

Trumpet Newsletter

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Zion Lutheran Church – Palmyra, Missouri

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Church News

Lenten Suppers: We will have our Lenten Suppers 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Supper dates are March 5, 13 and 20. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church if you want to sign up to provide food. We will also have our Lenten Evening Services at 7 pm.

Join us for our **Midweek Lenten Services** on Wednesdays March 6, March 13, and March 20, at 7 pm.

Midweek will meet on Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Midweek meets the second Wednesday of each month. Kids from Kindergarten up to 8th Grade are able to attend. Supper is provided!

Voters Meeting: Our next Voters Meetings is Monday, March 11. Plan to attend!

We will have **One Service** on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 am.

Pancakes with Pastor: Our Sunday School kids and the Adult Bible Class are invited to “Pancakes with Pastor” following the 9:00 am service on Sunday, March 24.

The **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Dudley Powell’s house.

We will have our **Maundy Thursday** service at 7 pm on March 28.

We will have our **Good Friday** service at 7 pm on March 29.

Easter Scavenger Word Hunt will be March 30 – April 1. There will be stakes with word(s) attached in the yards of church members to construct a Bible message. As you drive by their yards, write down the words to make a message from Scripture. (A listing of the people and streets will be provided via email.) When you finish collecting the words, construct the Bible message with the collected words. Once you have the Bible message constructed, drive by Zion’s church sign to check your results.

Easter Lilies: If you want to provide an Easter lily for our Sunday Easter services, please have them in the church basement by noon on Saturday, March 30.

Easter Sunday Services will be at 7 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, March 31

Our LYF will host the **Easter Breakfast** following the 7 am service in the school basement.

We will have our **Easter Egg Hunt** at 9:00 am on Easter Sunday

Save the Date: May 5, 2024 Zion High School Graduate Reception at 9:15 am in the church basement sponsored by Zion’s SONshine Society

Contribution Statements for 2024 are on the table in the back of the church.

Food Pantry Focus for March: Pasta/sauce, canned pasta. There is a current need for grocery items, as the food bank is not providing a surplus of meat and grocery items. Detergent, paper products (napkins, paper towels, toilet paper), shampoo, conditioner and deodorant are always needed. They no longer are needing egg cartons.

Contact Directories are at the back of the church. If you filled out a “contact information card” you will have a copy with a label on the front. If you did not fill out a contact information card and would like a contact directory, please request one from the church office.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: The deadline to direct your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion is 3/31/2024.

Trumpet Mailing: Beginning in March, due to the increasing cost of postage, we will begin providing our Zion Trumpet newsletters at the church, rather than mailing them. Those who are homebound or are out of state will continue to get their Trumpet mailed to them.

PAMA Lenten Devotion Schedule at 12 pm

March 6 at Palmyra United Methodist

March 13 at First Baptist Church

March 20 at Palmyra United Methodist

March 27 at Zion Lutheran Church



*Don't forget to "Spring Forward" on Sunday,
March 10 at 2 am!*

Chairman's Report

Zion's Church Council met on Monday March 4, 2024. Below is a summary:

Pastor Wes opened with devotion and prayer. We reviewed and approved the Secretary and Financial Income reports.

Board Reports:

Preschool Director – Brandy Schneider

We currently have 53 students attending, 15 students signed up for the 2024/2025 school year, 14 are returning students and 1 is a sibling of a current student. Brandy Schneider and Erin Ragar attended the LCMS Early Childhood Conference on Saturday, March 2 at Immanuel Lutheran School in St. Charles, MO. The theme was Sparking Wonder Through STEAM. Brandy, Danika Spratt, Katie Martin, Amber Bounds, and Crystal Hudson will be attending the Conference on the Young Years in Osage Beach, MO this Friday and Saturday (March 8 and 9). The lead teachers are working with Brandy to find a new curriculum that better suits the needs of our students. The preschool is currently in need of new tables for 2 of the classrooms, 3 tables have been ordered, and three more tables will be ordered next year with approval of the budget. The preschool will host Preschool Here We Come Family Information Night on Monday, March 25 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. This is designed for potential students and their families to explore the classrooms, meet the staff, and learn more about the program during a short presentation and question and answer session. Children will be supervised in the classrooms during the presentation.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 6:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, March 7 to Friday, March 8:** No School
- **Friday, March 8 to Saturday, March 9:** Conference of the Young Years at Osage Beach, MO
- **Friday, March 15:** Show Me the Dough Fundraiser ends
- **Thursday, March 21:** Preschool 50th Planning Committee meeting at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room

- **Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm:** Preschool Here We Come
- **Wednesday, March 27 to Tuesday April 2:** No School, Spring/Easter Break
- **Monday April 15 at 7:00 pm:** VBS Planning Meeting in Church Basement
- **Wednesday April 24 to Thursday, April 25:** Preschool Spring Pictures
- **Wednesday May 8:** Last Day of School M/W/F Students; Spring Program for Returning Students at 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, May 9:** Last Day of School T/TH & M-F Students; Spring Program/Graduation of Incoming Kindergarteners at 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 11:** Preschool Family Picnic 11 am to 1 pm
- **Sunday, September 29** at 10:30 am: Zion Lutheran Preschool's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Board of Education – Shelly Lehenbauer
Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 am: Sunday School will sing and carry palms and after 9:00 am service: Pancakes with Pastor including Adult Bible class.

