



Northeast Kansas
Lutheran Church Partnership
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WHY BELIEVE THE BIBLE? PART II

The witness of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Martyrs and Apostles



1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Dead Sea Scrolls

Last time we spoke of the reliability of the copies of the bible. One of these sets of copies is called the “Dead Sea Scrolls”. They are copies of biblical documents—still being discovered and studied—that were found in caves by the Dead Sea in 1947. Most of the biblical documents found range from 250BC to 68AD. Many think that the bible has been changed to have errors or revisions, but the Dead Sea Scrolls prove them wrong. For example, you will notice in the photo a copy of a fragment of Genesis found at the Dead Sea Scrolls. In which we found copies of books of the bible that were hidden and untouched for a thousand years. So many of the dead sea scrolls match up identically with our copies of the bible so well it is almost beyond belief. Speaking of Isaiah 53 found in the Dead Sea Scrolls, one scholar said *Of the 166 words in Isaiah 53, there are only seventeen letters in question. Ten of these letters are simply a matter of spelling, which does not affect the sense. Four more letters are minor stylistic changes, such as conjunctions. The remaining three letters comprise the word "light," which is added in verse 11, and does not affect the meaning greatly.* Thus the dead sea scrolls teach how God’s word can be trusted.

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Martyrs and Apostles

Finally, we have the witnesses of the Martyrs and the Apostles. The martyrs are those who suffered death for believing in Jesus and refusing to deny him. We just named our baby Anastasia after one of these martyres—Sainte Anastasia who was martyred in the early 300's. She was one of these faithful Christians who refused to deny Jesus and instead faced death for it. This is a testimony to the reliability of the history of the bible: that these sainted martyrs believed the message of Christ to be the only truth that mattered. The willingness of these individuals to suffer and die reveals the sincerity of their faith. For, one can hardly die for that which he believes to be a myth. Stories are easily abandoned, but the truth is not. The martyrs went to flame and sword and gallows without denying the Jesus who died for them.

However, the most important of the martyrs are the Apostles themselves—all of whom, except Saint John, died by martyrdom. Consider how Saint Paul himself is evidence for the truth of Christianity. St Paul starts writing his Epistles only around a decade after the resurrection! And when he writes, he is writing letters to an already existing and thriving Christian Church. This man who was the chief persecutor of the Church became the one who proclaimed its message so boldly. All of the apostles were eyewitnesses of the truth of Christ, witnessed his miracles, heard his teaching, witnessed his resurrection, and were sent out by him to proclaim these realities so that all might believe. They were imprisoned and beaten for preaching this message, and yet they continued to repeat the same words. Regardless of what suffering befell them, they did not change their message, nor did they recant their witness. Charles Colson once said that the Watergate Scandal proved to him the scriptures were reliable. He said "12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world—and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible."

The apostles themselves knew how important this eyewitness testimony was. So much in fact that they made it one of the single requirements for someone to be an apostle. When replacing Judas they said that the replacement had to be *one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,* ²² *beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."* **Acts 1:21-22**

Apostolic witness, eye-witness accounts, assure us of the truth of the Scriptures. We have the inerrant Word of God because He has preserved it for us to this day and we can and should trust the bible. We have all of these things written "that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that by believing, we may have life in His name" (John 21:31).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey (Blum) Holsapple, Cory Holsapple, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Rosemary Scher; (I) Gene Rice; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux, Charles Fritz, Tom Hansen.

