



*ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
LITCHFIELD, IL
JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER*

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Graduation to Work

You are finished with your education. Now it is time to get to work. You have a job to do. You have everything needed to complete your tasks. There are a lot of co-workers and we work best as a team. Feel free to ask questions, seek help, and help each other. I have great confidence in what you all will do. I will be back later when the project is completed to see the work that has been done.

This scene gets played out in various forms every year around this time. Students graduate from school and (hopefully) have a job that starts soon, probably after a little time off from studies before the work begins. However, this also reflects what happens (ongoing) within the church.

Graduation was essentially when Jesus ascended into heaven (celebrated May 21 this year) and all the 'formal' instruction Jesus gave the disciples came to an end. They now were qualified for their work of making disciples (Matthew 28), being witnesses of everything Jesus had done and said (Acts 1), but had a little time – ten more days – before their work would begin. On Pentecost (celebrated May 28), they were equipped and empowered by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. From then on they proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ, and the Lord added daily to the number of those being saved. In this way, more were 'educated' through God's Word, more were 'equipped' for work by the Holy Spirit, and more were added to the 'work force' to complete the task of making disciples.

This work will not be completed until the Master comes back. We continue in our Master's Plan as we live by faith in Christ. This means that our work, the work of the church given by Christ, will not end until He comes again. So my friends and fellow workers, we still have lots of work to do as we make disciples.

What joy it is that God has made us His own, calling us to faith in Christ. How awesome it is that God's Word is so powerful, changing lives by the Gospel. How humbling it is that the Holy Spirit empowers us and motivates us and leads us in our lives of faith so we can continue to fulfill the one mission of making disciples. May God's peace fill our lives as we work together until Christ come again.

Pastor Fred



News from Zion Lutheran School
Miss Pryor, Principal

It's been a great time of excitement and activity at Zion! The eighth graders and Mr. Covert enjoyed a wonderful trip to Chicago at the beginning of May. They toured Shedd Aquarium, got a bird's-eye view of the city from the Willis Tower, experienced dinner and entertainment at Medieval Times, and toured Concordia University in Chicago. The group also spent time in service to others, helping to make over 830 ham sandwiches to feed the homeless at the Pacific Garden Mission. We thank Mr. Burenga and Mr. Wernsing who accompanied the group as chaperones.

The Awards Banquet on May 9th was a wonderful evening to recognize all those who participated in sports and school activities. We especially thank Miss Gulley, Zion's first grade teacher and athletic director, for all of her work throughout the year with our sports programs. Zion's PTL provided gifts for the eighth graders, who were acknowledged for their years of attendance at Zion.

Graduations were celebrated on Wednesday, May 17th. Kindergartners demonstrated through word and song special things they had learned this year. They were followed by the eighth graders. The valedictorian and salutatorian speeches are included in this month's newsletter. What was most noticeable in all the graduation events was the love these students have for Zion and the appreciation our eighth graders have for the education they received here.

We are very excited about our upcoming summer camp adventure. Mrs. Ceressa Waldrup will be serving as director of our summer program for students who are enrolled at Zion and need care throughout the summer months. She will be joined by Mrs. Angela Allsman from Carlinville, and two aides, Noelle Clementz and Mackenzi Black. We welcome all of them to our staff. It will be great to have our usually quiet summer hallways filled with their praises and creations!

The teachers have been meeting to make plans for next year and have chosen our school theme, "Hooked on Jesus," which is based on Matthew 4:19, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Zion is a wonderful school for children to gather and be taught the love and forgiveness of Jesus. We are currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Share with others what a blessing Zion is!



Vacation Bible School

We are excited to announce Vacation Bible School will begin

June 12th – June 16th

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m

We've got a Stellar spot for you!

We are looking for Volunteers to help with crafts, teaching, snacks, games etc.

If you are interested in helping, contact Susie Covert or school office (217)324-3166.

2023 Valedictorian Speech

William Crispens

Good evening to the parents and guardians, friends, teachers, church members, administration, and the upcoming graduating class of 2023. Landon copied my intro.

As we prepare to leave Zion after graduating from eighth grade, my classmates and I feel equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to achieve our goals in high school, college, and future careers. Our experience at Zion has instilled in us confidence and prepared us to serve well in all our future endeavors.

