



## **A Well Defined Body: Appreciating the Bible's Resurrection Language**

On Easter morning, worshippers at Zion shouted *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* and sang “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” as we enthusiastically celebrated Christ’s bodily resurrection from the dead. Christ’s bodily resurrection is the bedrock confession upon which the Christian faith is built. It’s therefore essential that we are able to offer a reasoned defense of our chief confession.

One component of such a defense is found in appreciating the meaning of the Bible’s claims that Jesus was “raised” and “resurrected.” These are hugely significant words, words that carry an entire eschatology<sup>1</sup> with them (which we’ll discuss below). For now we need only understand that the Biblical authors weren’t simply claiming that a dead man had come back to life (as with Lazarus, the widow’s son at Nain, or Jairus’ daughter). Neither were they claiming that Jesus’ soul had gone to Heaven. And they were certainly not claiming that they had seen a vision of Jesus after His death. Their claims were far bigger and far more surprising. They were saying things that no good Jew would ever have made up, things that rocked their eschatological world. Let’s see why.

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<sup>1</sup> “Eschatology” comes from the Greek word “eschaton,” which means “end or last” and has to do with the end times.

### ***This Age and the Age to Come***

For the Jew, life was essentially divided into two ages: this age and the age to come. This age was marred by Adam’s fall and included wars, disease, famine, loss, mourning, grief, and the like. The age to come involved the restoration of Israel, the resurrection of the dead, and the manifestation of the glory of the Kingdom of God. Obviously they, like us, longed for the age to come. We don’t have space to go into the nuances of their expectations for the people of Israel (hint: to their surprise, it involved Jesus, an unforeseen plot-twist to rival anything coming out of Hollywood). We’ll focus on their resurrection expectations.

For those seeking in-depth studies on the expectations of the people of Israel and the background evidence that supports the conclusions we’re getting ready to detail, check out Dr. Jon Levenson’s *Resurrection and the Restoration of Israel* and N.T. Wright’s definitive *Resurrection of the Son of God*.<sup>2</sup> Addressing Israel’s age-to-come resurrection expectation, Dr. Levenson writes,

It perforce entails embodiedness: people come back in the flesh. But the flesh in which they come back is necessarily different from the kind they knew in their mortal life, for now they have become immune to death and the bodily infirmities associated with it.<sup>3</sup>

In other words, resurrection meant transformed, deathless *bodies*. And it’s important to notice that their focus was not on dying and going to heaven; their focus was on living in resurrected bodies on

<sup>2</sup> Warning! These books are deeply research-based and do not constitute light reading!

<sup>3</sup> 106-107.

the earth. It's absolutely vital to point out that for the Jews this was something that was inextricably connected to the age-to-come. Any talk of resurrection belonged to the age-to-come. N.T. Wright explains, "Resurrection... was thought of as the great event that YHWH [the Lord] would accomplish at the very end of 'the present age', the event which would constitute the 'age to come'..."

And this is why Easter is so surprising! The Biblical writers asserted that Jesus was resurrected. They were using age-to-come language! But they were using it for one man – Jesus. Wright explains why this was so surprising:

Nobody imagined that any individuals had already been raised, or would be raised in advance of the great last day... There are no traditions about a Messiah being raised to life: most Jews of this period hoped for resurrection, many Jews of this period hoped for a Messiah, but nobody put those two hopes together until the early Christians do so.<sup>4</sup>

Make sure you understand what you just read. The apostolic claim that Jesus had been raised from the dead was utterly surprising and filled with eschatological (i.e. end times / age to come) implications. This is important to appreciate because it's a key piece in our case for the historical reality of the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

### ***Why is it important?***

Appreciating the apostolic claim to the bodily resurrection of Jesus and its age-to-come implications is important because it not only helps us to appreciate the great significance of the event, but it also equips us to defeat two of today's

most common attacks on Christ's bodily resurrection.

The first attack accuses early Christians of stealing the idea of resurrection from various pagan myths of dying and rising gods – Jesus was a copycat savior. The second attack claims that the apostles were merely trying to describe their visions/experiences of Jesus after His death. Both attacks are defeated by the evidence. Let's see how.

### ***Copycat splat***

One of the more popular attacks on the bodily resurrection of Jesus is currently underway in the internet's virtual blogospheric world. It goes like this: The early Christians made up Jesus's resurrection from a patchwork of ideas that they stole from various pagan religions of dying and rising gods. And to "prove" their point they trot out a handful of pagan myths supposedly about dying and rising gods. It all sounds plausible in the evidence-thin air of the blogosphere until you come back down and breathe the evidence-thick air of reality.

In fact, the evidence against the copycat savior theory is so non-existent that Biblical scholar Bart Ehrman, the self-described "agnostic leaning toward atheism," wrote a book in which he shot the copycat theory out of the air. First, he points out that there is no evidence anywhere for pre-Christ pagan notions of dying and rising gods; the stuff bloggers trot out has been ripped out of context and misunderstood. Second, he acknowledges the precise point we made earlier, that the apostolic confession of resurrection was rooted in Jewish age-to-come expectations. When the

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<sup>4</sup> 205.

copycat savior theory encounters the evidence, it goes splat.

### ***At a loss for words***

The second attack, which sadly comes from many pulpits today, goes something like this: After Jesus was crucified, the apostles were overcome with grief. But on Easter morning Peter, and perhaps others, received a vision of Jesus or had some sort of spiritual (as in “non-bodily”) experience of Jesus, and they were at a loss for words to describe it. The best they could come up with was “resurrection.”

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But recall what “resurrection” meant! It carried the entire age to come with it! If the disciples had not encountered the physical, flesh and bones body of Jesus after His death they would never – as in N.E.V.E.R. – have said that He was resurrected. They had words to describe visions and they had words to describe overwhelming experiences. They didn’t use those words. They used very specific and very loaded terms.

### ***What’s it all mean?***

What does all this mean for us? At least two things: 1) The historical case for the bodily resurrection of Jesus is solid and robust. And this means that the promise of our coming bodily resurrection is solid and robust, too. Like Jesus, we will be raised with bodies immune to death.

2) The bodily resurrection of Jesus is bigger than a dead man coming back to life and even bigger than a mere future promise for us. Remember what “resurrection” meant – it was inextricably connected to the age to come. So, if Jesus has been resurrected, it means He has brought the age to come with Him! It means that the age-to-come reign of God has come into our midst in Christ and we are invited to enjoy the blessings of this reign in an initial way even now.

