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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.

The Sounds of Lent

Pastor Eric Zacharias

Rice is the most basic part of a Liberian diet. The sad thing is that it is scarce and therefore quite expensive. When the 14-year civil war ended in Liberia in 2003, rice was so scarce that the country depended on subsidized rice imports to feed a population of more than four million. For decades, Liberians could not grow enough food to feed the entire country. The United Nations calls Liberia "one of Africa's least food-secure countries". The need for rice is great.

Rice is very expensive in Liberia. Therefore, the main cost of Chance Outreach is supplying rice to feed the women and children of Hope House and Courage House. Evelyn Seton figured that the best way to keep costs down is to supply the houses with rice directly from America. Therefore, Chance Outreach will send a container of rice directly from America to the houses Liberia. This shipment would also contain medical and hygiene products that are also needed. Evelyn is working with the Orphan Grain Train of Wisconsin to arrange for a shipment of 420 bags of rice to leave for Liberia as soon as possible.

March's **Lenten Love Campaign** is to help raise the amount needed to supply the rice for Chance Outreach. Thirty dollars will buy one hundred pounds of rice. You can help with this project by contributing \$30 to purchase one hundred pounds of rice.

Contributions can be made directly to Zion, noting that the check or money be directed to the ministry of Chance Outreach. (Donations are fully tax deductible.) You can contribute directly by donating through the secure website at chanceoutreach.org on the internet.

Chance International Outreach is a ministry in Liberia focused on providing refuge and services for young women and children who are in great need. They also provide the Gospel to a people very unaware of salvation through Jesus Christ. Chance also provides a solid Christian education and training to assist them as they stabilize their life and bless the world around them.

Share that Lenten Love of God,

In Christ,
Pastor Eric Zacharias

Lenten Love for Liberia: Cash for Rice!
\$30 = 100 pounds of rice
Please donate to Chance International Outreach!

Ladies Aid/LWML

LADIES AID/LWML MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Zion Ladies Aid/LWML met on February 1st at 1:30 pm with 12 members, plus one new member, Betty Klaustermeier. We welcome Betty to our society.

We had our annual Prayer Service, "Living as God's People", led by Pastor Zacharias, with Christian Growth representatives Vivian Buetow and Darlene Ulrich as readers. We watched a video and sang hymns and had prayers.

President Bev Eggers called the meeting to order and the LWML Pledge was said. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was discussed and filed for audit. The financial audit will be performed by Juliene Klaustermeier and RoNaye Gnan.

We received a \$500 gift for our society, a Christmas blessing! Thank you! Mite offering will go to Zion's Lunch Fund for January and to Carver County. Food Shelf for February.

Correspondence Received: Thank you notes were received from Pastor and teachers and others for our Christmas gifts; thanks from Chance, Bible Translators, Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain and Bethesda.

Our flower committee welcomed two new members, Betty Klaustermeier and Vicky Mesenbring. Welcome, aboard!

Thanks to all who brought snow globes for our Christmas Potluck, where we served 89. We sold 180 dozen cookies for the Christmas Cookie Sale. Thanks to all who donated cookies, the packaging of the cookies and the sale.

The Tour of Tables will be held April 7th. Entertainment for the event will be Allan and Matt Carlson. If you are interested in doing a table, please call Carol Henschen at 952-4667-

5905 or Juliene Klaustermeier at 952-442-0422. You do not have to be an LWML member to participate.

The Quilting group will decide dates for working at our March meeting along with the Confirmation Reunion.

Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper was discussed. Each LWML member is to bring a salad or bars.

We sang birthday hymns for Barb Henschen, Pastor Zacharias, Vivian Buetow, and Juliene Klaustermeier. We closed with The Lord's Prayer and the executive board served as hostesses. Our next meeting will be March 1st at 1:30pm, with Darlene Ulrich as hostess.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 20th @ 7:00 PM | North/South Carver LWML Board meeting at St. John's, Chaska. Dessert and coffee to be served at 6:30 PM.
- March 3rd @ 9:30-11:30 AM | Carver North/South Workshop, St. John's Chaska.
- April 17th @ 6:30 PM (dessert)/7:00 PM (rally) | North/South Spring Rally, St. John's, Chaska.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Leistiko,
Assistant Secretary.

Tour of Tables Luncheon

This event is hosted by Zion's Ladies Aid/LWML, on April 7, 2018. Entertainment will be Alan and Matt Carlson. Any ladies from Zion are invited to decorate a table for this event. If interested, call Juliene Klaustermeier 954-442-0422 or Carol Henschen 952-466-5905. Reservations for the luncheon can be made with Ruth Harms at 952-467-3084. Adults & teens \$10, 12 and under \$5.

