

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalm 124:8a

- C** Who made Heaven and Earth.

Psalm 124:8b

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Psalm 130:3

- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are revered.

Psalm 130:4

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer and praise, and to receive the body and blood of the Lord Jesus in the fellowship of this Altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

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

^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 Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

Matthew 16:19, John 20:23

Please be seated

Gift #2: Our First Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1–12, 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.

While being persecuted, the Apostles invited even their persecutors into the Faith.

¹As Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests and the Captain of the Temple^a and the Sadducees^b came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the Resurrection from the Dead ³and they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening, ⁴but many of those who had heard the Word believed and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the High Priest^c and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and all who were of the high-priestly family ⁷and, when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,^d said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the Stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the Cornerstone ¹²and there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

^a The **Captain of the Temple** was the second-in-command of Judaism, second only to the High Priest.

^b The **Sadducees** were a group of Jewish teachers who were very popular in Jerusalem around the time of Jesus and included the High Priest and his family. They were passionate about protecting and supporting the Temple in Jerusalem.

^c The **High Priest** was the highest ranking person in Judaism.

^d This "**Holy Spirit**" is not just some sort of "spirituality" but is God the Holy Spirit, the Third Person in the Trinity that is God, who offers to dwell inside of us to give us hope, joy, faith, Heaven, and so much more.

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!

Gift #3: A Reading from the Epistles^a

1 John 3:16–24, from around AD 90

When we show love toward others, we are "abiding" in God.

¹⁶By this we know love, that God laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers, ¹⁷but, if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him, ²⁰for, whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and He knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him ²³and this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him, and by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.


Please stand as you are able

Alleluia^b

From John 20:31



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

^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.



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

John 10:11–18, from around AD 32

Jesus promises to shepherd us.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

¹¹Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees and the wolf snatches them and scatters them; ¹³he flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father and I lay down My life for the sheep ¹⁶and I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also and they will listen to My voice, so there will be one Flock, one Shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Gift #5: Confessing the Faith Together

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

☐ 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

Gift #6: Exploring God's Word Together

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

Acts 4:1–12, John 10:11–18

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
Our Bible Studies & Sunday School

Two Pre-Born Babies
Lynn Romo (recovery)
Carlene Kaufmann (healing)
Lynne Hood (healing)
Sylvia Grannemann (recovery)
Those Struggling with Addiction

This Week's Zion Folks
Tammy Schoenwalder
John Schiermeier
Gary & Doris Sarrazin
John & Norma Sarnes

- P** Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd... To the delight of the Father,
C **Please fill us with the Holy Spirit.**

After each request, please join in with:

- P** ... Gracious Shepherd, please,
C **Lead and protect us.**

- 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, especially because You welcome us back from our wanderings as the beloved flock of Your Son, Jesus, the Good Shepherd; 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

^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 "**Sabaoth**" means "Heavenly Hosts" and "**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.
- G** Amen.

Please be seated

Attending Church each week in person lowers your annual risk of death by heart disease and cancer by 26%. —*The Journal of the American Medical Association*, June, AD 2016.

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*.

**Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move; I will follow.**

All Your ways are good; all Your ways are sure—I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my side, high above my life, I will trust in You alone.

**Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You.
I will follow You.**

Light unto the world, Light unto my life—I will live for You alone.
You're the one I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone.

**Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You.
I will follow You.**

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow.

**Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move; I will follow.
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow.**

**Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You.**

I will follow You. I will follow You.
I will follow You.

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

Why do we usually have three readings every week?

Some congregations read only one section from the Bible each week and they work with that text throughout the whole service. Typically, in the sermon at those congregations, the pastors reference other texts in order to show their point is a common theme throughout the Bible. Most traditional congregations, however, generally have three separate readings from different places in the Bible.

By having three separate readings which are generally chosen because of something all three texts have in common, we not only see the common links within God's Word, but we are also regularly digesting several sections and events in the history of God's involvement with His Creation. The first reading is commonly from the Old Testament (the part of the Bible written before Jesus lived among us), the second reading is from one of the letters in the New Testament (written after the resurrection of Jesus) from an early Christian leader to the Church, and the third reading comes from the Gospels (the biographies of Jesus). It is all part of God's plan to fill you with His Word and to write His Word in your heart and mind.

An interesting extra fact is that on any given weekend, you are usually hearing the same three readings which are being read in most of the congregations around the world that weekend!

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!

Gift #12: Enjoying the Shepherd's Protection "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB #740, from AD 1770



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

This song comes from the Church in Argentina!



1 Christ is ris - en, Christ is liv - ing, Dry your tears, be un - a - fraid!
2 If the Lord had nev - er ris - en, We'd have noth - ing to be - lieve.
3 Death has lost its old do - min - ion, Let the world re - joice and shout!



