

Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

February 2023



Blessed Epiphany and Pre-Lententide! Now you might take pause at my greeting, because you may have never heard of "Pre-Lent." I don't blame you for not having known this term before now: I actually didn't grow up hearing such a phrase. That's probably mostly due to the fact that the term is just a familiar way of speaking of the weeks that lead up to the season of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday.

To understand this, it's probably a good idea to take a step or two back. We would do well to examine, a bit, the Church's season of Lent. The term "lent" comes from an Old English word related to Spring – which makes some sense since the time of year is at the cusp of snow melting and April showers that bring those flowers the following months. But the Spanish, Portuguese, and other languages use an older term: *Cuaresma*, from the Latin *Quadragesima*, which means 40th. For centuries the Church then began calling the Sundays preceding Lent, *Septuagesima*, *Sexagesima*, and *Quinquagesima* (meaning 70th, 60th, and 50th, respectively).

So, other than for answering questions on a Latin quiz or a religious themed Jeopardy game, what use is the knowledge of this information? The reality is that it directs the eyes of the Church upon the greatest feast of the year – namely Easter (lasting 7 weeks and the highlight of the Christian life and the center of our hope for years ahead). The counting down to the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord is an ever-present reminder that as we live our lives in repentant

faith, that the end of death and the devil is accomplished in Christ's glorious death and resurrection.

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:3-11)

Thus our Baptismal life is marked by these events of Christ and highlighted in our journey through the church year.

Both "Lent" and "Cuaresma" are fine terms, but the Latin languages, in this case, are better suited for the Church (in my humble opinion). Consider how many times the children around you in your lives might have asked how many days until Christmas? How many days until my birthday? How many times might you have pondered how many days there were until vacation or retirement or the upcoming wedding? How much more do we look forward to the celebration of our Lord's victory on our behalf?

Blessed Pre-Lent and Lententide.

Your servant in Christ,
Pr. Siebert

Parking Lot Project Up-date

The date for starting this project is unknown at this time but we anticipate it to be this spring.

Thank you: On behalf of Zion LWML, thank you to all who assisted in the funeral lunch following Marge Ahlman's funeral. This includes those who set up and took down the tables and chairs in the gym, provided cakes and salads, and helped in serving the meal and the clean-up following the meal. Again, thank you to all the volunteers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Adams County Lutheran Education Association (ACLEA) is hosting FIRE XVIII on March 4th, 2023 at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5:30.

Contributions made to FIRE go towards Zion Classical Academy and Christ Lutheran Juniata. Your donations give our children a better opportunity to flourish in a Christ centric environment where they know the truth of God, become disciples for life and are academically challenged; all central to their personal growth in achieving God's plan.

We ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring an auction item or financially supporting FIRE. Donations in any amount may be made payable anytime by check to ACLEA or you may scan the QR code or go directly to our fundraising page one.bidpal.net/fire2023 and make a donation via credit card.

Best suggestion is to buy banquet tickets in advance from an ACLEA board member or online.

Contact treasurer.acleafire@gmail.com or call 402-469-4038.

Banquet tickets are \$75 per person or \$1100 for corporate table of 10.

Silent Auction is online only. Live Auction in person only. Please see an ACLEA member for more details or volunteer opportunities.

Auction sponsorships/items must be received by February 15th. ACLEA P.O. Box 2122 Hastings, NE 68902

Note: due to not being able to copy the QR code, see bulletin inserts available on the hymnal rack at Zion.

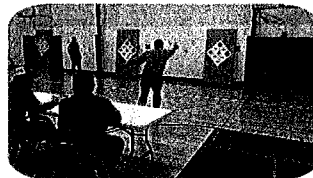
There is a **"Fire Volunteer Sign-up Sheet"** on the table in the back of the church with a list of opportunities to lend a helping hand!

Million Dollar Life Match: Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect donations for the Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center. The LCMS Life Ministry will match every dollar collected by May 1, 2023. Please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and write "Wellspring" in the memo line. Zion is partnering with other congregations in our Hastings Circuit to raise money for this matching opportunity. This is a way we can reach out into our community and help young mothers experiencing unexpected pregnancies to feel supported and cared for when they make the decision to give life to the child they carry. Questions? Call Joan Primrose at 402-469-6335.

