



ST. PAUL-ZION DUAL PARISH

APRIL 2024



A Few Thoughts from Pastor

*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was wounded for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5*



As the season of Lent draws to a close this year, I again find myself quite excited about the arrival of Easter. During our mid-week services we considered “*Our Lord’s Passion through the eyes of ...*” various individuals who would have been there to witness these incredible events. That means that each week I was challenged to think about the events of that very first Holy Week in ways that I may not have thought about them before.

As I read and studied the various Scriptural accounts of our Lord’s Passion, I attempted to put myself into the shoes of “... *One in the Crowd*” (for Ash Wednesday), of “... *the Proprietor of the Upper Room,*” of “... *Malchus,*” of “... *Peter,*” of “... *Marry, the mother of our Lord,*” and of “... *a priest serving in the temple at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion.*” And each week I came to see myself from a slightly different perspective. At times I sympathized with the characters, and at times I empathized with them. Sometimes it was easy to imagine what might have been going through their minds; for others this was more challenging to imagine.

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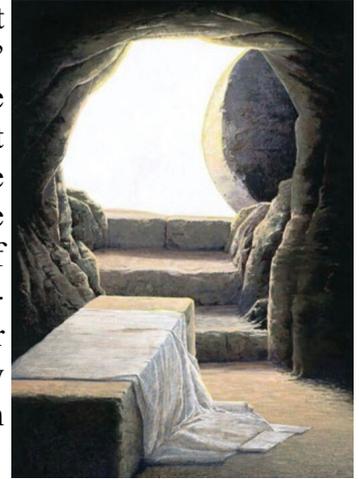
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But each week my preparations reminded me anew of the greatness of MY sin. And each week I began to appreciate anew that it was for ME that He came. It was for ME that He suffered, and bled, and died. It was for ME that He was ridiculed, mocked, spit upon, and beaten. It was MY sin, MY self-centeredness, and MY rebelliousness that caused His pain. He paid the price for MY greed and pride. He shouldered MY burdens and He paid the wages of MY sin.

All for ME ... and, ***all for YOU!!!*** He did it all because that is what He had been sent to do; that's what He had come to do. As "Mary" shared with us one evening, He could have come down off that cross, He could have "saved" Himself, but He would not, because He loved us that much. It was all for us ... and on Easter morning we discover that all He did was pleasing to God, and that Christ's once and for all time sacrifice for the sins of all mankind was sufficient and complete. The work of redemption was complete; peace had been once again established between God and man, and sin – death - and the devil would no longer have the final word. His empty tomb means ours will one day be empty as well, when He comes in glory to raise us and to take us to be with Him forever.



People loved by God, my sin is great ... but our Savior (and His love for us) is even greater! During Lent we have pondered once again His great suffering on our behalf, and the greatness and seriousness of our sin. But soon it will be time once again for the Alleluias to return and for the Church to give voice to the glorious news of His resurrection. For as He lives so shall we also live. And on Easter morning what a joy it will be to consider the Resurrection of our Lord through the eyes of His Bride, the Church!

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

It's coming ... soon ... praise be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Holle



Stewardship



Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.



Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it: *You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.*

Your neighbor’s possessions are his; you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.



But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price*” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave. All of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors, and the extension of His kingdom.

ST. PAUL DORCAS

Leslie Brockhoff opened our meeting with the common table prayer. Sadie and Becky Meyer served coffee cake, cinnamon rolls and coffee, while watching a video, (to follow up with last month's story of Joseph), from our new Bible Study Unshakable by Donna Snow. GRATEFUL. That's the key. An attitude of gratitude makes all the difference. We may not feel like it when the ground beneath our lives shakes hard, but through the eyes of the faith that God gives us, we can be grateful. His shaking holds purpose. We will see it in the first of our eight biblical characters. Joseph knew the Lord was with him, so he endured sibling hatred, slavery, and prison. The result was a vivid example of forgiveness that changed his life, the lives of his family members, and preserved God's people.

President Sarah Kleopfer then proceeded with the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected. There were 14 members present. Kathy Heiniger gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted. Cindy Manche gave details on our upcoming LWML Spring Rally in Wathena, registration is \$5.00 and will start at 9:00, meeting will start at 9:30. Donations are for Doniphan County Pet Rescue, a list of ideas will be on a box in the back of the church throughout the month. There were no committee reports.

