

# **Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool**



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Missouri Synod***

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

## *Humor*

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him. 'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

One Easter afternoon Jasper, a little boy, was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark. He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked Jasper about the broom and he told her where it was. She then asked him to please go get it. Jasper informed his mother that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom. His mother smiled and said, 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.' Jasper then opened the back door a little and said, 'Lord, since you're out there, please pass me the broom.'

## *From the Pastor*

I try to begin my days with a devotion from a book called, *A Year with the Church Fathers*. This devotional booklet follows the same daily Scripture readings that I send out to the congregation by email each day and features several paragraphs from writings of the early church fathers from the first few centuries after Jesus' earthly ministry. Each writing from one of the church fathers is introduced by a few paragraphs written a few years ago specifically for this devotional resource. I find these devotions to be thought-provoking, often profound. Here is a sample, in honor of Easter, that I came across in my readings recently.

This particular devotion was based on Mark 12:18-27. "And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died

*From the Pastor continued from page 1.*

left no offspring. And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.' Jesus said to them, 'Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.'" (English Standard Version)

The devotion notes,

How many carping evasions we fling at God's promise to raise the dead! "Who has seen the dead raised?" we mock like the Sadducees. "What will resurrected life be—all harps and clouds, with that incessant singing of angels?" Our resurrection is assured in who God is. He does not desire to be the champion of the dead. He will raise the faithful to life with Him because He passionately desires eternal fellowship with us. He is and remains the God of those whom we call dead. What He says changes what is. Our eyes, senses, and feelings are all called liars by the divine Word (John 11:25-26)...

Death separates us from our loved ones. This is the cause of the tears and sorrow attendant upon the loss of death. Those who die in Christ are not separated from the God who redeemed them. This is why the Church solemnly cries, "It is not death to die!" Death cannot hold those who belong to the one who will not let death stand. He was fed into death's maw only to spring death's jaws forever so that it can no longer hold those who are in Him. Death was inoculated with the medicine of immortality deadly to it. Its power was taken from it. The dead will escape from its jaws. Christ afflicted death by snatching its possessions: us.

The Holy One called Moses from the bush and said, "I am...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:6). When death heard this utterance, he trembled in fear, was disturbed by terror, and knew that he had not become king forever over the children of Adam. From the time he heard God saying to Moses, "I am...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob," death struck his hands together for he learned that God is king of the dead and of the living, and that it is appointed to the children of Adam to come forth from his darkness and arise with their bodies. See also that our Redeemer, Jesus, when He repeated this utterance to the Sadducees, who were disputing with Him about the resurrection of the dead, said, "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Mark 12:27).

The devotion includes the following prayer: "Lord God heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, Your servant Moses proclaimed the resurrection to the children of Israel to give them hope in the midst of their darkness. As we journey to the darkness of the cross, give us hope to look beyond it to the light of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen."

As we look to the cross and the empty tomb in the coming weeks, let us remember that our earthly senses lie to us. Death is not death. What a statement, "The Church solemnly cries, 'It is not death to die!'" We can make this exclamation because Christ, by His death, has defeated and destroyed death. In this confidence, have a blessed celebration of Easter! He is risen! And so will we.

In Christ, Pastor Clayton

# Hosanna!



Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

Happy  
EASTER



It is so good to see the choir pews gradually becoming fuller again! But don't worry, we still have room for more singers. Altos and tenors would be especially welcome!

During April, we will be singing Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter.

## Membership Changes

Baptisms:

Transfer to Heaven:  
Norman Rowold

LWML 80<sup>th</sup> Goals

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, with the theme, "80 Years of God's Grace". In celebration, Zion's Ladies Aid is doing a special collection every two months and invite **YOU** to participate. (WE HOPE TO COLLECT AT LEAST 80 OF EACH OF THESE ITEMS!)

**March/April:**  
*We will collect any baby items to donate.*  
*These can be baby foods, wipes, diapers, clothing, etc.*

A colorful collage of various baby items including two strollers (one pink, one blue), a baby bottle, several baby bibs, a baby blanket, a baby toy hanging mobile, alphabet blocks (B, C, A), and other small baby accessories. The items are arranged in a cluster on the right side of the page.

