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From Pastor John & Cathy
Thank You

“If one member (of the body of Christ) suffers, all suffer together...”
I Corinthians 12:26

“He’s in memory care.” She has had to say this over and over again, because so many have asked how he is. My mother’s building is full of Christians, who care deeply about her and my dad. As some of you know, my dad (age 89) fell and broke a hip. He had surgery at Fairview Southdale hospital. His hip has healed. His mind has not. Many of you in both congregations have expressed concern and support.

Thank you.

My mother-in-law (no jokes from me – she is a lovely, beloved person) will have surgery on her hip this Friday, February 19. She has high blood pressure, slight dementia (she is 84) and far too high a tolerance for pain. Her husband Bill is clear mentally and hobbled physically.

I have quoted I Corinthians 12:26 to many, many people over the years. I have tried to be as empathetic as possible. This verse matters, because Christians have found that it is true. People do care. Concern is genuine. People have discovered that their faith can get them through. True enough.

I once visited a middle-aged man in the hospital (in another parish) who had survived a serious heart attack. His wife, a cardiac care nurse, was there when it happened. I said, “You knew what had happened, didn’t you.” “Yes.” “You knew exactly what to do, didn’t you.”? “Yes.” “You couldn’t do any of it, could you.” “No.”

In other words, it’s different when it’s your own.

Cathy and I couldn’t make it through without you.

Sincere thanks.

Pastor John and Cathy Golv



President’s Message

Millie Reiersen


Good news! Laura Rude has agreed to lead our Senior Choir! She will continue to lead our youth choir, God’s Joy, too. She needs your support by having a choir to lead. Get out there and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! They meet right after Lenten services, so you should already be in church.

Our search for a Youth Director continues. I want to thank all the folks that have stepped up and filled some of the gaps to keep our programs going. I won't mention names because I will skip someone. I will thank Amber Holtan for coordinating the efforts of all the volunteers. She has shouldered a lot of extra responsibility. Warmer weather seems to be on the way and coming to church would be a good way to shake off some of the winter doldrums. There is always something you could volunteer for. Thanks to all the people that already volunteer. God bless each and every person who contributes to our mission of spreading the Gospel to the world.

See you in church!
Millie Reiersen

Lent – 2016

“Faith Practices”



This Lenten season we are again participating in the Round Robin. Featured speakers for the services are ELCA pastors, rotating among congregations. Please join us during this Lenten season.

3rd Wednesday of Lent – March 2

5:30 Supper – Elizabeth Circle – Tater Tot Hot dish; cleanup – Grade 7
6:30 Worship...Worship Regularly” Psalm 34:1-3 - Pastor Ale Tulu

4th Wednesday of Lent – March 9

5:30 Supper – Rebekah Circle – Stew; Cleanup Grades 10-12
6:30 Worship “Give.... Stewardship.....Give Freely” Luke 6:38 - Pastor Carl Hansen, St. Pauli

5th Wednesday of Lent – March 16

5:30 Supper – Sarah Circle – Chile; Cleanup – Grade 9
6:30 Worship “Encourage Teaching/Mentoring Pass on the Faith”
I John 3:18 - Pastor John Golv

6th Wednesday of Lent – March 23

No Supper or Service

Maundy Thursday – March 24

6:00 Seder Meal for First Communicants and Family
Lydia Circle – Seder Meal; Cleanup – Grade 8
7:30 Worship/Holy communion “The Meal” – Pastor Ale Tulu

Good Friday – March 25

No Supper
6:30 Worship

Wednesday ZLCW supper proceeds go to support youth campers.

Celebrate Easter - Sunday, March 27

6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 at Zion

10:00 – Silver Creek



Eighth Annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil March 26



Please be a part of Zion's Good Friday meditation, prayer and silence; be a part of something that will make a lasting impression in your heart, your congregation, your community and your world.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Even if you are not able to sign up for a time slot, you are welcome to come anyway; bring a friend. A booklet will be provided for your use during this time if you wish.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings at 10:00. We are always looking for crocheters and knitters!

