

**Zion Lutheran Church**

# The Clarion



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## On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

On Christ's ascension I  
now build  
The hope of my  
ascension;  
This hope alone has  
always stilled  
All doubt and  
apprehension;  
For where the Head is,  
there as well  
I know His members  
are to dwell  
When Christ will come  
and call them.

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## Ascension Day Services

Thursday, May 18  
10:00 am and  
6:30 pm

Circle May 18th on your calendar and plan to attend one of these Special Services.

A Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm and on the Menu is: Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad.

(Free-will Offering will be taken - to help cover food expense.)

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**May 14 - 10:30 am Service**

**This year's Confirmands are . . .**

**Geneva Rose Bormann—Jeremiah 29:11**

**Katelyn Ann Clow—I Peter 3:17**

**Tyler James Friedrich—Isaiah 41:10**

**Jaiden Joyce Loween—Psalm 18:2**

**Emma Nicole Lowitz—Deuteronomy**

**Taylor Jo Wall—Psalm 46:5**





May 2 Chuck McCarthy  
 May 3 Rhonda Drefs  
 May 3 Nicolas Hagen  
 May 4 Tom Neumeister  
 May 4 Finn Pidde  
 May 5 Doug Kraayenhof  
 May 5 Regan Lehr  
 May 6 Camden Erikson  
 May 6 Leann Feucht

May 6 Payton Raabe  
 May 8 Gloria Bump  
 May 8 Mary Campbell  
 May 9 Audrey Hein  
 May 9 Taia Thorpe  
 May 9 Laura Winckler  
 May 10 Jeff Flaten  
 May 11 Jonny Sipes  
 May 11 Mariah Urban  
 May 12 Carrie Johnson  
 May 12 Emily Kranz  
 May 13 Brysen Kolar  
 May 13 Lisa Mathers  
 May 14 Kelly Coffman  
 May 14 Tricia Pusch  
 May 14 Danaca Schettler  
 May 15 Pastor Farden  
 May 15 Dutch TeSlaa  
 May 16 Ben Halbakken

May 16 Sydney Locke  
 May 16 Alexa Miller  
 May 16 Steven Welgraven  
 May 17 Paul Hultgren  
 May 17 Noa Oslund  
 May 18 Quinn Palensky  
 May 19 Cheryl Bosley  
 May 20 Matthew Jensen  
 May 21 Cameron Benolkin  
 May 22 April Maeschen  
 May 23 Evelyn Doerksen  
 May 23 Kim Fitterer  
 May 23 Merry Kool  
 May 23 Katie Mahrt  
 May 24 Ron Stueven  
 May 24 Robyn Urban  
 May 25 Curt Flaten

May 25 Rylee Pierce  
 May 28 Dean Hammond  
 May 28 Jett Kranz  
 May 28 Lorna Muchow  
 May 29 Jenessa Kolar  
 May 29 Brooke Kulzer  
 May 29 Cathy VandeBraak  
 May 30 Pat Ebert  
 May 30 Faith Fiechtner  
 May 30 Ellie Huber  
 May 30 Ryder Maeschen  
 May 30 Bob Rasmussen  
 May 30 Ad Rothenberger  
 May 31 Jason Bormann  
 May 31 Emma Heng  
 May 31 Amalia Zick

## ZION'S BOOK CLUB

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Heather Lawrence's long-awaited vacation to Salzburg wasn't supposed to go like this. Mere hours into the transatlantic flight, the Houston FBI agent is awakened when passengers begin exhibiting horrific symptoms of an unknown infection. As the virus quickly spreads and dozens of passengers fall ill, Heather fears she's witnessing an epidemic similar to ones her estranged husband studies for a living—but this airborne contagion may have been deliberately released.

While Heather remains quarantined with other survivors, she works with her FBI colleagues to identify the person behind this attack. The prime suspect? Dr. Chad Lawrence, an expert in his field . . . and Heather's husband. The Lawrences' marriage has been on the rocks since Chad announced his career took precedence over his wife and future family and moved out.

As more victims fall prey days after the initial outbreak, time's running out to hunt down the killer, one who may be

closer to the victims than anyone ever expected.

### Meet the Author

DiAnn Mills is a bestselling author who believes her readers should expect an adventure. She combines unforgettable characters with unpredictable plots to create action-packed, suspense-filled novels. DiAnn believes every breath of life is someone's story, so why not capture those moments and create a thrilling adventure?

