

Zion Lutheran Church

where Heaven touches Earth

Worship on Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Bible Study, Sunday School, & Youth Group on Sundays at 9:30am

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, AD 2024

Our Worship Service and Style

The goal of Church is not just fun, though we hope you enjoy our time together. God started the Church and He meets us here every time to encourage and build us up, so we are prepared for everything headed our way. (2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 10) God knows what is ahead for each of us and in Church He gets us ready.

This is why we don't have mood lighting, ambient music, or smoke machines. Our services are designed to be a heart to heart with God and with each other, authentic interactions, not a show. Our services center on sharing different gifts from God, including:

- Hearing and applying God's Word to our lives,
- Being inspired by Christian music from every era of the Church,
- Talking with God together,
- Supporting our ministry together, and
- Receiving all sorts of blessings given by God.

Through these gifts, Zion is where Heaven touches Earth.

The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, the Lord gives us His Body and His Blood with the bread and the wine. Because receiving Communion together publicly declares that we are in full community with each another, if you would like to receive the Lord's Supper at Zion, please chat with Pastor before the service to find out what Scripture teaches and why we believe it.

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know. The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

Parents of Little Ones:

Welcome to Zion and relax! God gives our children energy to explore the world and He loves it!

The activity and sounds of your children prove that the Church is where life happens.

As children wiggle, giggle, and talk during Church, they are learning how to worship and that God loves them just as they are.

How do you help them learn to worship? Well,

- come to worship each week,
- sit closer to the front so they can see more and be distracted less,
- explain why we do what we do when we are doing it,
- sing the songs and pray the prayers, because they learn how to worship by copying you, and
- if your little one needs a break, slip out when you need to, but please come back after a few minutes.

We are thankful you are here!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me."

—Matthew 19:14

Walking with God, Together

Prelude

Easter Greeting

This has been the popular Easter greeting for Christians since AD 400!

- P** Christ^a is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcoming One Another & Opening Prayer

- P** Let us pray together... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.^b

Please stand as you are able

Gift #1: Hearing that *Our Sins* are Forgiven

- P** The gifts of God come to us today in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
The Sign of the Cross^c may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

C Amen.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Psalm 124:8a*
- C** Who made Heaven and Earth. *Psalm 124:8b*

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? *Psalm 130:3*
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are revered. *Psalm 130:4*

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer and praise, and to receive the body and blood of the Lord Jesus in the fellowship of this Altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Please use these moments to have your own individual conversation with God.

^a "Christ" refers to Jesus and is the Greek word for the Hebrew word "Messiah," both of which mean "the One anointed by God to save the world."

^b "Amen" is at the end of almost all of our prayers and it means, "Please, let this be so!" or "I agree!"

^c Making the Sign of the Cross was a Church-wide practice by AD 150 as described by Tertullian, an ancient Church leader. Even Martin Luther said it is a good thing to do as we remember that we have put on Christ—*Romans 13, Galatians 3*

P Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 16:19, John 20:23

Please be seated

Gift #2: Our First Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34–43, from around AD 38

In the Season of Easter, instead of our first reading coming from the Old Testament, we sample the Book of Acts, the history of the Early Christian Church.

Peter shares the Gospel (good news) with those raised outside the Faith.

³⁴Peter said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the Word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John the Baptizer^a proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him, ³⁹and we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead ⁴²and He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Each week, we share different parts of the Bible to give us the opportunity to regularly hear from parts of God's Word which we may not visit on our own. Our readings follow the "Revised Common Lectionary," a schedule of readings shared by 29.5% (97,800,000) of all Christians in America and 64.4% (1,417,638,000) of all Christians throughout the world, so the readings we hear today are heard in most congregations worldwide!

^a **John the Baptizer** was a cousin of Jesus and an extremely famous preacher of repentance.

Gift #3: A Reading from the Epistles^a

1 John 5:1–5, from around AD 90

Doing acts of love toward others grows out of a healthy love for God.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments; ³for this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for **everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world**, and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia^b

From John 20:31



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

^a An “**Epistle**” is a letter. This is from a letter John wrote to Christians throughout the world and to us as well.

