

Zion Lutheran Church

where Heaven touches Earth

Worship on Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Bible Study, Sunday School, & Youth Group on Sundays at 9:30am

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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The Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, AD 2024

Our Worship Service and Style

The goal of Church is not just fun, though we hope you enjoy our time together. God started the Church and He meets us here every time to encourage and build us up, so we are prepared for everything headed our way. (2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 10) God knows what is ahead for each of us and in Church He gets us ready.

This is why we don't have mood lighting, ambient music, or smoke machines. Our services are designed to be a heart to heart with God and with each other, authentic interactions, not a show. Our services center on sharing different gifts from God, including:

- Hearing and applying God's Word to our lives,
- Being inspired by Christian music from every era of the Church,
- Talking with God together,
- Supporting our ministry together, and
- Receiving all sorts of blessings given by God.

Through these gifts, Zion is where Heaven touches Earth.

The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, the Lord gives us His Body and His Blood with the bread and the wine. Because receiving Communion together publicly declares that we are in full community with each another, if you would like to receive the Lord's Supper at Zion, please chat with Pastor before the service to find out what Scripture teaches and why we believe it.

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know. The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

Parents of Little Ones:

Welcome to Zion and relax! God gives our children energy to explore the world and He loves it!

The activity and sounds of your children prove that the Church is where life happens.

As children wiggle, giggle, and talk during Church, they are learning how to worship and that God loves them just as they are.

How do you help them learn to worship? Well,

- come to worship each week,
- sit closer to the front so they can see more and be distracted less,
- explain why we do what we do when we are doing it,
- sing the songs and pray the prayers, because they learn how to worship by copying you, and
- if your little one needs a break, slip out when you need to, but please come back after a few minutes.

We are thankful you are here!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me."

—Matthew 19:14

Walking with God, Together

Prelude

Easter Greeting

This has been the popular Easter greeting for Christians since AD 400!

- P** Christ^a is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcoming One Another & Opening Prayer

- P** Let us pray together... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.^b

Please stand as you are able

Gift #1: Hearing that Our Sins are Forgiven

- P** The gifts of God come to us today in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
The Sign of the Cross^c may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:9*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

Please use these moments to have your own individual conversation with God.

- P** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus,

C **Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

^a “**Christ**” refers to Jesus and is the Greek word for the Hebrew word “Messiah,” both of which mean “the One anointed by God to save the world.”

^b “**Amen**” is at the end of almost all of our prayers and it means, “Please, let this be so!” or “I agree!”

^c Making **the Sign of the Cross** was a Church-wide practice by AD 150 as described by Tertullian, an ancient Church leader. Even Martin Luther said it is a good thing to do as we remember that we have put on Christ—*Romans 13, Galatians 3*

P Almighty God... in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Matthew 16:19, John 20:23

Please be seated

Gift #2: Our First Scripture Reading

Acts 3:11–21, from AD 33

In the Season of Easter, instead of our first reading coming from the Old Testament, we sample the Book of Acts, the history of the Early Christian Church.

A healing led many to the Faith.

¹¹While the man who had been healed clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's ¹²and when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate,^a when he had decided to release Him, ¹⁴but you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead—to this we are witnesses. ¹⁶and His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers,^b I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers, ¹⁸but what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent, therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom Heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Each week, we share different parts of the Bible to give us the opportunity to regularly hear from parts of God's Word which we may not visit on our own. Our readings follow the "Revised Common Lectionary," a schedule of readings shared by 29.5% (97,800,000) of all Christians in America and 64.4% (1,417,638,000) of all Christians throughout the world, so the readings we hear today are heard in most congregations worldwide!

^a **Pontius Pilate** was the governor over central Israel AD 27–36.

^b "**Brothers**" here comes from "adelphos," a word in Greek, the original language of the New Testament, and it means "siblings," including both brothers and sisters.

Gift #3: A Reading from the Epistles^a

1 John 3:1–7, from around AD 90

To be a Christian means we practice righteousness.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us: that we should be called “children of God,” and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now and what we will be has not yet appeared, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is ³and everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that He appeared in order to take away sins and in Him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia^b

From John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

^a An “**Epistle**” is a letter. This is from a letter John wrote to Christians throughout the world and to us as well.

