



October 2: Youth Board Meeting 8pm
October 6: Youth Coffee Hour 9am Bring treats & come help serve between services.

Higher Things Info Meeting after 10:45am worship. Families of current 6-8 graders are invited to join us to get all the information about our summer trip to Michigan for Higher Things Youth Gathering.

October 20: First Communion Sunday at 8am & 10:45am Worship We rejoice with our first year confirmands as they come to the Lord's Table for the first time. **Deadline to register for LCMS Youth Gathering**

October 26: Confirmation Statements of Faith 5:30pm

October 27: Confirmation Sunday We rejoice with our confirmands as they proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ!

Happy National Custodian Appreciation Day
October 2!

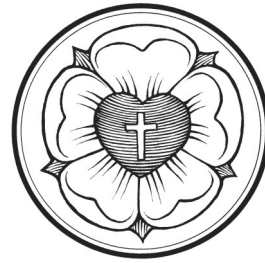


HEARTS FOR THE HARVEST

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL HEARTS FOR THE HARVEST BANQUET. THIS BANQUET IS BENEFITING ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL.



DOORS OPEN AT 5PM.
BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION START AT 6PM.
LOCATION: BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL



Reformation Service

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
October 27th at 3pm

Choir Opportunity: They are looking for congregation members interested in singing in a combined choir for the Reformation Service at Divine Shepherd. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Katie Bierschbach with Divine Shepherd at DSLCSecretary@divineshep.org or 605-787-6438.



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October 2024 Newsletter

All Aboard!

God's active grace is with us as we experience trials. We see that in the account of Noah and his family at the time of the great flood. 2 Peter 2:5&9 tells us that the Noah's experience demonstrates how God rescues his redeemed people from trials while, at the same time, punishing evil-doers and holding them for the day of judgment.

What about that judgment part? While God's grace in sparing Noah and his family speaks to us, the judgment part of the account doesn't sit very well - destroying every living creature on earth, really?! To that I would just say please note how much it breaks God's heart to destroy what He so lovingly created (Gen. 6:5-6). He doesn't do it out of vindictiveness. That's why theologians call God's wrath and judgment his alien work. It's not what He wants to do. His proper work is to extend grace and to save. That's what He wants to do. You know it's gotten pretty bad when "every intention of the thoughts of people's hearts are only evil continually."

Are things so different today? That's another way the flood account speaks to us. Our world is still corrupt and the fact that even greater judgment looms, of which the flood is just a picture, lends urgency to our task as Christians. Christ said himself that when judgment day comes it will come unexpectedly just like in the days of Noah (Mt. 24:37-39).

Meanwhile, the frequent use of water imagery in the Old Testament foreshadows the sacrament of baptism. Turning to Peter again (1 Pe 3:20-21), he tells us baptism is the ark that carries us to safety and spares us from God's judgment. It does so by connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection when God, in His infinite grace, fast-forwarded judgment day and put it squarely on his own Son.

Baptism is when the eternal benefit of that fast-forwarded judgment is applied to the individual. In baptism, we die to ourselves and to sin and we rise to new life in Christ. And that same baptism creates the faith to trust in these unseen things, just like Noah did when he obediently built the ark before there was even a drop of water (Heb. 11:7).

So, trusting God in faith like Noah, let's actively work to get as many people as possible aboard before the judgment does come. Witness to Christ! Extend the waters of baptism to your friends, to your neighbors and family, most especially to your own kids! All aboard!!!!

Grace and Peace to all!
Pastor Schulte

P.A.S.S. It On!

- P**roclaim.
- A**ffirm.
- S**upply
- S**erve.



Ideas and Inspiration for Mission & Ministry
NAVIGATING THE INTERSECTIONS OF FAITH AND CULTURE

Plenary Address by
Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz,
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

November 2
Zion Lutheran Church, Rapid City
9:45am-3:00pm

November 3
Sioux Falls Lutheran School, Sioux Falls
2:15pm-6:45pm

Breakout Sessions

Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, Lutheran Center of Religious Liberty
Dr. Brad Alles, Concordia University Wisconsin
"Truth, Identity, and Purpose for Youth"
Rev. Tom Eckstein, A Biblical Response to LGBTQ

Saturday lunch & Sunday evening meal provided. NO COST!

For more information and to register visit:
<https://sddlms.org/event/p-a-s-s-it-on-2/>
For more information contact Rev. Paul Winckler, Assistant to the District President at paul.winckler@sddlms.org or 605-361-1514.

HAPPY PASTORS' APPRECIATION MONTH!

