



**ZION
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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.

Believer Sent – Message Received

By Pastor Eric Zacharias

Sharing your faith is easier than you think. You and I, as Christians, are appointed, anointed, and sent out into this world to tell the very basic message about Jesus. On that first Christmas angels brought a clear message about Jesus to the shepherds. On hearing the message, shepherds hurried to see Jesus. They couldn't help sharing all that they had heard and seen. Believer sent; message received.

The method is the same for us. Let's say a volunteer reads a Christmas book with a child; along the way, the child says to the volunteer, "I've never heard this story before." Believer sent; message received.

But hasn't everyone heard of Jesus? Times have changed! Many grownups will hear about Jesus for the first time, learning that they have a Savior. Imagine that! They find out that the God of the universe knows and loves them personally and has rescued them from hopeless anonymity and aimlessness.

Jesus is for you. Jesus took your pain and confusion. Jesus carried the heavy load to the cross and has this eternal, abundant life in store for you right now! It's not just that Jesus wants you to know His grace, His mercy, and peace for yourself; he wants you to know the joy of seeing others receive it for themselves!

As believers in Jesus, we are His people now and forever. And with that new identity, the Bible says that you are here: "...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

You are sent, my friend! Go about living your life, but with eyes wide open to the grace of God in Jesus for you and for others. Sharing this most important truth does have some risk—some people may welcome you as you share your heart and your hope in Jesus, while others may not. You might be nervous as you share your faith and hope; but there is joy in knowing how your message has become a precious gift in someone's life. They will remember the one who brought them a new and eternal life in Jesus Christ.

That is our goal for 2019 and 2020: Believer Sent--message received. Love and life, in Jesus –

Pastor Eric Zacharias.

Ladies Aid/LWML

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Zacharias

ZION LADIES' AID/LWML DECEMBER 6, 2018

Thirteen members and one guest were present at our December 6th meeting. Darlene Leistiko gave a devotion from the Portals of Prayer entitled "Savior of the World." Pastor led the Bible Study from page 16 of the Winter Quarterly, entitled "The Shepherd's Peace." We welcomed Lori Rowland as our guest today.

President Bev Eggers called the meeting to order. The LWML pledge was recited and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Discussion of the financial report was held. A motion to accept the report was M/S/C and it will be filed for audit.

Correspondence was read, including a thank-you note from the staff for their Christmas gifts, Feed My Starving Children, and The Dwelling Place. We also received letters from Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutherans for Life, Dakota Boys Ranch, Camp Trinity, and Trinity First. Our monthly mite box offering was discussed. Finding that we had 7 remaining groups to choose from, a motion was M/S/C to give each of those remaining 7 a \$25 gift.

Committee Reports: Some discussion was given to the 2019 events that will be held at Zion for Christian Growth. We will discuss these at our next meeting and make definite plans accordingly. The Funeral Committee discussed the upcoming funeral for Jeanette Rolf to be held Jan. 5th at 3pm.

Unfinished Business, the new LWML 2019 books are in progress. Since we hold no January meeting, they will be distributed as soon as they are completed. The Christmas Party was a success and we served 85 people. All enjoyed the entertainment provided by members of the Contemporary Music group. The basket offering collected was \$114, which the group rounded up

to \$150 for Bethesda and Lutheran World Relief. This will give each group \$75.

The Christmas Cookie Fundraiser will be held Dec. 9th, with \$5 plated cookies and cookie decorating kits for \$10 each. Darlene Leistiko is in charge of event with cookies being baked today following our meeting. The Executive Board has taken care of the gifting of the staff with gift cards and we will sign cards for the shut-ins after the meeting today. Members will be urged to visit the shut-ins and deliver these cards in the weeks prior to Christmas, spreading the holiday season's joy.

Betty Klaustermeier has agreed to serve as Historian.

As stated under Christian Growth report, more discussion will be finalized in February for the Spring Rally and other meetings here at Zion in 2019. There will be no January meeting. The next meeting will be the Prayer service on February 7, 2019 at 1:30pm. Birthday hymns were sung for Barb Scholz and Mary Zacharias. Adjourning with prayer and the common table prayer, Carol Henschen served as our hostess.

