This summer we say goodbye to the Dehning family, as Mr. Chris Dehning will serve as teacher-principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Hoyleton, Illinois. We give thanks for his leadership and will miss Chris and Rachel's cheerful smile and that of their children Lydia and Tobias. Those six years went by very quickly. Answering all our tech questions, Mr. Dehning also managed the screens in church, setting up the worship service and maintaining the schedule of its running in Sunday worship. As Zion’s President he kept the Council and Voters Meetings running smoothly. We wish him and the Dehning family all of God’s richest blessings.

Following God’s Lead *Pastor Eric Zacharias*



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***June***

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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.

As Zion School could not find a principal-teacher, Ms. Kateryna McCloskey was selected as teacher for the 7th and 8th grades. Kateryna and her husband Bob live in Belle Plaine, and have two sons, Benjamin and Daniel. Kateryna was educated and licensed as a teacher in Ukraine, having two masters degrees in English and Ukrainian Literature. In addition to teaching the 7-8th grade, she will seek full certification through Mankato and take steps toward colloquy status through Concordia University.

Zion’s administrative tasks will be the responsibility of Leah Janzen, our current Administrative Assistant. Leah is familiar with the many tasks, regulations, and requirements of leading a school; tending to these issues, Leah will be assisted by Zion’s teachers and staff, who will assist as they are able. The school board was confident that this arrangement would work for Zion; in a special meeting held on Sunday, May 20, the congregation also approved of this plan. So,  Zion’s new 7th- 8th grade teacher is Kateryna McCloskey and its new Administrator is Leah Janzen.

We trust that God has a chosen path for us all, as we hear his Word. In the Psalms, King David called God the “Good Shepherd” that “leads me beside the still waters,” and “leads me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake” (Psalm 23). God guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way (25:9); he will do so “even to the end” (48:14). God sharpens the Christian conscience, as Isaiah wrote, “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way, walk in it!” (30:21). God promises to “lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths,” turning “darkness into light” and making “rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them” (42:16). This Word and promise is for all, as they place their trust in him.

In your prayer for guidance and direction, remember those whose lives are in transition and may need help. Pray for the Dehnings, as they begin their move in mid-June. Pray for Zion and its teachers and administration, especially as they make plans for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

Blessings to you, in Christ, Pastor Eric Zacharias

Meeting Minutes

**Ladies Aid/LWML** Organization Notes

Zion Ladies’ Aid/LWML  
May 3, 2018

Ladies’ Aid/LWML met on May 3rd at 7:30 PM with 12 members present.  Our welcome was given by Bev Eggers.  The opening devotion was given by Vivian Buetow entitled “Give God Time”.  Pastor led our Bible Study from the Quarterly entitled “Struggling with the Influence of Technology.”

Bev Eggers then called the meeting to order along with the LWML Pledge.  The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  The Financial Report was discussed and filed for audit.

**Correspondence** was received from American Bible Society, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, LAMP and Feed My Starving Children.  St. John’s, Chaska sent updated information on Circle of Love, which was rescheduled.  The new date will be May 19th from 12-2 PM.    The May Mites offering was designated for LAMP.

**Christian Growth:**  They reported that $457 from the offering went towards mites.  The conference “Gifs from the Heart” was led by Rev Utecht.  He is the Mission Director from our church and encouraged congregations to consider support the starting of new congregations.  260 were registered for the rally.

**Funeral Committee:**  The Martha Group will serve for Esther Sauter’s funeral on May 5th.

**Unfinished Business:**  Everyone felt the “Tour of Tables” was a hit!  The committee did an awesome job, the entertainment was delightful and we had great helpers from the gentlemen servers.  83 were served at the Confirmation Reunion.  It was good to serve chicken and ham along with the potluck.  Thanks to Betty Klaustermeier for the use of a Thrivent card for the chicken and paper supplies.