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N.T. Wright, in his book *Surprised by Hope*, puts it this way: “Easter functions as the beginning of the new creation.” And that’s why Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5, “If anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation.” God’s age-to-come new creation has broken into our fallen age in Christ. Through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection, sinners are being forgiven and made new! It’s no wonder we shout *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* – Pastor Conner

# 2021 VBS @ Zion!

8:45 – 11:45 a.m.

June 7-11



Register online:

[www.vbsmate.com/zionmanning](http://www.vbsmate.com/zionmanning)



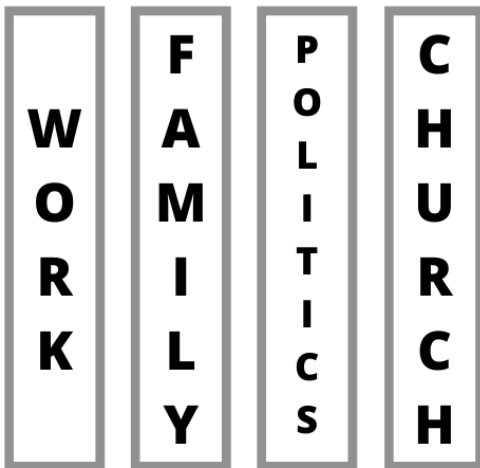
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## Disconnected Segments

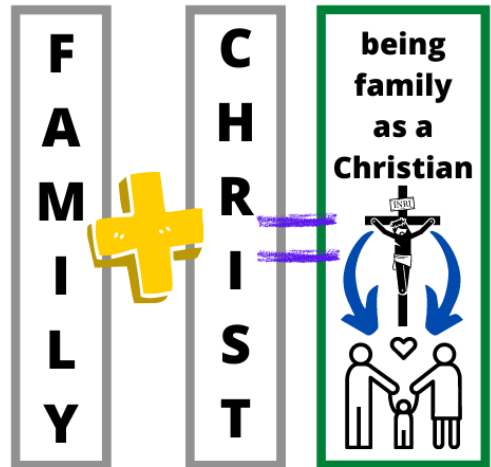
In a recent conversation, somebody made the observation that it is all too easy to disconnect one segment or part of our life from another part. They went on saying, “It’s like we have our work life, our family life, and our church life, but they’re all disconnected.” I think they were wrestling with our inability to mesh these significant components of our lives into one.

For instance, we all know that our connection to Jesus matters, but does that segment of our life relate to our work or even our politics? So, it’s almost as if we enter our Christian life once we enter Zion or Trinity and slide into our rear pew; once we’re done with worship, we move into our family life and go out to eat. Then at work, we complete “work-y” things, but it’s easy to disconnect what we heard Saturday/Sunday with filling out forms at our desk.



Pastor Martin Luther, however, saw connection between all of these areas of our lives. In our Small Catechism Luther did the ancient equivalent of copying and pasting Bible verses which related to various segments of everyday life in the *Table*

*of Duties*. In other words, he related our Church or Christian life to every other aspect of our living; he didn’t disconnect them or at the very least he demonstrated how the Christian faith has ALWAYS connected daily living with Christ rather than disconnecting them.



Take a look at one of the ways Luther connected being an employer or supervisor (work life) to Christ (Christian life) from Ephesians 6:9:

“Masters, do the same to them [slaves], and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.”

How does being connected to Christ affect how you treat your employees? You won’t threaten them, abuse them, mistreat them, make them stay late at the expense of their families, lie to them about when you’re going to pay them, or fail to appreciate their work. Why? Because you have the same God as your employee. Just because you have some status that does not allow you to

get away with poor treatment. God sees how you deal with your people. But on top of that, if Christ – the Master of the Universe – was willing to work and die for you even though you are nothing in comparison to Him – how much more can you appreciate and honor your employees?

My Life as a Christian Connected to Christ

<b>Christ</b>	<b>Christ</b>
<b>honored me</b>	<b>died for me even</b>
<b>by working for</b>	<b>though He is</b>
<b>my salvation</b>	<b>more significant</b>
	<b>than I am</b>



***I will treat my workers well just as  
Christ has treated me well***

My Life at Work

In the coming months, we'll look at other ways as to how our Christian life shapes every other segment of our life. – Pastor Johnson

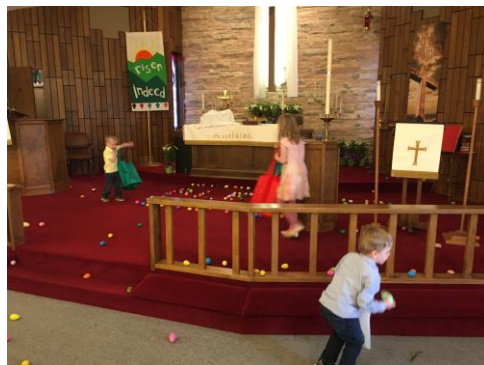
### Trinity Basement Update

2021 has been a year dedicated to restoring our Basement space at Trinity. Because of the hard work of several volunteers, we were able to conduct some of our Sunday School sessions downstairs in the restored classrooms.

The bathrooms have also been restored: one has a new toilet and sink while the other room was turned into a shower room. The idea being if we have guest LERT volunteers moving through our area, they will have a place to stay and shower.

Trinity's leadership is still highly moved and honored by the above and beyond giving which allowed us to secure a special grant from Iowa

District West. This allowed us to make this space a reality. Thank you!

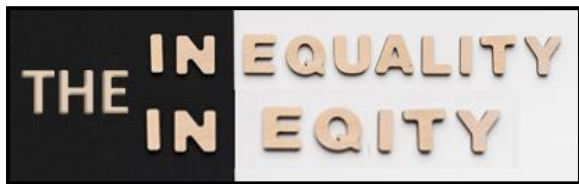


**Easter Egg Hunt on Easter**



**Final Confirmation Wednesday for the 2020-2021 school year. We're thankful for Mrs. Ulrickson for leading music, Shannon for all the behind-the-scenes work she does, along with Deaconess Johnson for covering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**





Words matter. Even more, as we've so often emphasized in this newsletter, in our daily online teaching time, our Bible studies, and our Sunday sermons, the *meaning* of words matters. We've compared words to filled donuts; it matters what's inside. If it's icing, we're golden. If it's mustard, we're sunk.

We will make that point again here. If you've been listening carefully to the current cultural conversation, you've noticed a sinister sleight of hand happening right below our noses with the word *equality*. Suddenly and surreptitiously, it has become *equity*.

And the change matters. *A lot*.

Listen attentively and you will hear it from woke<sup>5</sup> corporate ideologues, politicians, pundits, White House spokespersons, even from the highest office in our nation. What does it mean and why should Christians be concerned? Read on.

