

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

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School 217-324-3166

During the seasons of Lent and Easter, we have many opportunities to sing a relatively new (less than 40 years old) hymn/song: "The Lamb". It has quickly become a favorite of adults and children alike.

I had the privilege, during my last year at the Seminary, to sing in the mixed choir under the direction of Gerald Coleman, the writer and composer of "The Lamb". It became our 'signature piece' when the choir would sing at various churches. Most times when we sang that hymn, we would not sing from the choir loft, or front of the church, but we would surround the congregation by lining up around the outside aisles. The gentle accompaniment would begin and then we sang in a simple two-part harmony. The words of each verse and chorus left its impact on both listener and choir members alike. Many gentle tears flowed. I still have a hard time today making it through the hymn without getting moist eyes.

Gerry had us concentrate on little words or phrases that hit our hearts. You can feel the deep emotion of Abraham as he answers his son's question, "Where's the lamb to sacrifice?" knowing Isaac was the sacrifice, yet answering in faith, "God will provide the sacrifice." And we know now the Father's heart as He gave Jesus, His only Son, as our substitute. What love!

Jesus, the Lamb, was the One...Perfect...Final...Offering. We, the wayward sheep KILL our Shepherd. How profound. Yet it was the Father's will that He die for us.

We see Jesus on the cross. Barely above a whisper we would sing: "He sighs; He dies," yes for all, and then it becomes so personal: "He takes MY sin and wretchedness," and then gloriously "He gives me His own righteousness!"

Then we get to erupt with the celebration of the resurrection "He rose!" And we join in the never-ending song of the Lamb in the scene from Revelation, "the Lamb is reigning on His throne!"

Our Midweek and Holy Week services will have us follow the Lamb. Many of the images from this hymn will be used and expanded upon. My hope is that each of us will grow in our love for the Lamb as we Follow Him.

Pastor Fred



LENT

News from Zion Lutheran School Miss Pryor, Principal

"Kids of the Kingdom," is a popular song during our chapel services. One of the verses allows each of us to share our names as part of the song. What incredible joy to hear our students and teachers sharing that they are part of God's kingdom!

It's unbelievable to think that we are nearly through third quarter and will be beginning fourth quarter in just a few weeks. The second half of this quarter has been filled with many events. The first grade class celebrated the 101st day of school on February 1st. Our spaghetti dinner was a great success. We served over 240 meals and made a profit of just over \$2,000. This money will be used to help defray the cost of our teachers attending the Lutheran Education Association conference every three years. Our basketball teams played their final games for the season. Mrs. Fortner held conferences with the families of her Pre-K students to share their progress. Mrs. Fischer and Zion's Student Council polished the wood in the church sanctuary as a way of giving back to the congregation.

March is filled with many fun events as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the blessing of Zion and rejoice in God's continued work within our school. We invite you to join with us for the following events:

- Tuesday, March 7th--Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House--5:30-6:30 p.m.-- Families with children ages three and four and those who will be entering kindergarten this fall are invited to come meet our teachers and visit the classrooms. Share this information with neighbors, friends, and relatives who have children that could also join us!
- Tuesday, March 7th--Family Reading Night--6:00-7:30 p.m.--"Reading is SNOW Much Fun," and we want to share the fun with everyone! Come enjoy games, crafts, and snacks. Make a snowman bowling set, design a snowflake, build an edible snowman, and win books as prizes at the Book Walk. The book fair will also be open for shopping. Invite friends to be part of the fun and gather with us!
- Friday, March 10th--Grandparents Day--8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--Grandparents and other special friends can join us beginning at 8:30 a.m. for chapel service. Following chapel, students and visitors will visit the classrooms to participate in many fun activities, have pictures taken, and enjoy fellowship with one another. We would love to have congregation members serve as "volunteer grandparents" for students who don't have a special visitor attending. If you would like to volunteer to be a "special friend" to a student, please contact the school office. We'll work to connect you with a student. We look forward to a wonderful day together!
- Zion's annual Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 26th. Pick up a delicious dinner from 12-6 p.m.
- School registration will be starting soon for the 2023-2024 school year. Encourage others to join the Zion family!



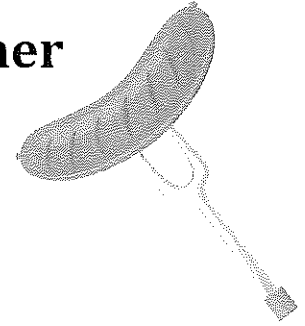
Facebook - Zion Lutheran School

We would like to share the heart of our children with you all, and give a glimpse of their wonderful days here at Zion. We have been adding photos of our students, teachers and members participating in the classrooms, and at sporting events,

\$14.⁰⁰

Zion Lutheran Church & School Annual Drive - Thru Sausage Dinner

Featuring Ron Hemann's Famous Pork Sausage



1301 N. State, Litchfield IL

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Noon - 6:00 p.m.