A few good examples are, in the first grade, our teacher had a point system where we could earn furballs for displaying good behavior; the more furballs we received, the better the rewards. This point system encouraged us to work hard and do good to others. Another example is, in the fifth grade, my class and I participated in the cardboard boat races. The objective was to construct a boat that would prevent us from getting wet and race successfully. Unfortunately, the majority of us were unsuccessful in some way. However, the experience brought us closer together and provided valuable insight into buoyancy.

Zion has given us a very fortunate opportunity to have received an education here, especially a spiritual education. As members of the graduating class of 2023, it will be crucial to stand firm in our faith and resist any societal or psychological influences that may challenge our belief in God. Luke 1:38 instantly springs to my thoughts. "Faith does not mean things will be easy; it makes them possible." As we move forward from our graduation, let us always remember the importance of staying connected to Christ in all that we do. With Him as our guide, we can approach our endeavors with confidence and purpose.

In conclusion, thank you, Zion, for the invaluable experiences and education. We are ready to take on the next chapter of our lives with the foundation you have provided.



2023 Salutatorian Speech

Landon Wernsing

Good evening fellow graduates, parents, grandparents, family, and teachers. My name is Landon Wernsing and I'm the Salutatorian of the class of 2023. This past year has brought all of us changes and struggles. But struggles are a part of growing and God's plan for us and our futures. 2nd Timothy 4:17 confirms that, "The Lord has stood by me and has strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed." He has helped us get past these changes and has brought us closer to Him and grown our faith.

I know we'll all take many great memories with us. Some of the memories I've had at Zion are playing basketball and all the games and practices. Also, all the field trips we've been on and going to Chicago for our 8th grade trip this year.

I want to thank all the teachers we've had over all these years and all the memories that I have made in their classes like Mrs. Ruppert's art classes, Mr. Schaff's random experiments in the middle of the day, Miss Pryor's bad jokes, the random talks with Mrs. Falter in the office and Miss Ceressa coming into English class to give us snacks and tell us random stories. I also want to thank the Zion congregation for the education they've provided for all of us in this first chapter of our lives. I truly believe they have prepared us for this next chapter and I know I'm excited to get it started. I especially want to thank my family for all the opportunities they have given me and supporting me through all



Congratulations



MISSION SERVICE: Thank you to everyone who supported the May outreach service project by filling a baby bottle. The Lighthouse Pregnancy/Family Center will be most appreciative. This organization serves men, women, and families by equipping and encouraging those in unplanned pregnancies to remember the gift of life

MEN & BOYS

The meeting May 7th, was attended by 20 men & boys, was productive and enjoyed. Lots of information, many questions, comments, and suggestions on what people are looking for and how to proceed came out of this. It's never too late to get involved. This was just the beginning! Feel free to contact Pastor, Mel Cordani, or Warren Benning for information on how to participate in this new ministry opportunity at Zion.



Zion Lutheran School 2023 – 2024 Registration

Registration paperwork can be found on our website at www.zionlutheranlitchfield.com under the school tab or they can be picked up from the office. Please return these forms along with registration fee at your earliest convenience. For questions or more information please call the school office at (217) 324-3166.



Help encourage others to consider Christian education here at Zion!

We appreciate your continued financial support. If you would like to provide a scholarship for a child who could not otherwise attend, please contact our School Secretary at (217) 324-3166.

You could be the person who makes a real difference in a child's life.



Summer Office Hours

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday – Closed

Other staff will be in sporadically over the summer.

Please utilize emails or our answering machine service on days staff are not available and we will return your message at our earliest convenience.

Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid



1301 N. State, Litchfield IL

Friday, June 2 2023
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 3 2023
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Opening hours are different on Friday, as the ladies will not serve a lunch. Items may be brought to the gym beginning Sunday, May 28. Set up will begin Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-6pm.

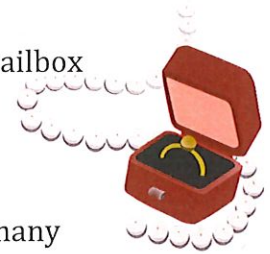
All help is welcome and appreciated.

Please note, we are unable to accept TV's, computers, children's car seats, and cribs.