^b “**Alleluia**” is a word in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament, which means, “Praise Yahweh!” inviting us to do just that.

Gift #4: A Reading from the Holy Gospels^a

Luke 24:36–49, from April 5, AD 33

The Resurrected Jesus appeared to His earliest followers.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶As the disciples were talking about two of them seeing Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit ³⁸and He said to them, “Why are you troubled and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have,” ⁴⁰and when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet ⁴¹and, while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and He took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written: that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things ⁴⁹and, behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you, but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Gift #5: Confessing the Faith Together

The Apostles' Creed has been shared throughout the entire Christian Church since around AD 350.

G **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

^a “Gospel” is an ancient word meaning “good news” and has come to mean a biography of Jesus.

Gift #6: Exploring God's Word Together

- **Children's Chat**
- **Sermon**

1 John 1:5–2:2

Gift #7: A Moment with God

Please stand as you are able

Gift #8: Talking with God Together

In your own prayers as well, please also include:

International Tensions

Our Protectors

Un(der)employed & Overworked

Persecuted Christians

Victims of Abuse

Two Pre-Born Babies

Lynn Romo (recovery)

Carlene Kaufmann (healing)

Lynne Hood (healing)

Sylvia Grannemann (recovery)

This Week's Zion Folks

The Slominskis

Amanda Shull

Maggie Shepherd

Judy Schwend

- P** Lord Jesus, in Your Resurrection, we also get the guarantee of life forever... To the delight of the Father,
C **Please fill us with the Holy Spirit.**

After each request, please join in with:

- P** ... Risen Lord Jesus, please,
C **Have mercy.**

- P** Lord Jesus, please fix our eyes on You and teach us to pray:

- C** **Our Father who art in Heaven,^a**

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done

on Earth as it is in Heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Taught by Jesus in Matthew 6:9–13

Please be seated

^a The words of this prayer come from Jesus Himself, as He taught His followers how to pray. We use older sounding words, such as "art" and "Thy," because these are the same words which the English-speaking Church has used to pray this prayer since the Bible translation of William Tyndale in AD 1526. We could use updated words, but this is quite a precious heritage—that we have prayed these words throughout the English-speaking Church for 500 years!

Gift #9: Supporting the Sharing of God's Gifts

*Your contributions make you a partner with God in sponsoring the ministry we get to do together, bringing the gifts of God to people where they are in the way they need them, here at **Zion**, in the St. Louis area, and around the world.*



Please stand as you are able

Presentation of Our Offering

- P** Gracious Lord... Please graciously receive what we offer You and do wonderful things through it,
- C** **For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Gift #10: The Lord's Supper

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know.

The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

Preface^a

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places thank You, holy Father, for You gave Your Son, Jesus, our Lord, to walk among us, to go the Cross, and to empty the grave, that what we are about to receive may give us life, now and forever. Therefore, with angels and with all Your people in **Heaven** and on **Earth**,
- C** **We laud^b and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You by saying and singing:**

^a The words of this part of our worship service are used throughout the world and, until just recently, have been used in almost all Christian worship services since around AD 200!

^b "**Laud**" means "to praise loudly and publicly."

Sanctus^a

from Isaiah 6 and Mark 11



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

^a "Sanctus" means "Holy" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520, when many congregations began to worship God in the locally spoken languages, such as German and English. In the Sanctus, the word "**Hosanna**" means "please save us" in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Cor 11

Pax Domini^a

John 20:21

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated

Regularly participating in Church leads to less feelings of loneliness and despair in all people, especially in young adults. —Catherine Gimbrone et al. of Columbia University, "The Politics of Depression," SSM-Mental Health Journal, AD 2022.

Here is our usual Distribution Plan:

First, all those helping to serve the Lord's Supper will be served at the Rail.

Second, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Rail will be served at the Rail.

Third, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Baptismal Font will be served at the Font.

