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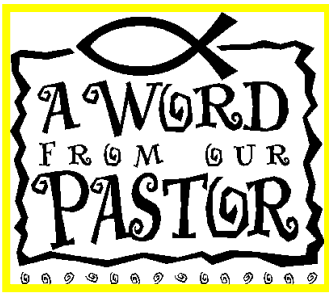
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A New Adventure Ahead:

A few months ago, a member came into the office and commented on the Covid-19 situation said, “You know, I’ve never seen anything like this.” I think it’s safe to say from the oldest to the youngest of us, that remains true. The difficulties and the challenges of this time and what it means for the world around us seems to be a continually developing problem. And now it is fall...

And that means that the challenges in the systems of education are increasing. School seems likely set to be on a course to returning physically to learn, and yet there are many caveats in this system involving and planning for, medical conditions, parental preference, future outbreaks, and host of unseen future adventures. And yet, the kids seem to be set toward returning to the actual school building.

And we at Zion are planning a return to the building. As of this writing we are uncertain as to what that fully means, and plans are ongoing. Listed below is a tentative plan for a few of the fall programming at Zion.

Church and Worship: The services at Zion will continue to be held in the sanctuary with social distancing encouraged. The services are broadcast into the parking lot on the radio as well as live on Facebook Live. The fellowship hall is open with the service relayed on the TV found there. They are archived on YouTube and on the church website. We make DVD’s and Cd’s that are available upon request.

Saturday Night: Over the course of time we have been getting requests for Saturday night church to resume. The Elders, which are in charge of planning church times and locations, will likely bring up this issue at their August meeting.

Sunday School: The Board of Education has been looking into this for some time. The premise was that we would follow what the school does. For instance, if the school didn't resume in person, we wouldn't either. If the school resumes in person, then the exposure of an hour or so wouldn't be in excess of the 35 or so hours a week that they are at school. With that said, the social distancing procedures will be in effect and at the church we will try to mimic the precautions done at the school to the best of our ability.

There has also been discussion of moving children not so much in smaller classrooms, but to have education zones in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Narthex. This is as of now, only discussion, but there are other options for holding Sunday School other than the models we have adopted before.

Virtual Sunday School: The church does have a number of devices that should allow us to bring Sunday School into members' homes. We have capacity to do Zoom meetings and to have children at home watch the lessons presented in the classroom. We are in the process of looking more into this capability and Zoom seems to be the likely choice of interface as people are using it at the school.

Bible Studies: As of this timeframe there hasn't been huge discussions on Bible Studies. However, we are planning on having Bible Studies Sunday mornings this fall. We would also have capacity for members to join into the Bible Studies we offer virtually — which for some might be an easier entry point into a Bible Study.

Confirmation: We recently have celebrated the Confirmation of part of the 2020 class. We have a few more private services to come.

We are planning on holding Confirmation this fall, in person, with social distancing. The locale of the meetings might accommodate that models listed above (Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Narthex). However, we are planning on having in person Confirmation resume.

Conversations continue about many of the other ministries of Zion.

A plea:

These are strange times this fall, as people resume a normal schedule of school, and work, and daycare, and so many other challenges as we begin this fall. There will be things that don't go according to plan, and many yet unseen challenges. Please bear with us in love and in Christian thought and behavior.

And that likely brings up a greater point. The changes and the challenges of the times have brought about a great deal of mental stress, anxiety, and difficulty.

The mechanisms of coming together, being in community, handshakes, hugs, tears, laughter, hearing with our ears God's Word, all are stress relieving mechanisms. The virus, the evil of the virus, is that it robs us of the good of gathering and replaces it with anxiety. God's people are meant to be in community. We are trying to be in community and to, as best as we can, safely resume some of these things because they mean so much, not only for eternity and salvation, but also just for the stressed out challenged community around us.

As such, I encourage you to find a way to worship, to come together, to study God's Word, and as best as we can (in person or virtually) to be together.

In Christ...who is above all this and gives us His strength,

Pastor Aaron



Congregational Meeting



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2020

The special congregational meeting of Zion Lutheran Church was called to order at 10:24 a.m. by President Kent Stern. There were 56 in attendance, constituting a quorum. The minutes of the February 16, 2020 special congregational meeting were approved as printed.

