

Zion News



Words from Pastor

Dear Zion Members,

We are now more than half way through the Holy Season of Lent. A time when we focus on our own sinfulness and our need for the Savior. Very soon Holy Week will be upon us. We look forward to celebrating our Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. A day in which we will welcome no less than 20 young people into communicant membership in our church through the rite of Confirmation. We ask God's richest blessing for these young people and pray that they would continue to grow in grace and in knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ always.

Then follows Maundy Thursday, the day in which our Lord Jesus, in the context of the Jewish Festival of Passover, instituted the Lord's Supper. In, with and under the elements of bread and wine, we receive our Lord's true body and blood for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith unto life everlasting.

Then on Good Friday we will gather for our Tenebrae Service in which we will journey with our Lord Jesus to the cross and recall and remember how he suffered and died in our place so that we would be blessed with the assurance of the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

Then, of course, follows Easter Sunday, the "Festival of the Resurrection." It was on Easter that our Lord rose triumphantly for the grave. Showing himself to be the victor over sin, death and hell itself. Together with Christians the world over, we will celebrate the great historical truth: "Jesus lives, the victory's won!"

So we ask God's blessing as we soon close out the Lenten season and look forward to the events of Holy Week. We ask that God would continue to bless us and guide us and move us to an ever deeper appreciation of His love for us all.

Blessings,

Pastor Bruce

Vicar

This month has been busy. Pastor I went to the Pastor's Conference down in Kearney and that was very enjoyable! The whole thing was very academic. We looked at our identity as Christians and how that identity helps us interact with those around us, Christian and non-Christian alike. I also really enjoyed the main speaker. He was one of my favorite professors at Seminary. I took his class on the letters of Paul—the Pauline Epistles—and really enjoyed both the class and him as a professor. It was nice to catch back up with him and hear how he was doing back at the seminary. He's teaching some new classes that seem very exciting!

While at the Pastor's Conference, we got the call that a flood was coming. Obviously, this has been a hard week for everyone here in Pierce and the surrounding areas. But I have been very impressed with how the community has come together to help each other. It reminds me of 2009 when I went through this in Minnesota. The exact same thing happened there. The whole community came together, sandbagged about 6 million sandbags, and helped repair houses that got water in them. It was a scary time then, and it was a scary time now. But in both cases, it was wonderful to see the communities filled with the love of Christ motivating them to help others!

In His Service

Vicar Josh Mork

DCE

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37 - 39

It has been a difficult month. That may be the understatement of the year. I am sad by the tragedies so many of you have faced yet I am encouraged by this passage. It is true that we are always in God's love and we can look toward eternity knowing this time will pass. We are conquerors because of the victory won for us by Christ on the cross. This is the message of hope I enjoy sharing with the FUSION youth group and during Faith Weaver Friends. This is the message I have seen shine through the smiles of gratitude from home owners who are amazed at the help and support given freely by so many of you. This is a difficult time, but I pray it is also a time to share and experience God's great love that never changes.

In Christ,

Laura Ahlers, DCE

Zion LLL--Mission Connection.



Come and join the LLL—MC as we continue the video study of “Noah; the Man, the Ark, the Flood, the Aftermath”. Join us at our meeting on **Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Due to the “flooding” in March with no meeting, we will study the final session, “**The Aftermath**” of this DVD study. This has truly been an in-depth Bible study and applying “The Flood” events to daily life. This final Bible study begins with this interesting statement: *“The first world was destroyed by water. When Noah, his family, and all the animals finally left the ark, they stepped out into a world made new. Something similar will happen when Jesus returns on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead. The present world will be destroyed by fire, and all who take refuge in Jesus Christ will live forever with their Creator and Savior in God’s new heaven and new earth.”* The Bible study will direct us to II Peter 3; Romans 8:18-21; and I Corinthians 15:35-57.

New Project Connect Booklets—The LLL—MC has provide us with a new supply of PC booklets. These booklets cover six main areas of life and living. They are: Spiritual Life; Emotional Strategies; Marriage and Relationships; Life Skills; Abuse/Addiction; and Domestic Violence. The PC booklets are located on the south wall in the narthex near the east stairway. There are some booklets in the folder rack to the right of the PC rack. They are free. Take and read them and share them with someone also.

