



Zion Lutheran Church **NEWSLETTER**

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sherrie and I are traveling for the first three weeks of September. While we are away, we always appreciate your prayers and want you to know that we pray for you and all that is going on our Zion community.

I very much appreciate those of you who have stepped up to help with worship while we are away. Lyle Wulf has agreed to serve as worship leader for all three Sundays. On September 1, Judy Shirley has agreed to play keyboard and Ben Volding will preach, reading a sermon I have prepared for that day. On September 8, a seminary student, Scott Dirks, will preach and preside at Holy Communion. Scott is from Altoona, Iowa. He was among the group with me travelling to Israel last March. On September 15, our previous pastor, Claudia Tessmer, will preach and preside at Holy Communion. As always, while I am away, part of me would love to be sitting among you, listening to the sermons being delivered by these people.

I also appreciate Pastor Kent Wallace for agreeing to cover any pastoral emergencies during my time away. I've known Pastor Wallace for several years now (for as long as I've been in the LCMC) and am thankful that he accepted the call to serve as the new pastor of our nearest LCMC neighboring congregation, Bethel Lutheran Church in Parkersburg. Hopefully, there will not be any such emergencies, but he may be called at 715-296-0797 – yes that's an out of state area code, he moved here from Wisconsin.

The first week after we return, Zion is hosting our annual Sandwich Supper on September 22. Then on September 29-October 2 is the annual LCMC

convention, held this year in Omaha, Nebraska. I know it is a bit of a drive to Omaha, but if any of you can make it there, I assure you it is well-worth the effort.

On Sunday, October 6, we will welcome a visiting guest, Pastor Enrique Estrada, from the LCMC Mexico Mission, in Monterey, Mexico. Pastor Enrique will be accompanying us back from Omaha after the convention and will bring the message of how Christ is active in Mexico and beyond. This will be one guest sermon I am planning to be in attendance for. I hope you can be there as well to hear him.

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, Mary Hansen, Sean Love, Eunice Neil, Holly Paar, Wanda (Cindy Young's friend). Erik and Cristiana Decker (Pastor's son and his wife), as they settle in to their new home and job in Indianapolis, Indiana. 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. Unlike in years past, hospital staff does not call the pastor to notify him when a church member has been hospitalized.

Annual Sandwich Supper

On Sunday, September 22, 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!

Pastor Mark Away

Please pray for Pastor Mark and Sherrie while they are on a three week vacation to Prague and the Czech Republic. While they are away, Pastor Kent Wallace of Bethel Lutheran Church in Parkersburg has agreed to cover any pastoral emergencies. His cell phone is 715-296-0797.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards and gifts I received for my birthday. Thank you to my family for making it a very special day!

--Elaine Brandhorst

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

In late August we will be starting "The Bible from 30,000 Feet" by Skip Heitzig. If you have ever wanted to read through the Bible, now is your chance. This will require reading the Bible, watching a video from Pastor Skip, and then Bible study to discuss the video and the workbook. It is an exciting study. Let Cindy Appleton know if you're interested at 319-988-9309. The study is expected to be held on Wednesdays unless Bible study members want another night.

Sunday School Information

Zion Sunday School gets back into full swing this month with classes at 10:15 for ages 3 through adult. Pastor Mark will be leading the adult class "Why I Believe" from Chip Ingram starting on Sunday, September 22.

DVD Library

We have a very useful free library of DVD movies in the cabinet in the narthex / front entry. If you have borrowed any, please return them so others may enjoy this blessing.

Faith. Food. Fellowship.

Great news! Our Zion Cookbook is complete and has arrived! The cookbook is for sale during fellowship time. The price is \$20 and contains 615 recipes. Cookbooks make great gifts! It was August 2018 when we started our project.

Our last cookbook was printed in 1987. Thank you to all that submitted recipes and asked others for recipes. Each recipe makes our book special. Our cookbook also contains many recipes from those we hold in our memory. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement. We have a great cookbook and we hope you enjoy it!

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

Acolytes

1 Tanner Laube
8 Carson Laube
15 Zack Young
22 Dylan Garbes
29 June Volding

Ushers

September 1 Joel & Jenna Parr
September 8 Zach Young & Carol Weaver
September 15 Zach Young & Carol Weaver
September 22 Irv & Jennifer Laube
September 29 Irv & Jennifer Laube

Communion Servers

September 1 [no Communion this Sunday]
September 8 Jennifer Brandhorst &
Carrie McCalley
September 15 Whitney & Tanner Laube
September 22 Whitney & Tanner Laube
September 29 John & Teri Neil

Communion Clean-up

September 1 [no Communion this Sunday]
September 8 Teri Neil & Joanne Nicklaus
September 15 Marilu Degener & Molly Volding
September 22 Marilu Degener & Molly Volding
September 29 Eleanor Wettengel & Beverly Wulf

Sunday Readers

September 1 Holly Karsjens
September 8 June Volding
September 15 Ben Volding
September 22 Karen Wulf
September 29 Irv Laube

Serving Fellowship Treats

September 1 Langley Jensen
September 8 Chris & Barb McCulley
September 15 Wulf
September 22 Phil & Monica Laube
September 29 Sorensens

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

Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:

Sept. 1: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Matthew 25:1-13

Sept. 8: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 15: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 22: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 29: Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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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.