A collection of various baby items including a mobile with stars and hearts, a baby in a blue outfit, a pink bib with a heart, a blue bib with a star, a pink bib with a flower, a blue bottle, a pink block with the letter 'B', a green block with the letter 'C', a blue block with the letter 'A', a pink stroller, a blue stroller, and a pacifier.

# VBS 2022

Mark your calendars!



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Do you need a "Helping Hand"? Do you need someone to drive you to the grocery store or to a medical appointment? Do you need some light housekeeping done? Would you like some company for lunch? Do you need some simple handyman jobs done?

# HELPING HANDS



*Please let "Helping Hands" help. Call Lesley Eads at (618)623-2360 or Linda Hoskins at (618) 210-6987.*

## President's Page

Greetings to my Zion Family,

First of all, I apologize for missing last month's Echo. Things have been pretty crazy in my world lately for sure. I sometimes question why God lets things happen the way they do. I have my own idea of the way things should be but it never seems to work out the way I want or in the time I want. I'm a "good Lutheran", I am active in my church life and try to live everyday as a faithful Christian. Don't I deserve to get what I want and what makes me happy? I know that this is my sinful nature trying to poke through so I try to remember what we are taught in Proverbs 3:5-6. It says: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Confirmation committee met this last month, and Pastor presented an outline of the new procedure for questioning, and it was approved. I really like the new format and I'm sure you will too. There is a lot of Congregational participation and I think it will be a good reminder for everyone about our walk with Christ from Baptism through Confirmation and beyond. Thank you to everyone involved for your work on this.

The HVAC upgrade has been completed and several of us met last Friday to learn to use the system. We are continuing to work on the constitution, and we are working on putting a pictorial directory together this fall. Strategic Planning continues to work on the future of Zion, and Geoff presented the survey results to Council this month.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Voters meeting this month. Please feel free to reach out any time with questions or concerns you might have for me.

In closing, I will leave you with a verse from Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

In His service, Benjamin Eatherton, Chairman

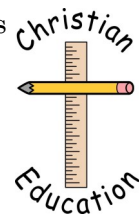
# Board of Ed

Happy April, Families of Zion!!

We are excited to announce an Easter Egg Hunt is on the schedule to be held on Saturday, April 9th. The event will be outside including an egg hunt, telling of the Easter story, and very light breakfast. In the case of rain, the event will be cancelled with no rain date scheduled. Let's celebrate our church moving forward and bringing back cherished activities while remaining cognizant of all viewpoints and levels of comfortability.

The BOE wishes you all of God's blessings as we move into April.

Blessings,  
Amanda Ganey with the Board of Education



## Preschool

Happy Easter!

Our school year is flying by! As we begin the month of April the students will learn about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We are so excited about the beginning of Spring! We have been able to get outside and visit the park. We look forward to more of that!

We are in the middle of 2022-2023 preschool registration. We only have a few spots available in our Monday/Wednesday 3-year-old class. If you or someone you know are interested in registering your 3-year-old, you can contact me at [zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com](mailto:zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com).

God Bless,  
Vikki Harms  
Zion Preschool Director



Hallelujah, He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah!

A traditional and truly inspirational Easter greeting to greet you at the beginning of this article - albeit just a little before the Easter holiday officially arrives.

Just as the promise of Easter reminds us that Jesus Christ proclaimed victory over sin, death, and Satan by rising from the grave, that Easter promise also includes His return in taking all of us to our ultimate heavenly home of eternal life.

It's truly inspiring to see many congregants returning to in-person attendance at Zion to share in fellowship and receive the Blessed Sacraments. Seeing and hearing the smiles of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ provides a soul-warming feeling that's hard to measure.

Easter is the promise of new life. But, prior to Easter's arrival, we must all travel through Lent - a time of reflection and prayer. So, what did you reflect on this Lenten season? What did you pray for or about? If you were to sit down and make a list of individual topics that would answer those two questions, would you be surprised if that list was too short, or would you feel a little overwhelmed if that list seemed to go on forever? I don't think it's important as to the length of the list or the topics that might make up your individual list. What's important is that you, me, we spent time in prayer.