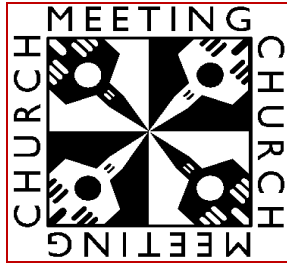
MSC Kevin Zinnel made a motion that Zion Lutheran Church issue a call to Pastor Mark Hansen to serve as a pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Humboldt, IA. Bruce Gunderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Marilyn Kuehnast <><

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Secretary



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2020

The July 13, 2020 meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by President Kent Stern. There were 10 members present. Pastor Hansen led the opening devotion and prayer. The minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:

Stewardship: Gary Peyton reported they are going to be looking at how to proceed under the current circumstances of the COVID problems.

Education: Dee Stern reported that September 13 will be Rally Day. They are waiting for how the public school will be handling attendance before making plans on how Sunday school will deal with classes. They are also looking at the possibility of a nursery program.

Evangelism: no report

LWML: Jackie Schulze reported that all but one of the graduates have picked up their LWML gift. Waiting to decide how LWML will proceed with meetings, given the virus and self-distancing needed to be safe.

Youth Board: no report

Treasurer: no report

MSC The following motion was made by Marilyn Kuehnast: To change the signature card at Bank Iowa for Zion Lutheran Checking account. The change will be to remove James Helvick's name and to add Kent Stern. Tim McCartan will remain as an authorized signor in his role as Treasurer for Zion Lutheran Church. Brent Kuehnast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MSC Financial Secretary: Marian Anderson presented the printed Financial Secretary's report. Jim Gronbach made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report as printed. Dee Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustees: Jim Gronbach reported for the trustees that they are going to get bids on replacing the carpeting in the sanctuary and balcony. The altar carpet does not need to be replaced. They are still waiting for the electrical work to be done in the office and hallway to the Fellowship hall.

Elders: Jim Gronbach reported that they will be meeting next week to discuss how the first communion service went and how to go forward. Also, confirmation will be finalized.

Pastor Aaron: Pastor Aaron reported that there has been two funerals, Bruce Vogt and James Helvick. Two baptisms were held on Sunday, July 12. Group confirmation will be July 26 with 8 confirmands. There will be three private confirmations. Questioning and secret faith reveals will also be held during the group service on July 26.

Pastor Hansen: Pastor Hansen reported that he has been making family house calls and will continue to do more.

Unfinished Business: no unfinished business.

New Business: It was discussed and recommended that giving and attendance stats be published in the newsletter. The next council meeting will be August 10, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP - August 16, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.

Zion will hold its annual Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, August 16 at 8:30 a.m. at Upper Middle Sheldon Park (the shelter house by the playground). In case of rain, the outdoor service will be held at the church. Please note: We will resume our 10:00 a.m. worship service at Zion on August 16 for those who do not want to worship in the park.



ZION PRESCHOOL

The end is in sight! I am down a lot from where I started. St. Paul's made another trip and Joan from Good Shepherd got a load. I also took some items to Lotus and have a few items going to a shelter in Fort Dodge. Some items will be passed on for use in the nursery like our Duplo (larger version of Legos) table and our wooden unit blocks along with some cars and books and miscellaneous items.

The scrapbooks have been completed and I am in the process of contacting the families to see when they can stop by.

The Iowa District West Early Childhood Conference for this year has been cancelled, so I may take the materials that I planned to share next August.

I have taken the ladies quilting boxes to their new location.



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

UPDATE ON CAMP OKOBOJI

Camp Okoboji annual meeting scheduled for August, has been cancelled. Any food items, we have already received for the grocery shower that was to be held in April, with an expiration date before next summer, will be donated to the food bank here. We thank you for your continued support of Camp.

Camp Representatives, Ron and Mary Stolle



ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

ELDERS: Paul Anderson, Joe Olson, Kevin Zinnel, Jacob Parle

COUNTERS: Stewardship

ALTAR GUILD: DP – Vivian Gronbach

NO LWML MEETINGS IN AUGUST



LWML and MISSION PROJECTS

The LWML Board with input from Pastor Aaron has decided that we will not be having LWML Meetings until September. A decision will be made then as to how we will proceed. Just a reminder to keep filling your Mite Box as our District and National Projects continue even if we are not meeting. If your Mite Box is full, empty it into the Mite Box container in the Narthex.

