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From the Senior Pastor  
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## Churches Together

One of the aspects of Thief River Falls that newcomers notice first is that there are three ELCA congregations in town.

This fact seems to elicit one of two responses. The first is historical. Each church has its own denominational roots. That Redeemer is former Lutheran church in America is true but matters little anymore. That Zion is former Augustana Synod was important once but hardly matters to anyone any more. I do hear some history once in a while.

The second response is usually incredulous and blunt. Upon seeing that there are three ELCA congregations within a few blocks of each other, the second response is, "That's crazy." I hear that more and more often.

At one time there were good reasons for three congregations; now there are good reasons to work together.

We have been doing some of that right along. Vacation Bible School is one example. We offer VBS with Redeemer, whether it is held here at Zion or at Redeemer. Trinity, Zion, and Redeemer all benefit from Pathways.

Couldn't cooperation like this be expanded? Pastor Darrel Cory and Jan Anderson, Redeemer's president, and Laura met here on September 6. We found that important ideas came easily. Trinity was invited also and can choose to do ministries together any time they wish.

In the future, Redeemer Lutheran and Zion Lutheran will be looking for ways to do common ministries together. We thought of a cooperative way to do youth ministry. We thought Sunday school and confirmation might benefit.

If 8:30 am worship at Zion is too early, why not go to Redeemer at 9:30? If 9:30 is too late, why not come at 8:30?

One of the first Churches Together events will involve members of three choirs singing at each church under the direction of Laura Rude.

Another Churches Together event this year will be a pulpit exchange. On November 11, Pastor Darrell Cory will be the preacher at Zion. I will be the preacher at Redeemer. You are welcome to attend either one. (or both)

Is more cooperation like this mutually beneficial? Could it be expanded in other ways? Please let us know. If you feel moved to write down your ideas, that would be most welcome too.

What do you think?

Pastor John

**Fall/Winter/Spring Office Hours**

**9:00 – 5:00**

- October 3 – **First day of Confirmation**
- October 7 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Class**
- October 7 – **New Member Sunday – 8:30**
- October 27 – **Confirmation Reception**
- October 28 – **Second Graders Receive Bibles** - 8:30 service
- October 28 – **Confirmation** – 10:30 service

**UPcoming  
EVENTS**



## **President's Message Laura Rude**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

A big “Thank You” to the many talented people involved in a successful kick-off to our Sunday School year. From the installation of our Sunday School teachers to the presentation of the Prayer Pillows to some of our Sunday School kids, it truly takes a village! The presentation on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from our youth that went to the National Youth Gathering was fantastic. No doubt they had a lifechanging trip. At Zion, we have a strong youth presence in the church and hope that we can continue to be an inviting and familiar place for these kids to come for many years to come!

Many exciting things are happening around the church this fall. Make sure to check out this entire newsletter, Zion's website and social media, Sunday bulletins and various bulletin boards around the church. I challenge everyone to get involved in a church activity, introduce yourself to someone new, sponsor a broadcast, bring someone new to church. Bottom line get involved. We have a big beautiful church that is relying on you to keep it alive and well. This really will be for your benefit in the long run. Don't trust my word for it; trust God's:

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossian 3:23-34 NIV*

Sincerely in Christ-  
Laura Rude

## WELCA Happenings at Zion



ZLCW Meets Tuesday, October 9/ at 10:00 AM. Please join us for coffee and goodies followed by Bible study.

Program: Lydia, Hostess: Anna, Hospitality: Lydia, and Visitation: Sara at TRF Care Center. The executive board meets at 9:00 AM.

## Conference 2 Fall Gathering

The fall gathering of WELCA will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church, TRF, on Saturday, October 6, with the theme, "I Love to Tell the Story." Registration and coffee is at 8:30 a.m., the program at 9:00. The cost is \$10 which includes morning coffee and lunch.

Briana Ingraham will speak on her experience of moving from big city life in Baltimore, MD to small town living in Red Lake Falls. LaVonne Forsberg, local artist, will tell us about the stained-glass windows she designed at Redeemer.

