



# Zion Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

**WELCOME TO THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Hebrews 10:24-25, we read, "Let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Have you noticed that, during the summertime, Sunday morning seems to be the most glorious part of the week? Monday and Tuesday are often windy, Wednesday and Thursday, rainy, and Friday is dreary. Saturday extends the dreariness of the previous days, adds a thunderstorm.

Golfers waiting for a chance to get out and play are discouraged until Sunday morning dawns, the clouds melt away, and the beautiful sunshine gleams over the eastern horizon. The forecast is for sunny skies and pleasant conditions. The air smells fresh and invigorating. A perfect day for golfing! Sunday morning beckons golfers to their respective course as alluringly as the Pied Piper beckoned the village children. But shouldn't the golfers be attending church on Sunday morning?

I recently read about the history of 16th century golf in Scotland. Apparently, golfers 500 years ago couldn't resist the appeal of Sunday's best-day-of-the-week golfing weather any more than today. Instead of worshipping at their "kirks" (churches), they chose to play their favorite golf course. Then the government stepped in to help the problem. In Scotland, the birthplace of golf, playing the game was outlawed. Well, not entirely. In 1592, a royal proclamation restricted playing golf to six days a week. Golf on Sundays was prohibited. The king wanted Scots to attend church on Sundays.

That lasted until 1618, when, much the relief of Scottish golfers, the ban was amended to allow golf

on Sunday – if players could show they had attended worship first.

I doubt that a ban on Sunday golf today would improve church attendance. We Christian golfers may love golf but, hopefully, our love of God is greater. Our commitment to our great God is for greater than our commitment to any game or hobby. Come Sunday morning, we can be present for worship.

As you reflect on Hebrews 10:24-25, consider that by attending church worship services regularly, we honor God, encourage our fellow Christians, improve our credibility with our neighbors, and strengthen our relationship with God. Here's another advantage for attending worship – no tee time is necessary.

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**

Thank you to all who helped bring residents to worship at NewAldaya chapel during the month of June.

## **Vacation Bible School**

This summer's VBS will be presented July 9, 10, 11 (Sunday through Tuesday) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The theme will be "A Mighty Fortress" relating to the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther beginning the protestant reformation and how reliance on God's Word and God's grace has a powerful effect on our lives. All ages are welcome.

## Got a Refrigerator?

The secondary refrigerator in the church basement has been removed because it wore out after many years of service. If you have one you might donate to replace it, please contact Ben Volding.

## Keys Available

All members of Zion are welcome to have a key to open the church doors. If you would like a copy of the church key, please contact Pastor Mark.

## Sunday School Classes Forming

We are looking ahead to resuming our Sunday School program in September. If you are interested in serving as a teacher or helper, please let Pastor Mark know.

## Sign-up to Read or Serve Fellowship Treats

There are new 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.

## July Anniversaries

- 7 Russ & Sandy Pedersen
- 21 Dan & Tammy Bern
- 24 Pr. Mark Ordination (1988)

## July Birthdays

- 1 Pastor Mark
- 7 Dylan Garbes
- 11 Tara Seible
- 21 Tammy Bergman
- 23 Mitch Juhl
- 25 Lyle Wulf
- 25 Dan Bern
- 26 Steve Wright

## Acolytes

- July 2 Kristina Kajtezovic
- July 9 June Volding
- July 16 Preston Seible
- July 23 Tanner Laube
- July 30 Zach Young

## Ushers

- July 2 Jerry & Donna Dufel
- July 9 Rod & Marilu Degener
- July 16 Paul & Janine Knapp
- July 23 Rod & Marilu Degener
- July 30 Langley Jensen & Bob Petersen

## Communion Servers

- July 2 Harold & Julie Sorensen
- July 9 Harold & Julie Sorensen
- July 16 Aaron & Tara Seible
- July 23 Aaron & Tara Seible
- July 30 Doug & Carol Weaver

## Communion Clean-up

- July 2 Donna Dufel & Janet Dufel
- July 9 Donna Dufel & Janet Dufel
- July 16 Karen Wulf & Angie Marsh
- July 23 Karen Wulf & Angie Marsh
- July 30 Martha Watson & Bev Wulf

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The colors of the paraments during July: Green

## Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

**July 2:** Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4,15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

**July 9:** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16:** Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23:** Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30:** 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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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.