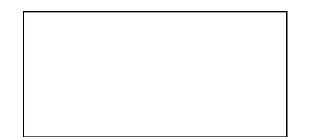
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Rapid City, SD 57701-8913

April 2023 NEWSLETTER





Join us for Zion Lutheran Church, School and Preschool's May 12th, 2023 @ the PTL Parking Lot Party

All proceeds will support the Christ's Way Capital Campaign Games will begin at 5:30pm

Each team needs to be made up of one junior player and one senior player!

(A junior is anyone 5th grade or younger and a senior is anyone 6th grade or older.) The registration fee is \$15 per team. Registration DUE by May 4th. The tournament will be single elimination, set up using a bracket system. For speed of play, each game will be first to 15 points, following traditional Cornhole rules.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

What good news this is that our Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He overcame death and the grave and gave us the victory! Death no longer has dominion over us. Death has lost its sting!

These are all great churchy-type phrases. Most assuredly, they are completely true; Jesus did rise from the dead. But what does His rising from the dead mean to YOU? How do these church phrases affect your daily life in the here and now?

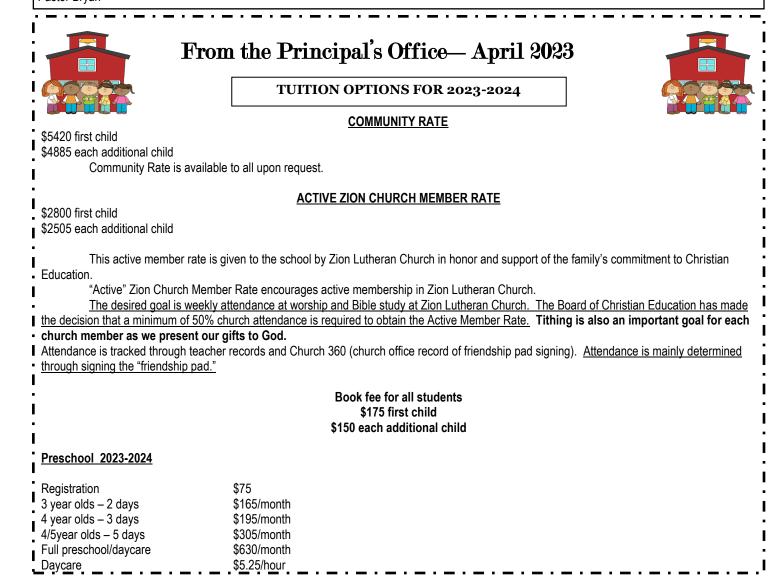
Do you connect the forgiveness of sin that Christ earned for you on the cross of Calvary to being forgiven for cursing the driver that cut you off in traffic? Do you see that same forgiveness from your spouse after an argument? Do you feel the certain hope of the resurrection while waiting in the doctor's office for your parent's lab results to come back? Can you latch onto His promise of the new heavens and the new earth when the headlines tell you that the world is falling apart?

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter are times to contemplate the suffering of our Savior and rejoice in the works He accomplished on the cross and out of the tomb. It is right to look back on what was done those two thousand years ago. But more so, take time this Easter season to reflect on what Christ's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation mean for you today. God's Word, even today in your life, is living and active (Hebrews 4:12). That Word is actively working inside of your life (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

We, as Christians, have what no one else in the world has. We have a sure and certain hope given to us in Christ's resurrection. This hope "gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength" (Isaiah 40:29). These words of promise from God given to us at Easter are more than just words. Easter is more than a fun and colorful springtime celebration. What Christ did that first Easter changed the world on a massive scale. Christ wants that work to change your life, as well. He wants it to change the way you see His creation and how you interact with your fellow creatures.

He is Risen! He is Risen for YOU! What do you think about that?

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Bryan



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION "NEW HORIZONS BAND"

We would like to invite our many school and preschool volunteers, families, Zion Buddies, and congregation members to join us for a concert presented by the New Horizons Band on Thursday, April 20, at 8:30AM in the Multi-Purpose room. Coffee and donuts will be served afterwards. Our students and staff look forward to sharing this event with all our wonderful volunteers and friends!

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL

EASTER BREAK will be on April 6-10. There will not be any preschool, school, or daycare during these days.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE SCIENCE & SMARTER BALANCED TESTING

Students in grade 5 will be taking the South Dakota State Science Assessment, and students in grades 3-5 will begin taking the South Dakota Math and Language Arts Assessment from April 13-28. Please keep these students and their teachers in your prayers as they prepare and take these tests!