In brief, *equality* is concerned with equal opportunity, whereas, *equity* insists on equal results. The difference is chasmic.

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<sup>5</sup> *Woke* is a neologism (new word) that means "awoken" or "enlightened." It is specifically connected to critical race and critical gender theory, which insist the world must be interpreted through racial and sexual/gender lenses. Individuals must be identified by the "power and privilege" of their group, specifically their racial or sexual orientation or gender identity group.

<sup>6</sup> This doesn't mean we have achieved true equality as a culture. It means we should be constantly striving toward it.

*Equality* sees individuals and their inherent dignity and their shared humanity and seeks to treat every person accordingly, giving each individual the same opportunity to participate and succeed (or fail) and holding each person accountable for his or her individual actions. As Christians, we would emphasize our shared status as image bearing creatures of God. This reality demands equal opportunity and equal justice based on an individual's actions.<sup>6</sup>

*Equity* does not see individuals; it sees groups. Individuals are assigned to groups that are differentiated by race, sexual orientation, gender identity, wealth, power, privilege, etc.<sup>7</sup> *Equity* wants every group to experience the same outcomes in society, to have equitable/proportionate representation on boards, in schools, on committees, in departments, etc.

Baked into *equity* are assumptions about justice. Whereas, as mentioned above, *equality* seeks to ensure equal access for individuals and to hold each individual accountable for his or her actions under a moral code that applies equally to all, *equity* wants to level groups. Those emphasizing *equity* assume that the mere existence of disparity (difference) among groups demonstrates discrimination and injustice.

So, for instance, a corporate board or committee or private school, for instance, that doesn't mirror the racial diversity of America or its community is

<sup>7</sup> Scripture does not segregate people this way. Scripture acknowledges a person's distinctive ethnicity and people group, but it grounds identity in our shared status as image-bearing creatures of God. This is primary. Further, Scripture does not ground identity in sexual orientation or gender identity (internal desires or beliefs); it grounds it in our sexed bodies as male or female.

assumed to be racist and guilty of inequity. A company that doesn't have equitable/proportionate representation of transgender individuals or same-sex attracted individuals is identified as bigoted and guilty of inequity. For woke ideology, disparity of representation equals discrimination.

This is not only utterly simplistic and spectacularly shortsighted, but it results in inequality (thus this article's title!), as we will see. First, woke ideologues, insisting on equity, refuse to accept the multiplicity of reasons that may explain disparity in outcomes. For them, different outcomes among groups is the result of one thing and one thing only: social injustice (specifically racial or sexual/gender injustice). They have only one tool in their tool box – a social justice hammer – so everything they see is a socially unjust nail to be clobbered. So, they spend their energies hunting down and demonizing boards, schools, organizations, groups, etc. that have a disparate representation of the groups they've identified as unjustly underrepresented.

Is it possible that discrimination could explain disparity among group representation? Yes. Each situation would need to be considered individually. But it's also possible, and far more likely, that different groups have different attainments because they have different aspirations. In other words, not every group has the same priorities and goals. This should be painfully obvious, but seems to be missed by equity advocates today who are more concerned about the world as they want to see it (through oppressive racial/sexual lenses), than the world as it really is (full of diverse individuals and groups driven by different priorities).

You often see this in the way woke equity disciples frame gender wage disparities. They demonize wage disparity between men and women,

concluding that such difference proves that corporations and/or political parties are sexist and discriminating against women. When you adjust for the more complex reality, however, other explanations start to emerge. Women get married and have babies. Many of them choose to exit the workforce for a time or to work part-time while they are raising children. These realities are included in their wage gap figures.

When you consider never-married women, women who have not exited the workforce or temporarily gone to part-time, the wage gap disappears, as does the narrative of injustice. As mentioned above, not every group has the same priorities and goals.

Or consider medical professions. According to a recent study, men account for 85% of residents in orthopedic surgery, 74% in diagnostic surgery, 68% in nuclear medicine, and 65% in anesthesiology. And women accounted for 83% of residents in obstetrics and gynecology, 73% in pediatrics, 64% in dermatology.

These are significant disparities. The distribution of men and women among medical fields is not equitable. Does that mean that some sort of systemic discrimination is in play, that women are systemically being excluded from orthopedic surgery or men from pediatrics? Maybe. Or, is it possible different groups have different priorities and goals? Is it possible men and women have different natural tendencies that affect their career paths?

Or consider an ironic example, one of woke ideology's most ardent acolytes: Google. Google famously fired one of its engineers for suggesting what we've just demonstrated, that different groups have different aspirations and inclinations, and as a result, different representational outcomes. But Google's own technological



department demonstrates dramatic inequity: 41% are Asian, 21% are women, 3% are Hispanic, and just under 2% are black.

What are we to make of this? Is Google racist or sexist? Maybe. Or is it more likely that different groups of people, for a whole host of complicated reasons (historical, societal, geographical, and many, many more) have different aspirations?

This answer is unacceptable for equity advocates. Instead, they insist that equity must be forced. Ibram X. Kendi,<sup>8</sup> a very prominent woke disciple and author of *How to be an Antiracist*, writes,

If discrimination is creating equity, then it is antiracist. If discrimination is creating inequity, then it is racist... The only remedy to racist discrimination is antiracist discrimination. The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy is present discrimination is future discrimination.

In other words, if discrimination is forcing equitable/proportionate representation on boards, committees, schools, departments, etc., then it is good. This is what pundits, politicians, board presidents, and woke CEOs mean by *equity*. Equity should be forced on boards, schools, departments, etc. They should be forced to have an equitable/proportionate representation of men and women, trans individuals, same-sex orientated individuals, ethnic groups, etc.

In order to do this, though, they would have to elevate group identity above individual qualifications. Consider the medical professionals mentioned above. If equity was enforced, hospitals would be required to hire, not based on qualifications and skill, but based on group identity (female, trans, black, etc.). The more qualified

doctor may be discriminated against because he belonged to the wrong group, and the less qualified one could end up operating on you or your loved one. And the advocates of equity would consider this good. Equal opportunity evaporates beneath the blazing heat of equity's sun.

Should schools hire teachers based upon individual competence and ability or upon group identity? Equity says the latter. What about Google? Should they hire based upon skill or group identity? Equity says the latter. Equity says proportionate representation must be achieved even if it means discriminating against more qualified individuals. Equal opportunity gets pushed to the back of the bus when equity gets on.

This is not just. Scripture calls this "showing partiality" and repeatedly condemns it:

- You shall not be partial in judgment (Deuteronomy 1:17).
- To show partiality is not good... (Proverbs 28:21)
- You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:15).
- My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory (James 2:1).

