



**ZION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH • SCHOOL**  
**COLOGNE, MN**

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**July/August  
2024**

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**Mission Statement**  
Zion Lutheran Church, Cologne, MN is a branch of Christ's family saved by grace alone, rooted in God's love, and growing in faith through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service as we reach out to others with the good news of Jesus. with the good news of Jesus.

## Team Jesus

**This year the Summer Olympics** will be held in Paris, France and nations around the world will be showcasing their finest athletes. In late June the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track & Field was held at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. The United States has a strong tradition of producing talented athletes for the Olympics; and the televised events showed that especially among female sprinters, this year will be no exception.

**The three fastest women sprinters** who will be representing Team USA in the 100-meter event in Paris have an interesting story. Sha'Carri Richardson won the 100-meter final at the Olympic trials with a time of 10.71 seconds. Close behind her was Melissa Jefferson, with a time of 10.80 seconds, and Twanisha Terry, with a time of 10.89 seconds. What is interesting is that the three have been training together under coach Mitchell, and their bond has helped them push each other to new heights. They have become a formidable force in the track and field world, and their qualification for the Olympics is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

**In a post-race interview**, Sha'Carri Richardson, the fastest woman sprinter in the world, credited her success to her faith and her team. "I just want to give glory to God," she said. "I couldn't have done it without my teammates and my coach. We're all in this together, and I'm just grateful to be here." Jefferson and Terry echoed Richardson's sentiments, praising their team and their faith for their success.

**The success of these three runners** reminds me of the Apostle Paul, who frequently would speak of life as a race. In his First Letter to the Corinthians (9:24-27), the apostle Paul encourages believers to run in a way that leads to obtaining the prize, which is eternal life with God.

- **Everyone runs, but only one receives the prize:** All believers are called to run, but only those who persevere and remain faithful will receive the ultimate prize of eternal life.
- **Self-control and discipline are essential:** It's important to focus on eternal rewards rather than temporary earthly rewards.
- **Run the race that is set before you:** Run and endure all things, for this is for your benefit. God is with you and strengthens you.

**That's what our fellowship is in Christ is all about:** We regularly meet on Sunday mornings for that very reason, we hear the Word of God together. Strengthened by God's Holy Spirit. We encourage and support one another, as runners in this race.

**Team Jesus: GOD'S CHAMPIONS RUN WITH THEIR FAITH,  
July 10, (9am-1:30pm)**

**Our One-Day Vacation Bible School**, held on Wednesday, July 10, focuses on that thought, focusing on personal faith and devotion. We look forward to sharing this with our youth--and having a lot of fun in the process. (You can sign up children in advance through our website--but we also welcome all who show up.

**Blessings to you, fellow traveler,  
in Christ, Pastor Eric Zacharias**

# LADIES AID/LWML

Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Ladies Aid + June 13, 2024

**Eleven members were present** for our June LWML meeting. Our meeting began with refreshments from Martha Molnau. The opening devotion was given by Roxanne, titled "How Can I Cope with Aging," which spoke to how we can navigate the challenges of aging with confidence and grace.

**The Bible study, led by Pastor Zacharias**, was from the Summer edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, entitled "Growing in Christ" (p. 20). This study showed how the Word of God caused people (like Samuel, Jonah, Daniel, Paul, Timothy and the Woman at the Well), to grow in faith and to overcome the difficulties in their life.

**President Martha Molnau called the meeting to order.** The LWML Pledge was recited and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with the clarification about the four offerings at the upcoming LWML convention. The Treasurer's Report was discussed and after a motion was M/S/C, it was filed for audit.

**Correspondence was read.** We received a thank-you note from Pastor and Mary, for the gift honoring his 30 years in ministry at Zion. A thank-you note was received from the Henschen Family, for hosting the reception held after Carol Henschen's funeral. A thank-you note was received from Lutheran Bible Translators for our donation. Other correspondence received included updates from the American Bible Society, Dakota Boys Ranch and Mayer Lutheran High School. This month's offering of \$25 went to the ministry of Trinity First. We dedicated our Mite Offerings with a prayer in our group's LWML booklet (p. 8).