BOOK FAIR Zion's PTL is having a spring book fair! The book fair this spring will be through 155. There will be many great books to choose from! The book fair will begin on the afternoon of Monday, April 3rd , and continue through Wednesday, April 5th. Watch posters for details and times. We will also be holding another "Books and Lunch Together" (BLT). This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, or special visitors to come and have lunch with their child on Monday or Tuesday during the book fair. You may bring your own lunch, or if you would like to order a lunch, please let Miss Lindsay know!

GUEST ARTIST

Starr Chief Eagle

Starr Chief Eagle is an enrolled member of the Sicangu (Rosebud) Lakota Sioux Tribe. She was born with the Lakota name Wichahpi Tokahe (First Star) and was later given the Lakota name Wichahpi Ohitika Winyan (Brave Star Woman) as she entered into adulthood. She grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota including Rapid City and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and started hoop dancing before she could walk. Since then, she has been practicing every year to perfect her techniques and skills. Starr was raised up in hoop dancing by her father Dallas Chief Eagle and continues to carry on his teachings with a combination of her own.

Starr Chief Eagle will provide a complete ethnic dive into Lakota Culture that will explore the language. art, and stories of the Lakota people in a fun, educational way. The Hoop Dance encourages the use of important values including respect, creativity, determination, and self- balance. She will provide an additional 200 hoops to teach the Lakota Hoop Dance and its history through a hands-on learning experience. What is learned will then be demonstrated at the end of the residency through a final group performance where friends and family will be invited to partake in the educational event.

This residency is sponsored by Zion's Parent Teacher League (PTL) and by a grant from the South Dakota Arts Council. Starr Chief Eagle will be at Zion Lutheran School April 24-27.

BASKETBALL CAMP Miss Weeks will be leading a Summer Basketball Camp at Zion for students entering grades 1-5 on June 26-29. This camp is a fundraiser to help support the Christ's Way Campaign. Sign-up sheets and more information are available in the office.



	Holy Week Worship Schedule	
IE r eld m	l Maundy Thursday, April 6: w/ Holy Communio	
	l Good Friday, April 7:	10am & 6pm
	Easter Sunday, April 9: w/ Holy Communio	6am, 8am, 10:45am n

Care Circle Women's Bible

Study will meet on Monday. April 10, from 9:30am at Zion. We will use the second study in the Spring issue of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. All ladies are invited to join us.

Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.

The LWML Zone Spring Rally will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran on Saturday, April 29. Registration is 8:30-9:00 a.m. and the

rally from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$10 for lunch and materials. The theme: "...perfect love casts out fear..." 1 John 4:18. Presentations by some caregivers and Black Hills Works. The ingathering is for Suzie Cappa Art Center: donations and gift cards for art supplies. Make checks out to Black Hills Works Foundation. More info in the LWML

! information rack.



Dana—to have fun and ride my bike

Kyler-Easter eggs and fun

Casen—finding Easter eggs

Luna—follow M&Ms to bunny presents and Easter basket

Ryker—God and Easter egg hunts and church

Anumegha—eat candy and have special flowers



<u>Finan</u>	cial Report	
YTD	<u>Feb 2023</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Budget Receipts:	\$107,608	\$863,746
Budget Expenses: Gain or [Loss]:	<u>\$117,955</u> (\$10,347)	<u>\$987,834</u> (\$124,088)
Funds collected via E Dayc	Envelopes, Loos are & Preschoo	

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 251,539.32
Total Funds Received	\$1,536,749.37
Less TWG Expenditures	\$ 451,615.93
Add Funds Dedicated to TWG	<u>\$ 227,586.73</u>
Total TWG Funds	\$1,312,720.17





Hollace—Jesus and God made the world and animals, and we dig holes in my yard

Wvatt-Easter eag hunts and something from the Easter bunny

Charlie—Easter lunch with the whole family and picking flowers and looking at birds

Henry—having my family around & Jesus & egg hunts

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

Apr 2 Sharon Jenkins 6940 Emerald Heights Rd Summerset, SD 57718

Apr 2 Ned Peterson 23818 Golden Hills Dr Rapid City, SD 57701

Apr 13 Vi Lostroh St. Martin's Village 4825 Jericho Way #212 Rapid City, SD 57702

Apr 22 James Blecha 23955 Pink Cabin Rd Hill City, SD 57745

Apr 27 Betty Withee 306 S Canyon Rd Rapid City, SD 57702

Apr 30 Les Jass 4236 Derby Ln Rapid City, SD 57701