



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

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## COLOGNE, MN

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## March 2023

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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 Lenten Journey: Places of the Passion

The disciple named **Matthew** wrote a detailed account of **Jesus**, including the specific places and people that Jesus encountered in his ministry. Matthew presents Jesus as the Messiah (Christ) who taught and healed and who eventually gave up his life into the hands of his enemies, the Jewish leadership, who then brought Jesus to his death on the cross. His passion is intense, as his suffering is displayed at many places.

**Our midweek Lenten series will contemplate Matthew's account of our Lord's Passion.** Each week Matthew will take us to a different place where Jesus will suffer. As we meditate on the Lord's work in those places of Passion, we will discover our Lord waiting for us and willing to share with us a love that was set in place before the foundations of the world.

**The scenes of Lent are familiar.** The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hill of Golgotha—these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He found it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

### Ash Wednesday: The City of Jerusalem \*

"See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes" (20:18)

**Week 1: Bethany \*** Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment. (26:6-7a)

**Week 2: Mount of Olives \*** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives (26:30)

### Week 3: Gethsemane \*

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." \* (26:36)

**Week 4: The High Priest's Courtyard \*** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it. (26:69-70)

### Week 5: Pilate's Judgement Hall \*

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" (27:22)

**Candidates for Confirmation** will be presented for Questioning on Friday, March 31. They will be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 2. Our Confirmands include: Kaydra Boelke, Elizabeth Hoen, Sylvia Jorgenson, Berlinn Koep, Brooke Moen, Stella Siebert, Madalyn Sons.

Remember these in your prayers, as they prepare for this important day.

In Christ,

Pastor Eric Zacharias

# LADIES AID/LWML

Meeting Notes from February 9, 2023

**Juliene Klaustermeier was hostess** to the 12 members present. Bev Rolf gave a devotion, "Abounding in Love." Pastor led us in a brief Bible Study from the Lutheran Witness entitled "United in the Bonds of Peace."

**Juliene presided** for our meeting in Bev Egger's absence. After reciting the LWML pledge, the minutes of the December and January book planning meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was given, approved and filed for audit. The LWML booklet for 2023 was distributed by Roxanne, who explained how the the book was designed to accommodate our group's needs.

**Correspondence received** included thank-yous from Tom & Julianne Marcsisak, Carol Buetow, Pastor & Mary Zacharias, Terri Bentz, Lila Rolf, Harriet Tellers, Margie Wolters, Marlys Lenzen, and Ellen Arndt, along with thanks from AbleLight, Trinity First, and Chance International, which included future plans for development in Liberia. Requests for funds were also received from Dakota Boys Ranch and Lutheran Bible Translators. In light of the recent rescue efforts in Turkey following the earthquake, a motion was M/S/C to send our monthly Mites offering to the Orphan Grain Train to be earmarked for Disaster Relief. We dedicated our mites with the song from the booklet. It had already been decided to give January's Mites to Main Street Living for their television ministry.

**Committee Reports:** There were no funerals these past two months. Christian Life reports a Delegate Board meeting will be held at the end of February.

**Unfinished Business:** The congregation's Fish Fry will be held Feb. 24 from 3:30-8:00pm. We are encouraged to bring desserts and sign up to help, as we are able. Communion and Altar Care: Juliene mentioned that she took the altar cloth to a local cleaners to be cleaned and

pressed, at a cost of 30 dollars. Juliene also donated a supply of men's handkerchiefs to be used for communion. The group thanked her for her work on the outdoor flowers and the corner display in the lobby. Cookie Sale report that we made 100 plates that all sold, and nine of the fifteen cookie decorating kits were sold. The remaining kits were donated to the school for the children to decorate.

**New Business** The Martha Group is serving the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Lenten Supper**, which will be March 1<sup>st</sup> after the first service. We will use Chicken and Dumpling Soup and Clam Chowder from the Soup and Pie Supper, along with buttered bread and bars. **Our Prayer service** will be held Thursday, March 9, beginning at 9:30. Discussion was held regarding inviting the area churches that no longer have an LWML group. (We will explore this before our next years' service.) Darlene Leistiko will provide our refreshments. **The display case in May** will be in honor those who served in the Armed Forces, providing pictures of those who have a flag in the cemetery that denotes their service. We have a list to work on and Betty K offered to help Juliene with this.

We sang the birthday song for RoNaye, Pastor, and Juliene.

**Dates to Remember:** Martha Group serves the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Supper March 1<sup>st</sup>, Next meeting is Prayer Service, 3/9/23 with Darlene as hostess.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Zacharias, Secretary.

# Busy. Way too Busy.

By Tom Marcsisak

If you would ask most adults around Zion Lutheran School the question, "How are things going?" the answer might likely be, "Busy. Way too busy." Here in the month of March we are preparing for our visit next month in conjunction with our reaccreditation. Finishing touches are being put onto our Self-study Standards, and pieces of supporting evidence are being collected. We are also preparing for the Pancake Breakfast next week and the Silent Auction in May. All of this while, at the same time, teaching the students entrusted to our care at school, and dealing with life with our families at home.

I am sure that many of us would answer this question in the same way but with obviously different set of reasons. Whatever it is that makes us busy, we all, like a building, need a firm foundation--a foundation that creates stability in the key areas of life, a foundation that will withstand the pressures of this busy world in which we live. Many people seek the foundation of finance, health, friendships, workplace success, or accomplishments. While these all contribute to an enjoyable life, they do not create the foundation needed to address the challenges of a 21st century world. Only faith does that--faith in Christ alone!

