



**"HE HAS  
RISEN!"**

Luke 24:6

# From Pastor's desk...

APRIL 2022

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

"Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May. So when its raining, have no regrets, because it isn't raining rain you know, its raining Violets..." so the song goes.

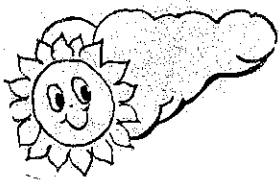
April is the culmination of our Lenten season, as we enter Holy Week with Jesus, riding on a little beast of burden. Ironic, isn't it, that Jesus bore our sins as our "beast of burden," as we progress through the week toward Easter and the resurrection shout, "He is risen, He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!"

And then back to ho hum living, just "looking for the Bluebirds, and listening for their song," and little else? Not at all. Already this year we have bid farewell to dear folks whose entry into heaven was through the doors of Zion, so to speak. But Scripture promises that we will see them all again, either when the angels come for us, or when Jesus comes a second and final time to signal the end of this fallen world.

But we do not fear either event, because physical death is not the end. It is the end of suffering, pain, and all the "thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to," and best of all, the end of sin and sinning, and all the lousy stuff that sin brings about.

And it is all because Jesus walked out of that borrowed tomb alive! "And because He lives, we, too, shall live." Now if that doesn't change the ho-hum into hallelujah, nothing can!

Blessings!  
Pastor P



# Zion News....

**Thank You... to our Faith Family at Zion for all the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy following Russel's passing. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!**

**Billie Miner & family**

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**Easter Service begins at 9:00 A.M. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Light breakfast following served by our Board of Education Chairperson and Confirmand parents.**

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**LWML CID Convention will be held April 29 – April 30 in Springfield. This is open to all ladies of the congregation over the age of 18. Guest speaker on April 29 will be Jan Struck, humorous entertainer. Registration form and additional information can be found later in the newsletter.**

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**Confirmation is set for May 8 for our Junior Confirmands, Delaina Manuel, Colbie Stremsterfer and Alli Van Veldhuizen.**

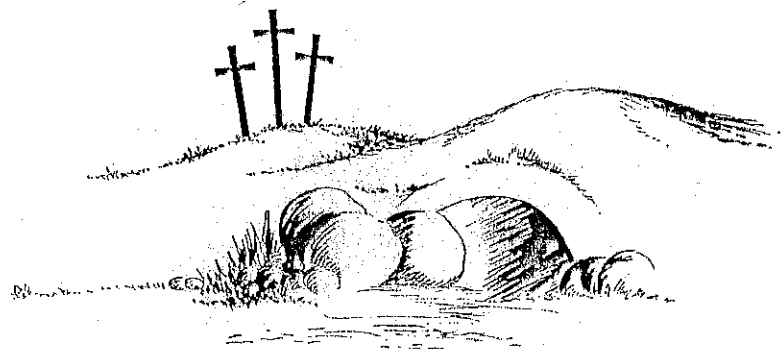
**Quarterly meeting of the Voter's Assembly will be held immediately following the Divine Service on April 24. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome – simply attend the meeting!**

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**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LCMS is April 26. Watch the bulletins or CID Gatepost for special commemorations in our area.**

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**Many thanks to everyone who assisted with our Lenten services this year. From preparing the meals prior to the midweek services, decorating the cross for Lent and Easter morning, making sure there was oil in the candles, to accompanying the services on the organ .... Your services are seen and greatly appreciated!  
**THANK YOU!****



As we continue our Lenten season, many opportunities remain to join our worship services.

