



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.

ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

One can make a difference. There is a little-known story in the Bible about "a man of God" named Oded who stood in the way of an army of Israel that was delivering 200,000 prisoners of war to Samaria to be sold into slavery, along with a lot of plunder. The army of Northern Israel (aided by the army of Aram) had waged war against the Southern Kingdom of Judah and had killed over 120,000 people. Now Prophet Oded stood before them all and affirmed that God had allowed Israel the victory as punishment for Judah, because of its wicked king. But Oded warned that they had been too vicious in battle, destroying a people that were essentially their cousins. "Note that you also are guilty in the eyes of God! Listen to me and return the captives you took from your brothers, for the Lord's burning anger is focused now on you!" (2 Chronicles 28:9ff)

Oded's words pierced the hearts of four local warriors, who then backed up the prophet. They said, "You must not bring the captives here, for you will bring your guilt upon us, adding to our sins and our guilt." So the army of Israel left the captives there in Samaria. The four warriors went through the plunder and fed and clothed the naked prisoners and cared for their wounds. They put the weak on donkeys and led them all back to the city of Jericho. At that point, they went back to Samaria, while the captives were left to make their way back to their homes.

Note that Judah would have been destroyed had their neighbors from Israel succeeded in their plan. God put one Samaritan in the breach—and he was supported by four warriors—and the warriors were backed up by the congregation in Samaria. And God's will was done. Mercy was shown and reason prevailed. Countless lives were saved that very day.

This historic event is like the Good Samaritan story Jesus would tell hundreds of years later. The broken body of that Jerusalem traveler heading to Jericho was not aided by the Priest or the Levite nor any person of Israel; he was aided by a Samaritan who showed mercy. By his care a life was saved.

God sends you and me to show mercy. Let our lives not be about vengeance or plunder but about confession and forgiveness. Let us tend to the needs of others, whether they are deemed worthy or not. This is the will of God, shown to us in Jesus, who alone stood in the gap for us all, giving himself up for us all, that we would not be destroyed by the devil, the world, or our own treacherous nature.

Show mercy. Love those who hate you. Be an advocate for the weak and the abused; stand for truth and back the righteous. Take action for those who cannot speak or act for themselves. Repent and call others to repentance. Proclaim forgiveness of sins. Worship the Lord. Stand with Jesus; stand as the people of God, in Jesus' Name.

Pastor Eric Zacharias

LADIES AID/LWML

Minutes from May 12th Meeting

The Blessing of the Quilts in the church marked the beginning of our meeting. These quilts were completed at Darlene Leistiko's home and were draped over the church pews for a dedication ceremony. The quilts were made for the benefit of the poor and will be sent to a local charity; until that time these will be on display in the church sanctuary through May, as a reminder that it is a beautiful thing to live our life in service to God and others.

Refreshments were provided in the Meeting Room. **Roxanne Pieper gave a devotion** which reflected on Mother's Day and the empty nest. Ruth Vinkemeier was welcomed as a guest.

Our Bible Study was from the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, where there were many articles on "Enduring," written by women who wrote about how God and His Word had been their help during their respective journeys and hardships. There was much sharing and reflection by the group and great encouragement, as these stories of struggle resonated with them and spoke of the Lord's faithfulness during their own personal trials.

VP Juliene Klaustermeier opened our meeting with a welcome, the reciting of the LWML Pledge, and an official call to order, followed by the reading of the April Minutes. A motion was M/S/C to accept them. The Financial Report was given and a motion was M/S/C to file it for audit. No correspondence for this month was presented.

The Mite donation for May was dedicated for service and the group voted to send our monthly gift of \$25 to Camp Omega in Waterville.

The Funeral Committee reported on the three funerals that occurred within two weeks of Easter. The Martha group served the first and third funerals, while the Mary Group served the second. Each of these funerals had a full chicken dinner, catered by Hillcrest, ranging from 120-170 in attendance. We discussed the need for clarification of roles and duties between the family being served, the funeral home, and our own co-chairs (Bev Eggers and Carol Buetow), regarding what we can and are able to do regarding this service. We decided that if group members want to bring bars or salads to supplement a funeral meal, they are free to do so; but this must not be considered a requirement, since the funeral meals are being catered at this time.

Unfinished Business * Zion School's Silent Auction will be May 15; our group will donate a Watkins basket valued at \$41 and a quilt valued at \$40 for the Silent Auction. **The quilts** in the church will be donated to Love, INC in eastern Carver County. **The Christus Choir** from Concordia University-St. Paul sang at Zion on May 11; prior to their concert, Zion's LWML served the 35 members a supper of sloppy joes, chips, fruit salad, coleslaw, and dessert bars.

