



# Zion Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

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

**SEPTEMBER 2018**      **5831 GRUNDY ROAD, HUDSON, IA 50643**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week we received the following letter from the Black Hawk County Engineer.

“Good Day Resident:

Black Hawk County and Grundy County are planning to improve Grundy Road in the next five years. We are planning to regrade and then pave the road from US 20 to Zaneta Road. ....”

The letter goes on to explain that during the next few months, their surveyor will be out looking at properties “to determine right-of-way impacts and impacts to utilities.”

Wow! That is wonderful news for our Zion church family. The fact that getting to our church building means driving on at least two miles of gravel roads is a hardship for many. I recall a husband and wife visiting our worship one Sunday a couple years ago. After the service, I asked where they were from. He said that they live in Waterloo and were interested in checking out a local LCMC congregation, “We found your church online and were impressed by your website, but it didn’t mention that you were located on a dirt road.” They haven’t been back to visit again.

In Isaiah 40:4-5 we read, “Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

It is my dream that with easier access to our church building (through having Grundy Road improved), we will be up for the challenge of revealing the glory of the Lord as more people will be able to attend and participate in our worship and other activities.

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, Lorraine Joens, Sean Love, Eileen McKenna, Dan Miller, Eunice Neil, Jeanette Huwe. If you would like another name added to the list, please let Pastor know.

## **Our Sympathies**

Dorothy Juhl Zelle passed away last night at NewAldaya. Her funeral service will be held at Zion this Tuesday, September 4, at 10:30 a.m., Visitation is at the church at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service and at Dahl Van Hove Funeral Home in Cedar Falls on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. Please keep Dorothy’s family and friends in your prayers, and for safe travelling for those coming from long distances.

## **Mitch Juhl Update**

Mitch Juhl will be deployed with his army unit to South Korea beginning September 14th. We will announce a new address for him after he arrives there. Until then you can send his mail to:

2LT Mitchell Juhl  
Class TC, 18-007/C-Co  
Army Logistics University  
Support BN  
2401 Quarters Road  
Fort Lee, VA 23801

## **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.

## **Our LCMC Annual Gathering**

The Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) annual gathering takes place October 7-10, 2018 in Des Moines. “Growing Up” is the theme of our 18th Annual Gathering and Convention, and we’ve invited Dr. Kent Hunter of Church Doctor Ministries to help us consider how congregations of all sizes can be focused on the Great Commission and develop a kingdom mindset.

Pastor Jo Kinnard will be returning this year to serve as our Bible study leader as we reflect on the text of Ephesians 4.

Pastors Mark Vander Tuig and Perry Fruhling will preach the

opening and closing worship services respectively.

For our service project this year, we will again be teaming up with Meals from the Heartland to help feed people in need. Our goal for 2018 is to raise \$100,000 for supplies and package 400,000 meals. Participants can sign up to help assemble meal kits by checking off the appropriate box on their registration form.

For those who would like a chance to connect with other people in LCMC, we will again be offering a fellowship dinner in addition to several other fellowship meet-ups.

New for 2018, participants at this year's event have the option to sing in a combined choir during the closing worship service. To sign up, simply check off the appropriate box on your registration form.

The event also includes breakout sessions, vendors, and worship, plus time for fellowship, networking, and discussion

### **Baptism on September 16**

Please join us during service on September 16th for the baptism of Jamisen Donald. Following service our family would like to invite you to join us for fellowship downstairs. Hope you will be able to join us for this joyous event!

--Jake, Jenni, and Jamisen Weitzell

### **Practice for Musicians and Singers**

Beginning September 9, immediately following worship, Sherrie Decker will lead a short practice time for those interested in singing or playing a musical instrument with our worship team. We will only do a couple of songs so you will still have time to participate in Sunday School or fellowship afterwards.

### **Sunday School Begins September 9**

We are looking ahead to resuming our Sunday School program with Rally Sunday on September 9. This year we are also offering a class, "40 Days of Prayer" for adults during fellowship time.

### **How Healthy is your Soul?**

We know diet and exercise are vitally important to our physical health. Soul care also requires diet and exercise. The right diet includes word, worship and prayer.

