

Zion Lutheran Monthly

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Christ Is Risen!

It is still dark when two women from small towns hundreds of miles away in Galilee leave their rented rooms in Jerusalem and head out into the strange streets of Israel's capital city to visit the tomb of the man who, two days earlier, they believed was the Messiah. They make it to the tomb in time to see an angel easily roll away the stone that had been set as Caesar's seal. The sixteen trained Roman soldiers also prove no match for the heaven sent messenger. But to the women who had come seeking Jesus, he shows tender grace, proclaiming that Jesus has risen from the dead, but allowing the women to examine the tomb just to make sure it is as he said. And despite being told not to fear, the women departed quickly from the tomb with fear. But they also departed with "great joy" (according to the text of the Gospel of Matthew); and they did

so quickly in order to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Fear and great joy. I don't know how I would react to history's first (and only) resurrection. Yes, Scripture records other people were brought back from the dead, but to their original state and only for a time. This is the first (and only) time in history a person was brought back to life in a glorified body incapable of decay; unable to die again. Maybe I would react with fear and great joy. Maybe I would stand at the mouth of the tomb with my jaw wide open. I don't know. But the first witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus responded with fear and great joy.

But why fear? The Gospel of Mark also records that the women left the empty tomb of Jesus with fear. Why? Maybe it was because the sight of an angel powerful enough to roll away the stone and make well-trained soldiers become like dead men is unavoidably scary. Maybe. But why do Matthew and Mark find it necessary to record this emotional response to the angel; how does it help them advance their Gospel? I think the women are afraid because they know that with the resurrection of the dead comes the end of the age. This also explains why they quickly went and told the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead. Time is short.

And what of great joy? If the women believed the end of the age had been ushered in through the resurrection of Jesus, why would they leave the tomb with great joy? Life as they knew it had changed! They could not go back to the lives they once had; the familiar First-Century Jewish lens through which they saw and understood the world had been swapped out for something different. They were the first ones to receive the thing that the Old Testament Prophets foresaw, that had been promised to Adam and Eve in the garden, and on which the fate of the souls of all people rested. They understood that the resurrection of Jesus had already radically changed their lives. And this gave them great joy.

But, coming off the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, what is this to you? There are two ways to respond to Christ being raised from the dead. Either you can try to fit the resurrection in with your life as you know it, or you can let the resurrection do its work and transform your life. You will find that, if you try to fit the resurrection into your life as you know it, you will have your work cut out for you. The defeat of death, the forgiveness of sins and the reconciling of God with mankind does not react well to being told to take a back seat to whatever came before it. The alternative is the course taken by the women at the tomb, the disciples of Jesus, the crowd at Pentecost, and the millions and millions of people who have heard the Gospel of Christ and reoriented their lives around the truth revealed by an empty tomb. It is the course marked out for you when you were baptized, and the direction of the continual pull by the Holy Spirit in your life. It is to consider everything other than Christ rubbish and to live unapologetically as if death has been defeated, sins are forgiven, and God and man have been reconciled because it has been, they are, and we have been.

With fear and great joy: Christ is risen indeed!

-Pastor Duncan



Greetings from the Preschool!

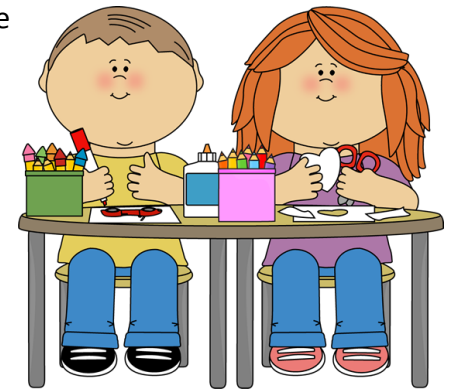
Happy April! Take a look in our classrooms and you will see all the new signs of Spring. The children have been very busy learning all about the changes that Spring brings...budding trees, new growth in the ground, how a caterpillar can turn into a butterfly and of course the death and resurrection of Jesus.

April will be a very busy month. On April 6th and 7th we will be hosting our annual Dads, Dudes and Donuts breakfast. This is a time when dads can come to school with their child and enjoy donuts, fruit and beverages and lots of fellowship time with the teachers, fellow dads and the children. We decorate with a "Black and Gold" theme and everybody wears their favorite Pittsburgh teams' apparel. Its great fun and such a blessing to see how excited the dads are to participate in their child's school activity, and how they continue to support our school.

We will also enjoy a visit from the Carnegie Science Center where the three year olds will learn all about wiggly worms, and the 4 year olds will learn about robots...how exciting! We will also take various field trips to PNC Park, the Springhouse and Bedner's Farm...never a dull moment here at Zion.

