On Easter morning the Christian Church will shout, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" This spine-tingling confession is brimming with hope, not merely for death-weary people yearning for life, but for the sin-gripped earth groaning for liberty. Truly, our Easter cry has cosmic significance. Our task in these paragraphs is to begin to appreciate how.

We begin with Scripture's great resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15. There Paul argues in meticulous detail and with impassioned force that Christ indeed has been bodily resurrected. Then, in verse 20, he calls Jesus "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." Within these words are the promise and guarantee of our bodily resurrection!

We might compare *firstfruits* to end rows in a corn field. The end rows open the harvest. Once the end rows are opened, the harvest has begun and joy and anticipation quicken our hearts and brighten our spirits. The *firstfruits* were, likewise, the opening of the harvest, the very guarantee of the harvest's ingathering.

And Paul is announcing to the world that Christ's resurrection has opened the resurrection of the dead. He's the end row, the firstfruits, of the resurrection. In His bodily resurrection is the guarantee of *our* resurrection. His bodily resurrection is the guarantee that death will die, the guarantee that we will be reunited with the dead who have died in the faith, and the guarantee that our bodies will be finally and fully liberated from sin's deathly curse.

But the significance and implications stretch beyond us. Consider Paul's words in Romans 8:

> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God (19-21).

Notice what Paul is saying: creation is waiting on the edge of its seat for the revealing of the inheritors of the kingdom (the sons of God) in the resurrection of the dead because that will mean its liberation from sin's death grip. And Christ's resurrection is the inauguration of our resurrection and creation's liberation! The rescue mission has begun!

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C.S. Lewis masterfully captured the idea in his essay "The Grand Miracle": "God has dived down into the bottom of creation, and has come up bringing the whole redeemed nature on His shoulder." He then adds, "The miracles that have already happened, are, of course, as Scripture so often says, the first fruits of that cosmic summer which is presently coming on." We may view Christ's resurrection, then, as the courageous crocus blooming through winter's long-lingering snow, announcing winter's loosening grip before summer's approaching life-giving warmth. Christ's resurrection is the beginning of the new creation! It has begun!

And we have been baptized into it! Paul writes in Romans 6,

> We were buried… with [Christ] by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too

might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his (4-5).

Paul spells out the implications in 2 Corinthians: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (5:17). To put this another way, the baptized have been connected to Christ's death and resurrection; they were taken down with Him and brought up on His shoulders to live as His new creation people now, even as they eagerly await their bodily resurrection upon Christ's return.

And that means Christ's Church, by virtue of its connection to Christ, is the vanguard of the new creation. Through old creation elements of water, grain, and grapes, God has connected us to Christ and brought us into His new creation and established us as forerunners and harbingers of the approaching resurrection of the dead and renewal of all creation. Our Easter cry announces to the world that the new creation has dawned in Christ's resurrection. It is upon us!

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And this means that Christ's gospel not only absolves sins, but announces liberty to creation. The great salvation of God is not limited to souls – God's salvation envelops our souls, our bodies, the earth, even the far reaches of the cosmos! As Dr. Charles Arand, professor of theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and head of The Center for Care of Creation, writes, "Jesus came to reclaim and restore his entire creation as the Lord of creation. He does so by beginning with where the problem of creation's ruin began, namely, with us."

Having made us new, Christ's gospel reorients our relationship to creation in Christ and equips us with a message and a mission of renewal. The earth will be made new. Our world of wounds will be healed and made whole – from the grieving widow to the endangered species, from the financially stressed farmer to the polluted waterways. It has begun in the Church! Christ's cross and resurrection have cosmic implications. The Creator has entered His creation to rescue and renew it!

So we move into creation with appreciative wonder and responsive care. We see the splendor of His handiwork even as we hear creation's pained groaning. The resurrection of Jesus, as the inauguration of the new creation, moves us into creation as caregivers and advocates. So, we become aware of our place, of our creational surrounding. Where is the groaning? How can we bring renewal? How can we bring healing? How can we care for Christ's creation?

Creation care is the Church's responsibility as the vanguard of the new creation. For too long Christians have viewed environmental concerns as un-spiritual. The resurrection insists otherwise.

