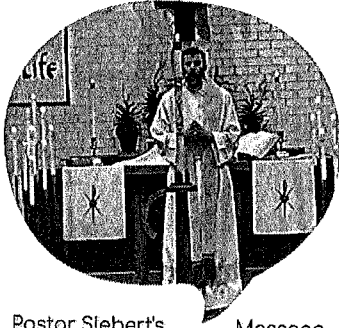


Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

November 2023



Pastor Siebert's Message

November in the Church is full of images of our hope: it begins with a glimpse at the end we look forward to and closes with the beginning of the new creation. All Saints' Day holds before our eyes the vision of John seeing the full number of God's elect (the Church) gathered in glory – the effects of sin utterly gone (Rev. 7); and the Last Sunday of the Church year recalls Christ's parable where virgins, with lamps lit, eagerly enter into the marriage feast which has no end. It is a fitting "pre-Advent" perspective as we await the final Advent of our Lord. It fixes our eyes on the prize, if you will.

So, when will this happen? Why hasn't He come yet? Such questions aren't new ones. *Remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."* (2 Pet. 3:2ff)

A few, upon hearing Christ's promise that He is coming quickly, have tried to figure out the day and went about preparing for it by quitting jobs, giving away belongings, and settling in to wait for the final call. But this is delusion since Jesus Himself said, "No one knows the day or hour," and delusion often turned to despair.

Others have thought to get things ready for Christ's return by sprucing things up in this world, hoping that with charity and godly lives something close to the Garden could be achieved on earth: that with peace established, poverty and hunger ended, and order established, the reign of Heaven would begin. But this mindset (once quite popular as modern thinking and better technology seemed so promising) went out of style after being hit with the hard reality of the horrors of the First World War.

The Church is called to be ready now and every day. Scripture teaches clearly that these are the last days prophesied of. All is ready: the Son of God took on our flesh; He lived perfectly under the Law for us; He suffered and died for our sins; He was bodily raised from death; He ascended with all authority; He poured out His Spirit upon the Church; and His Word has gone forth. So why the delay? Why the wait?

Like everything God does, it's for the sake of His elect. *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.* (2 Pet. 3:9) And Jesus promises, *"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.* (Jn. 6:39)

In response to this, we live out our lives looking forward to that great day when we are given imperishable bodies and see our Redeemer face to face. We wait for that day as we endure with patience, hold fast to the promise; abide in His Word, carry out our callings, loving the neighbors God has given us to love. The day is hastened as we bring our children to the font; support the ministry of the Church; lead our families in the study of Scripture and assembling at church; invite friends to church; encourage men to the Seminary; and built one another up in the faith.

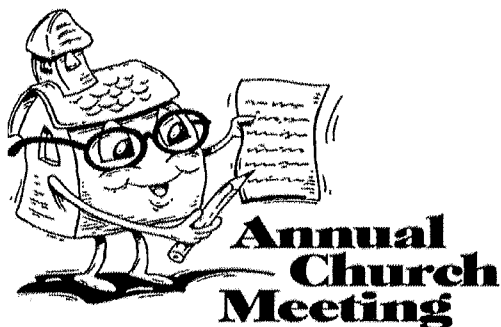
Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in

which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation. ... [And] grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:11ff)

We, the saints of God, anxiously await the final judgement when Satan and his horde of fallen angels are cast into the perpetual prison of hell and the tragedy and sufferings of this valley of the shadow of death are behind us; when Christ's pronouncement to His faith-filled followers is "Not Guilty on account of My blood!"; and when the post-Advent season begins without end. Come Lord Jesus.

Your servant in Christ,

Pasto. Siebert



The Annual Voters' meeting will be on Sunday, November 19 at 10:15 AM following the worship service. The (revised) constitution mandates that Zion congregation have its annual meeting in the month of November. Items on the agenda include approving the budget for 2024 and election of officers and board members/chairmen.

Year after year, the same officers and board chairmen have agreed to put their names on the ballot. There will come a time when they say "enough. I've volunteered much time and energy, experienced loss of sleep and anxiety over decisions." We persevere because of our love for the Lord, and our love for our congregation. Please, prayerfully consider becoming involved in our congregation at any level of leadership.