Death and dark - ness could not hold Him, Nor the tomb in which He lay.
But His prom - ise can be trust - ed: "You will live, be - cause I live."
Christ, the first - born of the liv - ing, Gives us life and leads us out.



Do not look a - mong the dead for One who lives for - ev - er - more;
As we share the death of Ad - am, So in Christ we live a - gain;
Let us thank our God, who caus - es Hope to spring up from the ground;



Tell the world that Christ is ris - en, Make it known He goes be - fore.
Death has lost its sting and ter - ror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.
Christ is ris - en, Christ is giv - ing Life e - ter - nal, life pro - found.

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

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Gracious God, Heavenly Father, You give us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.
- C** **Please keep us firm in the Faith throughout our days of pilgrimage,**
- P** That, on the day of His return, we may, together with all Your saints,^a celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
- C** **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gift #14: 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 Throughout the Bible, "**saints**" means "holy ones." This word refers to all Christians because God's Word makes us holy.

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.

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

DAX FOSS  **TODAY!**

COZI FEMMEL  Wednesday

DAWSON CLARK  Saturday

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

At Your Service

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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: John Kimbrough, Jim Fipps, and Denise Carroll

Bulletin Production: Russ Wurl, Larry & Nancy Nord, and Joyce Hicks

Altar Guild: Peggy Whiteman, Ashlee Kimbrough, Sylvia Granneman, and Christi Femmel

For our 8:00am Worship Service:

Ushers: Dave Lippmann, Ryan Lichtenegger, and Marlina Femmel

Livestream Producer: Cozi Femmel

Lord's Supper Assist: Russ Wurl, Elder for Last Names F-I

Between Worship Services:

Fellowship Breakfast: Katlyn Ahlersmeyer

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER: Kim Dent

Confirmation Teacher: Ryan Lichtenegger

Jesus Freaks 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: Rick Dent, Elder for Last Names J-K

The News This Week

Thank you to **ROB SANTEL, NILA SANTEL, STEVE OSTERLOH, VICKIE OSTERLOH, NATALIE OLESHCHUK, JOE MILLIGAN, DONNA MILLIGAN, MARY BETH MAYER, ROCHELLE KOENIG, NEIL KOENIG, OSCAR KELL, JANET KELL, JIM FIPPS, MARLINA FEMMEL, COZI FEMMEL, RICK DENT, KIM DENT, ALISON CARLSTROM, NITA BROOKMAN,** and **PASTOR** for everything each of you did to host this past Tuesday's **Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis Delegate Meeting** here at **Zion**. (If we missed anyone in that list, it wasn't intentional!) It was a record attendance for a mid-year meeting—people were just excited to see our **Higher Groundz** café ministry at work and to taste the deliciousness we share with our community all week, every week.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Pastor's "Oral Defense of his Doctoral Work" for his doctorate which he did this past Thursday morning. Assuming that it went well, based on the grading, he will have completed nearly all his work for a Doctoral Degree in Church Revitalization, officially graduating May 10.

Tuesday, 7pm—AARON LEVENHAGEN, our Fourth Year Seminary Student, will likely be receiving a Call into the Ministry this Tuesday at 7pm. To watch the service online, just go to www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services. Please pray for him and his family as he takes this next step!

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 Support—Parenting is filled with surprise blessings... and tons of stress. If you could use a little help, you can always chat with Pastor or you can also get free help through Lutheran Family and Children Services, starting at www.lfcsmo.org.

Podcast Power! Podcasts are essentially radio shows which are often 5–45 minutes, have a different focus for each episode, and you can listen to them anytime! If you have a great podcast to recommend, please chat with Pastor who loves great content. One podcast which can transform your heart and your home in a wonderful way is the **Focus on the Family** Ministry—this is great for singles, couples, and/or homes with children. We HIGHLY encourage you to listen to their conversations! If you need help finding them, chat with Pastor.



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.

You might be a Lutheran if... you smile when you find out that Kevin Sorbo, a legendary actor in both Christian and secular movies and TV shows, grew up Lutheran.



The Happenings at and around Zion

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

TODAY, Apr 21 <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 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 22	10:00AM..... Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)	
Tuesday, Apr 23	11:00AM..... Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:00PM Call Service for AARON LEVENHAGEN (@ Concordia Seminary)	
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)	
Thursday, Apr 25 <i>St. Mark's Day</i>	<i>All Day..... The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays</i> 11:00AM Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
Saturday, Apr 27	10:00AM..... Stampin' Up with KIM DENT Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
Next Sunday, Apr 28 <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 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)	
Next Monday, Apr 29	10:00AM..... Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)	
Next Tuesday, Apr 30	11:00AM..... Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
Next Wednesday, May 1 <i>Sts. Philip and James' Day</i>	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, May 2 <i>St. Athanasius' Day</i>	<i>All Day..... The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays</i> 11:00AM Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00PM Juice Plus! Seminar (Fellowship Hall)	