Leslie Brockhoff asked if Dorcas could pay for milk and orange juice, for our Easter breakfast. Cindy Manche made a motion for Dorcas to purchase milk and orange juice, Annalee Kleopfer second the motion, it carried. This motion was amended, new motion to purchase all supplies for Easter breakfast was made. Cindy Manche made the amendment to purchase all supplies for the breakfast, Kathy Heiniger second it, motion carried. Leslie Brockhoff and Becky Meyer will be purchasing and planning the breakfast for March 31st. There will be a sign up sheet for coffee cakes on the bulletin board. Easter breakfast donations were discussed, and are going to support grants through Mites.

There was a reminder that Thrivent Choice Dollars deadline is March 31st.

Kathy Heiniger will bring supplies to make kits after our Dorcas mtg. April 7th to take April 11th to Orphan Grain Train at the State convention in Wichita.

If need be we can carpool to Wathena April 6th for our Spring Rally.

Ladies going to state convention in Wichita; Karen Bauman, (voting delegate) Nancy Manche, Kathy Heiniger, (voting delegate) Sadie Meyer, Cindy Manche, Sarah Kleopfer, Becky Meyer, (YWR) Emily Meyer.

We took the offering, adjourned the meeting and closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next month April 7th our Bible Study Leader is Sarah Kleopfer, Hostess is Kathy Heiniger. Altar committee for April is Sadie and Becky Meyer.

Secretary, Becky Meyer

ZION LWML

The regular meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church LWML was called to order by Lela Middendorf on March 12, 2024 with 2 members present. The meeting was opened with a devotion called Living in Faith: Living One Day at a Time based on Lamentations 3:23. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Diane provided the treasurer's report with a balance of \$2,229.27 in General Fund and \$1,061.58 in CEF Fund.

It was announced that the Zone Spring Event is in Wathena on April 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The ingathering will go to the Doniphan County Pet Rescue, and it was decided to send a \$25.00 gift card for the ingathering project.

Zion LWML will again support Kansans for Life through their Baby Bottle Project to go until Father's Day. Another "Talk and Tie" is scheduled for April 10 at 1:00 since there are 12 quilts ready to be tied to benefit Orphan Grain Train.

Two funeral dinners were served this month for the Kneisel family and the Atland family. The chili cook-off before a Lenten service which was well attended and financially supported.

We intend to fill 3 goody bags for our college students at our next meeting on April 9.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst, Alexander Williams

College: Joey Meyer, Sage Meyer, Paul Pearson, Megan Brockhoff, Paige Stover, Gunner Smith.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: Betty Allen, Carol Bauer, Gene Rice, Darlene Covert, Jaynell Robidoux, Don Robidoux, Charles Fritz, Lois Voss, Tom Hansen, Bonnie Reynolds, Esther Krug.

Also in our prayers: Darlene Atland, Darwin Hoppe, Dale Strobel, Charlotte Kruse, Wes Duesing, Richard Clay, Aimee Hampl, Carl Mueller, Sherry Hartley, Janice Grubb.

We Remember the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord (Maurice Atland) and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 1-Josh Smith, Apr 4-Debbie Trent, Apr 6-Becky Meyer, Apr 6-Darrell Bauer, Apr 6-Darlene Covert, Apr 8-Travis Hampl, Apr 17-Greg Davis, Apr 19-Michelle Moreno, Apr 22-Galen Meyer, Apr 24-Sarah Kleopfer, Apr 24-Mike Brockhoff, Apr 28-Saylor Dunaway, Apr 29-Annalee Kleopfer

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 9-Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch, Apr 22-Josh & Selena Smith, Apr 24-Greg & Diane Davis, Apr 28-Donald & Jaynell Robidoux

SERVERS FOR APRIL

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

April 7th: Shaun Pearson & Carolyn Schneider

April 14th: Galen & Karen Bauman

April 21st: Kristina Costlow & girls

April 28th: Sadie Meyer & Evan Brockhoff

Altar Guild for April: Becky Meyer, Sadie Meyer, Darryl Hoppe

ZION LUTHERAN

April 7th: **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Corey Dunaway, **Usher**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman, **Greeters**-Bob & Virginia Freese, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese

