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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.

Preparing a Place for You...and Others!

By Pastor Eric Zacharias

This Lent we are exploring the PLACES Jesus went, as he made his way to the cross. The places are not the real focus; rather, the focus is on what Jesus DID as he entered into each of these places for us. The places include the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Courtyard, the Temple, and Golgotha. In each of these places we see how Jesus leaves us with not only a benefit but an example for us to follow. Ultimately, of course, the cross is his goal, for there he became the atoning sacrifice and the redemption of us all. We cannot give our own life as a sacrifice for anyone's sin, but we can sacrifice a bit of our lives to bring Jesus to others.

The Upper Room is a great example. This is the beginning of our Lenten journey. Jesus prepared a place for his disciples, literally, when he booked the Upper Room. It was a secret place where he could eat the Passover with his disciples, safely and securely. It seems like a small detail but becomes pivotal in the whole story of the Passion. The Upper Room becomes the headquarters for the disciples for the next two months! It was not a small place, for Luke tells us it could hold about 120 people.

Consider how Jesus knew all these things well ahead of time. He selected it ahead of the Passover and well ahead of his capture and execution. He meant for it to be a sanctuary and stronghold for his followers when all hell broke loose; this is the safe place for them in their time of trouble. In that Upper Room, Jesus said that he would go to prepare a place for them; they could not go into that place. Only Jesus could go forward to secure that place. Jesus went to the cross, suffering the condemnation and suffering that is reserved for sinners; his death opened the way for us. We have a place with God.

Jesus continues to be "the Way and the Truth and the Life," and, as Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father, except through me!" Our hopes are based upon what Jesus accomplished for us, becoming our Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. God secured this place for us; so let's share that with others!

We celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ, for in his suffering and death he has secured this place for us, now and eternally. It is not a safe haven for us alone, but for all believers. That is why Zion is focused on sharing these things with others. You and I are preparing a place for others, as we teach and study the Word together and open our lives to others. We learned that LASSIE is our friend (Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage), reminding us how this can be done.

Zion is a place prepared for you--and for others who look for truth and hope, and life...in Christ, Pastor Eric Zacharias

Ladies Aid/LWML

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Zacharias

ZION LADIES' AID/LWML MARCH 7, 2019

Eleven members were present at our March meeting, the first of 2019! Our meeting began with the LWML Prayer Service, which had been postponed from January, due to weather cancelations and scheduling conflicts. We took turns reading the Scripture sections, discussed some questions, and sang hymns.

President Bev Eggers called our meeting to order. The LWML Pledge was recited and the December minutes were read and approved. The Financial Report was given. A motion was M/S/C to accept the report. Juliene Klaustermeier and RoNaye Gnan will audit the books.

Correspondence was read, including a thank you note from Bethesda Lutheran Homes, the Carver County Seminary Student Endowment Fund, and Pastor and Mary for their Christmas gift. Other requests came from Camp Omega, Lutheran Hour, Trinity First, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Social Services, and Lutheran World Relief.

A check for \$150 was received from the family of Jeanette Rolf and a check for \$200 from the family of Darlene Ulrich, as memorials to the work of our local LWML group. Our monthly mite box offering was dedicated for January, February, and March, with our group sending \$25 to the following ministries: the Orphan Grain Train, Lutherans for Life, and Zion's Lunch Fund.

The Funeral Committee reported totals for the following funerals: 147 served for Debra Rolf, 85 for Darlene Ulrich, and 166 for Jeanette Rolf.

An update was given by Darlene Leistiko regarding the Christmas Cookie Fundraiser held Dec. 9: "Thank you to Roxanne Pieper and Bev Eggers for getting all the supplies for baking and Vivian Buetow for donating plates. Many thanks to all the ladies who helped with baking, frosting,

decorating, and wrapping the cookies. Also, thank you to the congregation and the ladies of Ladies' Aid who donated cookies. We had a total of 204 dozen cookies. We delivered cookies and Christmas cards to the shut-ins. After the fundraiser we had about 8 dozen left which we gave to the school children and staff. It was a great turnout and a great help to our LWML/Ladies' Aid and mission projects. We'd also like to thank Tom for setting up the tables for our fundraiser and having the gym ready for the Christmas potluck."

