



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

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## 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.

## Our Ministry: "Of First Importance"

By Pastor Eric Zacharias

The Basilica of Notre Dame went up in flames on Monday of Holy Week. This church dates back to 1163 and was a landmark within Paris for all people, whether religious or not. It contained many relics, most notably, the "crown of thorns" worn by Jesus at his crucifixion, along with other artifacts of the church. The destruction of the church revealed a lot of what many do not know about architecture and stained-glass windows - all of which President Macron promised would be rebuilt in five years. But who can go about this restoration, since these techniques of glass and stone were not passed along? At one point, the work of these guilds became obsolete and unneeded: Forgotten.

The burning of Notre Dame revealed a lot of what had been lost over time. One writer called this "a sign of our times," since Notre Dame reflected the religious foundation of the people and a monument of western civilization. The loss of the basilica is calling many to ponder what this means to them, including the faith which inspired such elaborate construction.

"The flames of Notre Dame de Paris are a call to repentance and conversion," wrote Rod Dreher.

"What happened in Paris today has been happening across our civilization. It happens whenever we fail to live out our baptism, and fail to baptize our children. It happens by omission, by indifference, and it happens by commission, from spite. It happens in classrooms, in newsrooms, in shopping malls, in poisoned seminaries and defiled sacristies, and everywhere the truths...are ridiculed, flayed, and destroyed in the hearts and minds of modern men. The fire that destroyed Paris's iconic cathedral made manifest what we in the West have been doing to ourselves for over 200 years."

True! So much of our Christian faith is lost due to neglect, by failing to pass along what has been given to us! Christians should be "fanning into flame" that which has been kindled among us. Instead, we let the embers die and wistfully recall the good things of our Christian upbringing and experience. By not sharing these things with others, we leave them to say, "My family was Christian, I think."

The Apostle Paul wrote that he passed along to others the very things that had been given to him. He called them the "things of first importance," namely, "...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)."

Praise God for the faith delivered to you, given by God's Holy Spirit, through the Word and by Baptism and Holy Communion! Let us be resolved in sharing that life-giving Gospel, that all may know and confess, "the forgiveness of sins, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting." In Jesus' Name, Pastor Eric Zacharias

\*Rod Dreher, "Notre Dame Fire: A Sign For Our Time," American Conservative, 15 April [www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/notre-dame-de-paris-sign-of-the-times/](http://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/notre-dame-de-paris-sign-of-the-times/)

# Ladies Aid/LWML

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Zacharias

## ZION LADIES' AID/LWML APRIL 4, 2019

Fourteen members and one guest, Laurie Rowland, were present at our April 4th meeting. Vivian Buetow gave the opening devotion, entitled "What Got into Peter." Pastor led our Bible Study from the Quarterly entitled, "Nameless Women of the Bible".

President Bev Eggers called the meeting to order and welcomed Laurie. The LWML pledge was recited and the previous minutes were read and approved, with one correction ("Last month we met after the February meeting was postponed"). Our Financial Report was read and filed for audit.

Correspondence was read, including a thank you from Chance Outreach for previous gifts in 2018 and a thank you from Zion School for donations to the Silent Auction. Other mail included Orphan Grain Train, Lutherans for Life, Trinity First, and Dakota Boys Ranch. Our monthly Mites were dedicated and Carver County Food Shelf was designated as our monthly \$25 recipient. After discussion, a motion was M/S/C to give an additional \$300 to Mites.

**Committee Reports** included discussion on the Spring Rally. Each member is to bring a pan dessert; we are planning for 75. Roxanne is preparing the program, along with sign-up sheets for the table and placemats. We will decorate after school, as tables will be set up by the school children. A skit will be done, and our speaker, Pastor Dave Hormann, will give a presentation on his trip to Israel. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend; we will put a note in our bulletin to this effect. Julianne and Martha will usher, Darlene, Vivian, and Carol will sit by the registration table; Ruth will pick up dessert plates. Mary will play the piano for the LWML song. The Praise Team will sing 2 songs during the rally and a motion was M/S/C to give them \$50. We will put the LWML banner up in the

sanctuary after Palm Sunday and Helen will take the banner afterwards. Our speaker would like a microphone and screen; Pastor Zacharias will give the opening devotion.

The Confirmation Reunion will be held on April 28, served by the Mary Group. Betty K. has a Thrivent card for our use. Our Lenten supper raised \$375 and served approximately 75.

**Under New Business:** the Tour committee is still working on a destination and details for the 2019 tour. We would like to display quilts on LWML Sunday that Vivian Buetow is donating from her mother's collection. There was discussion about the group making additional quilts; we won't be quilting for a while, but a Thrivent card is being applied for to use for supplies. Regarding kitchen use, a check list for useage and cleanup is being prepared for groups to follow. This will help insure that we are taking responsibility for the care of the facility.

Announcements of future dates were given, birthday hymns were sung and Laurie Rowland was welcomed as a member of our group. We are glad to have you join us, Laurie!