Finally, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper in their pew will be served in their pew.

^a "Pax Domini" means "The peace of the Lord" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520. This "The peace of the Lord be with you" greeting has been used daily and weekly throughout the Church since Jesus greeted His closest followers on the evening of the first Easter, April 5, AD 33—*John 20:21*.

I live my life in the valley; it keeps my eyes on You.
I stay broken in the valley; yeah, that's what valleys do.
If I wanna catch a glimpse of something bigger than me,
I have to look up, and, when I look up,

**I see that love is a Man hanging on a Tree,^a with His heart poured out for me.
Love is a King watching over me, and, when I look up, He's all I see.**

He's all I see.

I'm tired of chasing after feelings that are only found on mountaintops,
'Cause when I'm standing on the top of everything, I'm looking down not looking up.
So, if I wanna catch a glimpse of something bigger than me,
I have to look up, and, when I look up,

**I see that love is a Man hanging on a Tree, with His heart poured out for me.
Love is a King watching over me, and, when I look up, He's all I see.**

So, when I walk through the valley, I will not be afraid.
I will hold to the promise that You're walking with me.
God, You lead me through waters where I lay down to rest,
And I look up; yeah, when I look up,

**I see that love is a Man who was hanging on a Tree, with His heart poured out for me.
I see that love is a King watching over me, and, when I look up, He's all I see.**

Love is a Man hanging on a Tree, with His heart pouring out for me.
Love is a King watching over me, and, when I look up, He's all I see.

When I look up, He's all I see. When I look up, He's all I see.
He's all I see.

If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.

^a "Tree" is a poetic reference used in the New Testament to refer to the Cross on which Jesus died to take away all our guilt from our sins—Acts 5:30, Acts 10:39, Acts 13:39, Galatians 3:13, and 1 Peter 2:24.

Why does the pastor say he forgives our sins?

Almost every Sunday we all confess together that we have failed God and have not done what even we know is right. We have also done things which we know are wrong. God's ways make sense -- they keep us from hurting ourselves and from hurting others -- and yet still we mess up. Even the greatest believers sinned, despite the great things they were blessed to do in God's name. For example, see Noah (Genesis 9: 20), Abraham (Genesis 12: 13), Moses (Numbers 20: 12), David (2 Samuel 24: 12), Elijah (1 Kings 19), Esther (Esther 4: 11), Jonah (Jonah 4: 1), Peter (Matthew 16: 22), Paul (Acts 21: 4), and John (Revelation 22: 8). There is no shortage of sin, then or now.

Knowing this and because of this, Jesus told the disciples that we are to forgive each other and that our forgiveness is God's forgiveness. (Matthew 16) So important is this to God that on the day Jesus rose from the dead, on the very first **Easter**, Jesus appeared to the disciples and said that we are to be His mouthpieces on Earth speaking His forgiveness to one another. (John 20) Therefore, we start almost every Sunday morning service putting first things first. When the pastor says, "Your sins are forgiven," it is not because the pastor is anything special, but because God wants us to hear His Word spoken directly to you -- you are forgiven.

Have you ever wondered why we have or do something that we do?
Let Pastor know you are wondering, so we may all learn why we do what we do!

We are singing this song for a few Sundays in a row to help us all learn and enjoy it.

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul; I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

**And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.**

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

**And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.**

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

**I will rise when He calls my name,
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings,
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.
I will rise.**

If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.

Gift #13: Announcing the Victory of Jesus "Now, All the Vault"

LSB #465, from AD 1958

As the final stanza directly praises the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by the Triune name, you are invited to stand as you are able as you hear the zimbelstern.



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

When we have finished distributing the Lord's Supper, please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, thank You for giving us pardon and peace in this Sacrament.^a
- C** **Please protect and lead our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit,**
- P** That we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
- C** **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gift #16: The Blessing *This blessing has been spoken over God's people for 3,468 years! (Numbers 6)*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation *This has been the popular Easter greeting for Christians since AD 400!*

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Please be seated

^a A "**Sacrament**" is gift which the Church gets to share that (1) has been commanded by God, (2) brings the gift of the forgiveness of sins, and (3) has a physical element to guarantee the receiver that they have received the gift. The Church has many gifts to share but only two specific Sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Postlude

As we exit together, please take a few moments to chat with the people around you.
 Just a few words to a person who is hurting will mean the world to them.
 It's easy, it's loving, it's really needed, and it shows the love of God.

