



These Zion Members will celebrate a birthday of 80 or more years in March.
Celebrate them by sending a card!

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March 2024 Newsletter

It's so good to be with you all at Zion and officially installed now to boot! I find it very cool that my Stateside ministry career is being bookended with calls to Zion – first in Hillsboro MO and now here. Did you know that the etymological root of the Hebrew place name *Tzion* (צִיּוֹן) means *marked* as in *marked out* or designated for a set purpose. How appropriate!

Just for kicks, I decided to do an English language search on the word *marked* in the BBE (the Bible in Basic English) because it likes to use the generic term to cover all of the markings of people by the Lord, including the very frequent literal use of the word *marked* and the equally frequent conceptual use, *anointed*, which of course is a very literal and physical marking for a set purpose. In Scripture, I found 70 such references to people being marked out by God – 34 in the Old Testament and 36 in the new. In both testaments, God marks out individuals, groups, and entire people groups or nations.

Regarding nations or peoples, the OT contains 6 such promises – 3 to Israel, 1 to the Gentiles, 1 to the circumcised, and 1 to a holy remnant both temporally and eschatologically (in the end times). Groups in the OT meanwhile are marked out 13 times – the priesthood 8 times, the Levites twice, the heads of families or clans twice, and the servants before the Ark of the Covenant one time. Individuals in the OT are marked and set aside for service in the kingdom 16 times – the king 11 times, the High Priest 3 times, and the Messiah/Jesus twice. The king gets so many references because David refers to Saul as God's anointed one or, according to the BBE, *the one marked with holy oil*, seven times.

In the New Testament, entire nations or peoples are marked and set aside 26 times – 25 times believers in general and once specifically the Gentiles. Paul, the first missionary, goes crazy talking about believers being marked out by God – 16 of those 25 references are in his letters. A group is marked only once in the NT – the eyewitnesses to the Resurrection. Finally, an individual is marked and set aside 9 times – 5 times Jesus is, twice the Apostle Paul is, once Saul and Barnabas are, and once the 12th Apostle Matthias.

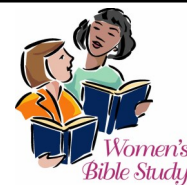
I'm limited here to roughly 400 words. So, just ask me if you'd like to see the list. For now, I'll just say, *What a Savior and what a cloud of witnesses! And I'm elated to join the cloud of "Zions" here in all the things we are graciously marked and set aside to be and do!*

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Gary Schulte



Care Circle Women's Bible Study will meet the second **Friday**, March 8, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the third Bible study in the Winter issue of the **LWML Quarterly**.

All ladies are invited to attend. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.



Meet the WICKS

We are the widows from Zion who get together at 12:30pm one Sunday each month. Our first get together was a picnic at "Outdoor Campus". It was so enjoyable we decided to meet regularly. Our group now gets together at different places with each person bringing a casserole, salad, or dessert. We visit, play games, White Elephant gifts at Christmas and chat-chat-chat. **We are the "WICKS" because "Widows in Christ Know Salvation" and we want to share the JOY we have in Jesus.** Our next meeting will be March 24 at 12:30pm. If you would like more information, call

Sylvia Stoltz at 605-431-3595 or
Priscilla Sayles at 605-341-0505.

"A bruised reed He will not break and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faith He will bring forth justice."
Is. 42:3



MARCH 3: YOUTH COFFEE HOUR

MARCH 17: BLACK HILLS CIRCUIT YOUTH EVENT

MARCH 27: NO YOUTH GROUP DURING HOLY WEEK

MARCH 30: EASTER BREAKFAST SET-UP

MARCH 31: EASTER BREAKFAST

Lenten & Holy Week Worship Schedule

Worship Services: 10:00 AM & 6:15 PM

Fellowship Supper: 5:30 PM

March 6, 2024

March 13, 2024

March 20, 2024



Maundy Thursday: 10 AM & 6 PM

Good Friday: 10 AM & 6 PM

Easter Sunday: 6 AM, 8 AM, 10:45 AM

Breakfast: 7-10 AM



From the Principal's Office March 2024

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



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND REGISTRATION

If you know of parents who might be interested in having their child screened and possibly enrolling for the 2024-2025 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 Monday, March 11th (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 11th.