Unfinished Business: it was noted that we donated three quilts, a Watkins basket, and cookbooks to the Silent Auction. For the Board meeting on February 19, we ordered cupcakes and served approximately 25 ladies.

New Business: the Martha group will serve the Lenten supper on March 13. Ruth Harms will order hotdish for 75 from Hillcrest and members of both groups were asked to either bring a salad or bars. We will serve buttered bread and coffee.

It was suggested that our Ladies' Aid as an auxiliary group of the church give money to the McCloskey family following their house fire. A motion was M/S/C to give \$100 to them.

Discussion was given to the items needed for the Spring Rally, hosted by Zion. Roxanne has the banner that we will display. We will also ask if she can print up the sign-up sheets and the program. It was decided to have pastel-colored placemats (flowered) with coordinating name tags. All are needed to help in the preparation and execution of the rally and all need to bring a pan of dessert. We are planning for 100. Final plans will be discussed at our April meeting.

The Mary Group will serve the Confirmation Reunion on April 28. Betty K. has applied for a Thrivent card to be used for ham and chicken.

LADIES AID...cont'd

We don't plan to be doing any quilting for a while. However, Vivian B offered to donate quilts from her mother, which she says is quite a large number. (Her mother would quilt often and would even join other groups when visiting in California.) We will have the quilts on display on the pews for LWML Sunday this year and then donate them to The Dwelling Place.

We sang one birthday hymn for all of our January and February birthday members present: Vivian B., RoNaye G, Pastor, and Juliene K. We adjourned and closed with prayer. Betty K. served as our hostess. Our next meeting will be held on April 4th at 1:30pm, with Juliene K. as our hostess.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Spring Rally | April 15, 2019

Easter | April 21, 2019

Confirmation Reunion | April 28, 2019

April Meeting | Apr. 4th @1:30pm, Juliene K hostess

TEEN TIDINGS

Sledding is big at Zion. So many have come and had their fun on Zion's hill. So, Zion resumed a tradition of inviting others to come and check out Zion's hill. Youth groups in our area were invited to join us on Sunday, March 10 for sledding and fellowship. The hill was primed for sledding--a whole lot of snow arrived the night before! Zion provided hot dogs and even a hot dish. Others brought items to pass. It was a good time, bringing people from all over. Our thanks to the Morschens for heading this event.

Zion youth served a Lenten Supper and assisted in Zion's Fish Fry. The group also will be involved in the serving the Easter Breakfast, along with members of the Evangelism group and Chance Outreach International. Two of our youth are going to the National Youth Gathering being held in Minneapolis; the excitement builds as the Gathering approaches in mid-July.

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2019)	-\$59,568.86
YTD Income	\$78,538.88
Last Year	\$58,262.19
YTD Expenses	-\$104,848.65
Current Balance (3/19)	-\$85,778.63

Missions:

YTD Total (12/11)	\$6,790.00
Budgeted	\$6,310.00
Unbudgeted	\$480.00
2018 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2018 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (12/11)	\$10,612.66
2018 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (2/25)	\$29,786.97
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00
Dietzel Memorial Balance	\$10,612.26

Salary Fund Donations Needed

The Salary Fund is approaching the upper limit on its borrowing potential. During the month of January, it was necessary to borrow \$12,500 to meet its commitments. Therefore, the Salary Fund bank loan stands at \$73,500 out of a maximum loan limit of \$85,000. In order to avoid the need to negotiate the loan limit upwards, we are encouraging Zion members to consider donating to this fund as they are able in the months ahead. 2019 will present financial challenges that can best be met if all of its membership joins together to meet its obligations to our church and school.

-The Finance Board

A Chip, A Chair, and A Chance

By Leah Janzen

I used to watch the World Series of Poker all the time (before I had kids and had nothing but time). Don't ask me why, but something about a bunch of unknowns sitting around a table, everyone with a shot to win it all, fascinated me. When they go all in, the audience holds their collective breath during that big make-or-break moment. Some times they win big, and some times its just not in the cards...but one thing's for sure, when it comes to poker, all you need is a chip, a chair, and a chance.

