

Get Involved at Zion...

The Discipleship Board will be providing summer fellowship opportunities through picnics, hiking, and a camping retreat. Upcoming servant opportunities include Love Inc meals and Hills Alive volunteering. The Board maintains and improves the online Church Directory, provides support to a variety of Zion fundraisers, and much more. If you would like to be involved with this fun, encouraging group, please reach out to any board member: Azure Summers, Jon or Lynette Epp, Laure Anderson, Kate Meadows, or Misty Fuller.



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Alienators move on to Global Competition!

Zion's Destination Imagination Team, Alienators, competed at State on April 6 and placed 2nd in their division! They will be travelling to Kansas City on May 22 to compete at Global Competition! Please keep the team in your prayers as they try to raise money to help cover the travel expenses and that they are all able to get there and home safely. Way to go Alienators! If you're interested in helping the Alienators out in fundraising here are some ways you can help:

- Buy a rose for Mother's Day (contact Lindsay in the office for more info).
- Find the concession stand they are working on May 5 at the Shriner Circus!
- Get some concessions/baked goods at the Kindergarten Circus on May 10.

May 2024 Newsletter

Dwelling and Welling

I thought this would be appropriate to share considering the life giving and refreshing waters of spring are welling up all around us...

John 7 begins with the words "after this", referring to the events of chapters 5 and 6, which have the Feast of Passover as their background. The context of John 7 is "the Feast of Tabernacles", which means the events described occur roughly half a year later. During the week-long feast, which was a harvest festival, the Jews commemorated the divine protection afforded their ancestors in the wilderness when God "tabernacled" (dwelt) with Israel in the tent of meeting as they journeyed from place to place. Reflecting the opening theme of the gospel, Jesus' coming to the Temple means God has come to tabernacle among his people once again. This dwelling, like the first, is to be one on the move, not in a fixed location and just for them as the Jews wrongly thought.

We know this is to be a dwelling on the move because the other unmentioned backdrop to verse 37, the key verse of the chapter, is the Pool of Siloam, which is not formally mentioned until chapter 9. "On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." Siloam means "sent". Jesus is God's apostle – His sent One, sent to dwell among His people, but not to stay put. This dwelling is to be welling forth to the whole world by means of those washed of their sins and made to be "sent ones" in His image.

It was from Siloam that water was brought in a golden vessel to the Temple during the feast of Tabernacles. Jesus' words and this background both continue the water motif that runs through John's gospel. Jesus' baptism appears in chapter 1, water jars are miraculously refilled in chapter 2, Nicodemus is pointed to rebirth through "water and spirit" in 3, even the woman at the well is directed toward "living water." In chapter 5 the paralyzed man is trying to enter a pool on Jerusalem's north side to be healed. The Pool of Siloam was the only permanent water source for the city of Jerusalem in the first century AD. It was fed by the waters of the Gihon Spring diverted through Hezekiah's Tunnel, built in the 8th century BC. In June 2004, the 225-foot-long pool was discovered by Israeli archaeologists.

When God comes dwelling, living water starts welling, making well those who are sick with sin and sending them to start "welling" others. But both the dwelling and the welling are done on God's own terms. Jesus refuses to go to the festival in Jerusalem in response to his unbelieving brothers' goading to present Himself publicly. The time is not yet right. Jesus has not come to be hailed in the streets as a mere miracle worker and receive public acclaim. He has come to be nailed to a cross as the true Son of God and receive public scorn. When the time is just right, the living water of which He speaks will literally issue forth from his own pierced belly. The only acclaim will come from His Father who sent Him. It is to Him Jesus shall return once His dwelling and His mission are completed – a place unbelievers cannot go. For those brought to faith, however, the promised Spirit will carry on the work of dwelling and welling in the Son's absence. Oh, and sending too.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Schulte