### **Dates to remember:**

Spring Rally / April 15th, 2019

Easter / April 21, 2019

Confirmation Reunion / April 28, 2019

Next meeting / May 2, 2019 @ 7pm Hostess,  
Darlene Leistiko

## INSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

We will be cleaning the interior of the building on May 28, 29, 30, and 31. If you can help, call Mr. M. at 952-649-1717 so he knows when to be here.

# The Good Old Days

By Leah Janzen

“Those were the good ol’ days!” This phrase tends to accompany thoughts of nostalgia about the bygone days when life was simple and there wasn’t a care in the world. If you were to stop and think about it a second, I’m sure you have some too. Maybe it’s that vacation you recently took, where you were finally able to relax and not worry about the stressors of home. Maybe it’s that moment, before kids, when you could actually sleep through the night. Or, maybe it was more of a general idea of a place that brings you back.

When I think about “the good ol’ days” I’m brought back to my school days at Zion. Now that spring has officially sprung and the kids can get back outside, I’m always brought back to my time at Zion and all the wonderful memories that I made, with some of the most wonderful people I’ve ever met. And, while the kids are busy playing basketball on the outside court, baseball on the bottom of the hill, and Cherry Bomb on the jungle gym, I go back. While the little ones are busy digging for dinosaur fossils and hidden gems in the rock beds and sand box, I go back.

I remember playing basketball before school started each morning. I remember trench, cone ball, and 4-square during recess. I remember running bases for Mr. Scholz and hoping against hope that he wouldn’t hear the bell ring so we could stay at the bottom of the hill and miss class. I remember the door in the basement that logged all of our childhood crushes! I remember running around in the dark with all the other kids after the plays each spring! I remember Mrs. Mahlum’s marble jar and her laugh, the way Mrs. Lindquist never raised her voice (like...ever), shenanigans in the big kid room, and ...oh the stories I could tell about Mr. M!!!

Those were some of my good ol’ days, and as I watch today’s students running and laughing with their friends, interacting with classmates older and younger than they are, helping each other out, and building each other up, I hope that, one day, all of these kids will look back on their time at Zion as fondly as I, and so many others, do.

This Easter season, we remember that Jesus Christ was crucified and rose for us, and if he is with us, forgiving our sins and directing our future, everyday should be a good ol’ day.

May is right around the corner, but so are more field trips, Play Day, the spring musical, the last day of school picnic, and graduation. Some of our students are finishing this chapter, leaving the comfortable bubble of Zion, and will be starting brand new chapters this fall in high school. Others are just beginning this chapter and have plenty of good ol’ memories yet to be made. Regardless of the next step, my hope is that all of our students are able to look back on their time at Zion and think of them as the good ol’ days that paved the way for a good ol’ life in Christ!

## SPRING MUSICAL

### “HATS”

Join us on May 7<sup>th</sup> (7 PM) as Zion’s K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students present “Hats” – a musical showing that it’s not the hat that makes a person special, but what’s underneath. If you are unable to join us on that evening, but would still like to take in the show, a dress rehearsal is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 PM. We’d love to have you catch a show.

## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2019)	-\$59,568.86
YTD Income	\$125,486.26
YTD Expenses	-\$142,424.45
Current Balance (4/26)	-\$76,407.05

### 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
2019 Commitment	\$22,495.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (2/25)	\$29,786.97
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

*Office Hours are 8:00 AM – Noon, M-F.*

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

### MAY USHERS

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Klaustermeier Maia Klasutermeier
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Dietzel Matthew Traver
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Canton Vinkemeier Cadee Vinkemeier
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Carson Ulrich Konrad Breeggemann
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annica Herrera Lydia Brueggemeier

## PLAY DAY

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

St. John's hosts Play Day this year, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Devotions start at 8 o'clock followed by dashes and relays. After that, the kids move on to the individual events and PK/K students will go to their games as well. Next comes jump rope, dodge ball, and tug-of-war, respectively. Come on out, grab a burger or two, and cheer on the Tigers!

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

Join us this Memorial Day for a special service dedicated to all of our veterans and those who lost their lives to keep ours safe. Service starts at 9:30 AM and ends with a presentation in the cemetery.

## Smile Time -- there is fun in being a Christian

"A cheerful heart brings a smile to your face; a sad heart makes it hard to get through the day"

(Proverbs 15:13:The Message).

Who was the most influential person in your life--and why? Was there any humor in that person? The most remarkable people I know seem to have a cheerful heart filled with joy, though you might not think this at first. Remarkable people at Zion are known for their wisdom and wit.

My Aunt Martha was a funny person. She tried to see things on the bright side. She tried to explain things in the best possible way. She had a light heart and a light laugh, which served her well, being that she was also "the pastor's wife," married to my Uncle Will, who seemed quite the opposite: concerned about many things, stern, but in a quiet and humble way. He was kind of like the Lutheran equivalent of "Father Mulcahy," from M.A.S.H. sitcom of the 70s: "Boys, you shouldn't be doing that."

