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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.

Acts: God Builds Up His Church

When Luke was finished writing his Gospel of Jesus, he began his next book, which explained what happened to the followers of Jesus, after Jesus left them. The outline for the book is very simple; following the Word of Jesus, before he ascended into heaven: Go make disciples of all nations, beginning in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria; and to the ends of the earth.

Those who followed and learned from Jesus were now the people who were **sent to tell** people about Jesus. They went about baptizing in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; they taught people about God's goodness and mercy. **Jesus himself was the WAY in which the church would grow.**

Church is NOT simply TEACHING ABOUT Jesus; church is JESUS being delivered to the people, in the Word (which speaks of God's plan of salvation) and in Baptism (by which we are marked by God) and in the Lord's Supper (in which we are forgiven and strengthened by God).

The Word of God is spread to others by common contact. The church gathers to hear the Word and to ACT according to God's will. Note how God's Word moved out of the Holy City of Jerusalem and to Judea and Samaria and the rest of the world: It moved by way of persecution. When believers have to move, the FAITH moves with them. And the goodness of God moves fastest when it is being chased.

Who ends up being God's greatest evangelist? The Apostle Paul—the very same person, Saul, who originally came to destroy those who had faith in Jesus Christ. Saul was a rising star in Jewish circles. He was educated by Gamaliel, the best of Jewish teachers. He knew the ways of the world: he was savvy and ambitious. He thinks he is doing God a favor by destroying Christians.

And look what God does. This venomous Pharisee that rises against Jesus is neutralized by Jesus. Jesus stands before him on that Damascus Road—and as Paul has time to think about who Jesus is, he realizes that everything he learned as a Jew points to Jesus as the Messiah. Soon this fiery foe of Christians becomes the biggest friend and brother of every Christian—and the Name of Jesus is brought throughout the Roman world by way of Paul, the apostle whose Words and writings proclaimed the power and purpose of Christ.

Many things will arise in your life to challenge you and your faith in God. Be assured that God means to strengthen you in your faith. Jesus rose up in the face of his enemies—and prevailed. And even when his life was snuffed out by Death, Jesus prevailed.

Jesus rises up for you and is present in your Baptism, a gift of the Holy Spirit. He is your Advocate. He feeds and befriends you. He is the Presence in your life and makes you bold, as can none other.

Blessings to you, always, in his Name.

Pastor Eric Zacharias

Ladies Aid/LWML

Meeting Notes from April 7, 2022

Our April meeting began with a devotion read by Bev Rolf, recounting how Jesus washed the disciples' feet in the Upper Room; we belong to a legacy of love and service, in Jesus' Name. Pastor Zacharias then led us into a study of Jesus and "The Sign of Jonah," detailing the prophetic importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Bev Eggers welcomed the ten members present and we recited the LWML Pledge.

Our meeting was called to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was M/S/Carried to accept them. The *Financial Report* was presented by RoNaye Gnan. We will be reimbursing Vicki Carlson \$15 for her work on the baptismal banners. Members are encouraged to pay their \$12 dues if we haven't done so already. We received requests from the American Bible Society, Trinity First, and LAMP. A note of thanks was received from Helen Anderson for our work with the Zone LWML Board Meeting and Spring Rally, along with another note of thanks from the Orphan Grain Train, which is sending goods to the displaced Ukrainian refugees.

Our April Mite donations were dedicated for service; we voted to send our monthly gift of \$25 to the American Bible Society, in a promotion that will triple our donation.

Committee Reports: *Christian Growth* reported that our **Spring Rally** went very well, with 36 attending. Our guest speaker gave a presentation and led discussion on how younger women are encouraged to join the work of the LWML. Following this, the women moved to the gym, where they joined in making and rolling bandages from sheets of cloth. The **Funeral Committee** announced that the Mary and Martha groups will be serving food that has been ordered by the family for their meal; the assigned group will set up and serve the meal and clean up afterward. The Mary Group will serve for Donald Herrmann's funeral on Saturday, April 30.

Unfinished business: **We will donate** a basket of Watkins products (valued ~ \$50-\$100) and a quilt for Zion School's **Silent Auction** on May 15. **A blessing of quilts** will be held at St John's Young America in May, during a church service. Darlene Leistiko offered to host a **quilting party** at her house on Wednesday, April 27 at 9:00am. (Bring scissors, needles with large eyes, and embroidery floss.) The proceeds of the **Ash Wednesday Supper** totaled \$355; \$100 will be given to Zion's Maintenance Fund and the remainder to the Mites project funds. **Our thanks** to all who contributed items and helped to serve the meal for the choir and band members from Omaha, NE on March 25.

