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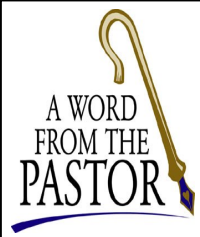
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Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet on Saturday, September 9, at 10 a.m. at Zion. This month's theme is Christian Education and we will have an ingathering for the Zion teachers "wish list". Also, Jane Kirschenmann will share her experience at the National LWML Convention in Milwaukee. A light lunch will be served. If you wish to contribute to the ingathering, a box is available in the Narthex.

Items are: Wiggly eyes, pompoms, blue sticky tack, brads, sticky notes, Ziplock baggies—snack, sandwich & gallon size, pencils/pens, paper plates—small & large, balloons, buttons, cotton balls, feathers, muffin liners, wax paper, aluminum foil, Q-tips, envelopes, band-aids, contact paper, clear packing tape, Dixie cups—small size, Sharpie markers, Masking tape, popsicle sticks, large and small safety pins.

Again, thank you for all of the support you give to the mission work of your LWML.



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

1 Thessalonians 1:3 – “We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”

What does it mean to be a member of a church?

That question comes up frequently at this time of year with school starting. The cynic in me says that many are joining the church only to receive the tuition discount. However, the mission-minded optimist in me rejoices that these new families will participate in the worship with us at least twice a month. They will join our family of faith to hear the Word of God rightly preached and experience Christ’s grace and forgiveness in His sacraments.

And therein lies the point of church membership. Church membership is not simply sitting in the sanctuary twice a month. It is not simply attending church regularly. Church membership is about joining a family. It’s about participating in one another’s lives. It’s celebrating with one another as a new brother or sister is brought into the family of faith through the waters of Holy Baptism. It’s hanging out together while studying God’s Word in Bible Study or small group. It’s going on motorcycle rides, hikes in the Black Hills, or simply sharing time together over a donut and coffee. It’s joining boards or committees to help with the work of the church. Overall church membership is about all of us sharing our time, talents, and resources with one another for the greater good of God’s Kingdom right here in western South Dakota.

That’s the point of the tuition break for families who are members of our church. We as a family of faith, as brothers and sisters in Christ, are joining together to pool our resources for the good of *our* children. By being a church member, you are making the declaration to the world that this place is your home, and that the people who worship here are your family. You are declaring that, in this world, you are not alone.

That’s the way God’s church on earth has always operated. From the very beginning, God looked down at Adam and said, “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen. 2:18). Thus, the first community of faith was created. Moses was given 70 elders to assist him in leading the people in the wilderness (Num 11:16-30). Jesus gathered His twelve disciples-turned-apostles (Matt 10; Mark 3; Luke 6). And Paul wrote to churches gathered in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonica.

I give thanks to God for you, members of Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool! And I pray that together, both as new and long-time members, we all receive Christ’s gifts so that our faith might grow abundantly. And as our faith and love for Jesus grow, so might our faith in and love for one another grow, as well. Welcome to the family!


Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Bryan

GIVING TO GOD—The Last Frontier

It was once said that the wallet is “the last frontier” - that it’s the last thing that comes to God in surrender. But it should be the first, along with our surrendered heart. Jesus spoke much about money. He said we cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24). The word “mammon” was the common Aramaic word for riches, and it signifies “that which is to be trusted.” In other words, either money is our source of joy, our sense of security, the supplier of our needs—or God is.

When you give, make sure you do so with a cheerful heart. Our giving should be systematic and purposeful giving to the church where we fellowship (2 Corinthians 9:7). It should be in response to need (Acts 11:27-29). It should be sacrificial (Galatians 2:10), and should be done in secret with a humble heart (Matthew 6:1-4). It is a key to spiritual fruit (Luke 16:10-11).

Lay Minister,
Jerry Jessen





From the Principal's Office September 2023

Zion Lutheran School and Preschool began the school year with 176 students. We still have a few spots available in some of our classrooms. 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 16 in each preschool class, 15 in kindergarten, and 22 in each grade school class. (Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades are full.)

As we start another school year, it is good to review and focus on our purpose at Zion School and Preschool:

Mission Statement
Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving with Love

Philosophy
God has established Zion Lutheran School and Preschool for these reasons: To share the Gospel, to provide Christian education, to worship and serve, to accept and encourage, and to put teamwork into action.

