

Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool
4550 Mt. Rushmore Road
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March 2023 NEWSLETTER



Psalm 13:1 – How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide your face from me?

Do you ever feel like the Psalmist above? Do you ever feel as though God has forgotten about you? As I write this, the current outside temperature is -6°F and feels like -26°F. Whether or not God forgot about us, it does feel as though He forgot to turn the furnace on.

There are times when the temperatures of our lives drop. Relationships become frigid. Progress in our careers slows to a glacial crawl. At times you might feel as though you are trying to slog through snow drifts that are chest-deep: you are putting forth a great deal of effort but not making it very far. During times like these it is easy to wonder if God has forgotten about you – or, at a minimum, stopped paying attention to you.

During these late winter months one can start to feel as though the wintry weather will never come to an end. When will the sun shine again and warm the land and my soul? Similarly, when it feels as though God has forgotten about you, you might wonder when will He look your way again. How long will He hide His face?

But regardless of how you feel, your God has not hid His face. Nor has He forgotten you. “He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed.” (Deut 31:8)

God does not turn away from us. It is in our sin that we turn away from God. We froze our relationship with God, not the other way round. It is not God who does the forgetting, but us. It is our forgetting that drove His Son Jesus Christ to the cross. He sent His Son to remind His creation that He has not forgotten them, nor does He ever intend to.

It is not coincidence that Lent happens in the last bleak days of winter. As we journey through these final weeks of cold and ice, we anticipate the growing warmth of spring. So, too, we journey through the Lenten season and see what our forgetting about God has done to His Son.

Then, as Christ emerges from the tomb, we see that God has not forgotten us. He came for us. He died for us. He rose for us. And with his conquering of the tomb, He will bring about a spring that will never end.

Your Servant through the Journey,
Pastor Bryan



From the Principal's Office— March 2023



FULLDAY KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND REGISTRATION If you know of parents who might be interested in having their child screened and possibly enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year, please have them contact Mrs. Solinsky or Lindsay Reule. We offer small class size with a maximum of 15 students in each kindergarten class. Preschoolers will be screened on Friday, March 10th (8AM-2PM). Please call to make an appointment, 342-5749.

Parents of students currently in kindergarten, please note there will be no kindergarten classes on March 10th. Preschool and grades 1 through 5 will be in session as usual on March 10th.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

During the season of Lent, all students, preschool through 5th grade will be attending the Lenten services at 10AM.

Butterbraids Zion students are selling butter braids until March 13th. The butterbraids will be delivered on March 29th. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Zion's PTL.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on March 3rd. Preschool Conferences will be held from 8AM – 4PM, so there will be **no preschool on March 3**. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 will be dismissed at 11:15AM on March 3, so that conferences can be held that afternoon from 1-4PM. There will be No Aftercare that day.

Preschool Registration will open for **current** preschoolers on March 23rd. It will be open to Zion church and school families on March 24th. Preschool registration will open to the community on March 27th.

Fourth graders will continue their **swimming lessons** at the YMCA thru March. Special Thanks to our PTL for giving our third and fourth graders this opportunity.

Boys Basketball & Cheerleaders will have their last game of the season at Zion on Thursday, March 2nd against Calvary. The 4th grade team will play at 4PM and the 5th grade team will play at 5PM. Come and watch our boys play and cheer with our cheerleaders! Basketball and cheerleading pictures will be taken after school on March 6th.

Spring Break will be March 17th -March 20th.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet on Saturday, March 11, at 10:00am, at Zion. The theme for this month is: "What's your 80 for Pine Ridge Ministry?" We will be taking a cash offering to support this mission. Ruth and Colleen will give a report about the S. D.. District Convention they attended last June. Also, it will be the election of officers. As always light refreshments will be served. All ladies are invited to attend.

PRESCHOOL



SAVE THE DATE

Preschool Registration

- Current Preschool Families
Thursday, March 23 at 7:30am
- Current School/Church Families
Friday, March 24 at 7:30am
- Community
Monday, March 27 at 7:30am

you are invited
ZION YOUTH MINISTRY
BBQ & mac
cockoff

Sign up to enter your best smoked or barbecued meat or mac-n-cheese in the contest! Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

Bring the whole family and join us for dinner, fellowship and laughs as we play some Family Feud!