March 31: No Sunday School due to Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Board of Stewardship – Randi Thornton
Reviewed budget. In April, we will start putting together the new budget.

Board of Trustees – Kent Bross
Feb 2: Met with Spectrum to change out cable modem. Upon examination, the modem is not the model they showed in their records and did not need replacing yet. They are in the process of upgrading equipment and ours will be upgraded later this summer. Feb 12: Conducted monthly Fire Extinguisher/Smoke Detectors/CO2 Sensors/Emergency Lighting Tests and Inspections Feb 13: Kroeger Heating & Cooling came to look at Northeast furnace that wasn't working properly because of condensation in the furnace exhaust pipe. The technician dried out exhaust and the furnace seems to be functioning properly now. Feb 14: Fixed Zion Treasurer file cabinet lock. Checked on Northeast furnace and seems to be keeping up and cycling fine. Feb 28: Northeast furnace not working again. Found a

fuse blown in unit and fuse was replaced. Furnace working correctly again.

Board of Spiritual Life – Linda Begley
January's Midweek was canceled due to weather. Midweek was on February 14. All enjoyed Chicken Nuggets, mac n' cheese and cookies. The Bible story was Christmas Goes on All Year Long. There were 11 children present and 14 confirmands. Next Midweek: Wednesday, March 13. Made MidWeek plans for March, April, May.

Board of Worship – 2 people dropped off Greeter's List. We will need volunteers for Greeters during March, July, and November for early service. 1 Usher needed for late service during April, August, December.

Board of Evangelism – Jean Thornton
Working on Easter Egg Hunt, Meeting on April 15 at 7 pm in the Church Basement for VBS.

Board of Deacons – Paul Frankenbach
Official Acts for February 2024:
Laverna Stone: Memorial Service on 2/16/24
Lester Boettcher: Death on 2/29/2024

Pastor's Report
Adult Bible Class continues to meet at 9:15 am. We are going through the Bible Study called "Jesus at the Center." We will not meet on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, March 31. 1st year Confirmants classes continue to meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. During Lent, we will meet from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. 2nd year Confirmants will have their review sessions on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. We will have one worship service at 9:00 am. Following the Palm Sunday Service, we will have Pancakes with Pastor for the Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Zion will host PAMA Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 27 at 12:00 pm Maundy Thursday is March 28 with the worship service at 7:00 pm Good Friday is March 29 with the worship service at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday is March 31 with two worship services at 7:00 am and 10:30 am. Options for Women is holding their Walk for Life on Saturday, April 20 at Hannibal-LaGrange University. I'm planning to walk and will have a team for Zion if anyone else wants to join. Confirmation Sunday is April 21. We will celebrate Confirmation at both services with 4 confirmands at early and 4 confirmands at late.

President's Report

Remember to attend the Voters meeting March 11 at 7:00 pm. The next Church Council Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, April 2 to allow time for financial report preparation. In December, 7 Seniors were taken to the Avenue of Lights and Sprout's Inn for dinner in Quincy, Illinois. A church member proposes going to the Tulip Festival in Pella, Iowa. After discussion, the Council proposes choosing a trip closer to Palmyra. Update on participation at Loaves and Fishes in Hannibal: Zion has been assigned every 4th Friday each month with at least 5 volunteers. 5 volunteers served 53 people from 5 pm – 6 pm on February 23. If you have any additional questions, please contact Tammy Nix. Your servant, Bob Schreiner



Thank You Notes

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my health problems. I am blessed to have Pastor Wes with his prayers and visits and Zion as my church family. Thank you. Carolyn Myers

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the SONshine Bake Sale a success! We raised over \$1100 for the Missouri District LWML mites challenge for their mission grants.

Walk for Life

The Walk for Life for Options for Women in Hannibal is Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 11 am at Hannibal-LaGrange University. Registration is at 8:30 am at the Roland Fine Arts Center. There will also be a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8 am to 11 am at the Carroll Science Building. Pastor Wes plans to participate again this year. You can register online or the day of. Pastor Wes made a team online that you can join if you register online. You can donate online at <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=6527660>. If you don't want to donate online, you can give your donation to Pastor Wes. Please make checks out to "Options for Women."

LWML Spring Rally

The Missouri District Northeast Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held at Zion on Saturday, April 27. Registration and morning refreshments begin at 9:00 am. At time of worship, fellowship, business, speaker/program and lunch will be included. Guest speaker, Kristin Freeman, from the LCMS Life Ministry will present a program on the topic of God's Missions and sharing His love and Word to others needing His help and comfort. Ladies of Zion are invited to attend and learn about Mission work of LWML and serving God; "Following His Path and Reaching out with His Word."

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School: Mark our calendars! VBS will be held July 15-18. Our theme this year is "Celebrate the Savior."