Thanks be to God!

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2017 NEWSLETTER

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It's been a crazy few months for my family and me. I graduated from the seminary, we moved to Humboldt, I started serving as a pastor, we got a house, and then we were blessed with our second daughter Eleanor. I knew it would be a crazy few months, but I thought once Eleanor would be born then things would begin to get back to normal. I don't know why I thought this. Sitting here thinking about it, nowhere in scripture does God promise us a normal life.

While things at the McBee home are running smoother day after day, for a few months it was pretty tough. After Eleanor was born, Cayleigh developed a condition called "drop foot". I'd never heard of it before the doctors told us she had it. Basically, Cayleigh's foot felt like it was asleep, and she couldn't move it at all. She needed either someone to walk with her, or a walker to be able to move around. Then a week after we left the hospital, we learned Cayleigh had a blood clot in her leg. It was rough.

We had just had a baby, just moved across the country, and hadn't fully settled into our new home yet. Truth be told, as I'm writing this there are still boxes at our home which need to be unpacked. We were exhausted. And we began to try and comfort ourselves by saying, "God won't give us more than we can handle". Were we ever wrong! God definitely gave us way more than we could ever handle.

But that doesn't make any sense, because all my life I'd heard the phrase over and over again when people would endure hardships. "God won't give you more than you can handle." But after studying a bit, unless I overlooked it, scripture doesn't actually say that. There is a passage in 1 Corinthians which *resembles* that phrase, but that passage isn't talking about hardships and persecution, but instead temptations to turn from God and give into one's sinful desires.

> *1st Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

So this promise I'd heard for years, and I'd even said it before, it's not actually in the Bible. So if the promise that God won't give you more than you can handle isn't found in scripture, does this mean God will allow you to be overcome by the troubles of this world? Does this mean that God will allow you to drown in the pains you're forced to endure when you lose your job, when you're diagnosed with cancer, or worse, when someone else you love is struck down? No!

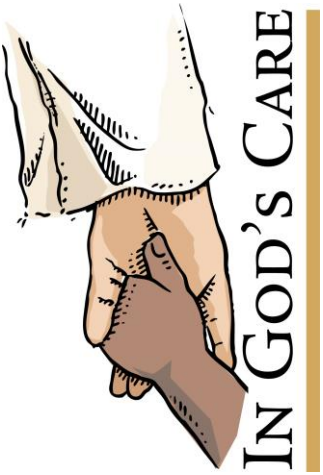
What this means is that while you can't handle these problems on your own, God can! There is no way I could handle seeing my wife in pain, there is no way I could handle the diagnoses the doctor gave to us, but God can! God can handle anything this world would throw at us, and then some! And I double checked, this is promised in scripture. The same promise God gave to the Nation of Israel by the prophet Isaiah is given to you.

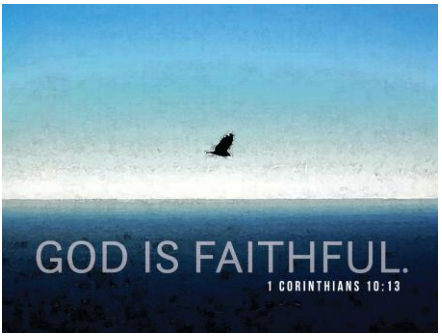
> **Isaiah 40:27-31** *Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

Anything we might endure that is too difficult for us, God can handle. God got Cayleigh and I through our hardship. Not because He gave us the ability to handle it on our own, but because He forced us to rely upon Him. He cared for us through His congregation. People brought us food, they came to our house daily to help Cayleigh with her medication, they drove her to appointments when I was unable to, they watched our children, God cared for us through His people.

Of course when you're going through these situations, it's difficult to appreciate how God is using such a stressful time for you to be taught to rely on Him. But the day we learned Cayleigh's blood clot was gone, we were able to take a step back and look at how God has loved and cared for us by His church. We were able to be reminded that God provides for all of our needs. He continues to care for us in this world, and also has taken care of our eternal needs by sending His Son Jesus to die and rise again so that we have the promise of eternal life in paradise; where we will live for eternity free of the stresses of drop foot or blood clots.

In Christ,
Pastor Kyle





CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us on Sunday, **November 5 at 10:00 a.m.** for the next Contemporary/All Saints Sunday Worship Service. There will be Communion.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

The Board of Evangelism would like to invite you and your family to a special New Member Welcome Lunch following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 5. The purpose of this event is to welcome you to our family at Zion and give you the opportunity to meet some new people. The Board of Evangelism will be hosting and furnishing the meal. The meal will consist of maidrites, hot dogs, chips, dessert and refreshments. After the meal, please join us for some Bingo fun!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 22, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday that was set aside to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Zion's Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held the evening before on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. This is a time to join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we offer our gracious God thanksgiving and praise for His mercy and the many gifts He has granted to us as individuals, as a family, a congregation and a nation. There will be a time for fellowship following the service with pumpkin desserts/pies and refreshments served.

The Evangelism Board is in need of **pumpkin desserts/pies** for the fellowship following the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22. If you are able to furnish a dessert/pie please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you.