If you don't know how to crochet or knit but want to help, we will help you learn. We are also looking for donations to buy yarn, ribbon to tie the shawls with since we present them as a gift and a card that says we are praying or thinking of the recipient.

To date we have made 110 shawls. Most of them have been given to those in need of prayer and comfort.

On Sunday, March 6th, we will be blessing another 45 shawls! This ministry has grown beyond my wildest dreams, and I thank each and everyone that has made this a reality! God's Blessings to each and every one of you that has helped in some way!

If you have questions, please call Deb Holtan at 449-4645.

The women of Zion will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at noon. The speaker will be Erling Johnson from Johnson Funeral Home.

Duties for March are: Program - Elizabeth, Hostess - Rebekah, Hospitality - Anna, and Visitation - Lydia at Valley Home.

The Executive Board meets at 11:00AM and the Bible Study Leaders meet after the meeting.

The ZLCW delivered fifteen carnations and mailed seven Valentine cards to Nursing Homes and to shut-ins.

The Spring Cluster 2 meeting is April 16, 2016 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Holt, MN. More information will follow.

A volunteer needed to deliver the Christian Magnifier to Nursing Homes once a month. Contact Linda at the church office if you are available to do this.

Church Directory



Wednesday, April 27 has been added for directory pictures. We must have fifteen (15) families scheduled before Lifetouch will send photographers for that day. So far there is only one family scheduled.

If you forgot or cancelled your appointment, PLEASE schedule a session online at ziontrf.org or call or email Darlene at 681-1047 or dhulteen@mncable.net

The deadline for submitted photos is April 1. If you have photos to submit to the directory, please call Darlene at 681-1047 or email Darlene at dhulteen@mncable.net for specifics.

2015 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2016

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, you likely have Choice Dollars to direct, and you can help our church continue with its ministry.

To see if you are eligible or have questions, call Thrivent toll-free at 800-847-4836.

You can make your direction online at Thrivent.com or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Simply direct Choice Dollars to Zion. This must be done before March 31, 2016.



The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program lets eligible Thrivent Members recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable dollars are distributed. In 2014 churches and organizations nationwide received more than 55 million in charitable grant funds as a result of the Thrivent Choice program.

Zion received over \$2700 in Choice Dollars in 2015, down from \$3400 in 2014 and \$4300 in 2013.

Be sure to use your Choice Dollars.

Lost and Found



- Windsor Bay Women's Khaki coat
- London Fog XL Men's Khaki jacket

Hanging in hallway on coat racks by Sunday school office



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes February 16, 2016

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 5:30 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Joel Rude, Penni Nelson, Karen Thygeson, Deb Howe, Sharon Jorde, Kristi Numedahl, Tim Numedahl, Connie Hamre, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan, Ken Kalsnes, Barbara Overbye, and Pam Cwikla.

Pastor Golv gave devotions.

President Millie reported that Laura Rude has accepted the Senior Choir Director position

A motion was made by Ken Kalsnes and seconded by Barbara Overbye to accept the Council minutes of January 19, 2015; the Annual Meeting minutes of January 31, 2016; and the Foundation Annual Meeting minutes of January 31, 2016 as presented. The motion carried.

Barbara Overbye presented a printed treasurer's report for January 2016; discussed and filed for audit. It was noted we are a little above last January.

Ken Kalsnes inquired about the annual meeting. Karen Thygeson commented that a "Point of Order" was made by Dave Olin requesting that the financial report be ready for reviewing at least a week prior to the meeting. During discussion, it was noted that previously, when the reports were provided earlier,

attendance was down for the meeting because people already had the information. Also, when copies were provided at services the week before the annual meeting, people didn't bring their copies to the meeting so more copies had to be printed which added to the cost. However, it was agreed that copies would be available in the church office the week before the meeting for those who want them.

Passionate Planners/Lay Ministry/Evangelism Board: Deb Holtan reported on the prayer shawls and said there are 43 shawls ready to be blessed on March 6th. That will total 160 shawls to date.

