



**Northeast Kansas
Lutheran Church Partnership
*LCMS***



MAY, 2022

*From Pastor's Study
Maundy Thursday—2022*

People of the 8th Day

All over the city of Rome, you will find many places where there is an 8 spoked wheel etched into the wall or ground. Hidden in that 8 spoked wheel is the ancient Greek acronym: IXTHYS. In ancient Greek, the word simply means "fish," but each letter also stands for the initial letter of each word in Jesus' longer title— Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior (Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς Θεοῦ Υἱὸς ᾤων). If you look closely at the picture, you could probably spot all those letters! Many think that these are hidden all over the city to mark the places where the local church was. This 8 spoked wheel with the acronym of Jesus marked the place where the people of the 8th day worshipped!



“On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb”. This sentence began our Gospel for Easter. Jesus was dead for 3 days before He rose so don't be confused about that. “The first day” is speaking of what day of the week it took place on not how many days He was dead.

When the Bible speaks of the days of the week, it will use the numbering system from Genesis 1. What that means is that the Bible uses the language of “on the 1st day”, “on the 3rd day” “the 7th day” etc for the days of the week. When the Gospel says “on first day of the week”, it means Sunday. It was the first day of creation in which God said “LET THERE BE LIGHT” and it is the first day of the new creation when Christ, the Light of the world emerged from His tomb. So if Sunday is the first day, Saturday is the 7th day, which makes the Sunday after it the 8th day. This is why Christians from the very beginning have gathered together every Sunday for the worship of God and the receiving of His Word and Sacrament. Because Christ rose on the 8th day (Sunday), since the Resurrection, the Church has always gathered for Christ's word and sacrament every Sundays (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19). We are the people of the 8th day.

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The First day of the old creation is the 8th day of the new creation. Sunday to Saturday is 7 days. Which means that the next day—the Sunday—is the 8th Day. From ancient times the number 8 has been the symbol of the Resurrection, for it was on the day after the Sabbath, and so the 8th day, that Christ rose from the tomb. Furthermore, the 7 days of the week are the image of the time of this world, and the 8th day of life everlasting. Sunday is the liturgical commemoration of the 8th day, at the same time a memorial of the Resurrection and a prophecy of the world to come. For something deeper, some of you may know about 666 which is often called the “number of the beast”. But it really isn’t a big deal. If you add up all the Hebrew letters of the word *beast* or *Nero Caesar*, you get six-hundred and sixty six. Really not a big deal. What is a big deal is that if you add up the letters of Jesus’ name you get eight hundred and eighty eight! The three fold number of the new creation found in the name of Christ.



Simply put, the number 8 has always been an image of new life, new creation, and baptism. Think of how many people were on the ark? (1 Peter 3:18-21). What day did circumcisions take place on? (Lev 12:3; Luke 2:21). This is also why Baptismal fonts are often 8 sided because it is there we receive new life. Because of what Jesus did on the 8th day, the Church lives in an Eternal 8th Day. The resurrection on the 8th day shows that Jesus is fixing everything, making all things new (Rev 21:5), and swallowing up death forever (Is 25:8). Sunday is when we remember that 8th day. Sunday is at the same time a memorial of the Resurrection and a prophecy of the Eternal world to come. Let us rejoice in what Christ has done for us on the 8th Day as He has made us His people.

First Lutheran Church Pancake Feed

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30, 2022

311 Cedar St in church basement.

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

FREE WILL OFFERING



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, Eldon Schwant; (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) Dan Bosworth, Lorene Strahm, Evelyn Goodman, Karen Aeschliman, Teagen Lueger, Julie Bauman, Darrell Schuette, Mardell Duvel, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Crystal Kinkler, Gabriel Cook, Melonie Creek, Darrel & Sharon Cohoon; (IMM) Traci Rahe, Fred Meeks, Roger Pusch, Abigail McFall, Janice Backer; (St.P) Wes Duesing, David Bauerle, Dennis Wahlert, Chris Torrey, Doug Barrett; (Z) Paul Edwards, 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!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1-Marcus Hinton, May 1-Kevin Martinson, May 2-Naomi Pearson, May 5-Saige Stover, May 5-Jon Paul Middendorf, May 6-Jennessa Kleopfer, May 7-Gunner Smith, May 10-Lorene Strahm, May 11-Dale Strobel, May 11-Liz Ploeger, May 11-Jessica Kleopfer, May 12-Bernard Chadwell, May 12-Karoline Chadwell, May 13-Larry Grimm, May 13-Jaxon Torkelson, May 13-Kellie Brockhoff, May 14-Andrea Aeschliman, May 15-Heather Schremmer, May 16-Natasha Bulk, May 17-Evelyn Jones, May 17-Paul Middendorf, May 21-Tessa Sheik, May 21-Jeremy Davidson, May 22-Noel Boye, May 24-Dwight Meyer, May 26-Ian Kinney, May 27-Gene Perry, May 27-Tami Rutten, May 27-Bonnie Reynolds, May 29-Cindy Manche, May 30-Doris Rice

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 5-Stan & Patty Remmers, May 5-David & Julie Bauman, May 10-Brian & Julie Burenheide, May 10-Kyle & Kortney Stallbaumer, May 26-Ian & Hannah Kinney, May 26-Darin & Kara Georg, May 26-Paul & Linda Middendorf, May 27-Wade & Taryn Council, May 28-Richard & Judy Clay, May 29-Darrell & Sue Schuette, May 29-Mike & Kellie 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 – May 9th @ 7:00pm

JOINT COUNCIL – May 16th @ 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!