New Business * The LWML Minnesota South District Biennial Convention will be June 16-18th at Willmar, MN, with the Theme: Rejoice in HOPE! Delegates to the convention pay a registration cost (\$75); we will further discuss the amount of support we will give in our June meeting, which is prior to the convention; four offerings are taken throughout the convention as well and we need to plan for that as well. **LCMS Prison Ministries** need Bibles; this effort is also being sponsored by the societies from Chaska, NYA, and Watertown. Our group will provide for 80 Bibles (\$199.80; c/o Jim Seeman).

Conclusion *There were no birthdays this month. Our hostess today was Mary Zacharias. Our next meeting will be held June 9 at 9:30 am, with Evelyn as hostess. No further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Mary Zacharias, Secretary

SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS

On Sunday, May 15th, Zion Education League held a “different” sort of auction than they have before. Instead of a breakfast, Rolling Hearth Bistro (Huinkers) and the Squeaky Cow (Pexas) food trucks provided wonderful food for the participants. The food was amazing, and the fellowship was as warm as the weather—God blessed us with a fantastic day! As you can see from the pictures, a “Good time was had by all.”



CHURCH & SCHOOL CLEANING DAYS

If you are interested in helping “tidy-up” the building—doing things not normally done (scrubbing chairs & desks, washing windows, vacuuming pew cushions, etc.) These dates have been set aside for these tasks. Monday, June 13th 1-5pm and Tuesday, June 21st 8-11am.

HELP! URGENT NEED!

We are needing a number of volunteers to take recycling to the recycling center. This is not a big job (usually), but it does require a vehicle larger than a car or SUV. Contact the office for details if you have some time to help.

MOVING DAY

If anyone has time after church on Sunday, June 12th, we can use your help. Due to our enrollment numbers, two classrooms are switching locations. The third/fourth graders will be moving into the “big room,” and the seventh/eighth graders will be taking their place. With lots of help, it shouldn’t take long.

SINGERS WANTED

There is a festival choir planned for the opening worship service at the Minnesota South District Convention on Thursday, June 9th at 5pm. There will be a rehearsal on Monday, June 6th at 7pm at St. John’s Chaska. Contact Julie Pallas at 952-200-2573 if interested.

MAYER LUTHERAN ALUMS!

Mr. Dave Lane is retiring at the end of this school year. If anyone wants to send him a note of congratulations or well wishes, they are encouraged to do so. His address is 9350 Morgan Lane, Cologne, MN 55322.

FINANCES

Salary:

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| Beginning Balance (1/1/2022) | \$61,721.74 |
| YTD Income | \$124,208.61 |
| YTD Expenses | \$184,374.17 |
| Current Balance (5/18) | \$1,556.18 |

Missions:

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| YTD Total (5/20) | \$3,520.00 |
| Budgeted | \$3,520.00 |
| Non-budgeted | \$0.00 |
| 2022 Pledged | \$6,500.00 |
| 2022 Goal | \$15,000.00 |

LHS:

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| Year to date total (5/20) | \$18,542.66 |
| 2022 Commitment | \$21,395.00 |
| Per communicant member | \$55.00 |

Building/Repair Fund:

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| Account Balance (5/19) | \$15,345.74 |
| Suggested household contribution | \$550.00 |

THANK YOU

The family of Harold Bruesehoff would like to thank everyone for your kind words, memorials, and prayers shown our family upon the passing of Harold. We would especially like to thank Pastor Zacharias for the beautiful service, Julianne Marcsisak for playing the music, Hillcrest for catering, and the Ladies Aid group for serving the lunch. Special thank you to Art Johnson and the Johnson Funeral Home. As Harold would say – “auf Wiedersehen” – until we see each other again.

Sincerely, The Family of Harold Bruesehoff

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

The family of Donald Herrmann wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness with the passing of our father. Don truly loved his family, friends, and his church family. He loved Zion and was very committed to it. Coming back to here has brought a floodgate of happy memories for our family. From weddings and baptisms to confirmations and graduations and now finally his funeral. Blessings to you all.

Cathy Walden and Lois Geyen

CONGRATS GRADUATES

Zion Lutheran School's 2022 graduates are

Ava Dose (Central High School)

Sam Dose (Central High School)

Quinn Kemp (Mayer Lutheran)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- **Konrad Breeggemann** graduated from Waconia High School and will be working for Modern Design in Cologne.
- **Lydia Brueggemeier** graduated from Waconia High School. She will be attending River Falls University in WI and majoring in Elementary Education.
- **Evan Dietzel** graduated from Central High School and is going to work construction for Bituminous Roadways.
- **Madalena Lopes** (foreign exchange student from Portugal, staying with the Morschen family) graduated from Mayer Lutheran and will be taking a gap year and working before going to University in Portugal.
- **Sophia Morschen** graduated from Mayer Lutheran and will be attending Concordia University Wisconsin for pharmacy.
- **Brooke Sauter** graduated from Mayer Lutheran and will be attending Normandale Community College for a degree in Dental Hygiene.
- **Matthew Traver** graduated from Central High School and will enter the work force right away and work towards getting his Class A driver's license this winter.
- **Cadee Vinkemeier** graduated from Central High School. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Platteville and majoring in Animal Science.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

- **Kenson Boelke** graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and a minor in Animal health.
- **Megan Bingham** graduated from Metro State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is currently working at Ridgeview Hospital in Waconia as a registered nurse (RN).

