



Pastoral Points

From Pastor Hauptmeier

By now most of you have heard that Pastor Benjamin Siebert has accepted his call to Zion Lutheran Church. Included in the call documents is the Supplement to the Diploma of Vocation. It reads as follows:

In the name of the Triune God and by His authority, in order that we might carry out His mission to the world, we hereby authorize and obligate you:

- *To administer to us the Word of God in its full truth and purity as contained in the Sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and as set forth in the confessional writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as found in the Book of Concord;
- *To administer the holy sacraments in accordance with their divine institution;
- *To demonstrate the mind and spirit of Christ as you serve the members of the congregation and equip them for Christ's mission to seek and save the lost;
- *To equip and enable the members of the congregation to serve one another and those outside the fellowship of the congregation;
- *To perform the functions of a pastor in an evangelical manner; to aid, counsel, and guide members of all ages and social conditions; to visit the sick and the dying; to admonish the indifferent and the erring; to support the members of the congregation as they extend that evangelical ministry to others;
- *To guard and promote faithfully the spiritual welfare of the members of this congregation, in particular to see to the instruction of the

- catechumens, both children and adults, in the Word and thus prepare them for communicant membership in the church;
- *To guide the congregation in applying the divinely ordained discipline of the church according to the Word of God and to assist and lead the members of the congregation in practicing the forgiven life with one another;
- *To promote and guide the mission activity of the congregation as it is related to the local community and to endeavors of the Synod and its Districts, in particular to train workers and guide them in evangelism and to enlist the support of the congregation for mission work;
- *To serve as a resource and guide for members of the congregation as they participate in the ministry of Christian education, and to train parents to teach the Christian faith to their children;
- *To assist the congregation in adopting administrative policies and procedures that will help it carry out the mission of a Christian congregation;
- *To serve the congregation as an example of Christian conduct; to endeavor earnestly to live in Christian unity with the members of the congregation, fellow workers, and sister congregations in the Synod; and by the grace of God to do everything possible for the edification of the congregation and the upbuilding of the church in Christ.

As the baptized people of God we partner with you to accomplish His mission to the world, and we hereby obligate ourselves:

- *To receive you as a servant of Jesus Christ, to give you the honor and love and obedience that the Word prescribes, to aid you by word and deed, and to support you with our diligent, faithful assistance and prayers;
- *To make faithful and regular use of the means of grace;
- *To work with you to equip God's people to glorify Him and extend His kingdom by living out our baptism;
- *To make appropriate arrangements for your continuing education as a professional person in the ministry of the Gospel;
- *To provide for your proper maintenance according to our ability and to review your salary, housing arrangements, and all allowances periodically.

Nebraska District LCMS Convention was held on June 24 & 25, 2022 in Kearney NE. The theme of the convention was Growing, Building, Reaching, based on Ephesians 4:15-16.

It was a pleasure to hear The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of the LCMS, address those in attendance on Saturday afternoon.

Of the resolutions discussed, the one pertaining to Critical Race Theory stimulated the most debate. This resolution was adopted by a vote of 81% in favor, 19% opposed. I've included it in its entirety as amended by the delegates. (Corinne Mankin)

Resolution #1.08A To Reject All forms of Racism and Affirm Our Witness to All People

Whereas, God has created all people and they are blood related going back to our mutual fathers, Adam and Noah, and all are subject to the stain of original sin, but now also have been equally redeemed by the blood of Christ in order to be reconciled to God and to each other; and

Whereas, God's Word says, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors" (James 2:8-9); and

Whereas, Critical Race Theory (CRT) has become a popular, multifaceted, and controversial theory for discussing contemporary race relations with many tenets running contrary to Scripture; and

Whereas, Racism (the sinful notion that some races are inherently superior to others), misunderstanding, and strife are present in the world and in the Church; and

Whereas, When CRT enters the language of theology and church life it confuses: (1) "original sin" and "actual sin"; (2) civil righteousness and righteousness before God; and (3) legal justice and perceived injustice. It does not find its solution in scriptural terminologies and mutual repentance and forgiveness, but rather in terms of one-way repentance and ongoing penance for being born with a particular color of skin, thereby granting no sense of absolution; and

Whereas, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) abhors racism, and in convention has passed resolutions repudiating all racism (see 1992 Res. 3-03 and 2019 Res. 11-04A); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Nebraska District in Convention reaffirm the Synod's repudiation of all forms of racism; and be it further

Resolved, That the 1994 CTCR (Committee on Theology and Church Relations) document *Race Relations and the Church* be utilized as a lens by all pastors, congregations, and church organizations as they encounter any espousal or rejection of any critical race theory of race; and be it further

Resolved, That the Nebraska District in Convention reject any doctrine that teaches the superiority of one race, ancestry, or nationality over another, or that teaches that an individual is inherently racist or oppressive because of his or her race, ancestry or nationality; and be it further

