

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

February 2023 NEWSLETTER



1 Chronicle 17:16-17 – ¹⁶Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁷And this was a small thing in your eyes, O God. You have also spoken of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and have shown me future generations, O Lord God!

The words from the 1 Chronicles 17 are King David’s response to the prophet Nathan. Nathan had just informed David that God intended to continue David’s royal line for eternity. What did David do to deserve such an honor? What great spiritual acts of service would his family accomplish for the Lord that they should be chosen? David had done nothing, and his offspring would do nothing to warrant such attention for their God. Well, this is true for all his offspring but One.

Jesus, David’s son yet David’s Lord, would be worthy. It would be Christ’s grace alone that would convey this honor upon his ancestor David. King David heard of this amazing grace from God and was blown away by it. John Newton, an Anglican pastor, looked back over the journey of his life and he saw the hand of God. An Atlantic slave trade sea captain, Newton had almost died in a storm off the coast of Ireland. He recalled that hour when he first believed in God and His grace and mercy. He saw God’s guidance for him through his change of careers from sea captain to clergyman. And so, in 1773, Newton penned the hymn, “Amazing Grace,” based off the King David’s words in 1 Chronicles and his own life.

The melody for “Amazing Grace” evolved over the next sixty years or so. It wasn’t until 1835 that the tune was finalized into what we sing today.

What hasn’t changed in God’s Grace. Starting on February 22nd and throughout the Wednesdays in Lent, we will dive into that unchangeable grace of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Each week we will explore how one character of the Bible experiences God’s grace. And in so doing, you and I, like Rev. Newton before us, might come to see Christ’s Amazing Grace working in our lives, as well.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Bryan



From the Principal’s Office— February 2023



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- ◆ We will be celebrating the 100th Day of School on Wednesday, February 8th. Classrooms will be having different activities to recognize this day. What a blessing to be able to celebrate being in school for 100 days!
- ◆ Third graders will conclude their swimming lessons at the YMCA on February 14th. Our fourth graders will then begin their six weeks of swimming lessons at the YMCA on February 21st.
- ◆ Valentine Parties will be on Tuesday, February 14th!
- ◆ February 17-20 will be a long weekend. There will not be class on February 17th as all teachers and staff will be participating in professional development that day. There will not be school on February 20th in recognition of Presidents’ Day.
- ◆ Summer Daycare Registration will be on February 24th at 7:30AM.

BOYS’ BASKETBALL

This year we are blessed to have several coaches for our boys’ basketball teams. Our head coaches are Richard and Tarra Stecher. They are being assisted by Eric Sizemore, Grace Weeks, Adam Martin, and Joleen Singer. The team practices on most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school.

Fifth Grade Team Members: Jaxon Bouma, Elijah Meadows, Ethan Roark, Dane Solinsky, Jack Sizemore, James Stecher, and Keaton Woolever.

Fourth Grade Team Members: Eli Aker, Finn Ulrich, Hunter Newell, Vance Singer, Jordan Fode, Parker James, Luke Martin & Hayes Williamson

Please watch the weekly Bulletin for times and places of the games. You are invited to come and cheer for our Zion Boys!

ZION CHEERLEADERS

Girls in grades 4 and 5 have the opportunity to participate in cheerleading for our Boys’ Basketball Team. This year our girls are coached by Lorien Petersen. Zion’s cheerleaders are: Pearl Poppen, Haley Burke, Charli Doney, Sophia Weishaar, Avaya Miller, Emmerson Akley, Elizabeth Regelin, and Sarah Malone.

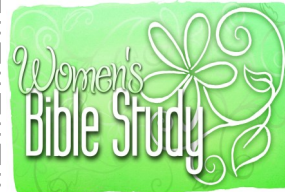
Christ's Way Campaign Update

The Christ's Way Campaign is off and running. We have completed the Inform and Inspire Phases and received \$1,518,661 in pledges. Now what? Now the Impact Phase continues the work to see the completion of this 3-year campaign. This team is headed up by Kevin Aker. They have begun meeting about ways to keep the momentum and enthusiasm going for this campaign. Events and communications are being planned to keep the goal in the forefront of our minds while strengthening our current ministries. In the coming months, the committee hopes to have a tentative timeline created to help everyone see where we are at in the process and what to expect next. The building committee has to firm up design plans with the architect, bids need to go out, loans need to be secured, and so forth. All of these will need to be approved by the congregation. As things progress, anticipate newsletter updates, pulpit updates, and some congregational meetings in the future. Please keep Christ's Way Campaign in your prayers and please continue to give to the General Fund to keep our church operating.

Serving Christ's Way,

Lynette Epp- Communications Director

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



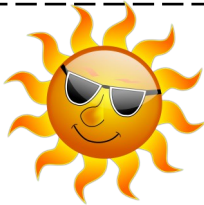
◆ **Join Women's Bible Study** as we begin a new study on Feb. 5. We will be studying the book of Isaiah by Melissa Spoelstra. We will learn that **following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting.**

As we study the chapters Isaiah wrote—from his challenging words to the nation of Israel to his prophecies of the Messiah to come—learn to rest in God's promises and grow in trust. In this 7-session study, Isaiah's words will reveal that we can trust God more than our own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. We won't be striving harder, but instead trusting more deeply the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence. In Him we'll find the comfort and peace we need to sustain us.

◆ **Care Circle Women's Bible Study** will meet Monday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the third Bible study in the Winter **Lutheran Women's Quarterly**. All ladies are invited and encouraged to join us. We only meet one hour and complete a study each month. Questions, call Gail at 605-430-9715.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Daycare Registration for Current School Families will take place on Friday, February 24 at 7:30am.



LWML will be meeting on Saturday, February 11, at 11:00 a.m. to address Valentine cards to Zion's shut-ins. Note the change of time so that the ladies can attend the Prayer Service at Peace Lutheran.

Financial Report

	Dec	Budget YTD
Budget Receipts:	\$93,608	\$645,628
Budget Expenses:	\$113,208	\$751,804
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$19,601)	(\$106,176)

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

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 158,296.50
Total Funds Received	<u>\$1,443,506.55</u>
Less TWG Expenditures	\$ 450,504.14
Add Funds Dedicated to TWG	<u>\$ 227,090.61</u>
Total TWG Funds	<u>\$1,220,094.02</u>

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



Feb 8 Ken Palmreuter
6201 Seminole Ln
Rapid City, SD 57702

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

Feb 18 Gail Jass
4236 Derby Ln
Rapid City, SD 57701

Feb 21 Gloria Knispel
2403 Maple Ave
Rapid City, SD 57702

Feb 25 Roger Wang
3617 Fraley Ct
Rapid City, SD 57701

Feb 27 Thelma Hansen
4243 Wisconsin Ave #313
Rapid City, SD 57701



Why Do You Love Zion Lutheran School?

By: Mrs. Graumann & Mrs. Kettering's Kindergarten Class



Joshua- God made us Christians.	Holly- I love being here. We get to
Eden- All of my favorite friends are here.	
Eloise-I like learning, learning is fun,	Thomas- I like going to church here
Sam- Because I don't want to go on the bus, it takes you to schools where you can't learn about God and I like learning about Him.	
Maycie- I get to grow up learning like Jesus to be ready to be a grown up.	Ramsey- I like playing and doing fun stuff in the gym.
Fiona- I get to see all my friends. I love learning.	
Charli- I like seeing all my friends and playing with them.	Brenna-We get to learn about God and talk to Him through praying.
Tylie- We can learn and have fun doing color by numbers and worksheets.	