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Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran Church, Cologne, MN is a branch of Christ's family saved by grace alone, rooted in God's love, and growing in faith through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service as we reach out to others with the good news of Jesus.

A Hundred Pieces of Candy! Amen! *Pastor Eric Zacharias*

In chapel, Mr. M said God does not give us what we deserve. He asked this question: Instead of giving us what we deserve, God gives us something good. What is it? Candy? One piece...two pieces...three pieces...? One child said, "Four!" and another said "A hundred pieces of candy!" Mr. M explained that God does better than that. God forgives us, makes us holy in his sight, and gives us eternal life! That changes everything. It makes us happy. Joyful. Blessed. It shows in our lives.

Working with children is sometimes a challenge, but there are great moments when the truth of a matter settles into the heart and mind of a student--and it shows. That makes all the other hours of work worthwhile. We can say, "Amen!" to God's many blessings, for the physical and spiritual blessing of eternal life. (And, yes, Mr. M did encourage the kids to say, "Amen!" to all that is right and true.)

I witnessed an "amen" moment from Lillian Ische when I told her about the many changes at Zion: How the school changed classrooms because the PreK/Kindergartners were flush with students. How the cafegymnasium received new paint (+ murals), new lights, and a new floor; the hall, with new water fountains; the playground, with new outdoor basketball court and play space, and a new backstop for the softball field. (A huge thank you to Rueben and Verona Dietzel for making this all possible through their extremely generous donation.)

"I wish I could go there!" she said with enthusiasm. "I will tell everyone about Zion ... I wish I could do more!" To which I could only say, "Amen!" Lillian's enthusiasm, her desire to share good news, her desire to pray for Zion, tells much about the life-long love Lillian and others have had for Zion's ministry. It's "show and tell" on a grand scale.

Indeed, Zion is very grateful and excited about the renovations. All of this work took a great deal of time for planning and implementing of these projects, largely by way of the trustees. These changes also meant that people had put forth a lot of money, especially by way of endowments or wills.

Zion has changed a lot in its 160 years, but one message is unchanging: God gives us blessing after blessing, the greatest of which is forgiveness of sins and the certainty of an eternity of hope and love, for all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That changes everything and brings great joy.

You are a part of that. Together, we can do great things. We have a message to tell. It will come with difficulties, but the reward is sweet. Can I get an "Amen!"? **Amen!**

In Jesus' name: Amen!
Pastor Eric Zacharias

LWML/LADIES' AID MEETING MINUTES Sept. 7, 2017

Zion Ladies' Aid/LWML met on Sept. 7th with 11 members present. The meeting opened with a devotion given by Darlene Ulrich entitled "Fragrance of Fall". Pastor Zacharias led the group in a Bible Study from the quarterly entitled "The Profound Search for Wisdom".

The meeting was called to order by President Juliene and the LWML Pledge was recited. The minutes and financial reports were approved, accepted and filed for audit.

Correspondence was received from LFL Newsletter, Camp Trinity, Bible Translators, Chinese Bibles, and Dakota Boys Ranch. The Mite Donation for September was increased to \$100 and will be given to the LCMS Disaster Response/Hurricane Relief, earmarked for Red Cross Hurricane Harvey.

Christian Growth reported 60 attended the retreat at Mankato's AmericInn. There were 4 Bible Studies and rocks given relating to their theme.

The Funeral Committee reported 3 funerals served. 66 were served at Becky Boltmann's funeral, 165 were served at Ruth Krueger's funeral (with leftovers) and 160 were expected at Delores Ische's funeral on Sept. 9th.

The Kitchen Committee had a good turnout cleaning this year, with 8 coming, including Leah Janzen and Lori Zacharias.

The Tour Committee reported a great tour and extend their thanks to the planners. Those planning the *Tour of Tables* are thinking of donations instead of selling tickets for the event. They are also open to ideas about the entertainment. No specifics have been decided at this time.

