

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 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.

C Amen.

Matthew 16:19, John 20:23

Please be seated

Gift #2: Our First Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26–40, from around AD 35

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.

Through sharing the good news about Jesus, another person was included in the Kingdom.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the South, to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place ²⁷and he rose and went and there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah ²⁹and the Spirit^a said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot," ³⁰so Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now, the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep, He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent so He opens not His mouth. ³³In His humiliation, justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the Earth."

Isaiah 53:7–8, from around 725 BC

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning with this Scripture he told him **the good news** about Jesus ³⁶and, as they were going along the road they came to some water and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being Baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he Baptized him ³⁹and when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away and the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing, ⁴⁰but Philip found himself at Azotus and, as he passed through, he preached **the gospel** to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

^a This "**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.

Gift #3: A Reading from the Epistles^a

1 John 4:7–11, from around AD 90

God calls us to show practical, tangible love to others.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **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!

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.

Jesus promises to be our Vine and to give us life.

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

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

¹Jesus said, "I am the True Vine and My Father is the Vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples."

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 8:26–40

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 Café Ministry

Two Pre-Born Babies
Lynn Romo (recovery)
Ron Mueller (recovery)
Carlene Kaufmann (healing)
Jaydin Johnson (recovery)
Lynne Hood (healing)
Sylvia Grannemann (recovery)

This Week's Zion Folks

Rob & Nila Santel
Bob & Sandy Rybolt
The Romos
John & Laura Rommel

- P** Lord Jesus, the True Vine... To the delight of the Father,
C **Please fill us with the Holy Spirit.**

After each request, please join in with:

- P** ... Gracious Lord, the Vine of Life itself, please,
C **Heal, provide, and lead 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, for giving us full life through Your Son, Jesus, the True Vine. As the people of Your delight, as the branches attached to the True Vine, 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

Those who regularly attend Church in person have a support network of friends who help them when times are tough, a network needed very much but not found in the outside world. —Dr. Tanya Marie Luhrmann of Watkins University, cited in *The New York Times*, April 21, AD 2013.

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*.

Some say, "Don't give up," and, "Hope that your good is good enough,"
"Head down; keep on working; if you can earn it, you deserve it."
Some say, "Push on through; after all, it's the least that you can do,"
But don't buy what they're selling; it couldn't be further from the Truth.

**What if I were the one to tell you that the fight's already been won?
Well, I think your day's about to get better.
What if I were the one to tell you that the work's already been done?
It's not good news; it's the best news ever!**

Some say, "Don't ask for help. God helps the ones who help themselves,"
"So, press on, get it right; otherwise, get left behind."
Some say, "He's keeping score, so try hard, then try a little more."
But hold up, if this were true, explain to me, what the cross is for.

**What if I were the one to tell you that the fight's already been won?
Well, I think your day's about to get better.
What if I were the one to tell you that the work's already been done?
It's not good news; it's the best news ever!**

Best news ever!

So won't you come? Come, all you weary and you burdened;
You heavy laden and you hurting, for all of you with nothing left:
Come and find rest!

**What if I were the one to tell you that the fight's already been won?
Well, I think your day's about to get better.
What if I were the one to tell you that the work's already been done?
It's not good news; it's the best news ever!**

Best news ever! It's not good new; it's the best news ever!
Best news ever! It's not good news; it's the best news ever!

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 some people do the Sign of the Cross?

At the parts of the service marked with a "✙" you may notice that some people draw a cross on themselves from forehead to stomach, then from shoulder to shoulder. You may find yourself doing it! This has been a common way for people to remind themselves that what they are hearing is for them. In a sense, they are putting on Christ. (Romans 13, Galatians 3)

The Sign of the Cross has been drawn by Christians on themselves in different ways for a very, very long time. This was such a common and ancient practice that Tertullian, a Church Father born around the year AD 160 said, "We Christians wear out our foreheads with the sign of the cross." It is easy to see why even Martin Luther encouraged people to make the Sign of the Cross in the 1500s!

Some go from head to stomach then left shoulder to right shoulder. Others go from head to stomach then right shoulder to left shoulder. Some draw the cross on their foreheads, on their lips, and then over their hearts. No matter how you draw it, you are wearing a cross, like those who have come before us all the way back to the earliest Church and it is hard to complain about that!

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: Sharing God's Promises "The Commission"

CAIN, from AD 2021

This song is a beautiful combining of Jesus' words to us from after He rose from the dead.

We are going to sing this song for a few Sundays to help everyone learn it.

See My hands and look at My feet; *John 20:20, 27*
It's okay if it's hard to believe. *John 20:29*
I have faith you will do greater things, *John 14:12*
It's my time to go, but before I leave: *Matthew 28:19–20*

Go, tell the world about Me. *Matthew 28:19–20*
I was dead, but now I live. *Revelation 1:18*
I've gotta go now for a little while, *John 14:19*
But "goodbye" is not the end. *Revelation 22:20*

Don't forget the things that I taught you. *Matthew 28:20*
I've conquered death and I hold the keys. *Revelation 1:18*
Where I go you will go, too, someday, *John 14:2–3*
But there's much to do here before you leave. *Luke 24:46–48*

So, go, tell the world about Me. *Matthew 28:19–20*
I was dead, but now I live. *Revelation 1:18*
I've gotta go now for a little while, *John 14:19*
But "goodbye" is not the end of the journey, *Revelation 22:20*
The end of the road. My Spirit is with you wherever you go. *John 14:26*
You have a purpose and I have a plan, *Romans 8:28*
I'll make you this promise—I'll come back again— *Acts 1:11*

But, until then, **go, tell the world about Me,** *Matthew 28:19–20*
For I was dead but now I live. *Revelation 1:18*
Oh, I've gotta go now for a little while, *John 14:19*
Hey, but "goodbye" is not the end. *Revelation 22:20*

Go tell them about Me. *Matthew 28:19–20*
I've gotta go... for a little while, *John 14:19*
But "goodbye" is not the end. *Revelation 22:20*

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: Celebrating the Resurrection Together "He's Risen"

Lutheran Service Book #480

This song was written by Rev. Dr. Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther, the first pastor of the Lutherans who founded the LCMS, our denomination. He wrote this on a ship sailing to Germany on Easter, April 8, AD 1860.

