

Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool  
4550 Mt. Rushmore Road  
Rapid City, SD 57701-8913

April 2023  
NEWSLETTER



Join us for Zion Lutheran Church, School and Preschool' s  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger and a senior is anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older.)  
The registration fee is \$15 per team. **Registration DUE by May 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
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.



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



From the Principal's Office— April 2023

TUITION OPTIONS FOR 2023-2024

COMMUNITY RATE

\$5420 first child  
\$4885 each additional child  
Community Rate is available to all upon request.

ACTIVE ZION CHURCH MEMBER RATE

\$2800 first child  
\$2505 each additional child

This active member rate is given to the school by Zion Lutheran Church in honor and support of the family's commitment to Christian Education.

"Active" Zion Church Member Rate encourages active membership in Zion Lutheran Church.

The desired goal is weekly attendance at worship and Bible study at Zion Lutheran Church. The Board of Christian Education has made the decision that a minimum of 50% church attendance is required to obtain the Active Member Rate. Tithing is also an important goal for each church member as we present our gifts to God.

Attendance is tracked through teacher records and Church 360 (church office record of friendship pad signing). Attendance is mainly determined through signing the "friendship pad."

Book fee for all students  
\$175 first child  
\$150 each additional child

Preschool 2023-2024

Registration	\$75
3 year olds – 2 days	\$165/month
4 year olds – 3 days	\$195/month
4/5year olds – 5 days	\$305/month
Full preschool/daycare	\$630/month
Daycare	\$5.25/hour

## 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.



#### VBS SAVE THE DATE

2023. "Stellar VBS" will be held June 5-9th, from 9:00-12:00.

Registration information will be coming soon!

#### Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 6: 10am & 6pm  
w/ Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7: 10am & 6pm

Easter Sunday, April 9: 6am, 8am, 10:45am  
w/ Holy Communion



**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.



By: Mrs. Leyden's Afternoon Preschool Class

## What is your favorite part of Easter?

**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



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

**Wyatt**—Easter egg 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



## Join Us For Breakfast

**Easter Sunday**  
April 9th - 7-10am

### Financial Report

YTD	Feb 2023	Budget
Budget Receipts:	\$107,608	\$863,746
Budget Expenses:	\$117,955	\$987,834
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$10,347)	(\$124,088)

*Funds collected via Envelopes, Loose Plate, Tuition, Daycare & Preschool*

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	\$ 227,586.73
Total TWG Funds	\$1,312,720.17

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



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

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

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

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

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

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