

## Zion Lutheran Church Newsletter



### *Midweek Lenten Services*

*March 1: Salt of the Earth*

*March 8: Water of Life*

*March 15: Light of the World*

*March 22: Bread of Life*

*March 29: Oil of Gladness*

### *Saturday and Sunday Lenten Services*

*March 5: For God So Loved the World*

*March 12: Living Water*

*March 19: Open Your Eyes*

*March 26: Rise Up*

*I can do all things  
through Christ who  
strengthens me. —  
Philippians 4:13*

## Lent and the Lutheran Family Service

Dear Friends in Christ!

The season of Lent has begun and will continue through the entire month of March. Easter is April 9<sup>th</sup>, with Palm Sunday and Confirmation on April 2. During Lent we typically consider the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, when He began in earnest to walk the road to Calvary. I think of how our Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, and how He was feeling the burden of our sin, as it says in Matthew 26:39: And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Jesus was willing and able to bear our sins for our sake, and He did, all the way to the cross.

When I think of the counselors for the Lutheran Family Service (LFS) and what they do, it reminds me of that great work of Christ which we celebrate in Lent. The people of LFS are there for us in ways that most others are not able to: they walk alongside us and help bear our burdens. But that is not all. LFS also equips us to become positive role models and instruments of change to better the world we live in. The majority of LFS work is mental health counseling, which includes marriage and family therapy, individual therapy, couple therapy, and group therapy. A lot of their work is helping pastors and their families overcome anxiety, depression, and other maladies. These are just some of the therapies available at LFS. They are also a strong advocate for Life, including pregnancy counseling, adoption, and providing pastors and congregations with support on this critical issue. Dr. James Lamb, the former Director for Lutherans for Life, is on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Family Service, and certainly gives his wise counsel to their work.

Not many people are aware of the work of LFS, in part because they are new to the South Dakota District of the LCMS. LFS originally started at an orphanage in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, and now has expanded its service to several other LCMS Districts, such as Iowa West, Iowa East, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota, with more Districts to fol-

low. It is my hope that our congregation will become a fervent supporter of LFS, either prayerfully, financially, or both! If we are looking for what to do during Lent, one thing we might consider is supporting LFS. Of course, I am a big fan of LFS, not only because I am a pastor and see the need and reward of their work, but also because my wife, Lindy Hinckley, is one of their counselors! Lindy works part-time with LFS from an office in downtown Chamberlain. Much of her therapy is done via Telehealth (online), but she also has some in-person visits. Lindy stays very active working for LFS, helping pastors, their families, and congregations. She is passionate about helping youth with their modern challenges and is visiting ours and other congregations with this ministry. Currently LFS has two mental health counselors serving the South Dakota District (Dave Gunderson and Lindy Hinckley), but have also added Mark Van de Braak as a grief therapist, and Kathy Van de Braak as an adoption counselor, both who work out of Sioux Falls.

It is such an important time for our Church to be involved with this work. There is a great need to support individuals, marriages, and families across our state and nation with the message of the Gospel, and LFS provides us with that opportunity. The more we support the work of LFS, the better our communities will be. You may have also noticed that the February edition of the Lutheran Witness was entirely dedicated to the subject of Mental Health.. There are many good articles and I recommend reading them. It is an exciting time for the ministry of the LCMS, and we can be thankful for the ministry of Lutheran Family Service in South Dakota.

A Blessed Lent to you all!  
Pastor Hinckley and family



*Luke 10:33-34*

*But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own best, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The February meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church Council was held in the fellowship hall Wednesday, February 8, 2023. In addition to Pastor Hinckley, council members attending were Rocky Knippling, Russ Lutter, Mitchell Swanson, Joe Swanson, Todd Van Den Bosch, Darrel DuVall, Marsha Houska, Ethan Swanson, J.D. Hansen, Mike Reimer and Todd Powell. The meeting was called to order by Todd Powell at 8:03 PM with Pastor Hinckley opening the meeting with prayer.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The council minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting were provided by Secretary Marsha Houska and read individually. Rocky Knippling made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Russ Lutter. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** provided by Treasurer Todd Van Den Bosch.

