



Zion Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

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

Even though America is becoming more and more secular, a recent Gallup Poll indicated that 77 percent of the people in America still identify with Christianity. The poll also reported that 40 percent of Americans attend church worship services, although not necessarily on a weekly basis.

There is a difference between being a church member, even one who attends worship regularly, and being a disciple of Jesus. Many church members are on the journey to become disciples but are not there yet. Some church members can also be seen as people who have more a relationship with the congregation rather than with Jesus. Such members are much more comfortable talking about church activities than how Jesus is active in their lives. Simply being such a church member is not a bad thing, but Jesus wants more for us than just attending church.

Disciples are followers of Jesus and learners from God and their primary relationship is with Jesus. The goal of disciples is to help make more disciples. Their desire is focused on sharing the Gospel and serving others rather than gossiping or complaining about the pastor, the style of worship, or the church itself.

The following may help you see some of the distinctions between the thoughts and attitudes of members and those of disciples:

1. Members give money to support others who do ministry. Disciples also give money to support others, but they are also personally involved in ministry. They see themselves in partnership and believe that ministry belongs to all God's people.

2. The focus of members is to maintain the institution. Members give to maintain the church because the building needs to be heated, lighted, and maintained. They want to make sure that committees are staffed and Sunday School is taught. Disciples give for these reasons as well, and also see giving as part of a growing relationship with Jesus and a means to reach out to others with the Gospel.

3. Members are happy just to attend church without any additional commitment. Disciples get involved in using their time, talents, and money to help extend God's kingdom.

In the life of disciples, the mission field begins as they leave the parking lot of the church. Disciples will daily spend time in prayer and reading God's Word. They will attend worship every chance they get, grow in the grace of giving, serve others, and share the Good News of Jesus' love with others.

May God help us all become His disciples so we can be His channels of love, grace, and mercy to those in our midst.

In Christ's Love,
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, Bill Neil, Eunice Neil. Also, the family and friends of Dolores Wulf whose funeral was last Wednesday. If you would like another name added to the list, please let Pastor know.

Thank you

Thank You for the cards, memorials, food, and kinds words shown to us at the loss of our mom, grandma, great-grandma Dolores Wulf. Thank you to those who helped organize and serve at the luncheon and for the many acts of kindness & comfort shown to us during this very difficult time.

- *Cindy Paige, Kelly Paige, Tim & Katie Robinson & Vienna, Kari Paige & Dustin Finley*

Harvest Ingathering Drive

Our annual Harvest Ingathering Drive goes through November 25. The goal this year is \$15,000.00. Watch the Grain Bin as it starts to fill up. Farmers, as you take your harvest to the elevator, remember to designate a portion to Zion. It's not just for farmers only, others are asked to contribute with a cash donation. Thanks to those who have already donated. May God bless those working the harvest season.

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.

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.

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.

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

Practice for Musicians and Singers

Immediately following worship, Sherrie Decker is leading 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.

Pastor Mark Away

Pastor Mark will be making a short trip to California to visit his mother from Monday, October 29 through Friday November 2.

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?

We are in need of recipes! Thanks to those that have already submitted some recipes. If you have not put any recipes in the basket, please consider doing so! We would also like to include recipes in memory of our church members that have passed away. Recipes may be left in the basket near the mailboxes in the entryway. Thanks!

One in a Million Women's Bible Study

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. 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 so we can order materials. Let's feed our faith!

October Anniversaries

- 19 Kyle & Lacey Degener
23 Paul & Janine Knapp
29 Andy & Cindy Appleton

October Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Bascom
3 Kelly Paige
4 Betty Bergman
4 Elwin Lee
4 Jeff Marsh
8 Carson Laube
9 Spencer Simpson
13 Carol Weaver
14 Chris McCulley
20 Langley Jensen
24 Irv Laube
24 Holley VanHemert
25 Jim Grover
25 Jane Miller
27 Aaron Seible

Ushers

- October 7 Karen Wulf & Angie Marsh
October 14 Karen Wulf & Angie Marsh
October 21 Lyle Wulf & Bob Petersen
October 28 Lyle Wulf & Bob Petersen

Communion Servers

- October 7 John & Teri Neil
October 14 Julie & Jodi Sorensen
October 21 Julie & Jodi Sorensen
October 28 Marilu Degener & Judy Shirley

Communion Clean-up

- October 7 Shirley Dufel & Eleanor Wettengel
October 14 Shirley Dufel & Eleanor Wettengel
October 21 Janine Knapp & Marian Grover
October 28 Janine Knapp & Marian Grover

Read Scripture during Worship

- October 7 June Volding
October 14 John Neil
October 21 Karen Wulf
October 28 Ben Volding

Serve Fellowship Treats

- October 7 Sorensen family
October 14 (available)
October 21 Karen Wulf
October 28 Bev Wulf & Jan Brandhorst

The color of the paraments on the Sundays October 7, 14, and 21 is green for the season after Pentecost. On Sunday October 28, the color is red for Reformation Sunday.

Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

- October 7:** Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8;
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 14: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
October 21: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
October 28: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46;
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

The **WEB SITE for LCMC** – Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, is 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.