In all honesty, these past 4-5 years I've spent more time in prayer. I don't say this to try and prop myself up more than anyone else or to prove a point. For me, personally, I've found that when I spend more time in purposeful and focused reflection and prayer, I sincerely feel a comfort and peace arrive that's refreshing and assuring. It's helped me to shift the focus of where I am, what I need to do, where I need to go, whether at that exact moment or if it's some time down the road. Easter is about new life. Spending time in prayer can bring new life to us - whether it's in that exact moment or somewhere down the road. It all depends on your focus at that time or what your focus should or needs to be. And just as more congregants return to the pews of Zion, there's "new life" being pumped back into the fellowship and church services here at Zion.

Easter greetings and blessings to you and yours!

Randy Schorfheide, Chair, Board of Elders

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spring has Sprung!! Praise the Lord that we have come through the winter and see the growing signs of His creation!!

As Easter grows near, please know that we will have Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We have a special egg hunting lesson planned for learning the Resurrection story.

In keeping with Zion Mascoutah tradition, we will be hanging black ribbon for the Good Friday service and switching it to pastels for Easter morning. If you are available and willing to help, I will have a sign up sheet in the narthex. Many hands make quick work! Thank you in advance!

We are beginning to think about Summer Sunday School. This month, your child will bring home a flyer for you to fill out. Please make sure to send it back as soon as possible. That way, we can plan ahead for materials.

If you have any questions about anything Sunday School, let me know! [suedz2@yahoo.com](mailto:suedz2@yahoo.com) or 618-741-3337.

In Christ's Service, Alicia Suedmeyer





## Blessed Shall You Be

“Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out.” (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or they’re going out.

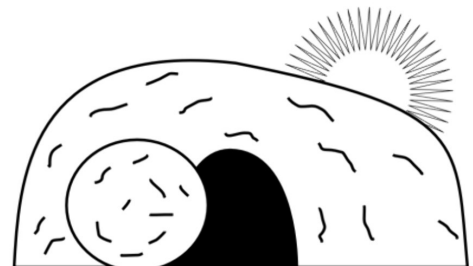
But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.” (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and “walk in his ways” (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



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## **PRAYER CHAIN**

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To be added to prayer chain please  
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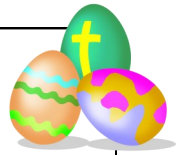
## **YOUTH GROUP**

Lindsay Murphy 618-530-7297



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**April 3**

"This Is the Feast"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meal Christ serves to His people, the Church.

(Luke 22:27)

**April 10**

"Drawn Through the Cross"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about people drawing the cross and how the cross is drawing people.

(Luke 23:34)

**April 17**

"Can I Get a Witness?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

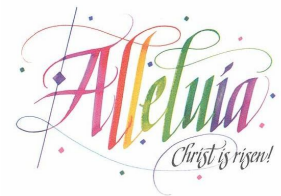
(Luke 24:48)

**April 24**

"Misplaced Doubt"

Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes

(John 20:24-29)



**Mascoutah Food Pantry**  
**items needed for April**

Canned Pineapple, BBQ Sauce, Vegetable Oil,  
Bisquick Mix, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Salsa,  
Egg Noodles, Sugar, Saltines, Instant Oatmeal





## 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 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 Rachel Lancey



## Wedding Anniversaries

04/01 Robert & Dawn Corey  
 04/17 Jerry & Marleen Purdin  
 04/22 Tom & Cheryl Sax

### Flowers for April

3 For the joy of seeing more of our fellow Christians back in church and to encourage more to join us as we approach the Easter holiday.

10 LaVonne Stangle, in memory of Roland Kniepkamp's birthday.

17 Jerry & Marleen Purdin, in honor of their 62nd anniversary.

24 **FLOWERS NEEDED**

## LWML Meeting ~ April 21, 7:00 PM

Hymn LSB 561,  
 "The Tree of Life"  
 Marlene Lockwood

80th Goal for Mar/Apr:  
 Collection of baby items.