Need prayers?

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer support, please contact the Church Office at 314.739.6121. Prayer requests may also be made anonymously.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

CHERYL BURBANK 🎂..... Monday
ADLER RICKORDS 🎂..... Monday
ALISON BROWN 🎂..... Tuesday
RUSS & SHANNON FUCHS ❤️..... Tuesday
BRENDA WALTERS 🎂..... Thursday
JOHN & ASHLEE KIMBROUGH ❤️..... Thursday

*Are we missing a birthday or anniversary?
Please contact the Church Office to update
our records.*

At Your Service

Pastor Mark Femmel314.750.2432
Secretary: Kim Dent church@zionmh.org
Café Manager: Marlina Femmel
Preschool Director: Joni Wallace
Lead Musician: Tina Golchert
Facility Administrator: Claudia Amaya

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this morning's celebration happen!

During the Week:

Lawn Crew: Sammie Mauer, Ryan Lichtenegger, and Russ Fuchs
Bulletin Production: Russ Wurl, Larry & Nancy Nord, and Joyce Hicks
Altar Guild: Vicki Lichtenegger, Ashlee Kimbrough, Sylvia Grannemann, and Christi Femmel

For our 8:00am Worship Service:

Ushers: Dave Lippmann, Ryan Lichtenegger, and Marlina Femmel
Live Stream Producer: Christi Femmel
Lord's Supper Assist: Russ Wurl, Elder for Last Names F-I

Between Worship Services:

Fellowship Breakfast: Penny Patrick
Sunday School Teacher: Kim Dent
Confirmation Teacher: Ryan Lichtenegger
Jesus Freak Teacher (our Youth Group): Marlina Femmel

For our 10:30am Worship Service:

Ushers: Jeremy Romo, Chuck Mueller, Neil Koenig, and Cheryl Burbank
Lord's Supper Assist: Joe Jansen, Elder for Last Names A-E

The News This Week

Thank you to the many folks who sponsored our **Easter lilies** this year. If anyone would like to take a **lily** home, please do so. The remaining **lilies** will be donated to a local assisted living facility to share the beauty of **Easter**.

Thank you to all who attended and shared your counsel last Sunday at our Voters' Meeting. In addition to ministry updates, we approved several projects, including soundproofing the stage to protect it as an educational space, installing heating in our Upstairs Ladies' Restroom, and supporting a sex-trafficking-escape ministry based in St. Louis. We also approved the **new shades** for the Fellowship Hall, approved designing our new **Sanctuary Banners**, and discussed possibilities for the future uses of our Schoolhouse. It was a great meeting!

Thank you to everyone who came to our **BINGO Party** last Sunday and to all **the Jesus Freaks** (our Youth Group) for hosting it. We are all winners 😊 Totally, we raised \$1,375.37 towards the trip **the Jesus Freaks** are taking this Summer to Branson to see "**Esther**" at the **Sight and Sound Theatre**.

Getting the Dream Marriage—Sometimes people can love each other, but not always like each other very much. After a little while, though, that starts to turn the love into resentment. If you need a little support or are in desperate need of help, you can always chat with Pastor or you can reach out to Focus on the Family, a long time marriage support ministry with highly-qualified counselors by calling 800.A.FAMILY or 800.232.6459.

Automatic Giving—If you would like to skip the Sunday morning check writing and envelope licking, you can sign-up for automatic giving online. Go to our website at www.zionmh.org and click the "Donate" button. On the new page which opens, before making your donation, check the "Make this a monthly donation" box to skip the paperwork of checks and envelopes AND still partner with us.

You've got mail! If you are a member of the **Zion Family**, then you also have a mailbox here just outside of the Church Office. Please take a peek to make sure you are not missing any important flyers, gifts, info, or thank-you cards.

