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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.

# Faith and Thanksgiving

By Pastor Eric Zacharias

Solomon reminds us that our every-day life is a gift of God. It might not always seem so, but it can be! Perhaps a lot has to do with our attitude about that which God has given us already.

William Randolph Hearst worked hard and amassed a great fortune developing the largest newspaper chain of the twentieth century. It is said that the latter part of his life was spent in the basement of his castle in southern California, continually replaying the movies of his Hollywood lover, hoping to eke out some enjoyment from his past.

Solomon wrote: *Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work — this is a gift of God (Ecclesiastes 5:19).*

Enjoyment does not come from possessions or riches; nor does it come from companionship, popularity, and fame; or from the approval and admiration of others. Enjoyment comes in knowing the living God and taking everything from His hand with thanksgiving, whether it is pain or pleasure. That is the gift of God.

Solomon tells how a happy and content person "*seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.*" Have you ever met a person like that? Living a full life, but seldom talking about the past. Some people live in the past, whether to relish in their "glory days" or to hash over events that should have been forgotten years ago. Some people praise the past and either fear or despise the present and the future. Memories are good and history does teach us life lessons, but the past is where it needs to be: behind us.

There is joy in the present. God calls us to discover the richness of life that he has provided us and not dwell on the past--or even on the future. Take time to savor the life you have right now. Trusting God, our faith gives way to thanksgiving.

How good it is to know the living God, to know that he controls what comes into our life. God expects that you and I will make choices, guided by knowledge and wisdom and opportunity. Whatever our circumstances, we can rejoice in the wisdom of the Father's heart and richly enjoy what is handed us day-by-day. That is the secret of life. God will keep you occupied with gladness of your heart.

Our knowledge of God is framed not by human experience but by the Word of God that assures us of our place in God's kingdom, by virtue of God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ. Freed of our sins and casting our burdens on the Lord, we have the freedom to enjoy all that God provides daily. As Jesus advised, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things will be added unto you." Seeking is not about the past but moving forward, in Jesus' name.

Pastor Eric Zacharias

# Ladies Aid/LWML

Submitted by Mary Zacharias

## ZION LADIES' AID/LWML OCTOBER 4, 2018

Thirteen members were present at our October meeting. Our devotion was given by Vivian Buetow, entitled "On Eagles' Wings". Pastor led us in Bible Study from the Fall Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, pg.16.

President Bev Eggers called the meeting to order. The LWML pledge was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Discussion of the financial report was held. It was noted that there was a profit of \$344.13 from the tour. A motion was M/S/C to send this to the Minnesota South for Mites.

**Correspondence** received included Lutheran for Life, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS Seminary Fund and the Dakota Boys Ranch. Our Mites were dedicated and the October monthly project of \$25.00 was chosen to be given to the Dakota Boys Ranch.

**Committee Reports:** Christian Growth reported on the Rally. There were 69 in attendance. The speaker reported on travels to Africa. They are extremely hungry for the Word there, struggling but feel God's Blessings on their work. They feel that someday those in Africa will send missionaries to the United States to speak of their faith. The 38th Biennial Convention will be held in Mobile, Alabama. We received a Mite calendar.

There were no funerals this past month.

A big thank you to Roxanne, Bev Eggers and Darlene L for helping to organize and execute the Tour. From all the feedback, it was a huge success.

Discussion of LWML Sunday took place. Bev Rolf and Darlene Leistiko will be door greeters and Cindi Henschen and Tiffany Olson will be our readers. Pastor will have the children's message. Our group will sit together up front and Vivian Buetow will handle the large Mite Box at the door for any donations. Each member will bring a pre-cut pan of bars (4x6) and we will serve them after church with coffee and lemonade. Bev Eggers will get the LWML banner to display up front.

**New Business:** The congregation Christmas Party will be held Sunday, Dec. 2nd with a theme of Christmas Jewelry. We should ask that those wishing to display items should have them here and labeled by Dec. 1st. We will see if we can ask the school staff for entertainment for this. Our cookie sale will be the following Sunday, Dec. 9th. We will again have plated cookies, as well as cookie decorating kits as last year. Members will come on Friday, Dec. 7th to bake extra cookies at school and box them for taking to holiday events. Each member is asked to bring six dozen cookies and congregation members are also welcome to donate cookies as well. The cookies will be assembled on Sat. Dec. around 9am. Darlene and Vivian will be looking for plates for this event.

Elections will be held at the next meeting. Discussion was to find someone to replace Darlene Ulrich, as she is unable to drive nights to these events. Vivian will be our senior delegate and Evelyn volunteered to first our jr. delegate.

If we receive any addresses for our college students, we will send out cards to them. As of this date, none have been received.

A birthday hymn was sung for Evelyn and the meeting was adjourned, followed by prayer. Ruth Harms was our hostess. Our next meeting is Nov. 1 at 1:30pm. Barb Henschen is our hostess.