### **General Fund:**

Beginning balance	\$32,879.17
Ending balance	\$34,942.80

### **Special Funds:**

Memorial	\$31,565.00
Building	\$413.97
Thrivent Choice	\$26,067.97
Youth Acct	\$6,180.53
Zion Life Team	\$316.66

### **Unpaid Bills:**

ABC, LLC	\$190.19
Concordia Pub	\$411.98
Garrett George	\$740.18
SD Dist LCMS	\$3,817.02 (Jan. 2022 & Jan. 2023 missions)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the outstanding bills as presented was made by Rocky Knippling and seconded by Mitchell Swanson. Motion carried.

### **Elders'/Pastor's Report:**

Installation of church council officers held Jan. 29, 2023

Radon mitigation system installed in parsonage basement 2/1/2023. Need to return to vent through garage roof; unable to complete due to snow on roof. Blackburn Basement bill paid.

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday-"Promised Treasures"

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-youth group meeting 5:30-7:30; Lindy Hinckley from Lutheran Family Services will be giving a presentation on technology and how it impacts our lives. Youth and parents are invited to attend.

March 8 Sanford and Regency visits

Circuit Pastors' meeting in Pierre March 14

March 29<sup>th</sup> is questioning of the confirmands after 7 PM Lenten Service

April 2 is confirmation and Palm Sunday

Elders and Pastor reviewed and updated Zion membership list

**Trustees' Report:**

Bid for west parsonage door \$1,000 & \$200 for storm door, \$375 installation door from garage into house-no storm door & installation \$1,450; would cost approx \$600 for materials to insulate garage, does not include labor; cost of a heater approx \$100

Purchased remote

**Life Team Report:**

Looking into cost of replacing Right to Life ad on interstate billboard east of Pukwana exit; land is owned by Richard Swanson and he donates usage for billboard

**Old Business:**

Remodel quotes for parsonage and church basement-Council waiting on priority list from trustees

Rocky spoke to Sheriff about travelers asking for help; ministerial association still has money that is used to give \$10 gas cards.

**New Business:**

Paper shredder-needed for church office

Darrel DuVall made a motion for Lindy to purchase a paper shredder for the church office up to \$200. Motion seconded by Todd Van Den Bosch. Motion carried.

Discussion on Lutheran Family Services (LFS) led by Pastor- LFS promotes life through mental health counseling, adoption counseling, pregnancy counseling, adolescent counseling, couples and marriage counseling, etc.

Zion received a mission intention form to support LFS & missionaries.

It was decided to hold LFS Sunday, have Lindy speak, as she is one of two counselors for the whole state of SD; take a collection

CD rates-Todd Van Den Bosch checked into CD rates from Edward Jones, First Interstate Bank and Thrivent for Memorial fund and Thrivent Choice fund dollars.

Darrell DuVall made a motion to move all Memorial fund and Thrivent Choice dollars to the money market fund through Thrivent. Motion seconded by Russ Lutter.

Darrell made an amendment to the motion to include incoming memorial money approved by counsel to go into money market. Amendment seconded by Rocky Knippling.

Darrel DuVall made an amendment to the amendment to put the money in two separate funds Memorial and Thrivent Choice in the money market. Amendment seconded by Todd Van Den Bosch.

Amendment one carried. Amendment two carried. Main motion carried.

Meeting Attendance-encouraged all members to attend meetings; All trustees do not have to attend each meeting as long as one is there to represent and report to the council.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7th with elders meeting at 7 PM and council meeting at 8 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Rocky Knippling and seconded by Mike Reimer. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:15 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.)

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all of his prevalence in culture—namely the holiday held on the day of his death that bears his name—his life remains somewhat of a mystery.

Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.



St. Patrick was born in Britain—not Ireland—to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.

Although his father was a Christian deacon, there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity.

During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for

solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he be-



lieved to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years.

After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life. He may be known as the patron saint of Ireland, but Patrick was never actually canonized by the Catholic Church. This is simply due to the era he lived in. During the first millennium, there was no formal canonization process in the Catholic Church. After becoming a priest and helping to spread Christianity throughout Ireland, Patrick was likely proclaimed a saint by popular acclaim.

From History.com: Who Was St. Patrick?

