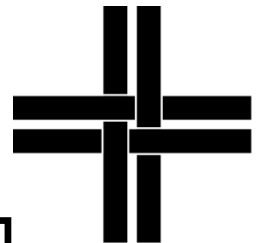


# The Sower



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## April 2015

### 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.

### Voters Meeting

We have a voters meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Business will include presentation of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

### ZYG

Zion youth group is sponsoring our Eater Breakfast. They will serve egg casseroles, rolls and fruit. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds being used for Youth Activities.

### Easter Lilies

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

Ron & Waunita DeLaet, In memory of Lana Schroder and Carl & Irene Jacobson, Jerry and Nancy Dulitz, Bob & Wanda Glanzer, Lewis & Carolyn Westman, Becky Thornton, Paul & Rachael Burger, Nathaniel & Liz Gaunt, Sharon Kreutzer, Lonna Gronewaller, Lillian Johnson & Dave and Kay Banner, Richard & Carol Kreutzer and family, Todd & Ellen Koopman, Carolyn Wilkens, Pastor & Carol DeLoach, Don & Marion Richmond, Joan Schmidt, Cheryl Scarborough, Chris & Sarah Hoehner, Wayne & Dorothy Sikes, Evelyn Heiden, Don & Shirley Helmbrecht, Jane Schmid, Randy & Linda Nielsen.

### 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*

## Holy Week

April 2 Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	
April 3 Good Friday Divine Service	2:00pm	Fellowship Hour following with Donuts & Coffee
April 3 Tenebrae	7:00pm	
Easter Sunrise	7:00am	Easter Breakfast 8-9 Youth Group
Easter Festival Service	9:00am	

## April Radio Broadcast & Flowers

Date	Radio	Flowers
5	Wilkens	no sponsor
12	Abels	no sponsor
19	Axmann	Hoffman
26	Nuttelman	Nuttelman

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Ann. Jim & Pat Catterson	
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	
8		
9	Brynne Fisher	
11		
12	David Hartman	
13	Sarah Burger, Lorelie Hanneman, Jami Helmbrecht	
14	Linda Johnson, Lisa Splittgerber	
17		
19	Gabe Hansen	
20	Michelle Clark, Becky Thornton	
21	Pat Flodine	
22	Matt Herron	
23	Cynthia Gibbons	
24		
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	

March 4, 2015

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams all placed first.

Team Members:

5<sup>th</sup> grade:

**Alexandra Splittgerber, Michelle Arisa, Ansley Noyes Makayla Kirchner, Jayden Young**

6<sup>th</sup> grade:

**Kalu Obasi, Madelyn Graham, Heinrich Haarberg, Logan Trampe, Aranim Louis**

7<sup>th</sup> grade:

**Chinyere Obasi, Kevin Osmanski, Liz Lange, Zachariah DeLoach, Mekaela Skrdla**

8<sup>th</sup> 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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Kearney Volunteer Fire Department  
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Mead Lumber  
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### **Volunteers**

#### **General Chairpersons**

Sharon Obasi  
Lisa Splittgerber  
Rachel Strong

#### **Gift Acquisition/Mailings**

Jessica Blattner  
Rachael Burger  
Rhonda Kathol  
Lisa Splittgerber  
Zion Lutheran School's 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

#### **Technical Support**

Marc Hoffman

**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





# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:25 Chapel  6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	2 No School  7:00 Maundy Thursday Divine service	3 No School/Office Closed 2:00 Good Friday Divine Service 3:00 Fellowship Time 7:00 Tenebre Service	4
5  7:00 Sunrise Service 9:00 Divine Service  10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Bible Study	6 No School/Office Closed	7  7:00 Board of Stewardship  7:00 Board of Ed	8 8:25 Chapel  5:00 Handchimes  5:45 Midweek	9 2:00 Concordia  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Principal's Conference</div>	10	11  Gathering of the Talents  9:00 Kitchen Cleaning 5:00 Divine Service
12 9:00 Divine Service  10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Bible Study	13  7:00 Mary Martha Peace 7:00 Mary Martha Love  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Pastor's Conference</div>	14 6:00 School Foundation 7:00 Board of Elders 7:00 Board of Trustees	15 8:25 Chapel  5:00 Handchimes 5:45 Midweek	16  6:00 Accreditation Banquet  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Accreditation Visitation Team at Zion</div>	17	18    5:00 Divine Service
19 9:00 Divine Service  10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Bible Study	20  12:00 Senior Citizens	21  7:00 Church Council	22 8:25 Chapel  5:00 Handchimes 5:45 Midweek	23	24 No School  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">-----Plant Sale in Gymnasium-----</div>	25 Wollberg FH 5:00 Divine Service
26 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Voters Meeting	27	28  7:00 LLL 7:00 Sunday School Teachers	29  6:00 Confirmation Meal and Rehearsal	30		