



# *Zion Lutheran Church* **NEWSLETTER**

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

*MAY/JUNE 2018*      *5831 GRUNDY ROAD, HUDSON, IA 50643*  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week, were the funerals of Carol Jorgensen and Dennis Gutknecht. Although both had been struggling with health issues for some time, their deaths were not “expected” in the sense that we had preparations in place to plan their memorial services. It brings to mind the words of Jesus recorded in Luke 12:40, “You must also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

One aspect of being ready is, of course, being spiritually ready, confessing your sins and receiving God’s assurance of forgiveness. Making peace and saying your goodbyes with your loved ones is something we can all hope for, but such opportunities are not always available.

Part of my duties as pastor is to help families plan the funeral services for their loved ones. Amidst the difficulties of grieving and making arrangements at the funeral home, comes the pastor asking what songs and which scripture verses do they want to have as part of the service. But it needn’t be so difficult. There are pre-planning tools that can (should) be completed beforehand. What could be better than input from the person whose service it will be? If you are interested, I have such forms available if you’d like to meet and plan. Some people might shy away from the very idea of this, but I can assure you, it is not morbid – your loved ones will very much appreciate having your information available.

Likewise, it is important to check with our cemetery board regarding your grave plot. Several of our Zion members have groups of family plots, but aren’t sure exactly where the individual place for their loved one is amid the spaces. It can save a lot of hassle to have these details arranged well ahead of time.

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, Susan Decker, Sean Love, Don Schrage, Dorothy Juhl Zelle, and Eunice Neil. Also, the family and friends of Carol Jorgensen, and the family and friends of Denny Gutknecht whose funerals were in April. If you would like another name added to the list, please let Pastor know.

## **Hospital Visits**

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please let Pastor Mark know so he can visit and pray with you during your time there.

## **Thank You**

We appreciate the support and comfort from our church during Denny Gutknecht’s illness and funeral service. Thank you from Denny’s family.

## **Pastor Mark and Sherrie Away**

We will be travelling to Scotland for three weeks in May and June. Lord willing, we will depart on May 22 and return on June 13. Thank you to those who have agreed to cover preaching and worship leading duties. Thank you to those who have encouraged us to take this vacation. Please pray that all goes well, especially driving on the left side of the road.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Our annual VBS event is set for Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 17-19. The theme this year is "Shipwreck." We begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. each evening, followed by the opening, the class, the craft, and the games. VBS is not just for kids, there will be an adult class as well. So much fun, so much Jesus, what more could you ask for?

## **Amber Laube Graduation**

The congregation is invited to a reception honoring Amber Laube for her high school graduation. The reception will be held on Friday, May 11, from 5:30-8:30 PM, at Amber's house: 19855 180th St., Holland.

## **University of Iowa Graduate**

Jenna (Brandhorst) Beninga will graduate from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy on Thursday, May 10, 2018 in Iowa City. Her family will honor her during fellowship time on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at Zion. Jenna thanks everyone for the love and support she received while going to college. She will begin her Pharmacy Residency at Greenwood Pharmacy, Waterloo, in July. Congratulations Jenna on your Pharm D accomplishment!

## **Baby Boy**

Congratulations to Jenni and Jake Weitzell on the birth of their son, Jamisen Donald, on April 19. He weighed 7 lbs, 8 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

## **Baby Girl**

Congratulations to Katie and Tim Robinson on the birth of their daughter, Vienna Elaine, on April 1. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

## **Cookies for NewAldaya**

May is Zion's turn to provide cookies for the NewAldaya fellowship time after their Sunday morning chapel services. Please leave donated cookies in our kitchen and they will be brought over. Thanks!

## **May Anniversaries**

19 Elwin & Stacy Lee  
19 Doug & Carol Weaver  
30 Dan & Jane Miller

## **June Anniversaries**

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

## **May Birthdays**

1 Dan Bergman  
1 Russ Pedersen  
1 Preston Siebel  
3 Evelyn Andorf  
7 Lucas Gutknecht  
10 Sue Gibson  
11 Cindy Paige  
13 Margaret Brandhorst  
18 Bridget McCulley  
20 Gayle Juhl  
23 Brad Dufel  
23 Amber Laube  
23 Sammy Ohrt  
25 Jennifer Weitzell  
26 Greg Bergman  
28 Marissa Gutknecht  
30 Craig Dufel  
30 Mallory Laube  
31 Holly Appleton

## **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

## May Acolytes

6 Cameron Seible  
13 Zack Young  
20 Reece Seible  
27 June Volding

## June Acolytes

3 Zander Young  
10 Tanner Laube  
17 Cameron Seible  
24 Zack Young

## Ushers

May 6 Irv & Jennifer Laube  
May 13 John & Teri Neil  
May 20 Eleanor Wettengel & Joanne Nicklaus  
May 27 Eleanor Wettengel & Joanne Nicklaus

June 3 Andy & Cindy Appleton  
June 10 Paul & Janine Knapp  
June 17 Andy & Cindy Appleton  
June 24 Jerry & Donna Dufel

## Communion Servers

May 6 Dan & Jane Miller  
May 13 Gayle Juhl & Eleanor Wettengel  
May 20 Gayle Juhl & Eleanor Wettengel  
May 27 No Communion

June 3 No Communion  
June 10 No Communion  
June 17 Ed & Gayle Juhl  
June 24 Paul & Janine Knapp

## Communion Clean-up

May 6 Barbara McCulley & Martha Watson  
May 13 Barbara McCulley & Martha Watson  
May 20 Jane Miller & Julie Sorensen  
May 27 No Communion

June 3 No Communion  
June 10 No Communion  
June 17 Cindy Appleton & Shirley Dufel  
June 24 Cindy Appleton & Shirley Dufel

**The color of the paraments on May 6 & 13 is white for Easter, on May 20 is red for Pentecost, on May 27 is white for Holy Trinity. On all the Sundays of June the color is green for the season after Pentecost.**

## Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

**May 6:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 13:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**May 20:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

**May 27:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-16

**June 3:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

**June 10:** Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**June 17:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

**June 24:** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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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.