



**ZION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH • SCHOOL**  
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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.

## You Need A Good Roof

By Pastor Eric Zacharias

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27

Zion has a new roof: metal tiles that look like slate, with layers of insulation. The old shingles lasted over sixty years, until they began to degrade, crack, and fall away. The new roof will keep "the elements" out and everything dry and comfortable within. Thank you, trustees, for providing a great plan for our present and future needs!

Frank Lloyd Wright built a house for Hibbard Johnson in 1937. One evening, as Johnson was hosting a dinner, the roof began to leak. Water dripped steadily onto Johnson's bald head.irate, he called Wright in Phoenix, AZ and said, "Frank, you built this beautiful house for me and we enjoy it very much. But I have told you the roof leaks, and right now I am with friends and distinguished guests and it is leaking right on top of my head!" Wright's answer, heard by all the guests, "Well, Hib, why don't you move your chair?" Wright had the wrong answer! You need a good roof!

After their first sin, Adam and Eve saw their nakedness and hid themselves with fig leaves. God provided something better, promising also to cover their sin. In Moses' time, the Ark of the Covenant was God's Presence among his people; golden wings covered the box, showing that God was their protection and life. God covers us, removing our sin and bringing righteousness. In time, God gave his own Son to be our Savior. On the cross, Jesus was naked, exposed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Jesus bore the taunts and insults of man, as he bore the wrath of God. Stripped of all things, including his dignity, Jesus gave up his righteousness for us all. Our baptism into Christ is God's righteousness covering our shame.

God has you covered, in your Baptism. Those who reject Baptism, whether by neglect or intent, are rejecting the righteousness of God. They do not see that their life is compromised with cracks and leaks and utter deterioration, caused by the unholy elements of the devil, the world, and selfish pursuits. Foolish people say, "It only leaks when it rains!" But that belies the whole point of a proper roof. Foolishly, people stand naked before God and without defense.

Jesus Christ is our God-given covering of righteousness. Baptism in Christ is a death of our old Adam and a new birth, holy and pure and eternal, in Christ. We not only give thanks for that covering but call others to "check their roofs," and their pride, and find redemption and renewal in Christ.

Pastor Eric Zacharias

# Ladies Aid/LWML

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Zacharias

## ZION LADIES' AID/LWML MAY 2, 2019

Twelve members were present at our May 2nd meeting. VP Juliene Klaustermeier opened with a devotion titled, "A New Season." Pastor Zacharias led our Bible Study from page 18 of the quarterly entitled, "Caring for the Body of Christ."

VP Juliene called the meeting to order. The LWML pledge was recited and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was M/S/C to accept the minutes. The Financial Report was discussed, and a motion was made to file it for audit. It was noted that Darlene Leistiko and RoNaye Gnan audited the books and found them accurate.

Correspondence was read, including a thank you from SWCC Food Shelf and from Helen Anderson, (S. Carver Zone President, for our group's hosting the LWML Rally). We also received letters from Lutheran Bible Translators, LAMP, The Dwelling Place and The Dakota Boys' Ranch. Our monthly mites were dedicated, and The LAMP Ministry was designated to receive our \$25 monthly donation.

**Committee Reports:** Darlene Leistiko from Christian Growth, reported that the Spring Rally registrations totaled 51 in attendance and \$235.00 was collected from these registrants. "Gifts from the Heart" received \$716, and this included Pastor Norman donating back his \$100 speaker fee. This went to Feed My Starving Children. \$20 was received toward the Convention representatives and half of this will be sent to the Carver North Zone. The Funeral Committee reported serving 180 at Evon Lenzen's funeral on April 10. The family gave a generous memorial to our society and provided Hillcrest chicken for the meal.

**Unfinished Business:** The Confirmation Reunion served 88, according to the plate count. We appreciate those who made the

preparations and served, as well as the food provided. The Tour Committee is considering the Garlic Festival in Hutchinson at the Fairgrounds as the next group event.

**New Business:** We were invited to St. John's, NYA to hear "We Three Kings" on May 11th at 8:00am. They request an RSVP for those attending their continental breakfast. We had this group at our congregation Christmas Party a couple of years ago. The list of duties for groups using the kitchen was passed around. Bev Rolf hadn't heard more about this from the people putting the list together.

