

From Pastor's desk...

May 2022

Dearly Beloved of Zion,

The word "may" implies "consent." We "may" do this or that. We "may" have a good result. Things "may" go our way. Surely, there is some doubt about the "may" in our daily lives, whether one thing or another will come to pass.

But for the Christian, there is no doubt about what "may" happen. Easter reminded us that "If Christ is risen, we, too shall rise."

I visit the cemetery often, both officially and unofficially. There rest the bodies of many loved ones, family members, and persons of note, especially in our local cemetery where The Reverend Peter Cartwright lies waiting for the resurrection. There is no debating whether "we, too, shall rise." Because Jesus was raised from the dead by God, the Father, we too shall be raised by Him on the last day.

That is what Easter is all about. That is what the Christian faith is all about. We "may" encounter all kinds of stuff in our earthly lives, but there is no doubt about what awaits us when the lightning flashes, the trumpets of heaven blast that Jesus is coming again for the final time.

Now we start on the Summer season with the consent of God in Jesus Christ. Now we are assured that nothing can take us out of the hand of our loving, forgiving father. And we have the confidence that "because Christ is risen, we, too shall rise."

Blessed Eastertide!

Pastor Hitchcock



Zion News....

Confirmation Day... May 8, we will welcome 3 new communicant members to Zion's Faith Family. Delaina Manuel, Colbie Stremsterfer and Alli Van Veldhuizen have completed their studies and expressed their intentions to join Zion as communicant members. ***Congratulations and Welcome to our newest communicant members!***

Zion Adult Choir...after a prolonged absence, our adult choir is in the process of reorganizing. Tammy Tewes has graciously agreed to accompany our choir. Watch for bulletin announcements about practices and performances. If you enjoy singing, new members are always welcome.

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Crisis in Ukraine...Lutheran World Relief has been accepting donations to aid with food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the war in Ukraine. Thanks to the generosity of our Faith Family, \$1505.00 has been sent to LWR to aid in their efforts. Our funds, as well as those sent by other LCMS churches, will be doubled.

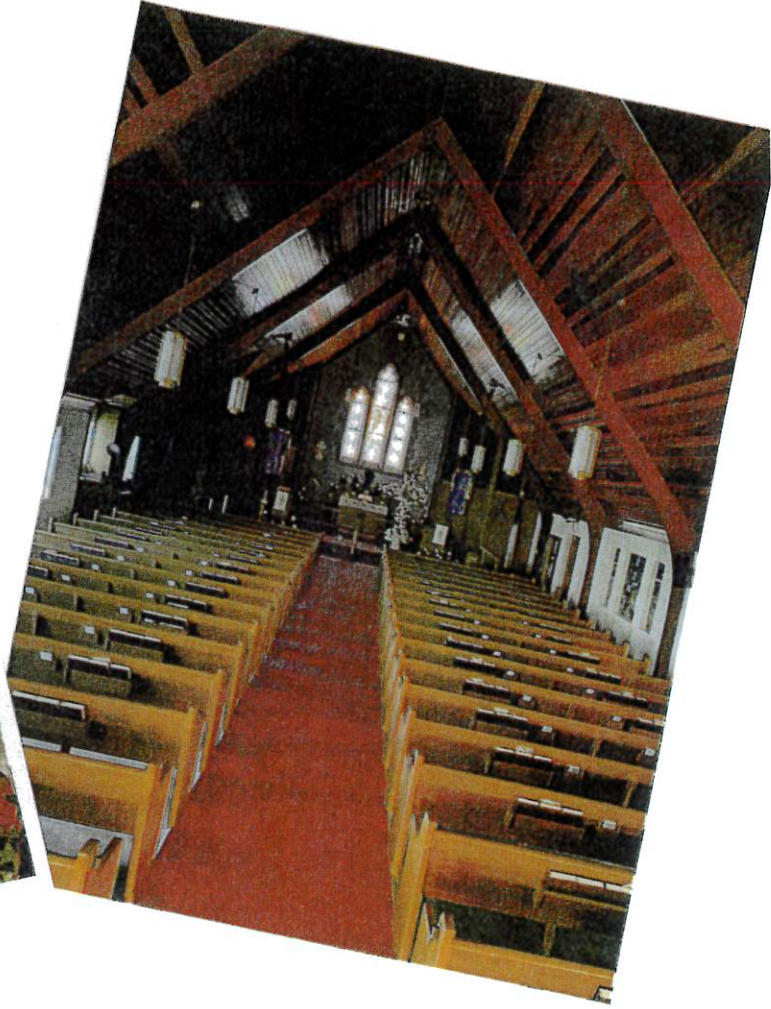
Welcome New Members.... Have you seen some new faces in our pews and aren't sure who they are? We have welcomed 6 new members recently – Alexa (Workman) Edwards recently rejoined our congregation and her children Lincoln, Henry and Eloise were baptized at Zion recently.

