Zion Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2021

A Letter for our Youth

"Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. I would seek unto God and unto God would I commit my cause." Job 5:7-8

"If you are not guided by God, you will be guided by someone or something else." Eric Liddell

Even though we come from different generations, there is the saying, "There is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9). Switching from a side part to a middle part or from bootcut to skinny jeans to ripped jeans might be trends but for those who've been around for half a century or more, such trends come and go. We may dedicate ourselves to a particular music artist, fashion trend, sports team, or TV show that is popular today, but in only a few years that trend may be passe.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked about a wise man and a foolish man (Matt 7:24-27). He describes two men who were building houses to protect their families from the elements. One man built his house on sand and one built his house on the rock. Both builders faced trials in their lives, as it rains on both the righteous and the wicked. The difference is whether we can withstand our trials or are we and those we love going to be left vulnerable and unprotected. The foolish man lost everything he built because he built on sand or the transitory things. The wise man saw that his family was protected even through the storms of life because he built upon the rock. There is only one firm foundation in which we can rely, an eternal, steadfast and immovable one, and that is the Lord. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" John 17:3.

How do you build your life's foundation on the Lord? What is the most important influence on you currently? Is it what is on TikTok, Instagram, or your favorite social media platform? Who is your favorite social influencer? (Influencers in social media are people who have built a reputation for their knowledge and expertise on a specific topic. They make regular posts about that topic on their preferred social media channels and generate large followings of enthusiastic, engaged people who pay close attention to their views.)

What if you decided that the Lord would be the most important influence in your life? That pleasing the Lord would influence who you spent your time with, what books you read, what you watched on television, even the music you listened to? Thinking of the Lord as the most important influence in your life, what changes are you already prompted to make?

What are some steps we can take to make the Lord the most important influence in our life?

1. Listen to His Voice. The Lord says that His sheep know His voice (John 10). As His sheep we follow Him. Christ's ministry is a good place to start listening to His Voice. Spend some time with the Sermon on the Mount, for instance. What is Christ saying to you?
2. Contemplate His Word. Contemplation is a time of peace and rest for our souls in this hectic world. Give

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yourself about half an hour a day of quiet contemplation. You may think you don't have that much time, but if you limit your hours of screen-time you will find that you have plenty of opportunity. Pick out a verse and pray about it and what you can do to implement its teachings in your life. Let your mind rest on Christ and His Life. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" Proverbs 9:10.

3. Ask for What you Need. Jesus promised his disciples, "Whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:23-24. Whatever we ask the Father, through Jesus, especially in understanding His words, the Holy Spirit will give us understanding and will prompt us in how to apply it to our own lives. In other matters, when we ask in Jesus's name, and it is right for us, God will give us what we most need. We may look at others, especially our friends and loved ones, to give us what we need but only God can give us the assurance of His eternal love, acceptance, and grace.
4. Rejoice and Give Thanks for What He Has Given. The world may tell us that our world is broken, our institutions out-dated and our culture flawed, but I still have hope for this world, I still have hope because God still reigns in heaven. You can rejoice over everything in your life that is a gift from God, and since everything is from God, including every breath, every talent, every mouthful of food, every warm winter's night, our parents, and families, we can literally rejoice in everything. You will find that giving thanks to God in everything and having an attitude of good cheer and appreciation will transform you from the inside out. Joy always comes with gratitude.

The rains will come, that is what is promised us in this life from Job 5:7, for "man is born unto trouble." Rains bring floods, as the song and our experience tells us. What is promised to us who rely on the Lord is the difference the rains and floods will make in our lives. We have seen what floods can do to our fields, our houses, and our roads. Floods can be incredibly devastating. But when we let God reign, or be foremost in our lives, we are promised amazing things.

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save. He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love. He will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3:17.

