



Pastoral Points

From Pastor Hauptmeier

An excerpt of President Matthew Harrison's sermon at the 175th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

...“There is no other name ... given among men by which we must be saved,” (Acts 4:12) save Jesus Christ. How does God accomplish this salvation? Only through a cross. “The Son of Man must be glorified.” It was obtained by the cross, and it's delivered through lowly cruciform means (humble preaching, voice, water, bread and wine, a catechism, a humble pastor, a lowly congregation, sinful people, whether they are on an urban corner, a desolate snow-swept landscape or a tiny church).

Over the past half century, we have been disabused of our pride, arrogance and self-assured certainty. Demographic trends, the lowest birth and marriage rates in the history of the U.S., the largest rejection of all and any religion in the history of the U.S. These and many other things are tearing away from us all the “Jesus and ...” scaffolding we once leaned upon. The state has become hostile to Christian belief. The entertainment industry is hostile. The university is hostile. The culture is hostile. Our children are bombarded 24/7. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). What do we have? Only Jesus.

Our times are intense and unique. But the basic battle has been the same from the beginning of the church. The Missouri Synod is not some “world conquering,” “ever triumphant,” “culture transforming,” “missionary power-house.” The Missouri Synod is first and foremost 6,000

congregations, most small, where the faithful — battered by the crosses and trials of life — give and receive Jesus. We are sinners redeemed, daily reminded by our sins that we need Jesus, only *Jesus*.

The Missouri Synod is pastors, teachers, people and missionaries who know Jesus and share Jesus in their families, with their friends and every facet of their lives. “We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). This witness, individually and corporately, is marked above all by Jesus' cross, Jesus' words of forgiveness and Jesus' own compassion. Sinners telling sinners about a Savior. Only Jesus. “When I am lifted up from the earth, [I] will draw all people to myself” (John 12:32). That is Jesus' *only* mission. And that is our *only* mission. It's the *only* reason we exist, and the world continues to exist. Only Jesus.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. (John 12:26)

There is no other name, given among men, by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

Our future is in your hands. Humble us Heavenly Father, only in doing so, let us be your witnesses. Amen.

Kingisepp Orphanage News

April 25, 2022

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Name of our **RISEN** Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who was, who is and is to come, amen.

We pray you had a BLESSED Lenten Season and Easter celebration. Every day we live our new life because Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed. Alleluia! It is with great JOY and PEACE that we move forward and live our lives with Jesus at the center of all that we do.

As you know, we (Karen Tiedeman, Suzanne Jagels, and Rev. Ron Benson) were not able to travel to Russia and visit our co-workers and

orphanages, due to the war between Russia and Ukraine. We continue to hear devastating news about the ugliness of the situation. This is one example of how broken this world is and how much we need Jesus, the only ONE to destroy Satan and all the evil of this world. Again, we rejoice, Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

We hear from our co-workers that medicines, hygiene products, etc. are becoming more difficult to find. However, we rejoice because of our merciful God, our co-workers continue to find and deliver these much-needed supplies. In spite of the situation, we see God's hand in providing for His people in many and splendid ways throughout Russia, the Baltics and Ukraine. Much of this work is supported by your generous offering.

THANK YOU for your partnership in this mission and your continued prayers, especially in this difficult time. Please know you are in our prayers as we thank God for each of you. Your humble servants and friends, Pastor Ron Benson and Karen Tiedeman.

Note from Karen: We are able to get our funds to our people—for which we are grateful! Please pray for them that they can find the needed items for the children!

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18

Call Committee: Zion Voters' Assembly met on Sunday, May 22nd and voted unanimously to call Pastor Benjamin Siebert to be Zion's next pastor. The call documents were sent to Pastor Siebert on the following Monday and he received them on Wednesday afternoon. We ask that all Zion members be in prayer with Pastor Siebert as he considers this call. Thank you to all Zion members and others who have been in prayer throughout this process throughout this process. His timing we await.

Gradually—then Suddenly

Written by Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans for Life of Michigan in the Spring 2022 LifeDate, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life

Ernest Hemingway, in his novel *The Sun Also Rises*, has this exchange between two characters, Bill Gorton and Mike Campbell: “How did you go bankrupt?” Bill asked.

“Two ways,” Mike said. “Gradually and then suddenly.”

Many people wonder how our culture has sunk to such low levels as it has, with the attack on the sanctity of human life, the way many look at unborn babies as disposable, the acceptance by some of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, and of course, the ever-increasing attacks on traditional marriage and gender identity as male and female, as God created them.

How did this all happen? Of course, the answer is: *Gradually*, and then *suddenly*.

For years and years, those who oppose God and His Word have chipped away at such values as the right to life and traditional marriage and family structure. Then, in swift blows, things came tumbling down suddenly. And many are dazed and wonder how it could all happen so quickly.

But in the same way, we can rebuild a culture of life. We have been doing that—gradually—over many years, with our pro-life efforts at changing minds, combatting the lies, electing pro-life officials, and supporting women and their babies in their time of need.

