



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. with the good news of Jesus.

CHRIST IS AT WORK IN YOU!

There is joy in knowing Jesus. The Apostle Paul found that out the hard way. As an aspiring Jewish leader, Paul discovered that Jesus was not the enemy of God but the fulfillment of all of God's promises. God had turned Paul around--and Paul was glad for that correction. Paul would spend the rest of his life sharing the message of God's power to change lives through Jesus Christ. He spoke about Jesus to the Jewish people and to the non-Jewish people (the Gentiles). In his preaching and teaching, many lives were changed.

Paul was not the source of the power. The power is in the Word itself, delivered by God's Holy Spirit. He wrote, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16). In his letter to the Philippians, he wrote that "it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (2:13). Furthermore, Paul was confident that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (1:6).

God has made us Christians "alive in Christ." For we are no longer "dead in our trespasses and sins," as he wrote to the Ephesians (2:1-2), but redeemed to do the works that God has called us to do in his name (2:10). God truly is at work in you and me!

When you read through the Book of Acts, you find that this is the heritage of all believers: "people walking, speaking, healing, giving generously, making decisions, governing, serving food, managing money, fighting, manufacturing clothes, tents, and other goods, baptizing (or washing), debating, arguing, making judgments, reading and writing, singing, defending themselves in court, gathering wood, building fires, escaping hostile crowds, embracing and kissing, holding councils, apologizing, sailing, abandoning ship, swimming, rescuing people, and through it all, praising God. The men and women in the book of Acts are ready to do whatever it might take to accomplish their mission. No work is too menial for the highest among them, and no work too daunting for the lowliest" (TOW).

God is at work in you, bringing you and me to faith in him. This is his saving work, as he forgives our sin and makes us holy. Graciously, God creates a new heart and a new mind that desires to do what is right and to serve others on his behalf.

Our work is HIS work. It's not merely ABOUT God or FOR God; every good work IS God.

And in that way we are blessed to serve God, in Jesus' name.

Pastor Eric Zacharias

(TOW = Theologyofwork.org/new-testament/acts)

Zion Lutheran Church & School—Pastor's Report * Fourth Quarter 2023

Attend to my commandments and live! Guard my instruction as the apple of your eye! Proverbs 7:2

Events of First Quarter (Jan, Feb, March)

- Jan** 7 Installation of Officers
13 Funeral: Ella Molnau
15 Council Meeting; Voters Meeting, 1/21
- Feb** 14 Ash Wednesday
16 Annual Fish Fry
24 Wedding: Jill Lenzen & Ryan Anthony
- Mar** 10 Baptism: Harper Lila Lenzen
12 Funeral: Marjorie Wolter
22 Questioning of Confirmands
24 Palm Sunday * Confirmation: Lillia Buesgens, Alexander Johnson, and Reagan Koepf
28 Maundy Thursday
29 Good Friday
31 Easter Sunday

Events of Second Quarter (April, May, June)

- April** 6 Funeral: Marville Schmidt
8 Council Meeting; Voters Meeting, 4/14
19-20 Go First! Conference @ Concordia Academy-Roseville
- May** 13-15 Minnesota Pastors Conference—Brainerd
22 Play Day at Emanuel-Hamburg
24 End of Zion School Year
26 8th Grade Graduation
27 Memorial Day Service (9:30)
- June**
- July 10 Team-Jesus: One-Day VBS GOD'S CHAMPIONS RUN WITH THEIR FAITH**

Baptism

Lenzen, Harper Lila, b. 2/14/2024; bap 3/10/2024; Parents: Alex and Amelia
Sponsors: Matthew Kahle and Camille Kelzer.

Confirmation

Lillia Buesgens, Alexander Johnson, Reagan Koepf

Funeral

Molnau, Ella Elizabeth Lydia (Weber), 97. b. 9/27/1926; bap. 9/28/1926; d. 1/9/2024; f. 1/13/2024

Wolter, Marjorie Mae (Lemke), 90, b. 4/12/1933, bap 5/21/1933; d. 2/8/2024, f. 2/12/2024

[**Schmidt**, Marville Catherine (Herrmann), 94. b March 23, 1930; d. 3/30/2024; f. 4/6/2024.]

Wedding

Jill Lenzen & Ryan **Anthony**, 2/24/2024

Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event on Wednesday, July 10.