There were no birthdays for May. After announcements were made, we closed with prayer. Darlene Leistiko was our hostess.

### **Dates to remember:**

Mother's Day - May 12th, 2019

July 18-20 - Retreat in Mankato

### **Next meeting:**

June 6th, 2019 7:00pm. Roxanne Pieper, hostess.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Zacharias  
Secretary

## MIRACULOUS MISSION VBS

Save the date! Miraculous Mission VBS is coming to Zion this July 15th through the 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. Pick up a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or sign-up online.

# ...A Look Back...

By Leah Janzen

We knew from the very start of summer that things were going to be a little different this year. How different would be determined by what we did and how we did it. We had some interesting decisions ahead of us, and new that, no matter what, it was going to be a year of firsts.

We decided to change the way we took care of the administrative side of the school and changed from a principal to an administrator. We decided to pull from our own congregation and give Mrs. McCloskey the reins of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. That enough new things for any small school, but we were just going to add that to the top of all the new ideas and experiences we were going to throw at our students as well.

It wasn't just a year of firsts for the faculty, it was for our students too. Almost every classroom saw new faces this year. Those new faces had to get used to a brand-new school, with new kids to get to know, new teachers to figure out, and facilities to navigate. Our returners had challenges too. Some were moving to new rooms, with new teachers. Some were just taking another step up academically. No matter what the task...it was going to be new.

We needed a little guidance. How were we going to get through this and get this all figured out so we can do right by our kids? We'd have to be strong. We'd have to be brave. We'd have to be fearless. At that point, we were feeling rather alone.

Enter Joshua – just a guy who was asked to do big things that he wasn't 100% certain he could do. The only thing he had going for him at this point was a relentless God telling him that he was going to be with him wherever he went. Finally, Joshua decided to – in the words of Nike – just do

it! He decided to be strong, brave, and fearless...and the rest is history!

Taking our cue from Joshua and knowing that God would be with us as well, we dove into this year headfirst. What followed was, by all accounts, a great year. We switched things up, we tried new things, and the kids responded.

Little kids came in the first day, crying because they didn't know what to expect and they didn't want mom to leave. Little kids were crying on the last day because they knew that school was done and they wanted mom to leave without them.

The big kids responded too. They responded to the challenges we threw at them. They responded to the new ideas and experiences we introduced to them. Sometimes they were hesitant at first, but in the end they dove right in.

Our graduates are now leaving for their next challenge. They will be heading to high school where there will new firsts and new challenges waiting for them. My hope for them, along with all of our students, is that they will take what they have been taught at Zion, and use it every day, so that they can remain strong, brave, and fearless. My hope is that they will always remember that the Lord is with them wherever they go.

## FROM THE KITCHEN

*Thank you! Another year has come and gone! I would like to thank you all for the help with food donations along with the great conversations with all of you! The kids are wonderful and thank me every day for being here. I love you all to the moon and back!*

## FINANCES

-Miss Betty

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2019)	-\$59,568.86
YTD Income	\$161,939.13
YTD Expenses	-\$189,709.41
Current Balance (5/23)	-\$87,239.14

### Missions:

YTD Total (3/24)	\$860.00
Budgeted	\$860.00
Unbudgeted	\$0.00
2019 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2019 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (3/24)	\$4,437.66
2018 Commitment	\$22,495.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (5/13)	\$ 21,477.31
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

## FROM THE OFFICE

*Summer Office Hours are 8 AM – Noon, WRF.*

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

### JUNE USHERS

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Morschen Sophia Morschen
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reagan Sauter Brooke Sauter
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Brueggemeier Colin Bingham
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Madelyn Traver Alison Dose
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Klaustermeier Maia Klasutermeier

## PIZZA PARTY FUNDRAISER @ THE HUINKERS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 15, 2019 for a Pizza Party Fundraiser at the Huinkers. Join us at noon for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, football, and FOOD! Watch for more details in the next newsletter but mark your calendars NOW!!!

