



"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" Jeremiah 3:15

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since our beloved senior pastor, Pastor Gary resigned for a health reason, our church has been groping along without a leader for several months. At the same time, we have been fortunate to have John Mickelson who has been assisting us in our Sunday worship services. He has been such a blessing and a great help for us. However, starting this coming July he will be moving to St. Paul, Minnesota, to start school at Luther Seminary. We sure are going to miss him but we are very happy and proud to know that he is going to study to be a minister. With such a gift and talent he has, we have no doubt that he would make a good pastor. So we all wish him well and every blessing and success on his new endeavor. His last Sunday is June 27 so please come and join us when we express our gratitude for all he has done for us.

There is another thing I would like to share with you regarding the search for a senior pastor and an interim. As some of you already know, our call committee has received some names from our synod office and soon they will be interviewing the applicants for a senior pastor position. So, keep praying for our call committee as they search for a good and honorable leader. Zion is proud of a long line of faithful and devoted pastors. We trust that God, who has blessed this congregation with good leaders in the past, will do the same thing for us too. So let us stay positive as we continue to wait with hope for the pastor God is sending us to be the shepherd of Zion.

Finally, there is a good possibility to have an interim pastor after John Mickelson leaves, to help us with the transition to a senior pastor. The work of an interim pastor is often like the work of John the Baptist who prepared the way for the Lord. In the same way, the interim pastor's job is to prepare the congregation to welcome the new pastor who will come to shepherd the congregation. Hopefully, we will have this interim by July 1. So, be patient! Help is on the way.

Thanks again to all of you who have been giving your time, your gifts, and talents, to keep this congregation going in the right direction. Have a great summer!

Pastor Ale

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
June 27, 2010 after the service
Election of officers and board members
Other business

ANY POP TABS??

Summer is soon upon us and already we've been having a bit of summer in spring, which means that people in general will be drinking more pop. Leisure Fellowship reminds all members that the collecting of aluminum can tabs is still a good project to help families with a child in a distant hospital.

Bring many or few and place them in the can by the offices. Thank you!



President's Corner:

Connie Hamre

Random Acts of kindness, are truly and expression God's love!

The kindness of some in our church, has been amazing. They have given of themselves, very generously. Thank you to those sincerely awesome people. However, we are in need of others, to help and to do the many things that are offered at our church. The Nominating Committee has had quite a struggle to find people to serve on the boards that make our church function. We are being forced to consolidate some of those boards due to the lack of willing workers. I, myself, recently, contacted over 50 people with a request that at most would take a few minutes of their time - Only three agreed, and I am very grateful to those precious people. I know there are good people out there, can't you help?

On a lighter note, Summer is coming!!!!!! It is such a day brighter to see the sun, and to watch our earth come alive. The fields, streams, lawns, flowers and gardens are coming forth with all manner of new growth---yes, I think green may be my favorite color this time of year. To smell the fresh cut grass, and wiggle ones toes in the sand, makes it a delight to all our senses. As you go to your summer activities and enjoy the splendor of God's creation, we can really rejoice in what he has given us. We are richly blessed.

The Call Committee is working hard, and have 2 possible Senior pastors, to start the interview process. Please remember them in your prayers. The Synod Assembly was in May. The networking done by our delegates, are of good benefit to our church. We are blessed by the knowledge and the helps that they gleamed from the conference-thank you.

Coming up is our Semi-Annual meeting, on June 27th. We will be electing people for the boards, and will also take a look at the constitution of our church. The changes need will hopefully make our church stronger. See you there!

Courage in Christ,
Connie Hamre, Pres.



**Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
May 18,2010**

The Parish Planning Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Connie Hamre. In attendance were: Pastor Ale', Connie Hamre, Sharon Hoglo, Russell Rhen, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan, Marijo Nabben, Penny Nelson, Bonnie Yost, Jim Dalager, Lyle Paulson, Ginny Armstrong, Sarah Harper, Chris Ueland, Deb Howe and Karen Thygeson. Roll was answered with stating what is your favorite flower.

Devotions were led by Bonnie Yost and next month will be given by Amber Holtan.

Russell Rhen moved to accept the secretary's report, seconded and carried. Ginny Armstrong presented the treasurer's report. Marijo Nabben moved to accept the report, seconded, carried and filed for audit.

There is a six page list of places where one can designate their personal donations and gifts be given; we were reminded that when this is done it does not get credited to your pledge of giving.