**New Business:** Our delegates to the convention will be Vivian Buetow and Darlene Leistiko.  We will dedicate our quilts at the June 7th meeting and take a picture of them.  It was noted that New Germany donates quilts to the Fire Department and Police for local needs.  We liked that idea and might do that with ours.

It was brought up that Arnold and Barb Scholz will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.  As a group, we offered to provide and serve the Costco cake and coffee at this reception. This will allow their family to visit with the congregation. We will have to check with Barb or the office for the Sunday they have chosen.

We noted it would have been Esther Sauter’s birthday on May 23rd.  We adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer. Carol Buetow served as our hostess.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Mother’s Day | May 13 (PAST)

LWML MN South Convention | June 29-30

Next Meeting | June 7th | 7 PM | Vivian Buetow, Hostess

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zacharias, Secretary

Splash Canyon VBS

**Vacation Bible School:** Join us July 16th – 20th for Splash Canyon VBS. Strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with at Zion. Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what’s around the bend, but God does! Through it all Jesus is by our side and we can rely on God’s promise to us in Jesus!

Contact Stephanie for more information at stephaniemorschenzion@gmail.com or 612-718-5213 or Jenna at 612-247-4624 or jennarodmanzion@gmail.com.

We’ve all heard it said, and coming up with an example that proves the rule is a little bit more difficult sometimes, but it doesn’t make the saying any less true, ‘cause you know what they say – “the more things change, the more they stay the same.”

Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Fearless *Ms. Leah Janzen*

Change is hard.  Whether it’s the fear of the unknown, the fear of moving away from how it’s always been done, or even the fear of doing something that no one else has done before, it can be really hard to change.  Especially when we’re comfortable.

I could probably be the poster child for the “Change is Hard” movement.  As many of you know, I graduated from Zion, and, more than 20 years later, here I am.  If I wanted to leave no doubt in your mind about my “poster child” status, I’d tell you that I also live in the same house I grew up in.  And, if I really wanted to drive my point home, I’d tell you about how my parents live, literally, 50 feet away from my house.  See what I mean?  Change can be hard!

Hard as it may be though, change can also be a good thing.

A recent blog post I stumbled upon actually listed 20 reasons for why change can be good.  Of those reasons, which were all pretty good, the one that really jumped out at me was “Change is learning.  Learning is growing.  Growing is living.  So live!”  This got me thinking…isn’t that kind of our wheelhouse here at Zion – learning?  Isn’t growing the goal in everything we do whether we’re talking about church or school?  Isn’t living the point to this whole thing we are doing?  So, why is this change all of a sudden so scary?

Zion finds itself staring change in the face this summer.  We’re saying goodbye to our 7th-8th grade teacher of six years, who has also been our leader these past three years.  How are we going to move forward?  What are we going to do?  How is this all going to work?  It can be scary stuff, especially if you don’t know where to look.

Joshua seemed to have a hard time with change.  Leader of the Israelite army, one may think leading Israel into the promised land would be a logical next step.  But, even knowing that this change was on the horizon, when it actually came to it, Joshua seems to hesitate.  If they were in 2018 it may have looked like this: Joshua breathing into a paper bag while God stood behind him massaging his shoulder telling him “You got this!”  Finally, God tells Joshua **“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”** Joshua rallies and then rallies the “troops” and forward they go – strong, courageous, and fearless.

Our school theme for next year is “Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Fearless” and it stems from Joshua 1:9.  Next fall is going to be different.  We are changing the way we do things.  We are removing the “principal” position and I will serve as administrator, working with the teachers to create a new path for Zion.  This will allow the teachers to focus on what they do best – teach.  We will be adding a more than qualified teacher in Mrs. Kateryna McCloskey, who comes right from the pews of Zion, and has been our go to sub in 2018.  We will also continue to push our students to be strong, courageous and fearless, and hopefully, have a little fun along the way.

So I guess it is true what they say, because the more things change at Zion, the more we realize that nothing is really changing at all.

