



# *Zion Lutheran Church* **NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME TO THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
*Zion is a member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our association, the Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC) has a motto: "We are a first century church for the twenty-first century."

To say, "We are a first century church for the twenty-first century" is a confession that we still have a lot to learn for those who came before us. We can't throw out the important teachings of the Bible simply because we think we are so evolved in our modern advances of science and psychology. Inspired by the Spirit of God, the writers of the Bible had great wisdom which can continue guide our lives today.

As I look ahead to the coming months of summer, I reflect on the travelling that many of us do, camping trips and various vacations. We are always advised to "pack light" when we travel, and no one put it better than Jesus in Luke 10:1-9:

"After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same

house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

During the last week of May and the first two weeks of June, Sherrie and I will be taking a vacation trip to the United Kingdom and Ireland. We will be carrying both a purse and a bag with us. The airline allows us each one checked bag at no extra cost, and one carry-on bag - so why not carry at least that much? Of course there are things we "need" which take up space in our everyday lives as well as when we travel. I honestly try to pack light. However, I will also be the first to confess that I take more than a couple changes of clothing.

We don't pack so light as to not take Jesus with us. We will be staying in people's homes, meeting people in areas of the world where regular worship attendance is statistically low. We are hoping for opportunities to joyfully share our faith.

Jesus was right – travelling with too much stuff is a burden which often gets in the way of proclaiming the nearness of the kingdom of God. Even with my complimentary checked luggage, I still believe in the benefits of travelling light. Part of the joy of vacation travel is that we can see how blessed, even enjoyable, it is to live with less stuff that we are accustomed to carrying around with us. Travel enables us to share

the good news of Christ in ways we wouldn't imagine for ourselves, but in ways the Holy Spirit inspires.

When we stay at home, we can get caught up in our own limited vision of the world. Getting out to encounter new places and people gives a perspective on God's kingdom that can be invigorating. As we consider our call to spread the Good news of Christ, may we be open to the Holy Spirit's direction. If you are blessed to be able to travel this summer, may you sense a renewal of Jesus' call to you to go out and tell others how the kingdom of God has come near! As true today as it was in the first century.

In Christ, Pastor Mark Decker

### **Prayers**

Each Sunday in worship, we publish a list of people who have requested prayers. To help you remember them in your regular prayer time: Dianne Bascom, Everett Hansen, Dorothy Juhl Zelle, Wilma Kimm, Chuck & Eunice Neil. If you would like another name added to the list, please let Pastor know.

### **Helping at NewAldaya**

The month of June is Zion's turn to help residents of NewAldaya get from their rooms to the chapel for worship on Sunday mornings. This usually involves inquiring about their attendance and pushing their wheelchairs to the chapel. A sign-up sheet is up in the Zion narthex for those interested. Thank you.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all who helped supply cookies for NewAldaya worship fellowship during the month of May.

### **Pastor Mark Away**

Pastor Mark and Sherrie will be in Britain and Ireland for a vacation the end of May through the first two weeks of June. We depart on Thursday, May 26, and return on Wednesday, June 14. While we are away, lay members will preach and lead worship on Sundays. Pastoral emergencies such as hospital visits and funerals will be covered by Pastor Luther

Thoresen of Grundy Center. He may be reached at 712-260-7412. I appreciate being able to take this time away, and thank all of you who are stepping up to cover duties during my absence, MD

### **Sign-up to Read of Serve Fellowship Treats**

There are sign-up pages on the wall of the church entryway for those interested in taking a turn to serve as a reader or bringing fellowship treats on Sunday mornings. Please take advantage these opportunities to use your talent.

### **June Anniversaries**

- 6 Chris & Barb McCulley
- 14 Rodney & Marilu Degener
- 15 Phil & Monica Laube
- 18 Irv & Jennifer Laube
- 30 Harold & Julie Sorensen

### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Miles Bern
- 4 Donna Dufel
- 9 Holley Bergman
- 13 Jessi Sorensen
- 15 Edward Juhl
- 19 Bob Johnson
- 20 Eleanor Wettengel
- 21 Harris Jorgensen
- 21 Monica Laube
- 23 Brad Ohrt
- 26 Marilu Degener
- 27 Pamela Degener
- 30 Ronnie Degener

### **Acolytes**

- June 4 Zach Young
- June 11 Preston Seible
- June 18 Zander Young
- June 25 Tanner Laube

### **Ushers**

- June 4 Judy & Jenna Shirley
- June 11 Paul & Janine Knapp
- June 18 Judy & Jenna Shirley
- June 25 Paul & Janine Knapp

## **Communion Servers**

June 4 No Communion during worship  
June 11 Ed & Gayle Juhl  
June 18 Paul & Janine Knapp  
June 25 Ed & Gayle Juhl

## **Communion Clean-up**

June 4 No Communion during worship  
June 11 Teri Neil & Joanne Nicklaus  
June 18 Cindy Appleton & Shirley Dufel  
June 25 Cindy Appleton & Shirley Dufel

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## **The colors of the paraments during June:**

June 4 Red; June 11, White; June 18 & 25 Green

## **Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:**

**June 4:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

**June 11:** Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18:** Exodus 19:2-8; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

**June 25:** Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 65:7-18; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39

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**If you have an announcement, message, quote, picture, or prayer, that you would like to share in the newsletter, contact Pastor Mark, (515-538-2200) by the 25th of the previous month.**

Minutes of council meetings which will be included in the newsletters will be from 2 months earlier as they have to be approved at the next monthly meeting before they can be published.