ADVENT 2017

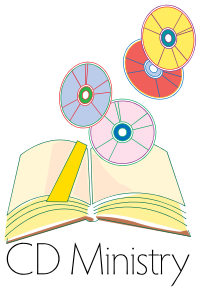
There will be four mid-week Advent services. The first Mid-week Advent Service will be on Wednesday, November 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Advent suppers will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. before the service and Confirmation will be at 7:30 p.m. following the service. Note the time change. A complete Advent / Christmas schedule will be printed in the December newsletter.

"DAWNING"

"Dawning," a grief support group, will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Mason-Lindhart Funeral Home (612 2nd Avenue South, Humboldt, Iowa) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Each session will last approximately one hour.

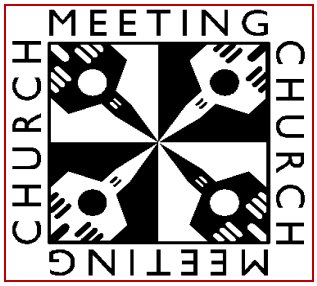
The goal of "Dawning" is to help people, who have experienced the death of a loved one, through the grief process; by assuring them they are not alone and certain reactions are normal not abnormal, natural and not unnatural, by discussing the different stages of grief, that leads participants to accept the loss and move on to the changed or new life that awaits them. This will be accomplished in group sessions or as need be through individual counseling.

Each session will give members time to share their experiences. Ask questions, and find support from one another as we journey to the dawn of a new day.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! The CD ministry delivers CDs and bulletins every week to our shut-ins. If you need a CD delivered or an extra CD for any occasion, please call the church office at 332-3279 or me.

In Christ's service, Loretta Grebner – 332-3806



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2017 - 8:00 p.m.

The October 9, 2017 meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Jim Helvick. There were 9 members present. Pastor Aaron led the opening prayer. The minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:
Stewardship: no report

Education: Dawn Parle reported there are 22 enrolled in preschool. Eight are members of Zion.

Evangelism: Pastor Aaron reported 10 people have made inquiries about joining. The Board is working on the "New & Renew Member Class".

LWML: Joyce Thompson reported that the Fall Rally was held on September 27th at Trinity, Knierim. They are working on the ballot for the November election.

Youth Board: Pastor Aaron reported that approximately 18 Junior LYC members are planning to attend the Youth Gathering the end of October.

MSC Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was printed. Dave Torkelson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. Joyce Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MSC Financial Secretary: Leonard Bremer presented the Financial Secretary's report. Fred Arndt made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report as printed. Dawn Parle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MSC Trustees: Adam Parle reported that they had received a bid from Jensen Drainage for $1,900.00 to repair the pooling of water outside the Sunday school area. Dave Torkelson moved to accept this bid. Leonard Bremer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elders: Dave Torkelson reported that a schedule has been worked out with Trinity, Deer Creek, for times of services. The schedule is: Bible Study at 8:00 a.m.; Church service at 8:45 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. Our pastors will be following a 4-6 week block of time schedule, so Bible Study will have more consecutive sessions between the churches.

Pastor Aaron: Pastor Aaron reported that Pastor Kyle will be gone the weekend of October 21-22. Also, November 10-12, he will be preaching at his vicarage congregation for their Anniversary celebration. There will be a joint Reformation Service between the Fort Dodge and Humboldt circuits on Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran, Fort Dodge. Zion will be hosting the Men's District Bible Study Breakfast on October 28.

Pastor Kyle: no report

Unfinished Business: no unfinished business.

MSC New Business: Dave Torkelson made a motion that we add three line items to the budget, 2 lines of $1,300.00 to cover the deductible on health care for Pastor Aaron's and Pastor Kyle's families and one line of $650.00 to cover the deductible on healthcare for the Secretary. Dawn Parle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A letter was read from Pastor Raether requesting the use of either the Library or W17 Sunday school room, once or twice a month on a Tuesday or Thursday as he and Lincoln Mason are setting up a Grief Support Group.

Also, a letter from the HCMH Auxiliary was read regarding the dishwasher not working. A letter of response will be sent to the Auxiliary.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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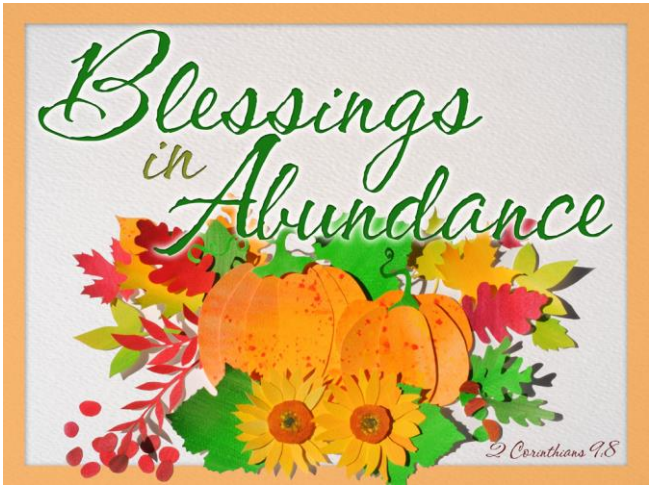
Council Secretary



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION MEETING
October 15, 2017

The Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Budget meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by President Jim Helvick. 51 members were present, constituting a quorum. The minutes of the January 15, 2017 Annual Congregational meeting were approved as printed.

