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Shop until you drop

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

Thirty years ago about this time, I was a junior at Mankato State University. One afternoon as I was having lunch in the cafeteria with a number of international students. We began to talk about our families back home. During our conversation, one of our friends from Iran said, “This is my dream! To be able to bring my mother to America for a visit and then to take her to the mall and tell her to pick up anything her sweet heart desires.” He wanted to do all the things for her which he couldn’t do when he was back home.

Twenty-eight years have gone by since I saw my friend from Iran. I don’t know whether he brought his mother over for a visit or not. But I know that when one is an international student, it is not easy to do these things legally or financially. I too waited a long time for a day when I would be able to help my mother come and see America, the land of plenty. Then, shortly after I became a pastor, my dream came true and she finally came to America. When she arrived here in the state, the first thing I did was take her to a shopping center and said to her, “Mom, get whatever makes you happy.” I enjoyed buying her all those things she wanted to have.

Some time later, when she came to Grafton and saw where I lived, she was very surprised to see how I got it good. Especially, after showing her the living room, the kitchen, the two bedrooms and the bathroom with the shower on the first floor, and then when I took her upstairs and showed her the other two bedrooms, the bath room and the shower, she exclaimed, “Is this yours too”? It was hard for her to imagine how one family can have this much. Many things that people often take for granted here, such as washing machines, microwaves, dishwashers, all these things have been too wonderful for her. It was fun to hear what she had to say about all these things and laugh with joy.

Thank you God for making all things possible for my mother to come to America and see the life I share with my congregations. Amen.

Happy Mother’s Day.
Pastor Ale

President’s Message

Millie Reiersen



Here we are in the month of May already. Sunday School, choirs and other groups will be winding down until summer is over. Our twelfth graders will be graduating from high school; we wish them God’s blessing as they plan for the rest of their lives. Our summer at Zion will be filled with worship on Wednesday evenings, camps for kids of all ages, and Vacation Bible School. As always, we need volunteers to help with all these activities. In May our nominating committee will be calling for new people to serve on boards. If you haven’t served on a board (or if you haven’t served on a board for awhile), let the church office know if you are interested in serving. Another opportunity

to serve our church in May is by attending Synod Assembly as a voting member. This year's assembly will be Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon, May 19 – 20, at Concordia College in Moorhead. The featured speaker will be Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber.

God bless each and every person who contributes to our mission of spreading the Gospel to the world. Keep each other in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

See you in church!

Millie



- May 8 – Last day of Sunday school
- May 8 – Last 10:30 service for the summer
- May 8 – Graduation banquet between services
- May 15 – One service only at 8:30
- May 18 – Syttende Mai Supper – 5:00 – 7:00 – Adults \$12.00, children ten and under \$5.00
- May 20 – 21 - NW MN Synod Assembly
- June 8 – August 24 – Wednesday evenings - Food, Family, Faith and Friends –
Supper at 5:30 – New Traditions worship at 6:30

Falls Delivered Meals

It is again Zion's month to help deliver meals. If you are able to deliver meals the week of May 16-20, contact Darlene Hulteen at 681-1047 or dhulteen@mncable.net.



Directory Pictures



The new church directory is going to celebrate 125 years of Zion's ministry. If you have pictures that can be used in our church directory, please contact Darlene Hulteen at dhulteen@mncable.net or 681-1047. These can be recent pictures or pictures from the past.

Directory pictures have been completed. Please watch the bulletin to see when your free photo will be in the church office.

ZLCW NEWS

Spring pick-up is Saturday, May 7, from 9:00AM - Noon



May 10 at 9:00 AM is the **breakfast meeting** for the Women of Zion. The Executive Board meets at 10:00 AM, and the Bible Study Leaders meet after the meeting

Duties for May are:

- Program: Dorcas
- Hostess: Elizabeth
- Hospitality: Sarah
- Visitation: Anna at TR Care Center

The **Syttende Mai Dinner** is May 18 from 5:00 - 7:00Pm. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under.

Work Schedule

- Tuesday, May 17 - 9:00AM -We will be making meatballs, coleslaw, potatoes, etc. Please provide one worker from each circle for the day.
- Wednesday, May 18 - We will need workers as listed. 9:00AM - Noon One person from each circle for kitchen 4:30PM - Clean-up two people from each circle

Zion will host **Bible Study** June 14, at 12:00 Noon. Guests are Redeemer, Trinity, Black River and Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

- Program: Bible Study by Pastor
- Hostess: all Circles
- Hospitality: Executive Board



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes April 19, 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, Amber Holtan, Deb Howe, Sharon Jorde, Kristi Numedahl, Tim Numedahl, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan, Ken Kalsnes, Barbara Overbye, and Pam Cwikla.

Pastor John Golv gave devotions.

A motion was made by Sharon Jorde and seconded by Ken Kalsnes to accept the Council minutes of March 15, 2016 as presented. The motion carried.

Barbara Overbye commented there was a slight increase in income compared to same period last year. She presented a printed treasurer's report for March 2016; discussed and filed for audit.

Barbara reported on the progress made in moving Zion's accounts from Wells Fargo to Northern State Bank. Millie thanked Barbara and Linda Hamrick for the time spent and the work they have done to get the accounts moved.