I asked my students what I should write about for my March newsletter article. They did not tell me to write about St. Patrick's Day. They didn't want me to write about Spring. They didn't want me to write about their field trip to Baylor Park where they learned how to cross country ski and some of them were better than others, and they didn't want me to mention any names, so I won't. What they did want me to talk about was that our girls' basketball team beat Trinity in the Lutheran High Tournament.

Many sports figures and sports teams love to latch on to the scripture verse Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

Tim Tebow wrote Philippians 4:13 on his black eye stickers when he played football. During an interview at the end of his college career, he told the Baptist Press: "A lot of people know Philippians 4:13, but a lot of people don't interpret that verse the right way. Most people think it means I can do anything...on the football field, or I can make a lot of money. But that's not exactly what it's talking about there. It's saying I can be content with anything."

In Phil. 4:11-12, Paul describes how he has gone through times of great need and great abundance. He is explaining to the Christians in Philippi how he has been able to survive the good and the bad times. I can be content in any circumstance because Christ gives me strength. Paul said, "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances". The secret to that contentment: Christ gave Paul the ability to be content.

Philippians 4:13 does NOT mean we can do anything because Christ strengthens us. Jesus doesn't give you the ability to fly or win football games or get a perfect score on the SAT. Jesus promises to provide contentment no matter what you face.

The true meaning of Philippians 4:13 does change its message. It is no enticing promise to accomplish great feats for God. It is a humbling

principle that you have the power to stop complaining.

People who see their life through Jesus' eyes have no grounds to whine, but only to worship. How could someone who got life when they deserved death, grace when they deserved accusation, and love when they should be excluded have any reason to complain?

God is not here to solve all your problems and give you an awesome life. God does not promise a big house, a good job, a comfortable bed, and a lovely spouse. It doesn't make sense to expect wealth and success or complain about its absence.

Maybe it's time to embrace what's in front of you. Take your eyes off the horizon and settle into the goodness of life you can taste right now, no matter how small that good is. If all you have left is a God who gave everything for you, you're doing all right.

Call Committee Formed

Mr. Dehning has accepted a call to be the principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Hoyleton, Illinois. A call committee is being formed and potential calls will be considered shortly.

Pancake Breakfast & Auction Sunday, March 4th

Zion Lutheran School's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent/Live Auction, will be held on March 4th.

There is still time to donate items if you would like. Please drop off any donations in the office not later than Friday at Noon.

As always, we will have lots of good things to bid on this year, including fire rings, Twins tickets, golf packages, Wild tickets, Buetow wine, a TV and much, much more.

Finances

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	*\$106,546.05
YTD Expenses	\$62,635.69
Current Balance (2/14)	-\$22,243.39

Missions:

YTD Total (2/4)	\$162.00
Budgeted	\$7,597.00
Unbudgeted	\$1,289.41
2018 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2018 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (2/4)	\$20,262.66
2017 Commitment	\$22,825.00

***We still need \$2,562.34 to meet 2017
commitment***

Per communicant member	\$55.00
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Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (12/31)	\$74,090.06
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

Usher Schedule

MARCH USHERS

March 4 th	Charles Dietzel Carsen Ulrich
March 11 th	Kenson Boelke Canton Vinkemeier
March 18 th	Charles Morschen Jake Thompson
March 25 th	Sydney Bruesehoff Anica Herrera
March 29 th	Dylan Bingham Colin Bingham
March 26 th	Charles Morschen Carsen Ulrich

From The Office

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM to Noon

Please note: Bulletin items are due by Thursday at noon and newsletter items are due by the 3rd Friday of each month. Thank You!

Zion Past & Present

PAST

2/19	No School – Presidents' Day
2/20	Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)
2/23	Fish Fry (900 served!)

PRESENT

3/4	Silent Auction/Pancake Breakfast
3/23	Confirmation Questioning End of 3 rd Quarter
3/25	Confirmation/Palm Sunday
3/29	Maundy Thursday Service (7:30 PM) First Communion
3/30	Good Friday Service (7:30 PM)
4/1	Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM) Easter Breakfast to Follow Easter Sunday Service (9:30 AM)
4/8	K-8 Choir Sings
4/9	Council Meeting (8 PM)
4/12	Chapel @ the Harbor
4/16	Voters Meeting (8 PM)
4/17	Evangelism Meeting (7:30 PM)
4/23-27	ITBS Testing Week
4/30	Midterms Sent Home ZEL Meeting (6:30 PM)
5/13	K-8 Choir
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

The Crux of the Matter: Jesus is the Christ

Jesus died because he was the Messiah. That is ironic, because the Jewish people have been looking for the Messiah for ages. When Jesus arrived on the scene, he rarely mentioned that he was the Messiah. He often told others not to tell that he was the Messiah. He forbade demons from telling. He wanted people to discover this on their own. Jesus spoke accurately about God and never contradicted the words of the Torah. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies concerning the Messiah. He was perfect and holy. The authorities knew that he was the Messiah but could not allow him to be the Messiah, because they feared that the whole balance of their lives would be undone. The condemnation of Jesus was sealed when the Chief Priest ordered him to confess before the whole Council that he was, in fact, the Messiah, the Christ.

