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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.

40 Days of Love

Pastor Eric Zacharias

Lent is 40 days of love. Let's think about Lent that way, especially this year, since Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, Valentine's Day! One pastor pointed out that Lent is a time of fasting, so, how sad for dad that he can't run out and present his wife with a box of chocolates! My thought is that we could still lavish those gifts in advance, like on Transfiguration Sunday and show love throughout the 40 days.

Our Lenten theme is "Come to me with your Heart!" It's based on Joel, where God tells his people, "Yet even now, says the Lord, come back to me with all your heart!" (Joel 2:12). Old Testament stories show us how God overcomes evil with his goodness and love. These stories forecast the struggle of Jesus, who overcame all things for us by way of his suffering and death on the cross.

- Feb. 14 | Sarah & Abraham - Reality! | Father forgive them!
- Feb. 21 | Rebecca & Jacob - Deceit! | Truly, I say to you...
- Feb. 28 | Rachel & Joseph - Favorites! | Son, here is your mother.
- Mar. 7 | Zipporah & Moses - Neglect! - Why have you forsaken...
- Mar. 14 | Deborah & Barak - Faith! | It is finished!
- Mar. 21 | Esther & Mordecai - Trust! | I commend my spirit!

Sin is a rebellion against God, a turning away from God. God loves us, so he calls for us to return. Sin dulls our hearing and confuses our being, making it impossible for us to return on our own. That is why Jesus came to us, bringing his whole heart, soul, mind, and strength to do the Father's will. God's love is at work in us, as his Holy Spirit tugs at our heart, soul, and mind to repent and turn back to the Lord.

Join us Wednesdays for worship and meditation upon that sacrifice of Christ to bring us back to God. There are two opportunities to worship: 3:30 and 7 PM. On Ash Wednesday you can receive ashes and also partake of Holy Communion. The ashen cross on our foreheads reminds us of our mortality, but also of Christ, who carries away the sins and sorrows that would destroy us. A meal will be offered after the 3:30 PM service, hosted by groups of Zion.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Eric Zacharias

It's February, so I bet you can guess what I am writing about.....that's right, my birthday! Oh, you thought I was going to talk about Valentine's Day, or love, or the color pink or something?

Anyway, my birthday is February 10. I am not using this platform to complete my Amazon wish list and get as many gifts as possible from my Zion family. I just wanted everyone to know that my birthday is coming up, and I am excited about it.

No, I don't have a big party planned. No, this is not a landmark birthday (that was last year). And no, I'm really not asking all of you for gifts.

Now you might all be wondering, "Why is he so excited for his birthday, then?"

I am excited because I am a year older, a year wiser, and I still have the opportunity to serve my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I have the privilege of being the principal of the school that is the best kept secret in Carver County. I get to work with other amazing teachers who care about their students as much as I do. I have the honor of seeing the smiling faces of 3 year-olds, 1st graders, and even 7th graders each and every day at Zion. What could be better than that?

With Jesus as our example, and God's word as our daily guide, we have these expectations at Zion:

Servanthood: I will seek opportunities to be helpful, considerate, and courteous.
Mark 9:35 & Galatians 5:13

Responsibility: I will strive to control my attitude, actions, and abilities.
Galatians 5:22-23

Resolution: I will follow appropriate steps to solve my problems.
Matthew 18:15-17

Cooperation: I will cooperate with others for the success of everyone.
1 Peter 3:8

Respect: I will honor God's word, adults, other students, property, and myself.
Philippians 2:3

Affirmation: I will build others up by emphasizing their positive traits.
1 Thessalonians 3:12

Our support system (which includes our pastor, special education teachers, and even our secretary) genuinely encourages learners to reach these expectations.

Zion Lutheran School has committed itself to educating children for over 150 years. Central to every caring act at Zion Lutheran School is Christ's love. When the children learn they are loved, by God and others, they learn to love Him and each other, thereby having their lives touched forever. And unquestionably, that is something I am excited about.



"According to my horoscope, this is a good week to preach against false doctrines."

2nd Quarter Rolls/Attendance

Principal's List: Owen Rodman and Sophia Morschen

High Honor Roll: Addison Dietzel, Ainsley Mosley, Hollyn Mosley, Chloe Daugaard, Maggie Janzen, Sam Dose, Brooke Moen, and Brooke Sauter

Honor Roll: Abby Moen, Kaydra Boelke, Cameron Felt, Konrad Breegemann, Matthew Traver, Lindsey Moen, Grace Dose, and Amber Brueggemeier

Perfect Church Attendance: Nathan Lenzen, Chloe Daugaard, Kaydra Boelke, Brooke Moen, and Cameron Felt

Faithful Church Attendance: Hollyn Mosley, Ainsley Mosley, Maggie Janzen, and Sophia Morschen

Finances

2017 Salary Fund Summary:

YTD Income	*\$551,808.25
YTD Expenses	*\$511,723.57
*Includes Loan/Payments	

Missions:

YTD Total (12/31)	\$8,102.00
Budgeted	\$7,597.00
Unbudgeted	\$1,289.41
2017 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2017 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (12/31)	\$22,635.00
2017 Commitment	\$22,825.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (12/31)	\$74,090.06
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

Pancake Breakfast & Auction

Our school's biggest fundraiser of the year is right around the corner, on March 4th. We are in need of items for the auction as well as help for the pancake breakfast. Donation forms are available on the counter in the narthex or in the office. Feel free to drop by and pick one up at your convenience. Sign-Up sheets for volunteers will be posted as the event approaches. Check bulletins for future updates.