**Committee Reports:** Roxanne gave us a printout of the 2024 offerings for the **LWML Minnesota South District 30th Biennial Convention** to be held June 20-22 at Mankato. Roxanne and Juliene will be attending. **The Funeral Committee** hosted the reception at Carol Henschen's funeral, where 75 were served. The family provided bars and cookies from Mackenthuns, and our group also contributed bars and beverages and decorated the tables with the flower vases. It was discovered that the big coffee pot had been left on from a previous use, noting that we must exercise caution that this doesn't happen again.

**Kitchen cleaning** will be held on Monday, July 1 at 9:00am. We are asking for help from the congregation to complete this job.

There were no birthdays this month. We closed with prayer. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 11 (9:30), with Roxanne Pieper as hostess.

**Mary Zacharias, Secretary**



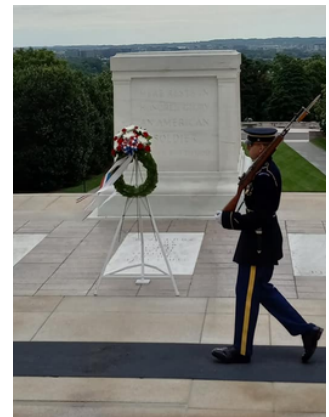
**Lutheran Women**  
*in Mission*

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

by Tom Marcsisak

Principal's Quarterly Report July, 2024

1. Three students graduated.
2. Standardized Testing (ITBS) placed Zion students in the upper forty percentile nationally.
3. Plans being made for this fall's return to school.
4. Enrollment staying strong. Inquiries continue.
5. All staff members are returning.
6. Washington, D.C. trip was a success.
7. Staff in-service activities are scheduled for August 8th and 19th.
8. Fall Parent Orientation is August 21st at 6:30 PM.
9. School year theme for 2024-2025 is "Endure" based on Hebrews 12:1-3.



# Zion School Supply List 2024-2025

## Preschool & Kindergarten

- Set of Watercolor Paints
- Pack of Chisel Tip Dry Erase Markers that include 1 black
- Pack of #2 Pencils - 8 pack or more (presharpened preferred)
- 8, 10, 12 Count Pack of Washable Markers (2)
- Pack of Pink Pearl Erasers
- Roll of Clear Scotch Tape (not double sided)
- Roll of Clear Packing Tape
- Black Sharpie Marker
- Container of Play-Doh
- White Out Tape (kindergarten only)
- Extra Set of Clothes (to keep in the locker)
- Backpack (standard size)
- Water Bottle (labeled with child's name)

## 1 & 2 Grade

- Folders (2)
- Pack of Printer Paper
- Ruler with inches & centimeters (flexible ones are great because they don't break)
- Dry Erase Markers (at least 8)
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Markers (1 pack classic colors; other colors optional)
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks (to be shared with class and no set number but we use these a lot!)
- Elmer's White Glue Bottle
- Pencils (2 boxes to be shared with class)
- Extra erasers (the kind that can be placed on top of pencils)
- Art box (Needs to be big enough to hold all their art supplies.)
- Water Bottle
- Headphones
- Pencil Sharpener (optional)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Headphones (these don't have to be new; you can use what you had last year if they are still in good condition)
- Large Eraser
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Markers (1 pack washable classic colors; not fine line)
- Crayons (24 or 48 pack) (Crayola, not Rose Art)
- Elmer's White Glue (1 bottle)
- Glue Sticks (4-5 sticks)
- Pencils (1 box of yellow #2, please note Target dollar aisle pencils don't sharpen well and leads break easily)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Box or Bag
- Pen (1-2 red)
- Scissors
- Pocket Folders (3)
- 12" Ruler (with both inches and centimeters)
- Wide Ruled Notebook
- Paper (1 package)
- Composition Notebook (NOT spiral; you can use the same one from last year if you are in 4th grade)
- 4th Grade – Student Bible and Dictionary

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Crayons
- Markers
- Elmer's White Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Box
- Pens
- Scissors
- Folders (2)
- Metric/Standard Ruler
- Wide Ruled Lined Paper (either loose-leaf or notebooks)
- Black Sharpie (fine line)