We are promised that He will save us, that we will be in his rest, and that we will have joy. What wonderful promises. God is the only one to be able to make and keep such promises. When we have God as the most important influence in our lives, we can rest assured in our futures, no matter what the world throws at us.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. He has overcome the world, and with His strength and help, we can too. May God bless and be with you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Hinckley and family

Zion's NEWS & Notes

Last Sunday for Sunday School May 2nd

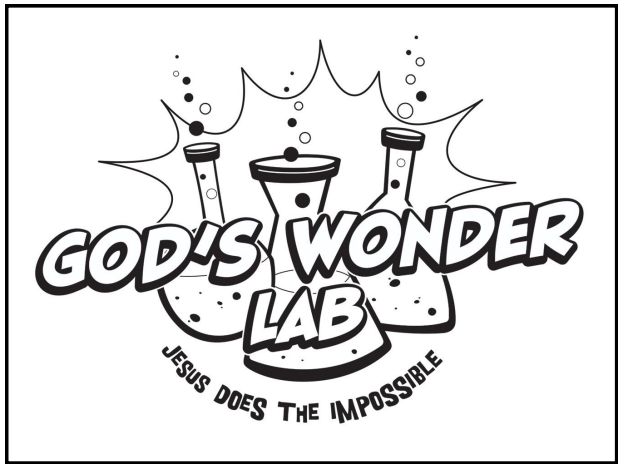
Celebrating Our Graduates

Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 9th

2021 High School Graduates

Cassandra Dobberstein
Gracelinn Keiner
Delaney Peterson
Garret Ristau
Gunner Ristau

VBS



Grades PK-5
June 2 & 3, 8 & 9, from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Family Night, June 11th
RSVP Tara Weeman 605.491.1903 (cell)

CHURCH COUNCIL

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-APRIL 14, 2021

The April meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church Council was held in the fellowship hall April 14, 2021. Council members attending in addition to Pastor Hinckley were Rocky Knippling, Jim Ristau, Kenny Knutson, Darrel DuVall, Rick Hargens, Kurt Kelsey, Todd Van Den Bosch, Eric Weeman, Mike Reimer, Todd Powell, Marsha Houska and Robert Lulf. Additional guest was Hope Lutter on behalf of LWML. The meeting was called to order by Todd Powell at 8:03 PM. Pastor Hinckley opened the meeting with prayer.

The council minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting were provided by Secretary Marsha Houska and read individually. Kenny Knutson made a motion to approve the March minutes as provided. The motion was seconded by Rocky Knippling. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was provided by Todd Van Den Bosch.

General Fund:

Beginning balance:	$8,398.40
Ending balance:	$10,810.08

Special Funds:

Building Fund:	$5,002.52
Audio Fund:	$659.70
Memorial Fund:	$12,686.78
Thrivent Choice:	$10,567.97
Youth Group:	$4,550.53

Bills paid in March: No list of bills to report

- 1st PPP loan forgiveness being reviewed
- $4,641.00- pay from Building Fund for tuck pointing

Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay outstanding bills as presented was made by Kurt Kelsey and seconded by Darrel DuVall. Motion carried.

Elders'/Pastor's Report:

- Returning to pre-covid way of communion at the rail, kneelers, Pastor and elder no masks and Pastor blessing each group.
- Put in bulletin and newsletter- Communicants feel free to wear masks if preferred. If uncomfortable

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coming to communion rail, let Pastor know your preference. Pastor and elder will come to you in pew or different location.
- Discontinue recording of services
- Youth group from Huron planning a trip to Creation Museum in Ky
- Graduate recognition planned for May 9th
- Graduates are Gracelinn Keiner, Cassandra Dobberstein, Delaney Peterson, Garret and Gunner Ristau.
- Pastor will be on vacation May 13-28th with Pastor Urbach filling in.
- VBS will be held 5 evenings between June 1-11
- Looking for leader(s) for youth group; suggestion-maybe parents with children in youth group could share/divide up leadership role
- Thank you to Jim Ristau for videoing all services uploaded during the pandemic.
- Maundy Thursday service held April 1st, Good Friday service April 2nd
- Easter Sunday services at 7 and 9 AM went well; Approx. 220 in church and approx. 100 served for Easter breakfast.
- Welcome to Nick, Jeanette and Carter Nelson transferring in, sister to Darrel DuVall
- Pastor held communion service at Regency April 7 at 11 AM; May 5 Regency communion at 11:00; will be visiting Sanford Care Center and Regency once a month with communion at Regency monthly
- Susan Swanson will be attending the LWML convention June 22-28 in Lexington, Ky.

