



**ZION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH • SCHOOL**  
**COLOGNE, MN**

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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.

## Stand. Kneel Only to God.

**Shall I kneel or should I stand?** That dilemma is before many as they are asked to kneel. For one it means opposing the authority while to another it means identifying with "ongoing oppression." A Christian may feel put upon to make a decision to kneel or stand, especially if there is no need to take sides. If it violates conscience, it is okay to stand.

### **Sometimes it's important to take a stand.**

In January of 2019 a group of Catholic high school students from Kentucky rallied at the Lincoln Memorial for the annual "March for Life," in protest of the millions of unborn killed annually by abortion. As the students were waiting for their bus, a wild group of protesters came to taunt them. Remember the picture of teenager Nicholas Sandmann and the aged Native American activist Nathan Phillips? Phillips was in Nick's face, shouting so wildly that spit was landing on the boy's face. That's when the boy couldn't help but break his stoic gaze. For a brief moment he smiled. On camera, it looked like an arrogant smirk. A female voice on that video says, "That's enough, Grandpa; we got enough."

**They got what they came for:** some sort of audio-visual proof that could make Nick and the whole group look dismissive of anything outside their church. And the picture went wild; at least one newsman called this "the story of the year."

**"Doxxing" is what happened next.** With the help of CNN, every bit of information about Nick was made public, causing Catholics to be slandered and Nick to be persecuted—at home, at work, at school, on social media—in order to make an example of Nick and anyone else who opposed the radical counter-culture. One UC-Riverside professor wrote, "Have you ever seen a more punchable face than this kid's?"

**Nick was "cancelled."** Canceling means that you are deemed an outcast to society, a pariah, an untouchable, a person to be shunned and denied any rights. This is the "cancel culture" we live in, where all who do not agree will be either silenced or shamed, beaten or intimidated, and made to live as people who are marginalized and denied public attention or discourse. Even the basic rights of a citizen are denied those who run against the political elite.

**Christian freedom is the reason** why a Christian should not kneel, especially if kneeling and submitting goes against the conscience—or if kneeling would only strengthen the hand of lawless people. That is why Martin Luther would not kneel to the authorities of his time, as he spoke out against false and unchristian practices. There is a balance between freedom and servanthood.

**"A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none;  
a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to every one."**

**A Christian should resist legalistic demands,** especially as it counters the gospel of Christ; and a Christian will show mercy and grace to all, especially as it reveals the goodness of Christ. The wise will discern and not run with the crowd, even if it seems a pious gesture. Legalism is the death-knell of the Christian life.

Blessings to all, in Christ,  
Pastor Eric Zacharias

# SENT TO SERVE

By Tom Marcsisak

Zion Lutheran School's theme this year is "Sent to Serve". This is the theme chosen by the Missouri Synod for its schools and for Lutheran Schools Week later in the year. This theme comes from the Bible verse, "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

Lutheran schools are sent to serve. They are sent to serve children. They are sent to serve children whose baptismal faith is also being nourished in Christians homes and in Lutheran (and other) congregations. They are sent to serve children who first hear of their Savior in a Lutheran school classroom. Lutheran schools around the country serve students from diverse backgrounds. The Lutheran school serves as a ministry of the local congregation and a mission outpost to the community. Lutheran schools serve in cultures and contexts around the world.

Lutheran schools serve because Jesus served. The Son of Man came to serve as a teacher and miracle worker. Jesus came to serve the diseased and the distraught. Jesus served by feeding thousands and by washing the feet of His disciples. Jesus came to serve little children.

Jesus came to seek, save, and serve sinners. Jesus' ultimate act of service is seen in the "ransom" on the cross. Jesus came to pay for the sins of the whole world.

Service doesn't begin after confirmation. Blessed in the grace of the waters of Baptism, we are the Spirit's instruments to serve from childhood. Children in Lutheran schools are "Sent to Serve."

Even though we live in a strange time of "Social Distancing" and are encouraged to stay home and be safe, we are also sent to "Make disciples of all nations"...we have been "Sent to Serve."

Portions of this article were reprinted from the 2020-21 Chapel Talks for Lutheran Schools.

## SOFTENER SALT FUNDRAISER

Zion Education League has started their first fundraiser of the school year that goes through September 14<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will be September 25<sup>th</sup>. Available to purchase are 50 lb. blocks for \$7.75, 40 lb. bag of pellets for \$7.00, 40 lb. bag of rust-out pellets for \$7.50, and 40 lb. bag of solar salt crystals for \$6.25. If you are interested in purchasing, contact any student at Zion or the office.