**Schedule of Mid-Week Lent Services in April**

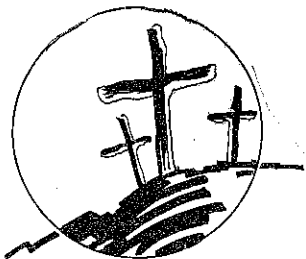
**4/6 Midweek Service (Mercy in Service)**  
**Supper 6:00 P.M.      Service 7:00 P.M.**

**Holy Week Services**

**4/10 Palm Sunday (Mercy in Palms)**  
**Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.**

**Maundy  
Thursday**

**4/14 Maundy Thursday (Mercy in Bread and Wine)**  
**Service with Communion 7:00 P.M.**

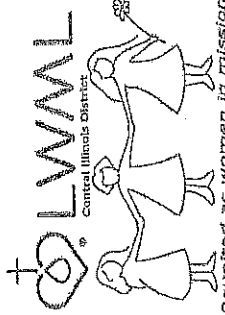


**4/15 Good Friday (Mercy in the Cross)**  
**Service 7:00 P.M.**

**4/17 Easter Sunday (Mercy in the Open Tomb)**  
**Service 9:00 A.M.**  
**Light Breakfast following service.**



**Please invite your family and friends to join you as we complete our journey to the empty tomb and celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Morning!**



LWML Central Illinois District • April 29 & 30, 2022 • Springfield  
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# Reunited as Women in Mission



- Are you a Young Woman; between the ages of 18 – 40's?
- Have you heard of Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)?
- Does Serving the Lord interest you?
- Are you mission oriented?
- Are you looking for fellowship with other Young Women who share your beliefs & passion to serve?

## THE LWML IS FOR YOU!!

Come learn about the LWML's Mission!  
Come hear about what the LWML has to offer you & what you can offer to support LWML's mission!  
Are you busy with work, school, and/or family?  
It's okay you can still be active in the LWML without attending regular meetings at your Group level.

**Come join us for the Central IL District Convention at the Springfield Zone April 29<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>! Guest Speaker Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>; Jan Struck, humorous entertainment & YWR supporter. Special Luncheon for Young Women; Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Get refreshed! Learn about the LWML! Make new Connections! Enjoy the Fellowship with other Women!**

The LWML Central Illinois District is offering Scholarships to our Young Women Representatives to support their attendance at the District Convention. The Scholarship will cover the registration fee. Reach out to the LWML CID Young Women's Chairperson at [ywr@lwmlcid.org](mailto:ywr@lwmlcid.org), your Zone President, or Group President for more information.

## Breakout sessions

**Session 1: Encouraging one another with laughter.** Jan Struck has been a humorous interrupter at several national conventions. A woman of faith who knows how to lift others in the Word. Come and get encouraged in your service to the Lord, that you may do it with gladness and joy.

**Session 2: Encouraging one another as the Heart of the LWML.** Deaconess Betty Knapp serves as the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries for the national LWML. As such, she heads the Heart-to-Heart Sisters Committee, Committee on Young Women and Special Ministries Task Force. Come and get encouraged as you engage with Heart-to-Heart sisters, YWRs and others, such as our deaf sisters in the district.

**Session 3: Encouraging one another for the future.** Carol Von Soosten is a gift planning counselor with Gifts of Love program through the LWML. Working with LCMS Foundation, the Gifts of Love program has been able to gift the LWML thousands of dollars to assist in the work of the LWML and increase the amount of your mites that go to missions. Come and see how you may become a part of this program and encourage others in the future.

**Session 4: Encouraging one another to reach those who are imprisoned.** Rev. Rodney Blomquist is the Prison Ministry Coordinator for the CID LCMS. Our grant last year will be used to produce devotional materials for inmates in jails and prisons throughout Central Illinois. Come and see how you may encourage and engage in bringing the gospel to the men and women in prison.

**Session 5: Encouraging one another in reaching out to the visually impaired.** Wendy Lanser is a member at Trinity, Peoria. She is the coordinator of the Lutheran Braille Workers at that site. Come and see how you may support and encourage this mission as they work to bring the gospel to the visually impaired.

