



**ZION**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH • SCHOOL**  
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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.

## **The Easter Race – Coming to Jesus**

*Pastor Eric Zacharias*

There was a lot of running on that first Easter morning. The news from the tomb was beyond understanding. Mary brings what is stuck in her mind: someone has stolen the body of Jesus and we don't know where he is.

Hearing this, two disciples bolt out of the room and go right to the tomb. Their minds were racing as fast their feet could carry them. (John, the author of the Gospel, notes that he got there first!) They see the tomb exactly as Mary described it. Wide open. Unguarded. Empty. Mary is running back to the tomb, but it will be a while before she gets there. She has covered a lot of ground already, much of it done with grief and sadness.

John got to the tomb first but surveys the scene from the entrance. When Peter gets there, he goes right on in to examine the crime scene. There is no sign of a struggle with the body. The grave clothes of Jesus are right there, folded neatly. Despite the many unanswered questions, John notes that he believed.

There would be many trips to the tomb that morning. As John and Peter go back to the upper room, Mary goes to weep at the grave. Her sadness gives way, as she realizes that she is not talking to the gardener but to Jesus. She will soon make her way back with news about her encounter with the risen Christ.

Somewhere along the line, Peter himself encounters Jesus. The mention is brief, but as the Emmaus disciples burst into the upper room to tell about their encounter with Jesus on the road, they are told that "The Lord has indeed risen, and he has appeared to Simon!" The apostle Paul, likewise, would mention that among the many appearances, Jesus had appeared to Peter before he appeared to the others in the upper room.

Today, the Easter race brings a lot of joy. Many rise up early and join with others, gathering in praise to hear a message they know so well. "Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

The race is not "to the swift," as many say, but to those of heart, who long to see proof of God's words. Peter may have been second in the race to the tomb, but as he entered and saw the evidence, his heart warmed. He had been so quick to desert Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane; now his heart quickened to return to him. Grief had weighed upon his heart, from Friday through Sunday morning. He mourned for his loss and his own betrayal of the Lord.

The race is won, as Jesus comes to Peter. It is an appearance unique to him and the words are left unrecorded. No doubt, the words Christ spoke were of forgiveness and peace, which settled on his soul. The race is won for all, as we share the Word of forgiveness and life and peace, in Jesus' name.

Pastor Eric Zacharias

## LADIES AID/LWML MEETING MINUTES. MARCH 1ST, 2018

Zion Ladies Aid/LWML met on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM, with 13 members present. Our welcome was given by President Bev Eggers. Our opening devotion "This is What I Have to Do Today" was given by Vivian Buetow. Pastor led our Bible Study, "Knowing Jesus Gives My Life Balance" from the Quarterly.

Pres. Eggers then called the meeting to order along with the LWML pledge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was discussed and filed for audit. Juliene and RoNaye completed the audit of the books and report all was ok.

We received thank you from Lila Rolf/Food Shelf for our \$25 donation, as well as Lutheran Bible Translators for \$25. Other correspondence received came from American Bible Society, Trinity First, Dakota Boys Ranch and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction.

Our Mite Offering was dedicated and will go to the Orphan Grain Train for March. We also noted that a donation of \$100 in honor of Gertrude Honebrink's 100th birthday was given.

**Committee Reports:** Christian Life is making "Life Kits" for the June Convention. Information for making Hospice and Baby Kits, along with Mite Calendars, was passed out and talk of making baskets for the zone was discussed. Vivian Buetow is planning to be one of our delegates for the convention, June 29-30. No other committee reports were given.

**Unfinished Business:** Those interested in quilting will be meeting Tuesday, March 13 at 9:00am and are to bring a bag lunch. We are donating 3 quilts and 2 pillows to the Silent Auction.

Our Ash Wednesday meal served 81 people. We prepared ham and hash brown hotdish, along with salads and bars. \$345 was collected and deposited into our treasury.

The Tour of Tables will be on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 AM. We will eat at 11:30 AM, with our entertainment, The Carlsons, beginning at 12:30 PM. We are to bring salads and the ticket price is \$10. We will have a mixture of round and rectangular tables. Contact Carol Henschen if you are interested in having a table.

**New Business:** The Confirmation Reunion will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> and the Mary Group is in charge of this. It will be a potluck with Hillcrest Chicken.

A Birthday Hymn was sung for Darlene Ulrich.