In other words, an equal and just measure should be used for each individual. This is just. Equity is not. Equity extols partiality and produces inequality. We need to pay attention to words because words matter. *Equity* and *Equality* are not equal. Words matter. A lot. – Pastor Conner

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<sup>8</sup> Mr. Kendi is hugely influential among the intellectual elites and political elites in our culture.

## Congratulations to Zion's and Trinity's Confirmands!



### **Emily Kay Albertsen**

Born: 5/6/07      Baptized: 12/23/09

Confirmation Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5-6

*Daughter of Karl & Angela Albertsen Godparents:  
Kristine & Tom Obrecht; Mickey & John Bernholtz*

### **Aubrey Rose Alexander**

Born: 6/20/07      Baptized: 11/11/07

Confirmation Verse: John 16:33

*Daughter of Matthew & Elizabeth Alexander  
Godparents: Amy Blackwell, Michael Alexander*

### **Taylor Lynn Beckendorf**

Born: 11/3/06      Baptized: 1/27/07

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 9:10

*Daughter of Chad & Kelli Morrow and Trevor  
Beckendorf*

*Godparents: Jarod Gruhn, Jenny Brabham*

### **Claire Jenae Behrens**

Born: 10/30/06      Baptized: 2/17/07

Confirmation Verse: Jeremiah 29:11-14

*Daughter of Dan & Jennifer Behrens Godparents:  
Jerry Behrens, Eric French, and Kyle French*

### **Josiah Everett Conner**

Born: 3/6/06      Baptized: 3/12/06

Confirmation Verse: John 10:27-28

*Son of Pastor Jonathan & Rebecca Conner  
Godparents: Nicholas & Melissa Conner*

### **Lauren Ann Greving**

Born: 9/14/06      Baptized: 9/30/06

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

*Daughter of Chris & Mary Greving  
Godparents: Curtis Vanderheiden, Beth Booth*



### **Kaleal Elizabeth Hass**

Born: 3/2/07      Baptized: 9/23/18

Confirmation Verse: Revelation 2:10

*Daughter of Neil & Shala Hass Godparent: Rosa Lynch*

### **Adalyn Rose Stribe**

Born: 6/8/07      Baptized: 11/4/07

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 25:4-5

*Daughter of Dan & Wendy Stribe  
Godparents: Matt Julich, Heather Julich*

### **Logan Michael Vonnahme**

Born: 8/8/06      Baptized: 11/12/06

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 23:1

*Son of Daniel & Taya Vonnahme Godparents: Ashley  
Hinners, Jeremy Wulf, Ericka Irlbeck, Allen Irlbeck*

### **Carson James Wuebke**

(Trinity, Manilla)

Born: 4/5/06      Baptized: 6/4/06

Confirmation Verse: John 16:33

*Son of Nick & Kristin Wuebke  
Godparents: Ryan and Megan Wegner*

### **Jackson Neil Wuebke**

(Trinity, Manilla)

Born: 4/5/06      Baptized: 6/4/06

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 28:20

*Son of Nick & Kristin Wuebke  
Godparents: Ryan and Megan Wegner*

### **Jakub R Workman**

(Trinity, Manilla)

Born: 2/16/07      Baptized: 4/29/07 Confirmation

Verse: John 3:16

*Son of Abby Workman-Ertz Godparents:  
Christopher Workman, Brock Workman, Mie Martel*



Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to the MEMORIAL DAY LUNCHEON (Monday, May 31)

Serving will begin immediately after the Manning Cemetery Ceremonies and continue to 1 p.m. The meal will be held even if weather conditions cancel the cemetery ceremony.

The menu will again include: sloppy joes, hot dogs (with chili, cheese, and condiments), potato salad, chips, desserts (cookies and bars), and beverages. Free will donations will be accepted. Donations support the Zion VBS program. We are thankful for the Thrivent Action cards supporting the grocery purchases.

The luncheon is a great opportunity for church and community to gather again after the long COVID “season.” Our spacious fellowship hall allows for many safe conversations and connections. Carry out meals can be picked up or delivered (in town) for those unable or hesitant to attend in person. Those desiring this special service can call the church (655-2352) the day of the luncheon.

Sign-up sheets will be in the fellowship hall for volunteering as well as providing bars. The luncheon will again be a special church and community event. See you Memorial Day!



### **College: Next Steps Event**

May 5 @ 6pm / St. Paul's – Carroll

High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents are invited to St. Paul's-Carroll for a conversation on what it means to be a Christian undergoing post-high school education.

Pastor Ryan Roehrig (Carroll) –

#### **Vocation and Debt**

Pastor Jonathan Conner (Manning) –

#### **Can I Trust the Bible?**

Pastor Ben Dose (Arcadia) –

#### **How to Follow Christ**

This experience is free, 90 minutes, and dinner will be provided. We're thankful to Carole White for providing goodies for the event.

Zion Lutheran Preschool of Manning is currently accepting applications for two positions for the 2021-2022 school year: a Preschool Director/Lead Teacher and a Preschool Associate Teacher. These energetic servant leaders will have the opportunity to interact compassionately and creatively with children and families in the name of Jesus.

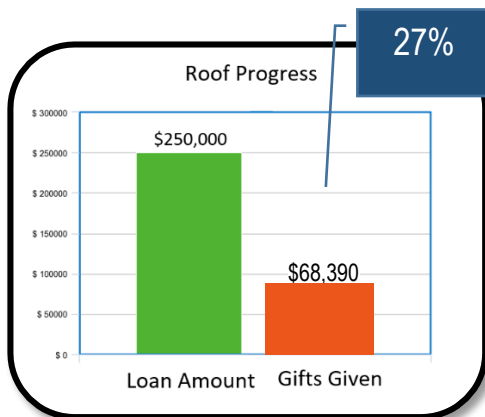
Position descriptions and applications are available at Zion Lutheran Church, 1204 Center Street, Manning, Iowa 51455 (712-655-2352).

**Preschool Director/Lead Teacher:**

This position involves administration of the preschool as well as teaching the 3 and 4 year-old classes. Applicants must meet standards developed by the Department of Human Services. The position involves 29 hours per week during the school calendar year. Salary will be based on experience.

**Preschool Associate Teacher/ParaEducator:**

This position involves assisting the Lead Teacher with classroom operations in the 3 and 4 year-old classes and 25 hours per week during the school calendar year. Salary will be based on experience.



Please consider making a special gift to the roof or to other ongoing and upcoming mission and ministry expenses at Zion, including technology and facility needs. Ask in the office for a detailed list of giving opportunities. Thank you for your partnership!

