



**ZION  
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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.

## HOUSE RULES – WHAT RULE DOES GOD HAVE FOR US?

**Signs are helpful, especially when you need direction!** And even the funny ones can help give direction, like those found around the house. Mary brought home a funny sign: Dad's Coffee Rules. Don't drink it. Don't breathe near it. Don't even look at it. (But you're allowed to make it.) That sign was a keeper.

Perhaps you have seen a sign like this somewhere:  
House Rules. #1 Mom's the boss. #2 See Rule #1.

That's pretty straightforward and easy to follow.

It is easy to think that if God had "House Rules," they would be similar:  
#1 God's the Boss. #2 See Rule #1.

**God's "House Rule" goes beyond that.** Indeed, the Ten Commandments are God's House Rules. Since God handed them to Moses and to all of Israel to live out their lives according to these rules. These rules were to be posted at the front door. God told his people to have these rules posted on the forehead and the hand--a ritual that some take literally.

**Jesus did not change God's House Rules!** Jesus did not come to abolish God's House Rules but to fulfill them. And in fulfilling them, with his perfect keeping of the Law, Jesus gave up his perfect life as an atoning sacrifice for sin. He allowed the Law-breakers to condemn him, vilify him, defile him, ridicule him, and drag himself through the streets and be lifted up on a cross, to die in agony and pain.

**God's House Rule comes down to this: The Righteous live by faith.** God's people don't always honor God as Boss; nor do they honor His Commandments. But the greatest rule God gives us is to live by faith; for this is certain: the Boss loves us and has our best interest in mind. God loves us, even though we don't deserve it.

**Best of all, God is our heavenly Father,** who has called us into his family of faith. And Jesus is more than our Lord, for he invites us to call him brother. And the Holy Spirit is our Comforter.

**House Rule: Have faith in God.** He loves and cares for you. Always. Even though you die, you will live. As you live in faith, you will never die.

Blessings, in Jesus,  
Pastor Eric Zacharias

# Ladies Aid/LWML

Organization Notes for September 8<sup>th</sup>

Our hostess, RoNaye Gnan had refreshments for the ten members present. Bev Rolf passed out treat bags of candy corn and peanuts and gave a devotion entitled, "The Lesson of the Candy Corn." Following the devotion, we recited the LWML Pledge and Pastor Zacharias led our Bible Study from the Quarterly entitled, "Praying Prayers Like Jesus."

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

**Correspondence** received included thank yous from the Orphan Grain Train, Camp Omega and Lutheran Bible Translators. The Dwelling Place invited us to attend their gala in late September. Requests for donations included Trinity First and LAMP. It was suggested that we give our monthly offering to Zion's Lunch Fund, as they are starting up the school year. This motion was M/S/C. We then dedicated our mites.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Carver Zone Delegate Board** (Meeting Aug. 27 at St Paul's, Watertown; Roxanne Pieper reporting)

\*The merger of the Carver North and Carver South Zones is complete and the new zone name is now "Carver Zone".

\* Advised by National LWML to replace words "society/societies" with "group/groups" in all communications, announcements and bylaws.

\* Each LWML "group" across Carver Zone is being asked to review and revise their current bylaws. This needs to be submitted for district review to Linda Butzin, Bylaws Committee Chairman before being adopted by the LWML group. A copy of the adopted bylaws, after approval, must be submitted to the Carver Zone President no later than the February 2023 Delegate Board meeting.

\* LWML Sunday is October 2.

\* The new financial secretary is Carol Henning. Equalization has increased to \$5.50 per LWML group member. These are due November 15<sup>th</sup>.

\* The Rezoning Task Force completed its research and recommendation for mergers and groups moving to a different zone.

\* The theme for the LWML National Convention is "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations," to be held from June 22-25 in Milwaukee, WI.

\* St. Paul's Watertown will host the LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**The Funeral Committee** reported serving Norma Woolery's funeral on Saturday, Aug. 20. They ordered food from Mackenthun's and served 25.

**Unfinished business**, we discussed **LWML Sunday**. Mary will order and pick up two half cakes from Costco: one chocolate and one vanilla. She will also get 2 dozen chocolate chip cookies. We will serve lemonade and coffee. They will check on the paper supplies needed.

**Kitchen Cleaning** (Bev Rolf) Eight members came to clean the kitchen. Roxanne ordered some new parts for the wheels on a cart, which have been installed. We discussed the possibility of cleaning twice a year to keep up on the job.