Lutheran Hour Sponsorship Dates:

The Lutheran Hour on WJAG, Norfolk has the following open dates for 2019; Sunday; September 5th Sunday; October 2nd Sunday; November 3rd Sunday; and December 2nd & 3rd Sunday.

If you are interested in sponsoring The Lutheran Hour on WJAG, Norfolk contact Arlan Warneke at 402-329-6686

Full-Time Church In Your Future?

LLL Scholarship Grant Applications—

Are you interested in full-time church work? Now is the time to apply for an LLL Scholarship Grant! Request applications from Virginia Von Seggern at email virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com or phone 402-655-2254. Information and downloadable forms are also available on the website of the Nebraska District LC-MS (www.ndlcms.org). **Applications are due in mid-May of 2019, apply early.** We are grateful for those students interested in full-time church work. Have you had an LLL Scholarship Grant previously? You **MUST RE-APPLY** to extend your grant each year.

Thank You from Redemption Lutheran, Panama City, FL

Dear Zion LLL—MC,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of Redemption Lutheran Church. With your help, we are able to continue to reach out to our neighbors in Panama City with God's Word and Sacraments.

In Christ,

Pastor Lydick and the Redemption Lutheran Family

Redemption Lutheran in Panama City, FL was one of the congregations supported in our LLL—MC Christmas Mission Vision Project. Your mission vision gift is at work in this congregation that lost its worship center when the hurricane struck land. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to provide Redemption Lutheran with His gifts and blessings.

Thank you for your support; Zion Lutheran Layman's League—Mission Connection

Ladies Aid

Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid met on Wednesday March 6th for their regular meeting . The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Just as I am Without One Plea" . The devotion titled "Sometimes Family Members are Hardest to Love" and a reading titled "The Parents Who Drugged Us." was read by Sharolyn Buss. Pastor Bruce led the topic titled "Don't Give Up! Look Up"! Taken from Philippians 2:13

The business meeting was conducted by President Sharolyn Buss with 10 members answering roll call and Susan Brodhagen was welcomed as a guest.

The February committee served regular aid meeting lunch, served 1 funeral and certainly want "Thank" all those who provided food and to all the volunteers who helped serve. 13 cards were also sent.

The Ladies Aid will also be purchasing a new 55 cup coffeemaker. There was no correspondences and bills were approved.

Janet Silhacek was honored for her March birthday

Lunch was served by Angie Bruce and Sandy Rakowsky.

The next regular meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday April 3rd, beginning at 1:30pm and visitors are always welcome.

1st GRADE News

Mrs. Steinkraus and the First Grade! !

It is hard to believe we are into the fourth quarter of our school year already! The first graders have been busy getting ready for second grade! The first graders have really enjoyed their science series. Right now they are practicing being ornithologists as we continue our unit on birds. ! ! !

The class has also improved tremendously in reading throughout the year! In March, all 11 students reached their first AR goals by testing over books on the iPads in our room. They received new goals to reach by May for a party in the park! Another exciting aspect of reading is when our 8th grade buddies come down to do reading activities with the first graders! They get to read books, create characters with play-doh, bake, build with Legos and pattern blocks, and do many other fun things with them! ! ! !

Another of our favorite (and furry) classroom visitors is Fozzy the Dog. The kids like to read to him and Fozzy loves getting his tummy rubbed! It is a win-win for the class and our buddy! We even got to celebrate his birthday with him by having snacks, playing “Pin the Tail on the Fozzy”, and playing musical chairs to “Who Let the Dogs Out?”! The rest of the school loves when he visits, as well! The students can take him for walks at recess or just pet him while walking down the hallway! ! ! !

First graders recently led chapel, too. They talked about spiritual gardening and how we are like the beautiful flowers that God sends to us. God loves to watch us grow and become “fruitful” children! We as Christians produce the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). It was fun to share God’s love with the school and our families!! ! !

We hope our church family and community are recovering from the flood last month. We have been praying for lots of our loved ones and continue to think of other ways we can help others. The first graders love praying for others! We wish you all a blessed month and encourage you to check out more of what is going on at our school through the website or by stopping in and saying hello!



