

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

*Women in Mission – Zion Lutheran
Mission Valley*



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am
Ladies Aid-1st Thursday of the Month-2 pm
Rebecca/Ruth Circle-1st Monday of the Month-
10 am. Each Bible study group or circle has ongoing
activities they are involved in, such as the kits, quilts,
Ladles of Love, etc. *But to participate, you do not
have to belong to a circle...*



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at
9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present
were Darla Sifford, Michelle Wendel, Eva Cooke,
Darlette Mathisen, Shirley Gisler, Barbara Schmidt,
Judy Faulkner, Bettye Pribyl, Priscilla Dornburg, Iris
Heller, Carolyn Seifert, and Sherilyn Arnecke.

Hostesses were Shirley & Irene with Darlette
filling in for Irene.

Business: Sewing is April 15. **Graduate** quilts
are completed for J.R. Bishop and Lilly Heller.
Some members stayed after Esther to complete
J.R.'s. Quilts will be given to grads on May 18
during worship service. **Altar Guild Cleaning** will
be held April 12; April 13 will be **Tri-Annual
Meeting; LWML General Meeting** will be April 22
with guest speaker, Shannon Barron, Parks &
Wildlife, speaking on *Brush and Wild Hog control*.
Esther is in charge of refreshments with pork-related
food items. Men are invited to attend the program.
Food Handlers' Class will be April 24 at 2 p.m.
Cookies for Women's Crises Center are due May
11 and will be delivered by Michelle Wendel.

Eighteen dozen from each circle. Barb, Iris,
Michelle, Darla & Sherilyn will provide cookies
from Esther. Ladies of the church are also asked to
provide cookies. Honoring of **Confirmands** will be
May 18 during worship service. **Easter Festivities**
were discussed. Two services, 7am and 10am, with
breakfast and egg hunting in between. Several
members volunteered to bring breakfast casseroles
and fruit. Esther's next **Ladles of Love** prep &
delivery will be June 7 by Esther B.

Cards were sent to Irene Heinold, Debbie Meyer,
Julie Dentler, & Dennis Kowalik.

Offering: \$100.00

All ladies of Zion are invited to join us on the
second Tuesday of each month as we study the Word
of God! Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13,
2025, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Sherilyn &
Darlette. Meeting will be held at Sherilyn's home.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

Rebecca/Ruth Circle met Monday, April 7th with 9
members present. Denise Afflerbach, Pat Harper,
Peggy Lee, JoNell Martin, Gloria Buchhorn, Sheron
Alex, Bea Fuchs, Seda Weaver & Winona Klacman.
Denise was Bible Study Leader from Spring
Woman's Quarterly Magazine, "Confessing What We
Believe". Peace and Joy through faith, grace & hope.
Denise opened study with prayer and closed with
prayer. We sang Closing hymn, "What Wonderful
Love is This". Gloria played the piano for us.

Denise led **Business Meeting**: Seda, Sheron, Kay
Lagal, Michelle Wendel, and Debbie Meyer attended
the March 7-8th Mid-Coast/Coastal Bend Zones
retreat at the **Spiritual Retreat Center**, and March
29th **Mid-Coast Spring Rally** at St. Paul, Wallis,
Debbie and Denise attended.

Rebecca/Ruth Circle will have the **Lenten Meal**
on April 9th and serve Soups, Salads, Dessert, bread;
No Sewing Day on Tuesday 15th due to Holy Week;
Altar Guild clean up 12th 8:30am; **LWML General
Meeting** April 22nd at 6:45pm. Pat will do devotion
for Rebecca/Ruth Circle. Program: Parks and
Wildlife (Wild Hog and Brush Management);
Prayer Partners were drawn for the month. **Cards**
were sent. Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer.

Rebecca/Ruth will meet May 5th at 10am for Bible
Study. Pat will be Bible Study Leader and Bible
Study is on page 18 Spring Woman's Quarterly. All
women are invited to come and join us for Bible
Study and Fellowship.

Winona Klacman, Secretary

LADIES AID

No meeting.



LADLES OF LOVE

Sunday School PK-5th Grades is in charge of Ladles of Love in May. If you would like to participate in a group or form your own group, please talk to Sherilyn Arnecke.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson



Each month the ladies of the church are collecting a different item as one of their projects for Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). For the month of **May**, LWML is collecting **Small cans of tomato sauce**. We are asking the congregation to help with this project. It would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the **Narthex near the Ladies Restroom** for your donated item. Please help restock the shelves at VCAM. If any questions, contact Eva Cooke, project chairperson.

