



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

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## COLOGNE, MN

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## November 2022

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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.

## REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS!

**Do you feel the prayers that are offered up for you?** One woman tells me that when she takes her morning walk, she sees the steeple of our church and routinely prays for our congregation and for me and my family. I take great honor in that—and, at the same time, I am humbled by her care and thoughtful charity to me, my family, and the people of Zion. Even as she is a faithful member at her own church in Waconia, she has respect and love for the work that is done among us, in the Name of Jesus.

**The apostles of Jesus thought likewise** about the work that was being done around the world, in the Name of Jesus. Evidence of this is found in all of the letters Paul wrote, to the churches and to his brothers in Christ, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. At the heart of this remembrance is the intentional blessing of God; as Peter also would write: *Peace to all of you who are in Christ! (1 Peter 5:14).*

**As we enter into November, we set our sights on the gatherings** of family and friends, especially as the Day of Thanksgiving draws near. We cannot help but think of those family members and friends that are near and those that are distanced by circumstance. As you think about your friends and family—and even about strangers and those who might even dislike or hate you—give thanks to God and pray for them, that their lives may abound in God's grace and peace. It's what God's people do, as they "love one another,"

**Zion's Pictorial Directory** has been published and is available for all who want one. If you pick up a copy for yourself or someone else, please note this on the sheet that is alongside, so we can track the distribution and provide a directory for every family in Zion.

**Congratulations to Ms. Alicia (Benning) Neils**, our Kindergarten / Pre-K teacher, who was married to **Dylan Neils** on Saturday, October 22, at a Bible camp near her home in Illinois. They will reside in Eden Prairie. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them, giving them a great Zion welcome!

**Catie Viengthong** is Zion's new secretary / Administrative Assistant, and has been with us since October; be sure to introduce yourself to her and give her a heartfelt and genuine Zion welcome. We give thanks to God for those who have held this office, helping Zion wade through the many administrative tasks and the various details that aid in our ministry. We wish Amanda and her family well, as she adjusts to her new life and work in Waconia.

I thank God for you and all those who have had a part of this ministry at Zion. God is abundant in his grace and he affords us an eternal life in Christ; as we live and breathe, may his Holy Spirit inspire our work and grant us joy and peace.

In Jesus' Name,  
Pastor Eric Zacharias

# Ladies Aid/LWML

Organization Notes for October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Our hostess, Ruth Harms**, served refreshments for the 12 members present. Roxanne gave a delightful devotion about laughter. Following the devotion, we recited the LWML Pledge. Pastor then led our Bible Study from the Fall Quarterly entitled, "Lord, Teach us to Pray."

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Correspondence** received included a thank you from Mary Z for our payment of the registration fee for the Pastor's Wives' Retreat, which was held last weekend in Belle Plaine. She noted that ill health prevented her from attending and returned the money to the treasurer. We also received notice for an event at Church of Peace on Oct. 14, and requests for funding from Trinity First, The Dwelling Place and Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women. A motion was M/S/C to send our \$25 monthly offering to LCMS Disaster Relief Fund for victims of Hurricane Ian. Later in the meeting, Roxanne shared details of the efforts of Trinity First to minister to their area through their school, and we gave an additional \$25 gift to their ministry. We then dedicated our Mites.

**Committee Reports:** Roxanne presented a detailed Share Sheet from the LWML Carver Zone Rally, Oct. 8, 2022. Highlights include:

\* **LWML National Convention**, June 22-25, 2023. There will be a chartered bus at a cost of approximately \$150; you can reserve your seat by contacting Deb Vinkemeier. The MN South District will select two Young Women Reps to attend, and their application are due by Jan. 15. New Germany is eligible to select a Delegate and an Alternate to attend the National Convention. Forms for ordering convention shirts are on the LWML website. We have no vintage National convention banner to display. Again, we are encouraged to refer to ourselves as a group and not a society, as reflected in the bylaws when referencing.

\* **Mission Grant Poster, Bookmark, & District Speaker List** can be found at [mnlwml.org](http://mnlwml.org) under Resources. If we have a suggestion for speakers that are not on the list, the need prior approval by a Carver Zone Pastoral Counselor and a District Pastoral Counselor. Rev. Adam Hengst from Our Savior, Excelsior is serving currently as District Pastoral Counselor for the Minnetonka Conference. Carol Henning is our new Financial Secretary.

\* **Carver Zone** Bylaws and Standing Rules were adopted at the Delegate Board Meeting in August.

\* **Bylaws:** Each Group in the Carver Zone needs to review, amend, and update their Bylaws. This copy of adopted bylaws should be brought to the Feb 18, 2023 Board meeting. Equalization is \$5.50 per group member and is due by Nov. 15, annual dues of \$25 due by Jan 1.

\* **Spring Rally** to be held at St. Peter's, Watertown on April 22, 2023.