> The Spirit who brooded over creation's waters reasserts God's care for creation in Christ's resurrection. In Christianity, spirituality doesn't mean non-physical; it means the renewal of God's physical creation. Creation care is spiritual.

On April 21, the Church's Easter cry will echo throughout the world. As you participate in that echo, celebrate its cosmic significance and your inclusion in the vanguard of Christ's new creation. – Pastor Conner

Ministry Apps

Applying the Gospel to Hearts and Homes (April 2019): Zion and Trinity Lutheran

"Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Jesus Cares from the Cross!

Jesus' care for others was demonstrated throughout His early ministry. Jesus healed the physical and emotional hurts of many. Jesus advocated for little children. Jesus comforted the grieving. Even in His last hours, hanging from the cross, Jesus cared for His mother and disciple John. Jesus' ultimate caring action was His sacrifice on the cross. Jesus cares for us not only now but also eternally. Because He has paid the price for all our sins, all who believe in Him are in His care eternally. Jesus' care is personal. Jesus cares for YOU!

Jesus' care from the cross continues to be emphasized in our Lent and Holy Week worship. Join us!

Jesus Cares for Caregivers

National statistics indicate that over 40 million adults (18 percent of the adult population) provided some form of unpaid care for a loved one within the past 12 months. The data suggests that in any congregation, nearly one in five adults is a caregiver of some kind, on average providing 21 hours of care or more per week. Christian caregivers often serve unnoticed, living out God's command to "honor your father and mother" and "love your neighbor as yourself." However the caregiving causes emotional stress, sacrifices of time and money, isolation, loneliness, and health issues for the caregiver.

Recognizing the need for support of caregivers, Zion partnered with Lutheran Family Services in offering six-sessions of "Powerful Tools for Caregivers." Ten Zion members and community friends were trained by two certified trainers. Following the training the participants noted the benefits of: helpful communication tools, dealing with emotions of anger and resentment, skills in positive self-talk and self-help, as well as new friendships and the formation of a local support team.

If you or someone you know is in a caregiving setting, feel free to contact Pastor Riggert for resources.

Jesus Cares for Kids!

"Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World" (VBS 2019) will be held **June 3-7**. Parents and grandparents, mark your calendars and plan for your children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children to attend. VOLUNTEERS, make plans to assist in this important mission to our children and community. Sign-up will begin soon.

Jesus Cares through You

Thanks to the coordination of the Fellowship Club another collection of clothing will be taken to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Ida Grove in early April. Orphan Grain Train is one of many Lutheran church charitable organizations that continue to respond to the flooding crisis in Nebraska and Iowa. Thanks for your generosity. The Fellowship Club continues to focus on the various caring vocations in our community. The April meeting will be on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Zion cares in the community! Thanks for your support and participation in the Wolf Pack for Hunger event on **April 3**. Financial support from the congregation and individual members has been generous. Zion also continues to be a key partner in the C-3 Food Pantry. You care!

Refreshed and rejoicing in Jesus' care!
Pastor Bob

Six Trizion youth group high-schoolers, Pastor Johnson, and Deaconess Tiffany made their way to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. Four kids from Zion (Renee Grimm, Neeka Jacobsen, Kamryn Lesle, and Amelia Vetter) plus two kids from Trinity (Sierra Ferry and Brody Blom) left Thursday, March 14. The trip ended up being a highly interactive experience where the kids saw that the faith passed down to them is actually pretty reasonable. It's pretty reasonable, because of geological discoveries, to assume that the accounts provided in Genesis about Creation and the Flood were actual events.