^b “**Alleluia**” is a word in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament, which means, “Praise Yahweh!” inviting us to do just that.

Gift #4: A Reading from the Holy Gospels^a

John 15:9–17, from April 2, AD 33

Jesus promises to be our Vine and to give us life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹Jesus said, “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“**This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call You ‘servants,’ for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you ‘friends,’ for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Gift #5: Confessing the Faith Together

The Nicene Creed has been shared throughout the entire Christian Church since AD 325.

G **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men^b and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

^a “**Gospel**” is an ancient word meaning “good news” and has come to mean a biography of Jesus.

^b “**Men**” here comes from “anthropous,” a word in Greek, the original language of the Nicene Creed, and may be used for “men” or for “people.” In this context, it includes all people: men, women, and children.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures^a
and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose Kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Gift #6: Exploring God's Word Together

- **Children's Chat**
- **Sermon**

1 John 5:1-5

Gift #7: A Moment with God

^a "According to the Scriptures" is a reference to Luke 24:25-27 when Jesus, after He had risen from the dead, explained to His disciples that He had died and had risen from the dead, exactly "according to [how] the Scriptures" said He would, therefore fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament.

Please stand as you are able

Gift #8: Talking with God Together

In your own prayers as well, please also include:

International Tensions
Our Protectors
Un(der)employed & Overworked
Persecuted Christians
Our Preschool Outreach

Two Pre-Born Babies
Lynn Romo (recovery)
Carlene Kaufmann (healing)
Jaydin Johnson (recovery)
Lynne Hood (healing)
Sylvia Grannemann (recovery)

This Week's Zion Folks

The Praters
The Pittas
Lois Peterson
Penny Patrick

- P** Lord Jesus, Your call to love others as You love us is so simple... To the delight of the Father,
C **Please fill us with the Holy Spirit.**

After each request, please join in with:

- P** ... Gracious Lord, that Your love would overcome the world in us, please,
C **Empower us to love one another as You love us.**

John 13:34, 15:12

- P** Lord Jesus, please fix our eyes on You and teach us to pray:

- C** **Our Father who art in Heaven,^a**

Taught by Jesus in Matthew 6:9–13

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done

on Earth as it is in Heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

Gift #9: Supporting the Sharing of God's Gifts

Your contributions make you a partner with God in sponsoring the ministry we get to do together, bringing the gifts of God to people where they are in the way they need them, here at Zion, in the St. Louis area, and around the world.



^a The words of this prayer come from Jesus Himself, as He taught His followers how to pray. We use older sounding words, such as “art” and “Thy,” because these are the same words which the English-speaking Church has used to pray this prayer since the Bible translation of William Tyndale in AD 1526. We could use updated words, but this is quite a precious heritage—that we have prayed these words throughout the English-speaking Church for 500 years!

Please stand as you are able

Presentation of Our Offering

- P** Gracious Lord... Please graciously receive what we offer You and do wonderful things through it,
C **For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Gift #10: The Lord's Supper

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know.

The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

Preface^a

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places thank You, holy Father, whose love has changed all things for all time. We especially thank You that we now receive the gift of Your beloved Son, Jesus, our Lord, that we may fully experience Your love and may be empowered to love those around us. For such a gift, with angels and with all Your people in **Heaven** and on **Earth**,
C **We laud^b and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You by saying and singing:**

^a The words of this part of our worship service are used throughout the world and, until just recently, have been used in almost all Christian worship services since around AD 200!

^b "**Laud**" means "to praise loudly and publicly."

Sanctus^a

from Isaiah 6 and Mark 11



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

^a "**Sanctus**" means "Holy" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520, when many congregations began to worship God in the locally spoken languages, such as German and English. In the Sanctus, the word "**Sabaoth**" means "Heavenly Hosts" and "**Hosanna**" means "please save us" in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Cor 11

Pax Domini^a

John 20:21

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** Amen.