SERVING DRIVE-THRU ONLY

Proceeds benefit Zion Lutheran Church & School Building Project

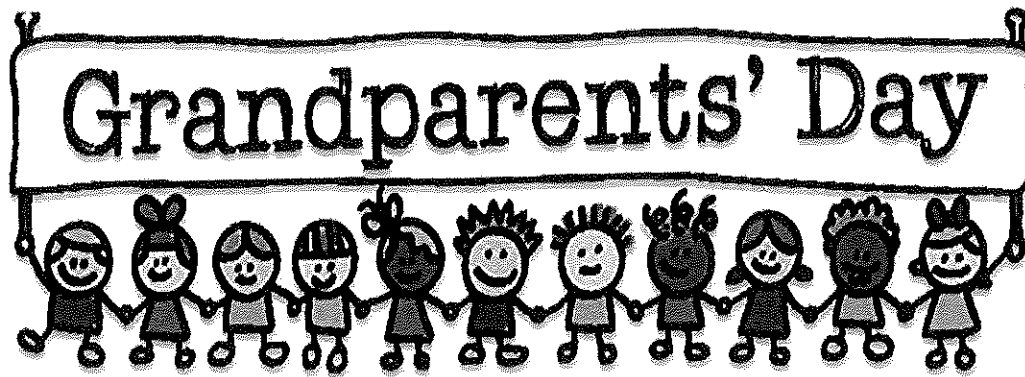
Fresh Homemade Pork Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Sausage Milk Gravy, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, and Dessert

**5lb. Bulk and Link Packaged Sausage
Available for pre-sale \$25.⁰⁰**

Pre-order February 1 - March 10 (217) 324-2393

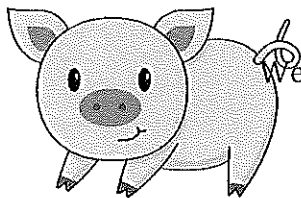


Cooked Linked Sausage available for pre-sale or day of dinner 1 doz. \$15.00



"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers." (Proverbs 17:6) We are very excited for our upcoming Grandparents Day celebration. Grandparents and other special friends can join us on Friday, March 10th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. for chapel service. Following chapel, students and visitors will visit the classrooms to participate in many fun activities, have pictures taken, and enjoy fellowship with one another. **Students will be allowed to leave with their grandparents or special friends after 11:00 if teachers have been notified.** School will dismiss at 1:15 that day, and after school care will be available. **There will not be any afternoon bus service.** **If your child does not have a grandparent or special friend and would like to be paired with someone, please contact the school office. We'll work to connect them with someone from the church congregation. We look forward to a wonderful day together!

**To Market, to market to buy a fat pig...
It's "Sausage Dinner" again, jiggety jig!**



We need your help this year to increase profits.
We are offering special deals for those who would like to participate in making the 6th year a huge success by getting...

These little piggies to market!

DONATION INCLUDES:

- 1- WHOLE HOG to MARKET
- 4 - DINNER TICKETS 3/26/23
- 2 - 5 lb. bags of fresh link or bulk sausage

\$500.00

DONATION INCLUDES:

- 1/2- HOG to MARKET
- 2 - DINNER TICKETS 3/26/23
- 1 - 5 lb. bag of fresh link or bulk sausage

\$250.00

**For more information or to purchase a "HOG WILD" deal,
call Becky Helgen (217) 246-2456 or Nancy Hyam (217) 254-4442**

PICKER'S MARKET NEWS:

After several years of having a food booth at Litchfield's Picker's Market, the leaders of this fundraising activity have decided not to participate. This was a great way for Zion to be involved in the community. Approximately \$25,000 was raised to offset the new building debt. The workers had a great time and will miss being together. So, tentative plans are in the works to have the pork chop and other basket meals available as drive-thru dinners at Zion on various Sundays in the near future. Stay tuned! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the food booth.

Greetings from Chris Covert

7th & 8th grade teacher

It's crazy to think that we're already halfway through the third quarter! We're definitely having a good time in middle school at Zion! We're learning all about the world God created for us to live in, the things that have happened in it, and what our role as Christians is to be going forward. 7th and 8th grade history has just wrapped up a unit about the era from Andrew Jackson right up to Abraham Lincoln's first steps into the national spotlight. 5th and 6th grade history just finished a unit on ancient Greece, and is starting one on ancient Rome. We're looking at those first civilizations to try out our system of government, and that we borrowed so much of our culture from. However, even as we look at the past, we need to be mindful of the present, so both classes are continuing our current event extra credit activities on Fridays. We also can't forget science! In 7th and 8th grade, we've been working up to our current unit on genetics. It's amazing to look at how intricately our bodies are made, from those very basic building blocks of DNA. We are truly "fearfully and wonderfully made!" 5th and 6th grade are finishing up a unit on weather and climate, and then we will be starting one on space; the sun, moon, and stars. In addition, all students in grades 5-8 are getting ready for a field trip next month to the Challenger Learning Center in St. Louis. It's certainly a busy time, but it looks to be a very fun time as well!

DESSERTS NEEDED!

SAUSAGE DINNER (3/26) is coming up quickly! There is a need for desserts. There's a sign-up sheet on the table near the mailboxes, or if it's easier, you can call Becky Helgen at 217-246-2456.

