

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

June/July 2023
NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SERVICES:
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 8am-3:30pm



Joshua 1:9 – Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

The verse Joshua 1:9 was chosen by Zion’s fifth grade class as their graduation verse. It reminded them that no matter where God takes them in life that He will be with them. Jesus says in Matthew 28:20 that He will be with us until the very end of the age. Moses remarks in Deuteronomy 31:6 that God the Father will never leave us nor forsake; a promise that is repeated in Hebrews 13:5. Several times through the Scriptures God reminds you that He is always there with you, whenever and wherever you find yourself.

For now, you and I find ourselves in summer. The school year has come to a close. Graduates from preschool to college have hung up their caps and gowns. Band students everywhere breathe a sigh of relief as they put away the music for Pomp and Circumstance for another year. Schools out for summer. Let the great summer road trip begin.

Where are you going this summer? Florida for some time on the beach? Visiting some buffalo in Yellowstone? Grand trip to Arizona to see the Grand Canyon? Learning some history in New England? Or simply catching up with the East River family? Wherever you go God is going with you.

Why then not also go with God? Just because you are away from home, doesn’t mean that you have to be away from God. You have several resources at your fingertips to ensure that you can go with God this summer.

- Away from Rapid but don’t want to be away from Zion, check us out on our Zion YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@zionlutheranrapidcity>). Click on LIVE tab for worship services & sermons.
- Daily devotions, weekly sermons, and other study materials can be found on the Lutheran Hour Ministries website (<https://www.lhm.org>).
- Find a church on the road using the LCMS locator website (<https://locator.lcms.org/church>).
- Download your favorite Bible App for your phone or tablet. Most apps have daily devotions, audio readings, and built-in reading plans. (YouVersion, Bible Gateway, etc.)
- Grab a *Portals of Prayer* or a *My Devotions* from the information table in the Narthex.

At a minimum don’t forget to throw your Bible in the suitcase. God has promised to go with you. You might as well go with Him.

Your Servant Along the Way,
Pastor Bryan

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

LWML met on Saturday, May 13th, 2023 for our last event of the year. The new officers for the upcoming year were installed by Pastor Meadows. Our new officers are pictured from left to right: Colleen Murphy– VP of Mission Service, Gail Jass— Secretary, Bettie Poljansek—Treasurer, Sharon Hilgemeier– VP of Mission Inspiration, and Ruth Kudera—President.

During the summer these ladies will plan our program beginning in September. What is our purpose you ask? We support, encourage, and uplift each other through Bible Study, worship and praise of the Triune God. We also support the programs and objectives of the LWML through Mission, Education, Mission Inspiration, and Mission Service. We serve our church, school, community, state, country, and world! Check out the LWML area in the narthex to see how you can be involved. Join us September 9, 2023 for our first meeting of our new year. We gather at 10am at Zion. Please keep us in your prayers that God continues to bless the work of the LWML.





Zion School Spotlight

By: Miss Weeks' 5th Grade Class

Final Thoughts

William—I really enjoyed 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. My favorite teacher was one of them in those 3 grades. I am hoping to go to RCC next year. My favorite part of this school year had to be Outlaw Ranch.

Jaxon—I am going to RCC next year. My favorite memory of 5th grade was going to Outlaw Ranch. Miss Weeks is my favorite teacher. I will miss Zion and everyone I have met while here. I had a lot of fun here. When I get older I will definitely come to visit.

Elijah—My favorite memory from Zion was 5th grade. We went to Outlaw Ranch, which was super fun. My favorite teacher has been Miss Weeks. We got to play all types of fun games. I will be going to join my brother at RCC next year.

Keaton—In 5th grade, I really liked Outlaw Ranch. I also loved going to Evans Plunge 3rd-5th grade. I don't know where I am going to middle school yet.

Anthony—I am going to Saint Thomas Moore next year for middle school. My favorite teacher was Miss Weeks. I really enjoyed going to Outlaw Ranch and loved riding horses. Overall, fifth grade was my favorite class.

Haley—I am going either to East or South Middle School next year. My favorite memory was the car ride to Evans Plunge. I also liked playing Werewolf.