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 MAY

FIRST LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

May 1st: Elders–Shane Schuette & Dwight Edelman, Acolytes–Hadden Bachelor & Jethro Steiner, Ushers–Bud Bauman & Stan Remmers, Greeters–Dwight & Vicki Edelman, Counters–Vicki & Dwight Edelman

May 8th: Elders–Kurt Detweiler & Patrick Cochran, Acolytes–Tyson Detweiler & Lily Pearson, Ushers–Darrell Schuette & Shane Schuette, Greeters–Jim & Lori Risinger, Counters–Heather Lehwald & Stan Remmers

May 15th: Elders–Allan Spellmeier & Scott Schremmer, Acolytes–Tinner Bachelor & Millie Stoller, Ushers–Scott Schremmer & Dwight Edelman, Greeters–Bob & Kathy Steiner, Counters–Allan Spellmeier & Darrell Schuette

May 22nd: Elders–Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, Acolytes–Paycen Schremmer & Chloe Detweiler, Ushers–John Feek & Ed Hatheway, Greeters–Patrick & Tammy Cochran, Counters–Ken & Joyce Meyer

May 29th: Elders–Patrick Cochran & Kurt Detweiler, Acolytes–Jethro Steiner & Hadden Bachelor, Ushers–Bob Steiner & Jason Steiner, Greeters–Ed & Linda Hatheway, Counters–Glenna Strahm & Jason Steiner

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

Trustees for May: John Feek & Stan Remmers

ZION LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

May 1st: Elder–Leon Wissmann, Acolyte–Brady Killman, Ushers–David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, Greeters–Larry & Carol Walter, Lector–Richard Clay, Sound System–David Middendorf

May 8th: Elder–Scott Gigstad, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Larry & Carol Walter, Lector–Leon Wissmann, Sound System–Derrick VanDusen

May 15th: Elder–Kurt Killman, Acolyte–Remington Killman, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Donna Gormley & Barb Lay, Lector–Jessica Gigstad, Sound System–Jr & Jeanne Lowe

May 22nd: Elder–Dale Strobel, Acolyte–Brady Killman, Ushers–David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, Greeters–Donna Gormley & Barb Lay, Lector–David Middendorf, Sound System–Bob & Virginia Freese

May 29th: Elder–Scott Gigstad, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Gigstad Family, Lector–Kurt Killman, Sound System–Dwight Meyer

Altar Guild for May: Barb Mueller, Lela Middendorf, Diane Davis

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

May 1st: Greeters– Milan Kloepfer & Ray Thieme

May 8th: Greeters– Galen & Sharon Meyer

May 15th: Greeters– Jeff & Leslie Brockhoff

May 22nd: Greeters– Steve & Nancy Manche

May 29th: Greeters– Darryl & Helen Hoppe

Altar Committee for May: Helen Hoppe, Nancy Manche, Doug Kleopfer

FIRST LWML

The First Lutheran LWML was called to order on April 4, 2022, at 1:30 by Vice-President, Lorene Strahm. Brenda Meyer had the opening devotion, "This too, shall pass" from the book "By the Way". The Bible study was from Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, spring 2022 "Promises, Power, Peace". We learned that God's promises, power and peace can be our strength during trials. Ruth Swart, secretary, read the minutes from the March meeting. They were approved as read. Roll was answered with 9 members telling their favorite Bible verse. Lorene asked that the roll call in May be an article that you read in the spring quarterly. Treasurer report by Carole Feek. She had copies for everyone and explained each item. She also told how the "Mites" do so many great things.

There will be a box placed in the church for anyone to place new or gently used items. This can include a bath towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, plastic soap box, nail clipper, toothbrush, comb, band aids, and a small box of facial tissues. Our group will put these things together for hygiene kits for Orphan grain train.

Thank you, Carole Feek and Kathy Steiner for serving breakfast to the Pastors at the Pastor's zone meeting.

The Spring Rally will be at St. Paul's, Fairview, on April 9th. A thank you was passed from Karen Aeschli-man for the flowers. Lorene gave each of us a hand crocheted chicken and a crocheted snowflake! Thanks!! Lorene!

Our Bible study for May will "Balancing Life's Challenges", page 18, spring 2022 quarterly.