MSC The printed budget was discussed. Kent Stern made a motion to accept the budget as printed. Marian Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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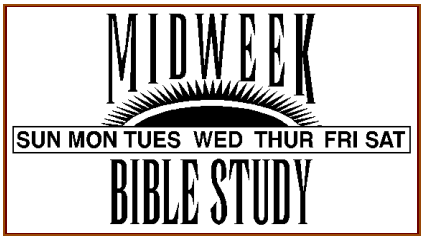
Secretary



BIBLE STUDIES AT ZION

The study of God's Word is essential to spiritual growth. Zion continues to offer a number of different Bible Studies throughout the week. You are encouraged to join us in any of the following Bible studies.

8:45 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT & YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

BIG QUESTIONS/BIBLICAL ANSWERS: Any adults wanting to join a small group of friends in looking into God's Word and application to our lives are invited to attend Sunday Morning Adult study! We are currently looking at 'Big Questions/Biblical Answers' and you can join us at 8:45 a.m. in Room W17 (end of the west hallway near the fellowship hall entrance).

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – The youth meet for Bible Study in the Youth Room over the kitchen every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. The topic varies from week to week centering on the issues that affect our young people and strengthening their faith.

OTHER BIBLE STUDIES:

WOMEN OF ZION and friends: are invited to our next Tuesday Bible study! Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God and to bring your questions before Him. **Quest** by Beth Moore is a 6 week DVD driven study with study journals that will begin on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Contact the office, Angela Naeve or Judy Gronbach to order a book.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS:

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex next to the office.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

The Men's Bible Breakfast continues to meet on the third Saturday of every month. Our next breakfast will be on November 18th at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast is ordered from the menu and there is a discussion of upcoming events and business (if any). We usually finish by 8:00 a.m. Here is an opportunity for our men to come together for fellowship and a brief study of God's Word. The MMB is open to all men of the congregation. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

The Congregations of the Iowa District West, LC-MS, provide copies of the LUTHERAN WITNESS, the official publication of the LC-MS, to all members. The cost for an individual subscription is $22.67. We ask that you consider reimbursing the congregation for the cost of your subscription. Please place your offering in an envelope marked Lutheran Witness Subscription with your envelope number. Thanks!

If you are not receiving the LUTHERAN WITNESS and would like to, please notify the church office.

RECOMMENDED 2018 BUDGET FOR ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1. **SHARING THE GOSPEL**	
a. Missions	$25,000
b. District Mission Project	7,500
c. Mission Support – Rev. Carl Hanson	1,200
2. **CARING FOR OTHERS**	
a. People In Need Fund	500
b. Scholarship Savings	600
c. Camp Okoboji	1,350
d. Lutheran Family Service	3,700
e. Humboldt County Ministerial Assoc.	100
3. **THOSE WHO SERVE**	
a. Pastor's Salary	25,040
Housing	25,040
Offset	6,000
Utilities	3,000
Car	5,500
Health	25,000
Health Deductible	1,600
Disability	1,300
Retirement	5,670
Accident	45
b. Assistant Pastor’s Salary	22,406
Housing	22,406
Offset	6,000
Utilities	3,000
Car	5,500
Health	25,000
Health Deductible	1,600
Disability	1,100
Retirement	5,100
Accident	45
c. Preschool Teacher Salary	15,619
Preschool Aide Salary	5,448
d. Secretary's Salary	26,200
e. Secretary Health	9,264
f. Health Deductible	650
g. Secretary Disability	550
h. Secretary Retirement	2,200
i. Secretarial Help	1,000
j. Janitor's Salary	18,728
k. SS, Med - Employer	7,700
l. Organist	5,350

m. Choir Director	700
n. Guest Speaker	1,000
o. Convention	1,000
p. Continuing Education	2,700
4. ADMINISTRATION	
a. Vacation Bible School	1,200
b. Pulpit & Service Supplies	15,500
c. Preschool Supplies	600
d. Sunday School	6,000
e. Sunday School Christmas Service	300
f. Sunday School Supplies	250
g. Evangelism	1,946
h. Stewardship	600
i. Library	100
j. LYC	2,000
k. Jr. LYC	1,000
l. Special Ministry Fund	250
m. Conferences	400
n. Meals / Banquets	500
o. Bible Material	1,600
p. Confirmation Material	2,350
q. Rally Sunday Speaker	1,000
5. CARING FOR GOD'S HOUSE	
a. Janitorial Supplies	3,000
b. Maintenance & Repair	15,000
c. Snow Removal	3,000
d. Lawn Care (spray & fertilize)	1,200
e. Building Insurance	6,200
f. Workman's Comp. Insurance	2,500
g. Preschool Insurance	235
h. Telephone - Office	1,600
i. Telephone – Cell	2,400
j. Water & Garbage	1,800
k. Electricity & Gas	14,000
l. Copier Maintenance	3,800
6. OTHERS	
a. Interest on Operating Notes	
b. Miscellaneous	1,000
c. Website	1,000
d. AV (Audio/Visual)	
TOTAL	$420,742

Weekly Budget Need $8,091

HARVEST HOME

The Lord had freed the Children of Israel from the slavery, bondage and tyranny of the Egyptians through mighty deeds. He had led them through the wilderness to the Promised Land. As they prepared to enter the land, the Lord commanded, "When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket." The people responded to God's grace and blessings with the first fruits of their labors. This was a response of faith, a response to God's grace and the many blessings that God had already set before the people.