Mayer Lutheran High School * School Phone Number: 952-657-2251 * MayerLutheran.org

Theme: Prepare to Achieve (Phil. 4:13); Grade 9th=51; 10th=44; 11th=54; 12th=48; Total: 197.

Mayer Middle School will open in the fall of 2024. The middle school principal is Gina Plotz.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

by Tom Marcsisak

As the school year comes to a close, lots of activities are taking place at Zion Lutheran School. Plays are being prepared and presented. Achievement tests are being taken. Play Day and the track meet are being practiced for, and field trips are being taken. The pictures shown here were taken at the Mill City Museum. The third through eighth graders visited the museum in April. They learned about how water from the Mississippi River was diverted to provide power to run the machinery in the mill. They learned how wheat is turned into flour. We saw what the working conditions were like in the flour mills during the time when Minneapolis was one of the biggest flour producing cities in the world.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ZION EDUCATION LEAGUE FOR HELPING TO MAKE THESE KINDS OF TRIPS POSSIBLE!!!

Our ZEL helps to fund these kinds of activities and many other projects that benefit and enrich our students' educations. On May 5th the ZEL will once again be hosting the Live and Silent Auction. This is one of the biggest fund raisers of the year. Check out the information elsewhere in this newsletter.

The 1st through 4th graders will also be presenting their annual play. On stage this year will be "It's Saturday". It will be brought to life on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m. As always, there will be refreshments afterwards.

May also brings the Track Meet at Lutheran High. This year it will be held on Friday, May 3rd. The 7th and 8th graders compete in the morning, and the 5th and 6th graders in the afternoon. Anyone may attend, and there are concessions available.

Also on the Athletic front...PLAY DAY!!! This year we will be traveling to Emanuel in Hamburg. For those unfamiliar with Play Day, it is an all-day festival of food, fun, and fellowship--with a little competition mixed in. Students from St. John's - NYA will also join in for races, relays, high jumping, long jumping, softball throwing, rope jumping, dodgeball, and tug-of-war.

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations for the following Zion students for their achievements in the 3rd quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. Grade in parenthesis.

Principal's List (97% & above): Cooper Olson (1), Daniel McCloskey (2), Jonah Merklings (2), Selah Currie (4), June Grundmeier (4), Charlie Gustafson (5), Colton Heckman (5).

High Honor Roll (93%-96%): Kayden Kurtz (1), Sawyer Olson (1), Monte Bassamore (2), Emma Buetow (2), Jericho Naatz (2), Megan Rolf (2), Eloise Wasness (2), Elsie Gustafson (3), Levi Spector (3), Benjamin McCloskey (6).

Honor Roll 89%-92%: Christian Meuwissen (1), Silas Traver (1), Chase Buetow (2), Katelyn Heckman (2), Charlie Sudheimer (2), Zachary Ketcher (3), Whitney Olson (3), Charlotte Root (3), Caleb Widmer (3), Brooke Buetow (4), Arthur Simones (4), Nellie Wasness (4), Noah Fuller (5), Brady Rolf (5), Jacob Widmer (5), Isaac Bones (6), Caleb Fuller (6), Henry Johnson (6).

LADIES AID/LWML

Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Ladies Aid + April 11, 2024

Eleven members were present for our March LWML meeting. Our meeting was begun with refreshments from Betty Klaustermeier, our hostess. The opening devotion was given by Bev Rolf, entitled, "Bloom and Grow." This was based on the Edelwiess song from "The Sound of Music."

Our meeting was called to order by President Martha Molnau. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was M/S/C to approved them. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed; a motion was M/S/C to approve it and file it for audit.

Correspondence was read. We had many letters from ministries asking for donations. Our group dedicated this month's donation of \$25 to Camp Omega. Our mites were dedicated with a prayer from our program booklet (page 7).

Committee Reports: Christian Life reminds us of the upcoming **Spring Rally** on April 20 at St. John's NYA. Registration is 9:00am, with the rally beginning at 9:30am. If anyone is still interested in donating new or gently used towels for the rally, they are asked to bring them this Sunday (April 14); Bev Rolf will take them to the rally. **Funeral Committee** Marville Schmidt's luncheon was hosted by the Mary Group; 170 were served. The family gave a check to us for \$250.

New Business: We discussed the **Silent Auction** on May 5th and what we might donate to the cause. It was decided that Roxanne and Bev would put together a basket containing a recipe book from 1990, and LWML materials. A donation of \$300 was given to the **Flower Committee** from the Carver County Dairy Association. It was also noted that we need to purchase coffee and creamers for LWML events.