Want to thank everyone for contributing food for all these people in need.

Eva Cooke, Chairperson

Thank you, thank you. For the month of March, 73 lbs. of Rice were collected for VCAM!



SEWING DAY

Sewing Day was cancelled due to Holy Week. Quilts will be given to grads on May 18th during worship

service with a reception of cake and punch to follow after worship

Our next regular Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, May 20th**, at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room.

Eva Cooke & Irene Heinold, Chairpersons

FUNDRAISER AT ZION



I have been known to recycle a thing or two. I'm part of Zion's sewing group. We have shared fun and fellowship as we sew through our meetings. I have so enjoyed this group since retirement. I receive all the scraps of material and trimmed fabric that is deemed "not more useful." That is where the magic begins! I love scraps!! My grandmother's saying was: "When life gives you scraps, make quilts!" That is what I did. The results of which will be a chosen item in the raffle for LWML and drawing will be at Zion Potluck meal, Sept 14, after church service. Gaze upon this conglomerate array of color-delight. As I always name my quilt tops, why should this be different? This one shall be called, "Peace with Pieces." Indeed, you may have a connected flashback with some of these patterns. All the fabric came from our supply of donated cloth. You might could say, this is the fabric of our collected lives. I think of it somewhat as we, the church, are individuals, but are woven together as a congregation as the fabric of our collective lives. Be proud my little church. I love you. Thank you also to those ladies who tacked the quilt and others who helped strategize the design. You fellow quilters give me inspiration and encouragement. Judy Faulkner



Raffle tickets will be sold starting Sunday, June 15th with the next LWML Bake Sale. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be at Church Picnic Potluck meal on Sunday, September 14th. Profits raised will support our delegates for the LWML Texas District Convention in 2026 in Austin.



Our LWML program speaker was Shannon Barron, our Texas Parks & Wildlife Biologist for Victoria and Calhoun counties. She spoke on brush and wild hog management. Shannon shared information regarding methods used to treat huisache for best outcomes including chemical, mechanical, & aerial techniques. She discussed the pros & cons of controlling feral hog populations through trapping, shoot on-site hunting, tracking dogs, aerial gunning and contraceptive "hog stop" bait. We had 15 members present and 2 guests.

Cookies



COOKIES FOR WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

LWML is asking the congregation and circles (18 doz. from each circle) to bring cookies for the Women's Crisis Center on **Sunday, May 11th**. All kinds are welcome. Please label and put in kitchen no later than May 11th. The LWML supports this project annually. Thank you.



LWML is kicking off its annual collection for specialty kits. In

the past we have assembled these kits for Lutheran World Relief. However, in 2024 our LWML voted to donate our school kits to an LCMS registered non-profit Christian volunteer network service organization, titled the Orphan Grain Train (OGT). The OGT, whose name is slightly misleading, provides essential aid/relief to victims of disaster or in destitute situations. These kits are distributed nationally and worldwide. There are 27 OGT distribution centers in the United States with the nearest to us being in Pasadena, TX

This year we are collecting monetary donations for **hygiene kits**. (Last year we collected enough to make 40 school kits!) Because items in these kits have very specific requirements regarding sizes and quantities, monetary donations are preferred. This allows the LWML to purchase the correct items and then assemble those items into a completed kit. The approximate cost for the items in one hygiene kit is \$12. This does not include shipping costs.

During May, June and July, the congregation may place monetary donations toward hygiene kits in a labeled box in the narthex. There is a basket displaying items included in the hygiene kit. **Thank you for helping LWML with this extraordinary mission. These kits show our love and support to others in their time of greatest need.**

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Please join us for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9am.



Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School PK3-6th grade is right around the corner – **June 1st-5th**! "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World". Ultimate Alaskan adventure and point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our **True North**.

Volunteers are needed! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex to help. **Also, a container for donations.**



Any size Plastic jars with lids, example:

- Mayo jars
- Jelly jars
- Peanut butter jars

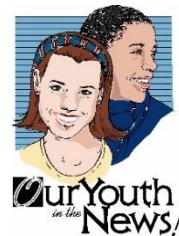
There will be a box in Narthex for collection. Thank you.