### **Dates to remember:**

LWML Sunday - 10/7/18

Soup and Pie Supper - 11/5/18

Potluck Congregation Christmas Party - 12/2/18

Cookie Fundraiser - 12/9/18

Zone Board Meeting - 2/26/19

LWML Spring Rally - 4/15/19

Next LWML meeting - 11/1/18 at 1:30pm, Barb Henschen hostess

# WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

By Leah Janzen - Administrator

We've all heard the saying "when it rains, it pours" and we have probably felt that way on more than one occasion. Usually, this phrase comes with negative connotations. Being the daughter of a farmer, I am well aware that nothing ruins a wonderful fall day like rain, especially when the raining turns into pouring.

This last week was Zion's annual Trunk-or-Treat event and we've run into some situations, in recent years, that have been less than ideal. I remember when Trunk-or-Treat was synonymous with temperate and very comfortable weather, and most importantly, it was dry! We've seen a shift in recent years however. Clear nights have given way to clouds, and with the clouds come the rain.

Early this week, our eyes were on the radar, hoping (and maybe even praying) that the weather would cooperate. The back-up plan was in place but, like the best of them...they usually don't go as planned. As Friday approached it was looking as if we may just be able to stay dry. Even the forecast on noon on Friday gave us hope that we would be able to squeak by without rain. 6 PM came and that's when it happened...

It started to rain! I'm not talking physically (although that did eventually happen too). I'm talking figuratively. It was 6 PM and the trunks started setting up. Family, friends, siblings, alumni, congregation members – you name it, it could be found in our parking lot and it was a beautiful thing! And I'm not talking about 10 trunks or even 20 trunks, but close to 30 trunks showed up started setting up!

Then it started to pour! People from all around the county came, umbrellas in hand, to walk the parking lot and support Zion and a small-town

community of kids. We were nervous because, let's face it, we don't have the largest facility in the world. We were really hoping we could do it outside. We were worried that, if it were to rain, no one would show up. But we were wrong. You showed up, and you showed up BIG!

Thank you. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of Zion and our kids. Thank you for providing your trunks. Thank you for bringing the kids out and sharing this experience with us. Thank you for hanging flyers and spreading the word. Thank you from the bottom of our collective heart.

## 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!

## DINING CLUB FUNDRAISER

**Attention all foodies and "date night" enthusiasts:** ZEL has been given an opportunity to try out a new fundraiser for free! If you find yourself going out to eat frequently or love to try new places, stop by the old scrip table after the service. For the price of \$15, you can enjoy 2-for-1 specials and 50% off dining at 166 area restaurants – places like Maynard's (Excelsior), Woody's (Waconia), Stick's Tavern (Dalgreen), Sawatdee (EP), The Saloon (Waconia), Tommy's Malt Shop (Chaska), Lisa's Place (Carver), and much more. If you are interested, please stop by the old scrip table after church or the office during the week.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The Christmas Potluck will be held December 2nd following the church service. The theme this year is Christmas Jewelry. If you have any Christmas jewelry you would like to display we will be happy to display them. A special box has been placed in the meeting room for the jewelry. Please have your jewelry at church by Saturday, December 1st. For more information please call Juliene Klaustermeier or Ruth Harms. All are welcome to join us for delicious food and great fellowship.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Zion Ladies Aid/LWML is hosting it's annual Christmas cookie fundraiser December 9<sup>th</sup>, following the church service. All ladies that are members of Ladies Aid/LWML are asked to bring six dozen cookies. Your cookies should be brought to church on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 – 11 AM. Congregation members are also invited to bring cookies. "You don't have time to bake cookies? Come purchase some cookies! We did it for you!" Proceeds go to LWML projects. Thanks for your participation.

## VOTERS MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

New officers were elected at last month's Voters' Meeting (10/15) Brian Borchardt will take over for Brian Honebrink as Elder. Jeff Sons will take over for Marlin Melcher as Trustee. Todd Mesenbring (Head Usher) and Jon Dose (School Board – Secretary) have completed one term will serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Mike Bergs will continue as our chairman and Jen Buetow will continue as our secretary. A thank to all for you service to Zion.

## VOTERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- All repairs have been completed to the teacher-age and is ready for market. (driveway sealant, painted inside, garage, rugs cleaned). Jeff Thompson is the realtor. Current asking price is \$339,000. They have lowered the price 2 times total of \$10,000.00.
- Trustees brought to our attention that the windows in some of the classrooms need repairs. The frames and hinges are bad. They are having Town & Country Glass come and take a look.
- Allow Men, Women & Youth (Confirmation age and up) to read the Old & New Testament during church service. There will be a signup sheet in the Administrators Office. Leah Janzen will be putting it in the Bulletin and Newsletter.
- Sunday Morning Greeters - Greeters to arrive 30 prior to service. There will be a signup sheet in the Administrators Office. Leah Janzen will be putting it in the Bulletin and Newsletter.
- School Safety Accreditation - Quote was given to the School Board and Trustees for safety film. Safety film placed on inside of classrooms facing the parking lot. (Mrs. Rodman & Mr. Marcsisak)
- Update meeting room, offices & storage. The funds would come from the Stiewe Endowment Fund. Suzanne Honebrink with help from Trustees will get ideas & estimates and discuss at January 2019 Meeting.

