



**ZION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL**
COLOGNE, MN

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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. with the good news of Jesus.

How We Build – And Why

It is important how we build. That's no surprise to contractors who are engaged in this trade. They have stories to tell—like how some will cut corners, either to save time or to shave a little off of the cost or to increase a profit margin. Those who do follow-up repairs can spot work that was not done well and can ascertain the reason why.

In July we heard the sad story of the twelve-story building that collapsed in Surfside, Florida. Weeks later, they are still digging out the remains of those trapped inside. The damning thing is that this was not a surprise to inspectors who had spotted damage that foretold catastrophe. Yet even if the report was known to those living inside, I wonder if some would have left at all.

I say this, remembering how people are slow to leave a bad situation. When clouds were forming for the ultimate destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's wife had to be pulled by the hand to leave her home. Sure, the city was rife with vice and sexual immorality—but it was her town, too, filled with all that drew people to this resort area. And what about all the memories and friends that are left behind? Unwisely, people will stay in a situation, even if destruction threatens to rain down upon their heads.

God calls us to be wise about our lives. Build on a firm foundation, says Jesus, so that when the high waters come your house will stand—unlike that which is built on the sand. Be careful how you build, as the order and manner in which you build is as important as the material itself. What good are granite walls, if the stones are not rightly placed? Build on MY WORDS, says Jesus, and the foundation of your lives will be strong and secure and will last forever.

Yes, our lives are more like tents, says the Apostle Paul, reminding us that our earthly lives are temporary and just the long journey to our eternal home. But the basis of our lives—our faith—is built on the foundation laid down by the Apostles and Prophets, with Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). Those who perish, God says, are those who do not build on faith in Christ.

“A genuine faith resolves the mystery of life by the mystery of God.” Wow. How deep and true. Yet there is a greater truth, namely, that “Faith ***in Christ*** resolves the mystery of life by the mystery of God.” Note that all things come into focus, when we see Christ as the guiding force in all of life. Two words make all the difference.

Your faith is not merely a matter of trust in God: even a penny declares “In God we trust.” Your faith in God is confidence that you belong to God's house: a foreigner to the world and a citizen to God's eternal kingdom. And you are permanent, like a living stone within God's house, all because of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:4-8). Your baptism makes you one with God, through Christ, and a worthy member of that kingdom (1 Peter 3:21). See how God builds, with you and me in mind!

As God has given you faith, so build. Wisely. Confidently. With joy and peace.

In Christ, Pastor Eric Zacharias

Ladies Aid/LWML Minutes

Nine members attended our July 1st meeting. Roxanne Pieper gave a devotion from Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnek, a former LCMS President, entitled "One Nation Under God, Indivisible." Pastor led us in the LW Quarterly Bible Study entitled "Come Unto Me Ye Weary." President Bev Eggers called the meeting to order and the LWML Pledge was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Our Financial Report was presented, a motion was M/S/C to accept it, and it was filed for audit.

Correspondence received included a thank you from Orphan Grain Train for our donation and requests from Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia Seminary, and Trinity First. A motion was M/S/C to give our July monthly project money to Carver County Seminary Fund and August's money to our Vacation Bible School program. Committee Reports for Christian Growth included highlights from Roxanne from the convention. There will be a North Zone meeting later in August. There was no Funeral committee report. The Flower Committee reported using silk flowers as there haven't been many real ones available due to the weather conditions.

Unfinished Business: The Kitchen Committee reported having a great turnout of ten for the cleaning of the kitchen. Thanks to Bev Rolf and Darlene Leistiko for heading this up. Operational questions about the coffee pot came up and Bev Rolf said she would look in the booklet for answers. There will be no tour this year as it is getting late and some places are still not open. Discussion was held to maybe just have a gathering for our members and not a full tour. We will be trying for next spring. October 2nd is LWML Sunday. We are looking into what we can do for that and will determine that at our September meeting. Although we haven't had any funerals for some time, we talked about having the lunches catered, as some churches have done.

Announcements: Zion board meeting on August 28th. There will be no August meeting. Our next meeting will be September 2nd at 7pm with Betty Klaustermeier as hostess.