Please stand as you are able for the last stanza since it praises God in His Triune fullness.



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

Please be seated

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

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Thank You, almighty God, for refreshing us through these precious gifts.
- C** **Please strengthen us through these gifts into stronger Faith in You and into fervent love toward one another;**
- P** 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



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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

JIM STURM 🎂 **TODAY!**

KELLEY MUELLER 🎂 Monday

KYLE & KELLY JANE DENT ❤️ Wednesday

THERESA KAISER 🎂 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: Rob Santel, Chuck Mueller, and Neil Koenig

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

Liturgy: Adler Rickords, Seminary Student

Between Worship Services:

Fellowship Breakfast: Katlyn Ahlersmeyer

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](#)

It's only a matter of time until **AARON LEVENHAGEN**, our Fourth Year Seminary Student, starts serving in his first Call as pastor. Having finished all his requirements to have earned a Master's Degree of Divinity, this Summer, Aaron will begin to serve at St. John Lutheran Church in Elgin, Illinois. To check them out a little more, their website is www.stjohnselgin.org. Please pray for him and his family as he takes this next step!

Tuesday, 11:00am—Pastor will be on KFUE—This coming Tuesday, for one hour, Pastor will be LIVE on the **LCMS'** own radio station, **KFUE**, which you may find at bandwidth AM 850 or at www.kfuo.org this Tuesday for their "Thy Strong Word" broadcast. He will be chatting with fellow **LCMS** Pastor Phil Booe about Proverbs 14:19–35, so read up, get ready, and, if you have a thought to share, call in!

Next Saturday, May 11, 6:00pm—"The Chosen" at Zion—**ANGEL Studios** is making Season 4 of their phenomenal series, "**The Chosen**," available to churches before it is available to stream at home. What a blessing! We are going to start enjoying Season 4 together next Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a more comfortable chair, please bring one from home (but please make sure it has smooth, rubber, or plastic feet to help take care of our floor together). You can definitely bring drinks and refreshments, but **the Jesus Freaks** (our Youth Group) will have plenty available for sale.

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.

Life Can Be Suffocating—Sometimes it can feel like you are just getting hammered by life and the joy is gone. If you need a little support or if you desperately need help, you can always chat with Pastor or you can get great counseling with Dale Kuhn at Care and Counseling, whom you may reach at 314.878.4340.

Free Thrivent Money—Every Thrivent member may dedicate some of Thrivent's profits to a charity of their choice. One call to your Thrivent representative puts those dollars to work to support the work **Zion** is called to do **for free!** Seriously, **Zion** misses out on **thousands of dollars** each year by this one call not being made.



Bad with names? Stop by the upper-level bathrooms and look on the wall to the right. We have the names and faces of our regular folks right there. Once you call a person by name a few times, it'll stick. Who cares if you cheat at first? **Are you not up there yet? Please chat with Pastor to get your picture taken!**

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.

You might be a Lutheran if... you smile when you find out that **DON MUELLER** who played Major League Baseball for twelve seasons was a lifelong member of **Zion**, Maryland Heights! Seriously, check out https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_Mueller.

The Happenings at and around Zion

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

TODAY, Apr 28	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
<i>The Fifth Sunday</i>	9:00AM	Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<i>of Easter</i>	9:30AM	Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, Fellowship Hall)
	9:30AM	Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)
	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)
	10:30AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
<i>Monday, Apr 29</i>	10:00AM.....	Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)
<i>Tuesday, Apr 30</i>	11:00AM.....	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Wednesday, May 1</i>	7:00AM.....	Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Sts. Philip and James' Day</i>	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)
<i>Thursday, May 2</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays</i>
<i>St. Athanasius' Day</i>	11:00AM–NOON	Pastor will be on KFUO (AM 850 and www.kfu.org)
	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00PM	Juice Plus! Seminar (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Next Sunday, May 5</i>	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
<i>The Sixth Sunday</i>	9:00AM	Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<i>of Easter</i>	9:30AM	Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, Fellowship Hall)
	9:30AM	Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)
	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)
	10:30AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
<i>Next Monday, May 6</i>	10:00AM.....	Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)
<i>Next Tuesday, May 7</i>	11:00AM.....	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Next Wednesday, May 8</i>	7:00AM.....	Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00AM	<i>No Bible Study this week</i>
	9:00AM	Domino Divas & Dudes (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45–7:15PM	Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Next Thursday, May 9</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays</i>
	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Next Friday, May 10</i>	6:00PM.....	Stampin' Up with KIM DENT (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Next Sat, May 11</i>	9:00AM & 1:00PM.....	Stampin' Up with KIM DENT (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30PM	Doors open for "The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party (Fell. Hall)
	6:00PM	"The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party Begins! (Fellowship Hall)

