



Zion Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

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

Depending upon your circumstances it can be either daunting or exciting to look ahead. Those of you with children starting another school year are reminded that these emotions can be mixed together. There is the excitement of catching up with your friends and the fun of young people being all together. But, there is also the daunting thought of facing all the work and exams.

Zion Lutheran Church, in a sense, along with many other congregations, gets going again in September. For many people this period on the calendar carries more practical significance than the Christian Year and the Lectionary. Dates and activities have to be sorted, people contacted, arrangements made. Sometimes the tasks may seem daunting, for we operate in a climate that is not conducive to church life. However, because God's presence is real there is also excitement. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us in our life and work.

So, let us be encouraged and affirm that which is good for us as a congregation serving in this area, and beyond. We are blessed that we may worship freely in our society. We have children in our midst and baptisms to celebrate. When Communion is celebrated there is a real togetherness around Christ's table. The church building is vibrant with activities our facilities. Our church musicians lead us with skill and commitment. Our volunteers work hard and insightfully, so supportive. Sunday School and Confirmation classes are places of joy and deepening of Christian faith.

Most of all, let us give thanks for God being with us in Christ Jesus. For sometimes we get caught up in the practicalities of organizing a congregation and let slip from our minds something of the wonder of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So in the midst of a daunting or exciting future may God's blessing be upon you and us together.

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, Elaine Brandhorst, Everett Hansen, Dorothy Juhl Zelle, Eunice Neil. If you would like another name added to the list, please let Pastor know.

Annual Sandwich Supper

On Sunday, September 24, Zion will host our annual Sandwich Supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please be ready to respond to requests to help make this annual event a success! Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors for a great meal.

"Armor of God" Women's Bible Study

This Means War.

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A cunning, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you—your emotion, your mind, your family, your future. But his reign stops right here, right now. With you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. A woman who is armed and dangerous.

The Bible study you will be holding in your hands is more than just a biblical description of the believer's inventory. It is an action plan for putting on your armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory against the enemy. Yes. A strategy. Targeted. Specific. Precise. Detailed.

We will start by watching "The War Room" on September 6, at confirmation time of 6:30 pm. We can meet the confirmation evenings throughout the remainder of the year.

In doing this 6 week study weekly I found it took me about 30 minutes daily to work through the work book, thus every other week would give ample time for busy women.

On September 6 we will discuss dates, and sign sheet up so I can order materials.

The Bible study format will be to do the work at home, come for discussion time and then, listen to the speaker on DVD.

Alas I have a commitment on Sept 20, so would like to plan October 4 when the confirmation class meets. Come check it out.

Cindy Appleton

In Hudson Group Study

We continue our Monday group study in the city of Hudson. The theme is finding joy in the midst of suffering and hardship. The study will be held at ABC Insurance Building, 335 5th St, Hudson, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Our next session will be Monday, September 11.

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. Rally Sunday and the kick-off of this year's program will be September 10.

Sign-up to Read of 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.

September Anniversaries

6 Austin & Carrie McCalley
9 Bob & Angie Johnson
19 Mike & Connie Twente
28 Harris & Carol Jorgensen

September Birthdays

5 Deb Brandhorst
5 Tyler Laube
12 Carol Jorgensen
14 Heather Gutknecht
18 Dan Miller
24 Katie Robinson
28 Janet Brandhorst
28 Jared Gutknecht

Acolytes

3 June Volding
10 Zach Young
17 Zander Young
24 Tanner Laube

Ushers

3 Chris & Barb McCulley
10 Doug & Carol Weaver
17 Doug & Carol Weaver
24 Irv & Jennifer Laube

Communion Servers

3 Jennifer Brandhorst & Carrie McCalley
10 Whitney & Amber Laube
17 Whitney & Amber Laube
24 John & Teri Neil

Communion Clean-up

3 Tara Seible & Marilu Degener
10 Tara Seible & Marilu Degener
17 Barb McCulley & Evelyn Andorf
24 Barb McCulley & Evelyn Andorf

The Color of the paraments during September is Green for the Season of Pentecost.

Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

Sept 3: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sept 10: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept 17: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 24: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-5; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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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.