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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

"Go in to the word and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Mark 16:15



The spring season we have been anticipating is finally here. Now we can enjoy all those outdoor activities we love under the warm blue skies. Personally, besides playing golf, I do some running just for fun. When I was a student in college I used to run long distant races competitively. One of my favorite races was a 26.2 miles marathon run.

A marathon is a long, challenging sport event that requires strength, courage and endurance. It is also one of the oldest sports. Do you know where and how the idea of a marathon came from? It came from the Greeks in commemoration of the legendary Greek soldier called Pheidippides, who once ran from the plains of Marathon to the city of Athens, a distance of 25 miles. He did this to bring the good news of their victory over the Persians.

What happened was that in 490 B.C, a great army from the Persian Empire came to conquer and rule the Athenians. They fought the large Persian army forces, and against all odds, they won the victory at a place called Marathon. With great joy they dispatched to Athens a strong soldier named Pheidippides to take the news of that great victory, and according to legend, he reached the city of Athens and said, "Rejoice, we won," and fell to the ground and died. Some historians say the legend took hold and out of that came the marathon race.

We too have a victory to celebrate and good news to tell. Every Easter we commemorate Jesus' victory over death. We express our joy that our savior has won a victory for all of us. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of millions of people who haven't heard the good news of his salvation and still live in fear. As he has been calling people throughout generations, our lord is calling us to go into the whole world and tell the good news of his salvation. This call reminds me of what Pheidippides did and what Paul said to the Romans in Chapter 10:15. He said, "How are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?" As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good tidings.

May the lord make your feet swift and your words sweet as you go and tell his good news. Have a great spring season!

Pastor Ale

Silver Creek News



Silver Creek Church Council will meet after church on May 18th. The women of the church will meet on May 8th and will include the bible study *Deceptive Miracles and Miracle Workers*.

Thanks to everyone who came to help with our annual clean up in April. We are looking forward to some warm weather and will be needing volunteers to mow the churchyard. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 25 – Labor Day - One service – 8:30 AM

Wednesday Service – June 4 – August 27

Catered Meal – 5:30 PM

Worship – 6:15 – 7:00 PM

Silver Creek – Sunday Worship – 10:00 AM



President's Message

Millie Reiersen

Greetings!

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! We are blessed here at Zion to have this wonderful church to worship in and to continue our growth in the Gospel, but we need volunteers to keep it running - please give prayerful consideration when asked to serve on a board, teach Sunday school or help with music. You don't have to wait to be asked; just call the church office at 681-2396 or me at home, 681-7728 to volunteer.

Keep our young people in your prayers as some of our youth and young adults graduate from high school and/or college. Thanks to our teachers and helpers for another wonderful Sunday school year.

Synod Assembly will be May 16 - 17 at Concordia College. It will start at 4:00 PM on Friday and end at 5:00 PM on Saturday. We will need at least four adults and one youth to represent Zion.

God's Blessings to each and every one of you!

Millie Reiersen

Thrivent

Our Thrivent annual report shows \$4319 was received from Thrivent Choice Dollars last year.

Thrivent members, select our congregation the first time you direct Choice Dollars® between April 1 and May 31, 2014, and our church will receive an extra \$20 grant from Thrivent Financial! Through the "Direct Now . . . and add \$20!" campaign.

To direct Choice Dollars®. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice®." For faster service, have your member ID or contract number available.



Winton Forsberg



ZLCW News

Lutheran World Relief Pickup Day – May 3

Quilts, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits will be sent. Please remember to check your handbook for the needed items. Soap bars, nail clippers, combs, both bath & hand towels and lots of baby items are needed for these kits. Remember to check garage sales and consignment shops for these items. Items may be left in storage room off the fellowship hall.

Daughters of Zion Brunch – May 3

We will honor ladies over the age of 80 and our senior girls that graduate this spring.

Syttende Mai Supper - May 14

- **Lefse Day** is Monday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. If you can, please bring lefse dough and griddles. Otherwise, people are needed for rolling, turning and packaging.
- **Meatball Day** is Tuesday, May 13; at 10:00 a.m. Meatballs are made along with peeling the potatoes, etc.
- **Syttende Mai Supper** – On Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. everything hopefully falls into place. The tables are set and things start cooking in the kitchen. Assistance is needed for serving, and as always we need a cleanup crew. Please consider helping by just calling someone in your circle and letting them know what you are able to assist with. Lots of hands are needed, as this is our main fundraiser.

We will host Redeemer, Trinity, Black River, and Silver Creek at our ZLCW meeting on July 8. More information will follow.

Food – Faith – Family New Traditions Summer Services

Wednesdays - June 4 - August 27

- 5:30 - Light Supper catered by David Lee
- 6:15 – 7:00 - New Traditions Service
- In Sanctuary and River Brew Area
- Informal and casual



Our New Traditions Committee is pleased to announce that we will be offering a Wednesday evening service throughout the summer. We will be using the new screen and power point presentations throughout the service, Communion will be served during each service, there will be a Children's Sermon, Noisy Offering, and beverages will be served in the River Brew Area. The service is for the entire family.

Our Sharing Servants, Worship Board, Public Relations Board, Education and Youth Board, Properties Board, our Youth Director-Jay Krogstad, Pastor Golv, Pastor Ale, and so many other members of our congregation will be striving to offer this service for the summer. Please invite any friends and neighbors to the supper and service, and mark your calendars now to attend the New Traditions Summer Services.