**Session 6: Encouraging our Young Women in their Faith. (Afternoon Session Only).** Our YWR recruiter, Stephanie Meats, is encouraging our YWR's to attend a Bible study for both Alumni, National and District Young Women's Representatives. Our guests to this Bible study include Sarah Gulseth and Bri Gerzevske from the Lutheran Ladies Lounge program on KFUE.





2022  
LWML CID  
CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION  
FORM



Please return form and \$30 fee to:  
Leigh Harrison  
107 Almond Dr.  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
217-741-7932  
Leighharrison38@yahoo.com

Please make copies of both sides of this sheet and the invitation letter and map and distribute to your members. Each person attending should return her completed form to the registrar and make a copy to bring to the convention.

**Registration Fee: \$30.00** (includes registration and lunch). **Registration Deadline is April 8, 2022**, and any registrations received after that will be charged an additional \$10.00 late registration fee. The Friday night meal at 5:00 pm will be a freewill donation.

To aid in planning the meals, please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions (gluten-free, allergy, etc.)

**COPY FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

LWML CID Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Check the appropriate category (each society is allowed 2 voting delegates & 2 alternates)

\_\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegate #1 (District board members may not be a group's delegate)

\_\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegate #2

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #1

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #2

\_\_\_\_\_ Past District President (voting)

\_\_\_\_\_ District Board Member (voting) This includes Zone Presidents

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor or Vicar

\_\_\_\_\_ Young Woman Representative or Teen

\_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess or DCE

\_\_\_\_\_ General Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest

Make checks payable to **LWML Springfield Zone**

Registration Fee is **\$30.00**

Registration Fee after April 8<sup>th</sup> is \$40.00

Friday night meal – freewill donation

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVANT EVENTS – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 4:00**

**OFF-SITE at Midwest Mission Distribution Center** (We will meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1225 N. Main St. in Chatham at **12:40 to carpool** to the Mission Center)

\_\_\_\_\_ Assemble health, school or home care kits. (Need 10 workers)

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Midwest Mission Distribution Center requirement

**AT St. JOHN'S CAMPUS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Assemble 500 rice meal packets (Need 16 – 20 workers)

No need to sign up for the following activities

Trimming Stamps (bring scissors)                      Tying Quilts                      Little dresses kit making/sewing

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the Friday servant events      \_\_\_\_\_ *I will be attending the evening freewill meal*

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**Morning Breakout Sessions 11:10 – 12:00** (delegates- do not sign up for a morning session)

Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Encouraging one another with laughter – Jan Struck
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Encouraging one another as the Heart of the LWML – Deaconess Betty Knapp
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**Afternoon Breakout Sessions 1:00 – 1:50**

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  5. \_\_\_\_\_ Encouraging one another in reaching out to the visually impaired – Wendy Lanser
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ Encouraging our young women in their faith – Stephanie Meats
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\_\_\_\_\_ Young Women's Special Luncheon **12:00**



**Items for Orphan Grain Train will be collected on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> only, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield**

(Please bring a list of items donated to help with the count.)

**Orphan Grain Train's Mission Statement:** In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near.

**Orphan Grain Train's Wish List:**

1. **Prayers for God's blessings on this ministry.**
2. **Cash donations to pay for shipping** (one box costs \$11)  
(Make any checks payable to Orphan Grain Train)
3. **Infant supplies:** Cloth and Disposable Diapers, Layettees, Stuffed toys
4. **School supplies:** Backpacks, new coloring books and crayons, pens and pencils, writing paper and notebooks, sports equipment such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms.
5. **Clothing:** Infant, children's, women's and men's clothes, shoes, socks, NEW underwear (**Bring clothing in plastic bags**)
6. **Hygiene supplies:** Toothbrushes, towels and washcloths, bar soap, combs, sanitary products for women
7. **Medical equipment:** Bed and bath linens, walkers, crutches, canes, Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, disposable gowns and gloves.
8. **Quilts, comforters, blankets:** All sizes are needed.

