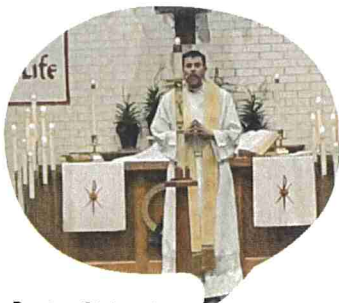


Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

May 2023



Pastor Siebert's

Message

Greetings and peace to you in Christ!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! That's such a moment to live in. Jesus, the very Son of God, who took on our flesh and became a human for the purpose of being crucified for the sake of human beings.

Many might scoff, and say, "Why?" Or perhaps more scandalously and crassly, "How could God the Father abuse His Son like that?" Here we must remember that the world has always been (and will always be) full of scoffers who do not cease at scoffing (2 Peter 3:3; Acts 13:41).

So, what do we make of this in our day? Why was Jesus crucified? And more than that, did He rise? I think one of the most comforting texts of Scripture, one that can give us confidence in our faith, is from 1 Corinthians 15:

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he

appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Indeed, we are all sinners, in need of a Savior. Only the hardest of heart would think otherwise. It was not 'Divine child abuse' that led Christ to the Cross, but the Son's, the Father's and the Holy Spirit's love for you as His creature that motivated our Lord in this horrific yet glorious action.

But that there were many witnesses, not only of the gruesome death of our Lord, but also of His resurrection are incredible comfort for us as Christians. We live in a day where someone has a phone with them, almost 24/7. There is ample video proof of stuff that happens, but, even then, we can be deceived by what has occurred.

We have more evidence of the Resurrection of the Lord than we have of Julius Caesar crossing the Rubicon or Washington crossing the Delaware: eyewitnesses who were willing to die and cross the world to share the news!

If those who were alive in the days of the apostles and in the days following them had evidence to the contrary, the entirety of the Christian faith would have fallen to pieces, but Christ is risen.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Siebert

Confirmation Class of 2023



We pray for God's Blessings for Jordyn Pracht and Michaela Hargis, confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

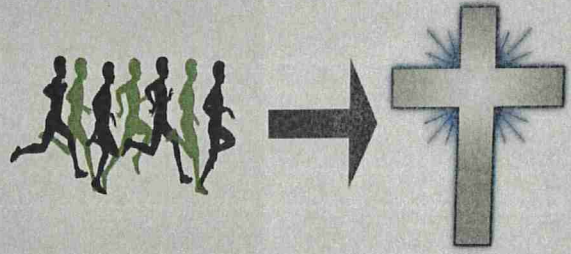


Thank you, Joan Quinn, for making the beautiful banners.



Thank you to those who attended and participated in confirmation questioning and reception on Wednesday evening, April 19.

"RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE" OLYMPICS VBS



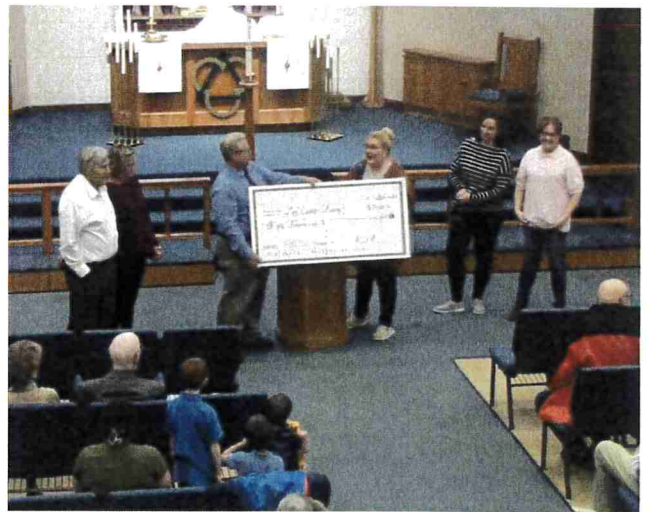
VBS will be on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The theme for this year is "Running for the Prize"

You are encouraged to invite neighbors, friends and grandchildren. IT'S NOT JUST FOR ZION MEMBERS.

Please register by calling or texting Staci at 402-705-2924.

There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers and donations on the table in the back of the church.

ACLEA April 16, 2023



ACLEA board members Tammi Halloran, Dan Rayburn and Laura Hargis are pictured above, presenting the check from ACLEA-Adams County Lutheran Education Association to Zion Classical Academy staff members Beth Koepke and Staci Hueftle. Also pictured is Dave Berens, one of the founding members of ACLEA. The check was in the amount of \$80,000. God has richly blessed Zion Lutheran School and now Zion Classical Academy and Christ Lutheran School through the dedication of ACLEA Board of Directors and the many volunteers.