## CONGRATS GRADUATES

Zion Lutheran's graduation was May 26th, and recognized all of this year's graduates: Amber Brueggemeier (Waconia), Grace Dose (Central), and Lindsey Moen (Waconia).

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- **Jason Schneider** graduated from Central High School in Norwood Young America. And will start a three year job training course through Central Schools.
- **Madelyn Traver** graduated from Central High School and will be attending SDSU with a focus on nursing.

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

- **Emily Miller** graduated from SDSU – Brookings with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.
- **Collin Vinkemeier** graduated from Ridgewater College – Wilmar with a degree in Dairy Management.
- **Brett Pexa** graduated with his PhD in Human Movement from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill on May 11. He accepted an assistant professor position at High Point University in High Point, NC starting on July 1.

## ZION PAST & PRESENT

### PAST

- 5/7** Spring Musical "Hats!"
- 5/9** Chapel @ the Harbor
- 5/10** Feed My Starving Children
- 5/12** Choir Sings
- 5/16** Last Day of Beginning PK
- 5/17** Last Day of Advanced PK
- 5/22** Play Day @ St. John's
- 5/24** Last Day of School
- 5/26** Graduation Sunday
- 5/28-31** Inside Clean-Up Days

### PRESENT

- 6/6** Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting
- 6/11** Faculty Year-End Wrap-Up Meeting
- 6/13** Chapel @ the Harbor
- 6/18** Evangelism Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 6/20-23** LWML National Convention
- 7/8** Council Meeting @ 8 PM
- 7/11** Chapel @ the Harbor @ 10:15 AM  
Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting @ 7 PM
- 7/15-18** Miraculous Mission VBS
- 7/15** Voters Meeting @ 8 PM
- 7/16** Evangelism Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 8/8** Chapel @ the Harbor
- 8/20-22** Teacher In-Service
- 8/20** Evangelism Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 8/21** Parent/Orientation Night @ 6:30 PM

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 2 David Henschen  
Joel Klaustermeier
- 4 Steven Buetow
- 6 Jenise Polingo  
Diane Miller
- 8 Ellen Arndt  
Ilene Dietzel  
Sandra Gruenhagen  
Janet Sons
- 9 Konrad Breeggemann
- 11 Lee Radde
- 12 Charles Dietzel
- 13 Patti Dietzel  
Darel Radde  
Claudia Stahlke
- 15 Jaclyn Dose  
Krista Behn  
Karen Hodgkin  
Ryan Rolf
- 16 Herman Eggers  
Hannah Klaustermeier  
Brooke Moen  
Daryl Traver
- 20 Lorraine Boelke
- 22 Lael de Boer  
Olivia Geisel  
Alaina Spector
- 24 Jonathan Henschen
- 25 Erwin Schmidt
- 27 Rachel Pexa
- 29 David Daugaard  
Jayne Klaustermeier
- 30 Daniel Traver

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 2 Allen & Evon Lenzen
- 3 Earl & Inez Buetow  
Ralph & JoAnn Herrmann
- 7 Marlin & DiAnn Melcher
- 10 Robert & Amy Gennrich  
Tyler & Ashley Schulz
- 12 Rickey & MaryJo Sauter  
Kevin & Janet Sons
- 14 Patrick & Janell Elleraas
- 15 Dale & Renea Lindquist
- 16 Gary & Barb Herrmann  
Curtis & Lori Lenzen
- 17 Herman & Beverly Gennrich
- 20 Mark & Donna Stacken
- 25 Steve & Michelle Hoen
- 27 Dale & Martha Molnau  
Arnold & Barb Scholz
- 29 Brian & Suzanne Honebrink  
Dean & Anne Traver

## 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

2019

JUNE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Church Service 9 AM				Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting   7 PM		
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Church Service 9 AM		Faculty Year-End Meeting   8-Noon		Chapel @ the Harbor 10:15 AM		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Church Service 9 AM		Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM		LWML National Convention		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Church Service 9 AM LWML Convention						
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Church Service 9 AM						



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**MIRACULOUS MISSION**

Jesus Saves the World!  
**July 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

*Enroll or sign-up to volunteer online!*  
***[school.zion-cologne.org](http://school.zion-cologne.org)***

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