Please be seated

Those who regularly attend Church in person are 40% more likely to describe their marriage as “very satisfactory,” the highest score on the scale. —*The Journal of Marriage and Family*, May, AD 1985.

Here is our usual Distribution Plan:

First, all those helping to serve the Lord's Supper will be served at the Rail.

Second, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Rail will be served at the Rail.

Third, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Baptismal Font will be served at the Font.

Finally, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper in their pew will be served in their pew.

^a “**Pax Domini**” means “The peace of the Lord” in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520. This “The peace of the Lord be with you” greeting has been used daily and weekly throughout the Church since Jesus greeted His closest followers on the evening of the first Easter, April 5, AD 33—*John 20:21*.

Gift #11: Embracing God's Call Together "Love God, Love People" *Danny Gokey, from AD 2019*

I've been running in circles, jumping the hurdles, getting caught in that rush of doing so much.
I'm feeling kinda worn out.
All this checking the boxes, trying to be flawless, has me spinning my head, catching my breath,
Too afraid to slow down.

I tell myself to keep this up, that God wants more than just my love,
But I've been complicating things—it's just like me to overthink.
**Gotta keep it real simple, keep it real simple,
Bring everything right back to ground zero,
'Cause it all comes down to this: love God and love people.**
**We're living in a world that keeps breaking, but, if we want to find a way to change it,
It all comes down to this: love God and love people.**

Oh, this is freedom, the keys to the Kingdom, knowing life will be found when love can be loud,
'Cause love is what it's all about.

I tell myself to keep this up, that all God wants is just my love,
No more complicating things, no more need to overthink.
**Gotta keep it real simple, keep it real simple,
Bring everything right back to ground zero,
'Cause it all comes down to this: love God and love people.**
**We're living in a world that keeps breaking, but, if we want to find a way to change it,
It all comes down to this: love God and love people.**

Love is patient; love is kind, rescues hearts, and changes lives.
Love is all we need to make things right.
Gotta keep it real simple; it's really so simple.

**Gotta keep it real simple, keep it real simple,
Bring everything right back to ground zero,
'Cause it all comes down to this: love God and love people.**
**We're living in a world that keeps breaking, but, if we want to find a way to change it,
It all comes down to this: love God and love people.**

...keep on loving, keep on loving...
Love God and love people, keep on loving, keep on loving.
It's all about love; it's how we change the world: **love God and love people.**

If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.

Why isn't the worship service totally different from week to week?

It does not take long to notice the rhythm of the typical worship service. There are minor adjustments and additions we make, but the flow is generally the same. Counted up, though, only 13% is the same as it was the Sunday before (like the Invocation, for example). Around 56% is totally unique to the specific Sunday (like the readings, the sermon, and the Prayer of the Church as examples).

While some may think that is less than exciting, the service is kind of like a good book. A good book must first set the scene and introduce the characters; only then can it tell you what happens to those characters. Then, it can finally tell you how it all ends. If you just left a part out, like introducing the characters, the situations would not make much sense.

Lutherans generally follow a traditional worship service flow, some parts dating back to the First Century AD! The service flow has lasted this long because it gets everything done so well. By worshiping with this history behind us means that we are lifting up our voices as Christians have done for nearly 2,000 years AND with plenty of modern flair!

Have you ever wondered why we have or do something that we do?
Let Pastor Know you are wondering, so we may all learn why we do what we do!

Gift #12: Enjoying God Together "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB #770, from AD 1855



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spite, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Gift #13: Celebrating God Together "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB #430, from AD 1664



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have, my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He, to suffering goes
That He His foes, from thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home, my Lord on Earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was His home
But mine the tomb, wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days, could gladly spend!

When we have finished distributing the Lord's Supper, please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, thank You for giving us pardon and peace in this Sacrament.^a
- C** **Please protect and lead our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit,**
- P** That we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
- C** **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gift #14: The Blessing *This blessing has been spoken over God's people for 3,468 years! (Numbers 6)*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation

This has been the popular Easter greeting for Christians since AD 400!