But it's not just poker. Carrie Underwood stepped off the farm in 2005 to pursue a dream of becoming a musician, trying out for American Idol. Now the small town girl from Muskogee, Oklahoma (hardly the place one thinks of when they think fame and fortune) has a resume any artist would envy and has her name on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She used her "chip", snagged a "chair", and took a chance. The rest is history.

March is the perfect time to take a chance. So much so that we've devoted an entire month to it - starting early with conference tournaments, continuing on with NCAA tournament seeding, and ending with the big dance itself. There's plenty of room for those great moments that we look forward to every year. Those moments when the underdogs forget their "place" and are given a chip, a chair, and a chance. What happens next is why we watch...

Number 13 UC – Irvine hung in with the big boys and upset #4 Kansas State, winning by 6. Number 12s Murray State, Liberty, and Oregon all beat their #5 opponents in Marquette, Mississippi State, and Wisconsin (respectively). Minnesota was even on the right side on an upset

for once, beating Louisville in spectacular fashion. Chip, chair, chance...

Its just fun! So fun that Zion decided to jump on the bandwagon this year too – having the staff and students fill out a bracket which was supposed to be a fun experience that was super light-hearted and not a big deal. Everyone expected Mr. M to run away with it, leaving us all in the dust. Little did we know Mr. M. would be tied for 4th place (after 2 rounds), igniting the inner competitors in the Moens and Rodmans who currently hold 6 of the top 10 spots with Jace Rodman (Kindergarten) holding the top spot with no signs of slowing down. Ask Mr. M. how he feels about trailing a kindergartener AND half his classroom...chip, chair, chance!

God loves an underdog too. The Bible is chock-full of underdog stories. Gideon, David, Moses, Daniel – they are everywhere. And it doesn't stop there. Every day each of us go up against sin, death, and the power of the devil and every day we battle it out. On paper, we don't stand a chance. Some days we pull off the upset, other days we get absolutely pummeled. But, the next day, God is in our corner, telling us we got this and that we can do it. He does this every single day without fail. I guess one could think of him as the best coach ever - quick to forget the mistakes and forever 100% invested in our potential and who we can become.

Duke can claim Zion Williamson and Gonzaga can claim Brandon Clarke, but God claims us - each and every one of us without fail and without hesitation! Every. Single. Day.

Chip. Chair. Chance.

THANK YOU

Thank you! In January, fire broke out in our home. By God's grace, our family suffered no physical harm. As word got out, people began to supply for all our needs. The outpouring of love was (and is) overwhelming. We are glad to be in the "teacherage" in Cologne and we look for God's guidance as we regather our lives. We thank God for his abundant love, especially as we see it shown through his people. Thank you all, so very much!

--The McCloskeys

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Breakfast & Auction another success this year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy. Thank you to all of you who joined us for breakfast or purchased items at the auctions. Zion is blessed to have such a wonderful support system and thank you for all you do!

--Zion Lutheran School

Thank you to everyone who helped and/or attended the Fish Fry. Without the help and support of the congregation, we would not have been able to do it. Thank you SO MUCH!

--Zion's Trustees

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Council Meeting will be held on April 1st at 8 PM for all council members. The Voters Meeting will be held on April 8th at 8 PM and is open to all members of the congregation.

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!

USHER SCHEDULE

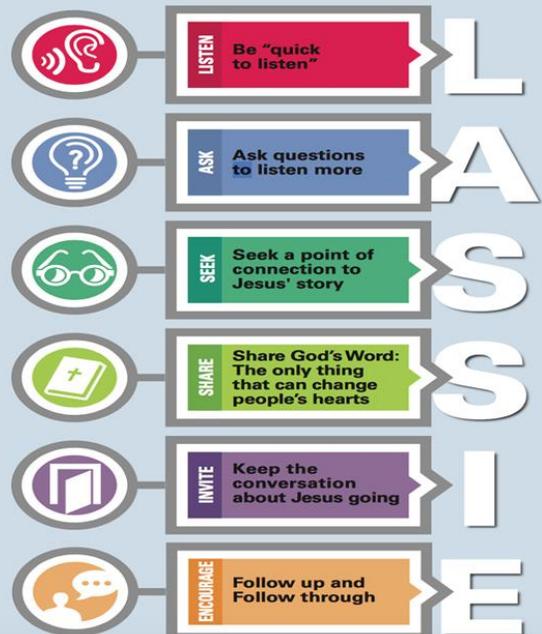
APRIL USHERS

April 7 th	Canton Vinkemeier Cadee Vinkemeier
April 14 th	Annica Herrera Lydia Brueggemeier
April 21 st (SonRise)	Reagan Sauter Brooke Sauter
April 21 st (9:30 AM)	Madelyn Traver Alison Dose
April 28 th	Samantha Brueggemeier Colin Bingham

LASSIE, our friend!