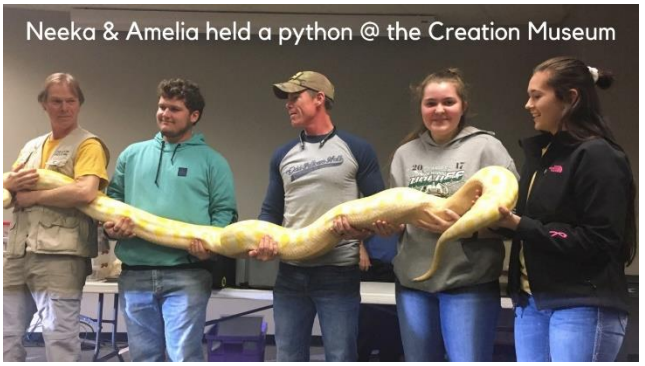
While we were away we also visited the Newport Aquarium in Cincinnati, OH where we appreciated GOD's aquatic creations. We even got to walk over a shark tank. We finished our trip by visiting the St. Louis Arch along with Concordia Seminary. The Ark Encounter featured a 1:1 ratio replica of Noah's Ark (nearly 500 feet long)!

"The trip was a great learning experience and I enjoyed it a lot!" – Renee Grimm

"I learned that there were only kinds of animals, not specific types like a Golden Retriever. And when they were loaded on they were baby animals instead of adults." – Amelia Vetter

We want to extend a special thank you to Bonnie Lorenzen and her family for a gift from the Alan Lorenzen Memorial fund. The gift allowed us to rent a 12-passenger van so we could all travel together.

If going to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum interests you, we're looking at potentially offering a special trip for adults & families in early Spring/before planting 2020 to anyone from Zion or Trinity who would want to visit. – Pastor Johnson



Attending to God's Wild Side

Do you know what all the creatures on this page have in common? They're all from our yard (and, yes, these are the pictures of the actual creatures)! Last summer, in a unit study on insects, we made an intentional effort to attend to the marvelous and diverse insects and bugs in our yard. From the beetles to the monarchs, the cicadas to the shield bugs, the variety of flies and grubs, night crawlers and worms, to the grasshoppers, katydids, and hopping things, along with the spiders, moths, and pill bugs, the variety in color, mobility, sounds, life cycles, and so very much more is astonishing! Our God is truly creative!

Appreciating this deepens our praise of our God even as it broadens our hope in His promises. First, seeing God's remarkable handiwork in creation moves us to marvel at God's wild side. Imagine the personality of someone who created the creatures pictured on this page! God certainly is not a sterile, personality-less being. He must brim with creativity, even a whimsical sense of humor.

How can you not smile at the size of the fly's eyes on this page or marvel at the metamorphosis of the monarch? How can you not stand in awe at the power of the cicada's shrill call or salute the frenetic industriousness of the bumblebee as he packs pollen in his leg pouches? And to think they're all included in the creative phrase of Day 6: "and creeping things… according to their kinds"! Annie Dillard, the American poet and novelist, rightly observed, "God loves pizazz!"

Attending to God's Wild Side (*continued*)

And to think, this is but a glimpse of God's wild side as viewed from one yard in one small town! It's astonishing. The psalmist was right to exclaim:

> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
> let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
> let the field exult, and everything in it! (96:11-12).

And again:

> Praise the LORD from the earth,
> you … creeping things and flying birds! (148:7,10)

Appreciating the breadth, beauty, wonder, and complexity of God's handiwork shows us that our God is not merely a savior of souls – He is a creator, an artist, an engineer, even a whimsical comedian. Earth teems with His handiwork; creation witnesses to His wild side.

And the enthralling gospel news of Scripture is that God is going to renew it all. The crickets, the katydids, the cicadas, the bumblebees, the shield bugs, the caterpillars, the pill bugs, the beetles, even the spiders – *all of it*! Even more, He's going to enhance it, make it better as He liberates it from sin's cursed grip. God's wild side will be revealed in living, radiant, and resplendent color. It will surround and astound us. How can hope not fill our hearts?

But what do we do while we wait?

Appreciate the creeping things. Photograph them, write about them, study them, value them – or pick your own area of creation appreciation. In appreciation for the creeping things, I wrote a verse to add to the hymn "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord,":

> Praise the Lord all you creeping things,
> Flies and beetles and bugs with wings,
> Chirping crickets and buzzing bees,
> Loud cicadas that fill the trees!