Also in our prayers: (F) Evelyn Goodman, Karen Aeschliman, Darrell Schuette, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Crystal Kinkler, Melonie Creek; (IMM) Traci Rahe, Fred Meeks; (St.P) Wes Duesing, Danny Bauerle, David Bauerle, Dennis Wahlert, Chris Torrey, Doug Barrett; (Z) Cheryl Coffman, Charlotte Gigstad, Dale Mueller, Mark Mueller, Carl Mueller, Debbie & Andy Trent, Sherry Hartley.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1-Tammy Cochran, Aug 4-Paige Stover, Aug 4-Claire Heiniger, Aug 4-Zach Upham, Aug 5-Annie Manche, Aug 6-Zana DeJong, Aug 6-Sage Meyer, Aug 7-Larissa Brown, Aug 8-Evelyn Goodman, Aug 9-Candace Sullivan, Aug 10-Sharon Lowe, Aug 10-Rosemary Scher, Aug 11-Steve Stoller, Aug 11-Les Trentman, Aug 11-Charles Fritz, Aug 12-Hannah Gavin, Aug 13-Stan Kohlmeier, Aug 13-Glenna Strahm, Aug 13-Eldon TenEyck, Aug 14-Darlene Atland, Aug 14-Trek Koerperich, Aug 14-Jr. Lowe, Aug 14-Adrian Worthington, Aug 14-Camryn Rahe, Aug 15-Althea Jante, Aug 17-Emily Lee, Aug 19-Jodi Lee, Aug 20-Sharon Trentman, Aug 21-Brandon Walter, Aug 21-Jace Kohlmeier, Aug 24-Marlene Bosworth, Aug 24-Amy Feek, Aug 24-Millie Stoller, Aug 25-Melanie Schremmer, Aug 25-Casey Tucker, Aug 26-Derek Stephens, Aug 26-Brian Heiniger, Aug 28-Karsyn Martinson, Aug 31-Mike Bulk

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 4-Dennis & Kim Kleopfer, Aug 6-Jason & Angelia Steiner, Aug 7-Marvin & Karen Kohlmeier, Aug 10-Mike & Natasha Bulk, Aug 11-Ken & Judy Georg, Aug 16-Les & Sharon Trentman, Aug 19-Bob & Virginia Freese, Aug 25-Patrick & Tessa Sheik, Aug 26-Jace & Jill Kohlmeier, Aug 28-David & Joann Davidson, Aug 31-Jeff & Leslie Brockhoff

SUNDAY SCHOOL



We invite all kids to come and join us for Sunday School!
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.
The Zion Adult Bible Class and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!

MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – August 8th @ 7:00pm

JOINT COUNCIL – August 15th @ 7:00pm

PARTNERSHIP ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm
at St. Paul, following
Evening Prayer Service which
starts at 6:00pm.



Partnership Ladies Bible Study

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

August

VISIT THE PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE

Our website, (www.neklutherans.org), contains the history of the partnership and partnership churches, a calendar of events, recent happenings and future events.

New pictures are added frequently.

It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference.

Special announcements are also placed on the website.

Go to www.neklutherans.org.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH:

LYF will meet on the first Sunday of the month
unless otherwise posted.



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

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



You can e-mail the office at
office@NEKpartnership.org or call 785-740-0268.
The office would also like the names and addresses
of any members who are at college. Thank You!

SERVERS FOR AUGUST

FIRST LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Aug 7th: **Elders**–Allan Spellmeier & Scott Schremmer, **Acolytes**–Tyson Detweiler & Paycen Schremmer, **Ushers**–Patrick Cochran & Jason Steiner, **Greeters**–Marvin & Karen Kohlmeier, **Counters**–Vicki & Dwight Edelman

Aug 14th: **Elders**–Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, **Acolytes**–Jethro Steiner & Millie Stoller, **Ushers**–Bob Steiner & Shaun Pearson, **Greeters**–Rick Strahm Family, **Counters**–Heather Lehwald & Glenna Strahm

Aug 21st: **Elders**–Patrick Cochran & Kurt Detweiler, **Acolytes**–Lily Pearson & Hadden Bachelor, **Ushers**–Scott Schremmer & Ken Meyer, **Greeters**–Jason Steiner Family, **Counters**–Allan Spellmeier & Darrell Schuette

Aug 28th: **Elders**–Scott Schremmer & Allan Spellmeier, **Acolytes**–Tinner Bachelor & Paycen Schremmer, **Ushers**–Mike Bulk & John Feek, **Greeters**–Roberta Plattner & Liz Ploeger, **Counters**–Stan & Patty Remmers

Altar Guild for August: Glenna Strahm, Sarah Strahm, Martha Pearson

Trustees for August: Ed Hatheway & John Feek

ZION LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Aug 7th: **Elder**–Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**–Remington Killman, **Ushers**–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, **Greeters**–Killman Family, **Lector**–Leon Wissmann, **Sound System**–Derrick VanDusen

Aug 14th: **Elder**–Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**–Brady Killman, **Ushers**–David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, **Greeters**–Killman Family, **Lector**–Derrick VanDusen, **Sound System**–Leon Wissmann