Dear Zion,

Our preschool board has several very important decisions to make and we are coming to you. We need to hire a new teacher and associate. We have had some fine associate interviews. We are also researching the idea of expanding the teacher position and possibly preschool times to accommodate parents' needs. The staff require a lot of training and certifications especially if covering the director position. A lot of paperwork is required for the entities that license us and fund many of our families. Much of this paperwork has been done on a volunteer basis which we feel should be paid time.

Our preschool basically funds itself. Expanding the teacher position with health insurance may not cash flow. So, first we would appreciate your prayers for God to bring the people to this job according to His plan. Second, as a church, what is Zion's vision for this preschool, how it serves children, the community, and do we need and want a Christian school? Would we like to serve beyond 2 to 3 ½ days a week and what does this look like and cost?

Thank you for your prayers & consideration.

In Him,

Janet Smith, Zion preschool board chairman.



**Thank you, Zion!**

**The notes below are from members and non-members expressing gratitude for Zion's ministry. The mission and ministry of Zion wouldn't happen without your participation and support. Thank you!**

The entire Holy Week Experience was a joy. The morning devotion, the Maundy Thursday Service, the Good Friday remembrance and culminating with the joyful Easter celebration. A lot of time and energy for you. All of which we appreciate! Thank you!

- Member

Thank you for remembering us with a great Easter basket surprise. It made our day with all the treats, messages, and remembrances (plants, cross, etc.). Thank you to the Sunday school class and teachers for decorating the basket. Your thoughtfulness will long be remembered. Jesus loves you and so do we!

- Members

Thank you for remembering me at Easter with gifts and a special card... Everyone always makes me feel so special and so welcome at your church.

- Non-member

What a nice surprise to receive that special Easter gift. Thank you so much for putting it all together and delivering it. I put the neat picture in my window to share with others, the cross and plant are on my table to enjoy every day. And, of course, I ate the goodies. I can see God's blessings shining through you. Thank you!

- Member

I don't have the words to tell you "thank you" for all you gave me in the Easter basket. I am so blessed! I don't have a green thumb, but I was told it isn't necessary for the lovely little plant you included... Really loved the pretty cross. On top of all that, you included so many goodies and fruit. [Jesus] truly is risen and definitely taking care of me.

- Member

Thank you so much [for the Easter basket]. It made my day knowing that others care. I enjoyed everything from the gift bag.

- Member

Thank you so much... for sharing Easter blessings with me. The bag, which was beautifully colored, had so many goodies, a small plant, and some Christian pictures in it. I feel blessed belonging to a church filled with people who love their Lord and willingly and joyfully share Him with others.

- Member

Thank you for the Easter gifts... I could see a lot of effort and planning had gone into this package. Thank you. Being a part of the body of Christ is a comfort and blessing.

- Member

## Congratulations to Zion's and Trinity's 2021 Seniors!

### **Drew Ryan Doyel**

Baptized: 11/24/02 Confirmed: 4/30/17

*Son of Ryan and Bobby Doyel*

*Godparents: Joni Hanigan, Jeri VanDeWalle, Matt Doyel*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

### **Sierra Michelle Ferry**

(Trinity, Manilla)

Baptized: 3/23/03 Confirmed: 4/29/17

*Daughter of Jason and Lori Ferry*

*Godparents: Diane and Brian Vetter, Dean and Shelli Lorenzen*

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. Psalm 17:5

### **Kamaya Lee Jacobsen**

Baptized: 6/23/02 Confirmed: 4/30/17

*Daughter of Mike and Judy Jacobsen*

*Godparents: Janet Smith and Kevin Aschinger*

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

### **Caitlin Marie Lahr**

(Trinity, Manilla)

Baptized: 3/16/02 Confirmed: 4/29/17

*Daughter of Scott and Cheryl Lahr*

*Godparents: Gaylene and Jim Verslys, Tracie and Dave Winans*

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

### **Chloe Kay Otto**

Baptized: 10/10/03 Confirmed: 4/30/17

*Daughter of Tammy Otto and Corey Otto*

*Godparents: Brad Otto and Chad Hocken*

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

### **Haven Michael Reese**

Baptized: 11/11/01 Confirmed: 4/30/17

*Son of Glen and Shaunda Martin*

*Godparents: Rose Mitchell and Janet Dandeneau*

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

John 10:27-28

### **Jordon David Weller**

Baptized: 9/8/01 Confirmed: 4/24/16

*Son of David and Julie Weller*

*Godparents: Jeff Christensen, Janelle Christensen, Jalene Knudsen, and Jeremy LaFrentz*

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

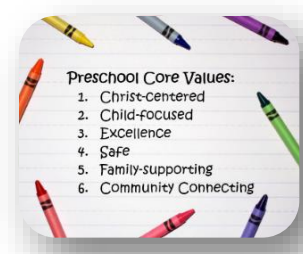




## Preschool Praises for April 2021

We love April because we get to teach the children about Jesus' resurrection and it starts to get nicer out and we can run around outside more!

The first week of April we studied the numbers 5 & 6 and continued learning about plants. We finished our study of the bean seeds and the children loved getting to see how big their seed grew. The children worked on their fine motor skills by drawing lines between matching pictures. We also made a picture of the parts of a flower which has been hanging in the church entry this month for all to enjoy. Jesus Time was about how, on the day of the Resurrection, Jesus joined a couple of his disciples on the road while they walked to Emmaus. They did not realize it was Jesus as they explained to him why they were so upset as the man they believed to be the Christ had died by crucifixion. Jesus then went on to explain the scriptures to them and how it all was about Jesus. Then, that evening as he joined them for supper, God allowed them to see Jesus as he broke the bread and he instantly disappeared! The disciples were so amazed that they ran all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples what had happened. Pastor spoke to the children about why we celebrate Easter and how Jesus' resurrection is such a wonderful thing for all of us! Jesus wasn't just a man, he was God and his promises will always come true. One day we will live with him in our resurrected bodies on the New Earth!



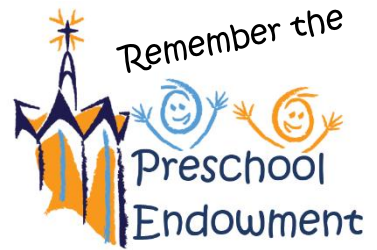
The second week of April was the Week of the Young Child and each day we had a different fun activity. Tuesday was wacky hair day, Wednesday was pajama day and Friday was bring your favorite stuffy (of reasonable size). All the stories I read were classics and they really loved The Three Billy Goats Gruff! We worked on the numbers 7 & 8, the letter D and learned about rectangles. They loved getting to paint pictures and practice their scissor skills by cutting tricky curved and jagged lines. During Jesus Time we talked about how Jesus visited the disciples the day of his resurrection as they huddled scared in a locked room. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there when Jesus visited and wouldn't believe that he was alive. When Jesus returned a week later, Thomas finally believed. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe." That's us! Jesus calls us blessed! Pastor told the children about when two disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus and were approached by a man who told them how the scriptures were all about Jesus - they later found out that it was Jesus alive again!