We sang a birthday hymn for Ruth Harms. Our next meeting will be May 9th with Juliene Klaustermeier as our hostess.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zacharias,



2024 CONFIRMANDS

Lillia Buesgens, Alexander Johnson, and Reagan Koepp

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, May 5th will be both the Silent and LIVE auction. We will again be having food trucks. Rolling Hearth Bistro (Huinkers) and Squeaky Cow (Pexas) will be offering their digestive delights for our enjoyment.

Come before church for donuts and coffee (free will offering), browse the items, worship in church, and then stay for lunch and bid on some great items.

We will also have carnival games again for the kiddos to enjoy. It is a great day of fellowship and we can't wait to see you all there!

We could use your help! We are asking for families to bring a pan of uncut dessert to the kitchen the morning of Sunday, May 5th for the silent auction.

30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Please join us in fellowship on Sunday, May 19th as we celebrate Pastor's 30 years of service at Zion. Pastor was installed on May 8th, 1994. More details to follow.

2024 GRADUATION INFO

We will be featuring Zion's 2024 graduates in the June Newsletter; so if you have a family member that graduates from either high school or college this year, then please email us at office@zion-cologne.org with their name, from where they graduated, and future plans. For college graduates, include degree awarded. You can also add what career they are going into. High school and college graduates will be recognized in church on May 26th.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped us on clean-up day, Saturday April 13th, to keep our church grounds clean and looking nice. Our trustees do a fantastic job of bringing out the volunteers- and the big equipment. "Many hands make light work."

Thank you to all who elected their Thrivent Choice Dollars to be sent to both the church and the school.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Please join us in Zion's gymnasium on Friday May 17th, at 9:00 AM for a "Tribute to Veterans" celebration. This will be an educational and informative event featuring several speakers, a heartwarming tribute to the veterans by our school children, and refreshments! Veterans and their families and friends are encouraged to attend. You do NOT need to be a veteran to participate.

Anyone is welcome to attend, but we especially encourage all veterans from across Carver County and the surrounding area to attend, whether members at Zion or not. Veterans are urged to arrive a bit early and are encouraged to wear their military/veteran clothing or bring it on a hanger for display (but doing so is not mandatory). Again, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions may be addressed to Roxanne Pieper at 952-393-5973 or Juliene Klaustermeier at 952-442-0422.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Join us this Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th for a special service dedicated to all of our veterans and those who have lost their lives to keep us safe. Service starts at 9:30am and ends with a presentation of the color guard in the cemetery.

Recycling Schedule

May - Jay & Natalie Koepp

June - Curtis Lenzen

July - Ralph Herrmann

August - Wayne & Betty Klaustermeier

September - Karen Brockhoff

October - Anne & Dean Traver

November - Zacharias Family

December - John Bruesehoff

FATHER'S DAY OFFERING

Each member will be receiving a special Father's Day Offering Envelope in the mail prior to Father's Day. Donations will go to the maintenance fund. Donations to this fund are vital to the upkeep of Zion. Along with the upkeep of the church and grounds, this fund is also used to pay for insurance, the janitor's salary, and to purchase supplies for the church. The suggest house hold contribution is \$750.

CAMP OMEGA

Memorial Day Clean-Up Volunteer Weekend

May 24-26. Camp Omega by Waterville needs help getting the campus ready for the summer season of sharing Christ through their outdoor ministry. Families of all ages and their friends are welcome to join in service as well as having time to enjoy great food, fun, and recreation; including worshipping together around the campfire. Camp staff will work with youth in age-appropriate projects and activities. Dates: Friday evening, May 24 through Sunday, May 26 at noon (or any part of the weekend as your schedule allows) Cost: FREE! (food and lodging included) Contact Camp at info@campomega.org or 507-685-4266 with any questions and to reserve your lodging.

Camp Omega's Free Open House June 8th

Activities begin at 10:00 am and include a free picnic-style barbeque served from 12:00-1:30 pm. Recreational activities include swimming, pontoon boat and wagon rides, archery, canoeing, kayaking, hatchet throwing, arts and crafts, and a variety of other Camp Staff led activities for the whole family. The day's event concludes around 4:00 pm. Pre-registration is requested, but not required.

FROM THE OFFICE

Summer Office Hours: Thursdays 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Summer office hours will start Monday, May 27th and go through Saturday, August 31st.

