



Zion Lutheran Monthly



April 2013

Christ Is Risen!!!!!!!!

Depending on when you read this, we are either just about to celebrate or have just finished celebrating the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Let's assume that, since this is the April Newsletter and Easter was on the 31st of March, it's after Easter so we can ask the follow-up questions: SO WHAT and her sister NOW WHAT?

SO WHAT? Christ is risen, but I have to go back to work and school on Monday. Bills are still due. The surgery is still scheduled. Life doesn't seem to have magically gotten any easier as a result of my participation in the events of "Holy Week." SO WHAT? Perspective. In the short-term, the resurrection of Christ shows me what I might have trouble seeing in the world around me: that God loves me. Plain and simple. If Christ defeated death for me, then God must love me. And if God loves me, than he is concerned about me today. In the medium-term, I know that the same God who died for me before I was born has my life in his control—in the proverbial palm of his hand. I can live with quiet confidence that everything that happens to me has passed through the incomprehensible filter of God's love and wisdom, the very same filter that caused Jesus to be born, die on the cross and rise from the dead. In the long-term, you don't have to worry about staying dead forever. Christ came back from the dead and has not died again. He has promised that what has happened to him will happen to you. And not only will you be raised as was our Lord, but you will be raised to a life in the New Creation—where sin and the effects of sin will removed permanently.

NOW WHAT? Some of you have spent a lot of time in church over the last week—Palm Sunday, Midweek Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. You've heard the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus and what it means for you today, tomorrow and forever. Now what? Hide it under a bushel? No! But what do you do next?

Take this for what it's worth: friendly advice from someone who has benefitted more than most from Christian fellowship his entire adult life. Keep coming to church. Make it a priority. Next, find a group in church that is interesting to you—either because of what they are doing or because you really enjoy the company of the people who are involved...or ideally both. It could be the women's Bible Study or the Men's Bible Breakfast, you might want to inquire about becoming a Stephen Minister, or helping out with Sunday School, working with the Trustees, helping start an LWML chapter, or get on the bowling or softball team. Whatever it is, find something to do with people from church outside of Sunday morning where you will develop friendships centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that give you a way to use your God-given gifts to make the good news of Jesus known to people who may have never heard it before.

Last, but not least, (and many of you have been doing an excellent job at this lately!) invite people to come to church! It might be awkward sitting someone down and having a "come-to-Jesus" talk with them. But it is less awkward to say: "I'd like for you to come to church with me." Let us do the talking. We'll even throw in doughnuts and coffee.

I hope that your lives were blessed by the events of Holy Week, that the Holy Spirit was working in your lives as you contemplated the death and resurrection of Christ for you. And I hope that, in some small way, this newsletter article got you thinking about what comes after Easter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or give me a call.

All the best,
In Christ,
Pastor Duncan McLellan

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Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



February Income \$36,586.00
 February Expenses 34,048.00
 Favorable to Income \$ 2,538.00



As of March 31, 2013, we are estimating \$20,000.00 cash on hand. All bills through March have been paid.

Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our community outreach ministry, support local charities and Christian education for youth and adults. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Just a reminder, that the next Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28. Also, we continue our efforts on developing a short, intermediate and long-term vision/plan for Zion.



- 2 Tom Richards
- 3 Bella Bechtold
- 4 David Hutula
- 5 Samantha Walsh
- 6 Barbara Fisher
- 6 Michelle Hunsberger
- 6 Alyssa Mance
- 6 Mildred Thielet
- 7 John Endler
- 7 Sandra Quinlan
- 8 Rae Murphy
- 8 Richard Quinlan
- 11 Eric Geary
- 11 Rachel Klemash
- 13 Simon Kern
- 13 Jeffrey Larson
- 13 Joshua Walleck
- 14 Ryan Albert
- 15 Josiah Ackerman
- 16 Jay Anderson
- 16 Sara Vallelunga
- 18 Joseph DePalma
- 18 Lauren Liberatore
- 18 Ava Pasquini
- 18 Louis Schrecker
- 21 Harry Jones
- 22 Joan Cisko