Here is a great way to communicate with others, using "Lassie" as a model for conversation. Good communication skills help us to share the Good News of Jesus with others. This includes Listening, Asking, Seeking, Sharing, Inviting, Encouraging. Let "Lassie" help break down the barriers and begin a conversation with others. Sharing your faith and hopes may open the way to an invitation and further encouragement for others.

RELATIONAL, CONTEXTUAL WITNESSING



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Morris Bartels
Jenna Buetow
Luke Rolf
- 2 Ruth Harms
Jason Schneider
- 3 Glenn Traver
- 4 Brittany Moen
Weston Stahlke
- 5 David Dietzel
Burton Gruenhagen
Donald Smith
- 6 Suzanne Honebrink
- 7 Levi Spector
- 8 Tiffany Olson
Leah Radde
- 11 Celeste Borchardt
- 12 Marjorie Wolter
- 13 Nicholas Haller
- 16 Rick Haler
- 17 Ivan Molnau
Cole Sauter
- 19 Jolene Bergs
- 22 Dennis Buehler
Kael Herrera
- 23 Evan Dietzel
- 24 Tonya Spector
- 26 Jessie Hamble
- 27 Gerald Buetow
Timothy Richardson
Amanda Vinkemeier
- 28 Jordyn Coder
Susan Stuewe
- 29 Ashley Huinker
Lynn Zellman

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 8 Charles & Ilene Dietzel
- 16 Donald & Rose Smith
- 20 Dave & Raneë Bingham
- 23 John & Dorothy Miller

BAPTISMS

- Ella Ann Bergs
Daughter of
Mike and Jolene Bergs
Born: 2/28/2019
Baptized: 3/24/2019
- Levi Waylon Kelzer
Son of
Nathan and Camille Kelzer
Born: 2/15/2019
Baptized: 3/24/2019

TRANSFER IN

Alan & Laurie Rowland
from Peace Lutheran
in Hutchinson

TRANSFER OUT

Ruby Sauter-Schmid
to Lord of Life Church
in Maple Grove

VISITATION LIST

Belle Plaine

Marjorie Wolter
Chuck & Norma Woolery

Cologne

Gloria AmEnd

Norwood Young America

Harold Bruesehoff
Joycelyn Rolf
Victor Rolf

Waconia

Gertrude Honebrink
Alvina Fick
Darrel Knorr

Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force
Eddie Karnitz

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APRIL

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Council Meeting 8 PM		Ash Wed. 3:30 PM Dinner to Follow Confirm. 5:15 PM Ash Wed. 7 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Church Service 9:30 AM K-8 Choir Sings School Board After Church	Voters Meeting 8 PM		Ash Wed. 3:30 PM Dinner to Follow Confirm. 5:15 PM Ash Wed. 7 PM	Chapel @ the Harbor 10:15 AM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday Service 9:30 AM Confirmation Sunday	LWML Spring Rally 6 PM	Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM	Confirmation 6:15 PM	NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK		
				Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM	Good Friday 7:30 PM	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK					Chapel 8:10 AM	
Easter Services 6:30 AM & 9:30 PM						
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
Church Service 9:30 AM K-8 Choir Sings	ITBS TESTING					
Confirmation Reunion to Follow	Midterms Sent Home ZEL Meeting 6:30					



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Return Service Requested

JOIN WITH US IN LENT TO THE GLORY OF EASTER!

PALM SUNDAY (4/14) – 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/18) – 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY (4/19) – 7:30 PM

SONRISE SERVICE (4/21) – 6:30 AM

EASTER SERVICE (4/21) – 9:30 AM