The office will be closed June 13th and June 20th (the office will be open June 19th).

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2024)	\$58,368.48
YTD Income	\$111,275.69
YTD Expenses	\$150,275.94
Current Balance (4/17/2024)	\$19,356.23

Missions:

YTD Total (3/31/2024)	\$655.00
Budgeted	\$9,830.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2024 Pledge	\$6,500.00
2024 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

YTD Total (3/12/2024)	\$12,537.66
2024 Commitment	\$22,220.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (1/30/24)	\$15,949.70
Suggested household contribution	\$750.00

USHER SCHEDULE

May 5th	Kaydra Boelke Berlinn Koepf
May 12th	Ava Dose Sam Dose
May 19th	Brooke Moen Abby Moen
May 26th	Anna Brueggemeier Sam Klaustermeier
May 27th	Addison Dietzel Erica Richardson

Membership Notes

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Kurt Vinkemeier
- 4 Tara Bones
- 5 Jill Lenzen
- 6 Brett Pexa
Jacob Buetow
Brooke Buetow
Kellen Dose
Zander Hoen
- 11 Anne Traver
Lisa Sauter
- 13 Dixie Brueggemeier
- 14 James Ische Sr.
Brentley Waller
Erin Rolf
- 15 Jacob Thompson
- 16 Jason Geisel
- 19 David Traver
- 20 Lorraine Dose
Stephanie Gardner
Riley Behn
Olivia Merkling
- 21 Lindsey Moen
Brentley Thuening
- 22 Larry Hodgin
Craig Pexa
- 24 Allen Friske
Mark Klaustermeier

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 25 Brayden Schulz
Joshua Thompson
Samson Traver
- 26 Kaydra Boelke
Denise Buetow
- 27 Harriet Tellers
- 28 Paula Rolf
- 29 Anica Herrera
- 30 Todd Moen
Deborah Walter
- 31 Philip Hokkanen

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 1 David & Lisa Traver
- 2 Tim & Amy Sauter
- 5 Darrin & Penny Dietzel
- 6 Jeff & Beverly Ulrich
- 7 Leon & Sara Vinkemeier
- 11 John & Connie Geis
- 12 Rodney & Ann Boelke
- 15 Neil & Sheryl Gruenhagen
- 17 Jeff & Brenda Thompson
- 25 Alan & Nancy Buckentine
- 28 Eric & Mary Zacharias
Robert & Cassandra Thuening

VISITATION LIST

- Minneapolis**
Joycelyn Rolf
- Cologne**
Dixie Brueggemeier
- Glencoe**
Marlys Lenzen
- Norwood**
Ellen Arndt
Allen & Jean Friske
Lila Rolf
Barb Scholz
- Waconia**
JoAnn Herrmann
- Maple Plain**
Harriet Tellers
- REMEMBERING
OUR SOLDIERS**
John Michael Bones
Eben Karnitz
Edward "Eddie" Karnitz

FUNERAL

Marville Catherine Schmidt (Herrmann), age 94; b.3/23/1930
d. 3/30/2024 f. 4/6/2024

2024 MAY
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
				Chapel at The Harbor 10:00 AM	Chapel 8:10 AM Track Meet at MLHS	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Coffee & Donuts 8:30 AM Church Service 9:30 AM ZEL Live & Silent Auction 10:30 AM				Last Day of 3 year old Preschool LWML Meeting 9:30 AM PK/K Moving Up Ceremony 6:30 PM	Last Day of 4 year old Preschool Chapel 8:10 AM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM		1st-4th Grade Play 7:00 PM			Chapel 8:10 AM Military Appreciation Day 9:00 AM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Church Service 9:30 AM				Newsletter Items Due to Office	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Chapel 10:45 AM School Family Picnic 11:30 AM	
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM 8th Grade Graduation	Memorial Day Church Service 9:30 AM					



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Return Service Requested



**2024-2025 Enrollment and Re-enrollment
Now Open!!**

Enrollment and re-enrollment is now open
for Preschool -8th Grade.
Please contact the office to set up a tour or ask
any questions you may have. Registration
forms are available in the office.

Zion Lutheran School's Silent Auction

Sunday, May 5th

Donuts & Coffee 8:30 AM (Free Will Donation)

Silent Auction 10:30 AM

Live Auction 12:00 PM

also includes carnival games,
desserts, and food trucks

