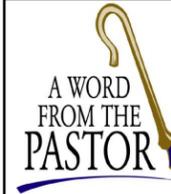


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**April 2022
 NEWSLETTER**



Happy Resurrection Day!

On the first day of the week the women went to the tomb expecting to find the corpse of Jesus. They were shocked to discover He was not there. He has risen! Ever since the Lord's resurrection the church gathers together to worship on Sundays every week as a celebration of the (approximately) 104,000 weeks that have passed since that special day.

This month I share with you some thoughts from Dr. Luther on our own resurrection:

But someone will ask, "How do the dead come back to life? With what kind of body will they come back?" You fool! The seed you plant doesn't come to life unless it dies first. 1 Corinthians 15:35-36

Paul is a true master to present this subject so well and with such charm. For no one else could have painted such a portrait. He took what the world considers dead and created a picture of life. He uses such ordinary and small objects – seeds and kernels in a field – to portray it. So when a person dies, we should not look at it any other way than as a seed planted in the ground. If the seed could see and feel what is happening, it would fear that it was ruined forever. But the farmer, if he could talk to the seed, would paint a much different picture. He would portray the seed as if it were already a growing plant with a beautiful stalk and tiny ears of grain.

So we must picture in our own hearts that when we are buried under the ground, we will come up again and grow into a new existence and everlasting life. We don't have to think of ourselves as dead and decaying, but rather as planted. We must learn a new way of speaking about death and the grave. When we die, it doesn't mean we are dead, but instead are seeds planted for the coming summer. The cemetery is not a mound for the dead, but a field full of little seeds, which are called God's seeds. They will one day blossom again and become more beautiful than anyone can imagine.

Through Faith Alone; edited by James C. Galvin Ed. D.

Easter Blessings to you,
 Pastor Paul



Mark your calendars! VBS will be held June 6-10, 2022. We are going back to our traditional 9:00-12:00 time frame this year for any kids age 3 (attending with an adult) thru entering 5th grade in the fall. At Monumental VBS, kids explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love for each of them. You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's love and power! **The registration website will open on Monday, April 18th.** Paper registration will not be available this year, only registration thru the online registration website. We need LOTS of volunteers too! Volunteer registration will be online as well. Look for registration website in the bulletin in April. We greatly appreciate your prayers for the success of this event! Please let me know if you have any questions!
 ~Becki Aker, VBS Director



Fundraiser

The Zion Youth will hide filled Easter eggs in your yard (or a yard of your choice) the day before Easter (Saturday, April 16th)!

\$25 for 50 eggs \$50 for 100 eggs

Contact Lorien Petersen for more information!



From the Principal's Office— April 2022



TUITION OPTIONS FOR 2022-2023

COMMUNITY RATE

- \$5040 first child
- \$4540 each additional child
- Community Rate is available to all upon request.

ACTIVE ZION CHURCH MEMBER RATE

- \$2585 first child
- \$2330 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 2022-2023

- Registration \$75
- 3 year olds – 2 days \$155/month
- 4 year olds – 3 days \$184/month
- 4/5 year olds – 5 days \$288/month
- Full preschool/daycare \$600/month
- Daycare \$5/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 Tuesday, April 12, 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 14-18. 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 19-29. Please keep these students and their teachers in your prayers as they prepare and take these tests!

GUEST ARTIST



This spring Zion's students will explore South Dakota history through local folksongs, games, and storytelling from local folk singer/song writer artist, Jamie Lynn Olson. Jamie Lynn will be conducting a week long residency at Zion during the week of April 25-29. She will be working with students in preschool through 5th grade. Jami Lynn Olson first gained an appreciation for music on a small stage in Peever, SD. An avid performer of bluegrass, folk music, and jazz, Jami brings her exuberance and musical talent into classrooms, hospital systems, and youth centers. Her wide skill set and versatility as a musician allow her to accommodate participants or listeners in many different settings. Jami Lynn is a graduate of The University of South Dakota, and has shared her talent and love of local folk history with audiences across the Midwest, Southeast, and Pacific Northwest. She has also released three full-length albums of folk songs and originals.

During Jamie's time at Zion, students will explore South Dakota history through local folksongs, games, and storytelling. Cowboy ballads and mining songs from western South Dakota, and lumbering tunes and frontier songs from Eastern South Dakota and Minnesota demonstrate the diverse experiences of settlers in the Midwest, and their impact on the land, wildlife, and people that had long inhabited the prairie before them. Jamie Lynn will encourage hands-on participation through singing, song-writing and instrument crafts.

This residency is sponsored by Zion's Parent Teacher League (PTL) and by a grant from the South Dakota Arts Council.



Due to your support since September, we have been able to do some great things for missions. Here is a brief update: \$160 to the Pine Ridge Mission for their Easter meal etc.; \$60 to the Pregnancy Center for layettes; \$200 to Dorcus Circle for quilting material; send 2 reps to the District LWML Convention in June; \$50 to support Morgan Phillips in his studies to become a minister; \$300 to the LWML National Convention--Gifts from the Heart; \$865 to Mites; and Christmas gifts to our pastors and custodians. Again, thank you, and may God continue to bless the family of Zion.

Easter Lilies:

Help us decorate the altar with beautiful Lilies from Jolly Lane Green House.

Please place your order for Easter Lilies in the church office now thru April 3rd. The cost for a 6" potted Easter lily is \$15.00. These will be available for pick up after the late service Easter Sunday.



Ladies Care Circle Bible Study

will meet on Monday, April 11, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the second study in the

Spring issue of the *LWML Quarterly*. We invite all ladies to join us.

Financial Report

	Feb 2022	Budget YTD
Budget Receipts:	\$105,597	\$877,259
Budget Expenses:	\$113,437	\$912,047
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$7,840)	(\$34,788)

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

Together We Grow (TWG) Summary-Feb 2022

Total Funds Received	\$1,266,674.78
Less TWG Expenditures	\$ 371,087.88
Add funds dedicated to TWG	\$ 225,597.45
Total TWG Funds	\$ 1,151,184.35

Zion School Spotlight

By: Ms. Mona's
Preschool Class

What does Easter mean to you?



Maizey: God rises from the dead.

Cody: Something very special—God loves you and he rose from the dead.

Evi: Easter is a time to find Easter eggs.

Ramsey D: Easter is about love.

Joshua: Easter is a time for finding Easter eggs.

Ramsey J: The Easter Bunny is going to give us candy.

Emma: We get to go on an Easter egg hunt.

Thomas: Easter is about Easter Bunnies.

Beckett: It is about God dying on the cross for us.

Fiona: It is fun because we go on Easter egg hunts.

Hollace: It is a time for finding Easter eggs.

Sawyer: Jesus is coming and will rise from the dead.

Maycie: Jesus rises from the dead for us.

Daniel: Easter is about Jesus and the Cross.

Reese: Easter is about Easter Bunnies, finding eggs, and Jesus!



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

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

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

April 13 Vi Lostron
4825 Jericho Way #212
Rapid City, SD 57702

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

April 27 Herbert Charbonneau
214 E Custer St
Rapid City, SD 57701

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

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