JEWELRY

Unwanted jewelry that you no longer wear can be put in Kathy Towell's mailbox for the Rummage Sale.



PTL BAKE SALE

Tables will be set up outside of the gym during the Rummage Sale with many delicious desserts, so don't forget to grab some on your way out!
If you would like to donate a baked item for the bake sale, please let the office know.

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Just a reminder that our Raise Right gift card program continues through the Summer. Don't forget to get your cards for your gas traveling this year's vacation.



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 June Bierbaum
- 2 Lana Hughes
- 3 Roger Davis
Marilyn Niehaus
- 4 Perry Barcum
Audrey Orf
- 5 Carl Niemeyer
David Suhrenbrock
- 6 Tyler Klump
- 9 Michelle Ashby-Costello
- 11 Michael Justison
Axtyn VanderMeersch
- 12 Diane Wilson
- 13 Donald Volentine
- 17 Hadley Clementz
- 18 Kim Pence
- 19 James Gordon
- 20 Roger Davis
Jay Niemann
Charles Pezold
- 21 Brian Niehaus
- 22 Paige Lucykow
- 24 Camryn Dambacher
- 25 Joel Jubelt
- 26 Mason Steffens
- 27 Joe McNeal
Chris Covert
- 28 Danni Riemann
- 29 Carter Casey
Michelle Wernsing
- 30 Jacob Frerichs

God's presence is better than presents, His care is better than gifts. May His love for you shine brightly today, and give your heart a lift.

JUNE

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Roger & Brittany Davis
- 2 Don & Pam Volentine
- 4 Ferrell & Joyce Meinschein
- 6 Todd & Jane Davidson
Don & Ruth Lang
- 7 Timothy & Heather Burenga
Katie & Chad Savage
- 8 Chris & Susan Covert
- 10 Joe & Sandra McNeal
Milton & Beverly Zoschke
- 11 Christopher & Denise Allen
John & Katie Wilson
- 13 Tami & Audy Fenton
- 15 Daniel & Jean Peters
- 16 Adam & Tracy Favre
- 18 Keith & Tina Marburger
Karen & Donald Webb
- 20 Ronald & Barbara Grosenheider
- 24 David & Jennifer Helgen



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June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 TRINITY 8:00am Worship-Trad/Comm 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Trad.		6 9:00am Sewing Circle 6:00pm Mission & Evangelism 6:30 pm Adult Information Class	7 7:00pm Ladies Aid	8 9:15am Berean Bible Study 7:00pm Elders	9 LADIES AID – SPRING RUMMAGE SALE	10 5:30pm Worship-Trad
11 8:00am Worship-Trad 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Contemp/Comm		13 9:00am Sewing Circle 5:30pm School Board 6:30 pm Adult Information Class	14	15 9:15am Berean Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council		17 5:30pm Worship-Trad/Comm
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK 8:30 A.M – 11:30 A.M.						
18 FATHERS DAY 8:00am Worship-Trad/Comm 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Contemp.	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 9:00am Sewing Circle 6:30 pm Adult Information Class	21	22 9:15am Berean Bible Study	23	24 5:30pm Worship-Trad
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Elders Serving Us in June

Saturday June 3	5:30 p.m.	DOUG MARTIN
Sunday June 4	8:00 a.m.	ALLAN SPELBRING & PAUL FRERICHS
Sunday June 4	10:30 a.m.	BRAD BOWLES
Saturday June 10	5:30 p.m.	TOM FRERICHS
Sunday June 11	8:00 a.m.	BUD HELGEN
Sunday June 11	10:30 a.m.	GARY MEYERS & KYLE FRERICHS
Saturday June 17	5:30 p.m.	DOUG MARTIN
Sunday June 18	8:00 a.m.	DAVID BRAKENBUSH & BRAD BOWLES
Sunday June 18	10:30 a.m.	TOM FRERICHS
Saturday June 24	5:30 p.m.	BRAD BOWLES
Sunday June 25	8:00 a.m.	ALLAN SPELBRING
Sunday June 25	10:30 a.m.	PAUL FRERICHS & GARY MEYERS

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Join Us for Worship

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Bible Studies 9:15 a.m.

Via Facebook Live