Our Mission Projects have been on hold. Items to be collected in April are still in short supply. Since there will not be VBS, we did not collect supplies for that. Our June project was to collect items and monetary donations for Kaela Burmeister Shoemaker's mission trip to Honduras. The trip has been postponed until 2021.

For now, we will concentrate on helping those in our area by collecting items for the Food Pantry.

Monetary gifts are appreciated so they can purchase items from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Below is a list of what is all needed in the Food Pantry right now:

1. Macaroni and Cheese
2. Pancake Mix
3. Syrup
4. Hamburger Helper
5. Ramen Noodles
6. Cereal
7. Toilet Paper

Please place your donations in the Mission totes located in the Narthex along the north wall.

Thank you for your support of our Mission Projects!

The Mission Committee:

Jackie Schulze, Judy Harklau, Louise Hauck-Chinn, Marge Hubrich



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- August 2, 2014 - Jake & Jenna Hilton
August 2, 1980 - Tom & Marci Reimers
August 3, 2019 - Tony & Justine Stone
August 4, 2001 - Cory & Amy Donahe
August 5, 1995 - Lincoln & Dawn Mason
August 7, 1993 - Jeff & Ramona Kirchhoff
August 10, 2013 - Christopher & Kyla Frehse
August 11, 1990 - Steve and Karin Sande
August 12, 1966 - Gary & Nicki Kuehnast
August 12, 1979 - Brian & Lisa Spellmeyer
August 13, 2011 - Josh & Amy Peters
August 14, 2015 - Jered & Jessica Eveland
August 16, 1975 - Greg & Janna Emick
August 16, 2008 - Seth & Cydney Giddings
August 17, 2013 - Cameron & Emily Jensen
August 17, 2002 - Chad & Missy Vaudt
August 18, 2018 - Alex & Ashley Deuel
August 18, 2001 - Pastor Aaron & Lindy Flatau
August 18, 2007 - Chris & Ashley Kirchhoff
August 18, 2001 - Ty & Amy Sleiter
August 18, 1966 - Jack & Gloria Strickland
August 19, 2000 - David & Heidi Knight
August 20, 1977 - Jack & Rene' Dreyer
August 21, 1966 - Luke & Dorothy Erpelding
August 21, 1965 - Bruce & Sandy Kirchhoff
August 22, 1959 - Gerald & Shirley Ohm
August 27, 1983 - Cal & Melinda Witzke
August 28, 2010 - Tyler & Michelle Sandven
August 30, 1986 - Rick & Jodi Pedersen
August 30, 2018 - Kevin & Carole Zinnel
August 31, 1968 - Dave & Pat Stein Sr.



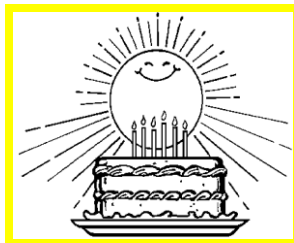
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 8/1 – Shelby Kirchgatter | 8/10 – Derek Van Asten |
| 8/1 – Curtis Peterson | 8/10 – Gary Vinsand |
| 8/2 – Josie Gronbach | 8/11 – Beth Drews |
| 8/2 – Delaney Reimers | 8/11 – Jayson Edge |
| 8/2 – Hadley Reimers | 8/11 – Brynlie Peterson |
| 8/3 – Jered Eveland | 8/11 – Shelby Stein |
| 8/3 – Marge Hubrich | 8/11 – Billie Weers |
| 8/4 – Chase Harklau | 8/12 – Hunter Brenner |
| 8/4 – Emmie Moench | 8/12 – Aylene Moore |
| 8/4 – Jennifer Rolland | 8/13 – Braylin Giddings |
| 8/4 – Rachel Stockdale | 8/13 – Brandon Johnson |
| 8/5 – Gloria Strickland | 8/13 – Scout Reimers |
| 8/5 – Christopher Witzke | 8/14 – Jake Foth |
| 8/5 – Jean Wredt | 8/14 – Jason Gibson |
| 8/6 – Pam Bremer | 8/14 – Zachary Parle |
| 8/6 – Kiera Ernst | 8/14 – Rhonda Van Pelt |
| 8/6 – Ben Madison | 8/15 – Klayton Jones |
| 8/6 – Gary Peyton | 8/15 – Travis Lehman |
| 8/6 – Zayne Smith | 8/15 – Jennifer Madigan |
| 8/6 – Joyce Thompson | 8/16 – Tiffany Clay |
| 8/7 – Marilyn Kuehnast | 8/17 – Matt Moench |
| 8/8 – Brody Bratland | 8/18 – Jack Dreyer |
| 8/8 – Jim Gronbach | 8/18 – Maddilyn Haukoos |
| 8/8 – Crystal Jacobs | 8/18 – Karin Sande |
| 8/9 – Janna Emick | 8/18 – Pam Wood |
| 8/9 – Collin McNicol | 8/19 – Tracy Dickey |
| 8/10 – Joan Kollmorgen | 8/19 – Chris Larsen |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

