



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL COLOGNE, MN

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## March 2024

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### Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran Church, Cologne, MN is a branch of Christ's family saved by grace alone, rooted in God's love, and growing in faith through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service as we reach out to others with the good news of Jesus. with the good news of Jesus.

## Remember your mercy, O Lord!

**Remember your mercy, O Lord!** That is the greatest request that we humans make, that God would have mercy on us. The Bible is a record of God's mercy to mankind, from beginning to end.

**Life is filled with troubles**, from the day we are born to the day we die. Troubles arise when we least expect it. Trouble is so much a part of our lives that when things are going well, we look all around us, wondering where it is hiding. We even trouble ourselves when trouble isn't around. For instance, this winter has been so mild that it makes everyone uneasy—as if even greater troubles will descend upon us to make up for the extraordinary weather we are having. Such anxiety sucks the joy out of life. To be sure, that goes to the point that trouble can arise in any place and upset our lives in an instant.

God shows mercy to his people and delivers them out of their troubles. King David knew that well enough, as is evident in his many psalms. In Psalm 25:6, David calls out,

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good."**

**God has mercy** on those whom he chooses—and sometimes people **RESENT** that. Jesus showed mercy to all who approached him—but many righteous critics despised those he helped: the sinners and tax-collectors. Even his closest disciples could not understand why Jesus would stop to bless children or help those who were not of the house of Israel.

**Jesus showed mercy, even in his journey to the cross.** Jesus receives the kiss of his betrayer, heals the severed ear of a servant, comforts women crying along the way, bestows forgiveness to his enemies, and bids his friends and mother to care for each other.

**Remember the mercies of our God.** Give thanks and call upon his holy name.

**You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us. He will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great. We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

Blessings to you, in Christ,  
Pastor Eric Zacharias

# LADIES AID/LWML

Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Ladies' Aid \* February 8, 2024

**Ten were present** at our February meeting. Ruth Harms was our hostess. We enjoyed treats and got caught up since our last meeting in December. Roxanne had a terrific devotion entitled "The Language of Love." Pastor led our Bible Study from the Women's Quarterly (p. 20) entitled, "Where Your Treasure Is."

**The meeting was called to order** by VP Juliene Klaustermeier. We recited the LWML Pledge and discussed the Minutes and Financial Report. Ruth mentioned that we are being charged to keep our savings account open. Since we don't use this account and have to transfer money in and out to keep it active, a motion was M/S/C to close this account and transfer that balance of \$675.94 into our checking account. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Correspondence received** included thank yous from Ellen Arndt, Carol Henschen, Terry Bentz, Mary Zacharias, Bonnie Wolter, Harriet Tellers, Mary Lou and Martin Baerlin, Lila Rolf, LCMS and Ablelight; requests for aid were received from Trinity First, American Bible Society, The Dwelling Place, Dakota Boys Ranch, Lutheran Bible Translators and Lutheran Heritage Center. A motion was M/S/C to give our January offering to Main Street Living and our February offering to the American Bible Society, who was offering a triple match of funds received. We dedicated our mites with the printed prayer on page 7 of our group's booklet.

**Committee Reports:** Christian Life reported a board meeting on Feb. 24 at St. John's, NYA and an upcoming district meeting in Mankato. The Funeral Committee reported that 190 were served at Ella Molnau's funeral. The Martha Group will serve Margie Wolter's funeral on Monday, February 12. A motion was M/S/C to have our serving groups make the coffee and use our cups to insure its staying warm.

**Unfinished Business:** Our 2024 program books were completed in January, thanks largely to Roxanne Pieper. We also thank Roxanne for the work done on the military books. We donated one to the Historical Society and one will serve as a "traveling book" for those who want to borrow it. Contact Julianne if you wish to borrow it.

**Our 2024 dues** will remain at \$12/member. Our December Cookie Report: We plated 123 dozen cookies and made \$787.

**New Business:** Ash Wednesday's Lenten Supper was hosted by the Martha Group on February 14th. We served chicken soup and clam chowder, buttered bread, cheese, and bars. Each member was asked to bring a pan of bars. Our Prayer Service will be March 14th. (Roxanne is putting that together.) We noted that Carol Henschen moved to Auburn Meadows in February.