New Business: Discussion was held concerning LWML Sunday on October 1st. They

are going to order cake as we had last year, when they served 87. They are looking to provide something for the kids and women that Sunday. Plans are to have women involved in the service as much as possible. Carol Henschen has offered to call our honorary members to ask them to sit with us that Sunday.

We are asking for updated addresses for the college students of Zion. You can continue to write to the students you've had in the past.

Carol Henschen brought the scrapbook for the members to look at and is still looking for pictures from our events.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, October 1st | LWML Sunday
Monday, October 2nd | Minnetonka Conference Rally | Trinity, Waconia.

- Dessert 6:30 PM/Rally at 7:00 PM
- Speaker Fred Hinz "The New Landscape of Parental Choice in Education"
- cash donation

Birthday Hymns were sung for Carol and Darlene. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by Roxanne.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zacharias, Secretary

SOUP & PIE SUPPER

Monday, November 6th 4-8 PM

The planning committee for the Soup & Pie Supper asks your help in securing the following, bringing items to kitchen by Nov. 1st:

Carrots	40 lbs	Bacon (thick)	12 lbs
Flour	100 lbs	Decaf Coffee	2 lg. cans
Butter	35 lbs	Lemonade	2 lg. cans
Potatoes	40 lbs	Cool Whip	10 tubs
Ground Beef	100 lbs		

It is also requested that each congregation family bring 2 pies or 1 dessert to share.

In our modern age, we have a tendency to focus more on the outward than on the inward. We welcome what is fake and misleading with regard to our outward appearance. In essence, we spend a lot of money trying to mask the real "us." And many of the things we do, we do because of a wrong motive.

We smile cheerfully because our boss says that if we don't, we will be fired. We greet our customers professionally because we want to get the deal. We prioritize leadership over servanthood, so we are more concerned about looking elegant and demonstrating our authority than being a blessing to others. We use, misuse and abuse people for our own gain. We want to go up, but we don't ever want to come down-to-humble ourselves. We seek increase, abundance, glamour, success, and name and fame so that we look good on the outside at the expense of our inward man.

But the Lord made it clear that the outside is not what matters to Him when He told Samuel: "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam.16:7, NKJV).

Unfortunately, we live in a culture that teaches the outside-in approach to growth. That's why many people get stuck in victim mode. They blame their parents, spouse, kids, boss, circumstances, and anyone or anything else to get out of taking responsibility for their own messes.

God's way for us to develop character is to start with ourselves; it's an inside-out approach. The Lord is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him so He can show us our weaknesses and build a strong foundation in our inward self. When Jesus was addressing the people in His Sermon on the Mount, He revealed the significance of what is in the heart. He told them it wasn't enough to obey the commandments or cultural laws and traditions; they had to go deeper.

"You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I tell you not to resist an evil person" (Matt.5:38-39).

"You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt.5:43-44).

God will make you go deeper than "what you have heard in the past." Whatever you have heard in the past may hinder you from going forward because the Lord is saying to you right now, "But I say unto you."

Now is the time to take off your mask because God wants to develop your character and shape you to fulfill your destiny. It's not something you can do on our own; it is the work of the Holy Spirit in you. But you can cooperate with God by putting yourself in a position to be transformed.

Remember, Jesus did not come to seek the righteous, but sinners! He said it is not the healthy who need a physician, but the sick. His grace is sufficient for you. As God completes His work in you, you will begin to reflect not a false image of yourself, but the character of His Son.

Scrip Program

Zion carries gift cards to many local stores which are available for purchase through the office or after most Sunday church services. As the holidays roll around, we try to make it extra convenient for you by providing an option to special order gift cards that are not normally carried. Cards like Under Armour, Amazon, Cabela's, Golfsmith, and HomeGoods are just the tip of the iceberg. You will be able to special order gift cards at the scrip card table starting in November or through the office at any time. We hope that you keep us in mind as the holidays draw near. Gift cards make great gifts for those that are hard to buy for.

Craft/Bake Sale Info

Monday, November 6th 4-8 PM

ZEL will be hosting their annual craft and bake sale during the Soup & Pie Supper on Monday, November 7th from 4-8 PM. Please start thinking and planning ideas that you can contribute to this sale: baked goods, craft items, Christmas ornaments, etc.

