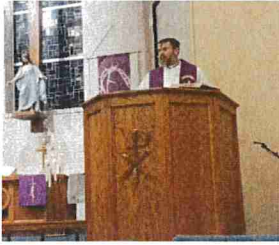


Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

March 2023



Greetings and peace to you in Christ!

We are united – we are one: I’m not talking about being Nebraskans; I’m not speaking about our favorite teams being the Huskers; and I’m not talking of any kind of “political view”. The oneness that we have is in Christ, our Lord and Savior, and in what He has done. We remember the prayer that Jesus offers on the night He is betrayed:

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:20-24)

We are made one in the glorious cross and resurrection of Christ and how that is applied to us through the Word and Sacraments (read, especially, Baptism and Lord’s Supper).

But there is another way in which we are all united as one, no matter where you come from, or whom you root for on Saturday: we are all fallen sinners descended from Adam, who denied and rejected the Word that God gave him in the Garden [“**You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**” (Gen. 2:16-17)]. We have inherited a nature

which unifies us in seeking our own words and our own ways, leading to our destruction.

As the baptized saints of God, we have been given the Holy Spirit who is at work in us, conforming us to the image of Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds – increasing in us a desire for the Word of God and His way. As we live our life in this world, we continually strive to daily drown to death the Old Adam in ourselves even as he continues to bob up and gasp another breath.

Fasting (setting aside some bodily need or desire), devoting extra time to prayer and the study of Scripture, added sacrificial giving and caring for others for a time (especially in the seasons of Advent and Lent) are all good to exercise the muscles we use to cooperate with the Spirit’s drowning work in our lives. How and when and which of these spiritual exercises we may practice could differ among us greatly, but our unity remains in our universal need for a Savior, and we are called and drawn to the source of our eternal unity for strength and comfort found in the Word and the Body and Blood of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit continue to be at work in you as we live with a fallen nature in a fallen world with the devil and his ilk all around us, and may He drive you to the source of your strength that flows from the pulpit, altar, and font, and the unity it brings to Christ’s Church.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:1-2)

Blessed Lententide.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Siebert

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday.



Lent Services continue through the Month of March. Services are every Wednesday at 12:00 noon and 7:15 PM. Supper meals are served at 5:30.

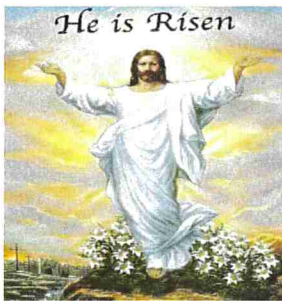
March 1: hamburger/vegetable soup

March 8: chili/chicken noodle soup

March 15: baked potato bar

March 22: sloppy joes/chips

March 29: chili dogs/hot dogs



Looking ahead, **Holy Week** begins on April 2, Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 with Holy Communion. Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be at 7:00 PM. Saturday Easter Vigil will be at 6:00 PM.

Easter Sunrise service will be at 6:30 AM. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both the 6:30 and 9:00 services. A light breakfast of pastries, fruit, coffee and juice will be served between the services. There will be no Sunday School and Adult Bible class on Easter Sunday.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2022 expires on March 31, 2023. You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year.

Go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" when prompted. It is helpful to have your account number available. The phone line will be busy by the end of March

so don't delay. Member eligibility is based on life insurance premiums and contract values.

Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to offer "Parenting the Love and Logic Way" a parent training program designed by the Cline/Fay Institute. This course offers an effective, low-stress way to communicate with your children, age 2-20.

DATES: Four Sundays beginning March 5, 2023

TIME: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 9th and Chestnut, Hastings

COST: \$25

Childcare provided free of charge to those who pre-pay for the class by March 2, 2023

Register by phoning the church office:

402-462-5044

Zion Classical Academy of Hastings,

established by Zion Lutheran Church (an RSO of the LCMS) is currently seeking a full-time 4th grade classroom teacher for the fall of 2023. If interested, please call the school office at 402-462-5012 or visit our website to learn more about it at <https://www.zionclassical.org/job-openings>.

There are copies of Classroom Teacher Position Description on one of the tables in the back of the church.

Million Dollar Life Match The LCMS Life Ministry will match every dollar collected for Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center by May 1, 2023. Please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church or Peace Lutheran Church and write "Wellspring" in the memo line. Zion is partnering with Peace Lutheran Church and 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. These funds will help expand the "Earn While You Learn" program that help teaches parenting skills and provides a source for needed baby supplies. Questions? Call Joan Primrose at 402-469-6335.



March Birthdays

Jeff Halloran	March 1
Wyatt Rials	March 1
Breana McIntyre	March 1
Kathy Joynt	March 1
Stacy Anderson	March 3
Leslie Garver	March 3
Jacob Critel	March 4
Sara Medcalf	March 5
Christopher Davidson	March 7
Stacie Hueftle	March 8
Jessica Nielsen-Trausch	March 9
Austin Buss	March 9
Alexius Hartman	March 10
Jamie Critel	March 11
Jenna Critel	March 11
Jessica Critel	March 11
David Berens	March 14
Madden Good	March 14
Wes Henricksen	March 14
Martin Meyer	March 15
Riley Roesener	March 16
Jessica Pracht	March 19
Jacob Uden	March 20
Joan Quinn	March 22
Daniel Hock	March 24
Gloria Kottwitz	March 24
Richard Koepke	March 25
LaDonna Halbmaier	March 25
Courtney Woita	March 25
Machelle Holliday	March 27
William Kosters	March 27
Andi Brown	March 30
Richard Gerhart	March 30
Lori Uden	March 30



March Baptism Birthdays

Jordan Torske	March 1
Bailey Johnson	March 2
Chris Lewis	March 2
DeNeeta Svoboda	March 3
Nicole Kathman	March 5
Brenda Critel	March 8
Jonathan Fischer	March 8
Marsha Rosch	March 12
Colson Beatty	March 13
Christopher Warneke	March 15
Morgyn Miller	March 16
Darrel Joynt	March 20
Gary Eckhardt	March 22
Katherine Kessler (Hughes)	March 22
Mark Utecht	March 25
Craig Hinrichs	March 26
Patrick Davidson	March 26
Lin Johnson	March 27
Leslie Garver	March 28
Staci Hueftle	March 28
Lynn Laaker	March 28
Misty Riales	March 28
Allison Good	March 31
David Berens	March



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jesse and Julie Wright	March 12, 1976
Mark and Marsha Utecht	March 19, 1994

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Micah Gaunt 9:30 Bible-Hymn Study 12:00 Lent Service 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:15 PM Lent Service	2	3	4 NO WORSHIP SERVICE due to ACLEA FIRE Banquet
5 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	6	7 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	8 10:00 AM Camp Luther 9:30 Bible-Hymn Study 12:00 Lent Service 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:15 PM Lent Service	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 5:00 PM LLL Dart Ball Tournament	13 10:00 to 3:00 Quilt Tying at Zion Lutheran Church	14	15 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Josh Davis 9:30 Bible-Hymn Study 12:00 Lent Service 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:15 PM Lent Service	16	17	18 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
19 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	20	21 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	22 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Greg Volzke 9:30 Bible/Hymn Study 12:00 Lent Service 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:15 PM Lent Service	23	24	25 6:00 PM Worship Service
26 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	27	28	29 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Siebert 9:30 Bible/Hymn Study 12:00 Lent Service 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:00 PM King's Kids 7:15 PM Lent Service	30	31	March 12: Daylight Savings Time Begins: remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.