Zion's Harvest Home Offering follows the example of the Children of Israel's first fruit offering. The Lord has blessed us with good weather for the crops, opportunities to labor and been with us during retirement. We can be moved by God's grace to respond to His many blessings through this special "Harvest Home" offering that will help meet the needs of Zion's ministry and upkeep of our facilities.

The members of Zion have always responded to God's grace and met the needs of Zion's ministry. This special offering has been used in the past for infrastructure developments, such as last year when we replaced five furnaces and air conditioning units. The special offering also has been used to pay off debt, as well as provide a buffer should there be a budget shortage (so we don't have to take out an operating loan).

The offering will be received on November 18, 19, 22 (Thanksgiving Eve Service), 25 and 26. A special thank offering envelope can be found in your box of envelopes and can be used for this special thank offering.

This special gift may be given at any time and we thank and praise the Lord for those who have already presented their special thank offering.

Board For Stewardship.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available for you to pick up now! Select one 'Wow' toy and fill with other fun toys, hygiene items or school supplies. Pray for the child who will receive it and include a personal note and photo if you'd like. Donate $9 to send your gift overseas and follow it online if you like! **Please bring boxes back to Zion by Wednesday, November 12**. Contact Brianne with any questions – 368-1250.

CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS

Christmas Applications are being accepted for the Humboldt County Ministerial Association Christmas Boxes for Low Income individuals and families. Applications may be picked up in Zion's church office. **Applications must be received before 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, no exceptions**. If any questions, please call 332-2480 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. If you would like to make a **monetary donation** you may mail your donation to: Christmas Food Box Program, Humboldt County Ministerial Association, 2219 220th St., Humboldt, IA 50548

THE FALL APPEAL

FOR FOOD ITEMS & FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOOD
FOR PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGH
THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Food Items & Contributions will be collected at.....

Humboldt County Churches

Beginning Sunday, November 12
thru
Sunday, November 19

You may send monetary donations to:

HCMA Food Pantry
2219 220th Street
Humboldt, IA 50548

Sponsored by:

Humboldt County Ministerial Association

Please bring donations to the west door of the County Engineers' building (located east on Highway 3) between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Monday, November 21 and Tuesday November 22.

ITEMS NEEDED IN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

FOOD ITEMS

- Pork and beans
- Chili beans
- Kidney beans
- Canned carrots
- Canned corn
- Canned turkey
- Rice
- Instant potatoes
- Dry beans
- Cooking oil
- Tomato items
- Sugar
- Flour
- Cake mix
- Macaroni
- Noodles
- Spaghetti
- Helper dinners
- Macaroni & cheese
- Crackers
- Peanut butter
- Fruit juices
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup

HYGIENE ITEMS

- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Monetary Donations

This is used to purchase items that the Food Pantry may be in need of that is not on the shelf.

New Members At Zion Lutheran Church

BY BAPTISM

Madelyn Marcella McCullough – 10/14/2017
Ryder Matthew Wredt – 10/14/2017

BY TRANSFER

Vivian Gronbach from Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa – 10/2/2017

BY RELEASE

Tammy (Snow) Kuehnast from Grace Lutheran Church, Fairmont, Minnesota – 10/16/2017

Welcome to our church family!

It is time once again to decorate the church for Christmas! The Evangelism Board will be decorating the Sanctuary and outdoors on Saturday, **November 25**. The Geműtlichkeit Committee will be decorating the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. Please plan to come and help and enjoy the fellowship of decorating our church. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Watch the bulletin for more details.

2017 BALLOT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUMBOLDT, IOWA

President (One year term; must be a male voting member)

____ Jim Helvick*

Vice President (One year term; must be a male voting member)

____ Fred Arndt*

Secretary (One year term)

____ Marilyn Kuehnast*

Assistant Financial Secretary (Two year term, second year becomes Financial Secretary)

____ Leonard Bremer

Board of Elders (Elect 4 to a three year term; must be a male voting member)

____ Jeff Friesth* ____ Jim Gronbach*

____ Bruce Reimers* ____ Cory Donahe

____ Dana Hesse

Board of Trustees (Elect 1 to a three year term)

____ David Knight* ____ Will Clough

Board for Stewardship(Elect 2 to a three year term and 1 to a two year term)

____ Gary Peyton* ____ Marcus Mundt

Board for Christian Education (Elect 2 to a three year term)

____ Dee Hesse* ____ Darla Opheim*

____ Brianne Haukoos

Board for Evangelism (Elect 2 to a three year term)

____ Pam Davis* ____ Amy Nostrom*

Cemetery Committee (Elect 1 to a five year term)

____ Daryl Kuehnast* ____ Gary Kuehnast

Nominating Committee (Elect 1 to a three year term)

____ LeRoy Jorgensen*

Auditing Committee (Elect 1 to a three year term)

____ Jana Bratland*

* Incumbent

The election of officers will be held on December 2 & 3 before and after services in the Fellowship Hall. All communicant members who are 18 years and older are eligible to vote.