Aug 21st: **Elder**–Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**–Corey Dunaway, **Ushers**–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, **Greeters**–Greg & Diane Davis, **Lector**–Jessica Gigstad, **Sound System**–David Middendorf

Aug 28th: **Elder**–Dale Strobel, **Acolyte**–Remington Killman, **Ushers**–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, **Greeters**–Greg & Diane Davis, **Lector**–Richard Clay, **Sound System**–Bob & Virginia Freese

Altar Guild for August: Anne Arnesen, Deb Reschke, Sharon Lowe

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Aug 7th: **Greeters**–Clif & Kathy Heiniger

Aug 14th: **Greeters**–Dwight & Charlotte Kruse

Aug 21st: **Greeters**–Milan Kloepfer & Rau Thieme

Aug 28th: **Greeters**–Wes & Linda Duesing

Altar Committee for August: Karen Bauman, Sarah Kleopfer, Doug Kleopfer

FIRST LWML

President Martha Pearson called First Lutheran LWML to order at 1:30pm, July 6, 2022. Carole Feek had the opening devotion "The Bible Stands"

Our Bible lesson was from Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, summer 2022 "Hope Abounds Told of Comfort, Love, Faith, Peace and Grace."

Roll call was answered with 7, telling where they were born. Ruth Swart, secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting. Carole gave the treasurer report, both were approved. Mites and dues were collected.

A thank you to Kathy Steiner for cleaning the kitchen ovens.

Our group has invited Pastor and Mrs. Kenney and baby after our Bible study and meeting for a baby shower. New business, Martha suggested that Tami Rutten replace her (Martha) as President as Martha will be back in the classroom when school starts. All members agreed.

Our lesson for August 3 is "Is the Father's Arms" page 18 of the summer 2022 of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Roll call will be your Dad's name.

The meeting closed with the League Pledge.

Ruth Swart, Secretary

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL

St. Paul Preschool will be starting September 6th and we will begin going 5 days a week, 8:45-11:30. We are going to offer this as a trial program for this year to see how it goes. We do currently have a couple openings for this school year.

The Preschool will have an Orientation and Potluck on Thursday, August 25th starting at 6:00pm. The Preschool will furnish the meat and drinks and the parents please bring a covered dish and/or dessert.

September 24th the preschool will have a booth at the Maple Leaf Festival. We will raffle off a quilt and offer baked goods as well as other craft items. This is a fund raiser for the preschool. If you can help please contact me or one of the board members. We will have a sign up sheet also.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our program as we continue to grow.

ZION LWML

The regular meeting of the Zion Lutheran LWML was called to order by Anne Arnesen in the absence of our President on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. at the church. There were 4 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Diane Davis. Diane also read a thank you note from Hannah Kinney thanking us the baby shower hosted in May.

Discussion was had on hosting and scheduling the NE Zone LWML Fall Event. The date will be October 8.

Coffee and pastries will not be served on July 31 since a joint Partnership service is scheduled that Sunday.

Our next meeting of Zion LWML will be on August 9, 2022 after the Ladies Partnership Bible Class.

Anne Arnesen
Secretary



What is Orphan Grain Train?

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

Thank you, to all who brought donation items for the Hygiene Kits
To complete more kits we could use the following: Bath towels and wash clothes (a dark color), toothbrushes. There will be a tote at the back at the church at First Lutheran for collection of items



LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission,
we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions,
and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Kansas District Older Adult Event

Saturday August 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church
2000 Main Street
Hays, KS 67601

On Saturday, August 13, the Kansas District Older Adult Ministry Committee is hosting an event open to all members of the congregations across the District. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. We will be sharing and discussing ministry opportunities for older adults, with emphasis on involvement in all phases of church life. Attendees will discover ways to enhance ministry with seniors and receive ideas to initiate the startup of intentional ministry for older adults where one currently does not exist. There will be an opportunity to address specific needs for your congregation.

Scheduled to speak are the Rev. Rocky Mease, of Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, and Mr. Jim Bradshaw from the LCMS Kansas District. A panel discussion will follow. Pastors and other church staff members from congregations are encouraged to attend, as well. At the close of the morning presentations, lunch and a fellowship time will conclude the event.