Christ is the cornerstone on which we can build a life, and where we can find a firm foundation for our family and can create a healthy home. It begins with faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior--faith that is given as a gift in Baptism and is encouraged by the regular reading and hearing of God's Word, faith that is inspired through worship, faith that is assimilated in daily living through service to others. Stability in this life is framed by the knowledge that we have the assurance of eternal life in heaven through the perfectly lived life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Busyness won't bring happiness, Activity doesn't always produce productivity. We will never achieve a perfect life, no matter how hard we try. We can, however, enjoy a life built on a foundation of faith in Christ Jesus. This is a life that will weather storms and remain firm whatever the challenge.

## GERTENS FUNDRAISER

Portions of this were taken from the March 2022, School Ministry Mailing of Luthed.org.

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

## BUTTERBRAIDS

Butterbraid sales have begun! The sale will go until March 13th. Zion's fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students will be taking turns selling in the lobby after Wednesday and Sunday church services starting February 26th. Delivery will be March 31st (just in time for Easter). Proceeds from this fundraiser will help finance the 2024 trip to Washington, D.C.

## USHER SCHEDULE

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Grace and Ava Dose
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lindsey and Abby Moen
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Dose, Nathan Lenzen
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kael Herrera, Sam Klaustermeier

## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/23)	\$33,877.65
YTD Income	\$47,874.14
YTD Expenses	\$56,396.30
Current Balance (2/16)	\$25,355.49

### Missions:

YTD Total (2/14)	\$650.00
Budgeted	\$9830.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2022 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2022 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (2/10)	\$14,422.66
2023 Commitment	\$19,250.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (2/22)	\$5,578.50
Suggested household contribution	\$750.00

## MAINTENANCE FUND

As of last week, the balance in the maintenance fund account stands at \$5,578.50. There will be very large bills (around \$20,000) coming soon which will be due March 15<sup>th</sup>. If members could help contribute towards the repair fund to cover these expenses, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mark Melcher, Maintenance Fund Treasurer

## FISH FRY

### Zion Fish Fry Report February 24, 2023

Dinner Guests \* 840  
Gross Total \* \$14,323  
Expenses \* \$6,106.62  
Net Total \* 8,216.38

### Disbursed

\$500 Washington DC  
Class Trip  
\$216.38 Zion School  
\$1,000 School Lunch  
Program  
\$3,500 Salary Fund  
\$3,000 Repair Fund

Private individuals  
contributed \$2,000  
towards the  
Fish fry.

The Fish Fry is a  
huge Group Effort-  
-and a big thank  
you to everyone!

-Zion Fish Club

## WAYS TO GIVE TO ZION



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    - Click on the "**View activity history**" link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.
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**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 Cooper  
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 Vinkemeier

- 20 Nathan Lenzen
- 21 Olivia Perry
- 21 Grace Dose
- 23 Marville Schmidt
- 25 Oscar Janzen
- 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

## VISITATION LIST

- Belle Plaine**  
Marjorie Wolter
- Cologne**  
Marville Schmidt
- Green Isle**  
Marlys Lenzen
- Norwood Young America**  
Ellen Arndt  
Lila Rolf  
Joycelyn Rolf  
Barb Scholz
- Waconia**  
JoAnn Herrmann  
Darrell Knorr
- Maple Plain**  
Harriet Tellers

## REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS

John Michael Bones  
Eben Karnitz  
Eddie Karnitz

## FUNERAL

**Walter "Wally" Buetow, 82**  
Born September 12, 1940  
Died February 13, 2023  
Funeral February 18, 2023

2023 MARCH  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	01 Lenten Services 3:30 & 7 PM  ZEL Dinner after 3:30 Service <small>Confirmation 5:30 PM</small>	02 Chapel at the Harbor 10 AM	03 Chapel 8:10 AM  Camp Omega Men's Retreat	04 Camp Omega Men's Retreat
05 Church Service 9:30 AM  K-8th Grade Choir Pancake Breakfast 10-1 PM	06	07	08 Lenten Services 3:30 & 7 Confirmation 5:30 PM	09 LWML Meeting 9:30 AM	10 Chapel 8:10 AM	11
12 Church Communion Service 9:30 AM	13	14	15 Lenten Services 3:30 & 7 Confirmation 5:30 PM	16	17 Chapel 8:10 AM	18
19 Church Service 9:30 AM	20	21	22 Lenten Services 3:30 & 7 Confirmation 5:30 PM	23	24 Chapel 8:10 AM	25
26 Church Communion Service 9:30 AM	27	28	29 Lenten Services 3:30 & 7 Confirmation 5:30 PM	30	31 Confirmation Questioning 7 PM	01



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## THE LENTEN JOURNEY:

### Places of the Passion

Services 3:30pm and 7pm every Wednesday

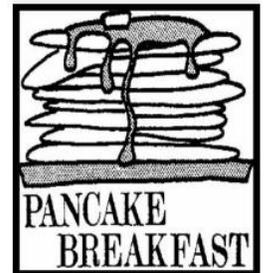
**March 1 – Matthew 26:6-7a**  
*Bethany*

**March 8 – Matthew 26:30**  
*Mount of Olives*

**March 15 – Matthew 26:36**  
*Gethsemane*

**March 22 – Matthew 26:69-70**  
*The High Priest's Courtyard*

**March 29 – Matthew 27:22**  
*Pilate's Judgment Hall*



**Pancake  
Breakfast  
Sunday,  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
10 am-1 pm**