We sang a birthday hymn for Bev Rolf's and Roxanne Pieper's July birthdays and Bev Eggers' birthday in August. The meeting was adjourned and we closed with prayer. Carol Henschen was our hostess.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias,
Secretary

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2021)	\$17,993.57
YTD Income	\$187,845.65
YTD Expenses	-\$234,932.12
Current Balance (7/15)	-\$29,092.90

Missions:

YTD Total (6/30)	\$2,855.00
Budgeted	\$2,855.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2021 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2021 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (6/30)	\$23,167.66
2021 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (7/15)	\$12,856.48
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

USHER SCHEDULE

July 18 th	Evan Dietzel Sam Klaustermeier
July 25 th	Brooke Sauter Lindsey Moen
August 1 st August 8 th	Cadee Vinkermeier Colin Bingham Matthew Traver
August 15 th August 22 nd	Konrad Breeggemann Lindsey Moen Sophia Morschen
August 29 th	Brooke Sauter Maia Klaustermeier

In All Things

By Tom Marcsisak

"In All Things" is not only this year's school theme, it is also the theme of the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering and this year's Lutheran Schools' Week theme.

"In All Things is a reminder that the Christian story encompasses all things. Nothing, and no one, is left out. Christ is all things to the Apostle Paul and in his inspired writing to the church at Colossae." This quote is from Peter H. Nafzger, one of the planners of the 2022 Youth Gathering. He goes on to point out that in just four relatively short chapters, Paul uses the Greek word for "all" 39 times. He continues, "Christ is the source of all life, and the goal of ALL creation. He is the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer of ALL things." He is the goal of all life and all creation. In the six verses of the theme text (Colossians 1:15-20), Paul refers to Christ 13 times. The "all" of Christ and His work is mentioned seven times. Christ is ALL things.

"In All Things" is a relevant theme for Lutheran Schools. Lutheran Schools are always about Christ and His cross. The history, settings, and cultures of Lutheran Schools are all unique. Lutheran Schools welcome students of various religious backgrounds and even those with no prior contact with Christ. Lutheran Schools bring the Good News of Jesus to every student in all things.

A variety of activities take place in Lutheran Schools. Early childhood classes engage in play times and introductory songs and stories. Elementary schools have their classroom routines and a variety of experiences from athletics to the arts. Lutheran High Schools take students more deeply into curriculum areas and more intensely into extracurricular activities. Whatever the setting or activity, Christ is in all things. The theme takes the message of Colossians beyond chapel time, classroom religion classes, and Sunday worship to every aspect of Lutheran school ministry and activity.

"In All Things" is a confession of Christ's redemptive work; it is an opportunity for Lutheran schools to worship Christ in all things.

...the article above is excerpted from "In All Things 2021-2022 Chapel Talks for Lutheran Schools" by Rev. Bob Riggert.

FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Zion students for their achievements in the fourth quarter of the 2020 – 2021 school year. Grade in parenthesis.

Principal's List (97% and above): Charles Gustafson (2), Selah Currie (1), June Grundmeier (1)

High Honor Roll (93%-96%): Addison Dietzel (8), Ava Dose (7), Brooke Moen (6), Owen Rodman (4), Benjamin McCloskey (3), Jackson Meuwissen (2), Jace Rodman (2), Brady Rolf (2), Francesca Sudheimer (2), Henry Simonés (2), Zachary Bones (1), Arthur Simonés (1)

Honor Roll (89%-92%): Abby Moen (8), Quinn Kemp (7), Sam Dose (7), Zoe Middleton (4), Isaac Bones (3), Jacob Widmer (2), Brooke Buetow (1), Oscar Janzen (1), Samson Traver (1)

VOTERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The quarterly voter's meeting was held on Sunday, July 11th after service. Below are the main highlights.

- * Camera installed, training is July 23rd at 9am.
- * Vacation Bible School August 2-6 (6pm-7:45).
- * Pictorial Directory for Zion will be Nov. 29 – Dec. 1.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Lifetouch has closed their church directory dept. We will now be going with a company called Universal Church Directories. The scheduled photography days with them are November 29th – December 1st from 2-8:30pm. More info to follow.