Zion ladies will provide and serve the morning coffee and goodies.



### New Members

### New Member Sunday

New member Sunday is scheduled for October 7, at the 8:30 service. Cake and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall after worship. New Member orientation will be held Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 PM in the lounge.

## Breakfast and the Bible



The Men of Zion are again meeting for breakfast each Friday morning at 7:00 AM at Biff's Kitchen. Join them for breakfast, Bible study and fellowship.

## Home Communion



Zion would like to offer home communion to members of the congregation that are unable or find it difficult to attend worship services. Please notify the church office by October 22 if you would like this service or know of a congregational member who would like this service.

We are also looking for volunteers who would like to be part of this home communion ministry. If you are interested, please call the church office or MariJo Nabben at 686-4277.



## Thank you, Zion

"Thanks so much for the generous support from Zion Lutheran. We have heard of your interest and support of Water to Thrive." These words come from Dick Moeller at Water to Thrive, thanking us for the \$5,000 we contributed for a well in Ethiopia. There is a possibility it could be used to rehabilitate a non-functioning well in a village near Addis Ababa, an area familiar to our Pastor Ale. They will keep us posted with their progress.

Zion Mission Committee

p.s. We have started a fund for a second well in Africa and \$1,800 has been donated so far. If you would like to help fund this second well, contact the church office.



### Zion Lutheran Parish Planning Council Minutes September 18, 2018

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 5:31 pm. In attendance were President Laura Rude, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Karen Thygeson, Tim Numedahl, Mike Spears, Penni Nelson, Glenice Johnson, Marijo Nabben, Dennis Yost, Jodi Bergman, Sharon Jorde, Barbara Overbye and Deb Holtan.

Guest in attendance was Amber Holtan representing the Youth and Christian Education board.

The minutes from the August 21, 2018 Council meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The Treasures report was filed for audit.

A discussion was held on the Helen Peterson Memorial. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Stewardship Board:** Dennis Yost reported that Consecration Sunday will be November 18th at the 8:30 service with a brunch to follow. Dennis wanted to emphasize the date has been changed because of MEA falling at the time of the traditional date. The Stewardship board felt this has an impact on the attendance during Consecration Sunday. Because of the later date there will have to be a fast turnaround with the pledge cards, asking for the congregation to return them as soon as possible so next year's budget planning can take place. A letter will be sent out to church members the third week in October followed by a postcard the second week in November as a reminder.

Discussion was also held about having a "Miracle Sunday". October 14th is the tentative date with a goal of \$40,000.00. The Council also discussed having what the difference between "Miracle Sunday" and Stewardship Sunday explained with a Temple Talk.

October 21st, Kaylee St. Germain from the Thief River Falls Thrivent Office will be speaking between services on how to do estate planning, etc.

**Worship Board:** Sharon Jorde asked the Council to refer to their board's minutes with nothing special to report.

**Properties Board:** Mike Spears reported that new striping will take place on the church parking lots. Repairs are being made to the stain glass window in the sanctuary. This board also discussed replacing the carpet in the sanctuary with possibly a hard surface in the front by the steps and carpet for the rest of the area. LED light bulbs have been put in the Narthex. There will be a 50% rebate that will show on the electrical bill in the coming months. The board reviewed the applications for the custodial position with a recommendation to interview two of the applicants with the hope that the position will be filled by the end of September.

**Evangelism and Lay Ministry:** Marijo Nabben reported that New Member Sunday will be October 7, 2018 with the recognition being at the 8:30 service. Cake and coffee will be served in honor of the new members between services. The board revamped the Time and Talent sheet which was handed out on Rally Sunday. The board went over the Continuing Resolutions that pertains to this board. The board is looking into bringing Home Communion back. Is there a need for this ministry? The very young of the congregation that are ages 0-3 year olds; how can this board make a connection with the families that have little ones in this age group? Also, the board would like to thank all that signed up to pray for our youth that went to the National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas. The board would like to continue the focus on prayer and prayer partners.