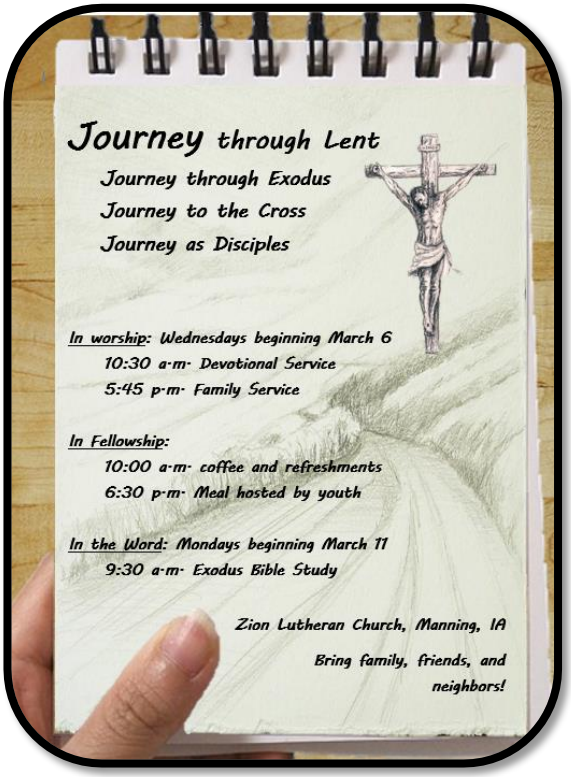
Does this creation appreciation detract from our confession of Christ as Savior? Not in the least! In fact, it enhances and enlargens our confession of Christ. As mentioned before, our God is not merely the Savior of souls, He's a creator and artist. And He's going to restore and enhance His artistry.

So, yes, we confess Christ as the Savior from sins, but we don't stop there. As children of the new creation, we're sent out into the fallen world to share Christ and to care for creation, to treasure it, to admire God's handiwork, and to marvel over how He's going to renew it in and through Christ.

While we wait, appreciate. I, for one, am going to keep snapping pictures in beholden wonder. What will you do? – Pastor Conner

A Simple Way to Pray

Family Bible Class



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!

A Discussion on Mental Illness and the Christian Response

3:00 p.m., May 5th at Zion
Everyone welcome!

- Addressing the needs of the whole being: physical, mental, spiritual and relational
- Understanding the legitimacy of mental illness
- Recognizing the critical signs and reaching out for help

Presented by mental health nurse;
Carol Segebart MSN, RN-BC

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday
Zion: 9:00 a.m.
Trinity: 9:00 a.m.
(no Sat. service)

Maundy Thursday:
Zion: 7:00 p.m.
Trinity: 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday:
Zion: 7:00 p.m.
Trinity: 6:30 p.m.

Easter:
Zion: 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast follows
Trinity: 7:45 breakfast
9:00 worship

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Helpers needed!

Children are again invited to participate in our Palm Sunday and Easter morning celebrations. Sunday school children will process with palms and sing on Palm Sunday and children and youth will assist with the procession of lilies and flags on Easter morning.

Please be at Zion 15 minutes early to get organized.

God's Wild Side Appreciated in Poetry

Gerard Manley Hopkins stood in awe of God's wild side. In one of his famous poems, he piles up praise to God for the variegated beauty visible throughout creation. Try to keep up with the vivid images as you read! To really appreciate the poem, read it through completely once (try it out loud), appreciating the musical nature inherent in the repeating sounds throughout. Then, go back and pause over each powerful image, giving glory to God for each magnificent, beautiful gift! Finally, remember that He's going to renew, refresh, and rejuvenate it all – Christ's resurrection is the beginning and down payment on it! And then you'll find yourself ending where Hopkins did: *Praise him!*

Pied Beauty
BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS (1844-1889)

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Family Game Day
3/17 Pictures

See more pictures on our Facebook page!

Preschool Praises for March 2019

Hopefully all the bad weather is behind us and the children can finally enjoy some beautiful Spring weather! March certainly came in like a Lion and seems to be coming out like a Lamb. Thank God!