Registration continues to go very well. We currently have 136 students enrolled for the next school year. We anticipate our largest year yet...please keep us in your prayers.

Have you noticed any new faces in church lately? Two of our preschool staff members, Kara Garubba and Kellie Stock and their families have been regularly worshiping with us lately. Please be sure to say hello and welcome them to our family! Both of their children have been actively participating in our youth activities as well...and loving it! What a tremendous opportunity we have to continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ...Amen!



Blessings,
Tracey Harris
Director

Hey Zion!

We've been given a tremendous opportunity to serve our sister congregations, encourage the faith of our extended church family, and even reach the greater Pittsburgh Community with the Gospel, but we need your help. The Pittsburgh Lutheran is looking for new editors.

What is the Pittsburgh Lutheran? The Pittsburgh Lutheran is produced by PALM (Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries) to inform the LCMS congregations in Pittsburgh what the other LCMS congregations in Pittsburgh are doing. It is a monthly publication.

What do the editors do? Three things. First, they send out monthly e-mails to the LCMS congregations, reminding them when their articles are due. When articles arrive (via e-mail), they arrange and format the articles to fit into the newsletter template. And lastly, they send the finished product to the printer who copies and distributes the magazine. In all, it takes about 8 hours per month.

What are we looking for? A team of Zion volunteers to take on the project. You would not personally be responsible for everything, but would work with a team to get it done, improve the product over time, and be part of an effort to inform and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ who belong to sister congregations in the Pittsburgh area. Do I need to be a professional journalist, writer or editor? No. Anyone who can send e-mail and be willing to be trained to learn the software that formats the magazine, who has a heart for outreach and mission, and who has a desire to serve would be a valuable team member.

What is the commitment? The total time it takes to gather, edit and arrange is 8 hours. Depending on the size and ability of the team, an individual's responsibilities could be very minimal (sending out an e-mail). We are not asking for a large commitment; ideally we will have a team that can spread the work around.

If you are interested, or would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Duncan or the church office.



Zion Youth News and Events



We're going to learn how to cook Faini Pasta Sauce!



Contact Joe Faini for More Info: youth@zlcb.org

Faini Family Dinner Night!

When? **April 17, 5-7:00pm**
 Who? Middle or High School
 Where? **Faini House**



GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL!

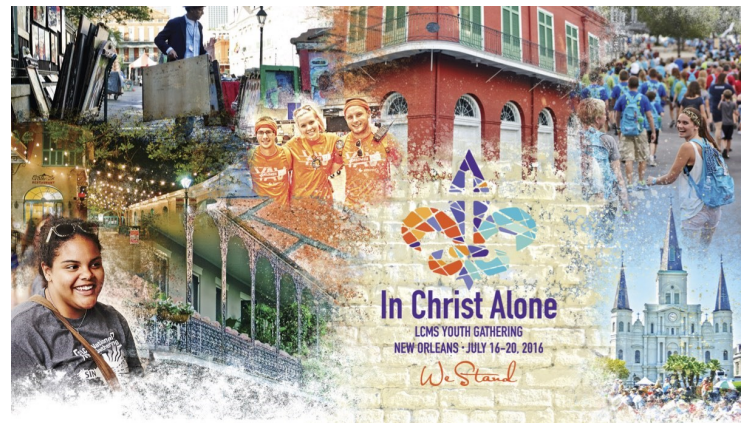


Where? Zion Lutheran Church
 When? ~~Sunday, April 3rd~~
 Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Contact Joe Faini for more info:
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SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd!

5-7:00pm

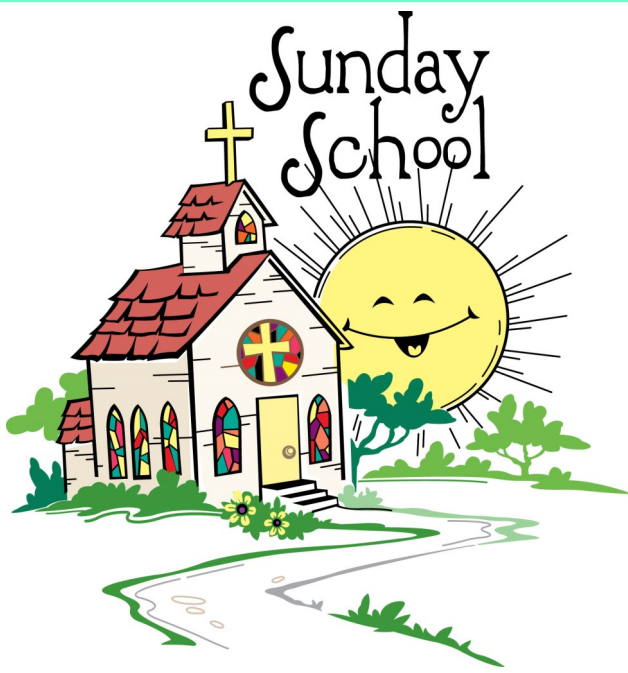
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WHO? ANYONE AGE 14-19 [At the time of the event]
WHEN? JULY 16-20, 2016
WHERE? NEW ORLEANS, LA
WHAT? EVERY 3 YEARS: ALMOST 30,000 YOUTH GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP, SERVE, AND LEARN ABOUT JESUS!