MISSION SERVICE:

Hearts United gratefully received our donations. Thanks for your generosity in blessing others! In March, our gathering is for the Litchfield Food Pantry.

ELDERS SERVING US IN WORSHIP IN MARCH

Wednesday March 1 – Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	DOUG MARTIN
Saturday March 4	5:30 p.m.	DOUG MARTIN
Sunday March 5	8:00 a.m.	TOM FRERICHS & BRAD BOWLES
	10:30 a.m.	GARY MEYERS
Wednesday March 8- Midweek	7:00 p.m.	PAUL FRERICHS
Saturday March 11	5:30 p.m.	ALLAN SPELBRING
Sunday March 12	8:00 a.m.	BUD HELGEN
	10:30 a.m.	ALLAN SPELBRING & KYLE FRERICHS
Wednesday March 15- Midweek	7:00 p.m.	BRAD BOWLES
Saturday March 18	5:30 p.m.	DOUG MARTIN
Sunday March 19	8:00 a.m.	DAVID BRAKENBUSH & GARY MEYERS
	10:30 a.m.	PAUL FRERICHS
Wednesday March 22- Midweek	7:00 p.m.	DOUG MARTIN
Saturday March 25 ,	5:30 p.m.	DOUG MARTEN
Sunday March 26	8:00 a.m.	KYLE FRERICHS
	10:30 a.m.	BUD HELGEN & DAVID BRAKENBUSH
Wednesday March 29- Midweek	7:00 p.m.	

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Pre K, Pre K Plus
and
Kindergarten
Open House & Registration
for
2023-2024



Tuesday, March 7th

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Please enter the classroom doors on the West
side of the building, located along Madison
Street.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12th

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward!

Wednesday Evening Lent Services

March 1st – 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

March 8th – 7:00 pm

March 15th – 7:00 pm

March 22nd – 7:00 pm

March 29th – 7:00 pm

April 6th – 7:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Morris
- 2 Andrew Nail
- 3 Joyce Bergen
Megan Dougherty
Joyce Henske
- 4 Caleb Jurgena
- 5 Kaci Cruthis
- 6 Brenley Clementz
Dee Lovejoy
- 7 Lori Williams
- 8 Marvin Gerdes
- 10 Helen Saxby
- 11 Amber Harter
- 12 Ashley Andrews
Alyssa Ashby
Nolan Dougherty
- 13 Karly Kruse
Susan Shelton
Addison Webb
- 15 Mike Helgen
Gracie Pollard
Mary Lou Allen
- 16 Deana Rieman
- 17 Brinley Richardson
- 18 Elda Bowles
- 21 Williard Peck
- 25 Mahina Holliday
Levi Jubelt
- 26 Janet Andrews
- 27 Jeffrey Bernhardt
McKenna Gerl
Ronald Grosenheider
Ella Savage
- 28 Mary Frerichs
Elmer Fritzsche
Raymond Mansholt
- 29 Andrew Bergman
Reese Davis
Ferrel Meinschein
Joyce Meinschein
- 31 Jamie Olson
Timothy Spelbring

March

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Doug & Conda Martin
- 11 Ron & Anita Davis
- 18 Tricia & Craig Rogers
- 22 Beth & Robert Harmon
- 28 Steven & Sheryla Westhoff

The Lord God Said:

"It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make a suitable partner for him."

Genesis 2:18

Sign Up to Sponsor Bulletins ~ Altar Flowers ~ and Usher

These are all essential to making our church as wonderful as it is. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the Narthex entrance, or call the office to reserve a date.

Bulletins are \$10 for weekend worship and \$20 for special services - checks made payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

Altar Flowers are \$25 for regular ladies aid special. Checks made payable to Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Special Flowers may be ordered through Petal Pushers. Please make sure to contact the church office.

EASTER FLOWERS

Be sure to watch for Easter Flower Sign-up's coming out soon.



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Chapel 5:30 pm Meals 6:00 pm Confirmation 5:45pm Festival Bells 7:45 pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Midweek Lent	2 9:15am Berean Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Elders	3 No School	4 2nd Sun. in Lent 5:30pm Worship-Trad/Comm
5 8:00am Worship-Trad/Comm 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Trad.	6 No School Casimir Pulaski Day	7 9:00am Sewing Circle 5:30pm School Board 6:00pm Mission & Evangelism	8 8:30am Chapel 5:30pm Meals 6:00 pm Confirmation 5:45pm Festival Bells 7:45pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Midweek Lent	9 9:15am Berean Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council	10 School Early Dismissal 1:15pm	11 3rd Sun. in Lent 5:30pm Worship-Trad
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26 8:00am Worship-Trad 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Trad/Comm	27	28 9:00am Sewing Circle	29 8:30am Chapel 5:30pm Meals 6:00 pm Confirmation 5:45pm Festival Bells 7:45pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Midweek Lent	30 9:15am Berean Bible Study	31	

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
Zion Lutheran School Page 8:00 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church Page 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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