NOTE ABOUT BAKED GOODS:

Please place priced items in non-returnable containers. Bars, cookies, & candy must be cut and wrapped.

Price Suggestions

Cakes (angel food, etc)	\$2.50 – \$4.00
Cookies (dozen)	\$3.00
Cupcakes, bars, etc	\$0.25 - \$0.50 each
Pies	\$3.50 - \$5.00
Coffee Cake	\$5.00
Nut Breads	\$2.00 - \$4.00
Loaf Yeast Breads	\$2.00 - \$2.50
Sweet Rolls	\$0.50 each

Zion – Past and Present

PAST

9/5	1 st of School (K-8)
9/6	Women's Bible Study
9/12	1 st Day of Preschool

PRESENT

10/1	LWML Sunday
10/2	LWML Fall Rally
10/9	Midterms Sent Home
10/10	Evangelism Meeting
10/16	Voters Meeting
10/17	School Pictures
10/19-20	No School – EdMN Conferences
10/27	Trunk or Treat (6:30 – 8 PM)
11/3	End of 1 st Quarter
11/6	No School – P/T Conferences Soup & Pie Supper (4 – 8 PM) Craft & Bake Sale (4 – 8 PM)
11/22-24	No School – Thanksgiving Break
11/23	Thanksgiving – Service (9:30)
12/24	Christmas Eve Service (7:30 PM)
12/25	Christmas Day Service (9:30 AM)
12/26-1/2	No School - Christmas Break
12/31	New Years Eve Service (7:30 PM)

Voter's Meeting Elections

At October's Voters' Meeting (10/16) we will be electing new officers for each of the three main offices of the church and school. Loren Morschen (Elder), Wade Degler (Head Usher), and Eric Sauter (School Board – Treasurer), have all completed one term and are eligible for re-election if desired. Terry Bruesehoff (Trustee) has completed his second term and is not eligible for reelection.

Salt Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased salt from the annual Zion Lutheran School Fall Fundraiser. Orders should be arriving at your house soon!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Friday, October 27th

Zion Lutheran School's Trunk-or-Treat has become a popular event for Zion's members and the community. In order for this to be a worthwhile and fun event, we need participation. We are looking at October 28th as our date, and we will do it rain-or-shine. We would like to have AT LEAST 25 trunks to proceed with the planning. If you would like to participate by providing a trunk, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby or contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your involvement! Concessions will again be available in the auditorium. Proceeds go towards the class trip to Washington DC.



Finances

Account Balances

Salary

Balance (1/1/17)	-\$60,043.06
YTD Income	+\$223,856.82
YTD Expense	-\$270,340.25
Balance (9/14/17)	-\$106,526.49

Missions

Year to date total (9/3)	\$4,771.00
Budgeted	\$4,395.00
Non-Budgeted	\$1,676.00
2016 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2016 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS

Year to date total (9/3)	\$7,197.66
2016 Commitment	\$22,825.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Maintenance (Building/Repair)

Balance (8/22)	\$36,088.00
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

Usher Schedule

OCTOBER USHERS

October 1 st	Reagan Sauter Samantha Brueggemeier
October 8 th	Sydney Bruesehoff Anica Herrera
October 15 th	Charles Morschen Canton Vinkemeier
October 22 nd	Lisa Brueggemeier Madelyn Traver
October 29 th	Charles Dietzel Carson Ulrich

From the Office

Office Hours are 8:00 AM – Noon, M-F.

Please have bulletin items to the office by noon on Thursdays and newsletter items to the office by the third Friday of the month. Thank You!



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

This logo takes many elements from Luther's seal, which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise, then, that Luther's seal was all about Jesus!

At the center of Luther's seal, and at the center of the Reformation 2017 logo, is a red heart in the middle of a white rose. (The heart and rose together are commonly referred to as Luther's rose.) As Luther explained in one of his writings, "The heart in the middle of white rose shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. It immediately sets [the believer] into the midst of a white, joyful rose, not like the peace and joy the world offers. That is why the rose should be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and all angels."