Activity:  
 Confirmation Plaques

Hostesses:  
 Candy Andres & Marion Kneschke

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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  
 04/08 Solomon Hatcher  
 04/09 Marleen Purdin  
 04/11 Penelope Stein  
 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  
 04/16 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 Emily Wambold  
 04/28 Dawn Ahner  
 04/28 Marsha Baro  
 04/29 Terry Twenhafel



### Altar Guild Schedule for April

10 Mary Kay Krausz  
 14 Joyce Hendrix &  
 Lesley Eads  
 16 Sharon Weier  
 17 Lita Timmerman  
 24 Lita Timmerman &  
 Karen Eldridge



**Council Meeting Minutes  
Zion Lutheran Church  
March 3, 2021**

**Call to order.**

**Opening prayer/devotion:** Pastor Clayton.

**Roll call:** Present – Pastor Clayton, Ben Eatherton, Mike Twenhafel, Laurie Fournie, Randy Schorfheide, Debbie Heck, Jon Robinson, and Alex Tubbs (via phone)

**February council meeting minutes:** Approved via email.

**Pastor's report:**

- Official Acts:
  - Visits: 50 (38 members and 12 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 14
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 19
  - Community Contacts: 4

**Treasurer's report:**

- Bank balance is at \$181,157.06
  - MMSP - to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**Board of Finance Report:**

- 2021 Budget YTD – \$51,838.11
- 2021 Actual YTD – \$44,218.41 (-\$7,619.70)

**Board of Elders Report:**

- Tom Sax is the new Social Ministry Elder.
- Men's Club will sponsor the Easter Morning Breakfast.
- Friendly reminder any concerns or issues can be taken to any elder, not just the Elder of the Month.

**Board of Education Report:**

- Priority Registration for the Preschool yielded 17 four-year-olds and 9 three-year-olds with Open Registration having begun March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Children's songs were sent to all four Mascoutah nursing homes.
- Marsha Baro volunteered to be the VBS Director this year.

**Board of Trustees Report:**

- As part of regular maintenance, all preschool faucets were replaced in the restrooms and the kitchen save for the 3-compartment sink expected to be in by the end of March.
- The elevator lights were checked and replaced.
- MMSP- recommended updates discussed in last month's meeting were agreed upon.
- Pictorial – Scheduled for Oct 6-8; will request volunteers to support a multi-committee plan.

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**President's report:**

- Strategic Planning – Geoff Phillips provided an explanation of Zion's Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status or CAD/DS survey results. Overall, the results were positive, and Zion is in very good shape. More details about the results will be provided at the April Voter's Mtg.
- Constitution Committee – The updated version of the constitution will be forwarded to the Synod for their approval with the expectation of presenting it at the April's Voter's Mtg.

**Old Business:**

- No Old Business

**New Business:**

- The council discussed returning to pre-COVID formatted bulletins resulting in reduced paper and ink usage due to the removal of hymn lyrics.
- Zion's Edward Jones representative, Mr. Keith Cook, provided the council an update on the church funds he's managing as well as information on various investment strategies and options.
- The council discussed the church's main outside sign needing replacement and some options. This subject will be discussed further later.

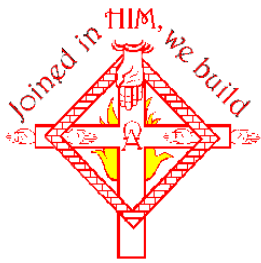
**Next Meeting** – Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 7 pm.

**Adjournment** – MMSP to adjourn.

**Closed with The Lord's Prayer.**

Jon T. Robinson, Secretary





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**101 S. Railway**  
**Mascoutah, IL 62258**

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &  
YOUTH BIBLE CLASS**

Sunday 8:45 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person  
and on FaceBook

**Address Service Requested**

**Worship Topics This Month**

**April 3 — Fifth Sunday in Lent — John 8:42-59 — “Family Gatherings”**

**April 6 — Fifth Lent Midweek — John 18:33-40 — “Witness to Christ: Barabbas”**

**April 10 — Palm Sunday — John 12:12-19 — “Palm Trees or Olive Trees?”**

**April 14 — Maundy Thursday — John 13:1-15(34-35) — “Witness to Christ: Judas Iscariot”**

**April 15 — Good Friday — John 18:1-19:42 — “Witness to Christ: John the Evangelist”**

**April 16 — The Great Vigil of Easter — “Death Is Undone”**

**April 17 — The Resurrection of Our Lord — Mark 16:1-8 — “Faith in the Face of Fear”**

**April 24 — Second Sunday of Easter — John 20:19-31 — “Sent”**

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