Resolved, That the Nebraska District in Convention implore her congregations and ministries to work collaboratively, developing resources to combat racism and engage their communities fully to proclaim Christ's love; and be it further

Resolved, That the Nebraska District in Convention call upon her pastors to be ready to extend diligent and sensitive pastoral care to those who have suffered racism, as well as fitting pastoral care and admonishment to those who have perpetrated racism; and be it further

Resolved, That the Nebraska District in Convention reject the world view of CRT because it is contrary to Scripture and counterproductive to true racial conversation and reconciliation, and also reject all organizations, movement, petitions, and theological language that support the non-scriptural aspects of said world view in a positive manner; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Nebraska District in Convention petition the Synod in its 2023 Convention to direct the Committee on Theology and Church Relations to address specifically the topic of CRT as it relates to social, political, and religious institutions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BOOT CAMP

Theme:

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
For ages Preschool through 5th Grade
Questions: call Staci at 402-705-2924

Staci is requesting donations of food items and paper products for serving lunch and snacks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church.



July Birthdays

Orville Duden	2
Butch Lyons	2
Emily Hinrichs	3
Audrey Douglas	4
Stanley J. Halbmaier	4
Brenlea Grace Faimon	4
Michael Munsterman	5
Marge Peterson	5
Dave Peterson	6
Ted Crosier	6
Pinky Joynt (1928)	6
Anna Lyons	6
Gage Crosier	7
Margaret Bourland	7
Matthew Lee	7
Molly Lee	7
Caden Reents	8
Jared Lawhead	8
Joyce Halbmaier	9
Kevin Halbmaier	9
RoGene Eickmeier	10
Jerry Ryan	11
Joseph Stine III	11
Alexis George	12
Gabe Gentert	13
Paxton Dack	13
Madison Thiessen	14
Marge Ahlman (1931)	15
Joshua Fagiolo	15
Gayle Mankin	16
Harold Kelley	18
Rayker Cookson	19
Edith Meyer (1930)	20
Martina Duncan	20
Lori Niederklein	21
Collette Joseph	22
Jessica Beatty	23
Dain Vap	25
Karla Armstrong	25
Robert Meyer	26
Jayden Valentine	27
Nicole Brown	27
Alayna Bogan	29
Angela Eckhardt	29
Meg Woita	29

Virginia Mucklow	29
Joshua Rooker	30

July Baptism Birthdays

Joshua Fagiolo	1
Laurie George	4
Miranda Seamann	7
Nicole Seamann	7
Ezekiel Strong	8
Eva R. Strong	8
Sage Dasher	8
Travis Dasher	8
Victoria L. Halloran	11
Travis Kelley	11
Xavier Kalvoda	13
Brandon Kelley	13
Kandace White	15
Brian Hueftle	16
Lori Niederklein	16
Joyce Halbmaier	19
Wyatt Riales	22
Stanley J. Halbmaier	23
Nicholas Montague	23
June Peters	25
Trevor Woita	25
Brian Buss	26
Kevin Halbmaier	28
Myron Sadler	28
Michael Munsterman	28
Madison Guinan	29
Mallory Guinan	29
David O. Peterson	
Jane Sorgenfrei	
Jeffery Joseph	
Sarah Stine	

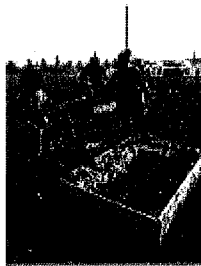
Wedding Anniversaries

Stanley & Joyce Halbmaier	July 6, 1965
Butch & Jarilyn Lyons	July 6, 1968
Jeffery & Karla Armstrong	July 9, 1988
Jeff & Tamara Halloran	July 11, 1992
Loren & Lori Uden	July 20, 1985
Jeffery & Collette Joseph	July 21, 1990
Kevin & Audrey Douglas	July 25, 1987
David & Cindy Montague	July 27, 1974
Mike & Robyn Fagiolo	July 30, 2005
Tim & Gwen Davidson	July 31, 1976

Our new playground equipment is installed! This piece is designed for kids ages 2-12, so our younger students will especially love it. The bulk of it was paid for with money from Mrs. Deb Landsmann's memorial (our beloved paraeducator who passed away in January of 2021). We are so grateful, and we think she would approve♥



Zion Classical Academy Summer Garden Project



July 2022

Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 6:00 PM Worship with Communion
3 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9 6:00 PM Worship
10 11:00 AM Worship	11 10:00 – 3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	12 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	13	14	15	16 6:00 PM Worship with Communion
17 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	18	19 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	20	21	22	23 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM VBS Boot Camp 6:00 PM Worship
24 11:00 AM Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30 6:00 PM Worship with Communion
31 11:00 AM Worship with Communion						