**Christian Ed and Youth:** Amber Holtan reported that the Flapjacks for Faith will continue with a possibility of opening it up to adults in the congregation with the idea that they could contribute the proceeds to something else in the church or back to the youth. It was suggested that Berta Kalsnes give a presentation on what an IFA is as she is the one who takes care of this for the youth. Amber stated that the sixth graders are being left out of the Sunday School program. There is a plan being worked on. They are no longer in Sunday School but yet are too young for the confirmation program.

Amber also presented a Confirmation Guideline Agreement. After much discussion, a motion was made to work off of the guideline presented for this year making adjustments as necessary. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Parish Fellowship:** Glenice Johnson reported that there will once again be a pie auction the Sunday before Thanksgiving between services. New Sharing Servant booklets are being worked on.

**Public Relations:** Jodi Bergman asked the council to refer to their board minutes. Zion will again participate with an ad in the Visitor's Guide at a cost of \$45.00 for the year.

**Silver Creek:** Penni Nelson reported that they will once again be selling raffle tickets with Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> being the date they will sell tickets here at Zion. She thanked the council for the opportunity to do so.

President Laura Rude noted that Becky Fredrickson and Davina Brown were not able to make the meeting due to a conflict but will be at the October council meeting with their update on Sunday School happenings.

Pastor Ale reported that this year's confirmation group is one of the smaller ones with eight youth getting confirmed. Second Grade bible classes will be starting in October with the bibles being presented at the 8:30 service on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation service will also be that Sunday at the 10:30 service. Pastor Ale also stated that a letter of gratitude was sent to the church from the Water to Thrive group. The group will follow our recommendations as to where we would like the well to be built.

Pastor John gave each council member a copy of "Stories of Faith". He reported that we have an organist that will be helping fill in when needed. Sheila Nelson from Newfolden has agreed to help.

The meeting was adjourned after saying the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is October 16th at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



### October Reminders:

October 7, 2018:

- Singing in church – Little Lambs – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Students will be singing at the 8:30 am service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Classes (1<sup>st</sup> Class) – Parents and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders should meet in the Patio Room at 9:30am

October 14, 2018:

- ✠ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Classes (2<sup>nd</sup> Class) – Parents and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders should meet in the Patio Room at 9:30am

October 21, 2018:

- ✠ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Classes (3<sup>rd</sup> Class) – Parents and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders should meet in the Patio Room at 9:30am

October 28, 2018:

- ✠ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation – Please join us at the 8:30 am service where our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School Students will be presented with their Bibles. Invite your family and friends!

### November Reminders:

- ✠ No reminders





### **December Reminders:**

December 9, 2018 (Tentative Date)

- ✝ Singing in church – Little Lambs – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Students will be singing at the 8:30 am service

December 16, 2018

- ✝ The Last Day of Sunday School (first half). Sunday School will resume back on January 6, 2019

### **Sunday School Canteen 505**

New this year to Sunday School is our **Canteen 505!**

- ✝ For every Church Service (up to 1 per Sunday) that your child attends they will receive 1 coin to add to their bank/jar in their classroom. \*\* In order to receive the coin please make sure your child picks up a lanyard in the back of the church and turns it in to their Sunday School teacher.
- ✝ Students will also receive 1 coin for each Sunday School Class they attend (up to 1 per Sunday) - making it possible to earn up to 2 coins per Sunday!
- ✝ These coins will be “cashed” in twice a year (December & May) at our NEW Sunday School Canteen 505.