Aunt Martha was genuinely humorous, which was infectious. Her lighthearted and good-natured personality was a life-preserver for my uncle and brought out his humorous side: subdued and dry, but funny. My cousins, too. In San Francisco there is a quiet researcher of cancer, named Bob, with a subdural sense of humor. Likewise, Columbia City, IN has Dr. Lisa who is a positive force and indefatigable. Two of Martha's daughters became a "pastor's wife," Paula in Amarillo, TX and Laura in

Fort Wayne, IN, both sharing their mother's intellect and wit. One is a skillful artist and the other is a wiz with business and numbers. Cousin Tim, also quiet, sneaks in an occasional joke, amid the heavy and often tedious work of an intelligence community, in the bowels of Maryland. A cousin who died way too early, in his early thirties, mesmerized me with his tails of intrigue and conspiracy theories, amid which were chuckles and sly laughter.

We live in a world where a lot of serious things go on; but God gives us laughter and bits of humor to soften the blows of life. Think of those people in your life you love and admire the most. My guess is that you loved it when they laughed. My thought is that God did, too.

Christians are not humorless people--not totally. God fills us with joy.

From Christianity Today: To be a fool for God is no easy thing. You can't be a fool and be worried about what people might think. To be a fool for God is to get excited over the fact that God loves you. To be a fool for God is to believe that God would use you to bring joy into a world filled with sin, pain and chaos. Professor Robert Hotchkins said, "Christians ought to be celebrating constantly ... because we have been liberated from the fear of life and the fear of death. We ought to attract people to the church quite literally by the fun there is in being a Christian."

This is what God is inviting you to be. This is what our messed up world needs you to be. Will you learn to laugh with God? Will you be a fool?



**"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."**

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Kurt Vinkemeier
- 2 Cynthia Henschen
- 4 Jill Lenzen  
Tara Bones
- 5 Jacob Buetow  
Brooke Buetow  
Kellen Dose  
Zander Hoen  
Brett Pexa
- 8 Irene Rolf
- 11 Anne Traver  
Lisa Sauter
- 13 Dixie Brueggemeier
- 14 James Ische Sr.  
Victor Rolf  
Brentley Waller
- 15 Jacob Thompson
- 16 Jason Geisel
- 19 David Traver
- 20 Lorraine Dose  
Stephanie Gardner
- 21 Lindsey Moen  
Brentley Thuening
- 22 Larry Hodgins  
Craig Pexa
- 24 Allen Friske  
Mark Klaustermeier
- 25 Brayden Schulz  
Joshua Thompson  
Samson Traver
- 26 Kaydra Boelke  
Denise Buetow
- 27 Harry Bruesehoff Jr.  
Gavin Fogarty  
Harriet Tellers
- 28 Paula Rolf
- 29 Anica Herrera
- 30 Todd Moen  
Deborah Walter
- 31 Philip Hokkanen

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 1 David & Lisa Traver
- 2 Tim & Amy Sauter
- 5 Darrin & Penny Dietzel
- 6 Jeff & Beverly Ulrich
- 7 Leon & Sara Vinkemeier
- 11 John & Connie Geis
- 12 Rodney & Ann Boelke
- 14 Kelsey & Jessie Hamble
- 15 Neil & Sheryl Gruenhagen
- 17 Jeff & Brenda Thompson
- 18 Joel & Chris Klaustermeier
- 20 David & Michelle Dietzel
- 24 Dane & Kelli Kissack
- 25 Eric & Leah Janzen  
Alan & Nancy Buckentine
- 26 James & Deanne Fogarty
- 28 Robert & Cassandra  
Thuening  
Eric & Mary Zacharias

## 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

## BAPTISM

Nathan Craig Degler  
Son of

Wade and Chirstina Degler

Born: 4/2/2019

Baptized: 4/28/2019

## BAPTISM

Mava Jane Olson  
Daughter of

Ronnie and Tiffany Olson

Born: 4/3/2019

Baptized: 4/7/2019

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”

-President Harry S. Truman

2019

MAY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
			Confirmation 6:15 PM ZEL Meeting 6:30 PM	Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting   7 PM	Chapel   8:10 AM  <b>Grade School Track Meet @ LHS</b>	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Sunday Service 9:30 AM	Dress Rehearsal for Spring Musical "Hats" 1:30 PM	Spring Musical "Hats" 7 PM	Gertens Flower Delivery  Confirmation 6:15 PM	Chapel @ the Harbor 10:15 AM	Chapel   8:10 AM  FMSC Field Trip	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday Service (c) 9:30 AM			Confirmation 6:15 PM	Last Day of Beginning PK	Last Day of Advanced PK  Chapel   8:10 AM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday Service 9:30 AM		Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM	Play Day @ St. John's  Confirmation 6:15 PM	1/2 Day of School	Last Day of School School Picnic  Chapel   10 AM	
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
Sunday Service (c) 9:30 AM	<b>Memorial Day Service 9:30 AM</b>					



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## **MAY'S UPCOMING EVENTS**

**“HATS” PERFORMANCE = 5/7**  
**PK/K GRADUATION = 5/17**  
**PLAY DAY @ ST. JOHN'S = 5/22**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL = 5/24**  
**GRADUATION = 5/26**