April 14th: **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Saige Stover, **Ushers**-Leon Wissmann & Tim Bianchi, **Greeters**-Tim & Jackie Bianchi, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

April 21st: **Elder**-Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**-Remington Killman, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Larry Walter, **Greeters**-Travis Hampl Family, **Sound System**-Leon Wissmann

April 28th: **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Brady Killman, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman, **Greeters**-Larry & Carol Walter, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

Altar Guild for April: Carol Walter, Michelle Moreno

NOTICE

*Pastor Holle will have a radio broadcast on KNZA
starting on March 3rd, 2024.
This will be at approximately 10:05am on Sunday mornings.*



A fun-filled chili cook off was hosted by Zion LWML on February 28 prior to the Lenten worship service. Four contestants brought out their best chili recipes for all to try and enjoy. Our hearty thanks to Pastor Holle, Kurt Killman, Leon Wissmann and Scott Gigstad for their competitive spirit !



If you have a new phone number, address, or email address, please make sure you send it to the office.

You can e-mail the office at office@NEKpartnership.org or call 785-742-3995. The office would also like the names and addresses of any members who are at college. Thank You!



Save the Date !

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Please join us between
1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
at the Middendorf Hobby House
413 Comanche Drive,
Hiawatha, Kansas

TALK AND TIE

GOAL: Tie 12 or more quilts for Orphan Grain Train

WELCOME: everyone and anyone that can tie a knot
(we can train you)

COFFEE BREAK at 2:30 p.m. (if you only wish
to come for that)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The families of Darrell Bauer and Darlene Covert
invite you to join in celebrating their 85th birthday
on Saturday, April 6th from 1:00-3:00pm.

There will be a come and go reception with cake and punch
at the Carwell Building,
located at the Hiawatha Ag Museum
on East Iowa Street (across from Anew Healthcare,
formerly Maple Heights nursing home).
Please join us for cake and to celebrate Darrell and Darlene
on this special day.





**THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR**

We plan on starting up The Chosen Movie night again for Season 4.

We would like to start on Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 pm at Zion and we will plan to meet every Sunday till graduation weekend, and then finish up in June (8 episodes).

We plan on just showing one episode a week which will run a little over an hour.

Evan will have themed treats and we ask everyone to bring a treat to share.

Please plan to join us!

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

The American Heritage Girls Troop KS2315 held a scrapbooking badge clinic for Tenderhearts and Explorers on November 11 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. Thirteen girls participated including one girl from a different troop. The event was led by Gwendolyn Walker as her Patriot level award project. The girls ages 6-11 gathered to learn the basics of scrapbooking. The girls had a wonderful time being creative! Some of the skills they learned were how to use color to enhance a scrapbooking page, how to crop pictures, and how to embellish their scrapbooking pages. They were able to experiment with different scrapbooking tools and make their own pages. The girls played scrapbook bingo where they searched through scrapbooks to find different items. They also enjoyed a raffle at the end of the event where most of them won scrapbooking supplies! The girls had a lot of fun and most of them earned their Scrapbooking badge.



Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday nights at 6:30pm
at Zion Lutheran.
Please join us!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	3	4 AHG Troop mtg.	5 Pastor Holle Day Off	6 LWML Zone Mtg. 1:00 Darlene & Darrell Birthday Party
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion St. Paul Dorcas	8 7:00 St. Paul Elders	9 Circuit mtg. 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:30 Zion LWML	10 1:00 Talk and Tie	11	12 Pastor Holle Day Off LWML Ks. Dist. Convention	13 LWML Ks. Dist. Convention
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion 6:30 The Chosen	15 Articles Due for Newsletter 7:00 Zion Elder mtg.	16 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	17	18 AHG Mother Daughter Tea	19 Pastor Holle Day Off	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion 6:30 The Chosen	22	23 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	24	25 AHG Troop mtg.	26 Pastor Holle Day Off	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion Fellowship @St. Paul 6:30 The Chosen	29	30 6:30 Ladies Bible Study				