29th ANNUAL

Gemutlichkeit

"A Relaxing Good Time"

December 2, 2017

11:00 A.M. ~ 1:30 P.M.

Serving German
Ethnic Food

Zion Lutheran Church

1005 11th Avenue North
Humboldt, Iowa 50548
(515) 332-3279

Advance Ticket Sales

Sponsored By the
Zion Lutheran Women's
Missionary League

Willkommen!

No refunds on advance ticket sales

Preschool News

ZION PRESCHOOL

October 4 was school picture day at Zion. Thanks to our moms Jamie, Kacie, Heidi and Abbey for helping out on that morning. We combine the classes for pictures because the photographer can only be with us in the morning.

After we got done with pictures Fireman Ross Newton, Braelyn's dad, stopped by to visit with us about fire safety. He showed us a truck, fire equipment and fire gear. The children enjoyed seeing the ladder, air tanks and mask and trying on the fire helmet.

Four children celebrated their birthdays in October.

The Lion's Club visited and did a vision screening on the children.

Jody and Amy dropped in to see how everything was going.

Ashley from the public library read books to us about pumpkins.

The morning class will visit the North Care Center on October 30. The afternoon class will visit the hospital. The children will visit with the people and sing a few songs.

We are in the process of preparing for parent conferences which will be held on November 2 and 3.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

LYC:

The Thanksgiving dinner for congregation members 70 & Over hosted by the LYC will be held Sunday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m.

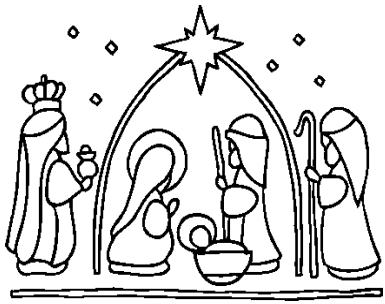
JR. LYC:

Fifteen Jr. LYCers, two counselors, and Pastor Kyle went to the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines on October 20-21. There was special music (as normal) by Swen and Dean, and the presenter was Pastor Geoff Boyle, who spoke on Colossians 2:13-14, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses…God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt…nailing it to the cross." With this year marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the theme was learning about how Martin Luther began the reformation by nailing the 95 Thesis to the church door. We even learned some Latin while we were there! SOLA FIDE, SOLA SCRIPTURA, SOLA GRATIA! Which means "Faith alone, Scripture alone, Grace alone!"

There will be fun event with a meal and activity planned on Wednesday, November 8 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The event is open to 5th through 8th graders. Please come and join us before Confirmation that day!

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

The beginning of the Advent Season brings with it a change in our Confirmation Schedule. Confirmation will begin at 7:30 p.m. starting November 30 following the first Advent service. We remind the Confirmands that the worship service is part of class. The Confirmation Advent schedule will be November 29, December 6, 13 & 20 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no Confirmation on November 22 and December 29. We will resume on Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Christmas is fast approaching. Zion's Sunday School is tentatively making plans to celebrate our Lord's birth. Kristy Smith has graciously agreed to be our leader/organizer. We are planning practices for our children's Christmas program for Saturday, December 9 and 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Parents, please put all rehearsals on your schedule and do your best to get your children there. Please call if you know you will be gone or if you know you can't be a part of the Christmas service. Our Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. a musical prelude will begin with children playing various Christmas songs. Come join us as we celebrate our Lord's birth.

Updates Needed

If you have changed your **phone number** or are now using only a cell number, have a new **e-mail address,** or have moved and have a new **physical addres**s, please contact the church office at zion@goldfieldaccess.net or 332-3279 with your new phone number, e-mail address, and physical address. Thank you.

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Jr. LYC Fundraiser

JR. LYC Scrip Program: Orders are being taken for Scrip Cards the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. By buying groceries or gas, or giving them as gifts support the Jr. LYC. The following cards allow Jr. LYC to make a reasonable profit.

1- Fareway – 3 percent back
2- Hy-Vee – 5 percent back
3- Casey's – 3 percent back

We have three $25 Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods cards available. They would make great Christmas gifts.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

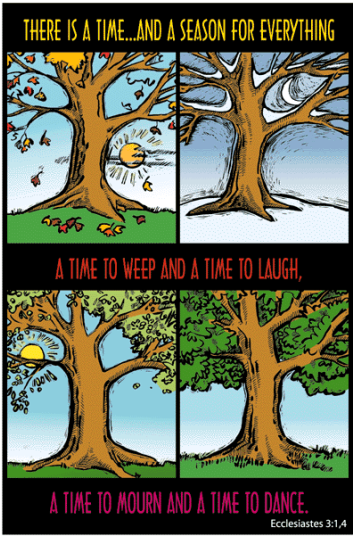
The December Newsletter deadline will be Thursday, November 16 at noon. Please turn your items in by then. Thank you.

