

Read Psalm 8

Summer Blessings

Appreciating warm weather, sunshine, and everything that grows can be a wonderful spiritual experience.

What kind of God creates such beauty? In nature we can appreciate much of what God has done. So we see creativity and know a creative God. We see tenderness and care in how mothers and fathers of every species, and know a tender God. There is delicacy, and power, and peacefulness that are almost beyond description. It is not hard to see that the God who created this world would see that it was “good” (Genesis 1)

It is my hope that you will have an experience of God the creator in some way this summer.

David in Psalm 8 was inspired by the beauty all around him. He wrote about the heavens. He wrote about the moon and the stars.

He wrote about us.

It can happen that when we look at nature on earth and the stars in the sky that we end up feeling insignificant. And if we feel insignificant, we may even feel pointless, or of no consequence.

Psalm 8 will have none of that.

Even in all the magnificence of God’s creation we matter greatly to God. We have been crowned with glory and honor. Our task is nothing less than to take care of what God has created.

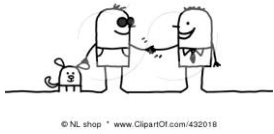
Christian people know God’s blessings when we see them. They are everywhere to be seen all around us, certainly in the winter, especially in the summer.

Summer blessings,
Pastor John Golv

Semi Annual Meeting

June 26, 2011 after the 8:30 service

Election of officers and board members



LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, June 1
2:00 PM**

Program - Pastor Ben Carlson from Redeemer
and his wife, Pia

“Training Dogs to be Service Dogs”



**Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
May 17, 2010**

The Parish Planning Council was called to order by President Connie Hamre at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: Pastor John, Pastor Ale, President Hamre, Marijo Nabben, Ginny Armstrong, Chris Ueland, Lyle Paulson, Deb Holtan, Amber Holtan, Bonnie Yost, Tim Numedahl, Sarah Harper, Deb Howe, Kristi Rood, Dean Kaushagen from Silver Creek and Karen Thygeson. Roll call answered with naming our favorite Spring flower.

Devotions were led by Marijo Nabben. Next month devotions will be given by Chris Ueland.

Ginny Armstrong moved to accept the secretary's minutes as printed, seconded and carried. Chris Ueland moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed and discussed; seconded and carried.

Properties Board: Lyle Paulson reports they are waiting for the tempered glass for the upstairs railing. New office chairs are in place.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry Board: Deb Holtan reported their board is drafting a letter to be sent to our members we have not seen for awhile and welcome them back to Zion for worship and fellowship. Zion's grief support group will begin on June 14th.

Public Relations Board: Deb Howe reported the picture taking sessions for our new church directory have been completed. Research is being done to offset the postage for sending out the newsletter.

Christian Education/Youth Board: Amber Holtan reported Sunday School has been completed for the year. She reminded us that VSB will be June 5-9,2011 and the theme will be “Experience the Water Of Life“.

Youth Director: Sarah Harper stated Easter Sunrise Service went well. Confirmation and graduation activities also went well. She is looking forward to summer activities and summer youth camps.

Fellowship Board: Bonnie Yost reported they are working on the annual book. June 12th will be a potluck joint service at Silver Creek.

Pastor Ale: With the summer church schedule, the pastor is able to use the same sermon at Zion and Silver Creek. Chris Ueland moved to accept Trinity Lutheran in Minneapolis as a partner in our mission work for Ethiopia; seconded and carried.

Pastor John: The joint service followed by a potluck dinner with Silver Creek will be on June 12th. He stated we are still having vandalism in the upstairs rest rooms. He discussed a new Stewardship activity coming this Fall. This activity is called Consecration Sunday and will be on Sunday October 23rd.

Amber Holtan moved to pay for organ lessons for our organists; seconded and carried.

Marijo Nabben moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. followed by the Lord’s Prayer. Next Parish Council Meeting will be June 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Karen Thygeson, Secretary



President’s Message

Connie Hamre

“For by grace we are saved by faith and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God” Epesians 2:8

There is much around us, that shows us the problems of others. As I write this, we hear on the news of the torndos and the disaster south of us. The storms that struck both Joplin and Minneapolis, where not only is all that property was destroyed, but more sadly, all the lives lost. For anyone with family or friends, in this area, it can be heart wrenching to wait and hear, if they are ok. Let’s keep them in our prayers.

One of my daughters worked for Habitat for Hunanity, in Mexico. In that area they live in such proverty that basic necessities, are a struggle. Shelter is a small hut or shack, that is only large enough to sleep in. Water and food is so basic, and lacks the protection of quality that we are fortune to

have. Often, children are forced to work as young as 6 or 7 years old, for the little they are able to acquire to meet their families needs. She came back with a real appreciation for the simple modern conveniences we enjoy. Things it is all too easy to take for granted.

Of the many countries fighting for freedom and democracy. To whom just talking about their situation can get them imprisoned or killed. There by the grace of God, go I. It is hard to appreciate the things we have, and not wish for more. I find that I must make myself aware everyday, how well we have it, here and now.

For us in northern Minnesota, we are blessed to have summer before us. With all the rain, it may seem an aggravation. As a friend commented, out loud, just the other day " think it's time to start building a boat". Or, perhaps a agreeable whale, to copy Jonah's submarine ride. HUMMMMM!

I hope you have a chance to get outdoors, and get a full measure for God's beautiful landscape. For the farmers, to get the crop in, and being blessed with weather that helps that everything grow and flourish.