All Month—Operation Christmas Child News—For April, **OCC** is asking for donations of "WOW" items such as soccer balls, footballs, rubber balls, hand pumps with needles, dolls etc. Please place your donations under the table in the back of the **Sanctuary**. For more info, call **LORI JOHNSON** at 636.459.8311.









Parent Tip: The Church Bag—One great way to enjoy **Church** as a family is to bring along the "Church Bag." To set one up, remember, kiddos will still make noise and **we welcome kid noise! That's how God created our little ones!** Books are great things for Church Bags, especially Bible story books, coloring books, activity books, along with other mind-engaging activities like an Etch-A-Sketch, a dry erase board, or bendy rubber toys. Taking your kiddo to a thrift shop is a great and inexpensive way for them to help fill the Church Bag. Here's the most important part—never, ever, ever, ever let your kiddo play with the Church Bag stuff unless they are at **Church**; otherwise, it won't be as interesting.

You might be a Lutheran if... you smile when you find out that Dr. Robert Cade who invented Gatorade was a lifelong Lutheran.



The Happenings at and around Zion



For even more events, please check out www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events.

TODAY, Apr 14	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
<i>The Third Sunday</i>	9:00AM Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	
<i>of Easter</i>	9:30AM Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, F. Hall)	
	9:30AM Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)	
	9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)	
	10:30AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
Monday, Apr 15	10:00AM..... Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)	
	6:30PM Budget Committee Meeting (Church Office)	
Tuesday, Apr 16	11:00AM..... Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
	4:00PM Higher Groundz is closing early to host the Lutheran Foundation	
	4:00PM Set-Up for the Lutheran Foundation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	
	5:30–9:00PM The Lutheran Foundation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	
Wednesday, Apr 17	7:00AM..... Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
	9:00AM Bible Study: The Holy Spirit on the Move (Acts, F. Hall)	
	10:00AM Domino Divas & Dudes (Fellowship Hall)	
	5:45–7:15PM Game Night (Fellowship Hall)	
Thursday, Apr 18	<i>All Day</i> <i>The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays</i>	
	9:30–11:00AM Pastor's Oral Defense of His Doctorate (please pray!!!)	
	11:00AM Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
Saturday Apr 20	11:00AM..... Hospice Seminar (Fellowship Hall)	
	5:00–8:00PM Jesus Freak Lock-In (Starting in the Fellowship Hall)	
Next Sunday, Apr 21	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
<i>The Fourth Sunday</i>	9:00AM Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	
<i>of Easter</i>	9:30AM Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, F. Hall)	
	9:30AM Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)	
	9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)	
	10:30AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	

Since we are doing so much good, our events continue onto the next page.

More Happenings at and around Zion

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- Next Monday, Apr 22*.....10:00AM.....Pastor at NHC for **the Bible Chat** (NHC on Fee Fee Road) 
- Next Tuesday, Apr 23*.....11:00AM.....Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Next Wednesday, Apr 24*.....7:00AM.....Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00AM **Bible Study:** The Holy Spirit on the Move (Acts, F. Hall) 
- 10:00AM Domino **Divas & Dudes** (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45–7:15PM **Game Night** (Fellowship Hall)
- Next Thursday, Apr 25*.....All Day.....*The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays*
- 11:00AM Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday Apr 27*.....10:00AM.....Stampin' Up with **KIM DENT** Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

One Glimpse of Our Ministry Together

In March, together, we:

averaged 131 people in worship with The Lord's Supper,

averaged 37 livestream views each Sunday,

served 76 in Bible Study and Sunday School (33%),

served 113 drinks and 38 snacks each day,

counseled 84 people (55% from outside of Zion),

served 22 Preschool children from 21 families,

did 15 home and hospital visits,

ministered to 14 police officers,

ministered to 74 fire fighters,

offered up \$25,372.58 in **offerings,**

received \$21,260.41 in **Café sales,**

received \$6,882.21 in **tuition,**

for a total gain of \$53,515.20,

and spent \$43,000.53,

putting **Zion** at +\$9,169.73 YTD.