The first week in March was all about Dr. Seuss, rhyming and Dads. We made invitations for Dad's Night and enjoyed several Dr. Seuss books and rhyming activities. I surprised the children at the end of the week with getting to watch the short movie of Green Eggs and Ham. We worked on the letter D for Dad and started our number books with the number 1. The afternoon class finished their uppercase hand writing book and began on their lowercase handwriting book. Jesus Time was about when Jesus healed the blind man and how the Pharisees did not believe at first that this was the same man that had been blind, then when they were convinced, they were furious with Jesus for performing a miracle on the Sabbath day. Talk about being blind! How could they not see that Jesus was God and could do miracles on whomever and whenever he wanted to! Pastor spoke to the children about the devils temptation of Jesus while he was in the wilderness. Jesus did not fall into sin and remained sinless!

Dad's night was so much fun! Thanks to Thrivent, we enjoyed fun Dr. Seuss photo props, bird house building and painting as well as cupcakes and ice cream! It is such a special night that the children get to share with their Dad's and we are so thankful to be able to provide it.

The second week of March rainbows, the letter R, number 2 and leprechauns were what we focused on. We made really cute rainbow books with different objects cut out of magazines to fill the pages of each color page. The children enjoyed looking at all the different colors and my seed catalogs came in very handy! We did more rhyming this week and began evaluations in preparation of Parent/Teacher Conferences. We learned about Zacchaeus and how he was a sinner but that Jesus still chose to go to his home and that Zacchaeus had a change of heart and became a follower of Christ. Jesus loves even sinners and calls them to repent and believe in him. The children enjoyed learning a little song about Zacchaeus. Pastor spoke to the children about Nicodemus and his secret meeting with Jesus and how Jesus told him that God is showing his love for them by sending his only son to save us.

The third week in March was about Spring, habitats, the number 3 and the letter K. The children enjoyed doing a lot of painting this week and brought home all kinds of masterpieces! I continued my evaluations of each student and worked in sequencing events as well as fine motor skills and patterning by stringing colored beads on a string in a pattern.

Jesus Time was about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, or Palm Sunday, as we celebrate it. Jesus fulfilled many prophecies from the Old Testament and he continued to do so when he had his disciples bring him a donkey's colt to ride on into Jerusalem. The Pharisees were furious when they heard the disciples saying, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" But Jesus said that if they were quiet, the stones would shout out! Pastor spoke to the children about Jesus healing the blind man and how powerful God is!

The last week of March we only had one day of class as we had parent/teacher conferences. We talked about weather, the number 4 and the letter U. Conference time is also a time for planning ahead, like our field trip to the Plaza, as well as organizing and deep cleaning the preschool room.

Thank you for all of your support!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Gore & Mrs. Nemitz

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PANAMÁ NEWS

March 2019

NEWS FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY

Meet Pastor Lopez: Pastor Alejando Lopez serves as pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Sorá, Panamá. He is also a missionary having been called from the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile to the church of Panamá (January 2017). His wife Laura and two daughters Martina (9) and Emilia (6) accompany him.

In addition to serving the congregation, they both bring their various gifts into the ministry. Alejando is a musician and holds music lessons and workshops weekly to bring the community to the church and to train musicians for worship. Laura, a teacher by trade, has started an after-school tutoring program that has grown to include students not only from Sorá, but Rio Abajo and beyond. This program has opened doors to the school so that Pastor Alejandro is now the chaplain of the public school in Sorá. It has been wonderful to see how kids who came for tutoring slowly began coming to VBS, then weekly Sunday school, and now whose families have joined membership of the Lutheran Church in Sorá. Pastor Lopez also serves on the new Spanish hymnal committee as well as the coordinator for the Pastoral Council for the Lutheran Church of Panamá blessing the church with both his experience and wisdom. We are grateful for their faithful service, love for God's people in Sorá and the surrounding communities and their friendship.

Please keep Pastor Lopez, Laura, Martina & Emilia in your prayers as they continue serving in Sorá. On page two you will find additional photographs of Pastor Alejandro and his family.