- 21 Kim Anderson
- 22 Pamela Larson
- 24 Robert Morgan
- 26 Felicity Neill
- 27 Norman Erbrecht Sr.
- 27 Andrew Weldon
- 28 Bob Schmidt
- 28 Bethany Schrag
- 29 Ryan Harris



- 7 Timothy & Carrie Albert 2006
- 8 Jeffrey & Pamela Larson 1989
- 12 Frank & Elaine Ivancza 1975
- 13 Charles & Debra LaJeunesse 1984
- 18 Dale & Alice Miller 1970
- 21 William & Melanie Becker 1984
- 24 Jim & Patricia Neill 2001
- 26 Carl & Karen Bauer 1969
- 29 Jay & Kim Anderson 1998

Notes From the Preschool

Happy spring! What Spring? ... you might ask. I know...the weather has been miserable, snow is still coming down, and the children have been begging to go outside and play on the playground, but if you come into our classrooms Spring is all around! Hopefully Mother Nature will peek in and finally decide to bring the warm weather.

March kept us all very busy. In addition to our normal day, we included vision screening and a visit from a dental hygienist who showed the children how to properly brush their teeth. We also spent a lot of time learning about the Easter story. I had the pleasure of teaching the chapel lesson in March, and honestly, it is my favorite lesson to teach. I used a set of plastic Easter eggs, each filled with an item that helps tell the story. The children were so excited to see what was in each egg, but did not understand why the last egg was empty. "Mrs. Tracey...you forgot to put something in the last egg," one child said. I explained that the last egg represented the empty tomb on Easter morning...Jesus is alive! Each child went home with an empty egg including a small piece of paper that said "The empty egg reminds us of the empty tomb. Jesus is Alive!" I asked the children to show their egg to friends and family, and tell them what they learned. The next day one of the students came to me and said "Mrs. Tracey...I told my Pap all about Jesus and the egg". How wonderful to see and hear the gospel coming from the lips of a child.

Registration continues to go very well. We currently have 97 students enrolled for the next school year, 7 more that we currently have. We are considering opening classes in the afternoon to accommodate more children. How wonderful it is to have the opportunity to teach so many children about the good news of Jesus!

Have a wonderful Easter!

Blessings,
Tracey Harris
Director



Thank You!

Thank you from Lori and the Pregnancy Resource Center of South Hills. Lori contacted us to thank us for our donations to the Baby Bottle Campaign.



Zion collected a total of \$644.87 for the center!

Lutheran Women's

Missionary League

There are options for the LWML convention registration:

Friday only: \$115

Saturday only: \$115

There is a Servant event on Thursday for \$10

Weekend 3-day event: \$200

Deadline for registering at these prices is May 9th.

Any questions, please contact Megan Pasquini or Alissa McLellan.

Zion Lutheran Church Online!

Keep up-to-date with all that is going on at Zion by checking out our website: zlc.org.

Updated daily, our website will keep you current with what we are doing and what we will be doing! The website has other resources including: quizzes to test your knowledge of the Bible, pictures from past events, the weekly memory verse, Bible-in-a-Year readings (newly organized!), Preschool Registration and information forms, What We Believe information, audio of the sermons, and much, much more!!



C.A.L.M.

On the fence about going on this summer's mission trip?

Give Pastor Duncan a call and talk with him about it!

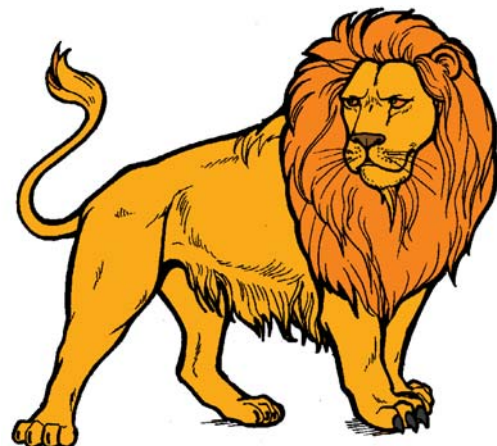
We have a mandatory meeting for all those interested in going on May 5th after the late service, but you don't need to wait until then to talk with Pastor. We hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this life-changing, service-oriented and Christ-centered Mission Trip!

ZION LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM!