## FINANCES

**Salary:**

Beginning Balance (1/1/2020)	-\$49,498.96
YTD Income	\$227,835.97
YTD Expenses	\$271,012.26
Current Balance (8/20)	-\$92,675.25

**Missions:**

YTD Total (7/8)	\$2,205.00
Budgeted	\$2,205.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2020 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00

**LHS:**

Year to date total (7/8)	\$12,527.66
2020 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

**Building/Repair Fund:**

Account Balance (7/29)	\$5,629.76
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

## USHER SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER USHERS**

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Brooke Sauter Cadee Vinkemeier
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Konrad Breeggemann Austin Kehr
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Dose Alison Dose
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Maia Klaustermeier Hannah Klaustermeier

## VIDEO VOLUNTEERS

Zion began taping the worship services through Zion's Facebook page in March and will continue with this as a ministry to the homebound. Volunteers are needed to help in the video broadcast of our worship services. Let Pastor or the office know that you are interested in helping.

## HELP NEEDED

The school is looking for someone to put a computer cart together. If are willing to help, then contact Mr. Marcsisak at 952-649-1717.

## ZION SCHOOL LOOKING FOR FOOD DONATIONS

School is right around the corner and the lunch program is asking for food donations to help our students start the year on the right foot. If you would like to help out, please consider donating the following items:

Peanut Butter	Ranch Dressing
French Dressing	Ketchup
Brownie Mix	Cake Mix
Jell-O	Pudding
Jelly	Brown Sugar
Powdered Sugar	Granular Sugar
BBQ Sauce	Scalloped Potatoes
Butter	Chocolate Chips
Butterscotch Chips	Margarine
Rice Krispies	Marshmallows
Elbow Noodles	Miracle Whip
Mayo	Graham Crackers
Fresh Fruits and Veggies (can be from your garden)	

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

CANCELLED FOR NOW

Lifetouch has again **cancelled** all their upcoming photography for church directories until after the first of the year due to COVID-19. That will include our November dates that were in the books. We are in the process of rescheduling with them but do not have a new date at this time.

## FROM THE OFFICE

*Office Hours are 8 AM – 12 PM, M-F.*  
Please have bulletin items to the office by noon on Thursdays and newsletter items to the office by the third Friday of the month. Thank you!

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

2. Lila Rolf
3. Tori Stacken
4. Neal Kroells  
Krianna Boelke
6. Carol Henschen
7. Luke Vinkemeier  
Jeff Sons  
Tyler Schulz
8. Elizabeth Hoen  
Stacy Dose  
Megan Brueggemeier
10. Zachary Bones
11. Erin Penning  
Jason Hokkanen
12. Wally Buetow
13. Robert Thuening  
Ralph Buetow  
Inez Buetow  
Anna Brueggemeier  
Ronald Arndt
15. Clayton Sauter  
Jeffrey Brueggemeier
19. Ronnie Olson  
Tanner Olson  
Mark Lenzen  
Rachel Boucher
21. MaryJo Sauter
24. Tim Huinker
25. Ashley Schulz
26. Sheryl Gruenhagen
27. Ella Molnau  
Colin Bingham
28. James Rolf
29. Daniel Stuewe  
Arlys Panning  
Darlene Leistiko
30. Jeff Vinkemeier

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

7. Daniel & Anna Stuewe
9. Gary & Cathy Stahlke
10. Terry & Jill Bruesehoff
12. Tim & Kirsten Huinker
16. Jeff & Christina Vinkemeier
17. Darrell & Barb Knorr
21. Ralph & Carol Buetow  
Mark & Nissa Klasutermeier
22. Jeff & Stephanie Gardner
23. Jeff & Theresa Sons
28. Jim & Pam Ische
29. Jacob & Cara Buetow
30. James & Jean Ische

## VISITATION LIST

### **Belle Plaine**

Marjorie Wolter  
Norma Woolery  
Darrell Knorr

### **Cologne**

Gloria AmEnd

### **Norwood Young America**

Herman Gennrich  
Barb Scholz  
Henry Krueger  
Joycelyn Rolf

### **Waconia**

Harold Bruesehoff

## MARRIAGE

Brett and Samantha Pexa  
August 15, 2020 at Apex, NC

## REMEMBERING OUR

### SOLDIERS

John Michael Bones  
Eben Karnitz  
Eddie Karnitz



2020

SEPTEMBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
				LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 7 PM		
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Church Service 9:30 AM	Labor Day	1st Day of School for K-8  Chapel 8:30 AM				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	1st Day of School for 4-year-old Preschool  Softner Salt Orders Due	1st Day of School for 3-year-old Preschool  Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM	Confirmation 6:15 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Church Service 9:30 AM			Confirmation 6:15 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM  Salt Order Pick-up	
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	ZEL Meeting 6:30 PM		Confirmation 6:15 PM			



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## **ZION K-8 STARTS SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 14TH**

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## **SERVICE TIME CHANGE**

**Sunday, September 6th @ 9:30 AM**

**(this will be the start time though May)**