While exercise is a balance of obedience, fellowship and discipleship. This fall we will begin two new bible studies at Zion come join us and improve your soul's health.

### **40 days of Prayer**

God created you to pray. Prayer is so simple that even a child can do it. So why is it that we as adults so often struggle to now how to pray? What is the secret to answered prayer? What are the right words, and how long should we keep praying about something? How can we know God even hears us when we pray? Over 7 weeks, we are going to focus on your personal prayer life, and we're going to answer these tough questions. When we're finished, you will be praying with more confidence and greater faith than ever before.

The 40 days of Prayer Bible study will begin on Sept 16 for youth and adult during the fellowship time. Grab your goodies and grow! This is a DVD led Bible study with a workbook to take notes on during the lesson. The workbook is \$12.99. Let

Pastor or Cindy Appleton know so we can order materials. The workbook for the high school students will be provided.

### **One in a Million**

Every woman is on a journey. In looking carefully at the 2 Israelites (out of 2 million) who crossed over the Jordan and into the promised land, we find direction for our own spiritual lives. Expect to see God move in miraculous ways in your everyday existence.

This is a 7 weeks bible study which we will spread out over 14 weeks, with planned completion before December. As last year this will meet during the confirmation time every other Wednesday starting September 5. Expect to do homework to prepare for class as you will gain more from the DVD Bible study. The study book is \$12.99 please contact Pastor or Cindy Appleton prior to August 25 so we can order materials. Let's feed our faith!

### **NEW ZION LUTHERAN COOKBOOK "FAITH. FOOD. FELLOWSHIP."**

We are planning to create a new cookbook! Our last cookbook at Zion was printed in 1987 and our congregation has grown since that time! Your participation will be needed to make this project a success. Church cookbooks contain tried and true recipes and are a lasting keepsake.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

Please submit five to six of your favorite, cherished recipes to be included in our cookbook by September 15, 2018. We would also like to include recipes in memory of our church members that have passed away.

Recipes may be left in the church mailbox marked "Recipes" in the church entryway. Questions may be directed to Jan Brandhorst.

The committee will keep you updated on the progress of this project. Thank you for submitting your recipes!

### **Annual Sandwich Supper**

On Sunday, September 30, 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. We are working hard to get the word out with better publicity this year!

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

There are still some open days on the 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
9	Sloan & Jenna Beninga
19	Mike & Connie Twente

## September Birthdays

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

## September Acolytes

2	Tanner Laube
9	Cameron Seible
16	Zack Young
23	Reece Seible
30	June Volding

## Ushers

September 2	Chris & Barb McCulley
September 9	Doug & Carol Weaver
September 16	Doug & Carol Weaver
September 23	Irv & Jennifer Laube
September 30	Joel & Jenna Parr

## Communion Servers

September 2	Jennifer Brandhorst & Carrie McCalley
September 9	Jennifer Brandhorst & Carrie McCalley
September 16	Whitney & Tanner Laube
September 23	Whitney & Tanner Laube
September 30	John & Teri Neil

## Communion Clean-up

September 2	Michelle Wright & Evelyn Andorf
September 9	Michelle Wright & Evelyn Andorf
September 16	Julie Sorensen & Jessi Sorensen
September 23	Julie Sorensen & Jessi Sorensen
September 30	Elaine Brandhorst & Betty Bergman

## Read Scripture during Worship

September 2	(available)
September 9	June Volding
September 16	Gerald Brandhorst
September 23	Tyler Laube
September 30	Teri Neil

## Serve Fellowship Treats

September 2	Chris & Barb McCulley
September 9	Paul & Janine Knapp (Rally Sunday)
September 16	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
September 23	(available)
September 30	(available)

The color of the paraments on all the Sundays of September is green for the season after Pentecost.

Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

**September 2:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23

**September 9:** Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-13;  
Mark 7:24-37

**September 16:** Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9;  
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**September 23:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54;  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37

**September 30:** Numbers 11:4-6,10-16, 24-29;  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

The **WEB SITE for LCMC** – Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, is [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net)

**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.