Board of Lay Ministry: Jim Dalager reported on home communion distributions and visits to our shut-ins. 8 people had been given home communion the first Sunday of May.

Public Relations Board: Deb Howe reported VBS will be advertised.

Stewardship Board: Sharon Hoglo reports that statements of contribution were sent out and reminded us to keep giving in the summer months, even when we are not able to attend church services.

Youth board: Sarah Harper reported that breakfast had been served to our senior graduates and each had been given a blanket. She will be leaving for bible camp on June 6th. She thanked all those that helped to make the post prom party a huge success. 110 attended the party and 85 stayed until early morning.

Fellowship Board: Bonnie Yost reported 101 had been served brunch on confirmation Sunday.

Board of Christian Ed: Amber Holtan reported that Sunday School has been completed for another year and Vacation Bible School will be held June 7th - June 10th, 2010.

Worship Board: Chris Ueland reported that Judy Melby will chair the Worship Board.

Church Properties Board: Lyle Paulson reported blinds have been put up in the basement. Lyle moved to have the property board look into the possibility of purchasing a cleaning machine for the floors, seconded and not carried. Marijo Nabben moved to have the property board look into, purchase a cleaning machine and not allow it to be borrowed out or taken out of the church for other tasks; seconded and carried.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ale' asked us to keep those that are ill in our prayers. He reported that three from Zion had attended the Synod Assembly at Concordia. June 13th will be a joint service at 10:30 with Silver Creek; watch for upcoming details. He is considering conducting Bible Study around 8:00 A.M. prior to church services which began at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings. This would begin after Rally Sunday.

Chris Ueland reported on the Synod Assembly as well as reported for the Call Committee. The committee has two names for consideration and an interview has been scheduled. Marijo Nabben reported for the committee that has been working on proposed changes for the church boards. Russell Rhen moved to have the proposed changes to the boards ready for discussion at the semi-annual meeting in June; seconded and carried.

Bonnie Yost, chairman of the nominating committee reports she is working on filling the slate. President Hamre stated she has no report on an interim pastor yet.

Bonnie Yost moved to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.; seconded and carried and followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be June 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Karen Thygeson, Secretary

Leisure Fellowship

Wednesday, June 2

2:00 PM

Program: The singing duo of LOIS & LOIS

55 and over

Come for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship.

Bring friends.

Possible Changes in Zion's Boards

We are inviting all members of the congregation to please consider volunteering to serve on a board. It is a very insightful experience and a wonderful way to serve God's work in our church and community. Without the willingness of all of you, some of the services and activities provided to our congregation through the work of these boards may have to be reconsidered. Please give this prayerful consideration

Here are the proposed changes that we will be voting on at the Semi-annual meeting regarding the boards.

- **Combine the Lay Ministry and Evangelism Boards:**
Have combined members of 10 down from a joint number of 12.
Add the church liturgical atmosphere and adult Christian education to this board.
- **Combine Christian Education and Youth Boards:**
Add acolytes responsibilities to this board.
Remove adult Christian education to the Lay Ministry/Evangelism.
Have combined members of 12 down from a joint number of 16.
- **Worship Board:**
Move acolyte responsibility to the Youth/Christian Education.
Move church liturgical atmosphere to the Lay Ministry/Evangelism.
- **Fellowship, Stewardship and Public Relations Boards:**
Meet at the beginning of the year and then every month, every other month or quarterly as the board determines their needs.
- **Decrease the terms on all boards from 3 years to 2 years.**

Watch the bulletins of June 13th and 20th for the formal change proposals.

If interested in serving on a board, please contact the church office or Bonnie Yost at 681-1089.

Your fellow servant,
Marijo Nabben 1st V.P.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Thank you very much for all the cards, calls, concern and mostly prayers for Richard while he was in the hospital. Thank you Pastor Ale for your numerous visits, prayers and laughter. To the board of Lay Ministry; cheers for such a wonderful program as "Meal in a Box". The meal was delicious and "hot". Thanks to Jodi and Dave Bergman for preparing and delivering it. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

God's blessings to all.
Richard and Judy Melby

Thank You Thank You Thank You

The Evangelism Board would like to say a special "Thank You" to all those that participated in our 2nd Annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil. Also thank you to all the put requests into the prayer request box. We are hoping to expand on this idea and have another prayer vigil closer to Reformation Sunday.

Deb Holtan
Evangelism Chairperson