December 3, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Mason - Lindhart Funeral Home will host "The Service of Remembrance" on December 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel. This service is a time for family and friends to come together to remember loved ones who have died this past year. It is a time to remember that they are not alone in their grief but are surrounded by a compassionate community and loving God.

Refreshments and cookies will be served by the Mason-Lindhart Funeral home following the service.

You are invited to attend and be part of this moving service of remembrance.



**"Teaching, Living, Sharing Serving,
Jesus Christ, God's Son, Our Savior"**

Program Director Report
October 2017

Plans are to expand the onsite day camp for the summer of 2018, therefore I am presently working on putting together a detailed policy and procedure document for this. I also am working on marketing it to the Iowa Great Lakes area. I want the cost to be attractive enough for parents to want to send their children. I also am looking at being more specific on the types of activities that will be offered and to be able to target some older children because in 2017 we had mostly younger children.

Deans for approval: Cub Week – Pastor Nick Thackery, Jr. High Week – Pastor David Beagley, Youth Week interim, Cindy Phillips. I have also enlisted a new pastor in the district – Kyle McBee to serve as chaplain during Youth Week to be around to get to know the program and possibly be dean for 2019.

Summer schedule will be passed out at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori R. Gamble, DCE
Camp Okoboji Program Director

2017 October MAD Report: Camp Board of Directors

1. Funding Report:
Donation Income: See Financial Report
Individual
Congregation
Organizations
Other

2. Event Funds:
Thrivent Choice Dollars $47,220
Omelet Brunches (7) $15,250
Worship Offerings (18) $14,000
Golf Outing $6,000
Bike Challenge $6,000
Thrivent Action Teams $7,500 (approx. 30 projects)

3. Discover:
Campaign wrapping up
Several Pledges still coming in
Phase II Development

4. Other:
2018 Goal Setting with Ministry Advancement Committee: Increasing effectiveness, expanding opportunities

CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) Certification: Beginning the process

2018 LWML Convention Grant Requests: 1. Samuel Cabin ($20,000) 2. Green Space Development ($25,000)

Camp Okoboji News page in IDW's monthly Messenger E-newsletter: Sent out to all IDW Prof. Church Workers

Direct E-mails to IDW Congregations- Programs, Discover support, events etc.

Direct E-mails to Individuals- Acknowledging donations (Trying to increase use of social media)

Bulletin Sentences: Concentrated announcements, e-mailed to congregations, easily transferred to bulletins

Press Releases to local radio and newspaper outlets. Omelets, Events, DISCOVER, etc.

Website: Updating info. and using to help advertise

Travels and Visits: Ongoing- IDW, Circuit, Cong. and Individual

ZION LWML GENERAL MEETING
October 12, 2017

Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League General Meeting, Thursday, October 12, 2017.

Opening Devotions were given by Judy Harklau, Christian Life Chair. We all enjoyed the delicious food prepared by our ladies before our meeting.

Mary Stolle read the minutes of the July Meeting. The Treasurer's report was explained by Cheryl Miller. Mite box collection was received and devotions given by Joyce Thompson on Psalm 51.

Allison Ripperger, Humboldt Zone President, reported on the 75th National Convention in New Mexico. We all enjoyed her report and had a few laughs to go along with it. If we want to read the serious part of the convention, we can pick up a copy of the Lutheran's Women's Quarterly. In 75 years, the LWML has raised 100 million dollars for missions. There were 100 people from IDW that attended with 20 being delegates.

The Human Care/Mission Committee, Bev Allbaugh and Joan Arnold reported that the snack paks were sent to college students at a cost of $131.08. The committee will be saving food for the food pantry this month.

Camp Okoboji no longer needs plastic sacks for now. We will begin collecting them again when they let us know more are needed.

The Gemutlichkeit Committee has been meeting and will have information out for everyone very soon.

Table Cloth laundering was discussed.

We received an invitation to LWML Guest Night at Trinity Lutheran - Deer Creek. Monday, November 6th at 7 p.m. Jan Moench Helgeson will share her mission work in Mexico.

A ballot for officers this coming year needs a vice president and secretary. It will be presented next month.

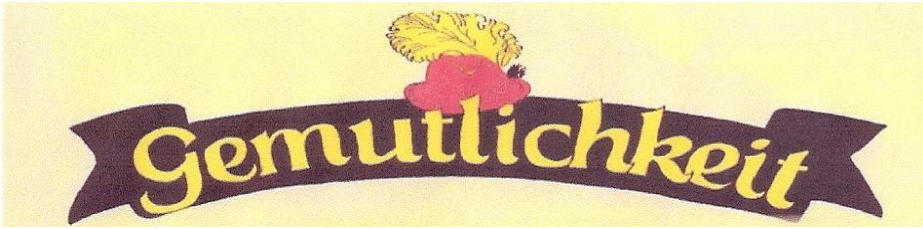
A list of last year's Missions that we voted on to receive Gemutlichkeit funds, was read by Marilyn. Other suggestions were received from the ladies. We will vote on them next meeting.

