

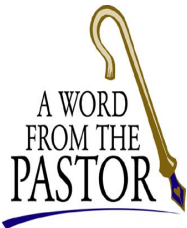
November 2023  
NEWSLETTER



ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

We will be holding the Zion Lutheran Church 18th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM. There will be over 30 local vendors with a variety of homemade products. There will also be a huge bake sale, sloppy joe lunch, desserts, and rolls for sale throughout the day. As always we need a lot of help to put this event on! Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Set up, tear down, helping vendors bring in their products, kitchen and bake sale workers, and greeters are the many ways you can serve. Also we need lots of donations of baked goods from the wonderful cooks in our congregation. Pies sell really well because this will be on the weekend before Thanksgiving, but all goodies and crafts are needed. You can drop them off all day , at the church, Friday November 17, till 8:00 PM, or Saturday morning. Set up will be from 4:00PM till 8:00PM, Friday November 17. Tear down and set up for church begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday. The more people we have to help, the easier it is. Thank you to all who help make this event so successful! This is a Christ's Way event so all proceeds will go to the new building fund. We hope you all can join that day for fun, fellowship, and a little early Christmas shopping !! You can contact Jane Greff at 605 718-1516 or 605-786-6279 with questions.

Blessings, Jane Greff



“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!”  
– Psalm 106:1

It’s November, the season of thanking God for the bountiful harvest. On the fourth Thursday of November, we will gather with family and friends to celebrate our God and all His blessings given to us. There will be turkey and stuffing, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

But then comes the day after. On Black Friday many of the same people, who the day before thanked God for all His gifts, will head out deal shopping for all the stuff which God hasn’t given them yet. The new big screen TV, the latest video games, nicer furniture, top gifts for dad, new clothes for mom.

There’s nothing wrong with getting a good deal. And I suppose the fourth Friday of November is as good a time as any to start your Christmas shopping. But does it ever feel weird to you that the day when Americans buy the most stuff is the day after we thank God for all the stuff He’s already given us? It’s as though we’re saying, “Thanks, God, but I wanted more.”

I wonder if God ever gets frustrated with us, His children on earth. Like little kids in the back seat of the car, we never seem to be satisfied with the snacks in the travel bag. We would rather have the candy on the convenience store shelf.

We in the Church, at times, act in the same way. We wish that we had more people involved in the ministry. We wish more kids would come to Youth Group. We wish that more people volunteered. We wish that we had more leaders, or a more robust music program, or more space, or more... just more.

Desiring more is not in and of itself wrong. Desiring the building expansion for the sake of being able to better serve our community with the Word of Christ is a good thing. But don’t ever let the desires of your heart overwhelm your thanksgiving for what God has already given. Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool is an amazing place. And we have truly been gifted by God’s abundance. Give God thanks and praise for an amazing teaching staff who helps our parents guide their children in the way they should go. Give God thanks for all in the congregation who do step forward on a regular basis to volunteer their time to drive and direct the ministries of Christ in this place. The Hearts for the Harvest Banquet last month was a gift in itself. It put on display how blessed this congregation truly is, with the people and the gifts which God has given.

Zion is here, and Zion is blessed because we have been given the best gift of all – God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Yes, the building expansion would be nice. Yes, more volunteers would be wonderful. And I continue to pray that both happen. But truly in Christ we have been richly blessed with all we need and more. Let us give thanks for that.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Bryan Meadows



From the Principal's Office November 2023

*‘Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving with Love’*

UPCOMING EVENTS



School Photo Retakes

Photo retakes will be done on Friday, November 3rd, for any students needing to retake their school picture.

Book Fair

Zion’s PTL will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair November 20-21. These books make great Christmas presents!

Books & Lunch Together (BLT)

In conjunction with the book fair, we are inviting grandparents and/or special guests to come and have lunch with their student on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Guests will need to bring a lunch. Students will be able to look at the book fair with their guest(s) and show them their classroom.

Thanksgiving Break

There will not be school, preschool, or daycare on Wednesday, November 22, Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. School and daycare will resume on Monday, November 27th.

Report Cards

The first trimester of school ends on November 10, with Report Cards being sent home on November 20.

Girls' Basketball

Zion's 4th & 5th grade girls' basketball teams will be playing basketball games soon!