THANK YOU PASTOR MEADOWS AND PASTOR SCHULTE FOR ALL YOU DO!





Dears friends and members at Zion,

We are excited to announce that Zion Lutheran will be holding the Annual Zion Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23, from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. There will be over 30 local vendors, with a wide variety of unique homemade crafts and products. There will also be a huge bake sale and sloppy joes, rolls, coffee, soda, and desserts for sale for breakfast and lunch.

As always, to put on an event of this size, we will need lots of help! Please prayerfully consider how you can help this event be successful. Set up, tear down, carrying in vendors wares, kitchen/bake sale table workers, and setting chairs back up for church, are many of the ways one can help. We will also need lots of donations of yummy baked goods, including pies, for the bake sale. The more baked goods, especially pies, we have to sell, the better our proceeds will be. The bake sale and lunch items actually bring in the majority of the funds raised.

This is a Christ's Way event, so all the proceeds will go to the new building fund! Sign up sheets for help will be in the narthex in October. Also, please consider attending this year's event! It is a great way to get some early Christmas shopping done, picking out some goodies for your Thanksgiving meal, and fellowship with friends and others from our community! You can call Jane Greff at 605-718-1516 or 605-786-6279 for more information.

Blessings, Jane Greff

New Member Class Beginning Soon!

We would love to have you as a member of Zion's family. As with all good families we wanted to be invested in your life and have you be invested in ours. We can only do that when we know more about one another. With that you are invited to Zion's New Member Class beginning Thursday, October 10, from 5:45-7:45pm. The class will meet every Thursday for six weeks until our last class on November 21. Dinner and childcare will be provided each week. We ask only that you bring yourselves and a willingness to grow in relationship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information, please contact Pastor Meadows (605-858-0015, bryan.meadows@zionrc.org)
To sign up, please contact Lindsay Reule in the church office (605-342-5749, lindsay.reule@zionrc.org)



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



UPCOMING EVENTS

South Dakota Lutheran Educators' Conference

There will not be school on October 10th & 11th as Zion's teachers will be attending the South Dakota Lutheran Educators' Conference at Sioux Falls Lutheran School in Sioux Falls. Teachers will be able to attend a variety of breakout sessions, fellowship with other Lutheran educators from South Dakota and attend worship together.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 1st. There will not be School or Preschool that day.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thanks to all who participated in the PTL Fall fundraiser for Eileen's Cookies. Cookie dough will need to be picked up at Zion on Wednesday, October 23rd from 3-5:30PM.

Red Ribbon Week

Students and staff at Zion Lutheran School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week during National Red Ribbon Week, October 21-25. During this time students will participate in some fun activities, dress up days, and focus on living their lives drug free.

Girls Basketball

Girls' basketball will be starting soon! Look for more information in upcoming church bulletins!

Mrs. Vogel's 3rd Grade Class

Why do you love Fall?

TALK OF THE CLASSROOM



Patrick: I like Halloween and the leaves are falling and changing colors.

Grayden: It is football season.

Tucker: I like Halloween.

Benjamin: It is when fall sports begin.

Cody: We go trick or treating and get candy.

Cadence: I like Halloween.

Ella: I like to carve pumpkins.

Adelaide: I get candy and it is fun.

Vanessa: I like pumpkin pie.

Emmett: It is the beginning of soccer season.

Caroline: We go to the dog park and it's very pretty.

Tatum: I can rake up leaves and jump in them.

Russell: I can go hunting with my dad.

Holland: I play basketball.

Adley: The leaves are beautiful.

Sage: It is football season.

Ezra: I like jumping in leaves.

Kolbie: It is so pretty.

Scotlyn: Dance competition season starts.

Luniko: I make a pile of leaves and jump in them.

Madilyn: I love to play in the leaves.

Olivia: I love decorating with my parents and seeing the leaves change colors.



"No Bake" Bake Sale **October 5-31**

A "No Bake" Bake Sale is where you donate cash that you would have spent on purchasing or baking items to sell--just NO calories.



The mission of this year's sale is to raise \$200 for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program where a bed is made (with all the sheets, etc.) for a child that has never had their own bed. Any other money raised will be used to purchase back-packs for the veterans at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. As always, the LWML appreciates the support we receive from Zion's members.

There will be a cake on the table in the narthex for your donations. Please make checks out to Zion LWML.

Attention Zion Ladies: Some of you may want to know more about what goes on with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) but can't attend a meeting. If you are interested, just send me your e-mail address and I will include you in all of our mailings. Send to: Gail Jass at lgjass@gmail.com.