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xJrnbIjMP8
 More info to come!

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Sunday School

APRIL UNIT: PETER IN PRISON The church prayed for Peter while he was in prison, and God sent an angel to rescue him. God wants us to pray together at all times and give our thanks and requests to God. Children will hear the story of Peter's imprisonment (the church prayed constantly for him and God sent an angel to free him), discover that miracles do not always happen (but that doesn't make our prayers any less powerful), and explore how they can participate in the corporate prayers and actions of the church. The Bible story can be found in the book of Acts 12: 1 - 17. Bible Memory verse is from 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAVE QUEST

June 20 - 24, 2016

Registration opens Sunday, May 8th.

Visit Zion's website for more information.

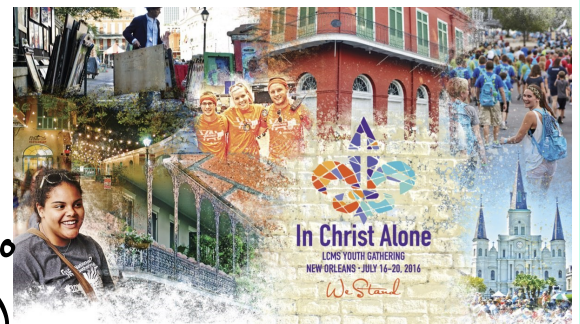
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Paperwork and Deposit are due!!

Please turn in your paperwork with a \$100 deposit check (checks made out to Zion Lutheran Church, Memo line: NYG)

If you have any questions please email or talk to Joe - youth@zlcb.org



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April Reading Plan

Read the Bible in a Year!

1: Romans 1-3; Psalm 91

2: Romans 4-6; Psalm 92

3: Romans 7-9; Psalm 93

4: Romans 10-13; Psalm 94

5: Romans 14-16; Psalm 95

6: 1 Corinthians 1-3; Psalm 96

7: 1 Corinthians 4-6; Psalm 97

8: 1 Corinthians 7-9; Psalm 98

9: 1 Corinthians 10-11; Psalm 99

10: 1 Corinthians 12-14; Psalm 100

11: 1 Corinthians 15-16; Psalm 101

12: 2 Corinthians 1-4; Psalm 102

13: 2 Corinthians 5-7; Psalm 103

14: 2 Corinthians 8-10; Psalm 104

15: 2 Corinthians 11-13; Psalm 105

16: Galatians 1-3; Psalm 106

17: Galatians 4-6; Psalm 107

18: Ephesians 1-3; Psalm 108

19: Ephesians 4-6; Psalm 109

20: Philippians 1-2; Psalm 110

21: Philippians 3-4; Psalm 111

22: Colossians 1-2; Psalm 112

23: Colossians 3-4; Psalm 113

24: 1 Thessalonians 1-3; Psalm 114

25: 1 Thessalonians 4-5; Psalm 115

26: 2 Thessalonians; Psalm 116

27: 1 Timothy 1-3; Psalm 117

28: 1 Timothy 4-6; Psalm 118

29: Psalm 119

30: 2 Timothy; Psalm 120



🎵 ZION MUSIC NOTES 🎵

The music ministry at Zion Lutheran Church has big plans for 2016! We hope that you enjoy listening to the Adult Choir, Children’s Choir, Reverence (a.k.a M@ZE), and the various solo/duet performances by many of our talented church members. The goal for this year is to create another performing group that is accessible for just about anyone....Bell Choir! Musical talent/experience is not required to participate in this group. However, we need to purchase the bells before we start recruiting “ringers”. The approximate cost for a standard 3 octave set of bells is \$12,000 which includes not only the bells themselves, but protective cases, performance tables, foam mats, music stands, gloves, polishing materials, and music. Whew!

Last October church council established a bell choir account for anyone that would like to contribute to this area of the music ministry. If you would like to give to this ministry, please make a note on your check or offering envelope that you wish to give to the bell choir account. We are also providing an opportunity for members to “buy a bell” in honor or memory of loved ones or your family. The price for the “buy a bell program” is \$325 per bell. If you would like to participate in this program, please include the information below with your contribution.

Thank you again for all of your support of the music ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church!