**The Pastor Wives Retreat** will be held in Belle Plaine (Oct. 7-8). Mary Zacharias was given \$30 for her registration to attend.

**Day Tour \* Nov. 30 (Wednesday, 9am ~ 4:30pm)** A bus of 50-56 will go to the Abdallah Candy Shop, the Cracker Barrel & Store, and to the Ames Center (Burnsville), to see "Plowin' Thru," the latest in *The Church Basement Ladies* series. Roxanne prepared a colorful brochure that describes everything in detail. The cost of \$65 includes the play, the bus, tips, etc. The only extra expense would be in the meal at the Cracker Barrel and any shopping; for this "you on your own." Brochures are in Zion's narthex (lobby); take a couple and invite friends. This is NOT a "Zion-only" event. Turn in asap: "First come, first served." Max of 56.

**New Business \* Our Cookie Sale** is Dec. 11. We will order 3 cases of pre-cut, unbaked cookies. We are looking into containers for packaging. **A Birthday Hymn** was sung for Carol Henschen, Inez Buetow, Ella Molnau and Darlene Leistiko.

**Dates to remember: LWML Sunday** is Oct. 2, **Fall Rally** Oct 8 at St. Paul's, Watertown; our **next meeting** will be Oct 13, with Ruth Harms as hostess. We adjourned with prayer.

\* **Soup and Pie Supper, Nov 7** \* Bev Rolf asked for ideas in preparation for the initial meeting on Sept. 18. We had good discussion. Serving times will be 3:30-7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias, Secretary

# What is New at Zion Lutheran School

By Tom Marcsisak

Here is what's new at Zion:

- The school year is well under way. The first quarter ends November 4th. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 7th.
- Plans are underway for 2024 summer's trip to Washington, D.C. Road ditching, Trunk or Treat, and Gerten's Christmas Greenery Sales are taking place.
- Ann Young was hired to assist in the Kindergarten/Preschool room.
- Many thanks to the congregation for their generous donations to the hot lunch program.
- Amanda Teschendorf, our Administrative Assistant, informed us that she is leaving us. We thank her for her great work. Catherine Viengthong has been hired to replace her in the office.
- Zion Lutheran School continues to grow. Our enrollment is now 81.
- Seven new lockers were delivered and installed. They were installed in the back hallway next to the kitchen.
- As mentioned earlier, Trunk or Treat plans are underway. Trunks are requested and welcome.
- ZEL Salt Sale was again a success. Thanks to Terry Bruesehoff for the use of his warehouse, to Eric Sauter for the trucking of the salt, and to David Dietzel for operating the forklift. Thanks also to Tara Bones, Rodney Boelke, Chris and Jake Buetow, and the Pitstick family for help sorting.
- The Volleyball team is competing. We are playing games on our own this year (not combined with other schools). The team placed second in a recent tournament.
- The Fall fifth-eighth grade play will again be in spring.
- Zion Lutheran School is in the process of reaccreditation.
- God continues to love and bless us.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

**Friday Night, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30**  
**(Trunks arrive at 6 for set-up)**

There will be concessions from 6-8pm organized by the fifth through seventh grade students and families. Proceeds go to help fund their trip to Washington, D.C. If you would like to participate by decorating your own truck, sign-up by Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> on the bulletin board in the lobby, call the office at 952-466-3379, or email the office at [office@zion-cologne.org](mailto:office@zion-cologne.org).



## GERTEN'S CHRISTMAS GREENERY

The fifth through seventh grade students are selling Christmas Greenery from Gerten's to help fund their Washington, D.C trip. If you would like to order, contact any 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> grader or Tom Marcsisak at 952-649-1717. Tom will also have a table set-up in the narthex on Sundays, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> for you to place an order. Orders are due Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.



## DAY TOUR

Zion Ladies Aid and LWML are hosting a Day Tour to Burnsville on Wednesday, November 30. The group will leave Zion at 9:00am, visit the Abdallah Candy Store/Factory, have lunch (and maybe some shopping) at the Cracker Barrel Country Store in Lakeville, then move to the Ames Center in Burnsville to see the Church Basement Ladies in their new hit performance, "Plowin' Thru." We will return to Zion by 4:30pm. All are welcome to join and bring friends. This is not a "Zion only" event. Take a brochure or two from the narthex and send your registration form and check for \$65 to reserve your seat. Lunch at Cracker Barrel is at your own expense. Your registration fee covers the play, bus, driver tip, etc.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Bailey Denise**, b. 8/21 \* Brian & Molly Buetow  
**Elliot Hiram**, b. 9/4 \* Joshua & Jessi Way  
**Cashton Richard**, b 9/19\* Daniel & Anna Stuewe