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

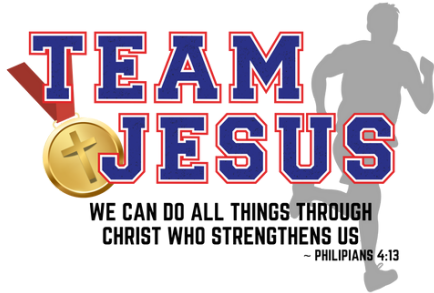
- Protractor
- Metric/Standard Ruler
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Compass
- Colored Pens
- Markers
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Folder
- Planner
- Headphones
- Pack of Loose-Leaf College Ruled Lined Paper
- Notebooks (3)
- 8th grade - Scientific Graphing Calculator (ex: Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus)
- 7th grade - Scientific Calculator
- Pack Graph Paper
- Luther's Small Catechism (1991 translation) (Can purchase from office for \$14.)
- NIV Bible)

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Supplies (separate from regular supplies)

- Glue Sticks or Elmer's White Glue
- Fine Point Felt-Tip Markers (non-permanent)
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil Box
- Ruler

*\*\*Please label as many things as you can with your child's name.*

## VBS AT ZION



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### TO REGISTER



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<https://forms.gle/4kPaKzvi0r2GrPso9>

### TO VOLUNTEER

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080949A5A92FA0FE3-49835958-2024#/>



## FINANCES

<b>Salary:</b>	
Beginning Balance (1/1/2024)	\$58,368.48
YTD Income	\$170,390.59
YTD Expenses	\$225,749.18
<b>Current Balance (/13/2024)</b>	<b>\$3,009.89</b>

<b>Missions:</b>	
YTD Total (3/31/2024)	\$655.00
Budgeted	\$9,830.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2024 Pledge	\$6,500.00
2024 Goal	\$15,000.00

<b>LHS:</b>	
YTD Total (3/31/2024)	\$12,537.66
2024 Commitment	\$22,220.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

<b>Building/Repair Fund:</b>	
Account Balance (6/27/24)	\$30,303.05
Suggested household contribution	\$750.00
Father's Day Giving Total to Date	<b>\$10,473.00</b>

## JULY USHER SCHEDULE

July 7th	Anna Brueggemeier Sam Klaustermeier
July 14th	Addison Dietzel Erica Richardson
July 21st	Kael Herrera Jacob Hoen
July 28th	Libby Hoen Madalyn Sons

## AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE

August 4th	Kaydra Boelke Berlenn Koepf
August 11th	Ava Dose Sam Dose
August 18th	Brook Moen Abby Moen
August 25th	Anna Brueggemeier Sam Klaustermeier

## **Membership Notes**

### **JULY BIRTHDAY LIST**

- 2 Brandon Brueggemeier  
Steven Leistiko  
Angela Richardson  
Russell Sauter  
3 Austin Buetow  
Dawson Molnau  
7 Jon Dose  
Philip Radde  
Sawyer Traver  
8 Linda Bierstedt  
9 Wayne Klaustermeier  
10 Maxwell Herrera  
Mike Bergs  
11 Logan Radde  
12 Wyatt Klaustermeier  
Beverly Rolf  
13 Helen Buetow  
Corey Hodgins  
Matthew Traver  
14 Jay Koepp  
15 Charles Dietzel VI  
Kyle Klaustermeier  
Christophe Morschen  
Reagan Sauter  
16 Isaac Bones  
17 Ava Dose  
Sam Dose  
Ralph Herrmann  
20 Roger Buetow  
LuAnn Traver  
21 Nancy Buckentine  
Roxanne Pieper  
22 Abby Moen  
22 Emma Dose  
Clare Stuewe  
23 Stephanie Gustafson  
25 Courtney Bruesehoff  
26 Colby Brueggemeier  
Canton Vinkemeier  
27 Lydia Brueggemeier  
Megan Olson  
James Ische Jr.  
Joshua Way  
29 Sarah Perry  
30 Fern Lindemeier  
Kristi Pexa  
Brooke Sauter