Family News: We have received news that our visas have been approved and that we need to go to Immigration one last time to get new, 'permanent residents' ID cards. Amanda and the baby are doing great as we passed 30 weeks. Ezra continues to thrive at school learning and playing. Just this week they had a music day where they listened to Beethoven and then all got instruments to play as a class orchestra. He played both the guitar and the egg shaker percussion instrument. Yesterday, he went on a field trip to Parque Metropolitano to learn about Panama's animals and plant life. He was especially excited about riding on a bus and watching the Leaf Cutter ants do their work. We pray that all is well with your families. God's richest blessings. - Brian, Amanda, & Ezra

Please Pray:

- Amanda and a healthy pregnancy.
- National Assembly meeting & elections for the Lutheran Church of Panamá.
- Approval for work permits and construction plans for Balboa roof project.
- The Rickman family as they work towards residency in Panamá.

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Amigos en Cristo

News from ***La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Amigos en Cristo:*** *Friends in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:* **Vacancy Pastor Daniel Vogel**, Denison, Iowa

April 2019

Thank you for your support: Our ministry is a joint outreach through our two Hispanic churches, in Denison and also in Storm Lake. Last month we received 3 gifts from Thrivent donors of their Thrivent Choice dollars. If you have any questions on how you can support our Hispanic ministry, especially with Thrivent Choice dollars please contact your local Thrivent financial representative or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836. We thank all who have shared their love with us in the past years! God bless you all and if you are able visit our services, any Sunday at 10:30AM at Grace in Storm Lake and 12:30PM at Zion, Denison! God bless your month!

Our President, Domingo Mendoza (left at the table) was reelected. He has done a great job during the past years leading the congregation through lots of changes. Our ministry in Denison and Storm Lake has been challenging this winter with storms that have cancelled 2 consecutive services and also weekly Bible Studies in February. I have been proud of our folks as Iowa winters are a challenge for those of us who have grown up in the Midwest, but almost unimaginable for those who have come from tropical countries. Domingo for example is from Campeche, Mexico of the Yucatan Peninsula. I have become a weather forecaster as members call me to ask about the weekly weather report.

Voters of Amigos: On Sunday, March 10, despite a snow/ice storm and day light savings time change we held our quarterly Voters meeting with a potluck, Hispanic style. The picture at left captures the group enjoying their tamales meal together before the meeting. The agenda included electing new leaders for 2019 discussing how to celebrate our 20th anniversary, and the process for calling a new pastor as well as other issues.

Please Pray: + In thanksgiving for 20 years of ministry among Hispanic immigrants in Iowa District West, beginning in Storm Lake & Denison. + For Amigos en Cristo Lutheran in Denison and Grace Hispanic Lutheran in Storm Lake as together we pray for God's guidance during the pastoral vacancy, and that He would send us a permanent bilingual pastor for the ongoing ministry to these Hispanic communities. + For our children and youth caught in two different languages and cultures and their struggle to adapt to both. + ***In thanksgiving for the mission hearts of the many individuals and congregations of the Iowa District West who support the Lord's work among Hispanic immigrants in Denison & Storm Lake and also in our other 2 missions in Sioux City and Des Moines. +++***

Helping Trauma Victims

Recent research has increased our awareness of the impact of abuse and trauma on key brain mechanisms, leading to increased risk of depression, anxiety, panic disorders and other mental health issues. Often times we are left questioning if the damage can be reversed, or wondering how we can help those that suffer. According to Childhood Trauma, Changing Minds, five important interactions make a life-long difference in healing.

- ***Listen:*** A receptive listener helps the traumatized to feel safe. Active listening communicates to the person that they matter, and their thoughts matter.
- ***Inspire:*** Encouraging words inspire hard work and provide moments of hope and feelings of accomplishment.
- ***Comfort:*** Teach victims to manage their emotions and practice calming themselves. Your compassion can provide reassurance and demonstrate a commitment that you will be there for them and help them establish a sense of security and stability.
- ***Celebrate:*** Celebrate their achievements and challenges. One essential ingredient for resilience is a secure relationship between child and a caring adult that believes in them, and celebrates their accomplishments.
- ***Collaborate:*** learning to collaborate helps learn strategies to address conflict and deal with adversity. Help them problem solve, work together and control emotions.

You can make a difference in the life of someone who suffers from mental health issues caused by childhood trauma. Create a safe caring environment, make yourself approachable and available, it's amazing to be a part of the healing!