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Please be seated

^a A "**Sacrament**" is gift which the Church gets to share that (1) has been commanded by God, (2) brings the gift of the forgiveness of sins, and (3) has a physical element to guarantee the receiver that they have received the gift. The Church has many gifts to share but only two specific Sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

This song is a beautiful combining of Jesus' words to us from after He rose from the dead.

We are singing this song for a few Sundays to help everyone learn it.

See My hands and look at My feet; *John 20:20, 27*
It's okay if it's hard to believe. *John 20:29*
I have faith you will do greater things, *John 14:12*
It's my time to go, but before I leave: *Matthew 28:19–20*

Go, tell the world about Me. *Matthew 28:19–20*
I was dead, but now I live. *Revelation 1:18*
I've gotta go now for a little while, *John 14:19*
But "goodbye" is not the end. *Revelation 22:20*

Don't forget the things that I taught you. *Matthew 28:20*
I've conquered death and I hold the keys. *Revelation 1:18*
Where I go you will go, too, someday, *John 14:2–3*
But there's much to do here before you leave. *Luke 24:46–48*

So, go, tell the world about Me. *Matthew 28:19–20*
I was dead, but now I live. *Revelation 1:18*
I've gotta go now for a little while, *John 14:19*
But "goodbye" is not the end of the journey, *Revelation 22:20*
The end of the road. My Spirit is with you wherever you go. *John 14:26*
You have a purpose and I have a plan, *Romans 8:28*
I'll make you this promise—I'll come back again— *Acts 1:11*

But, until then, **go, tell the world about Me,** *Matthew 28:19–20*
For I was dead but now I live. *Revelation 1:18*
Oh, I've gotta go now for a little while, *John 14:19*
Hey, but "goodbye" is not the end. *Revelation 22:20*

Go tell them about Me. *Matthew 28:19–20*
I've gotta go... for a little while, *John 14:19*
But "goodbye" is not the end. *Revelation 22:20*

If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.

Postlude

As we exit together, please take a few moments to chat with the people around you.
Just a few words to a person who is hurting will mean the world to them.
It's easy, it's loving, it's really needed, and it shows the love of God.

Need prayers?

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer support, please contact the Church Office at 314.739.6121. Prayer requests may also be made anonymously.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

SHIRLEY DURRWACHTER 🎂 Wednesday

CHARLOTTE SLOMINSKI 🎂 Friday

GINNY GOLCHERT 🎂 Friday

*Are we missing a birthday or anniversary?
Please contact the Church Office to update
our records.*

At Your Service

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Secretary: Kim Dent church@zionmh.org

Café Manager: Marlina Femmel

Preschool Director: Joni Wallace

Lead Musician: Tina Golchert

Facility Administrator: Claudia Amaya

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this morning's celebration happen!

During the Week:

Lawn Crew: Robin Steinbecker, Judah Lankford, Jay Lankford, Christi Femmel, and Pastor

Bulletin Production: Russ Wurl, Larry & Nancy Nord, and Joyce Hicks

Altar Guild: Peggy Whiteman, Sylvia Granneman, and Christi Femmel

For our 8:00am Worship Service:

Ushers: Russ Wurl, Harry Tyler, Larry Nord, Vicki Lichtenegger, and Justin Dertinger

Livestream Producer: Christi Femmel

Lord's Supper Assist: Russ Wurl, Elder for Last Names F-I

Between Worship Services:

Fellowship Breakfast: Steve and Vickie Osterloh

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER: Kim Dent

Confirmation Teacher: Ryan Lichtenegger

Jesus Freaks Teacher (our Youth Group): Marlina Femmel

For our 10:30am Worship Service:

Ushers: Denise Weber, Judy Schwend, Ashlee Kimbrough, Mike Johnson, and Doug Beck

Lord's Supper Assist: Neil Koenig, Elder for Last Names R-Z

The News This Week

This Saturday and the Next, May 11 & 18, 6:00pm—***“The Chosen”*** at ***Zion***—ANGEL Studios is making Season 4 of their phenomenal series, ***“The Chosen,”*** available to churches before it is available to stream at home. What a blessing! We are going to start enjoying Season 4 together next Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a more comfortable chair, please bring one from home (but please make sure it has smooth, rubber, or plastic feet to help take care of our floor together). You can definitely bring drinks and refreshments, but ***the Jesus Freaks*** (our Youth Group) will have plenty available for sale.