Jack T.—I am going to RCC next year. My favorite teachers were Miss Weeks and Miss Birkmire. My favorite memory was being at Outlaw Ranch together and all the fun we had. I also loved playing Werewolf in fifth grade.

James—I am going to RCC for middle school and high school. My favorite teachers were Miss Weeks and Miss Birkmire. My favorite memory is going to Outlaw Ranch where I learned lots of new games, like Eliminator.

Emma—I will be going to RCC for middle school and high school. One of my favorite things we did this year was go to Outlaw Ranch and see all my classmates really express themselves. My favorite teacher at Zion was Miss Weeks because she always made learning fun and was an amazing friend!

Bre—I am going to RCC next year. I loved Outlaw Ranch and all the fun activities we got to do there. I am so sad that we have to go. :(

Pearl—I liked that we had small class sizes at Zion. I have no idea where I am going to middle school next year.

Ayden—I am going to St. Paul's next year. My favorite thing at Zion was playing Werewolf with Miss Weeks and my friends. It is sad how I can't see Miss Weeks or my friends next year.

Dane—I am going to East Middle School next year. My favorite teachers were Miss Weeks and Miss Birkmire. My favorite memory was when I learned how to play Werewolf.

Elizabeth—I am hoping to go to RCC for middle school and high school. I will really miss Zion because it was the only school I ever went to. I like learning about God and Jesus. Going to Zion really helped me strengthen my faith and make new friends.

Ethan—I am going to Southwest Middle School next year. My favorite teacher was Miss Weeks. In fifth grade, I really liked playing Werewolf.

Jack S.—I am going to Southwest Middle School. I enjoyed learning about all of the different subjects. I also liked playing basketball on the fifth grade team.

Callie—After Zion, I am hoping to go to RCC. My favorite thing about Zion would have to be all the great teachers and classes. I really liked Miss Weeks the best, but I also really liked everybody else. It is going to be hard to leave all the friendships that I have made behind.

Sydney—I am likely going to RCC next year. I am quite excited to be attending, though I might miss this school (its location) and the short periods of time where we got to do something of pleasure.

Did you graduate from high school this spring? We would like to recognize your achievements!

Please join us on **Sunday, June 18th, at the 8am Worship service.** During the services we will have a time of recognition & celebration. Between the services we will have a reception beginning at 9am in the Narthex. We hope you and your parents will join us!

We will be putting graduate information up on the screens in the Sanctuary during the pre and post worship announcements. Please bring in or email your senior picture or graduation announcement and a short write up of your future plans to the Lorien in the church office by Thursday June 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact Lorien Petersen at church 342-5749 or by email lorien.petersen@zionrc.org



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

June 9 Merlene Batchelder
3720 Sonora Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57701

June 10 Ruth Schumacher
938 Joy Ave.
Rapid City, SD 57701

June 11 Gary Muelling
4925 Hansen Ln
Rapid City, SD 57703

June 12 Milbert Rohrbach
2156 Plateau Ln # C
Rapid City, SD 57703

June 14 Deanna Peck
3728 Jackson Blvd
Rapid City, SD 57702

June 23 Sharon Bendert
1770 Tablerock Rd. #303
Rapid City, SD 57701

July 7 Delmar Genzlinger
4402 Sheridan Lake Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57702

July 12 Betty Auers
5709 560th S.
Pine City, MN 55063

July 14 Viola Ebel
1659 N Neel St.
Rapid City, SD 57703

July 15 Mary Lou Johnson
7309 W 65th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Financial Report

Budget Receipts:	April 2023	Budget YTD
	\$164,254	\$1,201,294
Budget Expenses:	\$116,345	\$1,233,477
Gain or [Loss]:	\$47,909	(\$32,183)

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

Capital Campaign Summary-April 2023

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 345,571.02
Total Funds Received	\$1,630,781.07
Less TWG Expenditures	\$ 452,401.07
Add funds dedicated to TWG	\$ 227,595.36
Total TWG Funds	\$ 1,405,975.36

July 16 Jerry Jessen
912 9th St. #3
Rapid City, SD 57701

July 26 Robert Herz
4414 Bellewood Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57702

July 27 Leslie Zechiel
121 Belleview Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57701