"Hark the voice of Jesus Crying"

*Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."*

(LSB 826 st. 4)

Zion has been tremendously blessed! Often the work at Zion becomes tough and demanding. But we are repeatedly uplifted by the help of faithful volunteers. May God continue to provide such needed workers as these individuals for the work at Zion!

On a personal note, I have been treasurer since the early 2000's. I love doing it. But the time is approaching when I will want to pass the baton to a new treasurer. It can be a gradual transition and I will continue to do the week-by-week bookkeeping tasks as long as I am able and needed in this capacity. As you know, I have no education in accounting or bookkeeping. Deb Goodrich was instrumental in tutoring me when I was first elected to this office and I thank her for her patience. I know there are people in our congregation who are more qualified than I for this office. Please consider putting your name on the ballot for "treasurer". Corinne

Following the voters' meeting, there will be a lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert served by the Board of Hospitality.

Thank You

The funeral committee wants to thank those who helped with set-up, serving, donating food, cleaning up and tearing down. Your help and support are most appreciated.

Rogene and Janey

“Sew Why Knot”

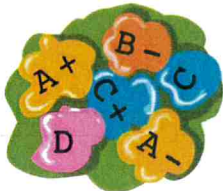
Over the past year the Zion sewing group has combined with the group at Peace Lutheran Church. It has been decided that the group moves to Peace. They have lots of room and cupboard space. Tying is the second Monday of every month except none in December. We are always in need of sheets. Anyone who can tie a knot is welcome. Hours are 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, bring a sack lunch and can come and go as you like. We average about 20 quilts a month, depending on number of ladies. In September and October, had about 10 to 12 ladies and completed 56 quilts and had all the 3 Lutheran churches represented. Pictured is some of the ladies tying in September.



Thank you for any and all your support. The next sewing will be Monday, November 13 at Peace Lutheran Church. Janey

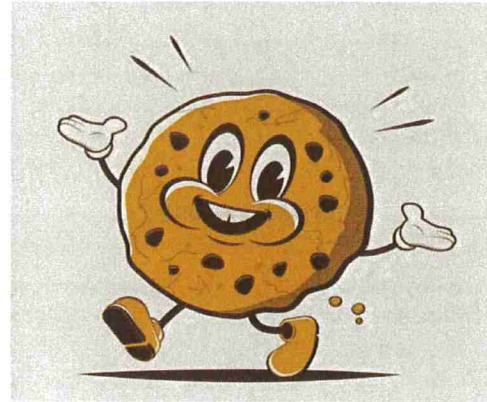
Zion Lutheran School

Are you or any of your family members alumni of Zion Lutheran School? Student records from the mid 1960's to 2012 are available. (The school is required to maintain student records for ten years.) If you would like to obtain these records, you can call or email Kellie Boutin, office manager for Zion Classical Academy at 402-462-5012 or kboutin@zionclassical.org



Banners

There are eleven new banners that have been donated to enhance the appearance of our sanctuary. The altar guild purchased two banners, LWML five banners, Konnie Lofing two banners and Janey Sittner two banners. We thank them for these gifts to our church.



Cookie Walk

Altar Guild will be hosting their annual cookie walk at Zion Lutheran Church in the West Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Coffee and rolls will be served. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church starting on November 4 for you to sign up to donate your favorite cookies. Thank you.



Advent Begins Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Advent services will be held at 12 Noon and 7:15 PM beginning on Wednesday, December 6. A meal will be served from 5:45-6:30 prior to the evening service on December 6. The menu will be casseroles, salad and desserts. Providing the meal will be LLL, LWML and Altar Guild members. There will not be meals served on December 13 and December 20.

Honoring His Harvest

Join **Heartland Lutheran High School** in an evening of food and fellowship on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 5:00 PM at 3900 West Husker Highway, Grand Island. Dinner at 5:00 Speaker this year is Sue Ziegler, teacher and award-winning volleyball and track and field coach at Lincoln Lutheran Middle and High School.

Tickets for the catered dinner are \$20 each. Reserve your tickets by contacting the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 or office@heartlandlutheran.org by noon on Friday, November 3.