**Birthdays include** Vivian Buetow, Laurie Rowland, Barb Henschen and RoNaye Gnan for January and Pastor and Juliene Klaustermeier for February.

**Our next meeting** is March 14th, our Prayer Service with Barb Henschen as hostess.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias,

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION LUTHRAN SCHOOL

by Tom Marcsisak

Christmas is done; Lutheran Schools' Week is over; Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day have all come and gone. It appears though that not much happens in March. But that is not totally true. The 5th and 6th grade boys are busy playing basketball. The 3rd and 4th grade girls are playing a few games also. Butterbraids are being sold to raise money for this summer's Washington, D.C. trip. Plans and reservations are being finalized for that trip. Our older students are getting ready for Confirmation Questioning at the end of the month. Scripts will be handed out soon and parts assigned for our upper grade spring play in April.

On top of all that, kids are learning math, reading, grammar, science, social studies and lots of other things. MOST IMPORTANTLY, they are learning about Jesus.

Zion Lutheran School's Mission Statement is "Feed My Lambs through the teaching of the Christian Faith and guidance in the Christian Life." In the many, many years that Zion has supported a school, that has always been the goal. It may have not been worded that way, but "Feed My Lambs" has always been foremost in the hearts and minds of the Zion family. We see it every time we walk down the hallway to the school.

As this school year draws to a close we continue to strive, with God's help, to Feed HIS Lambs!

## GERTENS'S FUNDRAISER

Spring is right around the corner which means the school has begun their flower and plant fundraiser that benefits the Education League. Gertens does online orders only. To place an order go to **[www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)** and enter store **ID code 391**. If you are placing an order through a student so they will deliver it to you, then be sure to put the seller's name at checkout. If you will be picking it up yourself, then please put "church" in the seller's box. This is how we track whose orders go with what family.

There are brochures in the Narthex, on the table by the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Teryn Widmer at 612-964-1910 or [teryn.hasse@gmail.com](mailto:teryn.hasse@gmail.com).

## BUTTERBRAIDS

Zion's 6th-8th grade students will be taking turns selling in the lobby after Wednesday and Sunday church services starting February 18th. Delivery will be March 22nd (just in time for Easter). Proceeds from this fundraiser will help finance this year's trip to Washington, D.C.



### 2024-2025 Enrollment Now Open!!

Enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 school year!

Please contact the office to set up a tour or ask any questions you may have.

Registration forms are available in the office.

# MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

by Lutheran Hour Ministries

In today's increasingly polarized society, it is often easy to feel discouraged and disconnected from others, even those closest to us. We may feel divided by politics, race, or religion. What if every Christian saw his or her neighbor as a gift from God with gifts to share? How would that change how we view, interact with, and serve our neighbors?

During a time when people are searching for hope, community is more important than ever. Lutheran Hour Ministries is answering the question, "How can I bring hope to my neighborhood?" We can use our individual gifts to make a real difference right where we are, among the neighbors we know and those we have not yet met but see every day. Our faith, put into action on a local level, can make an immediate and personal impact in our neighborhood and beyond.

It starts with one person in their place, and spreads one by one, until it blankets first neighborhoods, then communities, towns, and regions, and then the whole world is covered in personal connections and meaningful actions that bear witness to the love our God has for His people and the good He wants for the world. Can you imagine what would happen if Christians rediscovered this call to share the Gospel in deeds?

If history is an indicator, God could use our good deeds to gain a hearing for the Gospel and, according to His will, draw our non-Christian neighbors to the faith. This concept is really nothing new for us at LHM. Gathering at the local level and building genuine relationships with people close to us have been in the DNA of our organization since we were founded more than a century ago. This 21st century approach will allow us to bring people together in an age of division while sharing the Gospel both in word and deed.