Trustees' Report:
- Tree by parsonage needs trimming, dropping dead branches. Contacted Gary Pearce to trim tree- $800
- Parsonage fence needs repair; Kenny will take care of this.
- Obtained contract from Mike Hosek for fertilizing
- Kenny will call Mark about the water lines/sprinklers.
- Mike Reimers are remodeling and have carpet in good condition to donate for use in the church basement. Kenny will look at and call carpet layer.

LWML Report:
- Given by Hope Lutter /LWML Chair on resuming coffee/breakfast fellowship
- All LWML groups were polled about serving Sunday fellowship with all input carefully considered. Hope appreciates everyone's openness and honesty.
- Findings-Majority want to go away from every Sunday commitment/do something different.
- LWML groups will be contacted to serve coffee and muffins/bars the First Sundays of the month only starting May 2nd until fall and will be reevaluated then.
- Continue coffee only other Sundays of the month. (Anyone can make the coffee.)
- If there are other groups such as youth group who would be interested in sponsoring fellowship on other Sundays for a fundraiser, please contact the council (esp. Rick Hargens).

Old Business:
- Served 100 at Easter breakfast; free will taken $380; paid for groceries with $173 left put in general fund
- Sound System buzzing not resolved; Kenny will get back to Tom Schmidt for input.
- Fuse box in sacristy needs replacing; contact electrician
- PPP-applied for 2nd PPP $16,125-waiting for Great Western to review
- Tuck pointing completed April 8th with some done at parsonage for no additional charge
- Long will be here first half of May to do eyebrow and caps
- Louvers will need painting

New Business:
- Mask usage and covid service protocol discontinued
- Discontinued recording/uploading of services
- Vacation Bible School
- See Elders'/Pastor's report for information on these first three new business agenda items
- Rick Hargens would like to donate a couple trees where bare on East side. Will table until next meeting.
- Bunn coffee maker has a leak.
- Kurt Kelsey made a motion to price a new Bunn coffee maker. Todd Van Den Bosch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next council meeting will be held May 12, 2021 at 8 PM with elders meeting at 7 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Kurt Kelsey and seconded by Robert Lulf. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Houska, Church Council Secretary
(These minutes are unofficial and will be presented to the church council for approval at the next meeting.)

LWML South Dakota District

Sisters in Christ,

LWML groups will resume serving coffee and muffins or bars for the first Sundays of the month through the summer. We will collect for mites offering at that time. Church council agreed to continue coffee only the other Sundays (at least for now). If anyone wants to volunteer for helping serve coffee other Sundays, contact the council. The other Sundays are open for youth group or other church groups to serve for fundraising.

May 9 will be graduate recognition Sunday. LWML will serve cake and coffee. Volunteers are still needed for serving.

On the topic of planning for Sunday coffee, I appreciate all of your open and honest feedback. There were many good points brought forth for discussion, and I truly valued and considered all of the input. In the end, I decided to go with the majority votes at this time, and we can revisit this at a later date.

There was excellent participation with the fleece blankets service project! I believe most are completed and returned. If you have one yet, just let me know as I will hopefully be donating soon. The specifics for the donation site are in the process of being worked out, and I will update you later on the specifics.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 5 at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. We will open with a devotion and discuss future service projects and fundraising ideas for later this year.

Sincerely Yours,

Hope Lutter

LWML South Dakota District Mask

Cost is $10.00 per mask.

Susan Swanson has some masks on hand if call 605-680-0721 if you would like to purchase one or to order mask you may go to the South Dakota LWML website: sdlwml.org

(The masks are purple with the SD LWML logo in white and orange.)

Save the Date

God's Quilt of Comfort
Wrapping Up in the Psalms

2021 LWML SD District Christian Life Retreat

"God's Quilt of Comfort—Wrapping Up in the Psalms"

Scripture Verse: *Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant* (Psalm 119:76).

Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre, SD
September 17 & 18, 2021

Around the Circuit

Youth

PICNIC

There will be a Mitchell Circuit Youth Picnic on Sunday, June 13
Immanuel Lutheran Church - rural Dimock.

We will begin with Responsive Prayer in the sanctuary at 3pm.

Then there will be lawn games, volleyball, softball, and other fun activities. A cookout will begin about 5pm. Any interested circuit youth are welcome along with their youth leaders' and pastors' families.

Please RSVP to Pastor Loeslie by **June 6** with the number of people with your group.

Churches in the Mitchell (5) Circuit are:

Redeemer Lutheran, Armour
Zion Lutheran , Chamberlain
Zion Lutheran, Delmont
Immanuel Lutheran, Dimock
St. John's Lutheran, Gregory
Zion Lutheran, Hamill
Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Huron
Zion Lutheran, Mitchell
St. Paul's Lutheran, Plankinton
Zion Lutheran, Wessington Springs
Trinity Lutheran, White Lake
Christ Lutheran, Winner
St. John's Lutheran, Wolsey
Mt. Olive Lutheran, Woonsocket

Philippians Conference

Zion Lutheran Church, 620 E 3rd Ave, Mitchell

Saturday - June, 26, 2021 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Did you know that Christian Stewardship is not just about money?

Are you interested in how to be a better steward for Christ in your church and community?

Then you will be interested in what Reverend Dr. Nathan Meador has to say about stewardship.

Zion Lutheran Church is hosting a Philippians Conference presented by Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador. This conference will be free of charge and lunch will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the conference. We encourage all pastors and laymen to contact Zion's office (605/996-7530) or email (office@zionmitchell.org) to register.

Rev. Dr. Meador is the Senior Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Plymouth, WI and is the Assistant Coordinator for the LCMS Stewardship Ministry. If you have ever heard him speak, you know it will be a day full of fun-filled learning.

Main

Street Living May Schedule

Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The This is the Life episodes are **newly upgraded programs** that haven't been seen for 30+ years. For those who are in church, they can view This is the Life and the worship service on www.mainstreetliving.com. We post the programs, that will air on Sunday, on Saturday morning. There are many other features on the web site for members to enjoy. Encourage your members to visit the web site regularly.

May 2, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life "A Dream of His Own" - A father and son are at odds when the construction company will evict an Indian family.

10:30 AM-The message is delivered by Rev. Scott Sailer, President of the South Dakota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The sermon, "Fruitful Branches of the Vine Divine" is based on John 15:1-8.

May 9, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life "A Will to Live" - A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.

10:30 AM-Rev. Peter Kurowski, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Canistota and St. John Lutheran in Montrose, SD presents the day's message "The Flagpole of Salvation." The scripture base for the message is Numbers 21:8.

May 16, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life "Home Free" - A family learns the real meaning of love and that it comes free.

10:30 AM-The message is given by Rev. Levi Willms from St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. "A FULL Ministry" has its scripture basis in Acts 1:12-26.

May 23,2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life "Man in the Middle" - Two men are left with a "secret" when one reveals he has terminal cancer.

10:30 AM-Rev. Iver Possehl of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD presents the message "We Hear the Mighty Works of God". He bases the message on Acts 2: 1-21.

May 30, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life "Return Trip" - The modern day story of a prodigal daughter.

10:30 AM- Rev. Bret Bierman

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry
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St. Paul teaches us: "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Gal. 6:6). And again, he says: "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:13–14). In other words, ministers of the Gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them.

And this is how the church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not just *that* we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: "In the same way …"

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deut. 14:22–23). The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry "in the same way?" If it does, ask yourself: Is the church's job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites' job in the Old Testament? Back then, there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. In Matthew 28, Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations, and there are churches and ministries all around the world! How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, and the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism. He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of His Son – our Lord Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way – and in response to His fatherly divine goodness and mercy – we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light." For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

Lutherans For Life

For Whom the Bell Tolls

LifeDate Spring 2021

by Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life

Perhaps you've heard of the fairly famous novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, by Ernest Hemingway. As Hemingway novels go, it's supposed to be one of his finest. I spent years reading novels and teaching them as a high school English teacher, but I never got around to reading *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. I'm sure I would have loved it; I have a fondness for war literature after all, and I do like Hemingway's style.

