**School News**

* Are you or someone you know looking for a top-notch kindergarten? We would love to have you join our Zion school family. Please speak with Mr. Splittgerber or the office staff about enrolling.
* Our school children are now taking orders for our annual plant sale. This year in addition to plants, there are garden seeds available. If you are interested in ordering, contact one of our children or inquire at the office. Last day to order is April 10th.
* Congratulations to Zion Lutheran Preschool for being voted Best of Kearney by readers of the Kearney Hub.
* Our principal will be attending the Spring Principals conference on Thursday and Friday of this week.
* This Friday, April 6 some of our school children will sing at the Tri City Strom hockey game.
* On Saturday, April 7, some of our students will participate in the Gathering of the Talents in Seward.



**Announcements – April 1, 2018**



**Thou shalt silence your cell phone during worship**.

**Our sanctuary has a HEARING LOOP. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode. We have 2 headsets and receivers for use by those without hearing aids. Ask an usher for assistance.**

**Forgot your offering? Don’t have your checkbook or cash? Today or any day you can visit our website at zionkearney.com and click on the “giving” tab. Or, text “zionkearney” (one word) to 77977. You’ll receive a text back with instructions to start giving.**

**For Your Safety and Security** … all exterior doors are locked 15 minutes after the church service begins. If you are running late please go to the west door for access to the sanctuary.

**Easter Breakfast**

The youth are serving breakfast between our services this morning. Please join us for egg casseroles, sweet rolls, and fruit. The freewill offering will support the Zion Youth program.

**Easter Lilies**

![C:\Users\school\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZKZM05DT\MC900304935[1].wmf]()Thank you to the families who provided Easter lilies for our service today: Hazel Stickney, Dulitz family, Pastor & Carol Gaunt, Todd & Ellen Koopman, Becky Thornton, Pastor & Carol DeLoach and family, Waunita DeLaet, Bob & Wanda Glanzer, Don & Shirley Helmbrecht, Don & Marion Richmond, Paul & Rachael Burger, Lonna Gronewoller, Dan & Shirley Oertwig, Joan Schmidt, Wes & Mary Fiddelke and Carlene Waldron in memory of Carl & Irene Jacobson and Lana Schroder.

You are welcome to take the plant you provided home with you after the 9:00 service today.

**Easter - Sunday School**

There will not be Adult Bible class or Sunday School this morning.

**District Pastors’ Conference**

The Nebraska District Spring Pastors’ Conference will be April 9 & 10 in Kearney. Zion will host the opening worship on Monday, April 9 at 10:00. The congregation is invited to join us.

Zion will also be hosting reception preceding the service. If you would be willing to provide a pan of rolls or coffee cake please speak with Shirley in the office. We also need a couple of members who would be will to serve the coffee and rolls. Please call the office or speak with Shirley to volunteer.

**Our Helping Hands Workers…**will meet this Thursday at 2:00 in the workroom to work on preparing boxtops and receipts which help our school. All are welcome to join in to help.

**Office Closed**

Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow April 2.

**LWML Spring Workshop...** will be next Saturday, April 7 at Zion North Shelton. (19995 Sioux Rd.) Registration and coffee begins at 8:30. Workshop theme is “For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. Psalms 91:11

**Zion Friends in Christ**

God Bless You For Your Kindness!

 I’ve been overwhelmed by all the cards, thoughts, and prayers and visits that came my way following my Christmas Eve adventure. Thank you!

Thanks also for all the “things” that were “given” (tracfone cards, devotion books, clothes, word hunt books, flowers and snacks.)

My appreciation to Mary Martha and Ken Hockemeier for the “step rails” by my doors. Craig – where would my critters be without you coming by every afternoon? Bless You!

Last-but not least- I thank Our Lord for being with me and for sending Keith out to “find” me.

What a great family to be a part of! I’m truly blessed!

****In Christ’s love,

Miss P

**Lutheran Witness**

It is time to renew our Lutheran Witness Subscription. For those of you who ordered through Zion last year, there is a note in your mailbox asking if you wish to renew. If you would like to be included in in the Zion subscription please notify the office staff. Cost is $15.96 per year.

**April Sowers…** are available to pick up in the narthex and on the table outside Pastor’s office. As we let you know last month, we will no longer be placing the newsletter in everyone’s mailbox since many of you receive it by email and have said you do not need a paper copy also. If you want a paper copy placed in your mailbox please let the office staff know.

 **Stewardship Note**

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week …” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