Insert: flyer and registration form. Register on website too.



VBS News: There will be a VBS workday on **Saturday, May 17th, from 9-11:30, and then again on May 30th from 6-7:30pm.** Even if you cannot help the week of VBS, please consider coming to help us get everything ready. We will be painting, cutting, gluing, staging, and making the decorations and preparing the materials and crafts. Come join us!

Finally, please consider **supporting VBS by sponsoring a craft, snacks, Bible study, recreation, science station, Family Night, or any other aspect of VBS. There is a donation jar on the VBS table in the narthex.** Thank you for all your support! We shared the love of Jesus with over 55 children in 2024 and we are looking forward to reaching out to even more children in 2025 VBS!



If you are a college graduate for 2024-2025, please contact the church office. It will be published in the June Messenger.

Newsletter NEEDS

If your children have any news like school recognitions, honors, sports, achievements this year that you would like to share, please submit them to the church office. Throughout the year, please submit special happenings. We love to hear about our children.

COMMITTEE NEWS



Board of Fellowship



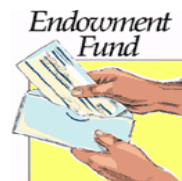
l-r: Jessica Gras, Peggy Spears, Wanda Heller, Jason Henry

On Sunday, April 13th, the Board of Fellowship welcomed new members with cake and punch.



On Saturday, April 12, 2025, we had our semi-annual Altar Guild Meeting. Those in attendance were Michelle Wendel, Patsy Harper, Sherry Hornstein, Peggy Lee and Pauline Janak. All the pews were cleaned, woodwork polished, doors polished, and window seals dusted. We had a short meeting discussing the paraments for communion and altar. Explained was tabled at the last council meeting but will put it on the agenda for next month again. The money to pay for the new communion ware and altar items would come out of the memorial fund. The present ones are in bad shape with the acid from the wine "pitting" the silver. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2025, at 8:30. Look forward to seeing you then. Thanks again ladies.

Pauline Janak, Altar Guild Chairperson



The Board of Endowment met on April 2nd. All four members were present: Irene Heinold, Chairperson, Taylee Lester, Darlette Mathisen and Marvin Janak, Elder rep. Four grant applications were received. There was a discussion of the requests and the bylaws were reviewed.

The Board of Endowment met on April 9th with Taylee Lester, Darlette Mathisen and Marvin Janak present. Irene Heinold sent a letter expressing her thoughts on the grants requested. The bylaws were reviewed again and the board voted to award the following grants:

- \$500 to the Sewing Committee
- \$1,000 to Vacation Bible School

The announcement of the grant recipients will be announced at the Voters' Assembly Meeting on April 13th.

Darlette Mathisen

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Each year Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley awards one of our High School graduates a scholarship. Anyone who would like an application for the Bertha Arnold Scholarship, please contact the church office. **The application is due in the church office by May 11th.** Members of the Scholarship Committee are Irene Heinold, Chairperson; Taylee Lester; Darlette Mathisen and Marvin Janak, Elder rep.

CONGREGATION NEWS

WELCOME *New Members*



We welcome into our membership Jessica Gras, wife of Corey Gras. Please introduce yourself to her. Her address is: 716 Wagon Trail, Victoria, Tx 77905.



We welcome into our membership Jason Henry, husband of Jennifer Henry. Please introduce yourself to him. His address is: 391 Wagon Trail, Victoria, Tx 77905.



We welcome into our membership Wanda Heller. Please introduce yourself to her. Her address is: 169 Cavalry Rd., Victoria, Tx 77905.



We welcome into our membership Peggy Spears. Please introduce yourself to her. Her address is: 403 E. French St., Cuero, Tx 77954.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

I embarked on this project with doubts that I could do this! It was just another of my tasks that I jumped into with open arms and a focus to complete the job before me. It has been rewarding in that I have touched base with all members. Thanks to all who were so willing and compliant to smile for your pic, even if there was just a sliver. We are 97.8 percent represented by pictures. My goal was 100 percent. I am pleased with how close we came. Our cumulative results will be soon. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Keep smiling! Judy Faulkner



RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

How do we get rewards for recycling ink cartridges? As a Reward Member of Office Depot, the church gets \$2 back in program rewards for each ink cartridge that we recycle, up to 10 cartridges per month. Qualifying purchases include any product or service purchase made in store or online. All brands of ink qualify for recycling rewards. This helps with the rising cost of supplies for the church. There is a basket on a shelf in the Narthex between the Men's & Ladies' Restrooms for your cartridges.