Pastor's Report – 2nd Quarter 2021

Events of Second Quarter (April, May, June)

- Apr** 1 Maundy Thurs (7pm) * First Communion of Confirmands
2 Good Friday (7pm)
3 Outdoor Clean-up Day
4 Easter Sunday (6:30, 9:30)
5 Council Meeting
12 Voters Meeting
17 Thomas Rolf committal
- May** 16 Baptism: Hannah Grace McCloskey
23 Baptism: Jamison Clive Cowart
28 End of Academic School Year
31 Memorial Day Service (9:30)
- June** 5 Baptism: Atlas Lee Nestor
6 Receiving Members by Instruction: Erin Rolf & Molly Buetow

Events of Current Third Quarter (July, August, September)

- July** 3 Baptism: Brynlee Lou Penning
6 Council Meeting
11 Voters Meeting
17 Wedding: Evan Zacharias & Alyssa Mesenbring
- Aug** 2-6 Vacation Bible School * Life Under the Son
- Sept** 7 Start of Zion's Academic Year

Baptisms

McCloskey, Hannah Grace. Born 4/10/2021; baptized 5/16/2021; Robert & Kateryna McCloskey; sponsors: Matthew & Nicole Croon.

Cowart, Jamison Clive. Born 4/5/2021; baptized 5/23/2021; Molly (Hartman) Buetow & Randall Cowart; sponsors: Chris & Jenna Buetow.

Nestor, Atlas Lee. Born 10/28/2020; baptized 6/5/2021; Clay & Sarah (Etheridge) Nestor; sponsors: Matthew Lee Etheridge; Samantha Jo Etheridge, Daniel Gary Olson, Tanya Lynn Montour.

Penning, Brynlee Lou. Born 3/27/2021; baptized 7/3/2021; Brett Tyler & Erin Beth (Bierstedt) Penning; sponsors: Brittany & Trevor Penning; Brittni & Brian Crane.

Members Received by Instruction

Molly Buetow & Erin Rolf

Members Received by Transfer

Gustafson, Jared & Stephanie. Charlie, Elsie, Stanley; from Trinity-Waconia.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

- Glue Bottle (1)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissor
- Watercolor Paints
- 8 Pack of Large Crayons (preschool only)
- Crayons (24 or 48 pack) (kindergarten only)
- Pencils (kindergarten only)
- Washable Markers (1 pack classic colors)
- Thin Washable Markers (1 pack classic colors)
- Dry Erase Skinny Markers (1 pack colored)
- Package of Computer Paper for Art Center
- Extra Set of Clothes (to keep in the locker)
- Backpack (big enough for folders)
- Sandwich Ziplock Bags (3-year-old preschool only)
- Quart Ziplock Bags (4-year-old preschool only)
- Gallon Ziplock Bags (Kindergarten only)
- 2 Pack Double Stick Tape (optional)

1ST & 2ND GRADE

- Folders (3)
- Spiral Notebook
- Package of Computer Paper for Art Center
- Ruler with inches and centimeters (flexible ones are great because they don't break)
- Dry Erase Markers (at least 8, classic colors preferred (black, blue, red, green))
- Crayons (24 or 48 pack)
- Markers (1 pack classic colors, other colors optional)
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks (we use these a lot!)
- Elmer's White Glue
- Pencils (3 boxes to be shared with class)
- Extra erasers
- Art box (to hold supplies)
- Water Bottle
- Pencil Sharpener (optional)

3RD, 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADE

- Colored pencils
- Colored markers
- Crayons (24 or 48 pack) (Crayola, not Rose Art)

- Elmer's White Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil box
- Pen (red)
- Scissors
- Pocket Folders (3)
- 12" ruler with both inches and centimeters
- Composition (NOT spiral) Notebook

7TH & 8TH GRADE

- Protractor
- Metric/Standard Ruler
- Pencils
- Pens
- Loose-Leaf College-Ruled Lined Paper (3)
- Notebooks (6)
- Scientific Calculator
- Pack Graph Paper (1)
- Luther's Small Catechism (1991 translation)
- NIV Bible
- Dry Erase Markers (1 pack colored, 1 pack black)

7TH & 8TH GRADE ART SUPPLIES

(SEPARATE FROM REGULAR SUPPLIES)

- Glue Sticks
- Elmer's White Glue
- Fine Point Felt-Tip Markers (nonpermanent)
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Container
- Ruler