Mark Killinger

Buy a Bell Program

Person making the contribution: _____

Person(s) or family for whom the bell is in honor/ memory: _____

*Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and make a note that the gift is for the bell choir account.



Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
April 3	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill & Carole Schrag Elsie DallaPiazza	Matt Liberatore Leah Luedeman	Megan Glasser, Carrie Lemonovich
April 10	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Bob & Diana Schmidt Kristen Neill	Joey Ackerman Anna Gresh	Megan Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager
April 17	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Shane & Sandy Bryant Rob Oelschlager	Matt Liberatore Lara Luedeman	Jodi & Jennifer Fitzgerald
April 24	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Ron & Judy Meier Darren & Jennifer Elikor & Family	Joey Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Debra Sterba Lara Luedeman
May 1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brent & Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet Lee & Megan Glasser	Matt Liberatore Leah Luedeman	Alissa McLellan Carley Rockovich
May 8	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager Brian & Megan Pasquini & Family	Joey Ackerman Anna Gresh	Kristen Neill Tess Carter



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
April	Michael Sterba & Robert Schmidt	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich, & Carolyn Wible	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager	Loren Ludeman, Vince Kimberland, Kari & John Gresh
May	Mike Kroeger, James Neill	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, Diane Schmidt	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak	Debbie Ford, Bill Koester, Lois Sauro, Ted Siek

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.

Visit our website for past sermons, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, pictures from recent church events, and updated information about upcoming events. Check it out: zlc.org

April Birthdays



2 TOM RICHARDS

3 BELLA BECHTOLD

4 DAVID HUTULA

5 SAMANTHA WALSH

6 ALYSSA MANICE

6 BARBARA FISHER

6 MICHELLE HUNSBERGER

6 MILLIE THIELET

7 JOHN ENDLER

7 SANDRA QUINLAN

8 RAE MURPHY

8 RICHARD QUINLAN

9 BRADY LONG

11 ERIC GEARY

11 RACHEL KLEMASH

13 JEFFERY LARSON

13 JOSHUA WALLECK

13 SIMON KERN

14 RYAN ALBERT

15 JOSIAH ACKERMAN

16 JAY ANDERSON

16 SARA VALLELUNGA

18 AVA PASQUINI

18 JOSEPH DEPALMA

18 LAUREN LIBERATORE

18 LOUIS SCHRECKER

21 HARRY JONES

22 JOAN CISKO

23 KIM ANDERSON

23 NORMAN DILL

24 BRITTANY DILL

24 PAMELA LARSON

24 ROBERT MORGAN

25 MICHAEL KROEGER

26 FELICITY NEILL

27 ANDREW WELDON

27 HEIDI HOLLER

27 NORMAN ERBRECHT SR.

28 ROBERT SCHMIDT

28 BETHANY SCHRAG

29 RYAN HARRIS

April Anniversaries

7 TIMOTHY & CARRIE ALBERT

8 JEFFERY & PAMELA LARSON

12 FRANK & ELAINE IVANCA

13 CHARLES & DEBRA LAJEUNESSE

18 DALE & ALICE MILLER

21 WILLIAM & MELANIE BECKER

24 JIM & PATRICIA NEILL

26 CARL & KAREN BAUER

29 JAY & KIM ANDERSON





On April 30th, Mark Jasa (LCMS Pastor and Evangelist) will be coming to Zion to lead a seminar and workshop on outreach. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am on Saturday, April 30th. After a presentation on outreach, we will have lunch and then go out to share the gospel. (Yes, we're actually going to do evangelism!) Join us as we seek to share with people the best news they will ever hear!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped out with services (and the Easter Breakfast) last week! There are too many of you to list; people who helped set-up the fellowship hall, decorated the sanctuary, and gave your time during a busy time of year to enhance the experience the members and guests of our congregation had as they worshiped the risen Christ last week.



Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, March 10. The "item of the month" is rice, noodles, and beans.

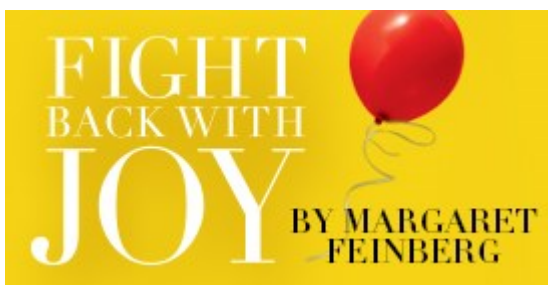
You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



Please join us for a new session of Women's Bible Study. We will be doing the study "Fight Back With Joy" by Margaret Feinberg. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Please contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.

Starting Tuesday April 19th

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm





April 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.</p> <p>Hoshea 6:3</p>					1	2 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
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