## Birthday

Mar 1 Charles Busack, Daryl Reardon,  
Joseph Swanson, Brandon Thompson

Mar 2 Elaine Dahlman, Jaxson Richardson

Mar 3 Pamela Palmer, Linda Priebe

Mar 4 Rick Hargens

Mar 5 Dustin Hrabe, Melissa McDonald,  
Keaton Reis, Nikolas Rosenberger

Mar 6 Lisha Bairey, Robert Heth, Charles Totton

Mar 7 Danielle Fischer

Mar 8 Lindsay Chilson, Rachel Kelsey,  
Steven Rosenberger, Cooper Smith

Mar 11 Darlene Struble, Todd Van Den Bosch

Mar 12 Tyler Odens

Mar 14 Megan Marone

Mar 16 JD Hansen, Elsie Lauritsen

Mar 18 Lola McCready, Anah Thompson (Chilson)

Mar 19 Ashley Knippling, Katherine Lechette

Mar 20 Bryan Mahrt

Mar 22 Dana Hrabe, Billy F. Keiner, Katie Mueller,  
William Randall, Bryce Reuer, Eric Reuer, Cody L.  
Smith

Mar 23 Laurel Ketelhut, Dalton Mahrt,

Mar 25 Robyne Bunnell, Donna Knippling,  
David Priebe

Mar 26 Natalie Waugh

Mar 27 Gloria Anderson, Sharlene DuVall, Ellie  
Swanson

Mar 28 Cole Stellwag

Mar 29 David Cleland, Cindy Davis, Rowan Lulf

Mar 30 David Clement, Larry Jurgensen,

Mar 31 Bridgette Thompson

## Baptism Anniversaries

Mar 1 Tristen Johnson, Kaden Thomson

Mar 3 Sheena Larsen

Mar 5 Alaina, Colton, Paden, Shantel Bairey

Mar 8 Leah Shockey, Anah Thompson (Chilson)

Mar 9 Rachel Blasher, Braiden Mahrt, Isaac  
Shepherd, Jaimee Speckels

Mar 10 Jessica Smith

Mar 12 Tyler Grussing, Kensington Reis

Mar 13 Maverick McCready

Mar 14 Chisum Peterson

Mar 15 Trevor Pearson, Bryce Reuer, Darlene  
Struble, Eric Reuer, Heath Woodraska

Mar 19 Daryl Reardon, Kristi Taber

Mar 20 Terry Dominiack, Daniel Swanson

Mar 22 Joshua Reuer, Jennifer Toupal

Mar 24 Natalie Kelsey, Joseph Swanson

Mar 25 Robyne Bunnell, Elaine Dahlman  
Kelsey Fisher, Wendy Peterson

Mar 26 Andrea Schmidt

Mar 27 Abigail and Allison Hough

Mar 28 Kyle Fisher, Darren Hrabe  
Roman Van Den Bosch

Mar 29 Scott Busack

Mar 30 Owen Larsen

Mar 31 Dustin Hrabe, Steven Mueller, Memphis  
Peterson

# MARCH



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## 2023 LWML SD District Spring Retreat

Peace Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD

April 21–22, 2023

"With One Voice"

Romans 15:5–7

Registration will begin on Friday evening at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., we will have music, a devotion, and a celebration of the 80th anniversary of our LWML SD District.

Find the registration form online at [sdlwml.org](http://sdlwml.org) under 2023 LWML SD District Retreat or it will be available at the church.

**Registration deadline is April 1, 2023**

1. Please bring from the following list for church worker care packages:

\$25 Walmart Gift Card OR \$25 Visa Gift Card

Trail Mix (Individual Servings)

Cough Drops (Around 30 count)

Water Flavor Packets of 10

Tic Tacs

Mustard Seed Devotions Packets

2. Cash Donations for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Brookings.

Across the U.S., too many kids go without a bed, or even a pillow, to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors, which has adverse effects on their physical and mental health. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to finding those children who are sleeping on the floor or otherwise unwanted conditions and delivering hand-built bunk beds free of charge. Oftentimes, the kids who get our beds have never owned a bed of their own. For every \$250 collected, a child will receive a bed, mattress, pillow, set of sheets, and comforter.

### Servant Event

We will be making care packages with the above items for the South Dakota Pastors, DCEs and Deaconesses.

1. Assemble Items in #1 (above)
2. Write notes of encouragement
3. Deliver a care package to a church worker near you

*Serve the LORD with gladness, Psalm 100:2*