Submitted by Manning Regional Healthcare's Senior Life Solutions program

Senior Life Solutions, an intensive outpatient group therapy program, is designed to meet the unique needs of older adults over the age of 65 struggling with depression and anxiety often related to aging. For more information, contact Carol Segebart MSN, RN-BC, Program Director, at 712-655-8262

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Ladies Guild of Zion
March 13, 2019

Pastor Conner offered devotions from Matthew 21:28 and following verses where it is asked, "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said' I will not.' But afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said 'I go sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?

Pastor Johnson presented an invitation to Trinity's Priscilla Guild Spring Guest Day on April 16th at 2 pm. Guest speaker will be Deaconess Tiffany Johnson followed by food & fun. JoAnn Thomas presented Christian Life lesson and read from 1 Corinthians 3:12-13, Faith Built on Christ-Work That Lasts.

President Roe called the meeting to order and led us in the LWML pledge. Roll call was answered by 10 members with a good neighbor deed. The secretary read correspondence and minutes from February meeting which were approved as read. Mite box prayer was read and offering taken. Treasurer, Mary Grimm, reported a balance of $181.00. Darlene Vollstedt reported new kitchen sinks and countertops on the south wall have been installed for a cost to the Guild of $4,762.00. Kitchen cleaning will be scheduled sometime after Easter. Circle 2 reported 104 served at the David Grundmeier funeral lunch. President Roe reported on her recent Carroll Zone meeting. An invitation for a Glidden Fund Raiser event of Salad Bar and Craft Show on April 6th 10 am-2pm. Lunch at 11:30 @$8. Orphan Grain Train clothing collection begins on March 31st. LWML Spring Rally will be held at St. Paul, Carroll on April 27th@ 8:30 am.

New Business: A motion was made by Cynthia Genzen to purchase 10 light weight blankets for the IKM-Manning School Nurses Room. After discussion MOTION carried. A motion was also made to send $30 to Camp Okoboji Theme Gift Basket project to be held on April 27th. MOTION carried.

Plaza Bingo will be April 26th with JoAnn Thomas, chair with Sonia Nulle, Sandra Vahl and Susan Schilling. The next Guild Meeting with be April 10th with Bev Grundmeier and Mary Grimm as hostesses. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer. Lunch was served by Cynthia Genzen and Cheral Buhr.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheral Buhr, secretary pro-tem

LWML Event at Zion, Manning!

Saturday, May 11
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Sharing from the national conference
Servant event
Refreshments

All LWML ladies invited!

Trinity will be offering Financial Peace University

When: Starting Sundays @ 10am, June 2nd

Where: Trinity, Manilla

How long: 9 weeks

How much: Trinity is subsidizing the cost for first 10 people/couples who sign up - $50 (ordinarily $130)

How do I sign up: Call Trinity or sign up in Trinity's EntryWay

Do I need to be a Trinity member to get the $50 rate? No, that rate is available to first 10 people/couples who sign up. Doesn't matter if you're a member of Trinity, Zion, or not a member at all.

Trinity commissioned & installed Tiffany Johnson as Trinity's first ever Deaconess. She is now an official, called church worker. While on paper Tiffany has just been called to help with the youth at Trinity along with maintaining the technology (like Trinity's website), she will still continue to serve at Zion by assisting Pastor Johnson with teaching confirmation and Sunday evening Trizion Youth Group.

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While she is unpaid, as a church worker she will have access to student loan assistance through Iowa District West now. By and large nothing has changed functionally, but now we are able to formerly acknowledge what GOD is doing through her! Tiffany was commissioned & installed March 9 during Trinity's worship. The ladies at Trinity threw an incredible supper afterwards, and we're especially grateful for Nancy Kremin's beautiful cake, which she donated.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ ZION & TRINITY

April

A Simple Way to Pray
Join the Family Bible Class for a study of Martin Luther's simple, but effective instruction on prayer, prayer driven and directed by the Word of God.

April 3 and 10

Wednesday Worship Opportunities during Lent

Trinity:	Zion:
5:30 p.m. Supper	10:30 Worship (refreshments at 10:00)
6:30 p.m. Worship	5:45 Worship (meal to follow)

April 8

Fellowship Club @ 7:00 p.m.
Join the vocation conversation and enjoy the fellowship!