Lutheran Layman's League

Sunday

March 12th 2023



**ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH
PERFORMANCE CENTER**



Join the Fellowship



A Meal will be served

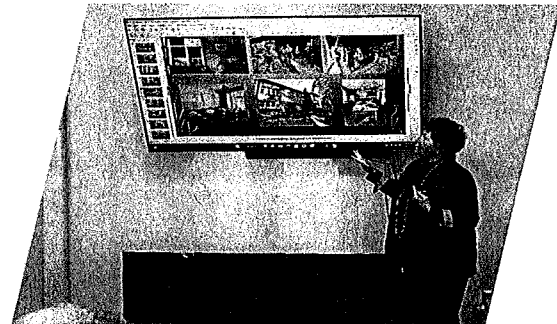
Registration Starting @ 5:00 pm

Dartball Tournament

**Contact Doyle Krueger @ 402-984-2900 or 402-834-0237
for any other information**

All men of all ages of Zion Lutheran Church are invited to participate.

Visit and Presentation from Karen Tiedeman from the Orphan Grain Train



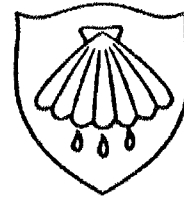
About her Trip to the Baltic Countries Adopt a Orphanage Program and our Zion Supported Kingisepp Orphanage in Russia



*with
a Lite
Lunch
Following*



What a lovely time we shared with Karen Reehl Tiedeman when she visited Zion on January 22. Her presentation was very informative and at the same time, heart-warming. It was with much emotion that she thanked the members of Zion congregation for the financial support for "our children" at the orphanage in Kingesepp, Russia. There was a bit of reminiscing about her parents, Pastor John and June Reehl and his use of the old "overhead projector" to show his pictures. Such blessed memories of God's servants.



February Birthdays

Bryan Garver	Feb. 3
Caden Boyer	Feb. 7
Corinne Mankin	Feb. 8
Susan Poppe	Feb. 8
Brenda Critel	Feb. 8
David Brown	Feb. 9
Wayne Hansen	Feb. 9
Craig Hinrichs	Feb. 9
Susan Medcalf	Feb. 9
Ron Woita	Feb. 11
Bailey Johnson	Feb. 12
Joe Warneke	Feb. 14
Lin Johnson	Feb. 17
Marsha Rosh	Feb. 18
Mark Utecht	Feb. 18
Steve Buss	Feb. 22
Josephine King	Feb. 24
Wayne Mills (1934)	Feb. 24
Allison Good	Feb. 25
Christopher Warneke	Feb. 25
Elizabeth Wilson	Feb. 25
Ezekiel C. Strong	Feb. 26
Misty Riales	Feb. 26
Eric Fielder	Feb. 26
Jesse Wright Jr.	Feb. 27

February Baptism Birthdays

Kaitlyn Armstrong	Feb. 2
Zachar Meyer	Feb. 2
Bailey Kopish	Feb. 3
Leonard Bonnell	Feb. 5
Jessie McGrath	Feb. 9
Kenneth D. McGrath Jr.	Feb. 9
Mazi Dasher	Feb. 9
Ian Brown	Feb. 11
Ashley Peters	Feb. 11
Braden Huettfle	Feb. 12
Rayker Cookson	Feb. 13
Emily Hughes	Feb. 13
Beth Lyons	Feb. 13
Kaylin Rosch	Feb. 19
Stacy Andersen	Feb. 21
Landon Eckhardt	Feb. 23
Chanea Aflague	Feb. 24
Cynthia McGrath	Feb. 24
Wayne Mills	Feb. 24
Charlene Stapleman	Feb. 25
Susan Poppe	Feb. 26
Kurt Kopish	Feb. 26
Alexius Hartman	Feb. 27
Ashton Hartman	Feb. 27
Kylie Thiessen	Feb. 27
Steve Buss	Feb. 28
Pinky Joynt	Feb. 28
Douglas Roesener	Feb.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Edward & Mary Buss	Feb. 1, 1953
Wayne & Melanie Hansen	Feb. 12, 1978

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Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Bremer 9:30 Bible and Hymn Study 6:00 PM King's Kids & confirmation class	2	3	4 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
5 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	6	7 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	8 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Duffy 9:30 Bible and Hymn Study 6:00 PM King's Kids & Confirmation Class	9	10	11 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 9:00 AM LWML 6:00 PM Worship Service
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	13 10:00 to 3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	14	15 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Doug Gaunt 9:30 Bible and Hymn Study 6:00 PM King's Kids & Confirmation Class	16	17	18 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
19 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	20	21 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	22 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Siebert 9:30 Bible/Hymn Study 12:00 Ash Wednesday Lent Service 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids & Confirmation Class 7:15 PM Ash Wednesday Lent Service	23	24	25 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
26 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	27	28				March 4 5:30 PM ACLEA FIRE XVIII