Our Christmas party this year will be held at Lutheran Family Service, 230 9th Ave. N., Fort Dodge at 9:30 a.m. on December 7th. We will carpool at the church by 9:00.

November 9 - Meeting. Hostesses: Juanita Skow, Mary Stolle, and Doris Gillespie.
November 21 - Bingo at North Care, December 5th - Bingo at South Care.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mary Stolle, Secretary



The **29th Annual Gemütlichkeit Luncheon** will be held December 2nd, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church. We will be serving from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and all tickets are pre-sold. You may purchase tickets at the Zion church office or from Marilyn Kuehnast, Doris Gillespie, Renae Dreyer and Cheryl Miller. Prices are $10 for adults, $5 for children under 10, and preschoolers are free. Come enjoy a homemade German dinner of brats & sauerkraut, pork loin, potato soup, hot German potato salad, chunky applesauce, deviled eggs and black forest torte! Homemade relishes, bread and cookies all served, as well! Join us for a German tradition!

If anyone has **plastic containers** to put leftovers in they can leave them in the kitchen. Thank you.

The Gemütlichkeit Committee:

Lynette Christensen – 515-293-1027
Jodi Giddings – 368-0260
Mary Stolle – 604-4019
Carol Christiansen – 368-1176
Arloa Rapple – 368-3684
Bev Zinnel – 368-5266

Mission Needs

LWML MISSION NOTES

For the November Mission Project we will be collecting **underwear and socks** for the IOWAY Outreach Opportunities headed by Ellie Menz and the Beacon of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter in Fort Dodge. We will be having an **"UNDIE SUNDAY"** in November. All sizes are needed for men, women and children. You can bring underwear and socks any time during the month of November and place your donations in the mission containers in the Narthex.

Thanks to all for your continued support of our mission projects.

The Mission Committee,
Marian Anderson, Bev Allbaugh, Joan Arnold

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

ELDERS: Paul Anderson, John Kollmorgen,
Jim Arndt, Bruce Gunderson

COUNTERS: Joel Rutz, Kevin Grebner

ALTAR GUILD: DP – Diane Arndt
C – Marilyn Kuehnast, Sue Pedersen

LWML ABSENTEE VOTING - NOVEMBER 6 & 7
IN CHURCH OFFICE UNTIL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

LWML EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING –
NOVEMBER 9 - 8:30 A.M.

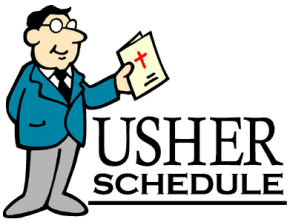
LWML CIRCLE - NOVEMBER 9 - 9:30 A.M.
Juanita Skow (Devotion), Mary Stolle (Bingo), Doris Gillespie

LWML BINGO AT NORTH CARE CENTER -
NOVEMBER 21 - 2:00 P.M.

ZION LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November 5 – Leonard Bremer (All Saints Sunday)
November 12 – Kerry Burmeister
November 19 – Bruce Gunderson
November 26 – Jim Helvick

December 3 – LeRoy Jorgensen
December 10 – Tim McCartan
December 14 – Randy Moench
December 24 – Doug Van Pelt (Christmas Eve)
December 31 – Don Waderich (New Year's Eve)



USHERS FOR NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH DECEMBER 6:

HEAD USHERS: Doug Van Pelt, Ron Stolle
USHERS: Jack Arndt, Owen Terwilliger

(Note: Includes Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 22 and Midweek Advent Services on November 29 and December 6 at 6:30 p.m.)

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 4 – Keely Place
10:00 a.m. 5 – Ty Schluter (All Saints' Sunday)

November 11 – Carter Soenen
12 – Collin Vik

November 18 – Peyton Weers
19 – Jackson Chambers

Thanksgiving Service – 6:30 p.m.
November 22 – Jordan Coon

November 25 – Rylie Donahe
26 – Cade Kirchhoff

Advent I – 6:30 p.m.
November 29 – Ben Kuehnast

December 2 – Kirsten Kuehnast
10:00 a.m. 3 – Kinzie Peyton

Advent I – 6:30 p.m.
December 6 – Nathan Kuehnast

If you are unable to Acolyte on the date scheduled please arrange for a substitute and notify the church office by the Wednesday before the weekend you are schedule to Acolyte.