## SOUP & PIE SUPPER DONATIONS NEEDED

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

**Ground Beef** (15lbs)  
**Thick Cut Bacon** (12lbs)  
**Carrots** (40lbs)  
**Decaf Coffee** (2 large cans)  
**Lemonade** (2 large containers)



## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2022)	\$61,721.74
YTD Income	\$270,128.77
YTD Expenses	\$332,690.33
Current Balance (9/27)	-\$839.82

### Missions:

YTD Total (9/30)	\$7,465.00
Budgeted	\$7,465.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2022 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2022 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (9/30)	\$23,982.66
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

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kael Herrera Sam Klaustermeier
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Erica Richardson Addison Dietzel
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Hoen Nathan Lenzen
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Amber Brueggemeier Anna Brueggemeier
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grace and Ava Dose

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated food or money to Zion's lunch program! It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

-Jill Stieve (School Cook)

## ADDRESSES NEEDED

LWML is seeking the mailing addresses of our college students for correspondence this academic school year. Please give your son/daughter's most recent address to Mary Zacharias or drop off at the church office as soon as possible. Many thanks!

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

5. Terri Hardel  
Vlad Spector
6. Sharon Buehler  
Marian Stuewe  
Aubrey Thuening
8. Bryce Kroells  
Patricia Lenzen  
Dorothy Miller  
Cassandra Thuening  
Jeff Ulrich
10. Theresa Richardson
12. Benjamin McCloskey
16. Evelyn Boltmann
18. Carley Buetow  
Alexander Lenzen
20. John Bones  
Todd Mesenbring  
Owen Sons  
Aurelia Koepp
21. Ruth Vinkemeier
23. Chaneen Haler  
Mary Kroells  
Hudson Pitstick

25. Ranee Bingham
28. Betty Klaustermeier  
Eric Sauter
29. Terry Bruesehoff  
Taylor Coder  
Robert Ische  
Martha Molnau
30. Madelyn Sons

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

2. Ronnie & Tiffany Olson
3. Darren & Julie Schlueter
6. Craig & Kristi Pexa
8. Kyle & Mary Nielsen
10. Charles & Patti Dietzel
11. Darel & Krista Radde
14. Todd & Vicky Mesenbring
16. Larry & Karen Hodgin
17. Andrew & Kindra Ghostley
19. Dennis & Sharon Buehler
23. Gerald & Denise Buetow
26. Glenn & LuAnn Traver  
Steven & Hollie Brueggemeier

## VISITATION LIST

- Belle Plaine**  
Marjorie Wolter
- Cologne**  
Marville Schmidt  
Lorraine Boelke  
Ella Molnau
- Norwood Young America**  
Barb Scholz  
Joycelyn Rolf  
Ellen Arndt
- Waconia**  
Darrell Knorr
- Maple Plain**  
Harriet Tellers
- Green Isle**  
Marlys Lenzen

## REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS

- John Michael Bones  
Eben Karnitz  
Eddie Karnitz

2022 OCTOBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Church Service 9:30 AM	MNS Pastoral Conference - Mankato		Confirmation 5:15 PM	Chapel at the Harbor 10:00 AM  Bible Study 7:00 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM <b>Buetow Baptism School Board Meeting</b>	<b>Council Meeting 7:30 PM</b>		Confirmation 5:15 PM	LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 9:30 AM  Bible Study 7:00 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Church Service 9:30 AM  <b>Voters Meeting after Service</b>			Chapel 8:10 AM  Confirmation 5:15 PM	<b>No School</b>		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM			Confirmation 5:15 PM	Bible Study 7:00 PM	Chapel 8:10 AM  <b>Trunk or Treat 6:30 PM</b>	
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Church Service 9:30 AM						



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*Return Service Requested*

**Zion's  
Soup & Pie  
Supper**

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



**Grace Alone.**

*Grace*

*Faith*

**Faith  
Alone.**

*Word*

**Word Alone.**

We preach the glory of God that comes to us through his holy word, that we are saved by God's grace, through faith, in Jesus Christ. This is the foundation of the Christian faith and life.

*Blessings to all!*



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**(TRUNK SET-UP AT 6 PM)**

**\*CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE\***