The cost for the event is \$10, which includes a boxed lunch. Please pay at the door. **To register and order the lunch, please call the Messiah church office at 785-625-2057 no later than Monday, August 8.**

Ministry to older adults is more than care ministry. It involves finding ways to engage those who have been such an important and treasured part of God's family. As our congregation demographics reflect an aging population, we need to strengthen ways for seniors to remain connected in ministry. Come and assist in building ministry with older adults!

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

St. Paul will have their congregational picnic on August 21st at 6:30pm in the church basement. Please bring a dish or two to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. All members are invited! Please join us!



THANK YOU

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for your support during our time of loss. Your sympathy and kindness will always be remembered in our prayers.

Sue Beyer and family



The first day of school for the Hiawatha Schools and the Sabetha Schools is Thursday, August 18th. Horton Schools will start on Tuesday, August 16th.

The Partnership members pray for a successful and fulfilling year for all of the students in Sunday School, Catechism classes, and in the local schools. We pray for all of those students furthering their education after graduating from high school. We also pray for the teachers and families of the students.



FIRST PRESCHOOL

The Preschool Board thanks everyone for their donations, help at the food stand, and for their attendance. All of your support makes these fund raising events successful.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please join us, with your confirmand(s), for our 2022-2023 Confirmation Orientation meeting on August 31st at 6:30 P.M. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairview.

We will provide an overview of this year's catechetical instruction, go over requirements and hand out this year's schedule and syllabus. The first confirmation class will begin the following week, September 7th, at 6:30.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls will host a new parent's information meeting Thursday August 18th at 6:15pm at Zion. Contact the troop at AHGNEK2315@gmail.com.

Welcome back night for the girls will be Thursday August 25th at 6:15, location TBD. All new and returning families are welcome to attend!



NEW PARTNERSHIP PICTURE DIRECTORY

Sign up **online** or **in person** to **be included** in the church directory and receive your complimentary **8" x 10" portrait, and a FREE** Family Directory. Portraits Orders can be made. **Please** be a part of the memories of the Partnership.

St. Paul Lutheran—Fairview, KS

Contact: Sadie Meyer 785-288-8223 smmeyer17dc@gmail.com

Immanuel Lutheran—Fairview, KS

Contact: Cathy Brockhoff 785-548-5245 cathyjo66425@yahoo.com

First Lutheran-Sabetha, KS

Photography dates: **August 16 @First**

2:00-8:30pm

Contact: Linda Hatheway 316-841-7475 edwardhatheway@att.net

Zion Lutheran-Hiawatha, KS

Photography dates: **August 17 @Zion**

2:00-8:30pm

Contact: Carol Walter 785-741-5897 cwa8409983@aol.com

JOINT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE and POTLUCK

July 31st, 2022

Fairview Park - 10:00am

*Please plan to come to the Joint Partnership Service at the Fairview Park
(Community Building if rain)
on Sunday, July 31st, starting at 10:00am.*

*We will have the church service at 10:00am
followed by a Potluck dinner.*

Drinks and table service will be provided.

Please bring a dish or two to share. Also bring your lawn chairs!!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>1 9:00 Staff meeting</p>	<p>2 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>3 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>4 Week 1 visits</p>	<p>5 Pr. Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>6 Pr. Kinney Day Off</p>	
<p>7 9th Sunday a. Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Elder's mtg. @First</p>	<p>8 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Elders</p>	<p>9 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:30 Zion LWML</p>	<p>10 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>11 Week 2 visits</p>	<p>12 Pr. Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>13 Pr. Kinney Day Off</p>
<p>14 10th Sunday- Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study</p>	<p>15 Articles Due for Newsletter 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Council</p>	<p>16 2:00-8:30 Pictures @First 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Zion Council</p>	<p>17 2:00-8:30 Pictures @Zion 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>18 Week 3 visits 6:15 AHG info mtg.</p>	<p>19 Pr. Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>20 Pr. Kinney Day Off</p>
<p>21 11th Sunday- Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study- Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Zion Elder's mtg. 6:30 St. Paul Congregational Picnic 7:00 First Men's Group</p>	<p>22 9:00 Staff meeting</p>	<p>23 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>24 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>25 Week 4 visits AHG Welcome mtg. St. Paul Preschool Orientation and Potluck</p>	<p>26 Pr. Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>27 Pr. Kinney Day Off</p>
<p>28 12th Sunday- Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First – Breakfast 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study & Fellowship</p>	<p>29 9:00 Staff meeting</p>	<p>30 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>31 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation Orientation mtg.</p>			