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

All Saints Sunday
November 5 – Jason & Brianne Haukoos - E
Todd & Megan Hopp - W

November 12 – Lowell & Vanetta Heggen - E
Gary & Cheryl Miller - W

November 19 – Jerry & Sharon Bacon - E
Gary & Sonja Peyton - W

Thanksgiving Eve Service – 6:30 p.m.
November 22 – John & Lori Kollmorgen - E
Don & Marilyn Kuehnast - W

November 26 – Glen & Brenda Larsen - E
Noah & Amie Larson - W

Advent Service – 6:30 p.m.
November 29 – Greg & Cindy Vik - E
Aric & Laura Lange - W

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 2, 2013 - Travis & Amanda Pederson
November 5, 2005 - Kyle & Misty Sheppard
November 6, 2006 - Cliff & Linda Coon
November 7, 2009 - Tim & Kristen Fisher
November 7, 1970 - Roger & Sharyl Larson
November 14, 1981 - Herman & Jana Hauck
November 16, 1974 - Kenny & Jana Bratland
November 19, 2004 - Doug & Rhonda Van Pelt
November 20, 1975 - Jim & Carol Steverson
November 22, 2009 - Travis & Brandi Tammen
November 23, 2013 - Adam & Abbey Shell
November 25, 1970 - Bruce & Becky Ruby
November 25, 1989 - Joel & Susan Rutz
November 25, 1956 - Kenneth & Joyce Thompson
November 29, 1986 - Neal & Caroline Thompson
November 30, 2002 - Mark & Shawna Bonnstetter

11/1 – James Lloyd
11/1 – Ryann Oatman
11/1 – Tim Wredt
11/2 – Dorothy Erpelding
11/2 – LeRoy Kaspersen
11/3 – Tracey Glossen
11/3 – Brianne Haukoos
11/4 – Sarah Chambers
11/4 – Greg Zaugg
11/5 – Andy Armitage
11/5 – Warren Wood
11/6 – Emma Flatau
11/6 – Holly Stockdale
11/7 – Helen Newbrough
11/7 – Jonathon Schaffer
11/7 – Knox Schott
11/7 – Lucca Schott
11/7 – Beth Simmons
11/8 – Josi Christopher
11/9 – Ryan Foth
11/9 – Marilyn Hippen
11/9 – Pastor Raether
11/9 – Chuck Sexe
11/10 – Jordan Coon
11/10 – Matthew Milledge
11/11 – Salem Bonnstetter
11/11 – Randy Clough
11/11 – Frankee Marchant
11/11 – Pastor Kyle
11/11 – Cheryl Miller
11/12 – Matt Emick
11/12 – Don Kuehnast
11/13 – Dirk Abels
11/13 – Brian Skow
11/14 – Bruce Gunderson
11/14 – Ruth Kellner
11/14 – Heidi McCullough
11/14 – Braelyn Newton
11/14 – Amy Nostrom
11/14 – Gary Tull
11/14 – Melissa Ubben
11/15 – Miranda Balster
11/15 – Heather Kocher
11/15 – Karlee Peyton
11/15 – Mason Van Pelt
11/15 – Don Waderich
11/15 – Mandy Zwiefel
11/16 – Maggie Peters
11/17 – Jana Hauck
11/17 – Judy Rubel
11/18 – Shirley Moench
11/18 – Spencer Naeve
11/19 – Taelynn Tammen
11/20 – Marvin Andersen
11/20 – Jaxton David
11/21 – Roger Johnson
11/21 – Doug Lundberg
11/21 – Lance Olson
11/22 – Kerry Burmeister
11/22 – Richard Crouse
11/22 – Logan Fiddler
11/25 – Anna Frieden
11/26 – Kaycee Rubel
11/26 – Mardelle Vandevanter
11/27 – Nathan Ruby
11/28 – Brian Kuehnast
11/28 – Roger Larson
11/29 – Frank Diedrick
11/29 – Joyce Lee
11/30 – Gary Gonnerman
11/30 – Michelle Kluender
11/30 – Sharon Kuehnast
11/30 – Haley Stockdale

NOVEMBER

2017

FLOWER CALENDAR

November 5 – Open
12 – Wayne & Diane Lehman
19 – Todd & Kristy Smith
26 – Mardell Vandevanter

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Proclaiming Christ since 1930

November 5 – Warren & Ann Wood
12 – Bruce & Linda Gunderson
19 – Kenny & Jana Bratland
26 – Mike & Nancy Blair

"FLOWERS OF THE HOLY NIGHT"

Evangelism Board Project

Poinsettias for Zion

The poinsettia has become the traditional Christmas flower and has brought beauty to our sanctuary for many years. The star of the leaf is said to represent the Star of Bethlehem. The red flower stands for the blood of the male infants that were killed by King Herod and the blood of Christ who came to be our Savior.

The Evangelism Board is offering the members of Zion the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, someone special in life or a special occasion. Those who are remembered or honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin along with those who have given to "Flowers Of the Holy Night" project. If you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate this on your order form.

We thank you for considering and participating in this special Evangelism project to enhance our worship and bring additional beauty to our sanctuary as we celebrate our Lord's birth.

"*FLOWERS OF THE HOLY NIGHT"*

Zion Evangelism Board Poinsettia Project

I would like to give a poinsettia in memory of the following person/people or occasion:

Name or Occasion: _____

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I would like to give a poinsettia in honor of the following person/people or occasion:

Name or Occasion: _____

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Given by: _____

_____ Donor wishes to remain anonymous

The cost of one poinsettia will be $9.00. _____ # of plants ordered

I do not wish to purchase a plant but would like to contribute the following amount $_____ to the "Flowers of the Holy Night" project offered by the Evangelism Board.

Total amount included $_____ Make check payable to "Zion Lutheran Church."

Please return order with payment to the church office by **November 12th**.