"When I said, 'I'd like to see both of you at 2:30; Harry, I meant you and your wife.'"

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Usher Schedule

FEBRUARY USHERS

February 4 th	Sydney Bruesehoff Anica Herrera
February 11 th	Jake Thompson Charles Morschen
February 14 th (afternoon)	Dylan Bingham Colin Bingham
February 14 th (evening)	Kenson Boelke David Lenzen
February 18 th	Maia Klaustermeier Hannah Klasutermeier
February 25 th	Samantha Brueggemeier Reagan Sauter

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.

Ladies Aid/LWML Updates

Zion Ladies Aid-LWML will, once again, be hosting "Tour of Tables" luncheon on April 7, 2018. Entertainment will be provided by Alan and Matt Carlson - a father/son musical duo from Waconia. Any ladies from Zion are invited to decorate a table for this event. If interested speak to a member of Zion's LA-LWML. Further details forthcoming.

Announcements

Annual Reports are complete and available for pick-up. They will be located on top of the cabinet, by the main entry of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up for your reference. 2017 contribution reports have also been mailed and should be finding their way to your mailboxes shortly, if they haven't already arrived.

Labels for Education has been discontinued. We will no longer be accepting them. Thank you all for your participation in this program through the years. We really appreciate the support.

Book Club: Join us for fun and fellowship with this month's book "Our Story", by the Quecreek Miners. Nine Pennsylvania miners tell how they survived their traumatic accident and rescue. Books are available from the table in front of the office. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and this month's meeting will be hosted at the Morschen's on Feb. 15th. All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study: Come to our ladies Bible study on January 31st at 1 PM and we can all pick either "Proverbs" by Linda Brownback or "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKaurst. All ladies are invited to join!

Zion – Past and Present

PAST

- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/15 Council Meeting (8 PM)
- 1/16 Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 1/19 End 2nd Quarter
- 1/22 Voter's Meeting (8 PM)
Report Cards Sent Home

PRESENT

- 2/19 No School – Presidents' Day
- 2/20 Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 3/4 Silent Auction/Pancake Breakfast
- 3/23 Confirmation Questioning
End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/25 Confirmation/Palm Sunday
- 4/1 Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM)
Easter Breakfast to Follow
Easter Sunday Service (9:30 AM)
- 4/8 K-8 Choir Sings
- 4/9 Council Meeting (8 PM)
- 4/12 Chapel @ the Harbor
- 4/16 Voters Meeting (8 PM)
- 4/17 Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 4/23-27 ITBS Testing Week
- 4/30 Midterms Sent Home
ZEL Meeting (6:30 PM)



After decades in ministry,
Pastor Mike had streamlined his method of confronting sin.

Membership Notes

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 2 Juliene Klaustermeier
Eric Zacharias
- 3 Hilbern Brockoff
Loren Morschen
- 5 John Bruesehoff
- 6 Darcy Coder
- 7 Silas Traver
- 10 Karrington Boelke
Eunice Bruesehoff
Christopher Dehning
- 12 Evon Lenzen
Caleb Vinkemeier
Collin Vinkemeier
Evan Zacharias
- 14 Ruth Krueger
Allen Lenzen
- 15 Charles Woolery
- 16 Abigail Klaustermeier
- 17 Krista Radde
- 18 Cathy Stahlke
- 19 Lydia Dehning
Patricia Zellman
- 20 Michelle Dietzel
Nicolas Herrera
David Lenzen
Lori Lenzen
- 22 Deb Brueggemeier
Connie Geis
Herman Gennrich
- 23 Janell Elleraas
Dale Lindquist
- 24 Jesse Waller
- 26 Leon Vinkemeier
- 28 Charles Morschen

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 18 Brad & Theresa Bierstedt
- 23 Gary & Linda Bierstedt

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Births

Julia Marie Bones
Born 12/18/2017
to Dustin and Tara Bones

Olivia Marie Buetow
Born 1/11/2018
to Chris and Jenna Buetow

Florence Lindquist

8/26/1928 To 1/17/2018
Funeral: 1/21/2018

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
Harold Bruesehoff

Waconia

Gertrude Honebrink
Alvina Fick
Lillian Ische
Irene Rolf
Darrel Knorr

Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force
Eddie Karnitz

2018 FEBRUARY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01 LWML Prayer Service GBB @ Chaska BBB @ Mayer	02	03
04 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM	05	06 Dartball @ 8 PM	07 W. Bible Study @ 1 PM Confirmation @ 5:30	08	09	10
11 Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	12	13 Dartball @ 8 PM	14 W. Bible Study @ 1 PM Ash Wednesday @ 3:30 Confirmation @ 5:30 Ash Wednesday @ 7 PM	15	16 Girls & Boys Basketball Tourney @ LHS	
18 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM	19 NO SCHOOL	20 MIDTERMS SENT HOME Evangelism Meeting @ 7:30 AM	21 W. Bible Study @ 1 PM Lent 2 @ 3:30 Confirmation @ 5:30 Lent 2 @ 7 PM	22	23 Annual Fish Fry 4 - 8 PM	24
BB Tourney @ LHS					Girls & Boys State Basketball Tourney @ CSP	
25 Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	26	27 Dartball @ 8 PM	28 W. Bible Study @ 1 PM Lent 3 @ 3:30 Confirmation @ 5:30 Lent 3 @ 7 PM	01	02	03
BB Tourney @ CSP						



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February Events

Ladies Aid/LWML Prayer Service | February 1st @ 1:30 PM

Ash Wednesday | February 14th

No School | February 19th

Zion's Fish Fry | February 23rd

Evangelism Meeting | February 20th @ 7:30 PM