You live because Jesus was the Messiah. As the Messiah, Jesus carried the weight upon his shoulders; the burden of the world's sin was laid upon him. Believing in Jesus, you take up the same cross, identifying you with the promises of God. The cross is not heavy for you, for Jesus has taken the burden of the cross already, as he climbed the hill of Golgatha and let the cross be the altar upon which he was slain for the sins of the world. The cross is ugly to the world but beautiful to you. The cross of Jesus marks you as one of God's own. The cross is poured out upon you in your Baptism; the cross is what you eat and drink in Holy Communion, for it is Christ that is given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus identified with us, as a human, so that in him you and I have an identity with God forever. There is no cost in carrying the Messiah's cross. It is freely given for you to bear. It adorns your life.

The world wants a Messiah, a savior, a champion, the genuine servant of God. People like the idea but do not want to be saddled with the implication. Believing in the Messiah means owning up to sin, seeing the need to change the heart and mind to match the will of God.

Somewhere on the internet I read that many rabbis secretly know that Jesus is the Christ, for it is written clearly in the liturgies of their holy days; the reason they don't confess Jesus as Messiah is that it would turn their world upside down. Too bad, because their world is already upside down. Believing and confessing Jesus, they would turn their world right-side up. They would know the truth and the truth would set them free. Better yet, it would set so many more people free from the web of deceit and arrogant pride.

By not carrying the Messiah's cross, you end up carrying a cross of your own. That cost is more than you know, for without Christ, you carry the burden of your own sins forever and are mocked by the echoes of your mind.

Blessings to you, in the Messiah, Jesus.
Pastor Eric Zacharias

Youth Notes

Zion's youth had an evening of sledding on Zion's hill. A good group came out and enjoyed the crisp night of sledding and then enjoyed chili, chips and other snacks. They hung out in the gym and enjoyed each other's company. Winter fun is their thing. The group is planning on skating in Edina on Centennial Lakes. To be announced!

Also, we are gathering a group of those interested in A) the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis B) a Servant Event this summer, where youth go to serve others in a unique setting. Let pastor know if you are interested in either or both.

Membership Notes

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Lester Henschen
Dale Karnitz
Randall Rolf
- 2 Ariana Lunow
- 4 Brenda Thompson
- 5 Pamela Ische
- 8 Harold Bruesehoff
Jared Dose
- 9 Paul Stuewe
- 10 Steven Brueggemeier
- 11 Lisa Cooper
Amy Sauter
- 12 Amber Brueggemeier
Brian Buetow
Kelli Kissack
- 13 Kirsten Dose
- 15 Samantha Brueggemeier
- 17 Robert Boltmann
Dale Molnau
Paisley Schulz
- 18 Dean Traver
Carley Vinkemeier
- 19 Nathan Lenzen
- 21 Grace Dose
- 23 Marville Schmidt
- 25 Oscar Janzen
- 26 Robert McCloskey
DiAnn Melcher
Madelyn Traver
Lydene Vinkemeier
- 27 Gertrude Honebrink
Kateryna McCloskey
- 29 Jeff Thompson
- 30 Curtis Lenzen
Lois Roufs
Darlene Ulrich
- 31 Olivia Stahlke

ANNIVERSARY LIST

NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Please let us know if we have omitted anyone or our records are incorrect. We will gladly update our database! Thank you!

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

2018 MARCH

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	01 Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting 1:30 PM	02 Chapel 8:10 AM	03
04 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast/Auction 9 AM - 1 PM	05	06 Dartball @ 8 PM	07 W. Bible Study 2 PM Lent Service 3:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Lent Service 7 PM	08	09 Chapel 8:10 AM	10
11 Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	12	13	14 W. Bible Study 2 PM Lent Service 3:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Lent Service 7 PM	15	16 Chapel 8:10 AM	17
18 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM K-8 Choir Sings	19	20 Evangelism Meeting @ 7:30 AM	21 W. Bible Study 2 PM Lent Service 3:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Lent Service 7 PM	22	23 CENTRAL DRIVE DAY END OF 3RD QUARTER Chapel 8:10 AM Questioning 7:30 PM	24
25 PALM SUNDAY Confirmation Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	26	27	28 W. Bible Study 2 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM	29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM	30 Good Friday Service 7:30 PM	31
NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK						



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT/LIVE AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2018

9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

CONFIRMATION PICTURES | FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD | 5:30 PM

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONING | FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD | 7:30 PM

• CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH | 9:30 AM

FIRST COMMUNION | THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH | 7:30 PM