At the center of that rose is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word "still" bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one, saving truth for sinners.

Membership Notes

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Chloe Daugaard
- 5 Earl Buetow
Terri Hardel
Vlad Spector
- 6 Sharon Buehler
Marian Stuewe
Aubrey Thuening
- 7 Gloria AmEnd
- 8 Bryce Kroells
Patricia Lenzen
Dorothy Miller
Cassandra Thuening
Jeff Ulrich
- 10 Theresa Richardson
- 11 Donald Herrmann
Leah Janzen
Alex Klaustermeier
- 12 Benjamin McCloskey
- 15 Pauline Henschen
- 16 Emily Case
- 18 Carley Buetow
Alexander Lenzen
Norma Woolery
- 20 John Bones
Todd Mesenbring
Owen Sons
- 21 Ava Stuewe
Ruth Vinkemeier
- 23 Chaneen Haler
Mary Kroells
- 24 Michael Harms
- 25 Ranee Bingham
- 28 Betty Klaustermeier
Eric Sauter
- 29 Terry Bruesehoff
Taylor Coder
Robert Ische
- 30 Paulina Gutzke
Madelyn Sons

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 2 Ronnie & Tiffany Olson
- 3 Darren & Julie Schlueter
- 6 Craig & Kristi Pexa
Daryl & Shelly Traver
- 8 Kyle & Mary Nielsen
- 10 Charles & Patti Dietzel
- 11 Darel & Krista Radde
- 12 Lester & Elsie Henschen
- 14 Todd & Vicky Mesenbring
- 16 Larry & Karen Hodgin
- 17 Andrew & Kindra Ghostley
Michael & MaryAnn Harms
- 19 Dennis & Sharon Buehler
- 20 John & Barb Hoffman
- 21 Charles & Norma Woolery
- 22 Tom & Sarah Perry
- 23 Gerald & Denise Buetow
- 26 Steven & Hollie
Brueggemeier
Glenn & LuAnn Traver

In Memory of:

Delores Ische
4/19/19-9/3/17

Eunice Bruesehoff
2/10/31-9/23/17

VISITATION LIST

Belle Plaine
Marjorie Wolter
Chuck & Norma Woolery

Chaska
Florence Lindquist
Joycelyn Rolf

Cologne
Gloria AmEnd

Norwood Young America
Erwin Schmidt
Wallace Rolf
Lester Henschen

Waconia
Gertrude Honebrink
Alvina Fick
Lillian Ische
Irene Rolf
Darrel Knorr

Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force
Eddie Karnitz

2017 OCTOBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 LWML SUNDAY Service 9:30 AM	02 Vball @ St. Joe's LWML Fall Conference Rally	03 Vball @ Hamburg	04 Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM	05 Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting 7:00 PM	06	07 Vball Tourney @ St. Joe's
08 Service (C) 9:30 AM	09 Council Meeting 8 PM	10 Vball @ Wayzata Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM	12 Vball @ Trinity Chapel @ the Harbor 10:15 AM	13	14
15 Service 9:30 AM K-8 Choir	16 Vball vs. Gaylord @ Zion Voters Meeting 8 PM	17 School Picture Day	18 Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22 Service (C) 9:30 AM	23 Vball vs. NYA @ CCC	24 Vball vs. Glencoe @ Zion (B Only)	25 Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM	26	27 Trunk-or-Treat 6:30 - 8 PM	28
29 Service 9:30 AM Tone Chimes	30	31	01 Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM	02	03	04



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Return Service Requested



Join us for our annual Soup & Pie Supper/Craft & Bake Sale!

November 6th | 4 PM to 8 PM

Start the evening out right with a bottomless bowl of

Chicken Dumpling Soup, Clam Chowder, or Chili!

Top it off with a slice of delicious pie for dessert.

Afterwards, make your way over to Zion's Craft & Bake Sale!

**It's an excellent place to pick up some gifts for the holidays
and/or snicker snacks for home.**

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