Youth and Education Board: Amber Holtan reported on the upcoming schedule.

Camp Sunday is March 6th. Pathways will be here and Pastor Steve Peterson will be our guest speaker.

2/21 – Kid's Sabbath

2/29 – K-5 events

3/29 – K-5 events

3/13 and 3/20 – First Communion

Arrangements are made for Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Easter Sunrise Service - Sunday school will sing.

5/8 – Sunday school will sing at both services for Mother's Day

8/7-11 – Vacation Bible School Camp

Amber inquired about the current status for hiring a youth director. She expressed her concern about the lack of leadership for our youth. She reported that Janae Hoffer will teach 10th grade confirmation and have Youth Group every other week.

Ken Kalsnes recommended that a meeting be held soon to handle the issues.

President Millie commented that a request for a youth director could be sent to the Synod again. She reported that Zion is the only congregation in 231 Synod congregations that pays benefits to non-rostered employees.

Worship Board: Board meeting minutes were submitted. Sharon Jorde reported that Lenten services are set. President Millie asked for volunteers for service leaders.

Properties Board: Joel Rude reported that a water heater had been replaced; he found a supplier for light bulbs for the sanctuary; he's working with Jerod Kalsnes on flooring for the basement; he's checking on options for signage; and he got a market analysis on the 510 Knight Avenue property.

He also reported that Mike Spears will layout fire exit routes.

President Millie inquired as to the churchcleaning schedule. Joel said he has it prepared. Deb Holtan reported that the area below the pass-through window by the dishwasher and the area under the corrugated curtains in the kitchen needs to be cleaned

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson reported they had their annual meeting last Sunday. She commented they have Sunday school materials available for review if Amber is interested. She also offered for confirmands to come to Silver Creek to make up points as acolytes if they would like. Pastor Golv said their Christmas Eve service will be moved from 6:00 to 5:30.

Public Relations Board: Deb Howe reported that 225 families were scheduled for pictures with Life Touch; there were 58 cancellations or no-shows; 9 have rescheduled. Life Touch will come again on Wednesday, April 27th, if we can guarantee 15 appointments. They are scheduled to be here April 29th and they can add the 30th.

Pastors Report: Pastor John submitted his schedule. He presented information on licensing for internet broadcasting and requested that we get the proper licensing. The cost is an additional \$225 per year and a one-time set-up fee of \$25. A motion was made by Connie Hamre to pay for the additional licensing; seconded by Deb Howe; carried.

President Millie commented on the Synod Council meeting. She reported that the Synod is in the black and the Northwestern Minnesota conferences have been revised to 8 from 10. The Synod Assembly meeting will be held May 20-21, 2016.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be March 15, 2016.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

**Zion Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
January 31, 2016**

President Millie Reiersen called the annual meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.
A count was taken and the quorum was met.
Pastor John led devotions.

Russell Rhen moved to accept the secretary's annual meeting minutes of February 8, 2015 as printed; seconded by Chet Camp and carried.
Winton Forsberg reported that his objection to the 2015 secretary's report pertaining to the error in the pastors' salaries was missing. There was no further discussion.

President Millie commented that the Statement of Income and Expense is short but represents a very ambitious budget. She presented the 2016 Proposed Budget. Millie reported that the proposed 2016 budget, which is also ambitious, was reviewed line-by-line by the Parish Planning Council. She said the only way to cut the budget would be to cut programs or personnel.

Millie apologized to the pastors for the underpayment to Pastor Golv and the overpayment to Pastor Tulu.

President Millie proposed a motion to accept the 2016 proposed budget. June Swanson made a motion to accept the budget; seconded by Gladys Hallstrom and carried.

President Millie reported that we do not have a youth director and that two offers were declined. We also do not have a senior choir director. Millie asked for other business. Dave Olin asked that the budget reports be provided for review at least one week prior to the annual meetings. Millie commented that they will try to have this available next year.

Mike Spears asked why the Youth Director position was turned down. Millie reported it was due to the financial offers.