SOUP & PIE STATS

Funds Raised	\$8,854.60
Expenses	-\$611.37
Net Income	\$8,243.23
Money from Existing Account	<u>\$157.00</u>
	\$8400.23

Disbursements:

Zion Maintenance Fund	\$1,500.00
Zion Lunch Fund	\$2,000.00
Zion Salary Fund	\$4,000.00
Zion Evangelism Fund	\$250.00
Chance Ministry	\$250.00
American Red Cross	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$8,400.00

A Special Sneak Peek

By Leah Janzen

The last week of school before Christmas break can be a hectic time. There are bulletins to prepare, programs to perfect, class and school parties to organize and execute, and, of course, a newsletter article to write. Of course, that is on top of all of the other Christmas things we are expected to do – shopping, visiting, shopping, baking, shopping, and cleaning (for some).

This past week saw an uptick in things to do at Zion, with the addition of three different enrollment inquiries and two school tours. Of course, while most of us are thinking of Christmas break and all the things that go along with that, there are a lot of us who are also thinking of next fall as well.

It seems to come earlier and earlier every year but, as the youngins say nowadays...“it is what it is!” And, since it is that way, we need to plan accordingly. We have our Sneak Peek and PK/K Round-Up scheduled for January 10th, starting at 6:30 PM (feel free to spread the word)!

What I’ve realized in my very short, but very involved year at Zion is that there seems to be an ever-increasing desire for students to get more out of school than just an education. I guess it shouldn’t come as any surprise that, this day and age, people are looking for that human connection, and they are looking for that connection in school.

As I’ve talked with students who have transferred in, the thing I’ve heard from both them and their parents is that they finally feel safe and accepted. They don’t have to worry about bullying anymore, or whether or not their child’s teacher will do right by their student.

I guess I’ve always taken that idea for granted. Afterall, isn’t that our job as educators? Of course, I’ve been blessed with rose-colored glasses and the opportunity to grow up here and only know the feeling of teachers who care and classmates who are kind. I never had to worry about whether my teacher would notice the good things I was doing and help me work through the difficult things. But, that’s Zion.

Our mission at Zion is to “Feed My Lambs” through the teaching of Christian faith and guidance in the Christian life for personal growth and development. Zion has always focused on the whole student, not just the academics and standards that now go with it. With God as our guide, we are able to dive in deep, and unapologetically with each student, giving them the tools to be successful in life, not just school.

As we get geared up for next year, I encourage you to keep us in mind and check us out on January 10th.

- If you have a little one who is ready to take that first big step into preschool...check us out!
- If you have a student ready to take that next big step into kindergarten...check us out!
- If you find yourself wondering about your student’s current placement and whether their may be a better fit...check us out!
- If you know of someone who may fall into any of these above categories...encourage them to check us out!

All it takes is a visit. Give us an hour of your time on the 10th. Come and see what Zion is all about!

ZION'S ANNUAL FISH FRY

Mark Your Calendars!

Zion's Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 8th, from 4 to 8 PM. Come and join us for the best fish fry around.

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are a secretary or a treasurer of a Zion organization, you will need to provide an Annual Report to the office. Financial reports are needed from each treasurer. All reports should be submitted to the office by the 11th of January. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Council Meeting will be held on January 14th at 8 PM for all council members. The Voters Meeting will be held on January 21st 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

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	\$375,864.07
YTD Expenses	-\$387,968.05
Current Balance (12/13)	-\$78,257.73

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 (11/26)	\$ 63,772.69
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

USHER SCHEDULE

JANUARY USHERS

January 6 th	Reagan Sauter Brooke Sauter
January 13 th	Charles Morschen Sophia Morschen
January 20 th	Alison Dose Samantha Brueggemeier
January 27 th	Madelyn Traver Colin Bingham