**Funeral Committee** served no funerals this past month.

**Communion Committee** \* Juliene Klaustermeier noted regarding that small bottles of white grape juice are needed; if anyone finds these in the stores, please buy them for Zion.

**Unfinished Business: Bus Tour Update**

\* Roxanne reported that the bus is filled; a list will be made for stand-by seating.

**Christmas Cookie Sale** for Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: There are no pre-cut cookies available, so we are checking other companies for mass baking and decorating.

**By-laws** for our group are in process and will be ready for review.

**LWML Sunday** went well; the group hosted fellowship with two sheet cakes (from Costco) and cookies and refreshments.

**New Business: Christmas Potluck on**

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** Many are excited about this event. Christmas potluck theme will be "A Few of my Favorite Things." We are asked to bring some of our special items that we put out in our home every year, labeled and other details as you wish. Be sure and spread the word among our congregation, especially the new families to join in and make this a tradition for them as well.

**Christmas gifts for the shut-ins** will be purchased by Martha Molnau and Mary Zacharias, as soon as a Thrivent card arrives. If we have the items by our November meeting, we can all work to assemble them then and make plans to deliver them. There will be elections next month, with President, Vice-President, Christian Growth and Secretary for consideration.

\* **A birthday hymn** was sung for Evelyn Boltmann, Betty Klaustermeier and Martha Molnau for this past month. Our next meeting will be held Nov. 10, with Barb Henschen as hostess. No further business, our meeting was adjourned.

Mary Zacharias, Secretary

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias, Secretary

# What is New at Zion Lutheran School

By Tom Marcsisak

Here is what's new at Zion:

**First of all, the first nine weeks are coming to an end.** The school year is one fourth over. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on the 7th (the same day as the Soup and Pie Supper). The Plant, Craft and Bake Sale sponsored by the Zion Education League will also be held that day. Goodies will be put out in the Kindergarten/Preschool room. People can shop when they come for soup or after they have eaten. I remember one year (long ago) when a jar of home rendered lard fell off of a table and shattered. I'm pretty sure that there will be no lard this year, which is good since the room is carpeted.

**The students traveling to Washington, D.C. in 2024,** have been busy this fall. They have picked up trash in the township road ditches, sold Christmas greenery, sponsored the concessions at "Trunk or Treat," and will be busing tables at the Soup and Pie Supper.

The Zion Education League has also been working hard. As mentioned earlier, they are Sponsoring the Craft , Plant, and Bake Sale in conjunction with the Soup and Pie Supper. They sold salt back in September, and Heggies Pizzas in October.

In School we are starting to think about Christmas. The Christmas Eve program is being chosen and adapted for our students. Songs are being selected, and decorations are being thought about.

## **BUT FIRST THANKSGIVING...**

Thanksgiving has been celebrated since the time of the Pilgrims. In 1789, George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving Proclamation by the national government of the United States, but it was not designated as a national holiday. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale--the author of "Mary had a Little Lamb"--launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years she wrote editorials, sent letters to every politician she could think of, and earned the nickname the "Mother of Thanksgiving." Finally in 1863 (during the height of the Civil War), Abraham Lincoln heeded her request.

Today, Thanksgiving is a day set aside for turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes (maybe not), cranberries, pumpkin pie, family gatherings, football on TV, and getting ready for shopping on Black Friday. Let's see, did I forget anything? **SADLY...many people forget about GIVING THANKS.**

**When I look at all the blessings** that God has given to Zion Lutheran School (especially our very supportive congregation), to Zion Lutheran Church, to our students and members, and to my family, I cannot help but to humbly bow before our Almighty God in thanks and praise. I pray that we all can find time this Thanksgiving to ACTUALLY thank God, whether it be in church, around the Thanksgiving Dinner table, or during your private devotion time. Let us give thanks and praise to God from whom ALL blessings flow.

Happy Thanksgiving from the students, teachers, and staff of Zion Lutheran School.

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Zion Lutheran Church Board of Education will be meeting on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Talk to Mr. M or any board member if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Wedding of Alicia & Dylan Neils** \* 10/22/22  
**Elliot Way**, 9/4/22, b. 9/16 \* Joshua & Jessi Way  
**Bailey Buetow**, 8/21/22 b.10/9 \* Brian & Molly Buetow.

## SOUP & PIE SUPPER DONATIONS NEEDED

Soup and Pie Supper will be Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The following donations are needed by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> to make this a success. We kindly request that each church family donate either 2 pies or 1 dessert. Contact Bev Rolf at 952-649-1187.

## FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

We are donating to Southwest Carver Co. Food Shelf in Norwood Young America. Please set your donations on the table in the lobby or leave cash donations in the office. Questions? Contact Karen Brockoff (952) 466-3302.