For those who do not know Jesus, we Christians come alongside them to meet Jesus again, at the cross, where faith in ourselves ends and simple trust in Jesus begins again. Life with God begins again.

At LHM, we create resources to help you meet people right where they are. From Project Connect booklets that address relevant life topics from a Christ-centered point of view ...to online video Bible studies covering more than 30 topics ... to LHM Learn online courses that help your each out with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ in your everyday life, LHM has a variety of offerings available to connect with people at any stage of their individual faith journeys. Learn more at [lhm.org/resources](http://lhm.org/resources).

LHM also partnered with Barna Group on a research study that uncovered the types of people who are taking initiative in their communities—who gather, donate, serve, create, teach, mobilize, and innovate, alongside other passionate neighbors, to meet needs around them. Visit [lhm.org/together](http://lhm.org/together) to find valuable resources that help us as Christians be a welcome influence in our neighborhoods. Understanding our giftedness and using those gifts to bless others can help us build strong connections with those around us. It is exciting to think about the impact of millions of Christians around the world loving their neighbor. Together, we can make it a reality. By Megan McDaniel

At LHM, we believe that God is sending us on a mission of hope and love. The goal of this mission is clear: to share the Gospel with all who would hear and to equip other Christians to do the same.



## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2024)	\$58,368.48
YTD Income	\$39,909.03
YTD Expenses	\$68,823.16
<b>Current Balance (2/21/2024)</b>	<b>\$29,454.35</b>

### Missions:

YTD Total (1/1/2024)	<b>-\$150.00</b>
Budgeted	\$9,830.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2024 Pledge	\$6,500.00
2024 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

YTD Total (1/1/2024)	\$10,812.66
2024 Commitment	\$22,220.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (1/30/24)	\$23,552.94
Suggested household contribution	\$750.00

### Maintenance Fund Contributions Needed!

The maintenance (building/repair) fund has some larger upcoming expenses (about \$20,000) and could use your help!

## FISH FRY

### Zion's Fish Fry Report 2/26/24

Guests:	945
Gross Total:	\$15,997.00
Expenses:	\$6,226.67
Net:	\$9,9770.33

### Disbursed:

Maintenance Fund:	\$5,270.33
Salary Fund:	\$3,000.00
School Lunch Fund:	\$1,000.00
Washington DC Trip:	\$500.00

The Fish Fry is a huge Group Effort. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated desserts!

-Zion Fish Fry Committee

## WAYS TO GIVE TO ZION



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### HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

#### Online

1. Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
2. In the "GET STARTED" section on the right, click **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®**.
3. Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click "**Register for account access.**")
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
  - a. To direct to a previous organization:
    - Click "**Direct Now**" next to the organization's name, or
    - Click on the "**View activity history**" link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.
  - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click "**Search.**"
5. Choose "**Direct All**" or **enter a specific number** and click "**Direct Now.**" Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

#### By phone

1. Call **800-847-4836** and when prompted, say "**Thrivent Choice.**"
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

**You have the power to recommend where Thrivent gives back!**

**NOTE: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice dollars is March 31st.**

You can direct them to either the school or church (salary fund).

-Dale Molnau,  
Salary Fund Treasurer

# Membership Notes

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Dale Karnitz  
Randall Rolf
- 2 Ariana Lunow
- 4 Brenda Thompson
- 5 Pamela Ische
- 8 Jared Dose
- 9 Paul Stuewe
- 10 Steven Brueggemeier
- 11 Lisa Menke  
Amy Sauter  
Doreen Lenzen
- 12 Amber Brueggemeier  
Brian Buetow
- 13 Kirsten Dose
- 15 Samantha Brueggemeier
- 17 Robert Boltmann  
Dale Molnau  
Paisley Schulz
- 18 Dean Traver
- 19 Carley Schroyer
- 17 Nathan Lenzen
- 18 Olivia Perry
- 21 Grace Dose
- 23 Marville Schmidt
- 25 Oscar Janzen