New Business: **The Minnesota South LWML Conference** will be held at the Willmar Convention Center on June 18; the theme is "Rejoice in Hope." Roxanne and Ruth Harms are the delegates to the convention; Mary Zacharias is the alternate. Registration can be online (through <https://mnslwml.org/2022convention>) or by forms found in the Spring WOM. Each zone needs to bring two banners for the convention and a basket for the silent auction. **The Concordia University St. Paul Choir Concert** will be held at Zion on Wednesday, May 11 (7:30). Mary Zacharias asked if the group would be willing to serve the same meal that was prepared for the March 25 Concert (Concordia High School Choir from Omaha). Everyone said yes to bringing the same items: Juliene - hamburger for sloppy joes, Bev Rolf - fruit salad, Darlene L - chips, Martha - cookies, Ruth - salad, Roxanne - buns, Bev R and Mary to prepare the meat, and the rest of us to bring bars. Karen Brockoff - plastic forks and paper goods.

Upon Adjournment, we closed with a birthday hymn for Ruth Harms and a closing prayer. Our next meeting will be May 12 at 9:30am. Mary Zacharias will be hostess.

Mary Zacharias, Secretary

Is It May Already...You Could Have Fooled Me

By Tom Marcsisak

I thought April Fool's Day was last month! If there is one good thing about the weather that we've been having, it is that the students at Zion Lutheran School don't realize how close we are to finishing the school year. Kids are asking to go IN from recess rather than can they stay out longer. Nevertheless, with the end of the year comes many activities.

The month starts off with TWO plays. First, on Monday, May 2nd, the fifth-eighth graders will be presenting "Mother Goose Has Flown the Coop." Showtime is at 7:00 with cookies afterward. Have you ever wondered why Jack and Jill needed a pail of water? Or what actually hit Henny Penny in the head if it WASN'T the sky? Come and watch as Officers Francis Hickory and Diddle Dickory unravel the mystery with the aid of ...The Godmother—an offer of help they couldn't refuse.

The second play will be presented by the first through fourth graders. Their play is titled "The Principal and the Pea." I don't know what it's about—but I'm a little bit worried. It will be presented a week later on Monday, May 9th, also at 7:00 with refreshments to follow.

May also brings the Track Meet at Lutheran High. This year it will be held on Friday, May 6th. The seventh and eighth graders compete in the morning, and the fifth and sixth graders in the afternoon. Anyone may attend, and there will be concessions available.

ALSO on the athletic front...PLAY DAY...!!!

This year Play Day is at Zion. 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 Emanuel-Hamburg and St. John's-NYA join Zion's students for races, relays, high jumping, long jumping, softball throwing, rope jumping, dodgeball, and Tug-of-War.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!!!

There will be many guests that day. I mentioned FOOD. We can use any help that we can get in the concession stand that day—especially at lunch time. If you can help, let the office know. We won't turn anyone down.

AUCTION!!! AUCTION!!! AUCTION!!!

Mark your calendars!!! Sunday, May 15th will be the Silent Auction. Something a little different this year is that there will not be breakfast. INSTEAD...there will be food trucks. Rolling Hearth Bistro (Huinkers) and Squeaky Cow (Pexas) will be offering their digestive delights for our enjoyment. Stay after church for lunch and bid on some great items.

As the year comes to a close, we look ahead to next year. Zion has been blessed with increasing enrollment. Next fall we are projecting to have some classrooms at capacity. Zion Lutheran School is blessed with wonderful families, a VERY supportive congregation, and a dedicated staff. One of those staff members, Mrs. Jill Jopp, has announced that she will not be returning next fall due to personal reasons. The School Board has begun the process of filling that vacancy. If anyone in the congregation knows of someone that we should consider, contact a School Board member. We thank Mrs. Jopp for her years of service, and the blessing that she has been to Zion.

Washington, D.C. Trip

Final plans are being made for this year's Washington, D.C. trip. The trip was postponed last year because many of the places we visit were closed due to COVID. We welcome back last year's eighth graders (hopefully a year wiser) and their parents.

PLANT SALE PICK-UP

The plants are coming, the plants are coming! On Friday, May 6th the Gertens plant and flower fundraiser items will be delivered. If you ordered from a student, your plants will be delivered to you. If you ordered through church, you may pick up your plants after 3:00pm that day.

