

Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool

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January 2023 NEWSLETTER



Ecclesiastes 1:9 – What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

And so, here we are again. We were at this spot in the galaxy exactly 365 days ago. The earth spins on its axis day after day, and travels around the sun on the same path year after year. I, myself, am about to celebrate the end of my 43rd trip around the sun. And this spot in the galaxy looks about the same as it did this time last year. King Solomon was right: there nothing new under the sun.

But that's not to say there's nothing to look forward to this year. A new year brings us that much closer to turning into a reality our vision for the growth of Christ's ministry in Rapid City through the expansion of the school. After these last few months of our intense push for the Christ's Way campaign, we have much to be hopeful about in the coming year.

By God's grace we will receive our new pastor this year. We ask God to watch over and guide the man who will come alongside us to deliver the Good News of Jesus Christ. The process is moving. The paperwork has been submitted to the district office. Soon it will be sent on to the Seminary in Saint Louis. God knows our man. We only need to be patient and wait for God to reveal him.

Other than that, babies will be born, older saints will die. This year we will see baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. We'll celebrate Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We'll once again journey through the lengthy season of Pentecost. And then, next winter, we will again gather to observe Advent and Christmas. Same as 2022.

And therein lies our comfort. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8). Our routine of weekend worship, the church calendar, and the life of the church is that continual reminder that Jesus Christ and His Gospel message remains constant in our lives. The ministry may grow or shrink, pastors will come and go, but Zion's mission to Know Jesus, Grow in Faith, and Serve in Love remains constant, because Jesus, our Savior, is forever faithful and true.

Your Servant along the Way,
Pastor Bryan

From the Principal's Office— January 2023



WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

Zion School and Preschool continue to share the mission given by our Lord in the Great Commission to share the Good News of God's Love in Jesus Christ. As the students and staff begin this New Year, we will continue to focus on Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

There is nothing more important that we can share with our children than the love of Jesus, His death and resurrection, and our assured hope for the gift of eternal life. Like the Wise Men, we too will seek to know Him more deeply and share this good news with all who are touched by our lives.

Zion Lutheran School will celebrate its 65th year at the end of January. We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to, as we walk through this New Year with our Lord!

JANUARY PTL ACTIVITIES

During this month our students will be busy with the normal courses of study. Extra activities will also be included.

- PTL will meet on January 9th at 4PM.
- The third graders will begin swimming lessons at the YMCA on January 10th.

PTL invites all Zion members and friends to attend a family fellowship event on Sunday January 22nd. We will be having an afternoon of ice skating at the Main Street Square ice rink.

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LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK

Zion Lutheran School and Preschool will celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week January 22-27. Look for special events and activities in future bulletin announcements!

BINGO & SUNDAES


January 27, 2023. Mark this date on your calendar! Zion Lutheran School with Christ's Way Capital Campaign will be hosting a Bingo night. There will be food, fun, and prizes! After Bingo, we will celebrate Zion Lutheran School's 65th anniversary with ice cream sundaes! All church and school families are invited to come and bring a friend! Plan for a fun night of fellowship!

BOYS BASKETBALL

We hope to start boys' basketball practice and games in January. We have 1 coach volunteer, but we are still looking for a coach or 2 for this season. Please let Ann Solinsky or Lindsay Reule know if you are interested in helping with the boys' basketball season!

CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading practice will be starting in January for 4th & 5th grade girls. Miss Lorien will be coaching the cheer team this year! Look for more information in the bulletin or principal's newsletter.

The  **Lutheran Women's Missionary League** will meet on Saturday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m. at Zion. The theme for this meeting is: **"What's your 80 for Cornerstone Women's and Children's Shelter?"** The guest speaker will be Amanda, the Shelter's Program Manager. The ingathering will be items for children thru the teens: toothpaste & brushes, hair accessories, crayons, coloring books, craft projects, etc. There will be a box available for members of Zion to contribute items if they wish. Refreshments will be served. We would love to see more ladies join us at our meetings.

CARE CIRCLE women's Bible study group will meet Monday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the second study in the Winter issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. All ladies are welcome to join us. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.

Financial Report

	Nov	Budget YTD
Budget Receipts:	\$105,080	\$552,020
Budget Expenses:	\$122,602	\$638,285
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$17,522)	(\$86,268)

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

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 33,423.00
Total Funds Received	<u>\$1,318,633.05</u>
Less TWG Expenditures	<u>\$ 418,634.63</u>
Add Funds Dedicated to TWG	<u>\$ 227,090.61</u>
Total TWG Funds	\$1,126,090.03

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



Jan. 1 Betty Durrett
8700 North Lacholla Blvd
Apt 2214
Tucson, AZ 85742

Jan. 11 Sylvia Stoltz
4821 Mt Springs Ct
Rapid City, SD 57702

Jan. 16 Jan Jungemann
624 Westwinds Dr
Box Elder, SD 57719

Jan. 27 Betty Elias
302 Saint Cloud St
Rapid City, SD 57701

Jan. 29 Dennett Peck
3728 Jackson Blvd
Rapid City, SD 57702



MRS. FREKERING
FIRST GRADE CLASS

"If your snowman came to life, what would the two of you do?"



Raylea: We would play tag with the snowman.

Adley: We would have a snowball fight.

Cody: We would be in a bath of hot cocoa.

Kolbie: We would play and go sledding.



Vanessa: I would chase after him until he gave up.

Tucker: We would do whatever we wanted.

Adelaide: Put him on a sled and play. I would also name him Frosty.

Ezra: We would play with each other.



Grayden: We would play outside all night and eat snacks.

Madilyn: We would go down the hill on a sled.

Russell: We would go to my uncles and ride a sled to lots of snow and have a snowball fight and make a snow castle and drink hot cocoa.

Caroline: We would make another snowman to go sledding and crash into other snowmen.

Ella: I would play with it and slide down the hill.



Olivia: We would play snowball fight and hide n seek then drink hot chocolate, and play tag.

Cadence: We would make another snowman.

Sage: We would play in the hot tub and play a lot.

Benjamin: We would go inside and put him in ice and water to keep him alive.

