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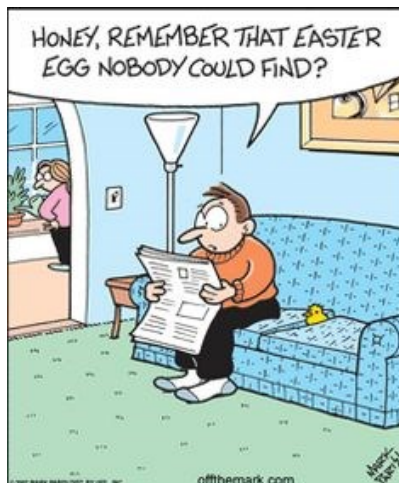
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***A Congregation of
The
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**Mission Statement: "Zion is God's
family of faith in Christ serving our
communities, our country, and our
world".**

Humor



From the Pastor

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This message of hope and joy resounds time and time again in the Church in the month of April, as we celebrate Easter.

We are an Easter people. Our lives as Christians are completely shaped by the truth that Jesus has destroyed death, and thus defeated our last and greatest enemy. Because Jesus rose from the dead and lives forevermore, so we will rise from the dead and live forevermore.

This truth changes our outlook on life. This truth is what has made the Church bold to stand for our faith for 2000 years, even in the face of hatred, opposition, persecution, and martyrdom. We do not fear the hatred and violence of the world because Jesus has destroyed the power of death.

Let this truth set you free as well. Live in the hope of the resurrection. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Clayton

President's Page

Many thanks to all who helped with the cleanup project on March 13 at our new property. What a great turnout! By noon, most of the work cleaning out the house and the garage was done. This workday also gave many the opportunity to walk through the house and get a feeling of its interior design. Also, thank you to Mark Krausz, Andy Sax, and Mike Twenhafel, for their equipment and ability to haul out the brush and limbs from the yard area. It took a little longer to get this done, but by mid-afternoon, the job was done. Please take the time to drive by and take a look. It is much easier to see the full area of the property now. Our next goal will be to remove the two large trees on the west side of the house. This will be scheduled soon, so we will need another workday to get this done. The Board of Trustees will try to communicate this through the church office as plans get made.

Church council has scheduled our April Voters Meeting for April 13, at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the church sanctuary like we did in December with social distancing being maintained. We hope you can attend. There are numerous decisions that need to be made by the Voters Assembly, as well as an update from Zion's Strategic Planning Committee. We look forward to keeping on track with our Voters meetings this year, with April, August, and December identified in our constitution as meeting months.

The automatic door opener on the west side of the church has been installed. The outdoor push button is on the post under the roof area, but not quite finished. It should be hooked up soon, so that when you push the button, one of the doors will open. There also is a push button in the foyer to open the door when going out. This was given from the Kniepkamp family in memory of Roland. We thank them for this blessing.

April brings us the celebration of Easter. May the joy of Jesus' resurrection live in you and your family all year long! Alleluia!

God's Blessings to you, Dale Wehmeyer, President



Happy Easter! Our school year is flying by! As we finished up the month of March, we learned about the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are also excited about the beginning of Spring. We have been able to get outside to take walks around the church and visit the park.

We are in the middle of 2021-2022 preschool registration. Registration packets are available in the church office or online at zionmascoutah.org.

God Bless, Vikki Harms, Zion Preschool Director



Membership Changes

Baptisms:
Liam Xander Hatcher

Transfer to Heaven:
Roger Drinnon

Elders Corner

I'll be honest, as the designated individual to give the message in this Month's "Elder's Corner," I faced a challenge as to what to write. Naturally, yes, April 2021 contains Easter, and just a few weeks prior to the start of the month, Spring officially sprung.

I tried to avoid being cliché in my message. Easter reminds us of Christ's sacrifice to save us from our sins in His triumph over death and the grave to enter into His Father's heavenly kingdom. Spring's message is one of renewal and the upcoming "better days" - seasonally speaking, of course.

But ultimately, I guess I've failed in my attempt at avoiding being cliché - as you'll notice by reading the remainder of this message.

Yes, in my opinion, and you may agree, Easter and the Spring season are intertwined in their similar messages of rebirth and renewal. And please know, I'm not being dismissive in this rather simplistic message.

However, my point is this: we've been experiencing unique circumstances since last March and we want this to be over with - I think we can all agree.

Continuing on in the spirit of "renewal" and "rebirth," whenever it's able to begin or be implemented, in my opinion, Zion-Mascoutah, our congregation, will have an opportunity for its own "renewal" or "rebirth" standing before us.

That previous statement is strictly my own - I'm not speaking for any individual, committee, elected official, or any church constitutionally-recognized authority of Zion-Mascoutah. Strictly my opinion and point-of-view.

The entire world, the communities we live in, our own individual "worlds", and those who inhabit them, have and will continue to change even more because of the past year's circumstances. Zion-Mascoutah, as a congregation, needs to see how we can evolve - and grow.

I'm not saying we change nor am I saying that we should consider changing our faith, our beliefs, our doxology, our doctrine, or our faith, hope, and belief in the salvation of the Word of God - those things are central to who our congregation is and our place within the LCMS.

What I'm saying is that we as the congregation of Zion-Mascoutah, see how we can change and evolve and grow.

God's blessings to you all!

Randy Schorfheide, Elder



Sunday School is in the middle of a large cleanup! We decided to postpone classes until summer to give us plenty of time to organize. In the meantime, we wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Jenna Dunn



stewardship



Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father, so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood.

As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what He says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that, in so doing, you will never lack.

A common counterpoint is: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” Our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents: “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, He says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace and His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. As St. Paul wrote in Rom. 8:32: “He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”



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April 4

"Fear...Like Onions, You Know?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark's Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work.