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST**

- 1 Patrick Arndt  
Richard Buetow  
Jennifer Sauter  
2 Beverly Eggers  
3 Austin Kehr  
7 Peter Erickson  
8 Jeanne Friske  
9 Michelle Hoen  
Sawyer Behn  
11 Kelly Dose  
Reid Stacken  
Carsen Ulrich  
13 Thomas Marcsisak  
14 Angie Block  
Kendall Brueggemeier  
Maia Klaustermeier  
Eric Lenzen.  
19 Dustin Bones  
20 William Gruenhagen  
Audrey Morschen  
Erica Richardson  
21 Bailey Buetow  
22 Jason Carlson  
26 Kimberly Bones  
Kindra Ghostley  
Neil Gruenhagen  
Nicholas Vinkemeier  
27 Tim Sauter  
29 John Bones  
30 JoAnn Herrmann  
Renea Lindquist

### **JULY ANNIVERSARY LIST**

- 7 Ronald & Gail Arndt  
8 Eric & Lisa Sauter  
12 Darcy & Mary Kroells  
17 Evan & Alyssa Zacharias  
18 Robert & Kateryna McCloskey  
20 Robert & Janice Pechonick  
22 Ben & Jenny Ische  
23 Richard & Susan Buetow  
Adam & Krista Behn  
24 Logan & Eliana Radde  
26 Brandon & Lisa Brueggemeier  
29 Jeff & Bev Rolf

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARY LIST**

- 2 Allen & Jeanne Friske  
Edward & Lois Roufs  
10 Ed & Dixie Brueggemeier  
12 John & Micky Haller  
Dennis & Ruth Vinkemeier  
13 Caleb & Darcy Coder  
Luke & Erin Rolf  
16 Zach & Kendra Rhodes  
18 Todd & Brittany Moen  
Kevin & Ellen Rolf  
Jay & Natalie Koepp  
21 Jon & Kelly Dose  
Loren & Stephanie Morschen  
22 Ryan & Jill Rolf  
27 Mark & Patricia Lenzen  
28 Steven & Jennifer Buetow  
Jared & Stacy Dose  
Jared & Stephanie Gustafson  
29 John & Kimberly Bones  
30 Christopher & Jenna Buetow  
31 Mike & Roxanne Pieper

### **VISITATION LIST**

#### **Minneapolis**

Joycelyn Rolf

#### **Cologne**

Dixie Brueggemeier

#### **Glencoe**

Marlys Lenzen

#### **Norwood**

Ellen Arndt  
Allen & Jean Friske  
Lila Rolf  
Barb Scholz

#### **Waconia**

JoAnn Herrmann

#### **Maple Plain**

Harriet Tellers

### **REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS**

John Michael Bones  
Eben Karnitz  
Eddie Karnitz

2024 JULY  
 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
				Happy 4th of July Office Closed Chapel at The Harbor 10:00 AM	Office Open	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Church Service 9:30 AM	Council Meeting 7:30 PM		Team Jesus VBS 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM	LWML Meeting 9:30 AM		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM Voter's Meeting						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Church Service 9:30 AM	Newsletter Items Due to Office			Cologne Glad Days		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
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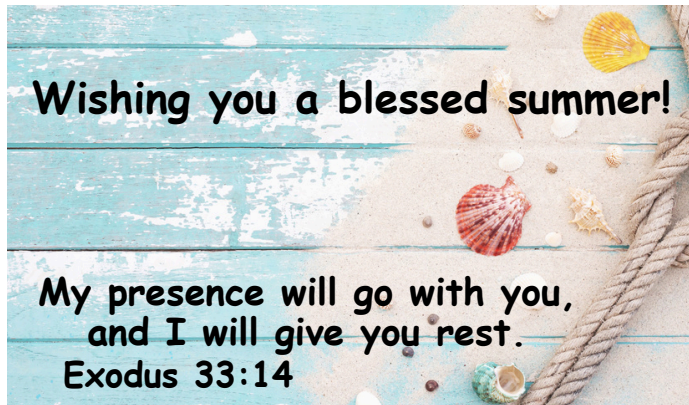
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28	29	30	31	01	02	03
				Chapel at The Harbor 10:00 AM		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Church Service 9:30 AM				Staff In-service Day		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Church Service 9:30 AM	Newsletter Items Due to Office Staff In-service Day		Parent's Night (Orientation) 6:30 PM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM						



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# ZION LUTHERAN TIGERS

**2024-2025 Enrollment and  
Re-enrollment Now Open!!**

Enrollment and re-enrollment is now open  
for Preschool -8th Grade. Please contact  
the office to set up a tour or ask any  
questions you may have. Registration  
forms are available in the office.