Zion Lutheran Church Newsletter November 2022



Every week we gather for the Lord's Supper, we confess, "...with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, saying, "..." Have you ever thought about what "all the company of heaven" includes? We've already mentioned the angels and archangels – those are the invisible, spiritual creations of God: those ministering spiritual beings that do what God desires (sharing His Word and defending His Church).

So who are the "all the company of heaven" ones? They are the saints gathered to the Lord Christ. They are all of those from Adam, to Abraham, David, and Isaiah and your faithful grandparents and parents who have gone before you in the one true faith: a faith which trusts wholly in God's mercy and grace for us through the bloody death and glorious resurrection in Christ our Savior.

We gather with the saints who sit in the pew around us (the saints declared holy who are still alive), with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we come to the Lord's table. There is a way in which this is a theme in Scripture: the gathering of the Saints together (Consider Gen. 25:8 and Rev. 7:9-11). There is a sense of gathering from beginning to end!

There's a song from before my time by Cab Calloway. It goes something like this: "Say everyone's talking 'bout chicken; Chicken's a popular word; But



anywhere you go, you're bound to find; A chicken ain't nothin' but a bird." Notice how Christ compares Himself to a chicken: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! (Matt. 23:37)

But Christ is no chicken: He goes triumphantly and bravely to the cross. He goes to the cross to draw us to Himself. He gathers us as His own. We are His own that He draws together each Sunday to give us what we need the most: the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in the Lord's Supper and the words of absolution. He draws us together as we gather as families around His Word and our prayers toward Him. Christ gathers us as a hen gathers her chicks, despite their sometimes wandering off, to be His own as the Bridegroom of His Bride, the Church.

You are His, and He wants you. His blood was shed for you and He wants to provide you all that you need, and especially that which you need most: life everlasting and an eternal home with Him. We buck against this in our sinful flesh, but we are called and brought to repentance through the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit to gather together in worship, here in time and then in eternity, with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven – a host arrayed in white righteousness granted by Jesus who no one can number.

Your servant in Christ, Pr. Siebert



Annual Voters' Assembly

The annual Voters' Assembly will be Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 1:30 PM, following a potluck meal. Items on the agenda include approving a budget for 2023 and the election of officers and boards. The revisions in the constitution and bylaws have been approved by the Nebraska District Board of Directors.

The election of officers of the congregation has not changed: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected for a one-year term. To be eligible to be an office of the congregation or board chairman, you must be a current voting member and have been a member of Zion congregation for at least one year. The election of elders also has not changed in that the voters elect all elders to a 3-year term.

With the adoption of the new bylaws, the chairman of the boards (excluding the board of elders) will be elected to a 3-year term. The chairman will then select 2-4 members to serve on his or her board.

The boards are as follows: Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, Board of Parish Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Stewardship, The Care and Concern Board (formerly Social Concerns) and the Hospitality Board. Most boards do not require monthly meetings. If you have a desire to serve our congregation in any one of these positions, please talk to one of our current officers or board chairmen: Gayle Mankin, Ed Buss, Carol Fisher, Corinne Mankin, Roger Sittner (elder) or Dave Peterson (trustee).

Orva Lovejoy will be celebrating her 80th birthday on November 12. Help her celebrate by attending her birthday party at the Kensington Assisted Living on Saturday, November 12, 2022 3:00-5:00 PM.



Birthday Celebrations

The family of **Ed Buss** invite you to celebrate his 90th Birthday on Sunday, November 13, 2022 during an open house 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the East Fellowship Room. Sandwiches and cake will be served.

Quilting Group will meet at Peace Lutheran Church on Monday, November 14, 10:00 to 3:00. There will be no quilt tying in December. We will tie again on Monday, January 9, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church at 10:00 to 3:00.

LWML Mission Project for the month of December is the Hastings Food Pantry. A box will be in the back of the church to place your donations of non-perishable food items and paper goods.

Altar Guild is sponsoring its annual cookie walk/baked goods, and crafts sale on Saturday, December 3, 8:00 to 12:00. Coffee and rolls will be served. Watch for sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Parking Lot Project

Phase1 is tentatively to begin in mid-November. It involves removing the asphalt, leveling and filling areas that need extra dirt work, followed by applying a thick layer of crushed concrete. It is expected to take about two weeks to complete. During this time, people attending worship service should enter the driveway north of the sanctuary and park in the graveled or grassy area north of the driveway. You will be able to enter church through the doors on the north side of the sanctuary. Volunteers will provide valet parking for those who needs special assistance by driving your vehicle to the entrance of the narthex.



"Honoring His Harvest" Heartland Lutheran High School 3900 West Husker Highway Grand Island, NE

Join the Heartland Lutheran Community in an evening of food and fellowship. This special event is **Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** (doors open and 4:30) Speaker will be Dr. Bernard Bull, President of Concordia University, Seward, NE. Tickets for the catered dinner are \$20 each. Reserve your ticket by contacting the HLHS Office at 308-385-3900 or email office@heartlandlutheran.org by noon on Friday, November 4.

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!