April 16

Priscilla Guild Guest Day at Trinity
2:00 p.m.

April 14-21

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (4/14):	Trinity: 9:00 a.m. (no Sat. service)
	Zion: 9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (4/18):	Trinity: 6:30 p.m.
	Zion: 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday (4/19):	Trinity: 6:30 p.m.
	Zion: 7:00 p.m.
Easter (4/21):	Trinity: 7:45 a.m. breakfast / service at 9:00 a.m.
	Zion: 7:00 a.m. service / breakfast follows

April 28

Confirmation Sunday

May 5

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: *A Discussion on Mental Health and the Christian Response* w/ mental health nurse Carol Segebart
3:00 p.m. at Zion

April Birthdays and Anniversaries @ Zion & Trinity

Birthdays (T = Trinity)

1. Glorida Boeck (T)
2. Connie Ahrendsen
   Larry Hansen
3. Aaron Ahrendsen
   Lillie Ceminksky
4. Dorothy Knudson
   Duane Otto
   Joleen Spies (T)
5. Bob Henkelman
   Carson Woebke (T)
   Jackson Woebke (T)
6. Darla Neumann
   Viola Ostebee
   Dennis Tibben
   Tom Saunders (T)
7. Jeff Bradley
   Amelia Hinners
   Jesse Page
   Hadley Wiig
8. Judy Bald
   Mikasia Jacobsen
10. Stephen Grimm
    Dorothy Larsen
11. Vicki Tibben
    Jamie Hanson (T)
12. Cory Otto
    Vila Ranniger
    Kael Renze
    Thomas Ulrickson
    Nathan Vetter
    Tiffany Johnson (T)
13. Drew Greving
    Deborah Ranniger
14. Katelyn Dreher
    Brett Eddy
    Larissa Hodne (T)

15. Jerry Backhaus
    Natalie Bauer
    Nancy Muhlbauer
    Dan Peters
    Karen Reinke
16. Earl Thomas
    Marian Drake (T)
17. Tate Greving
    Tim Kienast
    Sue Puck
    Paislee Stoberl
18. Curt Janssen
    Cheryl Kerkhoff
    Susan Lamb
19. Colton Otto
    Diane Riggert
20. Tanner Bald
    Franklin Mohr
21. Joene Bohlmann
22. Conrad Kurth
    Merrick Stribe
    Corey Gaskill (T)
23. Shauna Borkowski
    Ashley Meier
    Roger Sinow
    Daniel Vogel
    Judith Wegner
    Sara Lingle (T)
24. Collin Borkowski
    Ericka Irlbeck
25. Jackie Hagedorn
    Virginia Johnson
    Becky Karsten
26. Ron Schilling
26. Lori Ferry (T)
27. David Gore
    Georgia Lohrmann
    Rylan Stoberl
28. Glen Ahrendsen
    Eric Lage
29. Craig Wegner
    Nels Olson (T)
30. Andy Booth
    Emily Brus
    Madison Grabill
    Nancy Opperman
    Sara Puck

If we missed or misspelled your name, please inform the church office.

Anniversaries

8. Todd & Tammy Winter
9. Mike & Bricy Lorenzen (T)
12. Ron & Susan Schilling
25. Brian & Diane Vetter
28. Greg & Sandra Sextro

Official Acts

Funeral:

Vera Mesenbrink 3/1, Pastor Johnson
David Grundmeier 3/7, Pastor Conner & Pastor Riggert

Commission & Install:

Tiffany Johnson 3/9, Pastor Johnson

Baptism:

Blake Lynn Dahlgren 3/23, Pastor Johnson

In Our Prayers

Heather Kusel, Sherri Steffes, Jim Deevers, Rick Spack, Susan Lamb, JoAnn Karsten (Georgia Lohrmann's sister), Natalie Mason (Bruce and Mary Grimm's daughter), Judy Reinke, Gage Carlson (great grandson of Russ and Virginia Mohr), Carol Kahl, Maridee Bohlmann (David & Joene Bohlmann's daughter-in-law), Charlene Hickman, Joy Umland