Senior Citizens
The senior citizens will meet Monday, April 20 at 12:00 noon for our monthly potluck dinner. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

LWML
Concordia
Concordia will meet Thursday, April 9 at 2:00 pm. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Mary Martha Guild
Love Circle (Ellen’s) will meet Monday April 13 at 7:00 at Donna Bosard’s home.

Peace Circle (Shirley’s) will meet Monday, April 13 at Bev Nuttelman’s home.

All are asked to assist Mary Martha with our annual kitchen cleaning on Saturday, April 11 at 9:00am.

Easter Lilies
Thank you to the following families who provided Easter Lilies to beautify our Sanctuary this Easter morning.


Call Extended
At a special voters meeting last Sunday, a call was extended to Kassidy Rixstine to serve as teacher in our school. Please keep Kassidy in your prayers as she considers this call.

Confirmation May 3
Our confirmation class this year is; Kiara Clark, Zachariah DeLoach, Morgan Dulitz, Peter Kreutzer, Elizabeth Lange, Harry Strong, Anthony Wilbur and Allison Wilkens.

Lutheran Witness
Pastor DeLoach wrote an article for the next edition of the Lutheran Witness, be sure to take a look. This month the theme speaks about vocation.
The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

In March our treasurer was able to make an additional principal payment on our debt in the amount of $1,872.68. We are happy to report this drops our balance below $100,000. We now owe $99,455.10.

To the members of Zion Lutheran Church,

After prayerful consideration, it is with excitement and great pleasure that I accept your Call to serve as your second grade teacher.

Our conversations over the past few weeks have been both encouraging and helpful. I look forward to the changes that will be happening in the months ahead as I begin a new chapter in my teaching ministry. My family and I are very excited about the opportunity to serve among His people at Zion Lutheran.

In Him,
Brett Jagels

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April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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2 Ann. Alton & Sylvia Schmidt
3 Quentin Lange
4 Ann. Bernard & Denae Kuhl
5 Addison Helmbrecht, Don Richmond
6 Ann. Ryan & Brooke Fisher
7 Ellen, Hockemeier, Fran Junge, Taylor Zehendner
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9 Brynne Fisher
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12 David Hartman
13 Sarah Burger, Lorelie Hanneman, Jami Helmbrecht
14 Linda Johnson, Lisa Splittgerber
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19 Gabe Hansen
20 Michelle Clark, Becky Thornton
21 Pat Flodine
22 Matt Herron
23 Cynthia Gibbons
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25 April Fletcher, Nicole Hoehner
26 Kye Potter, Margaret Smith Ann. Arnold & Ramona Gaunt
27 Don Wick
28 Waunita DeLaet
29 Ann. Craig & Linda Nuttelman
30 Udeane Fischer. Alexis Wollberg
Dear Friends in Christ,

Rev. John Hafermann will be retiring this summer after spending 40 years in the ministry. A retirement party to celebrate the lifetime service of Pastor Hafermann and his wife, Gay Lea is planned for 5:00pm on Saturday, June 6th, at Redeemer Lutheran church, in Forsyth IL. Pastor Hafermann will lead his final worship service the following morning. We cordially invite all of Pastor and Gay Lea’s friends from their current and previous congregations to join us for these special events. Please RSVP by Monday, April 9th.

For friends who are unable to attend, we invite you to participate remotely. Please send photographs from the time Pastor Hafermann and Gay Lea spent at your congregation, and/or a note which shares either a special memory or mentions how they touched your life in a meaningful way. We will incorporate these memorabilia into the retirement party.

Please contact Rachel (Hafermann) Smith to RSVP, or to request more information about the retirement party: 314-724-6159 or rjoy_77@msn.com. Memorabilia and cards may also be sent to Rachel Smith either by email (see above) or by regular mail: 488 Fox Trail Dr., Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367-2254.

God’s Richest Blessings,

Marchelle Surplus, Rachel Smith, & Eduard Hafermann

Overview of Pastor Hafermann’s Congregations

1975-1976 Vicarage at Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL
1978-1980 Hope Lutheran Church, Sonora, TX
1978-1980 Faith Lutheran Church, Ozona, TX
1980-1984 St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Winside, NE
1984-1992 Zion Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE
1993-2006 Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, IL
2006-present Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Forsyth, IL
School News

National Lutheran Schools Accreditation
Preparations are underway for the Accreditation Visitation Team to be at Zion on April 16 & 17.

Plant Sale
The final day to submit our plant order is Wednesday, April 8. Plants will be available for pick up on April 24 & 25.

Scholar Bowl
Congratulations to our Scholar Bowl teams who competed with other Lutheran Schools in Hastings on Friday, March 27. Teams were questioned in many areas of study. Our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teams all placed first.
Team Members:
5th grade:
Alexandra Splittgerber, Michelle Arisa, Ansley Noyes Makayla Kirchner, Jayden Young
6th grade:
Kalu Obasi, Madelyn Graham, Heinrich Haarberg, Logan Trampe, Aranim Louis
7th grade:
Chinyere Obasi, Kevin Osmanski, Liz Lange, Zachariah DeLoach, Mekaela Skrdla
8th grade:
Lea Carper, Caleb Nabity, Peter Kreutzer, Kiara Clark, Harrison Strong

Gathering of the Talents
Our children will be participating in the Gathering of the Talents Saturday, April 11 in Seward. Over 20 of your children will use their God-given talents in art, writing, dramatics, dance and music.

Foundation Pancake Feed
Thank you to all who contributed to the Zion School Foundation Pancake Feed. The profit was $1,234.31, which will be used to benefit our school.
P.E.A.C.E. 2015

Thank you to all the supporters of this year’s auction and dinner. The event raised over $40,000 which is more than any other of our previous auctions. The $40,000 includes $10,000 specifically designated for tuition scholarships raised in part by a donation from the Zion Lutheran School Foundation and auction attendees.

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Jacobi's Carpet One
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Kearney Cinema 8
Kearney Country Club
Kearney Hub
Kearney Volunteer Fire Department
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Orscheln Farm & Home
Party America
Perkin's Restaurant
Qdoba Mexican Grill
Recognition Unlimited
Red Lobster
Regis Salon
Replay's (The Man's Cut)
Riddle's Jewelry
Russell's Appliance
Schrock Chiropractic & Acupuncture
Shopping Tripps
Skeeter Barnes
Slumberland Furniture
We would like to thank the many volunteers who have devoted their time, energy, and talents over the past several months. Thank you to those that have helped with final preparations the last week and to those volunteering the night of the auction. We apologize if any names were left out. Thank you!

Special Thanks to:
Holiday Inn Convention Center – Complimentary Event Space
Kearney Floral/Todd and Louis Thalken – Event Décor
Rachel Strong - Event Design and Décor

Volunteers

General Chairpersons
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Lisa Splittgerber
Rachel Strong

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Rhonda Kathol
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Zion Lutheran School’s 7th/8th Grade Class

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