LWML Agape Circle

March 7, 2019

The LWML Agape Circle met Thursday, March 7th, at Zion Lutheran Church with 7 members present. Sylvia Furstenau gave the devotion based on Luke 4 when Jesus fasted for 40 days, as is the tradition of fasting during the season of Lent. Jolene Smith shared the history of one of her favorite hymns "Open the Eyes of my Heart". Vicar Mork led the bible study "Shh! Peace. Be Still"

Vice-President, Sylvia Furstenau, conducted the business meeting. We will be serving a Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 27th at Zion beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members are needed to help and the food donations should be at the kitchen by 5:15 p.m. The Norfolk Zone Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 6th at St. John, Madison, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Seek N Serve Day will be Saturday, April 27th at St. John's in Seward beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting ended with the collection of mites during the LWML pledge, The Lord's Prayer and dessert served by hostess, Marj Weber. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at Zion, with Marlys Bockelman as hostess. Guests are always welcome.



National Youth Gathering Update: We have 6 youth planning to attend the Gathering in July. Please pray for: Maggie Dale, Hannah & Haiden Magnussen, Abby Meier, Shelby & Champion White. If you would like to help them reach their financial goal of \$1,200 you may sponsor individuals, our entire team or donate to one of our fundraisers such as - **EGG A FRIEND!** - For a donation to the NYG the youth will hide 12 colored filled eggs, with one special one representing Jesus' empty tomb, and a "you've been egged" notice in your friends yard. What a fun way to celebrate the season and share God's love. Contact Laura Ahlers at 329-4034 to order your "Egging" today!

Faith Weaver Friends closing picnic - Wed. April 24 at 5pm. We hope everyone is able to attend our last FWF for the year and help us celebrate a fun year weaving faith in Jesus Christ into our everyday lives. A great big THANK YOU to the 20 volunteers who faithfully worked to make this ministry a success. You are a blessing in so many ways!

Vacation Bible School - Our planning team is excited for ROAR! VBS June 3-7. We are putting together an amazing week, focused on Christ, for all PK - 6th graders. Look for registration and details soon on Zion's web page. Volunteers and donations will be needed so everyone can participate in some way. Let us know how God will use you to reach the 150 children that we hope will attend. Thank you!

Zion Lutheran Church

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Lenten Services

(Lenten suppers are served every Wednesday beginning @ 6:00pm)

April 3, 2019 -12:15 & 7 pm

April 10, 2019- 12:15 & 7 pm

(Confirmation questioning will be held on April 10th ,following 7 pm service)

Sunday, April 14, 2019 **Palm Sunday**, Confirmation 10:00 am

April 18, 2019, **Maundy Thursday** 12:15 and 7:00 pm

April 19, 2019, Good Friday (Tenebrae) 7:30 pm

April 21, 2019 EASTER

6:30 am- Sunrise Service with Communion

7:30 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am- Pax Service with Communion

April 22, 2019 (Monday) No Vespers Service

CONFIRMATION CLASS (2019)