We were very happy to have 2 new members, Debbie Syvlin and Linda Swagger. Welcome ladies!! Karen Kohlmeier surprised Carole with cupcakes for her birthday! Happy Birthday, Carole! We closed with all saying the League Pledge.

Ruth Swart, Secretary

ST. PAUL DORCAS

The Dorcas Society held their meeting on April 3, 2022 after church in the church basement. President Nancy Manche led the Bible study, "Making Lent an Opportunity!" The study was from LWML written by Jan Brunette. It was based on Psalm 100:2a.

Cindy Manche read the March minutes. They stand approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Nancy thanked those who helped with church cleaning and those who provided desserts for the Lenten meal.

There were several newsletters shared: Lutheran Urban Mission Agency, Topeka Rescue Mission, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran World Relief, Lutherans for Life, and Lead A Child.

In unfinished business, we discussed final plans for the LWML Zone Rally. The ingathering of socks and underwear goes to Orphan Grain Train.

In new business, we will provide refreshments after church on April 10 for Mylia Rygaard's confirmation and on April 17 for a Baptism. On Mother's Day, we will have a special offering for Lutherans for Life. Sarah Kleopfer and Cindy Manche will be our delegates to the Kansas District LWML convention. Kathy Heiniger has a list of ingathering items for the convention. Nancy is going to order a food drive kit from Thrivent.

Nancy gave birthday greeting to Becky Meyer, Annalee Kleopfer, and Sarah Kleopfer. Next month Cindy Manche will be the hostess. Nancy shared a Mite calendar and will have one for next month. We collected our LWML Mite offering and society offering. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Common Table Prayer. Kathy Heiniger served cinnamon rolls and sticky nut rolls.

Submitted by, Cindy Manche

ZION LWML

The regular meeting of Zion Lutheran LWML was called to order by Lela Middendorf, President, on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with 6 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was provided by Diane Davis.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to provide \$50 to Bethesda as an ingathering offering at the Kansas District LWML Convention to be held in Overland Park, KS on April 22-24.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase one new long table for the church fellowship hall.

Items for the college student goody bags will be collected this week and given to the college students.

The next meeting of Zion LWML will be May 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Lela Middendorf
Acting Secretary

LYF

The youth group would like to thank everyone for coming to the suppers that were held before the Lenten services this year. We also thank everyone who brought food to share. We appreciate the continued support of our youth.

Congratulations to our Graduates



Emporia State University:

Evan Brockhoff

Sabetha High School:

Megan Brockhoff

Madison Bulk

Memphis Cochran

Paul Pearson

Hiawatha High School:

Paige Stover

8th Grade-Hiawatha: *Mylia Rygaard*

8th Grade-Sabetha: *Chloe Detweiler, Naomi Pearson*

8th Grade-Everest: *Julie Lowe*

May God be with each of you as you enter a new chapter in your life.

(We apologize if we have left anyone from our partnership off the list.

Please contact the office if you have a correction or addition.

We will add them to our prayers for this important day of their lives!)

St. Paul Preschool



We enjoyed learning all about the Rainforest and had many exciting activities. We started the week of Easter learning what the true meaning is. We made flower pots and planted flowers to celebrate new life.

Both pastors told us about the events leading to Jesus crucifixion and his resurrection, and how he died to save us all from sin.

We are beginning our final countdown to the end of school, by starting our unit on outer space.

We are enjoying the new playground, just wish for warmer weather.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.



First Preschool

Our Bible lessons in April focused on Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. It is a blessing to share God's Word with the kids.

We finished our letter lessons by having a celebration. We made crafts, played games, ate snacks, and read books about the Letter Z!

We had fun Easter parties and look forward to Muffins with Mom.



Our Spring Program and Graduation will be on May 5th.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Dorcas 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Elder's mtg. @First	2 9:00 Staff meeting	3 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	4 10:30 Ministerial Alliance 1:30 First LWML	5 Week 1 visits 6:15 AHG Mtg	6 Pr. Dunaway Day Off	7 Pr. Kinney Day Off
8 4 th Sunday of Easter <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:15 Bible Study Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study 10:00 Zion LWML	9 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Elders	10 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	11 7:00 Hiawatha Baccalaureate	12 Week 2 visits	13 Pr. Dunaway Day Off Last Day for St. Paul Preschool	14 Pr. Kinney Day Off 7:00 Sabetha Graduation
15 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Zion Elder's mtg. Graduations 7:00 First Men's Group	16 Articles Due for Newsletter 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Council	17 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Zion Council	18 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	19 Week 3 visits Last Day for First Preschool	20 Pr. Dunaway Day Off	21 Pr. Kinney Day Off Armed Forces Day 
22 6 th Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study & Fellowship	23 9:00 Staff meeting	24 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	25 1:00 Communion @AC Home 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	26 Week 4 visits	27 Pr. Dunaway Day Off	28 Pr. Kinney Day Off
29 7 th Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First – Breakfast 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study & Fellowship	30 Memorial Day First Pancake Feed 8:00 – 1:00 	31 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	 	 	 	