



Zion Lutheran Church **NEWSLETTER**

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

One of the wonderful qualities of our worship is that we share in the Lord's Supper. The early Christians practiced this as often as they gathered for worship. As we read in Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

In 1 Corinthians 11:20, we read "When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat." The phrase "come together" is the term for gathering as the church in worship. This wording suggests that when they gathered they ate a meal which they intended to be the Lord's Supper. Though they are abusing the Supper, their practice to celebrate each time they gather was not considered odd. Even the wording in 1 Corinthians 11:25, "As often as you drink," which is often used to suggest frequency is unimportant, in context actually suggests frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper. This addition in particular implies a frequently repeated action, suggesting that from the beginning the Last Supper was for Christians not an annual Christian Passover, but a regularly repeated meal in 'honor of the Lord,' hence the Lord's Supper." It is the centerpiece of worship.

For many of us, in our human-centered age where so many services are missing of any meaning-

ful reference to the cross, the regular use of the Lord's Supper reminds us of the cross even if it may be missing elsewhere. What better way to be gospel-centered than to make Christ's own portrayal of the gospel a centerpiece in our weekly worship? In an increasingly "visual" age we benefit from regular use of the visible, tangible portrayal given to us by Christ. In a day seemingly interested merely in "Living-Our-Best-Life-Now", we regularly need ways of reminding ourselves of the Lord's return. In the end, the issue is not whether or not we have to celebrate communion weekly but that we get to do so.

In practical terms, for us at Zion, it takes a dedicated group of people to step up and help make sure we have the resources in place to serve the Lord's Supper to all who are present. Included in this month's newsletter are the schedules for ushers and Communion servers for the coming year. Please look over these schedules and find your names and the dates we hope you will be available to serve. If these dates don't fit into something you have going on that week, please let me know as soon as possible so we can arrange for someone else to switch dates. I am very grateful for those of you who help make our worship a true blessing for others.

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, Clarence Laube, Sean Love, Eileen McKenna, Dan Miller, Eunice Neil, Harlan Selken. If you would like another name added to the list, please let Pastor know.

Our Annual Harvest Ingathering Drive

The goal this year was \$15,000.00. May we have a sense that God blesses those working the harvest season. As of the end of December, we have received \$17,089.45. Many thanks to all who have contributed!

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 or help with the sound and PowerPoint display on Sunday mornings. Please take advantage these opportunities to use your talent.

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 20, Zion will hold our annual meeting to approve the budget. If you have a report to submit for the annual report, please have those into the church office by Sunday, January 13. Thank you.

Thank You!

The Sorensen Family has prepared Christmas treat sacks for our youth and shut-ins. Thanks to your family for continuing this Christmas tradition.

Cookies for NewAldaya

The month of January will be Zion's turn to provide cookies for residents of NewAldaya after their Sunday morning chapel services. Please drop off cookies at the Zion kitchen and they will be taken to NewAldaya.

New Adult Sunday Bible Study

We invite everyone to a new adult Bible study. "You Make Me Crazy: Surviving Relationships God's Way" is a DVD and discussion during fellowship time resuming again in January.

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 and Sherrie will be attending the Spiritual Life Conference at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, in Fountain Hills, Arizona, from January 23-30. The featured speaker this year is Pastor Mark VanderTuig, LCMC Service Coordinator. This will be the third year in a row that they will be attending this conference.

New Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays

After winding down on the Armor of God Bible Study in December. We have decided to pursue another Phyllis Shirer Bible Study on Gideon. The flyer on the book says: "Seven session study to encourage us to recognize our weakness as a key that the Lord gives to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. If you've ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered this study is for you. Instead of ignoring, neglecting or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as gifts given specifically and strategically by God." We will continue the same format of every other week when the confirmation class meets.

Please let me know by January 7 so I can order materials. Cindy Appleton

January Anniversaries

4 Pastor Mark & Sherrie Decker
29 Jeff & Angie Marsh

January Birthdays

4 Jenna Parr
7 Judy Shirley
11 Lori Gutknecht
12 Stacy Lee
12 Jamie Miller
14 Josh Shirley
16 Hayden Gutknecht
24 Bob Petersen
25 Casey Bonwell
30 Madeline Brandhorst

Acolytes

6	Hayden Gutknecht
13	Zack Young
20	June Volding
27	Carson Laube

Ushers

January 6	Jim & Marian Grover
January 13	Jim & Marian Grover
January 20	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
January 27	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst

Communion Servers

January 6	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
January 13	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
January 20	Cindy & Austin Appleton
January 27	(no Communion)

Snow Removal

January 1-15	Ben Volding Chris McCulley
January 16-31	Chris Brandhorst Aaron Seible

Parking Concerns

There has been some conversation concerning leaving space for an emergency vehicle to have access to the church basement if the “loop” of our front driveway is overcrowded with parked cars. While it is certainly okay to park there, just keep in mind that we don’t want to have the driveway completely blocked.

The color of the paraments on Sunday, January 6 and 13, the color is white for the Epiphany of Our Lord and the Baptism of Our Lord. On Sundays, January 20 and 27, the color is green for the season of Epiphany.

Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

Jan. 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 13: Isaiah 43:2-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan. 20: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Jan. 27: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:4-21

2019 Usher Schedule

January 6	Jim & Marian Grover
January 13	Jim & Marian Grover
January 20	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
January 27	Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
February 3	Brad Ohrt & Lynn Pedersen
February 10	Brad Ohrt & Lynn Pedersen
February 17	Bill & Lori Gutknecht
February 24	Bill & Lori Gutknecht
March 3	Harold & Julie Sorensen
March 6 (Ash Wed)	Harold & Julie Sorensen
March 10	Harold & Julie Sorensen
March 13 (Lent)	Ed & Gayle Juhl
March 17	Ed & Gayle Juhl
March 20 (Lent)	Ed & Gayle Juhl
March 24	Ed & Gayle Juhl
March 27 (Lent)	Rod & Marilu Degener
March 31	Rod & Marilu Degener
April 3 (Lent)	Langley Jensen & Lyle Wulf
April 7	Langley Jensen & Lyle Wulf
April 10 (Lent)	Langley Jensen & Lyle Wulf
April 14	Elwin & Stacy Lee
April 18 (Maundy Th)	Elwin & Stacy Lee
April 19 Good Fri)	Elwin & Stacy Lee
April 21 (Easter)	Elwin & Stacy Lee
April 28	Irv & Jennifer Laube
May 5	John & Teri Neil
May 12	John & Teri Neil
May 19	Eleanor Wettengel & Joanne Nicklaus
May 26	Eleanor Wettengel & Joanne Nicklaus
June 2	Andy & Cindy Appleton
June 9	Paul & Janine Knapp
June 16	Andy & Cindy Appleton
June 23	Craig & Janet Dufel
June 30	Craig & Janet Dufel
July 7	Bob & Shirley Petersen
July 14	Bob & Shirley Petersen
July 21	Paul & Janine Knapp
July 28	Langley Jensen & Lyle Wulf
August 4	Langley Jensen & Lyle Wulf
August 11	Joel & Jenna Parr
August 18	Joel & Jenna Parr
August 25	Chris & Barb McCulley

September 1 Chris & Barb McCulley
September 8 Zach Young & Carol Weaver
September 15 Zach Young & Carol Weaver
September 22 Irv & Jennifer Laube
September 29 Irv & Jennifer Laube

October 6 Karen Wulf & Angie Marsh
October 13 Karen Wulf & Angie Marsh
October 20 Lyle Wulf & Bob Petersen
October 27 Lyle Wulf & Bob Petersen

November 3 Elwin & Stacy Lee
November 10 Elwin & Stacy Lee
November 17 Chris & Jen Brandhorst
November 24 Chris & Jen Brandhorst

December 1 Langley Jensen & Ed Juhl
December 8 Langley Jensen & Ed Juhl
December 15 Harold & Julie Sorensen
December 22 Harold & Julie Sorensen
December 24 (evening) Harold & Julie Sorensen
December 29 Jim & Marian Grover

2019 Communion Server Schedule

January 6 Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
January 13 Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
January 20 Cindy & Austin Appleton
January 27 (no Communion)

February 3 Rod & Marilu Degener
February 10 Rod & Marilu Degener
February 17 Angie Marsh & Lyle Wulf
February 24 Angie Marsh & Lyle Wulf

March 3
March 6 (Ash Wed) Rod & Marilu Degener
March 10 Joel & Jenna Parr
March 17 Bill & Lori Gutknecht
March 24 (no Communion)
March 31 Andy & Austin Appleton

April 7 Andy & Austin Appleton
April 14 Chris & Barb McCulley
April 18 (Maundy Th) Bill & Lori Gutknecht
April 21 (Easter) Chris & Barb McCulley
April 28 Dan & Jane Miller

May 5 Dan & Jane Miller
May 12 Gayle Juhl & Eleanor Wettengel
May 19 Gayle Juhl & Eleanor Wettengel
May 26 John & Teri Neil

June 2 John & Teri Neil
June 9 Paul & Janine Knapp
June 16 Ed & Gayle Juhl
June 23 Paul & Janine Knapp
June 30 Ed & Gayle Juhl

July 7 Harold & Julie Sorensen
July 14 Harold & Julie Sorensen
July 21 Aaron & Tara Seible
July 28 Aaron & Tara Seible

August 4 Zander Young & Carol Weaver
August 11 Zander Young & Carol Weaver
August 18 Doug & Karen Wulf
August 25 Doug & Karen Wulf

September 1 Jennifer Brandhorst &
Carrie McCalley
September 8 Jennifer Brandhorst &
Carrie McCalley
September 15 Whitney & Tanner Laube
September 22 Whitney & Tanner Laube
September 39 John & Teri Neil

October 6 John & Teri Neil
October 13 Julie & Jodi Sorensen
October 20 Julie & Jodi Sorensen
October 27 Jenna Parr & Judy Shirley

November 3 Jenna Parr & Judy Shirley
November 10 Angie Marsh & Lyle Wulf
November 17 Angie Marsh & Lyle Wulf
November 24 Molly & June Volding

December 1 Chris & Jennifer Brandhorst
December 8 Chris & Jennifer Brandhorst
December 15 Gayle Juhl & Barb Gutknecht
December 22 Gayle Juhl & Barb Gutknecht
December 24 (evening) Rod & Marilu Degener
December 29 Rod & Marilu Degener

Snow Removal Schedule 2018-2019

November	Rod Degener Ed Juhl	319-415-5071 319-215-2585
Dec. 1-15	Brad Ohrt Mark Decker	319-231-9436 515-538-2200
Dec. 16-31	Greg Bergman Craig Dufel	319-504-5574 319-988-3722
January 1-15	Ben Volding Chris McCulley	319-229-6058 319-239-2518
January 16-31	Chris Brandhorst Aaron Seible	319-269-0660 402-730-0487
Feb. 1-15	Andy Appleton Dan Miller	319-239-0340 319-988-3610
Feb. 16-28	Chris McCulley Bruce Bascom	319-239-2518 319-240-1862
March 1-15	Paul Knapp Elwin Lee	319-883-1984 319-988-4219
March 16-31	Gerald Brandhorst Jared Gutknecht	319-239-4844 319-404-8856
April	Rod Degener Ed Juhl	319-415-5071 319-215-2585

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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.