MISSION VALLEY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

As the congregation knows Zion and Mission Valley School have experienced a long enduring partnership as "neighbors". We have shared such things as parking space and Fellowship Hall usage. Occasionally, it has been asked if our congregation can utilize the school's playground which is currently located on our leased property. Verification came from Randy Meyer VISD Deputy Superintendent on March 1, 2024, stating, "Zion Lutheran Church is welcome to utilize the campus playground after school hours and weekends. As with any public school property, the district cannot be held liable for injuries that happen on school property. VISD is pleased to be able to work together for the good of the Mission Valley community." So yes, you have permission to use the playground at your own risk.



Did you know Pastor podcasts his sermons on-line at <https://podpoint.com/woodencrosses>? You can listen on-line or download a sermon and listen later. If you prefer a written copy, he also blogs his sermons (and other miscellaneous writings) at <https://crossesandwoodshavings.blogspot.com/>. Feel free to use and share these resources with friends and family!

Entire Service on: Zion's Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/zionmissionvalley/>

*******We are trying to "boost" our social media (Facebook) and internet presence. If you are a Facebook user, go ahead and give us a "Like" at facebook.com/ZionMissionValley. We are posting several times a week with various memes, quotes, Q&A, and interesting articles. "Like" and share what you see, whether it's Sunday's service or a goofy meme! Also, be sure to click on the church webpage, <https://zionlutheranmv.org/> and let it load up. You don't even have to read it! It drives the algorithms to keep us closer to the top when people do searches for churches in the Victoria area.**



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

Services Provided for March 2025

Households Served – 1344, Total Number in households – 3407, Food Boxes – 1217, Basic Needs – 3235, Home Delivery – 22, Homeless Served – 137, Homeless Visits – 740, First-time VCAM clients Served – 65

Staple inventory items always in dire need in the pantry:

Rice (1 or 2 lbs. bags – uncooked), cereals (box or bag), pastas, tomato sauce, canned veggies or fruits.

The homeless population served at VCAM also increased. Homeless needs for perishable foods are not always the most cost-effective, so donations in this area to help meet the increased need are greatly appreciated. Donations of small hygiene kits are also encouraged:

Small Canned Meats & other proteins, peanut butter or cheese crackers, breakfast/granola bars, fruit/jello cups.

Now that Spring weather is upon us, the mosquitoes are close behind. Please ***consider donating small cans of mosquito repellent*** for the homeless. I can say, it will be deeply appreciated.

Of course, the most spiritual & practical way to give is in the form of monetary donations:



Blessings...*Marc*

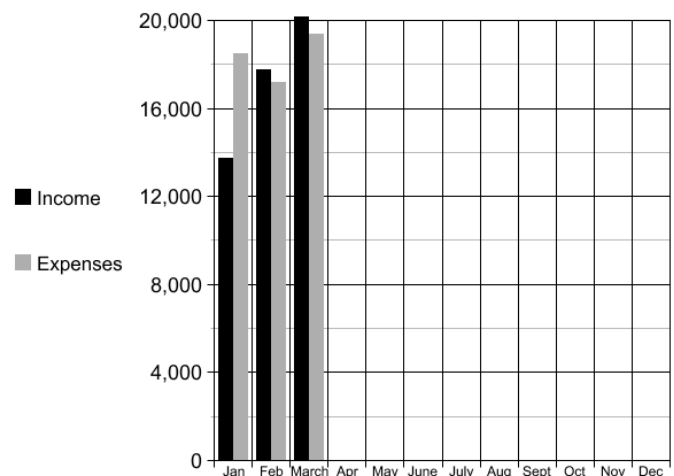
Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis.

All services are provided free.

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM & please continue to support.

"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."