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!



Hearts and Hands for Maui

Hearts and Hands Against Hunger and Thrivent invite you to a meal packing event **Sunday, November 12, 12:00 to 6:00 PM at Peace Center** at 622 North Lincoln Ave in Hastings (previous Hastings Middle School gym). Deadly wildfires in Maui have left a path of destruction and devastation. Join forces with Hearts and Hands Against Hunger to help those in need. Register for a two-hour shift to help us meet our goal of packing 70,000 meals. Supplies have been donated by the Thrivent Member Network. To register visit <https://HeartsHandsForMaui.eventbrite.com> Or scan the QR code on the fliers available on the hymnal rack.



Chestnut Corner Bazaar

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Faith Lutheran Church in Hastings
837 Chestnut Ave**

Selling baked goods, crafts, homemade pies, candy and a cookie walk

Service/Theme Basket Auction

“Christmas Once Again” room

8-11:00 serving coffee and rolls

11:30 to 1:00 serving pulled pork sandwiches, hot dog/chili dogs, coleslaw, chips and homemade pies

Supplemental funds are being provided by Thrivent Financial.

This year all proceeds from the Bazaar will go to **Threads of Grace**, a non-profit who serves children from birth to 19 years of age who are in foster care of crisis. We consider it a privilege to support this important work with this year’s proceeds.

Ruth Rehwaldt on behalf of The Chestnut Corner Bazaar

Breakfast with

BABY

A **Breakfast with Baby** event will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9-10 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 906 N. California Ave., Hastings, Nebraska. All young women, single or married, with infants and preschool age children are invited to attend for conversation, making friends, mentoring, and sharing the joy of the Lord. No strings attached. A light breakfast with coffee, tea, and juice will be served. Child care will be provided for all ages. An RSVP is nice, but not required. Please call the church at 402-462-9023 or text 308-631-3963. Brought to you by Peace Lutheran Church, area LCMS Lutheran churches, and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Million Dollar Life Grant.



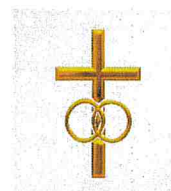
November Birthdays

Anthony George	Nov 1
Terri Burge	Nov 2
Xzavion Vanorsby	Nov 4
Tom Quinn	Nov 5
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 (91)	Nov 17
Emily Hughes	Nov 17
Raven Adler	Nov 18
Dylan Hinrichs	Nov 19
Becky Koepke	Nov 19
Beth Koepke	Nov 19
Beth Lyons	Nov 21
Donna Peterson	Nov 21
Seth White	Nov 22
Kaitlyn Armstrong	Nov 24
Sarah Fischer	Nov 26
Katherine Kessler	Nov 27
Brian Alloway	Nov 28
Mikel Philippi	Nov 29
Quinten St. John	Nov 29
Nancy Kottzitz	Nov 30



November Baptism Birthdays

Steve Goodrich	Nov 2
Cheyenne Fielder	Nov 3
Brenda Hinrichs	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
Anthony George	Nov 15
Joshua McCoy	Nov 19
Michael Mankin	Nov 20
Tom Quinn	Nov 20
Angela Torske	Nov 22
Stan Halbmaier	Nov 23
Tyler Standeven	Nov 25
Kaylynn Miller	Nov 28
Brandon Brown	Nov 29
Joel Philippi	Nov 29
Quinten St. John	Nov 30
Austin Miller	Nov 30
Joni Philippi	



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No School 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study 6:00 PM 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 7:00 PM Board of Elders	7 7:00 PM Board of Elders	8 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Leah Werling DCE 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	9	10 6:00 Zion Classical Academy Cornucopia	11 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 9:00 AM LWML 6:00 PM Worship Service
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class 12:00 to 6:00 PM Hearts and Hands for Maui 5:00 PM Heartland Lutheran Honoring His Harvest	13 10:00 to 3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	14 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	15 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Snoberger 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	16	18	18 8:00 to 1:00 Chestnut Bazaar Faith Lutheran 9:00-10:00 AM Breakfast with Baby Peace Lutheran 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
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