

Zion Lutheran Church

November Newsletter

Pastoral Points

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Reasons 4-6 out of the article: Seven Reasons We Should Not Accept Millions of Years by Dr. Terry Mortenson

4. Jesus was a young-earth creationist.

Jesus consistently treated the miracle accounts of the Old Testament as straightforward, truthful, historical accounts (e.g., creation of Adam, Noah and the Flood, Lot and his wife in Sodom, Moses and the manna, and Jonah in the fish). He continually affirmed the authority of Scripture over men's ideas and traditions (*Matthew 15:1-9*). In *Mark 10:6* we have the clearest (but not the only) statement showing that Jesus was a young-earth creationist. He states that Adam and Eve were at the beginning of creation, not billions of years after the beginning, as would be the case if the universe was really billions of years old. So, if Jesus was a young-earth creationist, then how can His faithful followers have any other view?

5. Belief in millions of years undermines the Bible's teaching on death and on the character of God.

Genesis 1 says six times that God called the creation "good," and when He finished creation on Day Six He called everything "very good." Man and animals and birds were originally vegetarian (*Genesis 1:29-30*, plants are not "living creatures," as people and animals are, according Scripture). But Adam and Eve sinned, resulting in the judgment of God on the whole creation. Instantly Adam and Eve died spiritually, and after God's curse they began to die physically. The serpent and Eve were changed physically and the ground itself was cursed (*Genesis 3:14-19*). The whole creation now groans in bondage to corruption, waiting for the final redemption of Christians (*Rom. 8:19-25*) when we will see the restoration of all things (*Acts 3:21, Col. 1:20*) to a state similar to the pre-Fall world, when there will be no more carnivore behavior (*Isaiah 11:6-9*) and no disease, suffering, or death (*Revelation 21:3-5*) because there will be no more Curse (*Revelation 22:3*). To accept millions of years of animal death before the creation and Fall of man contradicts and destroys the Bible's teaching on death and the full redemptive work of Christ. It also makes God into a bumbling, cruel creator who uses (or can't prevent) disease, natural disasters, and extinctions to mar His creative work, without any moral cause, but calls it all "very good."

6. The idea of millions of years did not come from the scientific facts.

It was developed by deistic and atheistic geologists in the late 18th and early 19th century. These men used anti-biblical philosophical and religious assumptions to interpret the geological observations in a way that plainly contradicted the biblical account of Creation, the Flood, and the age of the earth. Most church leaders and scholars quickly compromised using the gap theory, day-age view, local flood view, and so on. to try to fit "deep time" into the Bible. But they did not understand the geological arguments, nor did they defend their views by careful Bible study. The "deep time" idea flows out of naturalistic assumptions, not scientific observations.

Conclusion

These are just some of the reasons why we believe that the Bible is giving us the true history of the creation. God's Word must be the final authority on all matters about which it speaks: not just the moral and spiritual matters, but also its teachings that bear on history, archeology, and science.

What is at stake here is the authority of Scripture, the character of God, the doctrine of death, and the very foundation of the gospel. If the early chapters of Genesis are not true literal history, then faith in the rest of the Bible is undermined, including its teaching about salvation and morality.

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

The call committee received a call list from the district office. The members will be meeting to review the information for the 15 pastoral candidates on the list.

Thanksgiving and Advent Services: The Board of Elders and the Executive Board have decided that due to Zion's current vacancy, we will not be having Thanksgiving Eve service or Wednesday Advent Services. Zion members are encouraged to worship with our sister congregations in our area.

Thanksgiving Eve service with communion will be at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Doniphan. The Advent services will be Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Peace Lutheran Church: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00 PM

Advent Services will also be at 7:00 PM on December 1, 8, and 15.

The Annual Voters' Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM. There will be a pot luck dinner at noon following the worship service. Items on the agenda include approval of the budget for 2022 and election of officers and board members.

Zion Altar Guild is seeking more volunteers to join their ranks to assist with setting up for communion and cleaning up after communion. You usually work with a partner and will be assigned two months a year. If there are enough volunteers, that could be decreased to one month a year. Please contact Konnie Lofing at 402-462-5751 if you would like to share your time and talents in this manner.

Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed is scheduled on **Sunday, November 7, 2021** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the American Legion in Campbell, NE. It is hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Campbell. A free will offering will be collected. "Not only will you enjoy a tasty meal, but you will have an opportunity to share in the ministry of giving and caring for many of God's children who are in great need."

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Holstein is hosting its 25th and Final Worst Fest Benefit on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM, at the Holstein Fire Hall. Bratwurst's, sauerkraut, German potato salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce and desserts will be served. If you want takeout, please call 402-984-5864 that day to have it ready for pick up. A free will offering will be collected. This benefit is for Tony Johannsen, a kind and caring church and community member for 15 years who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The money raised will help with medical bills.

Faith Lutheran Church Chestnut Corner Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, located at 837 Chestnut Ave in Hastings. There will be baked goods, a cookie walk, homemade pies, candy and crafts. New this year is a gently used coat sale. There will be Service/Theme basket auction and "Christmas Once Again" room with gently used Christmas items. Coffee and Rolls served from 8:00 to 11:00. Lunch from 11:30 to 1:00 of pulled pork sandwich,

coleslaw, chips and homemade pie. Proceeds go to Our Place After School Care. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial.

Honoring His Harvest at Heartland

Lutheran High School: The annual HLHS Blue Cross Society fall event is getting a new look and a new name. Join the Heartland Lutheran Community in an evening of food and Fellowship on **Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM** at 3900 West Husker Highway, Grand Island, NE. A catered dinner will be served followed by a program. **With thankful hearts we celebrate the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon our school. We honor His harvest with our gifts to nurture the seeds of faith being sown at HLHS.** Tickets for the catered dinner are \$20 each. Reserve your tickets by contacting the HLHS Office at 308-385-3900 or office@heartlandlutheran.org by 10:00 AM Monday, November 8.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"

1 Chronicles 16:34

Zion Classical Academy Corner

Apples for the Students: Help Zion Classical Academy earn free educational equipment. Shop at Russ's Market and Allens and save your receipts dated September 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Drop of your receipts in the collection box located on a table in the narthex or in the school office. Remember, receipts will need to be turned in by April 8, 2022. For more information visit: www.aftsAWG.com.

Shop with Script is an ongoing fundraiser for Zion Classical Academy. You can purchase gift certificates from hundreds of different vendors. Each purchase earns ZCA a percentage of the sale. To join go to <http://www.RaiseRight.com> and enter ZCA's enrollment code: FE142FDB74396 Use your smart phone or tablet to download the RaiseRight app and have access to eGift cards in minutes of purchase. There is more information on the table in the narthex.

Zion Classical Academy receives a small payment for participating in a program to recycle printer ink cartridges. You may bring empty cartridges to the school office or place them in the receptacle in the narthex.

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(Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 11:00 to 1:00 Fish Feed in Campbell 4:30-7:00 St. Paul Lutheran Worst Fest at Holstein Fire Hall</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting (in Doniphan) 7:00 Zion Foundation Board of Directors</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM Chapel with Pastor Hauptmeier 5:30 PM King's Kids/Confirmation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Chapel with Pastor Duffy 5:30 PM King's Kids/Confirmation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM ZCA Cornucopia</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM LWML 5:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 - 1:00 Chestnut Corner Bazaar 5:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Worship Service</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Heartland Lutheran High "Honoring His Harvest"</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 Executive Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Communion at St. Paul Lutheran in Doniphan 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at Peace Lutheran Church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Thanksgiving Service on KHAS Radio</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 12:00 Noon Pot Luck 1:00 PM Voters' Assembly</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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