# *Servant Events*

*Reunited as Women in Mission*

**Friday – April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 at St. John's Lutheran Church** 1225 N. Main St. Chatham, IL

## **Activities:**

### **Off campus at Midwest Mission Distribution Center**

We will meet at St. John's at 12:40 and carpool to the Center at: 1001 Mission Dr. in Pawnee, IL. There we will assemble school, health or other kits. Please mark your registration form and fill out requested information if you wish to help here. (Need ten workers)

### **At St. John's**

**Filling rice meal packets** We will fill 500 meal bags with several ingredients in an assembly line. Please mark the registration form if you wish to help here. (Need 16 -20 workers)

**Trimming stamps.** We have thousands of stamps for Mites that need to be trimmed. Bring your scissors.

**Tying quilts to be sent to Orphan Grain Train.**

### **Little Dresses for "With God's Little Ones" in Madagascar.**

We will use pillowcases and regular fabric to make these little dresses. You may bring a portable sewing machine if you wish to sew. We will mostly be making kits to take home to sew or give to a friend who likes to sew. You do not need to know how to sew to help put these kits together. These kits will be available to take with you or pick up on Saturday at the Convention.

We will not be marking Bibles since there was no booth at the Fair.

# April Celebrations



## Birthday's

Rileigh Rennecker	4/5
Shirley Hagen	4/14
Crystal Schneider	4/15
Lloyd Fraase	4/20
Rev. Don Pritchard	4/20
Jeanette Ealey	4/22
Blake Hermes	4/23
Abby Bruce	4/27
Henry Edwards	4/27
Aimee Pritchard	4/27



## Wedding Anniversaries

Allan & Christina Gleason	4/3
David & Donna Clark	4/12
Kevin & Laura Hecht	4/13
Paul & Dawn Zerkel	4/26



## Baptism Birthday's

Dale Dobbe	4/1
Dennis Boesdorfer	4/10
Elias Morgan	4/10
Madyson Carter	4/11
Karen Lockeby	4/12
Andrea Marvel	4/12
Addison VanZeLe	4/13
Blayke Strubbe	4/14
Rev. Don Pritchard	4/20
Aimee Pritchard	4/26
Nancie Klein	4/27






**6th & 7th  
GRADE DAY**

**LUTHERAN  HIGH**

Spend the morning at LuHi and enjoy a  
preview of high school  
(Lunch provided with RSVP)

**Registration starts at 8:45 am**

 Lutheran High School  
3500 W. Washington  
Springfield, IL 62707

 217-546-6363 ext 138

Email Mrs. Cox to RSVP  
m.cox@spiluhi.org

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[www.spiluhi.org](http://www.spiluhi.org)



# April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	4	5	6 Midweek Lent Service Supper 6:00 P.M. Service 7:00 P.M.	7	8	9
10 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	11	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday Service with Communion 7:00 P.M.	15	16 Good Friday Service 7:00 P.M.
17 <b>EASTER</b> Divine Service 9:00 A.M. Light Breakfast following the service.	18	19	20 May newsletter articles due (Pastor's 76th Birthday)	21	22	23
24 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Quarterly Voter's Meeting following service. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	25	26 175th Anniversary of LCMS	27	28	29	30
1	2	<b>Notes: Elder - Nathan VanZeLe</b>				
<b>Easter Breakfast returns!! Join us at 9:00 A.M. to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Stay for a 'light' breakfast hosted by our Board of Ed Chairperson and Confirmand parents.</b> Quarterly meeting of the Voter's Assembly immediately following the Divine Service on April 24.						

***Zion's Newsletter***  
***April, 2022***

***Zion Lutheran Church***  
***Rev. Don Pritchard***  
***525 North Cartwright***  
***P.O. Box 167***  
***Pleasant Plains, IL 62677***

***(217) 626-1282***

***Easter Service 9:00 A.M.***  
***April 17, 2022***

***Sunday School 9:00 A.M.***  
***Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.***  
***Divine Service 10:15 A.M.***

***LCMS***

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