Opening Day for the Zion Lion's Softball Team is on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:45pm at McLaughlin Run Park Ball Field (1270 McLaughlin Run Road). We hope you can come out and support the team as they take on the always-dangerous team from St. Valentine's church.

The line-up for the Zion Lions includes: Megan and Lee Glasser; Simon Martin; Kim Fisher; Aaron Janusey; Sydney Schwab; Eric and Michelle Hunsberger; Dan, Tracey and Ryan Harris; Molly and Jim Oelschlager; Ben Meyer; Steve Kovacs; Bob Liberatore; Brian Pasquini; Julie and Brooks Huse; Dawn Geregach; Derek Nicodemus; Mark Killinger; Ken Wuerthele and Pastor Duncan. Laura Berkebile, Megan Meyer, Heather Nicodemus and Alissa McLellan will be heading up the cheering squad.

**If you would like to be on the team, it's not too late to join!
Call the church office TODAY!**



Service Participants

APRIL

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
April 7	8:00 AM	Wayne & Kathleen Conn	Missy Radovich
	10:30 AM	Bill & Susie Bishop & family	Jennifer Fitzgerald
April 14	8:00 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer	Grant Geregach
	10:30 AM	Mark & Laurie Coleman	Josiah Ackerman
April 21	8:00 AM	Bob & Nancy Spotti	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 AM	Michael & Deborah Sterba	Ryan Harris
April 28	8:00 AM	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Missy Radovich
	10:30 AM	Sam Dragan	Mitchell Fitzgerald
May 5	8:00 AM	Susen Radovich & Missy	Grant Geregach
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Sydney Harris
May 12	8:00 AM	David & Mary Hutula	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 AM	Dick & Carolyn Wible	Jennifer Fitzgerald

ELDERS	Rob Oelschlager, Paul Klemash
ALTAR GUILD	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich, Carolyn Wible
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Sam Dragan, Steve Gauer, Loren Luedeman, Jim Oelschalger

May

ELDERS	Ken Wuerthele, Jim Neill
ALTAR GUILD	Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula, Elsie DallaPiazza
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet Zreliaak, Larry Zreliaak
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman, Sam Dragan, Kari Gresh, John Gresh

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.



Vacation Bible School Registration will open on Sunday, April 14th!! VBS week is July 8th - 12th from 9am to noon. Early registration is recommended.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

What about evolution and creation?

What do different denominations believe about the Lord's Supper and baptism?

What is the Papacy, and what do we think about it?

How did we get the Bible?

All these questions (and more) we've been wrestling with at our Sunday Morning Bible Class in the Church Basement (right next to the coffee and doughnuts). Come with your questions that you were always afraid to ask about the Bible, the Christian faith, other religions... you name it.

Things get started at 9:15 and last for an hour. Hope to see you there!



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For updated information
throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News

On July 8, 2013, Zion Lutheran Church is ready to take a stand... at Kingdom Rock VBS, where kids stand strong for God! To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give their time, energy, and love to the kids who attend. Leaders and assistants are needed who enjoy: telling and/or acting out Bible stories, running fun experiments, playing high-energy games, learning music, and making and serving snacks.

Our format no longer utilizes the traditional classroom! Kids will rotate from station to station with their "Kingdom" crew. No preparation necessary! So we also need: Kingdom crew leaders and Kingdom crew assistants. Still don't see anything that interests you? We'd also love to have you join: registration team, decorating team, or photography team.

We believe that God will use this program to reach many children with the Gospel, so please prayerfully consider your role in VBS. To volunteer, simply fill out a form and place in the box labeled Kingdom Rock VBS located in the Narthex. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Katie Gielarowski by email (zionlutherankids@yahoo.com), phone (724 713 6523), or in person



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday April 14**. 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 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Men's Bible Breakfasts have been moved to Saturday at 8am. Hope to see you there--come hungry!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study kicks up again April 3 at 8pm in the Undercroft. We'll be studying women in the Bible. All women are welcome to attend.

April 14 at 7:00 PM!
It promises to be a fun night of laughs and fellowship!
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
No special skills needed.
Rules change with each hand.
Light refreshments provided.
Free babysitting available!

CRAZY BRIDGE