Also, a couple of familiar faces, Darrell & Deanna Pabst have officially transferred their membership to Zion. Darrell & Deanna have been attending Zion for a few years.

Welcome to all our new members!!

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Easter images of Zion.

The talents of our Faith Family members on full display.

Thanks to Stacy Stremsterfer for capturing these beautiful pictures.





Celebrations

Birthdays

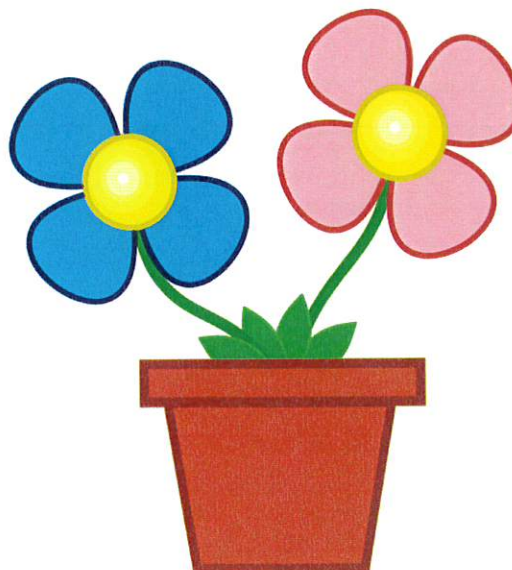
Paul Zerkel	5/1
Lincoln Edwards	5/5
Anna Thompson	5/5
Ember Wieland	5/5
Marie Braker	5/10
Dawn Zerkel	5/10
Rich Albsmeyer	5/11
Grace Bowen	5/11
Joyce TeRonde	5/18
Nash Van Veldhuizen	5/18
Ali Van Veldhuizen	5/23
Shannon Sparling	5/24
Mason Curry	5/25
Stacy Stremsterfer	5/27
Brooklyn Wieland	5/27
Carol Kiel	5/29

Baptism Birthday's

Skylor Bowman	5/10
Katrina Rieterman	5/10
Barb Hand	5/11
Tristen Tewes	5/12
Lloyd Fraase	5/16
Landon Durheim	5/17
Sierra Shea Brandt	5/21
Paul Zerkel	5/23
Ember Wieland	5/27
Jeanette Ealey	5/28
Nash Van Veldhuizen	5/28
Abby Bruce	5/31
Anna Bruce	5/31
Dawn Zerkel	5/31

Wedding Anniversaries

Rev. Don & Cindy Pritchard	5/3
Lloyd & Joyce Fraase	5/19
David & Jenny Darnell	5/29





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— 175 YEARS —



HYMN SING

May 1, 2022 | 3:30 pm



TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

220 S. 2nd St.

Springfield, IL 62701

Celebrating the
175th Anniversary of the
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



68TH REGULAR CONVENTION

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
July 29–Aug. 3, 2023 | Milwaukee, Wis.