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson reported the joint service and potluck dinner with Zion will be on Sunday, July 10th. She commented that, while cleaning the church, they found a big television and they don't know who it belongs to. If anyone has information, please let her know.

Properties Board: Board minutes were submitted. Joel Rude reported that grounds committee will begin working on the landscaping updates soon. He reported that donations are being accepted for the flooring in the fellowship hall. Checks can be made out to "Fellowship Hall Flooring." Joel stated that updates are being made to the railing in the balcony. He also commented that they have been assessing the possibility of making the basement bathrooms handicapped accessible. Joel reported that the property at 510 North Knight is available to purchase for \$65,000.

A motion was made by Kristi Numedahl to authorize the Properties Board to make a purchase agreement for the 510 North Knight property using the Saugen fund in the amount of \$65,000. The motion was seconded by Connie Hamre and carried. Joel will check on demolition costs.

Youth and Education Board: Amber Holtan reported that the Seder meal went well. She said the Easter breakfast was also successful. Amber said they are asking for volunteers to make tie-blankets for the seniors. There are 28 seniors.

May 8th - The last day of Sunday school

Lunch for the graduating seniors will be between services

Volunteers are needed to drive kids to and from camp. Amber stated that the fall confirmation date needs to be set as soon as possible because the meeting with parents is supposed to be next week.



Worship Board: Board meeting minutes were submitted. Sharon Jorde reported on the schedule for summer Wednesday night services "Food, Faith, Family, and Friends" which will begin June 8th.

Pastor Golv commented that representatives from each board will present information about their board and what their responsibilities are at the Wednesday night services. A sign-up sheet was passed around for board chair people to choose their presentation date.

President Millie reminded board chair people to start thinking of board member nominees. Also, a nominating committee should be organized soon.

Public Relations Board: Board minutes submitted. Deb Howe reminded everyone that items for the newsletter are to be in to Darlene Hulteen by April 22nd. She reported that when cleaning the church, they found old computers and televisions. Pastor Golv offered to take them to the Hubbard County Disposal site which disposes of these items at no charge.

Deb commented that the last dates for having pictures taken for the church directory are April 27, 28, and 29. She also requested that a notice be added in the newsletter to remind everyone to notify the church office whenever they change their home phone or cell phone numbers.

Pastors Report: Pastor John submitted his schedule. He stated that the 30-day trial is up for the ultimate worship music solution "Hymnal Plus". He commented that it is very portable and easy to use. Pastor John reported that Zion presented "Hymn Plus" hymnals to local nursing homes so it can be used there. Pastor John commented that Zion and Redeemer are the only churches serving Skylight and the Hi-Rise senior housing.

A motion was made by Sharon Jorde to purchase the “Hymnal Plus” for \$2,700 and the necessary accessories. The motion was seconded by Connie Hamre and carried.



Pastor John presented a printout of “Highlights from the National Congregations Study.” He reported that 8 people are enrolled in the “The Once and Future Church” Bible study and 16 people are reading the book.

Millie reported on the upcoming NW MN Synod Assembly which will be held in Moorhead on May 20-21. She asked for volunteers to be delegates to the convention. The keynote speaker will be Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber, from House for all Sinners and Saints, Denver, Colorado.

There was discussion on the hiring of a youth director. Redeemer may be interested in sharing a youth director at a later date, but Trinity’s pastor is not interested.

There was also discussion about the security in the church. Some of the Sunday school rooms have been messed up. Penni Nelson reported that Silver Creek was vandalized a week ago. The double-doors were pried open, the water heater was stolen and the floor was flooded.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be May 17, 2016.

The meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

Phone Numbers and Email Addresses



Please remember to notify the church office if you get a new phone number or email

Silver Creek

Silver Creek News for May Women of the church will meet on May 12 at 7:00 PM. The bible study is *God's Wonderful Goodness*, and the program on *Women of the Bible* will study Mary Magdalene.

Special projects include special offering for kits and planting flowers at the church. Please remember to check your schedule and try to find a week or two to help with mowing the churchyard again this summer. A schedule is located on bulletin board at the church.

The next council meeting is scheduled for June 12. Summer meetings will be called on an as needed basis. Members will be contacted if a need arises.



Thanks to the members who helped with the Spring-cleaning of the church. We will be celebrating the graduation of Emma Nelson on May 22 following church services. The date for our joint picnic with Zion needs to be confirmed, so check the summer newsletter for information.

Bev Ruprecht

Fellowship Floor Fund



The Church Properties Board and the Parish Planning Council have approved an estimate for new flooring for the Fellowship Hall. The complete project estimate is \$14,364, including installation. This includes the fellowship hall, the Sunday school hallway in the basement and the stairway carpet from the kitchen to the sanctuary.

If you would like to donate to this project, donations will be for \$4.00 per square foot. You can donate for as many square feet as you wish. To donate, either stop in church office or write a check to Zion Fellowship Floor Fund.