The third week we studied transportation and the children got to bring 2 pictures of different forms of transportation which we then categorized into land, water and air forms. We also studied numbers 9 & 10 and reviewed circle, square, triangle and rectangle. The children loved painting with different rollers that made different tracks. During Jesus Time we talked about how Jesus visited the disciples in Galilee when they were fishing all night but hadn't caught anything. They didn't know it was Jesus on the shore who asked if they had caught any fish. When they replied that they hadn't, he told them to cast their net on the right side of the boat - they then caught so many fish they couldn't reel in the net! At this point Peter realized it was Jesus and swam all the way to shore to go to him! They then all ate fish for breakfast with the resurrected Christ! Pastor spoke to the children about Thomas and how his disbelief shows how blessed we are since, although we have not seen, we believe!

The fourth week of April we reviewed the numbers 1-10 and learned about bugs! We learned how to tell if a bug is an insect or not and began working on our presents for mother's day. We read the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar and cut out and sequenced the foods in order according to the story. During Jesus Time we talked about Jesus' bodily ascension into heaven and the promise that he will return and then we will be able to join Him bodily in heaven with God the Father and the Holy Spirit! What a wonderful hope to have! Pastor spoke to the children about how Jesus said that he was the door to salvation which means that we enter eternal life through Jesus, and He said that He was The Good Shepherd that lays down His life for the sheep. We are the sheep and Jesus cares for us by giving us forgiveness, grace, mercy, and eternal life by dying on the cross and taking the justice that we deserve for our sins.

Thank you to everyone who supported the preschool at our Easter Breakfast and thank you to all those who continue to donate to the preschool as the Board continues their search for a Teacher/Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Please continue praying for a candidate to step forward and if you know of anyone who may be interested or you think may be a good fit, please mention the preschool and direct them to the church office or Janet Smith with any questions.

Saved to Serve,  
Mrs. Gore & Mrs. Nemitz



## ZION LADIES GUILD—APRIL 13, 2021

Pastor Conner spoke to the Guild about the story of the Apostle Thomas as recorded in the book of John. When Thomas was able to see and feel the marks of the nails and spear in the body of the resurrected Jesus he exclaimed, "My Lord, and my God". Jesus replied that those who believe Thomas' confession without seeing and touching are blessed, and such are we who have believed just what John has recorded.



President Roe opened the meeting leading a group recitation of the LWML Pledge. In the absence of our former Christian Life Chairman, Audrey talked about darkness sometimes becoming a friend as she cited several examples. The mite box prayer was then said and the mite box turned in.

The business meeting included several notices. The Spring Rally at Peace, Glidden will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the \$5.00 will be collected as usual though there will be no lunch served. Masks will be required. The speaker will be Ralph VonQualen of Carroll. The National Convention scheduled for Lexington, Ky. will also be held June 24-27 with delegates attending.

The secretary called the roll and found 14 members present. Treasurer Mary Grimm reported a balance on hand of \$1175.00. Kitchen Treasurer, Darlene Vollstedt reported a balance of \$3077.69 in that account. Human Care announced that Lutheran World Relief (where we had previously sent the quilts made at Zion) is no longer sharing the Word of God and has just become a relief organization. Because of this we will now be giving the quilts we make to Orphan Grain Train and will send the transportation money that used to go to Lutheran World Relief to Orphan Grain Train instead, as will all the other guilds in the Carroll Zone.

Since we had no meetings from March until November of last year, the old books will be used to determine hostesses, and possibly later in the year, to name help with bingo at Accura.

Zion's four high school graduates and their families will be honored at a graduation breakfast at 8:00 A.M and in worship at 9:00 A.M. on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Several ladies of the Guild and Kari Ranninger will serve the breakfast.

Discussion was had on Guild ladies participation in the Zone LWML meetings. Discussion also included whether to serve lunches for funerals. Cynthia Genzen moved that we agree to serve bars or cookies and make coffee for funerals. Cheral Buhr seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was also decided that we will not be serving fellowship coffee at the present time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer. Hostesses for the day were Connie Ahrendsen and Susan Schilling  
Sue Puck, secretary

# Stinkin' Thinkin'

You've heard parents and teachers, referring to a child's volume, instruct him, "Use your inside voice." For the next few paragraphs, we're going to consider your "inside voice," but we're not referring to the volume of your voice, we're referring to the voice echoing in your mind, the voice that often loops in your mind narrating your daily experiences. It guides your behavior and influences the way you interact with others. It plays a major role in how you feel about yourself, other people, and the world in general.



Sometimes these thoughts get out of line with reality, becoming irrational and leading to communication issues, relationship problems, and unhealthy decisions. These thoughts, therefore, must be trained, in line with God's Word and truth, to think and narrate in line with reality, lest we rehearse and repeat falsehood upon falsehood negatively impacting our mental health, our lives, and others'. Below are several examples of irrational inside voices and suggestions for how to bring the external truth of God's voice to bear on them.

1. **All or nothing** – This inside voice wants to see things in extreme categories. Something is either a complete success or a complete failure. Something can only be your way or no way. Reality rarely functions this way. Learning to think in nuance, while difficult, is helpful. It helps you to be honest about successes and failures, not being blind to shades of success or unseeing of shadows of shortcomings. Another person may not be completely wrong. You probably aren't a complete failure. Your family probably isn't a total disaster. That's all or nothing thinking and it's rarely true. The external voice of truth (that echoes in God's Word) teaches us to see the world through the lens of sobriety and charity, being honest about the nuances of life.
2. **Overgeneralizing** – This inside voice takes life events and generalizes them across the horizon of your life. So, one member of your family treats you poorly and you conclude, "Everyone in my family is rude." It's as if you take a snapshot of one unfortunate or unpleasant incident and magnify it into the totality of reality, but that's not rational. No snapshot can capture the totality of reality; it can only capture one brief slice. We must learn to think in video, not snapshots. No one frame defines the entire video; it must be viewed as a whole. Doing this helps us adopt a balanced perspective on life and our relationships.
3. **Filtering Out the Positive** – This inside voice exhorts us to fixate on the negative, to avert our eyes from the many positive things that happen during the day, to filter them out as if they didn't happen and don't exist. But God's grace is real and present even in the worst circumstances and in the biggest failures, from the provision of your daily bread to the unshakable inheritance of God's kingdom that you have in Christ. The negatives may be real, but they don't cancel the real and present daily positives of God.
4. **Mind-Reading** – This inside voice tempts us to believe that we can know what somebody else is thinking, that we can rightly divine what is motivating a person's actions. But this power belongs to no creature, only to the Creator. We must hear the external voice of truth: we are limited creatures. We must acknowledge our finitude and ignorance. This teaches humility and enables us to be charitable toward others. It may also give us the courage to ask people what they're thinking, rather than assuming we know.