Currently we have five games scheduled:

- Nov. 6th @ 4:30PM @ Zion vs. St. Paul's
- Nov. 7th @ 6:15PM @ Hermosa
- Nov. 14th @ 5PM @ St. Paul's
- Nov. 21st @ 5PM @ St. Paul's
- Dec. 7th @ 6:15Pm @ Hermosa

Check out the bulletin for more upcoming dates!

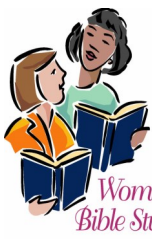
Morning Movie at the Elks Theatre

Zion's PTL will be holding a Morning Movie at the Elks Theatre on Saturday, November 4th. This is a free movie showing of "Arthur Christmas" sponsored by the PTL. Doors will open at 9am with the movie starting at 9:30am. This is for church and school families to attend! (Children should not be left unattended!) Concessions will also be available for purchase! See you all there!



Thanksgiving Worship Services and Office Hours

- Wednesday, November 22: Worship at 6:00pm
- Thursday, November 23: Office is Closed. Worship at 10:00am
- Friday, November 24: Office is Closed.



Care Circle women's Bible Study will be held on Monday, November 13, at 9:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the third Bible Study in the Fall issue of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. All women are invited to join us. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet on Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 a.m. at Zion. The theme this month is "Veterans". Teena Conrad from the Veterans Wing at the Cornerstone Mission will be our guest speaker.

Ingathering—Items for the Veterans: Underwear (all sizes boxers preferred), T-shirts all sizes & colors, winter gloves larger sizes, sugar, creamer, coffee. Move in kit: Gently used pots & pans, paper towels, all-purpose cleaner, kitchen trash bags, spatulas, can openers, kitchen towels, dish rags. We are emphasizing Coffee, sugar, and creamer. There will be a box in the narthex for you to place items.

A light lunch will be served. As always, we encourage all women of the congregation to join us.

Thank you for your support of the "No Bake" Bake Sale. Totals will be reported at the end of October.

Financial Report

	Sept. 2023	Budget YTD
Budget Receipts:	\$122,735	\$400,901
Budget Expenses:	\$118,428	\$422,417
Gain or [Loss]:	\$4,307	(\$21,516)
Funds collected via Envelopes, Loose Plate, Tuition, Daycare & Preschool		
Capital Campaign Summary-Sept. 2023		
Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05	
Christ's Way	\$ 469,959.28	
Total Funds Received	\$1,755,169.33	
Less Campaign Expenditures	\$ 453,472.24	
Add funds dedicated to Campaign	\$ 228,580.30	
Total Campaign Funds	\$ 1,530,277.39	



Thank you, God, for giving me...

By: Mrs. Genzlinger's Morning 4yr. old PK Class



- Cashel: love
- Evelyn: a name card
- Camilla: nice friends
- Saylor: pumpkins
- Janelynn: birds
- Oliver: playgrounds
- Nolia: pigs



- Brielle: house
- James: birdhouse
- Ira: shovels
- Terrance: jack-o-lanterns
- Ryker: costumes
- Grace: my bed
- Rozalia: marshmallows



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

Nov 2 Judy Charbonneau 214 E Custer St Rapid City, SD 57701	Nov 11 John Lemke 12470 Merritt Estes Rd Deadwood, SD 57732	Nov 22 Barbara Hughes 128 Flormann St Rapid City, SD 57701	Nov 30 Reinhold Eisenbraun 7001 Anderson Rd Rapid City, SD 57703
Nov 6 Mel Semmler 6506 Wellington Dr Rapid City, SD 57701	Nov 13 Carlene Hennies 2032 Promise Rd Apt 3121 Rapid City, SD 57701	Nov 22 Bettie Poljansek 10800 Quaal Rd Black Hawk, SD 57718	Nov 30 Donna Genzlinger 4402 Sheridan Lake Rd Rapid City, SD 57702
Nov 11 Dave Jungemann 624 Westwinds Dr Box Elder, SD 57719	Nov 22 Sharon Hilgemeier 1261 Rangeview Cir Rapid City, SD 57701		

2024 envelopes are Coming!

The Zion Finance Board is again offering two options for church giving in 2024. The first choice is to use offering envelopes. As the use of E-giving rises, the Finance Board will also offer to send an annual contribution statement without requiring donors to be assigned a box of envelopes. If you would like to change your envelope option, please contact Camron at Camron.Ottenbacher@zionrc.org or 342-5749. If no preference is indicated, your 2023 option will carry forward to 2024. Please let Camron know if you want to switch by November 13. Thank You.