Wednesday Night Summer Services FOOD, FAITH, FAMILY, and FRIENDS

June 8 - August 24

Supper - 5:30

New Traditions Service - 6:15

Suggested donation towards the light supper is \$5.00 with a maximum of \$15.00 per family

David Lee prepares and serves each meal - Youth assist with clean-up

Each service includes Holy Communion, Short Sermonette, Children's Sermon, and Praise Music

Menus Include:

- June 8 – Tacos
- **June 15 – FAMILY FUN NIGHT** - Hamburgers, Bratwurst, and Hotdogs
- June 22 - BBQ's and Salad
- June 29 – Pasta
- July 6 – No Supper or Service
- July 13 – Pulled Pork and Salad
- July 20 – Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches and Pasta Salad
- **July 27 – REACHING OUT NIGHT** - French Toast and Sausages
- August 3 – Chicken Salad Croissant and Fruit Salad
- **August 10 – PATHWAYS NIGHT** - Hamburgers, Bratwurst, Baked Beans, and Salad with S'mores after the service
- August 17 – Chicken Wild Rice Hot dish and Buns with Meat and Cheese
- August 24 – **Lasagna** (both meat and vegetable)
- (Hot dogs will also be available at every meal)

Please come and enjoy the opportunity to have supper before the New Traditions Wednesday Evening Service. Dessert, lemonade, and coffee will be served in the River Brew Area after each service (around 7:00). Each board or committee has been invited to give a short summary of their responsibilities at Zion Lutheran.

Committee: Muriel Olin, Chair, Pastor Golv, Ken Kalsnes, Jeri Nomeland, Amber Holtan, Kami and Shawna Spears, Amanda Hawk and Jamie Bakken

Wednesday Night Summer Services FOOD, FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bible Readings and Sermonette Themes

Six Wednesdays on 2nd Corinthians

Sermonette Theme

- June 8 - 2nd Corinthians 1:1-11 ----- Consolation
- June 15 - 2nd Corinthians 2:1-10 -----Forgiveness
- June 22 - 2nd Corinthians 4:1-15 -----Treasure in Clay Jars
- June 29 - 2nd Corinthians 4:16-5:10 -----Walk by Faith not Sight
- July 6 - No service
- July 13 - 2nd Corinthians 5:11-21-----Reconciliation
- July 20 - 2nd Corinthians 8:1-15 -----Generosity
- July 27 - Genesis 22:1-19 -----Abraham, Isaac and God

Four Wednesdays on the Lord's Prayer

- August 3 - Luke 11:2-4
- August 10 - Luke 11:2-4
- August 17 - Luke 11:2-4
- August 24 - Luke 11:2-4

The Wednesday evening sermon themes will be different than the Sunday sermon themes, so you may be interested in coming to both.

Our special themed evenings include:

- June 15 - **Family and Friends Night**: “The Good Dinosaur” will be shown on the large screen in the sanctuary. Bring the whole family and your friends. Kids can come in their pajamas and bring pillows and blankets. Popcorn will be served from the River Brew Area.
- June 27 - **Reaching Out Night**: We will make “homemade” cards in the River Brew Area for our Homebound members and those in our Nursing and Assisted Living homes. We deliver them the following weekend.
- August 10 - **Pathways Night**: Camp Counselors from our Bible Camps will be running the service and singing some of the campfire songs. Weather permitting, the service will be held outdoors in the extra parking lot. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them. s’mores will be served after the service.

Sunday School News

The last day of Sunday school is May 8.

Little Lambs - 5th Grade will be singing Call to Worship at both services on Sunday, May 8.



I would like to say a special Thank you to everyone that has volunteered their time to make this year's Sunday school a success!

Becky Fredrickson, Davina Brown, Teira Jensen, Becky Peterson, Jana Erickson, Francesca Wojciechowski, Shawna Spears, Frances Tougas, Krista Johnson, Kami Spears, Laura Rude, Beth Nelson, Jamie Bakken, Cori Bregier, Angie Jensen, Chrysi Gibson, and anyone else I may have forgotten!

Amber



**Please watch the Sunday bulletin and Reminds
For upcoming events**

Confirmation

May 4 - Review and Make up day

Supper will be served from 5:30-6:00 with a cost of \$2:00 for the supper and 50 cents for pop.



Stay tuned for date this fall, hopefully in September.

Graduation Banquet

- Sunday, May 8 – between services
- All are invited to attend and congratulate our graduates.



Noisy Offering for May

Relay for Life of Pennington County



At Relay For Life events, communities across the globe come together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much. The [funds you raise](#) truly make a difference in the fight against cancer. Just ask one of the nearly 14 million cancer survivors who will celebrate another birthday this year!

Relay For Life teams camp out overnight and take turns walking or running around a track or path at a local high school, park, or fairground. Events are up to 24 hours long, and because cancer never sleeps, each team is asked to have at least one participant on the track at all times.

Pennington County Relay for Life

Friday May 20th @ The National Guard Armory

6pm-10pm



Wednesdays from
June 8th-August 24th

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN
Food 5:30 PM
Faith 6:15 PM
Family Social 7:00 PM

FOOD!
FAITH!
FAMILY!
FRIENDS!



June 15th
Family Fun Night
July 27th
Reaching Out Night
August 10th
Pathways Night