### Dates to remember:

- Sat., Mar. 3 - Christian Life Workshop, St. John's, Chaska
- Sun, Apr.1 - Easter
- Sat., Apr.7 - Tour of Tables
- Tues., April 17 - Spring Rally, St. John's, Chaska
- Sun., Apr. 29 - Confirmation Reunion

A motion was M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. We closed with prayers. Darlene Ulrich was our hostess. Our next meeting will be held on Apr 5th, 1:30pm. Mary Zacharias, Hostess

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias,  
Secretary

## Tour of Tables Luncheon

Tour of Tables Salad Luncheon, hosted by Zion's Ladies Aid/LWML, on April 7, 2018. Entertainment will be Alan and Matt Carlson. If you have any questions, call Juliene Klaustermeier 954-442-0422 or Carol Henschen 952-466-5905. There are a few tickets still available (Adults & teens \$10, 12 and under \$5). Open to all the ladies of the congregation! Reservations for the luncheon can be made with Ruth Harms at 952-467-3084.

I don't know about you, but I enjoy watching college basketball, especially March Madness. March Madness, you ask? Isn't this the April newsletter? Alright, you got me. I'm still thinking about March. But in my defense, the NCAA basketball tournament does have its championship game on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, so I think it should count.

Anyway, if you haven't been following this year's games, something happened that has never happened before in the time that the tournament expanded to 64 teams. There have been 132 tries in 33 years. A 16-seed defeated a 1-seed. Specifically, the University of Maryland, Boston County beat the overall #1 seed Virginia. The biggest upset in tournament history. Everyone loves a true underdog story though, right?

We have a tendency to cheer for the underdog team during a sports competition, but rarely do we rejoice when being treated like an underdog in everyday life. By definition, underdogs go into a competition with a disadvantage, namely, everyone expects them to lose. Their opponent has the upper hand—better equipment, preparation, skill, and physical ability. Yet, the hope is that somehow, despite all these disadvantages, the underdog team will muster the strength, tenacity, and courage necessary to overtake their opponent and win.

In many respects, Jesus could have been considered an underdog when He was on the earth as a man. First of all, He was born in a stable, and barely made it out of Bethlehem before King Herod had all the baby boys killed, which is not what anyone would consider a great beginning.

Jesus grew up in Nazareth. During the time when Jesus was calling His first disciples, "Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from

there?'" (John 1:45-46) Apparently, Nazareth was not the Hamptons, or the Beverly Hills of the Bible world. Elsewhere in Scripture it states that "even His brothers didn't believe in Him." (John 7:5)

As far as persecution goes, there was no other innocent Savior. Jesus was the only human man to suffer a criminal's death for the sake of humanity. But even before His crucifixion, the Pharisees looked down upon and labeled Him an uneducated, anti-Moses blasphemer. They tried to stone Him, plotted to kill Him, and brought false witnesses against Him.

What did Jesus do? What was His response? He gave us an example. He showed us how underdogs could overachieve.

Jesus did not waiver from the fact that He was the Son of God; He didn't let the persecution shake the fundamental reality that He was one with the Father and the Spirit. He also spoke controversial statements to His critics and haters, declaring who He was. Against all odds, He declared, "I Am."

Jesus purchased the right for each of us to be a son or daughter of God with His own blood on Good Friday. Then the ultimate underdog became the victor over sin, death, and the devil with His third-day resurrection from the dead. And children are not outcasts. All that the Father has is at their disposal. Like Jesus, you must hold fast to this truth. You are a child of God. So we must battle against the forces that make each of us feel like a predicted loser and declare who God says we are, His children, just as Jesus did.

## 2018 Confirmands

Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmation class!

Konrad Breeggemann  
Evan Dietzel  
Sophia Morschen  
Brooke Sauter  
Matthew Traver  
Cadee Vinkemeier

## Confirmation Reunion

Our annual confirmation reunion will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is a time to recognize ALL who have been confirmed into the faith throughout the years, but to also recognize a few specific classes who have reached milestones. Join us for a congregational potluck following the service. The confirmation classes recognized this year are 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1968, 1983, 1993, and 2008.

Remember, this reunion is open to all, not just those confirmed at Zion. If you would like to be recognized, please contact the office.

## Usher Schedule

### APRIL USHERS

April 1<sup>st</sup> (Sonrise – 6:30 AM) Lydia Brueggemeier  
Alison Dose  
(Regular – 9:30 AM) Lisa Brueggemeier  
Madelyn Traver  
April 8<sup>th</sup> Maia Klaustermeier  
Hannah Klaustermeier  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Samantha Brueggemeier  
Reagan Sauter  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Brueggemeier  
Madelyn Traver  
April 29<sup>th</sup> (Confirmation Reunion) Dylan Bingham  
Colin Bingham

## Finances

Account Balances

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	*\$125,645.44
YTD Expenses	\$99,198
Current Balance (3/22)	-\$39,707.12

### Missions:

YTD Total (2/15)	\$162.00
Budgeted	\$7,597.00
Unbudgeted	\$1,289.41
2017 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2017 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (2/15)	\$20,262.66
2017 Commitment	\$22,825.00
<i>We still need \$2,562.34 to meet 2017 commitment</i>	
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (3/19)	\$52,193.61
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