Greetings from Karen Reehl Tiedeman and

Pastor Ron Benson-Orphan Grain Train

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 and Easter celebration, filled with the PEACE and JOY of our victorious King, Jesus!

During this Easter season, we pray that the confidence and hope of this season fill each and every day as we live as His victorious children, because Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia! Yesterday's gospel reading was of Thomas who said he would not believe until he saw with his own eyes and feel with his hands the risen Lord. Jesus said, "blessed is he who has not seen, yet believes." That's you! We trust in the sure and certain hope that as Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise. To Jesus be all praise and glory, today and forever!

Many of you have traveled to Russia and the Baltics on trips with Pastor John and Mrs. June Reehl or the two of us. If you have not been able to travel, you have witnessed presentations of the trips that we have been on to these places where we sponsor orphaned children, sick and the elderly. Every one of them are precious to God. Our Heavenly Father speaks to each of them through **YOU**, and through the gifts you provide to them. The medicines, vitamins and hygiene products that you as sponsors provide to the orphans, the sick, the prisoned and the elderly. Along with Bibles, coats, quilts made by caring hands. Also, GoTalks that help children speak who would possibly never be able to communicate.

Our Heavenly Father speaks to all of these precious ones saying, my children need to know they are precious to Me. You tell them that by sharing your gifts in making this ministry happen. Also, please keep them in your prayers during these most difficult times.

Your continued support of Kingisepp Orphanage is a blessing!

Your humble servants and friends,

Pastor Ron Benson and Karen Tiedeman

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

Zion Lutheran Church



Salad Luncheon

Friday June 2nd

11:00 am - 1:00 pm



\$ 9.00

PERFORMANCE CENTER

465 S. Marion Road

Altar Guild is asking for donations of salads. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for you to sign up to donate your favorite salad. Salads should be enough for fifteen servings. Thank you in advance for your support and come out to eat with your friends and family.

Saturday, June 3

Zion Fellowship, Food and Fun

Following the Worship Service, join us for a meal of fried chicken and salads. Drinks will be provided. We will then play games or just sit and visit.



May Birthdays



Amy Weber	May 2
Chrisella Lewis	May 3
Beth Stark	May 3
Abigail Lyons	May 4
Brandon Kelley	May 5
Travis Kelley	May 6
Susan Ray	May 7
Linda Koepke	May 9
Ella Brown	May 12
David A. Peterson	May 13
Jared Critel	May 15
Joshua Critel	May 15
Julie Wright	May 17
Julie Maendele	May 18
Sage Dasher	May 19
Karen Wilson	May 20
Jason Kelley	May 21
Robby Vanorsby	May 21
Crystal Kusters	May 22
Larry Struss	May 25
Carol Fisher	May 27
Tiffany Steinkraus	May 27
Darrel Joynt (age 96)	May 28
Bo Robinson	May 29
Laurie George	May 31

May Baptism Birthdays



Joshlyn Konen	May 1
Gloria Kottwitz	May 1
Evelyn Lee	May 2
David Joynt	May 6
Traci Brittain	May 8
Terry Kort	May 9
Amanda Rooker	May 11
Christopher Rooker	May 11
Madison St. John	May 12
Brant George	May 16
Gabe Gentert	May 17
Kathy Marble	May 17
Giavanna McQuesten	May 17
Joshua Rooker	May 17
Lilian Rooker	May 17
Amy Weber	May 17
Benjamin Kusters	May 19
Robby Vanorsby	May 21
Xzavion Vanorsby	May 21
Zayde Vanorsby	May 21
Jeff Halloran	May 24
Cody Riales	May 25
Karen Ganskow	May 26
Susan Ray	May 27
Jacob Uden	May 27
Donald Fischer	May 28
Abigail Lyons	May 28
Linda Koepke	May 29

May Wedding Anniversary's



Bob and Beth Stark	May 5, 1963
Steve and Vicki Buss	May 24, 1975
Dick and Connie Gerhart	May 29, 1992

May 2023

Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10:00 to 3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	7:00 PM Elders Meeting	8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Doug Gaunt 9:30 Bible-Hymn Study	12:00 Kenesaw St. Paul Lutheran Church Ladies Aid Spring Luncheon		6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion-Ascension 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	Pastor's Vacation 7:00 Altar Guild Meeting	Pastor's Vacation	Pastor's Vacation	Pastor's Vacation	Pastor's Vacation	6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
28	29	30	31			
9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion-Pentecost 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 2:00 Sunday School Bowling Party			9:30 Bible/Hymn Study		June 2 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Altar Guild Salad Luncheon	