From the Kitchen

*Thank you to everyone who helped out Zion’s lunch program this year. Thank you for your donations and help throughout the year. We appreciate you all very much!*

**PAST**  
**5/1** K-4 Spring Musical (7 PM)

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION

As the 8th grade class, we would like to thank the congregation of Zion for all their support of us and the school over the last 8-10 years that we have been here. Thank you to our parents for sending us to this school. Thank you for cheering us on at our sports games and Play Day. Thank you for decorating trunks at Trunk-or-Treat, bidding on items at the Auctions, and for going to events like Soup and Pie and the Fish Fry. Thank you to the Trustees for your hard work at Zion and the new additions to the school like the outdoor basketball court, the new floor in the gym, and replacing lights all the time. We are looking forward to our trip to Washington, D.C. as the final time that we will be representing Zion. Thanks for all of your support with our fundraising efforts to make this trip possible. We have enjoyed our time here and we know it would not possible for us to attend Zion without the help of the congregation. Thank you.

Konrad Breeggemann     Evan Dietzel Cameron Felt Sophia Morschen

Brooke Sauter Matthew Traver

Zion – Past & Present

**5/3** LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting (7 PM)

**5/13** K-8 Choir

**5/15** PK/K “Moving-Up” Ceremony

**5/17** Last Day of Preschool

**5/23** Play Day at Zion

**5/24** ½ Day of School

**5/25** Last Day of School – ½ Day

**5/27** Graduation

**PRESENT**

**6/2** Klaustermeier- Schneider Wedding

**6/5-10** Washington D.C. Trip

**6/7** Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting (7 PM)

**6/14** Chapel @ The Harbor (10:15 AM)

**6/19** Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)

**6/21-23** District MNS Convention

**6/29-30** LWML District Convention

**7/9** Council Meeting | 8 PM

**7/16** Voter’s Meeting | 8 PM

**7/16-20** Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School (6-8 PM)

**8/9** Chapel @ The Harbor | 10:15 AM

**8/21-23** Teacher In-service

**8/21** Evangelism Meeting | 7:30 PM

**8/22** Orientation Night | 6:30 PM

Usher Schedule

**JUNE USHERS**

June 3rd Maia Klaustermeier

Hannah Klaustermeier

June 10th Samantha Brueggemeier

Lydia Brueggemeier

June 17th Charles Dietzel

Charles Morschen

June 25th Reagan Sauter

Alison Dose

From the Office

*Summer Office Hours (May 28th – Aug. 17th) will be 8 AM to noon Wednesday – Friday.*

Please have bulletin items to the office by noon on Thursday and newsletter items to the office by the 3rd Friday of the month.

Thank You from Sauters

*We wish to thank the members of Zion for your prayers and support upon the passing of our mother.  Your prayers, kind words, cards, memorials and food donations are greatly appreciated.  Special thanks to Pastor Zacharias for his comforting words and the beautiful service and to the ladies for serving the lunch.*

*The Family of Esther A. Sauter*

Zion Lutheran’s graduation was May 28th, and recognized all of this year’s graduates: Konrad Breeggemann (Waconia), Evan Dietzel (Central), Cameron Felt (Waconia), Sophia Morschen (LHS), Brooke Sauter (LHS), and Matthew Traver (Central). Lydia Brueggemeier and Cadee Vinkemeier, will be moving on to Waconia and Central, respectively.

Congrats Graduates!

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

* **Dylan Bingham** graduated from Waconia High School and will be attending Alexandria Technical College with a focus on Diesel Mechanics.
* **Kenson Boelke** graduated from LHS and will be attending South Dakota State University with a focus on Animal Science/Pre-Vet.
* **Lisa Brueggemeier** graduated from Waconia and will be attending Mankato State with a focus on Exercise Science and Psychology, ultimately working towards a doctorate in Physical Therapy.
* **Sydney Bruesehoff** graduated from Central High School and will be attending South Dakota State with a focus on Science/Pre-Pharmacy.
* **David Lenzen** graduated from Chaska High School and will be attending Normandale Community College.
* **Jake Thompson** graduated from Waconia High School and will be attending NDSU with a focus on Mechanical Engineering.