General Fund - 2025 Income vs Expenses



In the above chart, you can see our expenses and offerings. Our expenses totaled \$19,373.33; our offerings and other income totaled \$29,064.05 resulting in a budgeted "gain" of \$9,690.72. If you were to go back and look at these numbers for the last 8 months, you would notice the trend that our expenses were greater than offerings and income. In large part, this is due to the incredible increase in our property and liability insurance early in 2024. We share this with you so you are aware of how this is continuing to impact our overall ministry. Even as we continue to thank God for the many blessings He gives to Zion, including those of the financial offerings of His people, the Church Council and Church Office are being as mindful as possible about the stewardship of the church budget.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
Sunday, March 30 th	96
Wed., April 2 nd	40
Sunday, April 6 th	81
Wed., April 9 th	64
Sunday, April 13 th	93
Maundy Thursday, April 17 th	51
Good Friday, April 18 th	43
Easter Sunday, April 20 th 7am	46
Easter Sunday, April 20 th 10am	146



PRAYER LIST

To add another person's name to our prayer lists, you must be a member or active worshipping guest of Zion and identify yourself as the one requesting prayer for someone else. It is your responsibility to gain this permission! The church office reserves the right to edit prayer requests for publication.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

1. Bill Lagal
2. Cole Ohrt – friend of Zion
3. Holly Corey
4. Patricia Gonzales – friend of Richard & Joy Alex
5. Loma Chandler – Karen Wood's sister
6. James Morris, Sr.
7. JoNell Martin
8. Clemmie Cooley – friend of Bettye Pribyl
9. Ann Pantel – wife of Curtis Pantel
10. Leonard Denton – friend of Pastor Meyer's
11. Maudi Garcia – friend of Jacki Cooke
12. Jeanette Laza – cousin of Irene Heinold
13. Lisa Roman – niece of Cass Martignoni
14. Kamryn McDavid – granddaughter of Pribyl's
15. Mai Harwell
16. Dianne Laser – Laura Meyer's friend

17. Rose & Dalhardt Goebel
18. Derek Depine – step-son of Terry Depine
19. Allie Faulkner – Faulkner's granddaughter
20. Ken Sifford
21. Julie Heinold
22. Kay Lagal
23. Richard Bludau – friend of Reinecke's
24. Alissa Blount
25. Jodie Schaefer – friend of Barbara Schmidt
26. Becky Debore – friend of Irene Heinold
27. Glennie Bednorz – friend of JoNell Martin
28. Travis Weaver – brother of Ronny Weaver
29. Ava Soliz – Ann Heller's friend's daughter
30. Jim Krause
31. Priscilla Dornburg
32. Narmina Ibraghimova – friend of Faulkner's
33. Pauline Janak
34. Emily – friend of Ann Heller
35. Charles Krueger – Cass Martignoni's brother
36. Gail Hogan – Barbara Schmidt's cousin
37. Kenneth & Nancy Hahn – Faulkner's friends
38. Kathy Lyssy Bancuch – friend of Sherilyn Arnecke & Bea Fuchs
39. Cindy & Jennifer Henderson – Randy Carter's sister & niece
40. Alan Wendel – brother of Mark Wendel
41. Holly Kersten -SIL to Peggy Polster
42. Christina Crosser – relative to Peggy Polster
43. Rosalind Lingerfelter
44. Shannon Barton – friend of Faulkner's
45. Jana Ragsdale – niece of Julie Heinold
46. Debbie Meyer
47. Irene Heinold
48. Marilyn Brown
49. John Miles – Arnecke's friend
50. Yvonne Arnecke Meharg – Calton Arnecke & Darlette Mathisen's cousin



VISITATION

If you are in the hospital or would like a home visit, please call an Elder, Pastor or Church office.



Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is especially ill, please call an Elder, Pastor Meyer or contact the church office.



SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

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James Morris, Sr.
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Victoria, Tx 77905

Dan & Doris Nugent
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BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

May 1 – Ken Sifford
May 2 – Jo Nell Martin
May 3 – Keeleigh Cooke
May 4 – Lauren Castilla
May 8 – Emma Fox
May 10 – Ricky Roessler
May 13 – Edward Heller, Alan Sharp,
Nikki McLaurin, Shelley Sharp
May 14 – Jennifer Mayfield, Kristy Zarate
May 15 – Joshua Lee
May 16 – Jacki Cooke
May 20 – Peggy Lee
May 24 – Keegan Heller, Jim Krause
May 27 – Sara Foster, Leroy Reinecke
May 29 – Alex Innes
May 31 – Eva Cooke, Stella Hickman



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

May 4 – Richie Woytasczyk
May 6 – Cheryl Gisler
May 7 – Kastin Heinold
May 8 – Reese Weiser
May 10 – Jennifer Mayfield, Taylen Kelly
May 15 – Leah McBrayer
May 20 – Logan Heller
May 23 – Teagyn Kelly, Greyson Woytasczyk
May 28 – Greg Harwell
May 29 – Heath Hoefling, Bettye Pribyl



ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

The Messenger Staff wants to correct any errors and/or omissions. Please let the church office know promptly.

“HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN...”

During his earthly ministry, Jesus could be physically present in only one place at any given time. “Only those could speak to him who came to where he was,” explained Archbishop William Temple. “If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee” (from *Readings in St. John’s Gospel*).



Spiritually speaking, Christ’s Ascension means he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. “Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — that is what the Ascension affirms.



A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

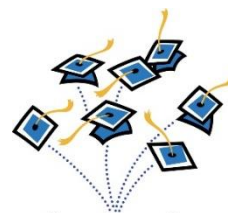


DEATH IS NOT THE END

Loren Eiseley, an anthropologist who died in 1977, requested this epitaph for his wife and himself: “We loved the earth but could not stay.” No one can stay, of course. We’re all moving toward that final day when “the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done” (*The Book of Common Prayer*).

On Memorial Day, we remember people who have perished in war, making the ultimate sacrifice to protect others. May God hasten the day when humans can solve disputes peacefully. We also remember loved ones whose stay on earth is over.

A memorial stone at Ohio’s College of Wooster, placed by a class years ago, reads: “United in time / Divided in time / To be reunited / When time shall be no more.” Christians believe that death does not end all. When our earthly life is over, we have the promise of eternal life — and joyful reunions — in heaven.



Graduation

YOU’RE GOING PLACES!

Commencement marks the beginning of a new stage of life, with graduates heading off to discover opportunities and face challenges. *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* — a Dr. Seuss book that’s now a popular graduation gift — whimsically explores life’s ups and downs, twists and turns.

Young adults will face excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness. They’ll feel a sense of purpose as well as confusion and even fear. “There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won’t want to go on,” writes Dr. Seuss.

In the storybook, the life-traveler’s sheer determination propels him beyond difficulties. But God’s children don’t need to journey alone. Our heavenly Father walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn’t been first. Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NRSV): “Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



ALPHA MU OMEGA
— The Greek letters that begin the

words *yesterday, today and forever* remind us of Jesus’ constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord’s “steadfast love endures forever” (for example, Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What reassurance when life seems tough and fleeting!

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20) 6 11 —
 NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20) — — — — 14 —
 RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7) 18 — — 3 — — —
 KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5) 16 — — — — 5 —
 EHLA (Genesis 30:14) — — — 1 — —
 CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22) 7 — — — 12 —
 MOIAN (Ruth 1:22) — — — 10 17 13 —
 RAAHS (Genesis 17:19) 8 — — — — —
 AMYR (Matthew 2:11) 2 — — — — —
 ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13) — 9 15 — — — — 4 —

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
 13 8 14 G F F G !
 15 4 16 10 17 3 18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth;
 A mother's love is a gift from God!

FYI

CHURCH CONTACTS

Sunday School – Board of Education/Youth
 Lutheran Youth Fellowship – Board of Education/Youth
 Altar Guild, Pauline Janak
 Blood Drive, Church Office
 Leaders Of Compassion, Shelley Sharp
 Peggy Polster
 Ladles of Love, Sherilyn Arnecke
 Library, Sherita Miller
 Memorials, Seda Weaver
 LWML President, Debbe Meyer
 Esther, Iris Heller
 Ladies Aid, Eva Cooke
 Rebecca/Ruth, Debbie Meyer
 Worship/Music Bd., Hilbert Nagel
 Church Secretary, Seda Weaver
 Sound System, David Miller
 Kitchen Cartel, Darla Sifford
 Board of Elders, David Miller
 Board of Trustees, Pauline Janak
 Board of Outreach, Judy Faulkner
 Board of Education/Youth, Jacki Cooke
 Candice Clay
 Board of Fellowship, Priscilla Dornburg
 Security & Safety, David Pribyl

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 Vice-Pres., Pauline Janak
 Secretary, Terry Depine
 Treasurer, Seda Weaver
 Financial Sec, Teresa Boswell
 Elder, David Miller
 Elder, David Pribyl