President Mille thanked the staff, and especially the Parish Planning Council, for their hard work and dedication.

Millie adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

Pam Cwikla, Secretary

Zion Foundation Annual Meeting January 31, 2016

President Dave Beito called the annual meeting to order at 9:50 A.M.

Dave presented the 2015 report.

Chet Camp made a motion to accept the report as submitted; seconded by Dave Olin; carried.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

Submitted by

Pam Cwikla, Secretary
Parish Planning Council



Silver Creek

The month of March has been declared Food Shelf Month at Silver Creek. Our basket for food items and offering jar will be available on the back table each Sunday. Money will be donated to the Food Shelf to purchase items needed. As we sit down to our warm meals, there are many in the community who cannot say the same, let's try to help them out.

The women of the church are continuing with quilting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 10th and will have a light supper and business meeting starting at 5:30. The Bible study is *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Lesson 7 in our book.

On March 13th following church service, the council will meet for their regular meeting.

Bev Rupprecht



Sunday School News

Camp Sunday is March 6th. Pathways will be here, and the youth will be singing camp songs at the 10:30 service. Have your youth wear their favorite camp shirt!

No Sunday school Easter Sunday, March 27th

March 2nd:

No youth groups due to early out for TRF

March 9th:

Jr.High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th)

We will be going to the **Bowling Alley**

Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

March 16th:

Jr.High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th)

Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

March 21st:

K-5 Event: Easter

The church van will pick the youth up at Challenger and bring the back to Zion for activities. If your youth would like to attend please let Amber or Jana know by Friday March 18th

March 23rd

Jr.High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th)

Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

March 30th:

Jr.High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th)

Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)



Confirmation:

Lenten services continue in March, with supper at 5:30 and church at 6:30. It is part of the requirement for Confirmation to attend the church service. This is a great time to get caught up on sermon notes if needed. Just a friendly reminder please, no cell phones.

**Classes start back up on March 30th with Small Groups*

Lenten Clean-Up Schedule

- March 2 – 7th Grade
- March 9 – 10th through 12th grade
- March 16 – 9th Grade
- March 24 – Maundy Thursday – 8th Grade

*Please mark you calendar for the date you and your child is scheduled. Plan to be at the church by 5:30, and parents are needed to help with cleanup in the kitchen.



First Communion Class

Sunday March 13th & 20th during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) in the Patio Room. If any questions please visit with Pastor Ale

Noisy Offering for March

ELCCLCA World Hunger



More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts

- 868 million people – that's 1 in 8 – are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives.
- 1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.

- In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from.
- 46.2 million Americans are living in poverty.

Camp Sunday March 6th!

Pathways will be here and visit with us on the great experience at Camp Emmaus!

If you sign up before March 18, 2016, all you have to do is pay the deposit and the ZLCW and Zion Youth and Christian Ed. Board will pick up the remaining balance. Below are the dates Zion will be attending and providing transportation.

- July 15th: Pint Plus (Entering Grades K-2)
- July 13-15th: Elementary Mini (Entering Grades 2-3)
- June 12-17th: Middle School Classic (Entering Grades 4-5)
- June 19-24th: Middle School Classic (Entering Grades 6-7)
- June 26-July 1st: Junior High Classic (Entering Grades 8-9)
- July 10-15th: High School Camp (Entering Grades 10-Graduated Senior)



Maundy Thursday

- 6:00 - Seder Meal
- 7:30 - Holy Communion
- First Communion for Grade 5
- 8th Grade will help serve and clean up. After they finish, they will set up the tables for Easter Breakfast.

Easter Sunrise Service

- 6:30 AM - Senior High leads
- Sunrise Service is a 10th grade Service Event for Confirmation
- Senior High we need ushers and greeters. See Kami Spears for sign up.

Easter Breakfast

- 7:15 - Middle School Youth and Parents
- 6:00 - 7th Grade and Parents arrive at to Cook/Serve
- 7:00 - 6th Grade and Parents arrive at to Clean-up