5. **Catastrophizing** – This inside voice writes the end of the story far in advance of its actual ending, and it writes it in the worst way imaginable. It's the Chicken Little syndrome, but a bump on the head doesn't mean the sky is necessarily falling. An apple may have left a bruise on your head, and there may be more falling apples on their way, but God hasn't ceased being God. His promises haven't become untrue because you got pummeled by falling fruit. God promises grace sufficient for each day (and moment!). Catastrophizing writes a future devoid of His grace. We must hear the external voice of truth in God's Word to be reminded of God's daily grace.
6. **Emotional Reasoning** – This inside voice urges is to pedal in emotions (fear, anger, happiness, etc.) and not reason and thought. We forget that it is impossible to have a feeling that isn't preceded by and built upon beliefs, founded upon what we believe to be true about the world and/or a situation. What you believe affects what you feel affects what you do. The external voice of truth encourages us to examine our beliefs, the thoughts we have about reality and/or a situation. Are our thoughts/beliefs true? If not, our emotions will not be true either. This doesn't mean emotions are invalid; it means emotions are not king. They cannot rule our minds. Truth must and this truth comes from beyond us.
7. **Labeling** – This inside voice tries to get us to identify people with things we don't like about them, to get us to label them "stupid" or "mean" or "liberal" or with any other overly simplistic designation. Their entire identity is subsumed beneath the label. But this keeps us from seeing people as people, complex and capable, foolish and fallen, loved and cherished. The external voice of truth must remind us that, no matter our personal opinion of a person, he or she bears the image of God and should be seen as such. We should see people holistically and not as labels.
8. **Personalization** – This inside voice wants you to wrap the universe around you, to become a gravity-bending black hole that cannot see beyond yourself. So, a friend doesn't call you back and this voice says, "She's mad at you. He's ignoring you." That may be true, but there are many, many more possible reasons and most of them have nothing to do with you. The external voice of truth bends you outward into the lives of others, teaching you to see their circumstances, their struggles, their life situations.

The inside voice needs to be trained by the external voice of truth, a voice that echoes in Scripture, in Church, and even in creation. Want help training? It's available! Senior Life Solutions is available for those 65 and above, Amy Hull offers counseling services through Lutheran Family Service twice a month at Zion, and Pastor Conner is equipped to help.

Partial Source: Psychology Today

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Psychiatric Medical Care  
Manning Regional Healthcare Center  
Program Director – Senior Life Solutions



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# ALL OVER ASIA

NEWS FROM THE FERRY FAMILY

Welcome Baby  
Caylee!



It is our great pleasure to introduce you to the newest Baby Ferry... **Caylee Violet**  
Born in Taiwan on April 15<sup>th</sup> / Weighing 7.2 pounds, and 19.8 inches

We are thankful to announce that Caylee appears to be very healthy, and was a quick delivery: she was in our arms **just 15 minutes** after we arrived at the clinic where she was born! She now joins her six older siblings at home, and we look forward to being washed in the waters of Holy Baptism this Sunday (18 April) at our local Taiwan congregation. Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!

Bottom right: Word got out quickly that there was a foreign family in the building that was welcoming child #7. The Taiwanese cleaning staff were just some of the visitors we had who wanted to not only see, but to COUNT all the kiddos. Bottom left: The nurses who helped deliver Caylee and take care of Cheryl wanted a last photo before we left to bring Caylee home.







Stephen, Maggie,  
Ginny, Gary, Isaac

### ***Your Mission Mites in Action!***

Lutheran Women in Mission and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, have been blessed to be mission partners throughout the years. One of the activities that Katie Thompson, LWML Outreach Assistant, coordinated this past school year was a Knit & Crochet Night. Over the winter, Maggie Oliver and her daughter Ginny started attending — and, after the first time, never missed a night!

Ginny's dad, Pastor Steve Oliver, shared these photos. "This is Ginny, enjoying knitting at home! ... This has been Ginny's first and most positive personal contact with LWML, and I think she loves it!! I'm so glad to see this because I feel that the LWML has really been the most practical, down-to-earth, committed, enduring, and joyful support of missions in the LCMS, resulting in the salvation of many and much eternal fruit in Heaven. So, to see the next generation with such a positive attitude toward LWML brings not only tears of joy to my eyes, but gives great encouragement to push forward in the Great Commission!" **God weaves relationships.**



He continued, "In December 2000, I was sent as an LCMS missionary to China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan, where I've been teaching New Testament (NT) Greek and NT courses for a little over 19 years. We teach in Mandarin Chinese since our graduates will serve in Chinese churches or as missionaries to Chinese. In our rich biblical doctrine, we have an urgent and great gift to share with Chinese Christians, among whom Christianity is growing explosively! This gift is the root of the Word!! Besides my main work at the seminary, I often go to other Asian countries for short trips to teach, present, lecture, and minister."

"The LWML has supported us in so many ways all of these years. One of the most evident ways is through the financial gifts that have directly supported us to be in Asia. Gary Thies sent us a photo of LWML representatives giving a check of \$100,000 to Mission Central to support a number of missionary families in Asia, including ours!" **God weaves relationships.**

Pastor Steve, Maggie, Ginny, and her two brothers, Isaac and Gary, were in the States this past year so he could do continuing education and guest instructor services at Concordia Seminary in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute in Theology (EIIT) program. In May, Seminary President Dr. Dale A. Meyer received an LWML mission grant check for \$100,000 to support the education costs of students enrolled in the Center for Hispanic Studies and EIIT ministerial formation programs. **God weaves relationships.** When Pastor Oliver sent out a newsletter this Spring, a member of the LWML who supports them wrote back: 'P.S. Ginny Oliver — I see a future LWML president in you. ♥'" **God weaves relationships.**



# Amigos en Cristo

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

May 2021

What a difference a year makes! Last year because of Covid 19 we could not celebrate Easter in person with our congregational members either in Denison or Storm Lake. We had to worship on-line but not in person. So how wonderful it was this year in Storm Lake and in Denison at Amigos en Cristo to have many of our members back together to worship and to celebrate the greatest story of history and of the Christian faith. With all Christians we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, declaring with joy: "¡Ha Resucitado, Es Verdad, Ha Resucitado, Aleluia!"; "He is Risen, He has Risen, Indeed, Alleluia!"