Preschool and grades 1 through 5 will be in session as usual on March 11th.

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.
- ◇ **Butter Braids** Zion students are selling butter braids until March 4th. The Butter Braids will be delivered on March 20th. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Zion's PTL.
- ◇ **Preschool Registration** will open for **current** preschoolers on March 14th. It will be open to Zion church and school families on March 18th. Preschool registration will open to the community on March 21st.
- ◇ 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 Teams** will have their last games of the season at Zion on Thursday, March 4th against Hill City. The 4th grade team will play at 5PM and the 5th grade team will play at 6PM. Both teams will play at Hill City on Thursday, March 7th at 6:15PM and 7:15PM. Come and watch our boys play.
- ◇ **Spring Book Fair** Zion will be having a spring book fair beginning on the afternoon of March 25th and run through March 27th. We will once again be inviting guests for BLT, (Books and Lunch Together), on March 26th and 27th. Guests are welcome to have with their student and look at books together over lunch time. Guests can bring lunch or order a school lunch. ***Please call the school office to order lunch by March 15th!***
- ◇ **NO School** days for March are March 1st and Easter Break is March 28-April 1.

Kindergarten Teacher

Zion Lutheran School is seeking a kindergarten teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Natalie Graumann will be transitioning to being part-time as an aide/literacy aide for the upcoming school year. The kindergarten position could be a "called" or "contracted" position.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in this position, please contact the school office or Mrs. Solinsky at 605-342-5749.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Work with kids ages 3-11

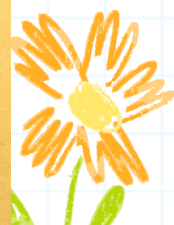
No Nights, Weekends, or Holidays

Full-time preferred, but part-time available

WEEKLY SWIMMING TRIPS - FIELD TRIPS
GAMES - PLENTY OF TIME IN THE SUN!

Applications can be picked up
in the front office at
4550 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Rapid City, SD

Email summerdaycare@zionrc.org
for more information



MISS BIRKMIRE'S 4TH GRADE CLASS

March 2 is National Old Stuff Day. What is the oldest stuff in your house, and how old do you think it is (or what year do you think it came from)? Ages have been redacted.

Aria Ri: The oldest living thing is either my mom or dad or my dog, but the oldest non-living thing is my blanket.



Carter: My mom's clarinet. She is XX years old, and she got it when she was ten. Somebody else owned it before her, and it probably sat on a shelf for a bit. So my mom's clarinet is about 75 years old.

Weston: The insulation in the walls is about maybe 60 years old.

Grace: A butterfly ring from my great grandma; it's over 30 years old.

Nora G: The oldest stuff in my house is my grandma's jewelry and a disc player thing that spins and plays music.

Audrey: My counter. I think it is 30 years old. It came from 1993, I think.

Bridger: My dad's deer heads; from 2000.

Nora B: My mom/dad XX years old, my walls/floors, the roof, the carpet, my Xbox 2, my laundry machine, the home, the cuckoo clock.

Allie: The China cabinet, and I think it was from 1999.

March 13 is National Good Samaritan Day.
How would you be a good Samaritan to others?

Brynley: I would say a nice comment.

Lainey: I would like to donate money to others.

Gabe: I would be kind, good, nice, say thank you, etc.

Easton: I would ask if they want to play or if they want a cookie.

Aria Ro: I would help people. I could say nice things or give them a gift.

Meribelle: I would help them if they're hurt.

Piper: I would not say rude things to others.

Jenson: I would be nice.

Oakley: I would hold the door for people and use good manners when I remember.

Ben: I would help people with math at school and help my relatives get stuff done.

Clara: I would hold the door, say nice things, help someone up, share and play with them, be sweet, give someone hug.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will hold their meeting on Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. at Zion. The guest speaker will be Katie Bates from Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization makes beds for children who have never had a bed of their own. \$250 covers the cost of the material to make the bed and sheet set, quilt, and pillow. Our ingathering will be cash to raise funds to furnish at least one bed. If you wish to donate to this, make your check payable to Zion LWML, or give cash. There will be a box available for weekend services or in the church office. Election of officers will be held and light refreshments served. All ladies are invited to join us.