- ZION'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
- By Knowing Jesus, we develop the kind of Christ-like character that will make the graduates of our school Christian leaders in the church and world.
 - By Growing in Faith, we maintain the highest standards of academic excellence in elementary school education integrated with, and related to, the teachings of God's Word.
 - By Serving with Love, we provide an environment for children to discover, develop, and use their God-given talents in service to others and to His glory.
 - By Serving with Love, we partner with parents in leading their children to successful, useful and purposeful living.

ADOPT A STUDENT
This year Zion Lutheran School has several families and single parent families who are in need of financial assistance as they strive to give their children a Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education approves assistance with parents paying at least half of the cost and volunteering time for the church or school. If you would be willing to assist these parents on a monthly basis or with a one-time contribution, please contact Ann Solinsky at school 342-5749. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we continue with Zion's mission to "Share the Gospel"

School office hours are from 7:30am-4:00pm for administration and 7:45am-3:30pm for teachers.

Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool
Parent Partnership Meetings

Everyone wants excellent schools for all children, but excellent schools also require strong families and healthy communities. Schools, homes and communities need to work together to put our students at the center!
We want to partner with you as parents to make Zion Lutheran School a great place to grow and learn!
We are hosting *Mandatory Parent Partnership Meetings* on *September 12th at 6:30pm and September 16th at 1:00pm.*
(Both sessions include the same content, you only need to attend one session that fits your schedule.)

This meeting will cover various school policies, procedures and general housekeeping information.

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST
Box Tops for Education- Zion church and school families will be able to scan their receipts with their phones for Box Top codes to Zion Lutheran School.

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



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

Sept 11 Lila Rohrbach
2156 Plateau Ln #C
Rapid City, SD 57703

Sept 14 Curt Green
4800 Everest Rd Lot 72
Rapid City, SD 57702

Sept 14 Marilyn Haskell
4243 Wisconsin Ave #302
Rapid City, SD 57701

Sept 20 Paul Iseminger
149 Savoy Cir
Rapid City, SD 57701

Sept 20 Roger Woidtke
3019 Princeton Ct
Rapid City, SD 57702

Sept 22 Ramona Scherer
4243 Wisconsin Ave #310
Rapid City, SD 57701

Join us for Zion Night at
Pizza Ranch!

(Stumer Road location)



**September 7th from
5:00pm-8:00pm**

Zion students will be there
to greet you, bus tables,
and help out!

**A portion of all sales will go to the
Christ's Way Capital Campaign to expand our
ministry!**

**Hint: Buy a Scrip card
for Pizza Ranch
ahead of time and Zion
will benefit twice!**

KNOWING + GROWING + SERVING
Christ's Way

P.S. Each table will have tip jars,
so bring your cash to tip our kiddos
for their excellent service!

Care Circle women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 11, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will use the first Bible Study in the Fall issue of The Lutheran Women's Quarterly if they arrive on time. Otherwise, we will use a study from the summer issue. We take a free will offering for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. All women are welcomed.



WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

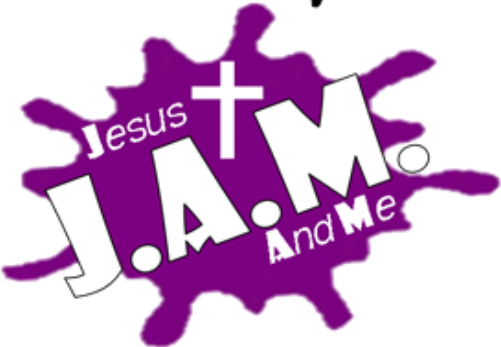
SATURDAY AT 5:30PM

SUNDAY AT 8:00AM AND 10:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT BIBLE STUDY, AND
CATECHISM WILL START AGAIN
ON SEPTEMBER 10.



Zion Youth Ministry Presents...



All 4th & 5th Graders are invited to join us
**the 4th Wednesday of most months
from 4:30-5:30pm**
for a Bible lesson, games & lots of fun!

2023-2024 Dates
September 27, 2023
October 25, 2023
January 24, 2024
February 28, 2024
April 24, 2024

Contact Lorien for more information.
605-484-5521 lorien.petersen@zionrc.org

Financial Report

	July 2023	Budget YTD
Budget Receipts:	\$107,904	\$107,904
Budget Expenses:	\$143,060	\$143,060
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$35,156)	(\$35,156)

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

Capital Campaign Summary-July 2023	
Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 427,055.13
Total Funds Received	\$1,712,265.18
Less TWG Expenditures	\$ 453,143.07
Add funds dedicated to TWG	\$ 228,580.30
Total TWG Funds	\$ 1,487,702.41