- May 1: CATECHISM & SR. YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
- May 5: YOUTH COFFEE HOUR 9:00-9:30AM
- May 8: CATECHISM & SR. YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
- May 15: CATECHISM & SR. YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
- May 19: SERVICE PROJECT PRESENTATION DAY 9:15-10:30AM
BLACK HILLS CIRCUIT EVENT @ ZION 2-4PM
- May 22: NO YG-CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER AT CHRIS STAPLETON CONCERT
- May 29: FIRST SUMMER YG-MEET AT ZION 6:00PM
- May 31-JUNE 1: RUMMAGE SALE



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will meet on Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. at Zion. We will have a brief meeting, with a devotion, and then go to Alpine Inn in Hill City for lunch.

All ladies of Zion are invited to join us.

Zion Lutheran's 2ND ANNUAL
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY **MAY 10**
AT THE PARKING LOT PARTY
PARTY RUNS FROM 5:00-7:30
GAMES START: 5:30PM

EACH TEAM MUST BE MADE UP OF A JUNIOR PLAYER AND A SENIOR PLAYER!
JUNIOR PLAYERS ARE 5TH GRADE AND UNDER
SENIOR PLAYERS ARE 6TH GRADE AND OLDER.

REGISTRATION: **\$15** PER TEAM
*DUE BY MAY 3

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS
Christ's Way

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BECKI AKER
WANT TO PLAY, BUT DON'T HAVE A PARTNER?
ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN THE OFFICE AND
WE'LL FIND YOU A PARTNER! :)



June 3-7, 2024 9am-12pm

Use QR Code to register.

Questions? Call Becki Aker at 605-342-5749 or go to www.zionrc.org



From the Principal's Office May 2024 *Knowing Growing Serving*

ZION'S 2024 GRADUATION CLASSES

Our Fifth Grade Graduation and Reception will be held on the evening of Monday, May 20th, at 7PM.

Preschool Graduation and Reception will be held at our final Chapel service for this school year, on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 8:30AM. Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they prepare for their next steps in their education.

FIFTH GRADE GRADUATES

Eli Aker, Emerson Akley, Charli Doney, Jordan Fode, Averie Horton, Parker James, Cady King-Trump, Emma Koch, Sarah Malone, Riley Manyika, Luke Martin, Avaya Miller, Hunter Newell, Maggie Schiley, Abby Schmidt, Vance Singer, Eden Stecher, Finn Ulrich, Sophia Weishaar, and Hayes Williamson

PRESCHOOL GRADUATES

Morning Class— Saylor Eckelman, Wyatt Freedman, Ira Gray, Nolia Holzer, Oliver Howard, Ryker Kilber, Janelynn Lafrentz, Camilla Leyden, Terrance Morgan, Rozalia Reule, Emmersyn Spray, James Thomas, and Cashel Valderrama

Afternoon Class— Charlie Aanenson, Charlotte Evans, Naomi Harris, Hunter Kaul, Charlotte Lyons, Piper McCoy, Hudson Schuldt, Dhivinan Sreedharan, and Caspian Veal

God's richest blessings to the fifth grade and preschool graduating students from all of the teachers and staff of Zion Lutheran School and Preschool. Our prayers will be with you as you continue your education...and as you continue to grow in your faith!

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TRACK MEET will be held Friday, May 3, at the track at Rapid City Christian. The 1600 M race will begin at 8:30AM with all other events beginning at about 9AM. Over 500 students from Calvary Christian School, Homeschoolers, St. Paul Lutheran, Creek Side, Black Hills Christian Academy, Bethesda Hot Springs, and Zion will participate in this event. The Track Meet will end around 2PM. There is no charge to visitors. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer the runners on!

Outlaw Ranch Zion's fifth grade class will be attending an Environmental Education Camp at Outlaw Ranch May 15-17. While they are at Outlaw Ranch, the students will be doing team-building activities, taking an ecology hike, riding horses, possibly canoeing, having a campfire, and experiencing KP duty.