(Mark 16)

April 11

"What It Means to Be a Family"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling

Loving, caring, and sharing--it's what we do as God's family, His Church.

(Acts 4:32-35)

April 18

"One Greater Than Mrs. McCalliter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"When you start to see God, the undaunted, determined, dead serious love of God in Jesus, by faith you start to see Him everywhere else, even when it feels like the world is against you.

Perhaps no one learned this better than the prophet Jonah." Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Jonah 1)

April 25

"Replace or Repair?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"God wants you to function as He designed you. He wants you to build a good reputation with your neighbors, to be known as someone who is faithful and truthful. But your reputation isn't the source of your worth. God is, and He will be that for you, even if your reputation is destroyed." Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Jonah 2)



MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY **ITEMS NEEDED FOR APRIL**

*Sauerkraut, Spinach / Greens,
Spam, Chicken Helper, Bisquick,
Cookie Mix, Beef Stew, AuGratin Potatoes,
Cooking Oil, Sloppy Joe Mix (Canned)*



Birthdays

04/01 Gail Frey
 04/01 Emily Wambold
 04/02 Tony Lara
 04/02 Joshua Snyder
 04/04 Lynne Schreiber
 04/06 Bryan Benner
 04/06 Ezri Linnertz
 04/06 Cecily Peterson
 04/07 Dawn Ahner
 04/07 Adrianna Biebel
 04/11 Jeremy Linnertz
 04/11 Erica Popp
 04/11 Kent Snyder
 04/14 Johnathan Orr
 04/15 Hannah Drinnon
 04/18 Brooklyn Baro
 04/18 Karen Eldridge
 04/19 Orra Lee Meyer
 04/20 Damon Chaffin
 04/20 Ray Kemezys
 04/20 Amy Morra
 04/21 Elizabeth Bretz
 04/21 Todd Fournie
 04/21 Ryan Haas
 04/21 Luke Harlan
 04/21 Jamie Wilhelm
 04/22 Ben Eatherton
 04/23 Crystal Gugelmeyer
 04/24 Stacia Ahner
 04/24 Heather Brand
 04/24 Rylan Ganey
 04/27 Michael Ganey
 04/27 Isabeau Harris
 04/29 Kristina Douglas
 04/29 Rachel Lancey



Wedding Anniversaries

04/01 Robert & Dawn Corey
 04/22 Tom & Cheryl Sax
 04/27 Norman & Carolyn Rowold



Flowers for April

4 In celebration of Easter.
 11 LaVonne Stangle, in memory of Roland Kniepkamp's birthday.
 18 Drinnon family, in memory of Roger.



LWML ~ April 15th

Devotion and Topic:
 A Time to Plant, a Time to Reap

Special Mission Offering:
 Grace Place

Hostesses:
 Lita Timmerman &
 Lisa Wehmeyer



Baptismal Anniversaries

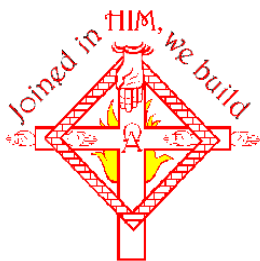
04/01 Kelly Walsh-Harlan
 04/01 Cary Robinson
 04/01 Jon Robinson
 04/02 Zachary Lorton
 04/03 Callan Crismon
 04/05 Brianna Clark
 04/05 Jean Kemezys
 04/07 Eldon Ahner
 04/07 Robert Boehm
 04/08 Solomon Hatcher
 04/11 Michelle Underwood
 04/12 Tony Timmerman
 04/13 Emily Jensen
 04/13 Sue Kandler
 04/13 Patrick Lange
 04/13 Kara Simon
 04/13 Lisa Weekley
 04/15 Bailee Hollenkamp
 04/15 Matt Sink
 04/16 Pinky Ahner
 04/19 Samuel Clayton
 04/19 Gail Frey
 04/20 Isaac Robinson
 04/22 Sharon Hosler
 04/23 Bryan Benner
 04/23 Dusty Gibson
 04/23 Dylan Gibson
 04/23 Laquitta Gibson
 04/23 Kyle Manera
 04/24 Ernie Lockwood
 04/24 Blake Twenhafel
 04/25 Karl Bretz
 04/25 Calista Hosler
 04/25 Dalton Wambold
 04/26 Luke Harlan
 04/26 Emily Wambold
 04/28 Dawn Ahner
 04/28 Marsha Baro
 04/29 Terry Twenhafel



ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

1 Gail Frey & Jenny Kneschke
 4 Lita Timmerman & Shirley Braeutigam
 10-11 Lita Timmerman & Shirley Braeutigam
 24-25 Lita Timmerman & Joyce Hendrix





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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sunday 8:30 TO 9:30 AM on Zoom

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:30 AM In-Person
and on Zoom

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 9:00 AM on FaceBook

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 7:00 PM In-Person

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person
and on FaceBook

Worship Topics This Month

April 1 — Maundy Thursday — Mark 14:12-26 — “Return to the Table”

April 2 — Good Friday — John 18:1-19:42 — “Return to Truth”

April 3 — Great Vigil of Easter — “Return to Exodus”

April 4 — The Resurrection of the Lord — John 20:1-18 — “Return to Life”

April 11 — Good Shepherd Sunday — John 20:19-31 — “Not Just Any...”

April 18 — Second Sunday of Easter — John 10:11-16 — “Here I Stand”

April 25 — Fourth Sunday of Easter — John 16:16-22 — Confirmation

— “Tough Times Are Coming, Don’t Fall Away!”

Please join us in worship to hear more about the Good News!