But because I haven't read it, I can't guarantee the novel is great. The title though? Now that's a humdinger.

Hemingway borrowed the phrase from John Donne's poem of the same name—a poem I did teach and even now love to read. The ideas Donne presents in "For Whom the Bell Tolls" are thought-provoking; he speaks truly and boldly about the human condition, about what we were created to be. Undeniably, Donne's poem contains the stuff of life:

"No man is an island, / Entire of itself. /
Each is a piece of the continent, / A part of the main."

How right he is! We weren't created for isolation; we were created for community. And if there's any doubt about it, we need only return to Genesis to see evidence that we were made for life with others. God gives the gift of partnership from the get-go, presenting Adam and Eve to each other as both gift and necessity. Together they will tend the garden; together they will care for each other and for creation; together they will participate in the creative and unifying work of bringing more life into the world. Neither could do this alone; neither was meant to BE alone. Nor are we.

Like Adam and Eve and all of Christendom before us, we are meant to be part of a community. We are meant to belong to someone else. But what we are meant to be sometimes feels difficult to maintain in today's society, doesn't it? From self-imposed social media relationships to locally-enforced social-distancing mandates, finding a sense of belonging can be difficult.

But God's Word reminds us that we DO belong. Whether married or single, widowed or divorced, we belong to the One who created and sustains us, who loves and protects us, and who desires to be with us for all eternity.

Through Baptism we belong to God Himself, but we also clearly belong to each other. 1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that we play a vital role in the Body of Christ, a role God has specifically crafted for us. Through our vocations, we use our uniquely designed gifts to serve others, to become the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

And that means every single life is valuable. Every single life is necessary. Every single life is a gift to the world, a gift that belongs not only to God but to each of us.

Unfortunately, not all lives are seen as valuable. Not all lives are welcomed as gifts. Some lives are disposed of before they are born, and some lives are ended before their days are done. That's not only a tragedy for the lives that have ended, but also an irreparable loss to those of us left behind.

And that brings me back to poetry. Donne's opening lines makes our connection clear, but his closing lines powerfully portray this sense of loss:

"Each man's death diminishes me, / For I am
involved in mankind. / Therefore, send not to know /
For whom the bell tolls, / It tolls for thee."

Did you catch that? Not only is every death a loss to the world, but, because we are connected, every death knell rings, in part, for me. What a sobering reality.

As Christians, we know that every *death* matters because every *life* matters. Connected through the body of Christ, every life is necessary to fulfill the vocations and work God intends.

St. Paul puts it another way, **"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's"** (Romans 14:7-8).

We all belong to God, and, through Him, we all belong to each other. In this family, we are perfectly designed to support the lives of others and to be supported.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!

Teaching Psalms to Students

Written by
Marie Greenway
CPH Worship Blog, April 27, 2021

Every Maundy Thursday evening during the stripping of the altar, the choir at my church sings a version of Psalm 22, the Psalm that begins "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It's a poignant piece for that part of the service and a look at the way in which the Psalms continually point us to Christ. This repetition of the same psalm at the same service every year also ensures that the psalm becomes familiar to the congregation and offers members words of Scripture to pray in times of need.

Psalms are for Church Musicians

The Psalms are intended for all Christians, but they specifically are directed for musical use during a worship service. The biblical titles of many of the psalms instruct which musicians should use them and how musicians should play or sing them. Although we do not have the original music used for the psalms, we can view their texts as some of the oldest songs in the world, incredibly still in continuous use today as part of the rich heritage of both Judaism and Christianity. As such, they are our beginning point as church musicians and should be known and studied by us.