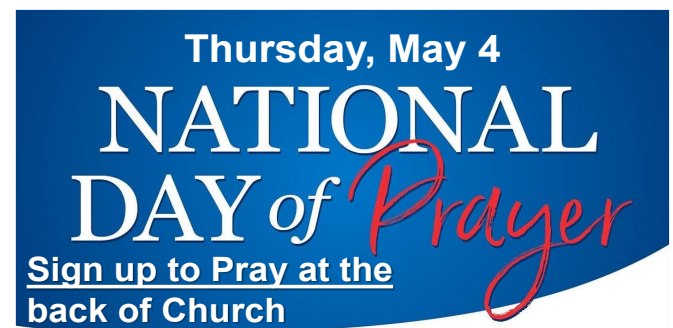


## April Income

Envelopes and Electronic Giving ....	\$44,586.71
Plate .....	1,158.00
Missions/Radio .....	150.00
Lutheran School .....	80.00
Treasure Chest .....	207.55
Flowers .....	115.00
Coffee/Donuts .....	107.75
Funerals   Weddings .....	450.00
Youth Missions .....	5.00
Suppers .....	175.00
Reimbursement .....	131.06
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$47,166.07</b>
<b>1 Month Need .....</b>	<b>\$64,100.00</b>

## April Other Income

Designated Memorials .....	\$20.00
Undesignated Memorials .....	50.00
VBS Fundraiser .....	271.00
Youth Fundraiser .....	983.00
Midwest Honor Flight .....	1,729.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$3,053.00</b>



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2023 Theme

WAY + TRUTH  
+ LIFE = JESUS

JUNE 18 - 24



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New Member Class

### A NEW MEMBER CLASS

will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to become a member or have recently transferred your membership to Zion Lutheran - this Class is for you. Please contact Maxine in the church office (605-338-5226) to sign-up for the Class and arrange a time to pick up the materials.

### EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND!

Rev. Wade and Lisa Meyer will be hosting a trip to the Holy Land from

January 23 to February 2, 2024.

There will be departures from Sioux Falls (\$4,776) and Minneapolis (\$4,576). You may register online at: [RegisterNow.ittworld.com](https://RegisterNow.ittworld.com) and use the Tour Code: WMeyer24. If interested, contact the church office for a brochure. You may also contact Rev. Meyer at (320-760-7005).



Our Annual Diaper Derby will take place from Mothers' Day, May 14 through Fathers' Day, June 18. GO TEAM ZION!!! Let's see if we can set a new record this year. (Our old record is 12,498)!!



Please join us for our  
last time before we  
break for summer!

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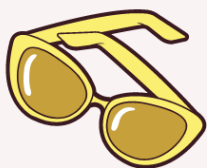
JOY

Devotion

Game

May 9th 10:30am

Lunch to follow  
(sign up sheet in the Atrium)



ZION LUTHERAN



Parish  
Nursing



# First Aid Workshop

Saturday, May 6

1:00

Zion Lutheran Church

1400 S Duluth Ave.

Sioux Falls



Sponsored by  
LWML Eve Group

# LWML Mission Mite Walk

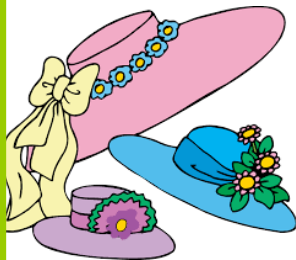


## **“A Resurrection Parade”**

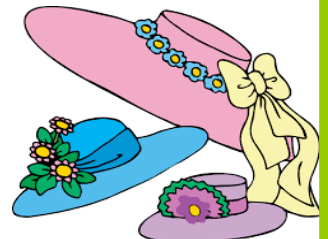
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**Saturday  
May 6, 2023  
10:00**

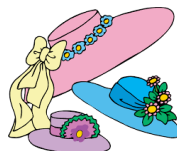
**Zion Lutheran Church  
1400 S. Duluth Ave.  
Sioux Falls**



Wear an Easter bonnet, hat,  
or cap as we



“Celebrate the Lord of the Nations”  
with a Resurrection Parade!



\*Mites gathered go to our LWML Mission Goal  
for 2023-2025 Biennium

# ZION KIDS MAY UPDATE

LAST DAY OF  
REGULAR  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

MAY 14

## ONE ROOM SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We'll unpack and put on the armor of God on Sundays. There's just not enough time at VBS to learn about all of the awesome ways God defends and protects us.

