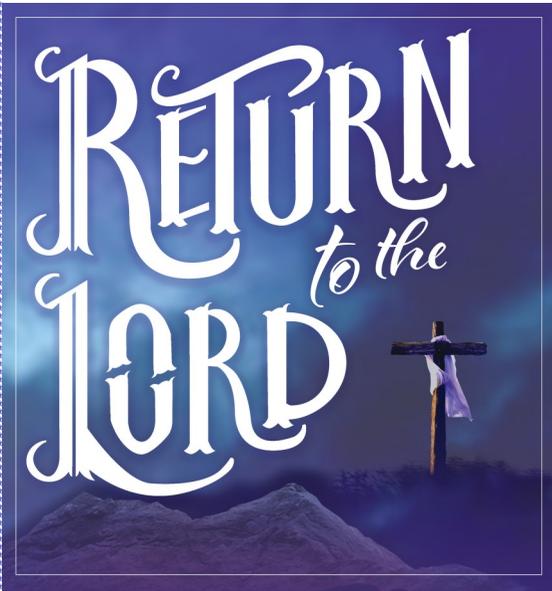


Life at Zion



Upcoming Lenten Series:

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares.

During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon in this series will focus on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to show us our own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

Lenten Schedule

February 17th (Ash Wednesday) 7pm
 February 24th (Wednesday), 7pm
 March 3rd (Wednesday), 7pm
 March 10th (Wednesday), 7pm
 March 17th (Wednesday), 7pm
 March 24th (Wednesday), 7pm

March 28th (Palm Sunday) 10am
 April 1st (Maundy Thursday) 7pm
 April 2nd (Good Friday) 7pm
 April 3rd (Saturday, Easter Vigil) 7pm
 April 4th (Easter Sunday), 7am

Sharing Jesus through what we say and what we do



Feasts, Festivals & Commemorations: What's the Point?

Romans 14:5 says, *“One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.”* Feasts days, festivals and commemorations are special days on the Church calendar, holy days (‘holidays’), that have been observed for quite a long time. The Old Testament people were bound to observe specific feast days and festivals, on specific days of the year. The Old Testament people were also bound to observe the Sabbath on Saturdays. As New Testament Christians, we are **not** bound to worship on a particular day (Colossians 2:16). Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12:8). However, we **are** still to *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy* (the 3rd Commandment). So in other words, we **are** still to have days set apart for worship, to hear the preaching of God’s Word, although we are **not** bound to do this on some particular day. As the Catechism explanation to the 3rd Commandment says, *We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.* So, whenever we Christians gather for worship, whether that be on a Sunday, Wednesday, or some other day, there we are to *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

For a very long time (since the time of the New Testament days in fact), Christians have agreed to worship on Sunday. In order to gather together for worship, you have to have an agreed upon time, otherwise people will not know when to show up together. Sunday was decided as a good day to worship, to observe the Sabbath day, because it’s the day Jesus rose from the dead.

But as time went on, the Christian Church also added numerous Feast Days, Festivals, and Commemorations. These are days that have been slowly added to the Church calendar over time, to gather for worship, to hear God’s Word and receive Holy Communion. What’s the point of all these feasts, festivals, and commemorations if we have Sunday worship services already? Well first of all, some of these feasts, festivals and commemorations actually *do* fall on Sundays. But the point of these holy days is that they mark significant events in the life of Christ and the Church. To be precise, a feast is one day and a festival may be several days. However, today the terms feast and festival are often used interchangeably. The general rule of thumb is that feasts and festivals celebrate and remember Christ, His life or those directly involved with the life of Christ. Commemorations remember saints that were heroes of the faith but that did not live during the time of Christ’s earthly ministry in the days of the New Testament. So for example, on Feb. 18th is the commemoration of Martin Luther. Commemorations are usually celebrated on the day the saint died. We also celebrate Old Testament saints as commemorations. Commemorations are usually celebrated at home in daily prayer, or in chapel in the Christian Day School. Feast days and festivals are the ones historically celebrated by gathering together for Holy Communion.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Death/Funeral

Doris "Elaine" Poellet– June 21, 2020
Roger Mosel– August 4, 2020
Phyllis Wachholtz– August 8, 2020

Baptism

Teagan Lee Sauser– May 24, 2020
Ashlyn Marlene Hoffart– June 5, 2020
Taelyr Jae Beery– June 28, 2020
BrookeLynn Jo Doerr– August 8, 2020
Ellison Renee' Albin– September 2, 2020
Hazel Paige Albin– September 2, 2020
Reese Nicolle Mosel– September 5, 2020
Maverick Kurt VanHouten– December 20, 2020
Tristan Ray Wingert– January 17, 2021

Transfer Out

Anthony Hardisty– August 30, 2020
Angela Hardisty– August 30, 2020
Allison Hardisty– August 30, 2020
Avery Hardisty– August 30, 2020

Release

Pearl Laycock– July 22, 2020
Samantha Wetzler (Alexander)- Nov. 16, 2020

Removed for Non-Communication

Stephanie Olson– June 7, 2020
Monica Olson– June 7, 2020
Latasha Eggerling– June 7, 2020
Laura Kesterson– June 7, 2020

Marriage

Cory & Ashlyn Masat– June 5, 2020
Tyson & Cara Bolling– September 12, 2020
Schuyler & Tessa Sauser– October 17, 2020

