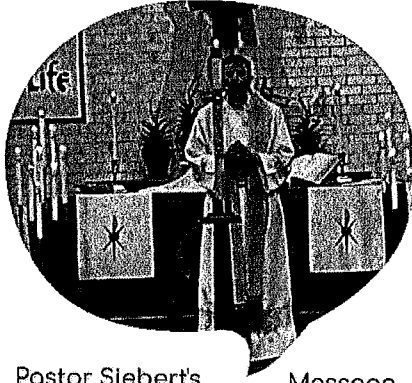


Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

April 2024



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



Dart Ball Tournament

The annual Hastings Zone LLL Dart Ball Tournament was on Sunday, March 10, 2024. There were 6 teams competing, two of them being Zion players. The winning team was from Zion Wanda (again).



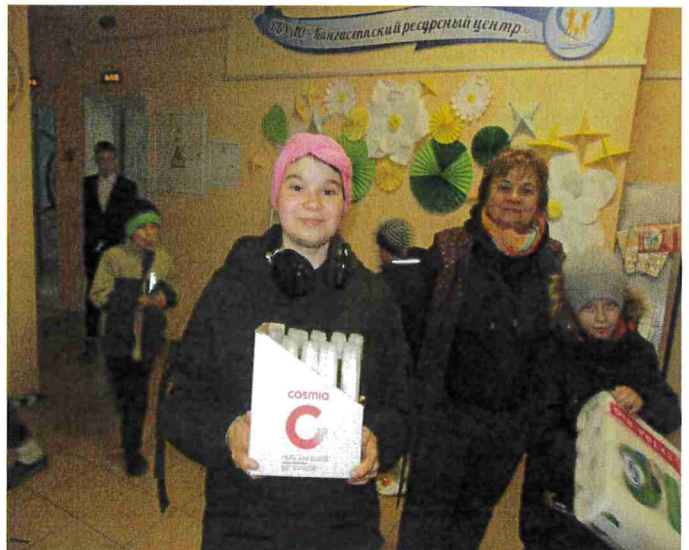
Kingsepp Orphanage

Here are several pictures from today's visit to Kingsepp. New director Elena met us and she thanked very much the sponsors for remembering their facility. We have brought to Kingsepp medical and sanitary items and besides that we used Christmas funds which we got recently for that facility to buy at director's request tea cups, other kitchenware and 6 boxes of medical gloves.

There are 39 kids living at the facility now.

In Christ

Nikolay and Valentina



April Birthdays



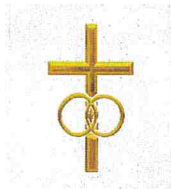
Evelyn Lee	April 2
Robyn Weber	April 2
Madison St John	April 3
Jordyn Pracht	April 3
Erica Siebert	April 3
Brian Hueftle	April 4
Cindy Kathman	April 7
Karen Ganskow	April 9
Traci Brittain	April 10
Jake Johnson	April 14
Royce Rehtus	April 15
Benjamin Kusters	April 16
David Joynt	April 18
Jocelyn Hinrichs	April 19
Eva R. Strong	April 20
Cooper Meyer	April 22
Patrick Davidson	April 25
Kathy Marble	April 27
Donald Fischer	April 28
Brant George	April 30

April Baptism Birthdays



Jessica Nielsen-Trausch	April 3
Christopher Davidson	April 4
Courtney Woita	April 5
Michaela Hargis	April 5
Kay Struss	April 8
Madden Good	April 9
Richard Koepke	April 9
Gayle Kranau	April 9
Raven Adler	April 9
Dennis Kauk	April 10
Martin Meyer	April 10
Austin Buss	April 11
Janice Douglas	April 11
Joan Quinn	April 14
Eric Fielder	April 15
Robyn Weber	April 16
Sawyer Kusters	April 22
Roger Sittner	April 22
Cindy Kathman	April 24
Jesse Wright	April 29
Richard Gerhart	April
Andi Brown	April
Lori Uden	April

April Wedding Anniversary's



William & Crystal Kusters	April 3, 2004
David & Virginia Harlow	April 20, 1974
Bryan & Leslie Garver	April 22, 1995
Wes & Rose Henricksen	April 29, 2000

Zion's Executive Board has decided to not have monthly board meetings but to have them once a quarter. If there are matters that might require an extra meeting, one will be called. This is for a trial basis. An amendment to our bylaws will be considered if this change is successful.

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Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	10:00 to 3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	7:00 PM Board of Elders	8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Doug Gaunt 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Confirmation Class			6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion 7:15 PM Bible Study
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 AM Worship Service-Confirmation 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class			8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Don Pobanz 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Confirmation Class			6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion 7:15 PM Bible Study
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