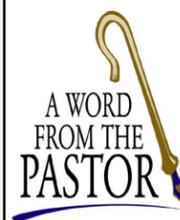


August 2022 NEWSLETTER



Matthew 28:19 – Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

And just like that, we've come to that last few weeks of summer vacation. By the end of the month the kiddos will be back in school. Now-quiet hallways will soon be filled with the bustle of kids entering new classrooms, teachers organizing their last-minute supplies, and volunteers organizing library bookshelves. All for what?

They are all getting ready to do what we at Zion have been called to... make disciples for life. Jesus commanded the His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, and that's just what they're doing. The twelve disciples spread out to the North, South, East, and West. The early church continued to spread the Gospel of Christ. The Gospel has spread to every corner of our globe and the Scriptures have been translated into hundreds of different languages. Christianity has grown to be the predominant religion on the planet.

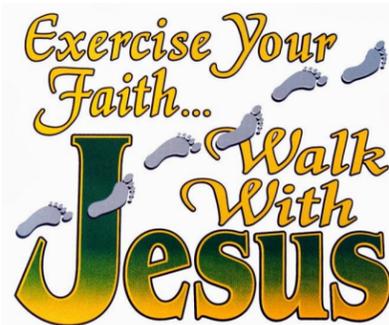
Yet the Holy Spirit still has more work to do. Too many people around the world and in our own community have heard of Jesus Christ, but they know nothing about Him. They don't know of His love, grace, or forgiveness.

We at Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool haven't been called to go to far-off lands to teach others about Jesus. We have been called to teach people right here in Rapid City. And our neighbors are thirsty for this knowledge. They are thirsty to receive His grace. Our school is full the brim. Our classrooms are at capacity. Mondays through Fridays there is not a quiet corner of the building to be found. And yet we are called to make more disciples.

And so, with God's guidance, we begin our new Capital Campaign, with the end goal of building an addition to our school and a dedicated worship space. Let us join together as we seek to do God's will in this place. I'm not going to lie to you; it's going to take hard work. There will be multiple meetings, late nights, and long days ahead. But don't lose sight – and don't lose hope. The Holy Spirit will be working through you, through us, as we work together as Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool to make more disciples for life.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Bryan

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER EVENT



- ◇ All are invited.
- ◇ Please join us for our first Capital Campaign Prayer Event.
- ◇ August 7 after late service

Meet under the water tower for a prayer walk.
It's a beautiful walk, on groomed trails, next to Zion.
Please plan on being part of this event!



From the Principal's Office August 2022



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

This year marks Zion Lutheran School's 65th year in operation as a mission of Zion Lutheran Church! We are so grateful for God's blessings and to be a witness and service to the Rapid City community!

Zion Lutheran School and Preschool will be starting the 2022-2023 school year on August 24th. Zion will continue to maintain high cleaning standards. We also continue to follow the CDC guidelines for those that test positive for covid-19, and those that would need to quarantine, and/or the wearing of masks. We continue to ask parents to communicate with the school if your child does not feel well, or if they test positive for covid-19. It is reassuring to know that God is in control in a world that seems to be losing control. I reflect back to Zion's 2021-2022 school year theme: ***In All Things*** We have a real God that is in all things. ***Colossians 1:15-20.***

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

When everything seems overwhelming we can rely on the knowledge that God is right there in it all!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE continued....

Many of our staff members are returning, they include Hope Genzlinger, preschool director; Celena Leon, preschool & enrichment aide; Jenny Lee, preschool & enrichment aide; Hannah Sutton, enrichment aide; Lindsay Reule, school/church administrative assistant; Natalie Graumann, kindergarten; Jane Withee, kindergarten; Krystol Frerking, first grade; Scot Dobbs, second grade; LeAnn Vogel, third grade; Amber Birkmire, fourth grade; Grace Weeks, fifth grade; Becki Aker, general educator; Mona Drolc, P.E., health & music teacher; Hanne Burke, Spanish; Lianne Geidel, first grade aide, and Ann Solinsky, principal.

Zion has one new addition to our school staff:

Megan Kettering will be joining Zion Lutheran School's teaching staff as a part-time kindergarten teacher in the morning. (Mrs. Graumann will be teaching part-time kindergarten in the afternoon.) Megan is an alumni of Zion Lutheran School. She also taught 2nd grade at Zion in the 2015-2016 school year. She has 2 children of her own that attend Zion Lutheran School. Her hobbies include playing volleyball, going for walks with her dog, traveling, playing games, and spending time with her family and much more! She loves being with children and watching them grow as a person, as a student, and as a child of God.

**Our teaching staff will be dedicated on Sunday, August 21st at the 8 AM service.
Please keep the entire staff in your prayers as we begin a new school year!!!**

MEET THE TEACHER DAY

This year Zion School and Preschool will begin with a "Meet the Teacher Day" on Monday, August 22nd. Parents and students are invited to **schedule a time** to come to school between 8AM-6PM. (Some additional times may need to be scheduled on August 23rd.) During this time students and parents will be able to meet with their teacher, bring in school supplies, and fill out the forms for the school year.

Once again, "Meet the Teacher Day" will be held in the multi-purpose room. We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents and children on August 22nd!

- Meet the teacher
- Bring in school supplies
- Fill out all necessary forms for the 2022-2023 school year
- Information on the SCRIP Program will be available in the school office
- Tuition payments, lunch payments and book fees can also be paid for in the school office.
- Please contact Miss Lindsay, Lindsay.Reule@Zionrc.org, to set up a time for "Meet the Teacher" or call 342-5749.

ADOPT A STUDENT

As Zion Lutheran School begins, we have 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 a one time contribution, please contact Ann Solinsky at school 342-5749 or at home 390-3092. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we continue with Zion's mission to "Share the Gospel."

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



HELP WANTED!!! Zion Lutheran Daycare is looking for responsible, caring people (ages 17+ preferred) to work in our afterschool daycare program for the 2022-2023 school year. Come and spend some quality time with the kids from our school Monday through Friday from 3:00-5:30pm. Supervising the playground, helping with homework, serving snack, and making relationships are the duties of this job. Paid training and free nights/weekends/holidays are also perks of this job. Please call Hope at 391-9046 or email at Hope.Genzlinger@zionrc.org for more info and application forms. Positions begin on August 24, 2022.

ZION YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



Jesus And Me (J.A.M) is a weekly youth group for **4th & 5th grade** students. Join us on **Wednesdays** from **5-6pm** for a

Our first meeting of the 2022-23 school year will be

Confirmation Classes for our **6-8 graders** meet on **Wednesdays** from **6-7pm**

Our first class will be September 7, 2022

Parent classes take place every Sunday during the Education Hour at 9:30am. Those classes begin September 11, 2022.

If you are interested in signing up for Confirmation, please contact the church office at 605-342-5749



High School Bible Study for **9-12 graders** meets from **6-7pm** each week beginning on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022.**

Throughout the year we will dig deep into God's Word and learn more about our identity in Christ and how that impacts the way we live.

All 6th-12th grade youth are encouraged to stay for a time of fellowship and games from 7-8pm each Wednesday!!



Financial Report

	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Budget Receipts:	\$105,842	\$1,427,212
Budget Expenses:	\$144,410	\$1,404,111
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$38,568)	\$23,101

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

Together We Grow (TWG) Summary-June 2022

Total Funds Received	\$1,280,240.97
Less TWG Expenditures	\$ 391,453.16
Add funds dedicated to TWG	\$ 226,590.20
Total TWG Funds	\$ 1,115,378.01