THANK YOU FROM 2022 ZION GRADUATES

As 8th graders, we would like to thank the Zion congregation for all their support for the years we have been here. We would like to thank our parents for sending us here to Zion because we have gained friendships that we hope will last for a long time. Thank you for cheering for us at sports games and Play Day. Thank you, Jill, for cooking us awesome meals. Thank you for supporting the school for so many years before we attended, and for many more years after we will graduate. Thank you for going to events like the Auction and decorating your cars for "Trunk or Treat." Thank you to the trustees for their hard work at Zion—for making sure everything looks right. Thank you for the fun field trips that we got to go on. We have enjoyed this time at Zion, and we know it would not be possible without the many contributions of this congregation.

Sam: "I want to thank my parents for letting me come to Zion, and my teachers for teaching me along the way no matter how many mistakes I made. I really loved all my years here, especially during Lutheran Schools' Week."

Ava: "Now that my Zion years have come to an end, I would like to thank the teachers for the commitment of helping the students and dealing with us especially when we were little. I'm really going to miss my Zion family and the fun days here."

Quinn: "I will never forget the experiences I made in my years here from fifth grade to eighth grade, the nice ones and the terrible ones. I would like to thank my parents for taking me to this school, from my first day in fifth grade when the school doors opened to me to now on these last few days of school. This school is truly one of the better ones I've been to."

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 3 Ruby Rolf
4 Steven Buetow
6 Jenise Polingo
Diane Miller
8 Ellen Arndt
Ilene Dietzel
Sandra Gruenhagen
Janet Sons
9 Konrad Breeggemann
10 Stanley Gustafson
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
18 Brendan Rolf
20 Lorraine Boelke
22 Lael de Boer
Olivia Geisel
Alaina Spector
24 Jonathan Henschen
27 Rachel Sandquist
29 Jayne Klaustermeier
Sophie Spector
30 Daniel Traver

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 3 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
20 Mark & Donna Stacken
25 Steve & Michelle Hoen
27 Dale & Martha Molnau
29 Dean & Anne Traver

TRANSFER OUT

To Trinity Waconia:

Daryl & Shelly Traver along
with children Rosella, Vyctor,
& Joycelyn

Megan Brueggemeier

Pauline Henschen

RELEASED

Kelli Kissack and family to
Connection Church in Belle
Fourche, South Dakota

VISITATION LIST

Belle Plaine

Marjorie Wolter
Norma Woolery

Cologne

Marville Schmidt
Lorraine Boelke

Norwood Young America

Barb Scholz
Joycelyn Rolf

Waconia

Darrell Knorr

Maple Plain

Harriet Tellers

Green Isle

Marlys Lenzen

REMEMBERING OUR

SOLDIERS

John Michael Bones

Eben Karnitz

Eddie Karnitz

USHER SCHEDULE

June 5th

Cadee Vinkemeier
Erica Richardson

June 12th

Nathan Lenzen
Sam Klaustermeier

June 19th

Lindsey Moen
Abby Moen

June 26th

Evan Dietzel
Addison Dietzel

2022

JUNE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| | | | | Chapel at the Harbor 9:00 AM VBS Meeting 5:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM | | |
| 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 |
| Church Service 9:30 AM | | | | LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 9:30 AM VBS Meeting 5:30 PM | | |
| | | | | Minnesota South District Convention | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Church Service Communion 9:30 AM | Clean-up Day 1-5 PM | Zion's 7th and 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington D.C. | | | | |
| Moving Day | | | | VBS Meeting 5:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Church Service 9:30 AM | | Clean-up Day 8-11 AM | | VBS Meeting 5:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM | VBS Set Up Day | |
| Father's Day | | | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 01 | 02 |
| Church Service Communion 9:30 AM | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL * 6-8 PM | | | | | |



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Return Service Requested

Summer Worship Time



ZION'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOD'S WONDERLAND—JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE!

JUNE 27 - JULY 1
6 - 8 PM

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Sign up your kids
to join the FUN!



Register your kids at Church (Narthex-lobby)
or online at <https://form.jotform.com/221464191256151>