"O give thanks to the lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles16:34

Sponsored in part by Josh Meier, FIC, Financial Consultant, Grand Island Thrivent

Chestnut Corner Bazaar

When: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Faith Lutheran Church

837 Chestnut Ave. Hastings

8:00-11:00 AM Coffee and Rolls 11:30-1:00 Lunch: pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw & chips

Featured attractions: CRAFTS, COOKIE WALK, BAKED GOODS, CANDY, HOMEMADE PIES, SERVICE / THEME BASKET AUCTION
"CHRISTMAS ONCE AGAIN" ROOM: gently used Christmas items including a HUGE CARDINAL AND SNOWMAN COLLECTION

Proceeds go to
TILLERS INTERNATIONAL an
organization which seeks to share skills and
tools that empower communities worldwide
to improve livelihoods and agricultural
productivity.

Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial

Lutheran Layman's League Zone 8 Fall Rally October 9th 2022 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minden Nebraska.



in the absence of the guest speaker
Pastor Siebert graciously gave a presentation on the
year
he spent in Brazil, during his Seminary,

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be

Wednesday Evening November 23rd @ 7:00 pm

Happy Thanksgiving



May your heart overflow with blessings this Thanksgiving season.



Service will be Recorded and Broadcasted Thanksgiving Day @ 9:00 am on KHAS Radio

Zion Lutheran Church Advent Services

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Mid-Day Services 12:00 pm.

Evening Services

7:15 pm With a Meal before Starting at 5:30 pm November 30th December 7th December 14th December 21st

With
Pastor Benjamin
Siebert



November Birthdays

November Birthdays	
Anthony George	Nov 1
Terri Burge	Nov 2
Xzavion Vanorsby	Nov 4
Tom Quinn	Nov 5
Robert Seamann	Nov 5
Copeland Carstens	Nov 6
Jonathan Hock	Nov 7
Mazi Dasher	Nov 9
Stan Halbmaier	Nov 9
Rachel Eckhardt	Nov 11
Tyler Hinrichs	Nov 12
Orva Lovejoy	Nov 12
Nichole Johnson	Nov 13
Dave Harlow	Nov 15
Ashley Peters	Nov 15
Cheryl Kelley	Nov 16
Cassandra Wardyn	Nov 16
Ed Buss 90 th	Nov 17
Emily Hughes	Nov 17
Raven Adler	Nov 18
Dylan Hinrichs	Nov 19
Becky Koepke	Nov 19
Beth Koepke	Nov 19
Kristi Halbmaier	Nov 21
Ethan Kranau	Nov 21
Beth Lyons	Nov 21
Donna Peterson	Nov 21
Loren Uden	Nov 22
Seth White	Nov 22
Kaitlyn Armstrong	Nov 24
Sarah Fischer	Nov 26
Katherine Kessler	Nov 27
Brian Alloway	Nov 28
Kimberly Farris	Nov 29
Mikel Philippi	Nov 29
Quinten St. John	Nov 29
Nancy Kottzitz	Nov 30



November Wedding Anniversaries

Craig and Brenda Hinrichs	Nov 17, 1990
Ron and Meg Woita	Nov 24, 1979
Vernon and Gayle Kranau	Nov 27, 1955
Dan and Shari Rayburn	Nov 28, 1987



November Baptism Birthdays

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Steve Goodrich	Nov 2
Cheyenne Fielder	Nov 3
Brenda Hinrichs	Nov 3
Brianna Davis	Nov 3
Justin Kopisch	Nov 4
Rhonda Voboril	Nov 4
Ashton Alloway	Nov 5
Kevin Douglas	Nov 10
Julie Wright	Nov 10
Ron Lofing	Nov 12
Joshua Fagiolo	Nov 13
Anthony George	Nov 15
Matthew Mattison	Nov 16
Joshua McCoy	Nov 19
Michael Mankin	Nov 20
Frankie Mauluci	Nov 20
Tom Quinn	Nov 20
Bryce Richardson	Nov 20
Angela Torske	Nov 22
Stan Halbmaier	Nov 23
Adam Fischer	Nov 25
Tyler Standeven	Nov 25
Kaylynn Miller	Nov 28
Marge Ahlman	Nov 29
Brandon Brown	Nov 29
Joel Philippi	Nov 29
Austin Miller	Nov 30
Joni Philippi	

Zion Lutheran Church November 2022

Saturday	5 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 9:00 AM LWML 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion	3:00-5:00 PM Orva Lovejoy Birthday at the Kensington 6:00 PM Worship Service	19 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion	25 26 6:00 PM Worship Service	December 3: Altar Guild Cookie Walk 8:00-12:00 noon
Friday	6:00 PM Zion Classical Academy Comucopia				November 13 continued 1:00-4:00 PM Ed Buss Birthday in East Fellowship 5:00 PM Heartland Lutheran High "Honoring His
Thursday	r.	10	7 7	24 9:00 Thanksgiving Service on KHAS Radio	November 12 continued 8:00 to 1:00: Chestnut Corner Bazaar at Faith Lutheran Church
Wednesday	2 8:30 AM ZCA Chapel with Pastor Micah. Gaunt 9:30 AM Worship Committee 6:00 PM King's Kids	9 8:30 AM ZCA Chapel with Pastor Craig Stephens 6:00 PM King's Kids	16 8:30 AM ZCA Chapel with Pastor Daniel Bremer 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting	23 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	30 8:30 AM ZCA Chapel with Pastor Ben Siebert 12 Noon Advent Service 5:30 PM Advent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:15 PM Advent Service
Tuesday	7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting		15 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	22	53
Monday		7	14 10:00-3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	21	788
Sunday		6 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Class	9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Class	20 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Class 12 Noon: Potluck 1:30 PM Annual Voters' Assembly	9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Class