Alleluia  
He is  
Risen

## Zion Past & Present

### PAST

- 3/4 Silent Auction/Pancake Breakfast  
3/23 Confirmation Questioning  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
3/25 Confirmation/Palm Sunday  
3/29 Maundy Thursday Service (7:30 PM)  
First Communion  
3/30 Good Friday Service (7:30 PM)

### PRESENT

- 4/1 Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM)  
Easter Breakfast to Follow  
Easter Sunday Service (9:30 AM)  
4/8 K-8 Choir Sings  
4/9 Council Meeting (8 PM)  
4/12 Chapel @ the Harbor  
4/16 Voters Meeting (8 PM)  
4/17 Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)  
4/23-27 ITBS Testing Week  
4/30 Midterms Sent Home  
ZEL Meeting (6:30 PM)  
5/1 K-4 Spring Musical (7 PM)  
5/13 K-8 Choir  
5/17 Last Day of Preschool  
5/23 Play Day at Zion  
5/24 ½ Day of School  
5/25 Last Day of School – ½ Day  
5/27 Graduation  
6/2 Klaustermeier- Schneider Wedding  
6/7 Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting (7 PM)  
6/14 Chapel @ The Harbor (10:15 AM)  
6/19 Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)  
6/29-30 LWML District Convention

## From the Office

*Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM to Noon*

Please note: Bulletin items are due by Thursday at noon and newsletter items are due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Thank You!

Zion Lutheran School's K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes  
are Proud to Present

# Lemonade!

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ 7 PM**

**Dress Rehearsal April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30 PM**



Enroll your students before June 1<sup>st</sup> to qualify for the reduced Registration Fee of \$125 for families with students in K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade or \$50 for PK only families.

# Membership Notes

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Morris Bartels  
Jenna Buetow  
Luke Rolf
- 2 Ruth Harms  
Jason Schneider
- 3 Glenn Traver
- 4 Brittany Moen  
Weston Stahlke
- 5 David Dietzel  
Burton Gruenhagen  
Donald Smith
- 6 Suzanne Honebrink
- 7 Levi Spector
- 8 Tiffany Olson  
Leah Radde
- 11 Celeste Borchardt
- 12 Marjorie Wolter
- 13 Nicholas Haller
- 16 Rick Haler
- 17 Ivan Molnau  
Cole Sauter
- 19 Jolene Bergs
- 22 Dennis Buehler  
Kael Herrera
- 23 Evan Dietzel
- 24 Tonya Spector
- 26 Jessie Hamble
- 27 Gerald Buetow  
Timothy Richardson  
Amanda Vinkemeier
- 28 Jordyn Coder  
Susan Stuewe
- 29 Ashley Huinker  
Lynn Zellman

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 8 Charles & Ilene Dietzel
- 16 Donald & Rose Smith
- 20 Dave & Ranee Bingham
- 23 John & Dorothy Miller
- 29 Dennis & Ruby Sauter-  
Schmid

## VISITATION LIST

### Belle Plaine

Chuck & Norma Woolery  
Marjorie Wolter

### Cologne

Gloria AmEnd

### Norwood Young America

Harold Bruesehoff  
Joycelyn Rolf  
Lester Henschen

### Waconia

Alvina Fick  
Erwin Schmidt  
Gertrude Honebrink  
Lillian Ische  
Irene Rolf  
Darrel Knorr

## Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force  
Eddie Karnitz

# 2018 APRIL

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Easter SonRise   6:30 Easter Breakfast After Easter Sunday   9:30	02 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	03	04 Confirmation   5:30 PM	05 Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting 1:30 PM	06 Chapel   8:10 AM	07 <b>Tour of Tables Luncheon</b>
08 Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM <b>K-8 Choir Sings</b>	09 Council Meeting   8 PM	10	11 W. Bible Study   1 PM Confirmation   5:30 PM	12 Chapel @ The Harbor 10:15 AM	13 Chapel   8:10 AM	14
15 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM	16 <b>LWML Spring Rally</b> Voter's Meeting   8 PM	17 Evangelism Meeting @ 7:30 AM	18 W. Bible Study   1 PM Confirmation   5:30 PM	19	20 Chapel   8:10 AM	21
22 Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	23	24	25 W. Bible Study   1 PM Confirmation   5:30 PM	26	27 Chapel   8:10 AM	28
	<b>ITBS Testing</b>					
29 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM Confirmation Reunion @ 11 AM	30 Midterms Sent Home ZEL Meeting   6:30 PM	01	02	03	04	05



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## **Confirmation Reunion | April 29th**

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1933 ♦ 1938 ♦ 1943 ♦ 1948 ♦ 1953

1958 ♦ 1968 ♦ 1983 ♦ 1993 ♦ 2008

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- All are welcome to attend. If you would like to be recognized, but were not confirmed at Zion, please contact the office.