Below, is a photo of many from our worship group after our Easter service. Following the service we had our annual Easter traditions, an egg hunt and a piñata for the children and a delicious fellowship meal of Hispanic food. It was a special day for families and friends celebrating our Christian faith and the hope in our Lord Jesus who won the victory over sin and death for all believers forever. And it was special to have members and friends that we have not seen for months returning to our church. Covid has been a lesson for all of us as we are reminded that we daily need to trust God's help to guide us through the struggles of life. And we are reminded that He has called us to share His love with our communities. Our Easter hope comes from the words of Jesus to His disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21.



Last month we had an Easter blessing at Grace in Storm Lake. In fact we had two special blessings. The Sunday after Easter Alexander and Ilani, the son and daughter of Carlos and Cristiana Vargas baptized their two youngest children. They also have 4 other children and I have also been honored to baptize 2 of them. Cristiana and the children are regular visitors to our worship service and the children attend our Sunday School. My wife Paula teaches the children and so much enjoys them. We hope and pray that soon the family will become members of Grace. Following the service the extended families of Carlos and Cristiana gathered at their home in Lakeside, near Storm Lake, for a baptismal party. It was a large group of bilingual families mostly living in Iowa and Minnesota. Paula and I enjoyed the food and fellowship and the opportunity to get to know the Vargas family much better.

Cristiana works at home with the children and their school schedules and Carlos works at the Tyson plant and also as a mechanic. They are a busy family!



Please pray: +For the good news that Pastor Pedro Lopez has accepted our Call to serve in our special and unique ministry. +For our future transition and summer plans with Pastor Lopez in both Denison and Storm Lake.

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***Please Note! All times and events are subject to change***



**Morning Prayer (M-F) via Facebook Live at 7:30 a.m. (viewable anytime)**

**TRIZION** TriZion Youth Group: Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Trinity Manilla Basement



**May 5**      **Next Steps: Post High School Prep**  
**At St. Paul, Carroll (6:00-7:30 p.m.), meal included**



**May 6, 13, 20, 27**      **Grief Share at Trinity (9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.)**



**May 13**      **Joint Ascension Service at Zion (7:00 p.m.)**



**May 20**      **Thursday afternoon Communion Service at Zion (1:30 p.m.)**



**May 9**      **Last Day of Sunday School at Trinity**



**May 16**      **Zion Graduates Honored**  
**8:00 a.m. Breakfast / 9:00 a.m. worship**



**May 14**      **Preschool Closing Program (6:45 p.m.)**



**May 23**      **Last Day of Sunday School at Zion**



**May 24**      **Book Discussion Club (6:00 p.m.)**  
**Trinity Manilla Basement**



**May 31**      **Memorial Day Lunch at Zion (10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**



**June 2**      **Zion VBS Volunteer Meeting (6:00 p.m.)**

# May Birthdays and Anniversaries @ Zion & Trinity

## *Birthdays* (T = Trinity)

1. Becky Bruch
- Jayden Bunker
- Lynn Nulle
- Stan Spies (T)
2. Rita Beck
- Evelyn Gore
- Lee Klindt (T)
3. Kendra Arp
- Naomi Blackford
4. Isaiah Conner
- Russell Hansen
- Bristol Stoberl
6. Emily Albertsen
- Andrew Dreier
- Dustin Karsten
- Greg Sextro
7. Catherine Conner
- Lane Sams
8. Nate Blackford
- Ryan Sandage
9. Daniel Dawson
10. Randy Kurth
- Rachel Ramsey
11. Braellee Diersen
- Art Joens (T)
- Aubri Kucik
- Robert Merriman
- Riley Willison
12. Nathan Bauer
- Jaime England
13. Lucy Borkowski
- John Ehrichs Jr.
- Lillian Nolte
- Kari Ranniger
- Richard Saunders (T)
- Jarod Segebart (T)
- Nathan Peters
- Todd Winter
14. Rodney Backhaus
- Irene Genzen
- Lincoln Hodne (T)
- Caelix Jahn (T)
15. Jan Henkelman
- Ella Langel
- JoAnn Thomas
16. Timothy Conner
- Nicholas Grimm
17. Emily Ceminsky
- Jessica Kucik
- Kay Otto
18. Brad Kusel
- Gina Vollstedt
19. Brennen Morris
20. Karlee Arp
21. Kamaya Jacobsen
- Harper Morris
- Kelli Morrow
- Garry Puck
- Dereck Trimpe
22. Ty Greving
- Todd Ketcham
- Alexis Lesle
- Mya Sandage
- Lisa Steffes
23. Taya Vonnahme
24. Bryndon Rosener
25. Lance Hanson (T)
26. Alan Grimm
27. Dennis Grimm
- Gene Lohrmann
- Joan Noelck
28. Jessica Sellner
29. Heidi Crawford
30. Robbie Bandow (T)
31. Megan Alexander
- Stephanie Smith

## *Anniversaries*

6. Michael & Bridget Gore
10. Steve & Barb Page
13. Dan & Jennifer Behrens
21. Nicholas & Dena Diersen
25. Russell & Cynthia Ranniger
27. Scott & Cheryl Lahr (T)
28. Ben & Mckensie Bess
- Isaac & Courtney Grabill
- Mark & Jessica Kucik

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

## *Official Acts*

### **Youth Confirmation:**

April 24, 2021 (Trinity, Manilla)

by Pastor Andrew Johnson

Carson James Woebke, Jackson Neil Woebke, Jakub R Workman

April 25, 2021 (Zion, Manning)

by Pastor Jonathan Conner

Emily Kay Albertsen, Aubrey Rose Alexander, Taylor Lynn Beckendorf, Claire Jenae Behrens, Josiah Everett Conner, Lauren Ann Greving, Kaleal Elizabeth Hass, Adalyn Rose Stribe, Logan Michael Vonnahme

### *In Our Prayers*

Naomi Adams (Jean Ferneding's mother), Alan Grimm, Jeanne Gruhn, Ron Schilling, Sherri Steffes, Jim Deevers, Rick Spack, Natalie Mason (Bruce and Mary Grimm's daughter), John Sonnichsen (Bobby Doyel's Brother in law), Gage Carlson (great grandson of Russ and Virginia Mohr), Maridee Bohlmann (David & Joene Bohlmann's daughter-in-law), Patty Meeves (Laurene's daughter in law), Beth Vitiritto (Pam Kusel's daughter)