Monday of Holy Week, A.D. 2022
April 11, 2022

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

We are excited to announce the following information regarding the 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to be held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee:

Floor Committee Weekend	June 9–June 12, 2023, St. Louis
Convention Dates	July 29–Aug. 3, 2023
Pre-Convention Floor Comm. Meetings	July 28 (Friday) afternoon
Floor Comm. Open Hearings	July 29 (Saturday) 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
Delegate Orientation	July 29 (Saturday) 1:30 p.m.
Opening Worship	July 29 (Saturday) 7 p.m.
Convention Close	Aug. 3 (Thursday) 12 p.m.
Installation of New Officers	Sept. 16, St. Louis

Please be aware of these dates so you can best prepare for and participate in the upcoming convention. If planning on attending convention, your arrival day and time to Milwaukee will depend on your convention role, district instructions and desire to attend open hearings. Remember: All duly elected voting delegates, advisory delegates and advisory representatives “shall attend all sessions regularly until the close of the convention” (Bylaws 3.1.2.2 [c], 3.1.5.2).

The nomination period for Secretary of Synod and elected boards and commissions is already open and will be held open until Oct. 29, 2022, nine months prior to the opening of the convention. The timing of all other convention processes, including deadlines for registration, submission of reports and overtures, and nominations and elections, will be as determined by Synod Bylaws, relative to the convention’s opening date.

We will gather under the convention theme, “We Preach Christ Crucified,” based on 1 Cor. 1:18–25. In a world of uncertainty, the church’s proclamation, her mission, her identity remains the same. We preach Christ crucified.

As we make our way toward Milwaukee, updates and information about the convention will be posted to lcms.org/convention. Should you have any questions about convention, please feel free to contact Barb Below, convention coordinator, at barb.below@lcms.org or 314-996-1413.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



**Summer Program Registration is open now.
Register today at www.cilca.org/summer-camp/!**



CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

new
ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."
- I Corinthians 16:13**

Photo Credit: Erik M. Lunsford
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

February 25- 26 - Act Like Men Woodcutter's Retreat
• Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult •

March 20 - Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall.
Contact the Camp Office to reserve your tickets.

April 29-May 1 - Women's Scrapbooking Retreat

May 28 - Act Like Men Field Day Competition

May 29 - Annual Hog Roast
10:30 AM: Worship
11:30-2:30 PM: Hog Roast Dinner

May 31 - Junior Counselor Training
10 AM-2 PM at Camp

June 1-July 29 - Summer Camp Program

July 30 - Homecoming
Food, music, games, more!

July 31-August 5 - Act Like Men Camp
• For any man who has completed high school •

September 4 - Chicken Fry & Auction
10:30 AM: Worship
11:30-2:30 PM: Chicken Fry Dinner
1 PM: Live Auction Begins

September 17 - Act Like Men Shooting Retreat
• Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult •

September 23 - Whippoorwill Golf Outing

October 1 - GRIT Run

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

May, 2022

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

Great CID Campout: *May 27-30, 2022*

Join fellow campers from across central Illinois for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and fun. Camp in a tent, RV, cabin, or hotel room. Swim at the beach, fish in the lake, hike the trails, and enjoy the delicious hog roast on Sunday. There will be daily campfire devotions, Sunday morning Matins, and other activities scheduled throughout the weekend.

❖ Saturday, *May 28*: Men's Field Day

- Men from across the state will gather at 10am to test their strength and skill against one another. Winners receive bragging rights and a Camp CILCA baseball cap. Call or email the camp office to register.

❖ Sunday, *May 29*: Hog Roast

- Delicious pulled pork sandwiches, sides, and desserts will be on sale from 11:30-2:30. Adults: \$8. Children 4 and up: \$5.
- The beach and Trading Post will be open. Tours of the main camp will also be available.

❖ *June 1*: Summer program begins!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Day Mother's Day	9 Pastors Conference at Camp CILCA 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.	23	24	25 June Newsletter articles due	26 Church Council 6:45 P.M.	27	28
29 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.	30 Memorial Day	31	1			4
5	6	Notes: Elder Bob TeRonde May 8 - Confirmation Day/Mother's Day				



***Zion's Newsletter
May, 2022***

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

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