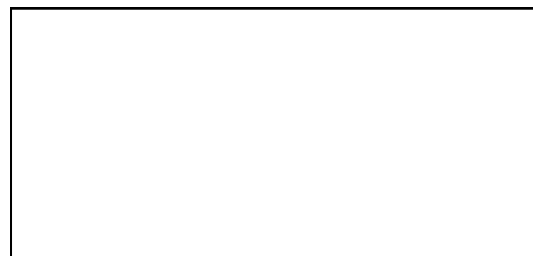


Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool
4550 Mt. Rushmore Road
Rapid City, SD 57701-8913

May 2023 NEWSLETTER



Parking Lot Party!

WHEN: Friday, May 12, 2023
TIME: 5:00-7:30pm
WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church,
School, and Preschool Parking Lot

Bring your own lawn chair.

PTL will be serving walking tacos for \$5 instead of having dinner food trucks this year. Pre-registration requested.



Capital Campaign Cornhole Tournament
\$15/team. Registration due May 4th.
More info available in the office.

Yard Games

Face Painting

Strider Bikes

Dessert Food Trucks

DJ and Dancing



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John 15:12 – “This is my command, that you love one another as I have loved you.” – Jesus Christ



Let me be Lutheran for a minute here. This is quite the command from our Savior. How can you and I possibly love one another as He as loved us? He who gave up heaven for us. He who gave up His very life for us. You and I can't love that sacrificially! Jesus Christ came to live, suffer, die, and rise for you. That's the gospel.

That being said ... thank you! Thank you for loving, not perfectly, but pretty darn well. Thank you for all the ways that you have loved and served these past few months of Lent and Easter. Thank you for decorating the church so beautifully. Thank you to the youth for putting breakfast together to feed a hungry congregation. Thank you for running the worship slides and internet stream. Thank you to all who provided such lovely music to add to the worship of our Lord.

Thank you to the ladies who have stepped up to serve a meal to families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Thank you to the Lay Ministers for providing spiritual guidance for our congregation. Thank you to the Altar Guild for all the banner and parament changes, for communion setup, and for washing stained altar linens.

Thank you to our teachers and school staff who work so diligently to help train up our kids in the way they should go. Thank you to those who serve on our various boards to guide the business of our church. Thank you to our custodians and board of trustees in maintaining our overused building.

Thank you to all who have been giving to the Christ's Way campaign with their resources of time and money. Thank you for making Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool such an amazing place to KNOW Jesus, GROW in faith, and SERVE in love.

Yes, we are Lutherans. We realize that we can't follow Christ's commands perfectly. We know that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, by Christ alone. And we also know that, while our works don't save us, they might lead others to the One who does save. Or they just might save others by giving them something to eat.

For all you do for and at our church, school and preschool, thank you. Zion, you're amazing!

Blessed to Serve with You,

Pastor Bryan Meadows



From the Principal's Office— May 2023



ZION'S 2023 GRADUATION CLASSES

Our Fifth Grade Graduation and Reception will be held on the evening of Monday, May 22nd, at 7PM.

Preschool Graduation and Reception will be held at our final Chapel service for this school year, on Wednesday, May 24th at 8:30AM. Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they prepare for their next steps in their education.

FIFTH GRADE GRADUATES

Jaxon Bouma, Haley Burke, Ayden Dodds, William Ferguson, Breanna Frye, Sydney Guderjahn, Anthony Herrera, Elijah Meadows, Callie Noteboom, Pearl Poppen, Elizabeth Regelin, Ethan Roark, Jack Sizemore, Dane Solinsky, James Stecher, Emma Swenson, Jackson Tulon, and Keaton Woolever

PRESCHOOL GRADUATES

Morning Class- Carson Doeden, Henrik Groven, Marigold Haggerty, Ellen Kettering, Sierra Luebeck, Brielle Randolph, Emmett Schneider, Ava Singer, Kainoa Soriano, Jenna Sykander, Josten Waddell, Malcom Watson, Evelyn Weishaar, Tinsley Welsch, & Brixton Work

Afternoon Class- Dana Cavanaugh, Henry Cook, Kyler Fossen, Casen Goodrich, Luna Griebenow, Ryker Hupp, Anumegha Kar, Hollace Schiley, Wyatt Swenson, & Charlie Winjum

God's richest blessings to the fifth grade and preschool graduating students from all of the teachers and staff of Zion Lutheran School and Preschool. Our prayers will be with you as you continue your education...and as you continue to grow in your faith!

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TRACK MEET will be held Friday, May 5, at the track at Rapid City Christian. The 1600 M race will begin at 8:30AM with all other events beginning at about 9AM. Over 500 students from Calvary Christian School, Homeschoolers, St. Paul Lutheran, Creek Side, Black Hills Christian Academy, Bethesda Hot Springs, and Zion will participate in this event. The Track Meet will end around 2PM. There is no charge to visitors. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer the runners on!