8/19 – Bucky Ruby	8/26 – Robert Brown
8/19 – Janis Shekey	8/26 – Weston Dugan
8/21 – Amber Townsend	8/26 – Derrick Elman
8/21 – Barb Angstrom	8/26 – Luke Erpelding
8/21 – Duane Janssen	8/26 – Erika Hansen
8/21 – Gerald Ohm	8/27 – Rene’ Dreyer
8/21 – Cooper Peters	8/27 – Kaleb Jones
8/21 – Elsie Peters	8/27 – Jeff Kirchhoff
8/22 – Lynette Christensen	8/27 – Connie Moench
8/22 – Lyle Gronbach	8/28 – Brenda McCartan
8/23 – Randy Christensen	8/28 – Melanie Moench
8/23 – Kim Freese	8/28 – Mary Stolle
8/23 – Jason Haukoos	8/29 – Mary Grebe
8/23 – Tanner Lewis	8/29 – Megan Millang
8/23 – Paula Olson	8/30 – Finn Beenken
8/23 – Lonnie Ruberg	8/30 – Larsen Bonnstetter
8/23 – Jayden Stein	8/30 – Rose Mary Diedrick
8/23 – Gary Weaver	8/30 – Madison Ellrich
8/24 – Judy Harklau	8/30 – Bob Friedrich
8/24 – Kristin Kuehnast	8/30 – Dawn Mason
8/24 – Shawn Meyering	8/30 – Joe McCullough
8/24 – Amanda Paul	8/30 – Shaylyn Saathoff
8/24 – Bruce Ruby	8/30 – Madison Simon
8/25 – Cyndi Anderson	8/31 – Joey Anderson
8/25 – Jenny Boswell	8/31 – Alexis Lange
8/25 – Jaya Johnson	8/31 – Diane Opheim
8/25 – Ramona Kirchhoff	8/31 – Laikyn Schnetzer
8/25 – Daymon Oatman	8/31 – Nick Skow
8/25 – Travis Tammen	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





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FLOWER CALENDAR

AUGUST 2 – Wayne & Diane Lehman
 9 – Open
 16 – Open
 23 – Open
 30 – Kevin & Carole Zinnel

The "**Flower Chart**" and the KHBT "**Lutheran Hour Chart**" for **2020** are posted in the Narthex south of the east bulletin board above the drinking fountain. If you would like to place FLOWERS in the front of the sanctuary on the side stones or sponsor a LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST over KHBT you may do so by signing up on one of the charts. Please take time and consider one or both of these opportunities to give thanks and praise to our gracious Lord.

Sundays available are: **FLOWERS:** August 9, 16 & 23;
 September 20 & 27; November 1, 8 & 29; December 20 & 27.
KHBT LUTHERAN HOUR: August 16 & 23; September 27;
 October 25; November 1, 15 & 29.



AUGUST 2 – Kenny & Jana Bratland
 9 – Lorraine Westfall
 16 – Open
 23 – Open
 30 – Kenny & Jana Bratland