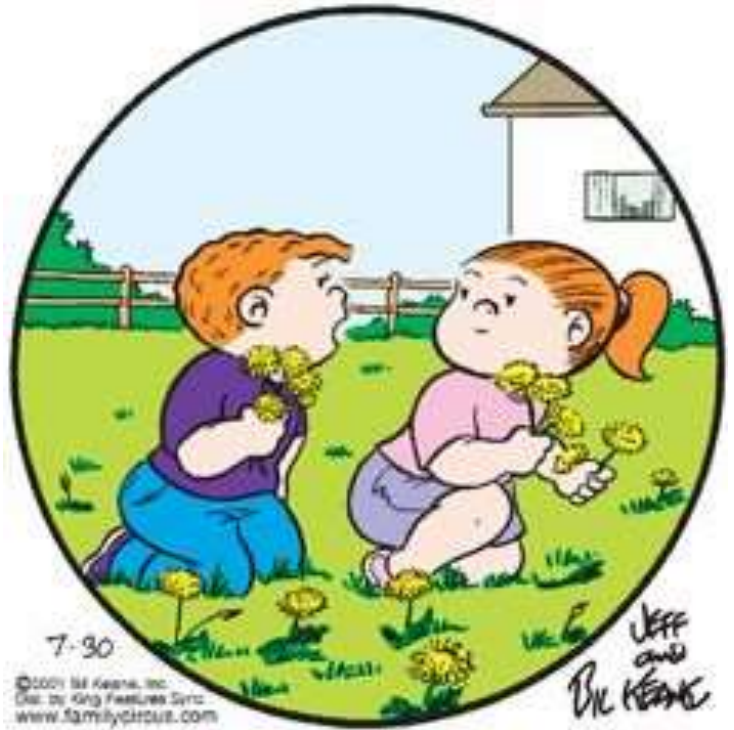
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"Why are we pickin' these for Mommy if they're Daddylions?"

## **A Memorial Day Prayer**

Let us remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives throughout the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm.



Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.