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 26 Robert McCloskey  
DiAnn Melcher  
Madelyn Traver  
Lydene Vinkemeier
- 27 Kateryna McCloskey  
Brynlee Penning
- 29 Jeff Thompson
- 30 Curtis Lenzen  
Lois Roufs
- 31 Olivia Stahlke

## REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS

John Michael Bones

MSGT Eben Karnitz  
332 AEW/ELRS  
APO-AE 09321-1805

Edward "Eddie" Karnitz  
1535 NW 40th Street  
OKC, OK 73118

## VISITATION LIST

**Minneapolis**  
Joycelyn Rolf

**Cologne**  
Dixie Brueggemeier

**Glencoe**  
Marlys Lenzen

**Norwood**  
Ellen Arndt  
Allen & Jean Friske  
Lila Rolf  
Barb Scholz  
Marville Schmidt

**Waconia**  
JoAnn Herrmann

**Maple Plain**  
Harriet Tellers

## FUNERAL

Marjorie Mae (Lemke)Wolter, 90. Born 4/12/1933; Died, 2/8/2024; Funeral 2/12/2024

## WEDDING

Jill Lenzen and Ryan Anthony, February 24, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church

**Go First! Ministry Conference**

Life Together

Soul Care

April 19 - 20, 2024  
Concordia Academy  
2400 Dale Street  
Roseville, MN

Collaboration

Outreach

**Go First!**




## **The First Ever Minnesota South District Go First!**

Ministry Conference will be held at Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN on **April 19 – 20, 2024**. Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the encouragement and inspiration of this **FREE two-day event**. Break-out sessions will be led by people involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the Go First! areas of Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach, or Collaboration.

**Register here:**

<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative#go-first-registration>

# USHER SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	01	02
					Chapel 8:10 AM	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Church Service 9:30 AM		Girls & Boys Basketball 4:00 PM at Chaska	Lenten Services 3:30 & 7:00 PM	Chapel at The Harbor 10:00 AM Girls & Boys Basketball 3:45 PM at Cologne Community Center	Chapel 8:10 AM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM School Board Meeting			Lenten Services 3:30 & 7:00 PM	LWML Meeting 9:30 AM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Church Service 9:30 AM			Lenten Services 3:30 & 7:00 PM	Girls & Boys Basketball 3:45 PM at Mayer Newsletter Items Due to Office	Chapel 8:10 AM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM Palm Sunday Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM				NO SCHOOL (Office Closed) Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL Good Friday Service 7:00 PM	
31						
SonRise Service 7 Breakfast 7:45 Easter Festival 9:30						

**March 3rd**

Ava Dose  
Sam Dose

**March 10th**

Brooke Moen  
Abby Moen

**March 17**

Anna Brueggemeier  
Sam Klaustermeier

**March 24**  
*Palm Sunday*

Addison Dietzel

**March 28**  
*Maundy Thursday*

Kael Herrera  
Jacob Hoen

**March 29**  
*Good Friday*

Libby Hoen  
Madalyn Sons

**March 31**  
*Easter Sunday*

Ava Dose  
Sam Dose

# FROM THE OFFICE

**Office Hours:**

**MTWTF 8:00AM - 12:00PM &  
TH 8:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Office Closed 3/31/24**

Bulletin items due Tuesdays

Newsletter Items due the 3rd Thursday  
of the Month



## Zion Lutheran Church

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*Return Service Requested*



**"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.  
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.  
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,  
even as we put out hope in you."**

~ Psalm 33:20-22

### Remember Jesus

Lenten Services, 3:30 & 7pm

#### **March 6: Remember the Fig Tree**

Jesus speaks of faith and of prayer.

#### **March 13: 'Remember in Your Lifetime'**

Our time on earth is a gift of God.

#### **March 20: Remembered Kindness**

Jesus praises the kindness of others.

#### **March 28: Do This in Remembrance**

Maundy Thursday: 7pm Communion

#### **March 29: Jesus, Remember Me**

Good Friday - 7pm

### Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Sunrise Service

Communion - 7am

Easter Breakfast - 7:45

Easter Festival Service

Communion - 9:30