## SOUP & PIE SUPPER CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Zion's Annual Soup & Pie Supper and Craft & Bake Sale will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8 PM. Join us for a bottomless bowl of delicious soup and a slice of pie. Afterwards, head over to Zion Lutheran School's craft and bake sale and pick-up some gifts and goodies for later.

If you would like to add a little something to the Sale, please place priced items in non-returnable containers. Bars, cookies, and candy must be cut/wrapped.

## THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Please join us on Thanksgiving morning as we offer thanks for our bountiful blessings. We ask that you also share your blessings by providing a nonperishable food item for the local food shelf. These items may be placed on the table in the lobby.

## 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.

## BECOME A GREETER/READER

Anyone interested in becoming a greeter and/or reading during the church service, please sign-up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact the office.

Readers (Men, women, and confirmation-age kids) willing to read the old testament and epistle reading during church service starting with Advent, can choose their days. Sign-up for when and where you would like.

Greeters are asked to arrive at ½ before church.

## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	*\$311,465.25
YTD Expenses	-\$290,598.63
Current Balance (10/10)	-\$45,287.13

### Missions:

YTD Total (9/23)	\$5,955.00
Budgeted	\$5,475.00
Unbudgeted	\$480.00
2018 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2018 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (9/23)	\$9,882.66
2018 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (9/4)	\$47,481.20
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

## USHER SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER USHERS

November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Dietzel Matthew Traver
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Canton Vinkemeier Cadee Vinkemeier
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Annica Herrera Lydia Brueggemeier
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Thanksgiving)	Carsen Ulrich Charles Dietzel
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reagan Sauter Brooke Sauter

## THANK YOU

*Sincere thanks to members of Zion for all your prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards. All your kindness was appreciated very much. God's Blessings to all.*

*Ellen Arndt*

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1 Debra Rolf  
Darrin Dietzel  
Oksana Molnau
- 2 David Gnan
- 4 Donna Stacken  
Shane Mickle
- 5 John Miller
- 6 Julianne Marcsisak
- 8 Marlys Lenzen  
Barb Hermann  
Alison Dose
- 9 Darren Schlueter  
Marni Daugaard  
Daniel McCloskey
- 11 Dave Bingham
- 12 Gary Hermann  
Jim Block  
Wade Degler  
Shamariyah Molnau
- 14 Brian Gennrich  
Cadee Vinkemeier
- 15 Ruby Sauter-Schmid  
Cynthia Hansen  
Stephanie Morschen
- 16 Danica Dietzel
- 20 Dylan Bingham
- 23 Carol Buetow
- 24 Gail Erickson  
Chris Klaustermeier
- 25 Kirsten Huinker  
Curtis Hodgins
- 26 John Hokkanen
- 27 Hollace Brockoff  
Heidi Breeggemann
- 28 Amy Gennrich
- 29 Candice Borchardt
- 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
- 21 Steve & Christina Mickle
- 22 Jon & Barb Henschen
- 24 Rob & Diane Miller
- 28 Don & Sheila Harms
- 29 Rob & Jenise Polingo

## VISITATION LIST

**Belle Plaine**  
Marjorie Wolter  
Chuck & Norma Woolery

**Cologne**  
Gloria AmEnd

**Norwood Young America**  
Harold Bruesehoff  
Joycelyn Rolf  
Paulina Gutzke

**Waconia**  
Gertrude Honebrink  
Alvina Fick  
Darrel Knorr

## Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force  
Eddie Karnitz

2018

NOVEMBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
				VB @ Cologne Ac.  Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting @ 1:30 PM	Chapel   8:10 AM  END OF 1ST QUARTER	Vball Tourney @ MLHS (A)
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Worship Service @ 9:30 AM K-8 Choir Sings	NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences  Soup & Pie Supper Craft & Bake Sale 4-8 PM		Women's Bible Study 1 PM  Confirmation 6:15 PM	Chapel @ The Harbor @ 10:15 AM	Chapel   8:10 AM	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	Picture Retake Day  Silent Auction Meeting for School Parents   7 PM	Dartball vs. Hamburg	Women's Bible Study 1 PM  Confirmation 6:15 PM			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Service @ 9:30 AM K-8 Choir/Tiger Cubs Sing		Chapel   8:10 AM  Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM	NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING VACATION			
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	ZEL Meeting	Dartball @ New Germany	Women's Bible Study 1 PM  Confirmation 6:15 PM		Chapel   8:10 AM	



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# Soup & Pie Supper/Craft & Bake Sale

**Join us for our annual Soup & Pie Supper/Craft & Bake Sale!**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> | 4 PM to 8 PM**

Start the evening out right with a bottomless bowl of  
Chicken Dumpling Soup, Clam Chowder, or Chili!  
Top it off with a slice of delicious pie for dessert.

*Afterwards, make your way over to Zion's Craft & Bake Sale!  
It's an excellent place to pick up some gifts for the holidays  
and/or snicker snacks for home.*