Confirmation

Brooke Alexandra Rafert– August 9, 2020
Diana Mae Scott– August 9, 2020
Makenzie Jo Doerr– August 9, 2020
Tanner Ryan Stolp– August 9, 2020
Ashley Elizabeth Wacker– August 9, 2020
Ethan Michael Davids– August 9, 2020
Andrew Lee Bucklew– August 9, 2020
Marque Lynn Albin– August 9, 2020

Profession of Faith

Taelyr Jae Beery– June 28, 2020
Ashlyn Marlene Masat– June 28, 2020
Amy Jean Weber– June 28, 2020
Kenneth Robert Albin– July 15, 2020
Schuyler Joseph Sauser– October 21, 2020
Christopher Darren VanHouten– Dec. 20, 2020
Miranda Lynn Plumbtree– Dec. 20, 2020

Transfer In

Paige Renee' Albin– July 15, 2020

Zion's Prayer List . . .



The following individuals are currently on Zion's prayer list and members of the congregation are invited to keep them in their prayers.

Edwin Christiansen, health issues
Pastor Meraz, health issues
Barbara Sievers, health issues
Randy Eichberger, health issues
Jason VanOstberg, health issues
Ron Halverson, health issues
Angie Wingert, health issues

To add or remove individuals from the prayer list, persons should contact the church office or Pastor Bucklew.



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Sent to Serve

2021 NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

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The theme of this year's Lutheran Schools Week is "Sent to Serve". To help us practice serving others in response to God's love, we are going to give bottles of water to those coming to the food distribution on Monday, January 24. The children are going to attach labels with Bible verses to the bottles. Mrs. Williams will kick off the week and take her 5th and 6th grade students to serve our community at the Watson Building distributing food for "Farmers for Families" program. The students will help unload the food truck and pack up individual food boxes/bags and load them into the families' vehicles.

SUPERIOR HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our Superior Honor Roll students who received all straight A's for the second quarter. Pictured above from left to right: 6th– Anika Robinson, 5th– Lydia Bucklew, 4th– Joseph Bucklew, 6th– Dominic White.



HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our Honor Roll students who received an A average with no grade lower than an 88% for the second quarter. Pictured above from left to right: 4th– Lucas Weber, 5th – Kenadee Doerr.



TEN COMMANDMENTS PIN

Congratulations to Gus Stacken and Lydia Bucklew on earning their Ten Commandments Pin. Pastor Bucklew is giving each Zion student the pin when they can recite the Ten Commandments and their meanings by heart.



Ladies Aid News

December 3, 2020 Zion elementary provides some Christmas entertainment on Thursday December 3 when the Ladies Aid met. There were 10 members present and 15 quest to hear the singing, reciting and handbell. After the entertainment, the ladies had a pot luck lunch. The meeting opened with the LWML pledge. A reading from 1Peter5:7. There is no care to small to be a burden. Roll call was answered with your memorable a Christmas memory. Secretary and treasurers reports were given. Lois Gloe agreed to do our year books. Cell phone numbers will be added this year. Carla Christensen reported on kitchen faucets adding we now have Menards rebates. Carla has purchased some paper towels and will get some coffee. Next year we will have 1 hostess per month. Hostess are reminded to visit the elderly or send a card. Members gave ideas for roll call. Jan Goetz will audit the treasures books and prizes. A fun game with prizes was lead by Lois Gloe.

January 7, 2021 Zion Ladies Aid met Thursday, January 7, 2021 in the council room with 11 members and Pastor Bucklew present. Pastor had devotions taken from 2nd Corinthians and Genesis. President, Janyce Warneke, called the meeting to order. Committee reports were given. Lois Gloe handed out the yearly handbooks. Pastor reported that Gary Thies will be here February 14 giving a presentation in church. Meeting closed with prayer and LWML Pledge. Hostess was Lois Gloe. Mary Friedrich will be hostess at the February 4 meeting.

Priscilla's News

December 1, 2020 Nine members of the Priscilla Society and all the members of the Bucklew family met at 6:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday evening to decorate the Christmas trees and put up the rest of the decorations. Members of the LYF Society and their sponsors had gathered on Sunday afternoon to erect the trees and put on the lights, which was much appreciated by the Priscillas. Pastor presented an Advent devotion when the decorating was finished.

A Christmas cash gift was presented to Pastor Bucklew and to the Zion teachers, Krista Masat, Dawn Williams. Cindy Meyer and Tami Doerr. The group then enjoyed a lunch of finger food provided by the members.

Following lunch, a business meeting was held, conducted by Nancy Schlote, president. Jennifer Bucklew volunteered to audit the treasurer's books. Londa Schwanebeck offered to take the used eyeglasses collected to the container at WalMart. Nancy presented a roll call thought. The birthday song was sung for Krista Masat, Marion Goetzinger, Jeanne Oltjenbruns and Ila Friedrich. Mites were collected and the basket offering was taken.

A thank you for the donation from Priscillas was read from Rhonda Wrenholt of Mercy Meals. A motion was made and carried to allow an officer to serve two consecutive terms of two years each if she so desires. This is a change to the By-Laws and it had been discussed at the previous meeting. The date of January 4th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. was set to take down the Christmas decorations with a meeting following.

Janyce will check on the church notes in the newspaper. Members were reminded to be prepared to pay their dues at the January meeting, which will include paying for the Quarterly and the Leaguer. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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