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Christmas Potluck will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after church at 11:30 a.m. The Theme is "a few of your favorite things." Bring something to display that is your favorite item that you always display at Christmas time.

## CURCH CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT DECORATING

Mr. Marcsisak will be bringing up the church Christmas trees after Thanksgiving Service. He will be putting the lights on the trees on Friday but would like help with decorating them on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

## ZEL MEETING

ZEL (Zion Education League) meeting will be on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. All parents of Zion students are invited and encouraged to attend.

## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2022)	\$61,721.74
YTD Income	\$287,102.77
YTD Expenses	\$375,609.25
Current Balance (9/27)	-\$26,784.74

### Missions:

YTD Total (10/23)	\$10,000.00
Budgeted	\$7,465.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2022 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2022 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (10/23)	\$23,877.66
2022 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (9/28)	\$34,863.69
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

## USHER SCHEDULE

November 6th	Lindsey Moen Abby Moen
November 13th	Sam Dose Jacob Hoen
November 20th	Kael Herrera Sam Klaustermeier
November 27th	Erica Richardson

## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

Notification to Employees and Parents: A small amount of asbestos is contained in the building materials at Zion. This would include our classrooms, auditorium, storerooms, and basement area. This material is in stable condition and there is a management plan in place to maintain it. We do our own surveillance every six months to ensure that there is no change. By law, we must inform staff and parents annually of the availability of our asbestos management plan. This plan is available by contacting David Traver, Asbestos Program Manager.

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Darrin Dietzel  
Oksana Molnau  
Scott Pitstick
- 4 Donna Stacken
- 5 John Miller
- 6 Julianne Marcsisak
- 8 Marlys Lenzen  
Barb Herrmann  
Alison Dose
- 9 Daniel McCloskey
- 10 Mabel Bierstedt
- 11 Dave Bingham
- 12 Gary Herrmann  
Jim Block  
Shamariyah Molnau
- 14 Brian Gennrich  
Cadee Vinkemeier
- 15 Cynthia Hansen  
Stephanie Morschen
- 16 Danica Dietzel
- 17 Adelia Pitstick
- 20 Dylan Bingham
- 23 Carol Buetow
- 24 Gail Erickson

- 25 Kirsten Huinker  
Curtis Hodgin
- 26 John Hokkanen
- 27 Heidi Breeggemann
- 28 Amy Gennrich
- 29 Greyson Penning
- 30 Barbara Hoffmann

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 2 Vlad & Tonya Spector
- 3 Herman & Bev Eggers
- 5 Nathan & Camile Kelzer
- 14 Jeff & Deb Brueggemeier  
Jim & Angie Block
- 17 Greg & Brenda Worm  
Paul & Susan Stuewe
- 19 Larry & Carol Ische  
Mike & Jolene Bergs
- 22 Jon & Barb Henschen
- 24 Rob & Diane Miller
- 28 Rob & Jenise Polingo  
Brian & Molly Buetow

## VISITATION LIST

- Belle Plaine**  
Marjorie Wolter
- Cologne**  
Wally Buetow  
Marville Schmidt
- Norwood Young America**  
Ellen Arndt  
Lila Rolf  
Joycelyn Rolf  
Barb Scholz
- Waconia**  
JoAnn Herrmann  
Darrell Knorr
- Maple Plain**  
Harriet Tellers
- St Peter**  
Marian Stuewe

## REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS

- John Michael Bones
- Eben Karnitz
- Eddie Karnitz

### 2022 NOVEMBER

2108 LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
			Confirmation 5:30 PM		No School End of 1st Quarter	
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Church Service 9:30 AM	No School Parent Teacher Conferences <b>Soup &amp; Pie Supper &amp; Bake Sale</b>		Confirmation 5:30 PM	LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 9:30 AM  Bible Study 7:00 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM			<b>Board of Education Meeting 7 PM</b>  Confirmation 5:30 PM	Bible Study 7:00 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Church Service 9:30 AM		Chapel 8:10 AM	<b>No School</b>			
			Confirmation 5:30 PM	Thanksgiving Day Service 9:30 AM		Christmas Tree Ornament Decorating 10 AM
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	<b>ZEL Meeting 6:30 PM</b>		Confirmation 5:30 PM	Bible Study 7:00 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM	



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## **Zion's Soup & Pie Supper**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 – 7:30pm**



**Soup & Pie  
Supper**

## **THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING**

As has been the case for the past few years, the Thanksgiving Day Offering has been designated to go to the Salary Fund. As of this writing the Salary Fund has a deficit of almost \$29,000.

Thanksgiving Day Offering  
Envelopes and letter will be mailed out separately instead of being included in the newsletter during the first half of November.

Your continued support from now until the end of the year is crucial for our Salary Fund to meet its obligations and end the year on a positive note. Thank you for all your support both past, present and future.



**Thanksgiving  
Service**

**9:30am**