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

JULY BIRTHDAY LIST

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|--|--|---|
| 1 Brandon Brueggemeier
Steven Leistikow
Angela Richardson
Russell Sauter | 2 Beverly Eggers
4 Austin Kehr
7 Peter Erickson
Sawyer Traver | 13 Caleb & Darcy Coder
16 Zach & Kendra Rhodes
17 Todd & Brittany Moen
Kevin & Ellen Rolf |
| 3 Austin Buetow
7 Jon Dose
Philip Radde
Sawyer Traver | 8 Jeanne Friske
9 Michelle Hoen
Sawyer Behn
11 Kelly Dose
Reid Stacken
Carsen Ulrich | 21 Jon & Kelly Dose
Loren & Stephanie Morschen
22 Ryan & Jill Rolf
27 Mark & Patricia Lenzen
28 Steven & Jennifer Buetow
Jared & Stacy Dose
Jared & Stephanie Gustafson |
| 8 Linda Bierstedt
9 Wayne Klaustermeier
10 Vickie Carlson
Maxwell Herrera
Rosella Traver
Mike Bergs | 13 Thomas Marcsisak
14 Angie Block
Kendall Brueggemeier
Maia Klaustermeier
Eric Lenzen | 29 John & Kimberly Bones
30 Christopher & Jenna Buetow
31 Mike & Roxanne Pieper |
| 11 Logan Radde
12 Wyatt Klaustermeier
Beverly Rolf
13 Helen Buetow
Corey Hodgin
Matthew Traver | 15 Thomas Perry, Jr.
19 Dustin Bones
Joycelyn Traver
20 William Gruenhagen
Audrey Morschen
Erica Richardson | |
| 15 Charles Dietzel VI
Kyle Klaustermeier
Christophe Morschen
Reagan Sauter | 22 Jason Carlson
25 Nathan Haller
26 Kimberly Bones
Kindra Ghostley
Neil Gruenhagen
Nicholas Vinkemeier | |
| 16 Isaac Bones
17 Ava Dose
Sam Dose
Ralph Herrmann
Henry Krueger | 27 Tim Sauter
28 Arnold Scholz
29 John Bones
30 JoAnn Herrmann
Renea Lindquist | |
| 19 Roger Buetow
LuAnn Traver
20 Nancy Buckentine
Roxanne Pieper | | |
| 21 Abby Moen
22 Emma Dose
Clare Stuewe
23 Stephanie Gustafson
25 Courtney Bruesehoff
26 Colby Brueggemeier
Canton Vinkemeier | | |
| 27 Lydia Brueggemeier
Megan Bruesehoff
James Ische Jr.
Joshua Way | | |
| 29 Sarah Perry
30 Fern Lindemeier
Kristi Pexa
Brooke Sauter | | |

AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Patrick Arndt
Richard Buetow
Jennifer Sauter

JULY ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 7 Ronald & Gail Arndt
8 Eric & Lisa Sauter
12 Darcy & Mary Kroells
17 William & Sandra Gruenhagen
18 Robert & Kateryna McCloskey
20 Robert & Janice Pechonick
22 Ben & Jenny Ische
23 Richard & Susan Buetow
Adam & Krista Behn
24 Logan & Eliana Radde
26 Brandon & Lisa Brueggemeier
29 Jeff & Bev Rolf

AUG. ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 2 Allen & Jeanne Friske
Edward & Lois Roufs
10 Ed & Dixie Brueggemeier
12 John & Mickey Haller
Dennis & Ruth Vinkemeier
Luke & Erin Rolf

VISITATION LIST

Belle Plaine - Marjorie Wolter
Norma Woolery

Cologne - Marville Schmidt

Norwood Young America
Herman Gennrich,
Arnold & Barb Scholz
Henry Krueger, Joycelyn Rolf
Donald Herrmann, Harriet Tellers

Waconia - Harold Bruesehoff
Darrell Knorr, Gloria AmEnd

BAPTISMS

Atlas Lee Nestor
Son of Clay & Sarah Nestor
Born 10/28/2020
Baptized 6/5/2021
Sponsors - Matthew &
Samantha Etheridge;
Daniel Olson;
Tanya Montour

Brynlee Lou Penning
Daughter of Brett & Erin Penning
Born 3/27/2021
Baptized 7/3/2021
Sponsors - Brittany &
Trevor Penning;
Brittni & Brian Crane

MARRIAGE

**Ever Zacharias &
Alyssa Mesenbring**
7/17/2021

2021

AUGUST

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Church Service 9:00 AM				Chapel at the Harbor 9:00 AM		
Vacation Bible School 6:00 - 7:45 PM						
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Church Service Communion 9:00 AM		Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Church Service 9:00 AM						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Church Service Communion 9:00 AM		Teacher Inservice Days				
			School Orientation 6:30 PM			
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
Church Service 9:00 AM						



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Return Service Requested

Coming up

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**Pictorial
Directory**

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Nov 29 - Dec 1

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 2nd - 6th



6:00 - 7:45 PM

**Register online at www.zion-cologne.org
or in person at Sunday services.**