Year in Review 2018 - Zion Lutheran Church & School - Cologne, Minnesota

- Jan 6 Dedication of Officers
15 Council Meeting
20 **Funeral:** Florence Lindquist
22 Voters Meeting - canceled by snow; moved to 29th
21 Lutheran School's Week - Pro-Life Sunday
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent
18 **Baptism:** Olivia Marie Buetow
23 Annual Fish Fry
- Mar 4 Pancake Breakfast & Auction
23 Questioning of confirmand candidates
25 Palm Sunday - Confirmation 29 Maundy Thurs 30 Good Friday
- April 1 Resurrection of our Lord - Easter Sunday
16 Voters Meeting (Council Meeting, April 9)
29 Confirmation Reunion
- May 02 Outdoor Clean-up
5 **Funeral:** Esther Anna Kathrine (Schmidt) Sauter
23 Play Day @ ZION (73rd annual)
28 Memorial Day
- June 1 **Funeral:** Lester Henschen
2 **Wedding:** Abi Klaustermeier and Thomas Schneider
15 **Funeral:** Lillian Ida Ische
21-23 MNS District Convention (Lynn Zellman, lay delegate)
- July 7 **Funeral:** Irene V. Rolf
9 & 16 Council & Voters Meeting
16-20 Vacation Bible School, Splash Canyon: God's with us on life's wild ride.
22 **Baptism:** Ruby Jane Rolf
29 **Baptism:** Theodore Martin Radde
- Aug 21-23 Teacher In-service
- Sept 4 Start of Zion's school year
9 Dedication of Teachers: award of NLSA accreditation; also addition of Kateryna McCloskey, 7th 8th grade; Brittany Moen, colloquy.
16 Zion's first Pizza Fundraiser at Huinker, Waconia.
- Oct 8-9 MNS Pastor's Conference - Mankato
8 Council Meeting
15 Voters Meeting
17 2018 Minnesota Lutheran Education Conference
21 **Funeral:** Erwin Schmidt
- Nov 5 Soup & Pie Supper (Nov 4th = End Daylight Savings Time)
22 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 2 **Baptism:** Sawyer Everett Behn; Christmas Potluck Dinner
9 LWML / Women's Christmas Cookie Sale
24 Mon - Christmas Eve Program 25 Tues - Christmas Day, 9:30

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Gary Bierstedt
Lisa Brueggemeier
Sophia Morschen
- 3 Beverly Ulrich
- 4 Vivian Buetow
Robert Gennrich
Mark Melcher
- 6 Carley Ulrich
- 8 Addison Dietzel
Kendra Rhodes
- 9 Nissa Klaustermeier
Marlin Melcher
- 11 Olivia Buetow
- 12 Janice Pechonick
- 14 Justin Brueggemeier
Christina Vinkemeier
Brenda Worm
- 15 Bernette Sauter
- 16 Kevin Rolf
- 17 Bradley Bierstedt
Joan Johnson
- 18 Emma Buetow
Jennifer Buetow
- 20 Muriel Ische
Dennis Vinkemeier

- 21 Kevin Gennrich
- 22 Sydney Haller
- 23 Edwin Brueggemeier
- 25 Eben Karnitz
Thad Karnitz
- 26 Karen Brockoff
Jane Ische
Whitney Olson
- 28 Christopher Buetow
Charles Dietzel, Sr.
Barbara Henschen
Wesley Rolf
- 29 RoNaye Gnan
Jeffrey Rolf
Lori Zacharias
- 30 Joycelyn Rolf
Emily Miller
- 31 Rodney Boelke
Sydney Bruesehoff

ANNIVERSARY LIST

There are no anniversaries for
the month of January

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

*Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year!*

2019

JANUARY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
		NEW YEARS DAY NO SCHOOL	SCHOOL RESUMES Confirmation 6:15 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM	
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Worship Service @ 9:30 AM		Dartball vs. NYA 8 PM	Confirmation 6:15 PM	Chapel @ The Harbor 10:15 AM SNEAK PEEK & PK/K ROUND-UP 6:30 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	Central Drive Day Council Meeting 8 PM	Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM	Confirmation 6:15 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM End of 2nd Quarter	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship Service @ 9:30 AM	Voters Meeting 8 PM	Dartball @ Watertown 8 PM	Confirmation 6:15 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM	
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK					
K-8th Grade Choir Sings						



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Return Service Requested

SNEAK PEEK & PK/K ROUND-UP

COME OUT TO ZION,
MEET THE FACULTY,
CHECK OUT THE CLASSROOMS,
GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED,
AND REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR!

JANUARY 10TH @ 6:30 PM