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## ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

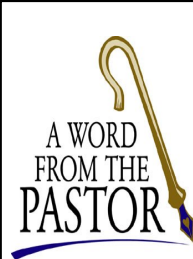
We are excited to announce that Zion Lutheran will be holding the Annual Zion Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18, from 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM. There will be over 30 local vendors, with a wide variety of unique homemade crafts and products . There will also be a huge bake sale and sloppy joes, rolls, coffee, soda, and desserts for sale for breakfast and lunch.

As always, to put on an event of this size, we will need lots of help! Please prayerfully consider how you can help this event be successful. Set up, tear down, carrying in vendors wares, kitchen/bake sale table workers, and setting chairs back up for church, are many of the ways one can help. We will also need lots of donations of yummy baked goods, including pies, for the bake sale. The bake sale and lunch items actually bring in the majority of the funds raised.

This is a Christ's Way event, so all the proceeds will go to the new building fund! Sign up sheets for help will be in the narthex in October. Also , please consider attending this year's event! It is a great way to get some early Christmas shopping done, picking out some goodies for your Thanksgiving meal, and fellowship with friends and others from our community!



Blessings, Jane Greff



### Deuteronomy 6:6-7 – And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

In October 1517, an unknown monk in the Saxon area of the Holy Roman Empire (now Germany) named Martin Luther nailed 95 talking points to the church door in Wittenburg. So, began the Lutheran Reformation. For the rest of his life, until 1546, Luther taught that humanity’s only source of forgiveness, life, and salvation is given by the grace of Christ Jesus. And further, we only know of His grace by means of the Holy Spirit inspired prophetic and apostolic writings of the Scriptures.

However, in the early 1500s the Scriptures were only available in their original Hebrew, Greek, or Aramaic or in the church-approved Latin translation. The lay person was never given the opportunity to see, let alone read, God’s Word. That didn’t so much matter, as most of them were illiterate. But then again, most priests and pastors were also illiterate in these ancient languages. Therefore, much of the clergy never read God’s Word, either.

Then in 1521, Luther translated the New Testament into the language of the people. His German New Testament was widely published in 1522. Later, in 1523 – 500 years ago this year - Luther’s translation of the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) was published for the people to read.


Not since the time of Peter and Paul, had the Church had access to the Word of God in the language of the common people. This reawakening of access to God’s Word opened a renewed world to God’s people on earth. People could read God’s Word for themselves and learn how that Word flowed in, around, and throughout all aspects of their lives. Fathers could once again teach their children the Word of God. Families could talk about God’s Word at home, and when they walked through town, and at night as they went to sleep, and as they woke up in the morning. Being able to read God’s Word in their own language literally changed their lives.

Today, most of us have not one, but several copies of the Bible in our homes. Many of us have downloaded a Bible app on our phones or tablets. Today, you and I have unbounded, almost unlimited access to the Bible in a plethora of translations and across a variety of platforms.

Do you see what a gift this is?


How much more does God’s Word now mean to us than it did to even Moses those 3500 years ago? How much more can we teach our children the very words of our Savior spoken for them? How much more can we live in the history of Moses, sing the songs of David, walk with the teachings of Paul, or bask in the promises of Christ? Give thanks for the incredible Word of God that you hold in your hands. Download the app. Take God’s Word with you to work. Listen to it at the gym or in the car. And by all means, bring your Bible with you to church, so that the Holy Spirit can imprint God’s Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation in your mind and on your heart.

Your Fellow Receiver of the Word,  
Pastor Meadows



## From the Principal's Office October 2023

*“Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving with Love”*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Native American Day

There will be no school and the office will be closed on Monday, October 9, for Native American Day.

#### Great Plains Lutheran Educators’ Conference

There will not be school on October 16 and 17 as Zion’s teachers will be attending the Great Plains Lutheran Educators’ Conference at Concordia University in Seward, NE. Teachers will be able to attend a variety of breakout sessions, fellowship with other Lutheran educators from the Great Plains states and attend worship together.

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, October 27. There will not be School, Preschool, or Daycare that day.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thanks to all who participated in the PTL Fall fundraiser for Eileen’s Cookies. Cookie dough will need to be picked up at Zion on Wednesday, October 11 from 3-5:30pm.