Now, with the coming release of the Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision in June, we may have things going much more “suddenly.” If the court would overturn, or even weaken, *Roe v. Wade*, that would be wonderful news for our dear unborn children! But even then, there will continue to be a state-by-state battle for life. So, we must not weaken. We must not falter. The Lord of Life is with us in this battle!

For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: “**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.**” (Matthew 11:28) God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!

Lutherans for Life: Pastor Hauptmeier is attempting to organize a Lutherans for Life chapter for the Grand Island/Hastings area. If you are interested in being a part of this and if you are interested in helping to organize it, please let Pastor know.

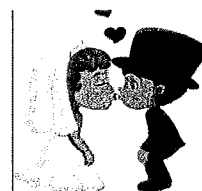
June Birthdays

Jolene Koepke	1
Mark Philippi	2
June Peters	3
Leonard Bonnell	3
Joshlyn Konen	3
Myron Sadler	3
Zachary Seamann	4
Xavier Kalvoda	5
Taitlyn Farris	7
Candace White	8
Melanie Minkler	10
Raegen Halbmeier	13
Victory L. Halloran	13
Adam Torske	15
Timothy Davidson	16
Kaziah Kalvoda	16
Shawna Lee	16
Bowen Faimon	18
Trevor Woita	20
Aiden Robinson	20
Brendan Johnson	20
Anthony Niederklein	24
Shane Valentine	24
Johnathan Fischer	25
Marilyn Meyer	25
Aerianna McKinmey	26
Adam Fischer	26
Jeffery Joseph	27
Julie Kranau	27
Cayah Lambert	27
Charlotte Lambert	27
Shelly Palmer	27
Tyson Quinn	27
Brian Buss	28
Nicholas Montague	28
Cameron Wright	29

Baptism Birthdays

Patricia Weseman	1
Haley Dack	2
Kaysha Ginn	4
Joan Bockstadter	4
Cindy Sadler	6
Sara Medcalf	7
Crystal Kosters	7
Michael Lee	8

Julie Maendele	8
Royce Rehtus	9
Sarah Kranau	12
Conner Kelley	13
Martin Warneke	13
Karen Wilson	13
Josephine King	16
Stella Montague	17
Carol Fisher	18
Mark Philippi	18
Jared Critel	19
Joshua Critel	19
LaDonna Halbmeier	19
Audrey Douglas	20
Jason Kelley	24
Ella Brown	25
Henry Kosmicki	26
Daniel Svoboda	26
Jocelyn Hinrich	27
Jennifer Mucklow	29
Jolene Koepke	30
Larry Struss	30
Pasiley Townsend	30



June Wedding Anniversaries

Stephen & Shelly Parmer	June 1
Darrel & Pinky Joynt	June 6
David O & Marge Peterson	June 9
Steve & Debra Goodrich	June 10
David & Kathy Joynt	June 10
Ronald & Konnie Lofing	June 10
Richard & Jolene Kopeke	June 11
Gayle & Corinne Mankin	June 13
Myron & Cindy Sadler	June 16
Michael & Sky Mankin	June 20
Ken & Kathy Marble	June 20
Tom & Joan Quinn	June 29

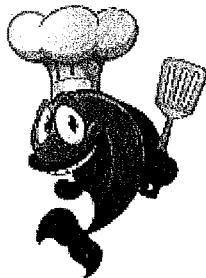
Come Join for Supper
& Fellowship Friday June 17th



Wisconsin Style Fish Feed

boiled fish, pearl onions, salads,
dessert and a drink will be served

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2022



Zion Lutheran Church
Performance Center
465 S. Marion Road
Hastings, Nebraska

5:30 TO 7:00 PM

Free will offering

Proceeds go to pay for shipping to
Mission Texas in the USA.
Zambia, Republic of Georgia, Honduras, Moldova, Panama, and Latvia
through Orphan Grain Train.



We are in need of Elders, ushers, and other volunteers.

Please consider sharing your time and talents.

**Contact Pastor Hauptmeier, one of the elders or any
member of the Executive board.**

HEARTLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
JOINED US IN SINGING
ON OUR SUNDAY MAY 1ST SERVICE..



Zion Lutheran Church Congregation
come and see the Parsonage

OPEN HOUSE



RENOVATION - REMODELING PROJECT

1228 Heritage Drive

Sunday June 12th
2:00 to 4:00 pm.

June 2022

Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 9:00 AM LWML 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
5 11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion	6	7 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting	8	9	10	11 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
12 11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 2:00-4:00 PM Open House at the Parsonage	13 10:00 -3:00 Quilt Tying at Zion	14	15	16	17 5:30 - 7:00 PM LLL Fish Feed	18 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
19 11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion	20	21 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	22	23	24	25 6:00 PM Worship Service
26 11:00 AM Worship Service	27	28	29	30		