Outlaw Ranch Zion’s fifth grade class will be attending an Environmental Education Camp at Outlaw Ranch May 17-19. While they are at Outlaw Ranch, the students will be doing team-building activities, taking an ecology hike, riding horses, possibly canoeing, having a campfire, and experiencing KP duty.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN If you know of parents who might be interested in enrolling their child for the 2023-2024 school year, please have them contact Mrs. Solinsky 342-5749. We offer small class size with maximum of 15 students in each kindergarten and 20-22 in our other classrooms.

PARKING LOT PARTY

Zion School’s PTL will be hosting a “Parking Lot Party” on Friday, May 12th, from 5pm-7:30pm. Zion’s various board members will also be helping with this event. There will be food, games, music a cornhole tournament, and fellowship. We look forward to having everyone from Zion Lutheran Church, School and Preschool to come and have a great time!

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN!

Blast off to Stellar VBS
June 5th- June 9th, 2023
from 9:00am- 12:00pm!



Registration is now open online. Visit vbspro.events/p/6053f6 to register!

Willing to be a volunteer? We NEED you!
Register on the same website: vbspro.events/p/6053f6.

Can’t come on VBS days, but still want to help? Consider donating an item from our wish list in the narthex!

Question? Ask Becki Aker 342-5749 or becki.aker@zionrc.org



ANNUAL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

Save the date and save your stuff!

It’s time for some spring cleaning and we want what you don’t want!

You may drop off items you’d like to donate in the Narthex
Tuesday, May 30th 7am thru Thursday June 1st 5pm.

Join us **Friday, June 2nd from 5-7pm** for our Early Bird Sale (\$5 entry)
or **Saturday, June 3rd 8th 7am-1pm** (no charge to shop!)

If you have questions, call Lorien at 342-5749

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.



Care Circle Women’s Bible Study will have its last meeting before the summer break on Monday, May 8, at 9:30am at Zion. We will do the third Bible study in the Spring issue of the **Lutheran Women’s Quarterly**. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.



The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission) will have their last meeting before the summer break on Saturday, May 13 at 10am at Zion. We will have a devotion, the installation of officers, and then go to Perkins for lunch. All women are invited to join us.



By: Mr. Dobbs’ Second Grade Class

If you could meet any famous person, living or dead, who would it be and why?

Lexi: I would like to meet Patricia Polacco because she’s my favorite author.

Blaire: I would like to meet Dr. Seuss because he is funny.

Camila: I would like to meet Taylor Swift.

Jace C: I would like to meet Michael Jordan because I like basketball.

Everly: I would like to meet Patricia Polacco because she is my favorite author.

Mel: I would like to meet Lauren Tarshis because I Survived is the best.

Vera: I would meet Selena Gomez because she has such a great voice, and she sings one of my favorite songs.

Beckett: I would like to meet Jesus because he died on the cross for our sins. I’ve always wanted to meet Jesus.

Elliot: I would like to meet Lauren Tarshis because I like I Survived books.

Lila: I would like to meet Dr. Seuss because he writes funny books!

Penny: I would like to meet Stan and Jan Berenstain because they are my favorite authors.

Emmett: I would like to meet Taylor Swift because I think she’s the best singer.

Lizzie: I would like to meet Laura Ingalls-Wilder because I like her books.

Capri: I would like to meet Katy Perry because I like her songs.

Olivia: I would like to meet Ariana Grande because I could see her sing her music.

Kyliegh: I would like to meet JoJo because I like her songs.

Sullivan: I would like to meet George Lucas because I love the Star Wars shows he makes.

Penelope: I would like to meet Lainey Wilson because I would like to sing with her.

Jace A: I would like to meet One Direction because they are my favorite band.

Gavin: I would like to meet the band Imagine Dragons because they are my favorite band.



Financial Report

YTD	Mar 2023	Budget
Budget Receipts:	\$173,294	\$1,037,040
Budget Expenses:	\$129,471	\$1,117,305
Gain or [Loss]:	\$43,823	(\$80,265)

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

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ’s Way	\$ 287,460.46
Total Funds Received	<u>\$1,572,670.51</u>
Less TWG Expenditures	<u>\$ 451,615.93</u>
Add Funds Dedicated to TWG	<u>\$ 227,586.73</u>
Total TWG Funds	<u>\$1,348,644.31</u>

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



May 8 Ila Fenenga
931 Fox Run Dr. Apt. 303
Rapid City, SD 57701

May 25 Joyce Peck
102 St. Andrew
Rapid City, SD 57701

May 10 Proulx Lawson
4930 Grace Way
Rapid City, SD 57702

May 27 Marilyn Herz
4414 Bellewood Dr
Rapid City, SD 57702

May 16 Earl Dahme
200 Wesleyan Blvd Apt 101
Rapid City, SD 57702

May 29 George Nielsen
1132 Enchantment Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57701