Blake Bolling

Alyssa Cederburg

Luke Endorf

Autumn Lambrecht

Dakota Marks

Carter Meier

Landon Oesterich

Keli Shermer

Grant Snodgrass

Jacksen Wachholtz

Benjamin Brahmer

Jayden Coulter

Austin Koepke

Haiden Magnussen

Alex Meier

Rowan Nielsen

Caden Reed

Schuyler Simpson

Matthew Steffen

Brenna Wilson

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	ELDERS	ORGAN	DELIVERY/AUDIO
Monday April 1st		Caden Reed Champion White		Mike Krueger		
					Celine	
Wed - April 3				12:15	Noon:	
12:15PM				Rick Sirek	Marcia	
7:00 PM	Collin Tinker Brett Tinker	Ben Brahmer Jackson Wachholtz		Evening Tom Weinrich	Evening: Linda	
Sunday 7-Apr Pax-8:00am	Mason Sedlacek Brady Bretschneider	Schulyer Simpson Dakota Marks		Eric Retzlaff		
Traditional 10:00 AM	Blaine Bockelman David Dale		Gerald & Betty Hixson	Fred Marks	Linda	Audio Billie
Zion K-8 Sing/Handbell	Chance White Dalton Freeman	Luke Endorf Autumn Lambrecht				Delivery Les
Monday April 8th		Blake Bolling Alyssa Cederburg		Galen Anderson	Celine	
Wednesday 10-Apr		Grant Snodgrass		12:15	Noon:	
7:00pm	Caydan Retzlaff Blake Bolling	Keli Shemer		Rick Sirek	Marcia	
				Evening	Evening:	
				Eric Retzlaff	Linda	
Sunday 14-Apr Pax-8:00am	Travis Hofmann Tyler Tinker	Merin Gossman Mani Weber		Dennis Brady		
Traditional 10:00 AM	Zach Collison Luke Collison	Brayden Kuper Megan Gnirk	Sandy Buckendahl Holly & Lynette Koehler	Tom Weinrich	Linda	Audio Kim
CONFIRMATION	Dylan Riedel Kalvin Watts					Delivery Dennis
Monday 15-Apr		Garret Riedel Breanna Lindstrom		Gale Bretschneider		
Maunder Thursday 12:15 PM				Galen Anderson	Linda	
7:00 PM	Dawson Watts Tom Carstens	Deon Watts Brayden Kuper				
Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:30pm	Brian Blecher Chance White Dalton Freeman Brady Starkel	Abby Watts Tate Collison		Eric Retzlaff	Marcia	
EASTER Sunrise Service 6:30 AM	Tyler Tinker Brett Tinker Collin Tinker Brady Bretschneider	Bo Bockelman Champion White		Jerald Wachter	Marcia	Audio Gina Delivery Shelby
Pax 9:00 AM	Caydan Retzlaff Mason Sedlacek Travis Hofmann Blake Bolling	Mani Weber Kenna Sedlacek	Chad & Angela Sedlacek Anne Weber	Rick Sirek		
Monday NO VESPERS						
Sunday 28-Apr Pax - 8:00 am	Tom Carstens Blaine Bockelman	Tate Reinke Kaden Mossel		Fred Marks		
Traditional 10:00am	Chance White Dawson Watts Zach Collison Luke Collison	Jacob Wragge Trevor Montgomery	Jerald & Suzie Wachter	Dennis Brady	Marcia	Audio Rose Delivery Paul
Monday 29-Apr 7:00pm		Jordan Kuether Gage Ziemer		Galen Anderson	Celine	

April 2019

Table Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1 7:00 pm Vespers	2 7:30pm Home Bible Study @ Larry Silhaceks	3 7:am Women's Bible Study 8:10 Chapel Mid-week Lenten 12:15pm & 7:pm 1:30 Ladies Aid 4:pm Confirmation 5:pm Faith Weavers 6pm Lent Supper/Youth	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting 7:00pm LWML/Agape	5	6	
		7 8:00am Pax 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am Traditional/Zion K-8 sing and Hand bells	8 6:00pm Trustees 7:00pm Vespers	9 7:am Women's Bible Study 8:10 Chapel Mid-week Lenten 12:15pm & 7:pm 1:30 LWML/Katherine Confirmation pictures 5:pm Faith Weavers 6pm Lent Supper/Council 8:pm Confirmation questioning/reception to follow.	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting 7:00pm LLL-MC	11 Grades 3-6 Operetta	12	13
		14 8:00am Pax/Comm. 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am Confirmation	15 7:00pm Vespers/Comm. 7:45pm Elders	16 7:00am Women's Bible Study 8:15 Chapel/3&4	17 Maundy Thursday 12:15pm Service/Comm. 7:00pm Service/Comm.	18 Good Friday No School 7:30pm Tenebrae Service	19	20
		21 EASTER 6:30 am Sunrise Service/Comm. Breakfast served by men of congregation 9:00 am Pax Worship/Comm	22 No Vespers Offices Closed	23 7:00am Women's Bible Study 8:15 Chapel/3&4 Scholastic Book Fair	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting Scholastic Book Fair	25 Scholastic Book Fair	26	27
		28 8:00am Pax/Comm. 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am/Comm. Traditional	29 7:00pm Vespers/Comm	30				

2019 REVEL BANQUET

Please join us for the 2019 Revel that will be held on Friday, April 12th at The Armory (817 S. 1st St. in Norfolk). Social Hour starts at 5:30 with Dinner at 7:00, Live Auction at 8:00 and entertainment to follow by the Malawi Acapella Singing Group. Revel is an annual social & fundraiser for Christ Lutheran School. 100% of the money raised from ticket sales and auction items goes back to our school for facility improvements, tuition assistance and other needs that arise to improve the students' experience at CLS. Tickets are available March 11th – 27th for \$45 each or after March 28th – April 5th for \$50 each. Only 200 tickets are available and the tickets can be purchased at the Christ Lutheran School office.

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