Red Ribbon Week

Students and staff at Zion Lutheran School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, October 23-27. During this time students will participate in some fun activities, dress up days, and focus on living their lives drug free.

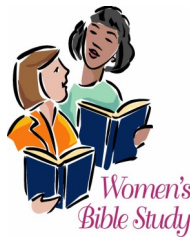
Girls Basketball

Girls’ basketball will be starting soon! Look for more information in the upcoming church bulletins!



These Zion Members will celebrate a birthday of 80 or more years in October. Remember them by a card!

<b>Oct 1</b> Bob Batchelder 3720 Sonora Dr Rapid City, SD 57701	<b>Oct 14</b> Sharon Elonzae 410 44th St. Apt 13D Rapid City, SD 57702	<b>Oct 24</b> Dorothea Lawson 4930 Grace Way Rapid City, SD 57702	<b>Oct 25</b> Martha Palmreuter 6201 Seminole Ln Rapid City, SD 57702
<b>Oct 11</b> Martha Schamber 3300 Bennett Rd Rapid City, SD 57701	<b>Oct 19</b> Bruce Prentice 2818 Cakebread Ct. Rapid City, SD 57703	<b>Oct 24</b> Theodore Schamber 3300 Bennett Rd Rapid City, SD 57701	<b>Oct 26</b> Betty Woods 1800 Shaver St. Apt 206 Rapid City, SD 57702



**Care Circle** women's Bible Study will be held on Monday, October 9, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Zion. We will continue with the "From Age to Age" Bible study as there was so much good things to discuss that we didn't get to finish in September. Even if you didn't make the Sept. meeting, join us for the remainder of the study. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.

The LWML Annual "No Bake" Bake Sale

A "No Bake" Bake Sale means that you contribute what you would have spent either making or buying baked goods and no calories!



All funds this year will go to support Zion's own mission of feeding the homeless at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission on the 2nd Wednesday and 5th Monday of the month. This costs between \$1,600 and \$2,000 each year and there is no line item for this in Zion's annual budget. We thank you for all of the support you have given us all these years for our mission projects. Checks be made out to Zion LWML. All money placed in the cake will go toward the bake sale and that placed in the Mite Box will go to pay SD District (75%) and National (25%) Mission Grants.



What do you like about fall?  
By: Mrs. Vogel’s 3rd Grade Class

Sullivan: I like to play sports, like baseball and flag football.  
Emmett: In the fall, I like to jump into leaf piles.  
Everly: In the fall, I like to crumble fall leaves and ride my bike.  
Lila: In the fall, I like to play fall baseball.  
Blaire: In the fall, I like to celebrate Thanksgiving.  
Kyliegh: In the fall, I like to eat pumpkin pie.  
Mel: I like to jump in the leaves in the fall.  
Marcelo: In the fall, I like the leaves.  
Beckett: The thing I like best about fall is kicking the leaf piles while on walks.  
Vera: The thing I like best about fall is that my birthday is in the fall.  
Elliot: I like fall because I get to play fall ball which is baseball in the fall.

Hamida: In the fall, I like to play with friends.  
Gracie: I like fall because it is my birthday.  
Capri: In the fall, I like to jump in the leaves.  
Penelope: In the fall, I like to drink apple cider in trees.  
Olivia: I like fall because I like all the Halloween candy.  
Penny: In the fall, I like to drink apple cider.  
Ethan: I like fall because I like Halloween.  
Jace: I like fall because I can play soccer.  
Lexi: I like fall because my birthday is in the fall.  
Lizzie: I like fall because you can jump in to leaves.



New Member Class Beginning Soon!

We would love to have you as a member of Zion’s family. As with all good families we wanted to be invested in your life and have you be invested in ours. We can only do that when we know more about one another. With that you are invited to Zion’s New Member Class beginning Monday October 23rd from 5:45-7:45pm. The class will meet every Monday for six weeks until our last class on November 27th. Dinner and child care will be provided each week. We ask only that you to bring yourselves and a willingness to grow in relationship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information please contact Pastor Meadows (605-858-0015, bryan.meadows@zionrc.org).

To sign up please contact Lindsay Reule in the church office (605-342-5749, lindsay.reule@zionrc.org).