June 4    July 9

June 11    July 16

July 23



ZION KIDS VBS  
JULY 23-26

3 YEARS- FINISHED  
4TH GRD

REGISTER:  
[MYVBS.ORG/ZIONKIDSVBS](http://MYVBS.ORG/ZIONKIDSVBS)



## Senior Spotlight

# ZION YOUTH



**Kyle Stotts**

**Brandon Valley**

**Tyler Schlueter**

**SF Roosevelt**



Greetings in Christ,

I would just like to take a few minutes to recognize this group of seniors! This group was one of the first middle school groups to participate in Zion Youth, and at one point, kids from this group were some of the only ones to show up for youth! And they came and kept coming back, which helped us establish our youth group and make it what it is today. I got to take most of these kids on a National Youth Gathering trip and many of them twice. I'm so thankful for their leadership and their willingness to make sure the group of younger kids behind them felt important and also understood the value of being a part of Zion Youth. These leaders are going out into the world ready to live out their faith and be bold in their witness for their love of Jesus. I have no doubt that God will use each of their lives for His glory and I can't wait to see what He has in store for them!

Zion Lutheran, you should be so proud of our seniors! Payton, Lauren, Esther, Tyler, Isaiah, Parker, Kyle, Rylen, and Zach, I am so proud of you and thankful that God has brought you into my life. Thank you for all you have done for our church and for the Kingdom of Heaven!

We love you : )

**Jacob Shoup**

Director of Youth & College Ministries  
jshoup@zlcslf.org

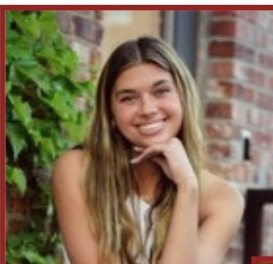


**Rylen Pierce**

**SF Lutheran**

**Isaiah Green**

**Harrisburg**



**Payton Raabe**

**Harrisburg**

**Lauren Brouwer**

**Harrisburg**



**Not Pictured:**

Parker Strain  
Esther Otten  
Zach Boden

## May

**May 3, 10**

Youth Night, 6:30 PM

**May 13-14**

Confirmation Weekend

**May 17**

End of the Year Youth Party  
6:30 - 9 PM



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**Serving Jesus Christ by Serving Others!**

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Radio Broadcast at  
10:05 am

## PASTOR GREG'S MESSAGE

Have you ever thought what you would like to have written on your tombstone? I know that sounds like an odd question, but have you? And I certainly don't mean the dates of when we were born, or when we died. Some people like to have information written on their tombstone like "A Loving Father" or "A Caring Mother." There's nothing wrong with that information, but sometimes people like to have "messages" written on their tombstones. People want to impart some bit of advice to those who read it, or even a Gospel message like John 3:16.

Full disclosure... I have thought about what I would like written on my tombstone since my

Mom's death in January. When people close to us die it makes us think of our own mortality and things associated with it. I thought that maybe a hundred years after I die an unbeliever would come by, read my perfect Gospel message, and then go read the Bible or go to church... nice thoughts, right?

But what to write on the tombstone? It is hard to find the right Bible message... hard to find the right words... its hard to find the right message. Well, as I prepared for Easter worship services, I was reading through Easter hymns and came across the hymn "Jesus Lives! The Victory Won." It provides a perfect Gospel message for a

Christian tombstone. I think it's perfect for a tombstone because it reassures all of us that one day our tombstones will be cracked open and discarded in the blessed resurrection of the dead!

The verse goes like this:

Jesus lives!  
And now is death  
But the gate of life  
immortal;  
This shall calm my  
trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy  
portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails  
each sense:  
**Jesus is my  
confidence!**  
(LSB 490, vs 5)

It's not witty, it's not a Bible quote but this hymn verse describes the life of a Christian

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here on Earth and ends with what I think are perfect words for a Christians tombstone...

**Jesus is my  
confidence!**

Jesus as my confidence is the sure and certain knowledge, through faith, that we are forgiven, washed clean, reunited with God, and will receive the gift of eternal life in heaven because of the saving work of Jesus Christ. May He preserve all of us in the faith until that day dawns. Jesus lives! The victory's won!

**Jesus is my  
confidence!**

Peace and Joy in our risen and ever-present Savior Jesus Christ!

Pastor Greg