\*\* Please see any Sunday School Teacher for more info \*\*

### **Please join us on Facebook and Remind!**

- ✝ **Facebook**: Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School - TRF
- ✝ **Remind**: Text the following message to 81010 to be added to our Remind notices - @ziontrfss



## **LITTLE LAMB – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EVENTS (ALSO KNOWN AS K-5 EVENTS)**

### **October Event:**

October 12, 2018 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

What: **Red Lake Falls Haunted Woods Soft Scare**

Where: Meet at Zion Parking Lot by 5:15pm

Time: 5:15pm – approx. 9:00pm

October 14, 2018 – Little Lambs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

What: **Trip to Cider Mills**

Where: Meet at Zion Parking Lot by 11:45am

Time: 11:45am – 2:00 pm (Pick up at Zion Parking Lot by 2:15pm)

### **November Event:**

November 11, 2018 – Little Lambs – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

What: **Cookie Decorating at Zion**

Where: Zion Fellowship Hall

Time: 10:30am – 11:30am



If you have any questions about Sunday School or our Events, please let Becky (218-686-5563) or Davina (218-689-4965) know. You can also email us at [ziontrfsundayschool@mncable.net](mailto:ziontrfsundayschool@mncable.net)

### **Wednesday, October 3**

- Confirmation Supper – 5:30
- Confirmation Class– 6:00



### **Wednesday, October 10**

- No Confirmation

### **Wednesday, October 17**

- NO Confirmation

### **Sunday, October 21**

- 9:30 Flapjacks for Faith

### **Wednesday, October 24**

- 5:30 – Confirmation Supper – 5:30
- 6:00 - Confirmation Class

### **11th grade Confirmands**

**6:00 Pictures**

### **Saturday, October 27**

- 5:30 - Confirmation Reception



## Sunday, October 28

- 8:30 - 2nd Grade Bibles
- 10:30 - Confirmation Service

## Wednesday October 31

- NO Confirmation

### Noisy Offering for October Goes to Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization that provides children around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. These boxes are given to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease and to children on Native American reservations in the U.S.

We would like to encourage everyone to fill at least one. If you prefer, you may donate items. There are drop off boxes throughout the church for your items. Money donations are also welcomed to help with shipping cost or buy items to fill boxes. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.



#### **Gift Suggestions:**

**TOYS or a “WOW” item:** Items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:** Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, Colorful, fun adhesive bandages/bandaids. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.) Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) blanket, non-liquid lip balm, nail clipper and file, etc.

**CLOTHING and ACCESSORIES:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**CRAFTS and ACTIVITIES:** Puzzles, Binoculars, Compass, Chalkboard and chalk, sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon, laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger, gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.), Playing cards, Skipping rope/Jump rope

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamin, breakable items such as snow globes or glass container, aerosol cans.

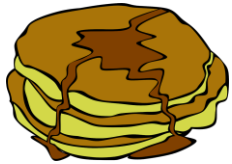
**September 30:** Toys or “wow” item

**October 7:** School Supplies

**October 14:** Personal Care Items

**October 21:** Clothing & Accessories

**October 28:** Crafts & Activities



Sunday, October 21 – 9:30 AM

## Flapjacks for Faith

If you're interested in working FFF to earn money for your IFA account, please see the sign-up sheet by youth director's office.

## Silver Creek News

The fall weather is surely a sign that it is time for our annual turkey dinner. We will draw the lucky winner of our raffle quilt before services on October 21, 1918 and following church services we will be treated to a full turkey dinner for members. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and lefse will be provided so please bring something to make our dinner complete. This is a good time for fellowship with our friends and neighbors.

You should have received a letter from the congregation along with your tickets to sell for the raffle quilt. Please return tickets the week of October 15th so we can get our paperwork completed. Remember this is the only fundraising that we have planned for the year. If you want more tickets call Bev or Sharon.



The women of the church will meet on Oct 11th at 3pm for quilting and at 5:30 we will have a light supper and meeting to follow. The Bible Study will be #7 Growing Older and Wiser "Wiser by Faith." Ann Nelson will share insight on The Widow in Zarephath for the program.

Church council will meet following services on October 15th.

A special thank you goes out to Kathy Nelson who has served our church as dedicated pianist for 21 years. We relied on her being there every Sunday, and she never let us down. She deserves a "Perfect Attendance Award" We will miss her sitting at the piano but wish her the best in her new adventure of city living. We look forward to her joining us in the pew.

Bev Ruprecht