10 March 6-8pm
Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool

A freewill donation will be collected to support Zion Youth Ministry.



By: Miss Birkmire's 4th Grade Class

March is National Ideas Month.

What is the best idea you've ever had or someone else has ever had?

Pac-Man Big Style. My friends and I are coming up with a real-life version of Pac-Man. – **Sophia W.**

I had an idea that was for a hologram. It could have 200% battery that goes by slow. It is tiny, but once you press a button, a whole screen appears. – **Finn U.**

I think electricity is the best. Without electricity, food wouldn't taste good because ovens, microwaves, grills and more run on electricity. – **Eden S.**

I think the airplane is the best. It flies through the sky like a bird. I also love flying. - **Abby S.**

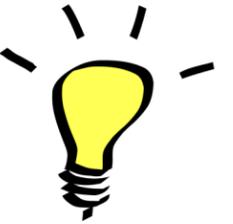
The best invention is a fridge. I use it every day. It also has built-in air conditioning. -**Hunter N.**

I think a car is the best. Dishwashers and laundry machines are also cool. -**Emma K.**

The car of course. It got rid of the need for trains. -**Averie H.**

My favorite idea is when I had the idea to catch two horses at once by having your two horses stand next to each other and throwing the lead part over their necks. -**Charli D.**

The best idea anyone ever had was a sewing machine. You can make clothes with it. Most importantly, it makes things to keep you warm. -**Emerson A.**



**Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool
Lenten Worship Schedule**

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays February 22-March 29
10am Chapel Service
5:30pm Supper
6:15pm Evening Worship Service

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship
April 1 April 2
5:30pm 8am & 10:45am

Maundy Thursday Worship April 6 10am and 6pm
Good Friday Worship April 7 10am & 6pm

Easter Sunday Worship

April 9
6am Sunrise 8am Communion Worship 10:45am Communion Worship



Care Circle Women's Bible Study will meet on Monday, March 13, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the first study in the Spring Lutheran Women's Quarterly. All ladies are invited to join us. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.

Financial Report

	Jan 2023	Budget YTD
Budget Receipts:	\$110,839	\$756,138
Budget Expenses:	\$118,076	\$869,879
Gain or [Loss]:	(\$7,236)	(\$113,741)

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

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 220,509.42
Total Funds Received	<u>\$1,505,719.47</u>
Less TWG Expenditures	<u>\$ 451,615.93</u>
Add Funds Dedicated to TWG	<u>\$ 227,586.73</u>
Total TWG Funds	\$1,281,690.27

These Zion Members will celebrate a birthday of

80 or more years in March.

Remember them by a card!



Mar 1 Elaine Wilson
840 Spruce Street
Lot 374
Rapid City, SD 57701

Mar 4 Don Valenti
2760 Wilkie Dr #306
Rapid City, SD 57702

Mar 17 Douglas Hennies
5400 Windmere Way
Rapid City, SD 57703

Mar 25 Dean Hennies
2032 Promise Rd
Apt 3121
Rapid City, SD 57701

Mar 29 Harold Johnson
583 Pluto Dr
Rapid City, SD 57703

Mar 31 Andy Poljansek
10800 Quaal Rd
Black Hawk, SD 57718

**March contains National Put a Smile on Someone's Face Day.
How would you celebrate?**



Build each other up, include everyone, be a good sport. -**Hayes W.**

I could be nice to them, make them happy, and have fun with them. -**Vance S.**

Open the door for someone, say please and thank you, just smile. -**Maggie S.**

You could hold the door, give them flowers, serve breakfast. -**Avaya M.**

I would tell them a joke. -**Luke M.**

I would do something funny, silly, and goofy. -**Sarah M.**

I can say something nice, help doing chores, be respectful, or just say funny things like talking like Yoda. -**Parker J.**

I could just smile at them, and they might smile back. -**Jordan F.**

You can do something without being asked. You can compliment what they are wearing, and you can compliment them in general. -**Eli A.**