DESSERTS NEEDED FOR AUCTION

If you were disappointed that you didn't get to make pie for the soup and pie supper, have no fear, your chance is here. Make a pie (or dessert) for the silent auction, which is Sunday, May 15th. Bring them to the kitchen where they will be cut and plated to be sold.

ZION HOSTS PLAY DAY May 25th

Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and concession stand—especially at lunch time. Let the office know if you can help.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Join us this Memorial Day 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 in the cemetery.

2022 GRADUATION INFO

We will be featuring Zion's 2022 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 and from where they graduated. For high school graduates, include future plans like where they will be going to college or trade school and in what they plan to get their degree. For college graduates, include degree awarded. You can also include future plans if you would like. For example, what career they are going into or interests they will pursue.

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2022)	\$61,721.77
YTD Income	\$104,085.61
YTD Expenses	-\$154,832.88
Current Balance (4/21)	\$10,974.47

Missions:

YTD Total (3/20)	\$2,185.00
Budgeted	\$2,185.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2022 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2022 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (3/20)	\$17,427.66
2022 Commitment	\$21,395.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (3/31)	\$1,175.90
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

USHER SCHEDULE

May 1 st	Evan Dietzel Addison Dietzel
May 8 th	Matthew Traver Konrad Breeggemann
May 15 th	Anna Brueggemeier Lydia Brueggemeier
May 22 nd	Amber Brueggemeier Grace Dose
May 29 th	Sophia Morschen Brooke Sauter

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers and plants from the Gerten's Fundraiser – all of which helps support Zion School.

CONCORDIA CHOIR

MAY 11 ~ 7:30 PM

The Concordia University St. Paul Choir will sing at Zion on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30pm. Come and enjoy this inspiring event. Cost: Free-will offering.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Kurt Vinkemeier
- 2 Kasey Pitstick
- 4 Tara Bones
- 5 Jacob Buetow
Kellen Dose
Zander Hoen
Jill Lenzen
- 6 Brett Pexa
Brooke Buetow
- 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
- 21 Lindsey Moen
Brentley Thuening
- 22 Larry Hodgkin
Craig Pexa
- 24 Allen Friske
Mark Klaustermeier
- 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
- 20 David & Michelle Dietzel
- 25 Alan & Nancy Buckentine
- 28 Eric & Mary Zacharias
Robert & Cassandra
Thuening

VISITATION LIST

- Belle Plaine**
Marjorie Wolter,
Norma Woolery
- Cologne**
Marville Schmidt,
Lorraine Boelke
- Norwood Young America**
Barb Scholz
Jocelyn Rolf
- Waconia**
Darrell Knorr
- Maple Plain**
Harriet Tellers
- Green Isle**
Marlys Lenzen

2022 CONFIRMANDS

- Ava Dose
- Samuel Dose
- Kael Herrera
- Jacob Hoen

REMEMBERING OUR

SOLDIERS

- John Michael Bones
- Eben Karnitz
- Eddie Karnitz

2022 MAY
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Church Service 9:30 AM	02 5th - 8th Grade Play 7:00 PM	03	04	05 Chapel 8:10 AM Chapel at the Harbor 9:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM	06 Mayer Lutheran Track Meet Gertens Flower and Plant Pick Up after 3	07
08 Church Service Communion 9:30 AM Mother's Day	09 1st - 4th Grade Play 7:00 PM	10	11 Concordia University St. Paul Choir Concert 7:30 PM	12 LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM	13 Chapel 8:10 AM PK/K Moving Up Ceremony 7:00 PM	14
15 Church Service 9:30 AM Silent Auction w/Food Trucks 10:30 AM-1:00 PM	16	17	18	19 Bible Study 7:00 PM	20 Chapel 8:10 AM	21
22 Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	23 ZEL Meeting 6:30 PM	24	25 Play Day Here @ Zion	26 1/2 Day of School (No Lunch) Bible Study 7:00 PM	27 Last Day of School Chapel 8:10 AM Family Picnic (1/2 Day)	28
29 Graduation Church Service 9:30 AM	30 Memorial Day Service 9:30 AM	31	01	02	03	04



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Return Service Requested



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Choir Concert**
*will be at Zion on
Wednesday — May 11
(7:30pm)
No Cost: Door Offering
Come and be inspired!*

Zion Lutheran School's Silent Auction

Sunday, May 15th
10:30am – 1:00pm
(food trucks will serve until 1:30pm)

includes carnival games, desserts, and food trucks