GUEST ARTIST

This spring Zion Lutheran School will be welcoming guest artist, Amber Zora, to work with our students with watercolor art. She will be at Zion during the week of May 6th to work with students in kindergarten through 5th grade. This program is possible through a grant from the SD Arts Council and Zion's PTL!

Amber Zora is a combat veteran. Since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic she has been teaching watercolor and sumi-e ink courses online to other military veterans and art enthusiasts across the United States. She has also taught digital and darkroom photography at the university level.

Amber enjoys working with watercolors and inks because the medium is portable, lightweight, easy to store, can be inexpensive and it is also a vast practice with much history to explore.

Amber received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography + Integrated Media from Ohio University. She has worked at a variety of art spaces before deciding to focus on her own art business.



PARKING LOT PARTY

Zion School's PTL will be hosting a "Parking Lot Party" on Friday, May 10th, from 5pm-7:30pm. Zion's various board members will also be helping with this event. There will be food, games, music a cornhole tournament, and fellowship. We look forward to having everyone from Zion Lutheran Church, School and Preschool to come and have a great time!

MR. DOBBS' SECOND GRADE CLASS

What do you think of when you think of Spring?

Olivia—flowers, baby animals, and woods

Holland—baby animals, picnics, and riding bikes

Cadence—trees, flowers, and leaves

Benjamin—BMX, mower racing, and fishing

Adelaide—camping, warm weather, and flowers

Madilyn—sunshine, flower, and leaves

Grayden—baby animals, nice dirt roads, and flowers

Luniko—pink, trees, and flowers

Tucker—camping, picnics, and family

Emmett—flowers, trees, and colors

Kolbie—flowers, new life, and hiking



Cody—baseball, flag football, and fishing

Russell—baseball, hunting, and track

Tatum—apple blossoms, green and growing grass, and the melting of snow

Ezra—cute animals, beautiful plants, and playing at the dog park

Patrick—animals, warm weather, and camping

Adley—rain, flowers, and trees

Vanessa—baby animals, flower, and chilly weather.

Sage—flag football, flowers, and baseball

Caroline—fawns, the color green, and family

Scotlyn—surfing, baby animals, and pleasant weather

Ella—flowers, no snow, and sunny



God's Word Changes Lives

Amos Armijo got in trouble as a young adult - so much trouble that he ended up in a Utah jail. While in jail, he asked for a Bible. He was given a New Testament placed by the Gideon Ministry. Amos read his New Testament in a common area where other inmates were. It wasn't long before the men asked him questions about the Lord. He began Bible studies in jail using the testament. When Amos got out of jail, he went to Barber School. After graduating he started Amos's Barber Shop in Spearfish, SD. Amos gives God all the glory for using His Word to change his life.

The Gideons International offers millions of people a copy of Scripture annually in over 95 languages: at prisons, hospitals, schools, colleges, military, first responder facilities, and motels. Churches partner with the Gideons to share God's love in their communities and across the globe through their prayers, offerings for bibles, and church members who serve as Gideons.

As God works through your prayers and support, The Gideons International is continually working to meet the worldwide demands for Bibles and New Testaments. In many of the 200 nations where The Gideons International is organized People may never own or even see God's Word unless it is given to them. Over the past four years Gideons and Auxiliary have distributed more than 81 million copies of God's Word each year.

There will be a Gideon Stewardship Report at each of Zion Lutheran Worship Services on May 11,12. There will be a door offering after services to purchase scriptures for this area and worldwide.

The following statement is from Judy Miller, Pine Ridge Jail Chaplain. "I am humbled beyond words at what happens every Saturday when I hand out Gideon Bibles and New Testaments to inmates in The Pine Ridge Jail. Their spiritual hunger is so enormous they literally grab for them! They are shocked to their core that they can get them free! The next week, when I return, they share with me Bible verses that have touched their hearts. I feel like crying trying to adequately thank you for supplying the Bibles and New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs."

Isaiah 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