Eternal Truth in the Psalms

The fact that we still regularly use these ancient songs in our modern lives speaks to the fact that the Psalms contain eternal truths about God and about human nature. Therefore, it is important that all Christians continue to read them, sing them, study them, pray them, and teach them today. Music teachers should include the Psalms as a component of music class. Students should learn how to use the chant tones in *Lutheran Service Book* associated with the Psalms. In doing so, they continue a centuries-long practice.

The Psalms take us through the gamut of human emotion, showing that human nature remains constant throughout centuries and cultures. The prayer book of the Church, the Psalms demonstrate to us the way in which we call upon God both in good and in bad times. The more often students are exposed to the Psalms, the more they see the psalmist contemplating the same things they do. Many psalms praise God for His deeds and for His characteristics, but others question the Lord, crying out to Him and asking how long suffering must continue. The Holy Spirit inspired these psalms to show us the healthy way to express these doubts and emotions to God as He draws us to Christ for faith, peace, and comfort. By reading these, students see how historically, many biblical figures and faithful saints questioned and doubted God. Students begin to see how the life of a Christian is not one of easy, prosperous, joyful faithfulness, but is instead one of trials, temptations, questions, and suffering that ultimately leads to eternal life with the Triune God and the saints in heaven.

Taking Psalms to Heart by Familiarity

At times, my students will learn a psalm to chant in chapel or in church. They become the Cantor for the day and chant the psalm responsively with the congregation. As they rehearse these psalms many times in class, they come to unintentionally memorize them, at least for a time. As their teacher, I find myself hearing familiar psalms in church and immediately remembering the words, psalm tone, and cadence used when learning it with a class. Although students do not keep these psalms memorized for life, they are at least able to recognize them and think of them as familiar.

As students—and as teachers, Pastors, and laypeople—become familiar with the Psalms, they begin to take them to heart. When we become familiar with anything, we begin to adopt that thing into our hearts and minds. When learning and singing the psalms, students become immersed in the historic traditions of

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the Church. Put simply, if something has stuck around for that long, it *has to be good. The ancient Psalms, still sung regularly around the world today, are important for our students to know in order to show them beautiful and lasting text. In a world that quickly moves from one fad to the next, showing our students things with staying power is important. It is up to their trusted adults to show them things like the psalms that last, that are truthful, that are important, and that they can take with them through their whole life, spending their lifetime unpacking it.*

Psalms Point to Christ

Although teaching these ancient songs to young children certainly gives them a reference for when they are questioning God and immerses them in the history of the Church, it also directs children to Christ. After all, the Psalms find their fulfillment in Christ. It is for this most important reason that all Christians should study, pray, read, and sing the Psalms for their whole lives.

Children need lasting truth in their lives. They need songs that speak truth and have spoken truth for centuries. They need text that constantly points them back to their salvation in Christ.

We need the same. We need these first songs of the Church. We need them to point us to Christ in the midst of joy and sorrow, clarity and confusion. We need God's Word to give us life.

Marie Greenway is a music teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School in Alexandria, Virginia. She graduated from Hillsdale College with a degree in music and has worked and volunteered as a church musician for several years. When Marie is not studying, listening to, or performing music, she likes to read, run, and eat chocolate ice cream.

What's Happening in the District

KNOW your identity

What: "KNOW Your Identity"
Genesis 1:26-27

When: June 27, 2021
3:00 p.m.—4:30 P.m.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church,
Hartford, SD

Why: To equip the saints with the truth of Scripture

Who: Pastor Nour, Presenter

Please RSVP to:

Patsi Wenzlaff

Patsi.venzlaff@agricarenutrition.com

Or

patsi@hartfordtlc.com

Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

Genesis 2:15
Genesis 11:9
Genesis 35:1
Exodus 13:18
Ruth 1:1
1 Kings 18:19
1 Chronicles 11:4
Isaiah 23:1
Isaiah 23:2
Isaiah 23:3
Jonah 1:2
Matthew 3:6
Matthew 4:18
Matthew 26:36
Luke 24:13
John 2:1
Acts 8:5
Acts 11:22
Acts 17:16
Romans 1:15

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A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: *Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in but not in . ____

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"But you will receive __ __ __ __ __ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power

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