Next Sunday, May 12, 9:30am—***Yummies for Moms (and her people too)***—Since moms do so much for us all year long, ***the Jesus Freaks*** (our Youth Group) are hosting an epic Fellowship Breakfast on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12. All proceeds will go toward our little people’s retreat together to Branson this Summer. For more information or to help out, please contact **MARLINA FEMMEL** at 314.363.6185.

Sunday, May 19, 9:30am—***Introducing Reverend Doctor Pastor Mark Femmel***—In addition to Fellowship Breakfast, we will have cake and ice cream to celebrate Pastor now being a “Doctor of Ministry in Church Health and Revitalization” and a box for cards will be provided. For more information or to help out, please contact **NANCY RUBANO-NORD** at 314.443.1097.

What’s coming next? We just updated our calendar online at www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events, so if you’re looking for a way to be a blessing, a way to strengthen your faith, or to get excited about the things we get to do as the ***Church of God***, take a peek!

Being a kid is tough! It is hard to be a little person in today’s world. Even if your child is not on social media, their friends and the bullies in their class probably are and they can spread mean things at the speed of light. On top of that, movies, TV shows, and songs pass on terrible values to children and their friends. If you need a little support, you can always chat with Pastor or you can get free help through Lutheran Family and Children Services, starting at www.lfcsmo.org.

Parent Tip: The Church Bag—One great way to enjoy ***Church*** as a family is to bring along the “Church Bag.” To set one up, remember, kiddos will still make noise and ***we welcome kid noise! That’s how God created our little ones!*** Books are great things for Church Bags, especially Bible story books, coloring books, activity books, along with other mind-engaging activities like an Etch-A-Sketch, a dry erase board, or bendy rubber toys. Taking your kiddo to a thrift shop is a great and inexpensive way for them to help fill the Church Bag. Here’s the most important part—never, ever, ever, ever let your kiddo play with the Church Bag stuff unless they are at ***Church***; otherwise, it won’t be as interesting.

You might be a Lutheran if... you smile when you find out that Walter Mueller who played Major League Baseball for five seasons was a lifelong member of ***Zion***, Maryland Heights! Seriously, check out https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Mueller.



The Happenings at and around Zion

For even more events, please check out www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events.

TODAY, May 5 <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
	9:00AM	Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30AM	Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, Fellowship Hall)
	9:30AM	Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)
	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)
	10:30AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
Monday, May 6	10:00AM	Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)
Tuesday, May 7	11:00AM	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, May 8	7:00AM	Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00AM	No Bible Study this week
	9:00AM	Domino Divas & Dudes (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45–7:15PM	Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, May 9	All Day	The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays
	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Friday, May 10	6:00PM	Stampin' Up with KIM DENT (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, May 11	9:00AM & 1:00PM	Stampin' Up with KIM DENT (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30PM	Doors open for "The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party (Fell. Hall)
	6:00PM	"The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party Begins! (Fellowship Hall)
Next Sunday, May 12 <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day</i>	8:00AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
	9:00AM	Mother's Day Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30AM	Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, Fellowship Hall)
	9:30AM	Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)
	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)
	10:30AM  WORSHIP (Sanctuary)	
Next Monday, May 13	10:00AM	Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)
	7:00PM	Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Next Tuesday, May 14	11:00AM	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Next Wednesday, May 15 National Police Memorial Day	7:00AM	Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00AM	Bible Study: The Holy Spirit on the Move (Acts, F. Hall)
	10:00AM	Domino Divas & Dudes (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45–7:15PM	Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
Next Thursday, May 16	All Day	The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays
	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Next Saturday, May 18	1:00PM	Preschool Popsicle Party (Outside, Weather Permitting)
	5:30PM	Doors open for "The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party (Fell. Hall)
	6:00PM	"The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party Begins! (Fellowship Hall)