Muriel Olin, Chair
New Traditions Committee

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 3 – Daughters of Zion Brunch – 10:00
- Sunday, May 4 – Silent Auction – Between services – Proceeds go to Chaperone Fund
- Sunday, May 11 –Last day of Sunday School – Sunday school sings during service
- Wednesday, May 14 – Syttende Mai Supper - 5:00 – 7:00
- Friday, May 16 - Saturday, May 17 - Synod Assembly
- Sunday, June 22 – Outdoor Service at Silver Creek – 10:00 – Potluck after service



**Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
April 15, 2014**

President Millie Reiersen called the Parish Planning Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan, Tim Numedahl, Ken Kalsnes, Connie Hamre, Deb Howe, Jay Krogstad, Sharon Jorde, Clark Nelson and Karen Thygeson.

Pastor Golv gave devotions.

A motion was made by Connie Hamre to accept the Council minutes of March 18, 2014 as printed; seconded and carried.

Ginny Armstrong presented a printed treasurer's report; discussed and filed for audit.

Evangelism and Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reported April 27th will be new member Sunday. New members will be accepted into Zion during the first service and cake served between services. President Reiersen stated that the cake will be in honor of new members as well as appreciation to Zion's staff that we are all so thankful for. Orientation of new members will be held on April 24th. Deb reports that her board will present crosses to Zion's senior girls. She reported they continue to work on the shawl project.

Youth and Education: Amber Holtan reports the last day of Sunday school is May 11th which is Mother's Day and the children will sing at the service. There will be a silent auction for May Day baskets on May 4th with proceeds going towards youth activities.

Jay Krogstad reports that 8 children had participated in the K-5 egg hunt. 15 students along with their families will participate in first communion and the Seder meal on Maundy Thursday. Senior High students will be going with him to Grand Forks on an outing. Junior High will have the opportunity to participate in an outing in mid-May to the water park. The annual rummage sale will be next week. They will continue to fund raise for the upcoming National Youth Gathering next year. They continue to fund raise for kayaks for Pathways.

President Reiersen thanks Mike and Lori Carpenter for their donations of items as they closed their door to the Hallmark store.

Properties: President Reiersen reports that the security camera system will be purchased and installed soon. Forty padded chairs have been purchased for the fellowship hall. A small enclosed van trailer to be used mostly on youth outings is being considered. Revisited correspondence to neighbors across alley about Zion possibly having first chance at purchase of property if it ever comes up for sale.

Silver Creek: Clark Nelson extended an invitation to Zion to join their church on June 22nd for a joint outdoor service followed with a potluck meal. Service is at 10:00 A.M.

Worship: Sharon Jorde stated advertising must be done with the changes in our worship for the summer months. May 25th will be the beginning of our only one service per Sunday at 8:30 A.M. Beginning June 4th for 13 weeks we will be having a Wednesday evening service at 6:30 P.M. with a light lunch served by David Lee at 5:15 P.M.

Stewardship: Connie Hamre reports their board will meet in July.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ale commented on the upcoming Synod Assembly on May 16-17. He also expressed his concern that the Senior Choir is not singing as often at our church services.

Pastor John shared his monthly calendar with us. He shared the NCD Survey that was used. He explained the eight qualities used as guidelines.

President Reiersen is considering starting our summer meetings at 5:30 P.M.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Next meeting May 20th.

Karen Thygeson, Acting Secretary

Youth Newsletter

May 4- May Day Baskets

Parents, please make one and drop it off in Jay's Office by Thursday, May 1.

May 4 – Senior Sunday

11th grade youth in charge of serving

8:30 - Worship and New Traditions Service W/Blessing of the Graduates and meal to follow.

Silent Auction between services – proceeds to Chaperone Fund

May 5 - National Youth Gathering meeting at 5:30 in overflow - Mandatory

May 7 - 3-5 Junior High Youth Group,

Last Day of Confirmation,

7:30-9:30 Senior High Youth Group

May 11 - **MOTHERS DAY**

Share the day with your mother in church.

8:30 Worship

Last Day of Sunday school

10:30 New Traditions Worship

SPECIAL Mother's Day Brunch for you and your mother in Fellowship Hall between services

May 14 - 3-5 Junior High Youth Group

7:30-9:30 Senior High Youth Group

May 16 - 7 - **Synod Assembly**

If you would like to attend as a youth, let Jay know. He can bring as many youth with as he wants. Only one youth can vote.

May 21 - Last Day for Both Youth Groups.
Junior High will go to Casino Waterpark

May 25 - 8:30 Worship

Kayaks For Pathways

Zion Lutheran Church is looking at purchasing two kayaks for Pathways Bible Camps. Our Goal is \$800.00, and we are already at \$419.00. Jay will be collecting money for this until Sunday May 25th. After that Jay will purchase the two Kayaks, paddles, lifejackets, and any other thing needed for them to be used. Jay will have the Kayaks at Church on June 1st for everyone to see.

If you would like to donate, please stop by Jay's office and drop off your donation. Thank you in advance.

Jay Krogstad



Camp Days

- June 8-13: Grades 4-7
- June 18-20: Grades 2-3
- June 20: Grade K-2
- June 22-27: Junior High 8-9
- July 6-11 Senior High 10-12



Vacation Bible School at Redeemer - July 27-31