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**

* **Karrington Boelke** graduated from Ridge-water College – Wilmar with honors, with a degree in Farm Operation and Manage-ment. He is currently working on the family farm.
* **Krianna Boelke** graduated Cum Laude from Northwestern University – Orange City with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business with an emphasis in Marketing and Agriculture.
* **Evan Zacharias** graduated from the University of Jamestown, ND with a doctorate in Physical Therapy. He will begin a residency program in Orthopedics in August at the Sanford Institute in Fargo, ND.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16, 2018 for a Pizza Party Fundraiser at the Huinkers. Come for the afternoon of fellowship, fun, and FOOD! Watch for more details in the next newsletter but mark your calendars NOW!!!

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!

Finances

**Salary:**

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018) -$66,153.75

YTD Income \*$159,190.46

YTD Expenses $145,840.40

Current Balance (5/9) -$52,803.69

**Missions:**

YTD Total (5/9) $1,240.00

Budgeted $1,719.00

Unbudgeted $480.00

2018 Pledged $7,500.00

2018 Goal $15,000.00

**LHS:**

Year to date total (5/9) $4,152.66

2018 Commitment $22,715.00

Per communicant member $55.00

**Building/Repair Fund:**

Account Balance (3/19) $52,193.61

Suggested household contrib. $550.00

LHS Summer Sale

**Sale Donation Days:**

June 9th | 1 - 4 PM

June 11th | 12 – 4 PM

**Public Sale Days:**

June 11th , 4 – 7 PM

June 12th & 13th, 12 - 7 PM

Zion Work Day is June 13th 12-7 PM

**See bulletin board in narthex for more info.**

BIRTHDAY LIST

Membership Notes

1. David Henschen

Joel Klaustermeier

1. Steven Buetow
2. Jenise Polingo

Diane Miller

1. Ellen Arndt

Ilene Dietzel

Sandra Gruenhagen

Janet Sons

1. Konrad Breeggemann
2. Lee Radde
3. Charles Dietzel
4. Patti Dietzel

Darel Radde

Claudia Stahlke

1. Jaclyn Dose

Krista Behn

Karen Hodgin

Ryan Rolf

1. Herman Eggers

Hannah Klaustermeier

Brooke Moen

Daryl Traver

1. Lorraine Boelke
2. Lael de Boer

Olivia Geisel

Alaina Spector

1. Jonathan Henschen
2. Erwin Schmidt
3. Rachel Pexa
4. David Daugaard

Jayne Klaustermeier

1. Daniel Traver

ANNIVERSARY LIST

1. Allen & Evon Lenzen
2. Earl & Inez Buetow

Ralph & JoAnn Herrmann

1. Chris & Rachel Dehning
2. Marlin & DiAnn Melcher
3. Robert & Amy Gennrich

Tyler & Ashley Schulz

1. Rickey & MaryJo Sauter

Kevin & Janet Sons

1. Patrick & Janell Elleraas
2. Dale & Renea Lindquist
3. Gary & Barb Herrmann

Curtis & Lori Lenzen

1. Herman & Beverly Gennrich
2. Mark & Donna Stacken
3. Steve & Michelle Hoen
4. Dale & Martha Molnau

Arnold & Barb Scholz

1. Brian & Suzanne Honebrink

Dean & Anne Traver

VISITATION LIST

**Belle Plaine**

Chuck & Norma Woolery

Marjorie Wolter

**Cologne**

Gloria AmEnd

**Norwood Young America**

Harold Bruesehoff

Joycelyn Rolf

Lester Henschen

**Waconia**

Alvina Fick

Erwin Schmidt

Gertrude Honebrink

Lillian Ische

Irene Rolf

Darrel Knorr

Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force

Eddie Karnitz



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SPLASH CANYON

God’s Promise on Life’s Wild Ride

**July 16th - 20th | 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

*Enroll onlinel or sign-up to volunteer online!*

***school.zion-cologne.org***

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