



ZION LUTHERAN 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.

Heroes of Life and of Faith -- and YOU!

Paul Harvey, one of America's favorite radio hosts, would close his episodes with "And now you know...the REST of the story." Many people loved to listen to what Paul Harvey had to say in his five-minute spot. With his "Rest of the Story," Paul brought extra interest to things we thought we already knew.

One story was about a preacher named Dr. Walter A Maier, who was the Lutheran Hour speaker from 1930 to 1950. I was familiar with Dr. Maier, because my dad used to dial into KFUE on Sunday afternoons to listen to "Yesterday's Lutheran Hour," which was a rebroadcasting of the late speaker. Even though I was a teenager, I could see what there was to love about Dr. Maier. He spoke with power and addressed the moral and political issues of his time. There was no mincing of words, as he worked through the Scriptural text and delivered God's message of Law and Gospel. If you heard five minutes of the man, you could pick out his voice in a crowd. It was strong, animated, and filled with passion.

Dr. Maier was a brilliant man. After his seminary training, he went to Harvard and earned a doctorate in Near Eastern Studies. The course covered the ancient languages and was so demanding that very few ever finished the program with a degree. Even though he was a very learned man, he could present the Bible and contemporary issues in a way that everyone, even a teenager, could understand.

Paul Harvey told a story about Dr. Maier, how he would go into the radio station formally dressed, but in the course of his half hour of preaching, would come out practically naked. Dr. Maier preached intensely and would sweat so much that he would peel off layers of clothing, until he came out of the booth in his skivvies and a towel. What an interesting image of this extraordinary man!

The Lutheran Hour has been on the air for ninety years. In 1930 the Lutheran Laymen's League pledged to fund a weekly national radio program. The first program was broadcast Oct. 2, 1930, making it the world's oldest continually-broadcast and Christ-centered radio program. The pioneer speaker, Dr. Walter A. Maier, was followed by other great speakers, like Oswald Hoffmann, Wallace Schulz, Dale Meyer, Ken Klaus, Greg Seltz, and Michael Zeigler.

Heroes of faith are ordinary men and women who trust in God and seek to know and follow God's will. Abraham and Sarah had faith that God would bring a great blessing, through a son that they did not have! Moses had faith that God would use him, an eighty-year-old man, to bring the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt to the promised land. Mary trusted that God would use her to be the mother of Jesus, the Messiah, whom we regard as our Savior and Lord.

You are a hero of faith as you learn from God--by those who have learned it from others. God calls you to be a hero of faith. As you have learned, teach others. You are part of this network of faith, by which God connects with people and gathers them into his fold.

In Christ,
Pastor Eric Zacharias

PS - Learn about the work of the Lutheran Hour at LHM.org, and how it shares the Word of God in every media, in every region of the world.

Ladies Aid/LWML

Organization Notes

Nine members met on Thursday, September 3rd at 7pm in the gym. Opening devotions were read by Roxanne Pieper, highlighting our current struggles from Hebrews 4:12. Our welcome was given by President Bev Eggers. Pastor Zacharias led us in Bible Study from page 20 in the summer LWML Quarterly. The LWML pledge was recited and the meeting was called to order. The minutes from our July 2nd meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was given and after a motion was carried and filed for audit. It was noted that a check from the Food Shelf had not come through the account as of this date.

Correspondence included: thank you from the Dakota Boys Ranch, as well as another request for money; memorial card and thank you from the Muriel Ische family, Trinity Lutheran First School and Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our mites were dedicated, and Zion Lutheran School Lunch Fund was chosen as the September project.

Christian Growth: Roxanne gave a detailed report from the North/South Carver one Delegate Board meeting held last Saturday. The South Carver Zone Board is in need of someone to fill the Secretary role for the Board, with the disbanding of the Emanuel Hamburg LWML. If interested, contact Helen Anderson. There was discussion on "hosting schedule" of the societies. There is a possibility of the North and South being combined together, giving a total of 15 societies to share the hosting duties. Since Christian Life and zone rallies are closely aligned, it was decided to eliminate the Christian Life events, hoping for better attendance. **The Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3 at Trinity, Waconia. The Great MN South Mission Get Together is to be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Mayer Lutheran High School.** They are working to finalize this keeping safety in mind with Covid. LWML Sunday worship materials are available online, for Oct 4th. We will use the bulletin and make mention of the Sunday but have no other involvement as in the past. A list of dates to remember were at the close of her report.

There was discussion of Zion using the type of disposable communion cups with the wafer included; pastor agreed that such would be helpful in working in situations where pre-packaged wafer and wine would be preferred, as in hospitals, ICUs, and those with compromised immune conditions.

We sang a birthday song for **Carol Henschen**, and Star-Birthdays **Inez Buetow** and **Ella Molnau**, as well as **Darlene Leistiko**. (Darlene Leistiko was not able to attend our meeting but sent greetings to all.) No further announcements, we adjourned with prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on October 1st at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias,
Secretary

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!



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

What School at Zion Looks Like This Year

By Tom Marcsisak

What's New at School...

For those of you who don't have children in school, you might be wondering what school looks like this year. When students are in the hallways, they are wearing masks or face shields. **The drinking fountains** are covered, but water bottles can still be filled. **Parents** drop off and pick up their children without coming inside. If a parent does need to come into the building for any reason, they too wear a mask. The desks in the classrooms are socially distanced and are disinfected daily. **In the kindergarten and preschool room, a new aide is assisting Mrs. Jopp. Miss Jessalyn Holsworth** replaced Nissa Klaustermeier at the beginning of the school year. She loves getting down on the floor to play with the children (I would too but would need help getting back up). She also loves reading to the children and teaching them how to draw. **New students** have also been added to sixth grade (1), fourth grade (1), second grade (1), and first grade (4). If there is a "silver lining" to COVID, it might be these new students. **Betty, in the kitchen,** wears a mask when she has visitors--teachers or delivery people--and when she is serving lunch. Instead of having student helpers, Amanda from the office assists with serving lunch. Lunch itself does not look the same this year. Ketchup is in single serving packages instead of squeeze bottles. Slices of bread are wrapped individually in plastic. Milk cartons are put on the trays instead of being taken by the students. Other than the kindergarten and preschool classes, the students are eating in their classrooms. Lunch times are staggered so that only one classroom is in the restroom, hallways, and lunch line at a time. In spite of all this, school lunch is still hot and yummy. This leads us to...

What's NOT New at School...

At Zion, **God's word** is still being taught every day. Students are being told and shown **what it means to be a Christian**. Students are **learning** about the wonderful world that God created, and what they can do to make it better following man's disobedience bringing sin into it. This year (and every year) at Zion we are striving to put our school year theme into action. **We are...Sent to Serve!**

TRUNK OR TREAT

YES (maybe) there will be
Trunk or Treat this year.

Friday Night, October 30th from 6:30 to 7:30
(Trunks arrive at 6 for set-up)

All activities will be OUTSIDE. There will be NO concessions this year. Cars will be separated by one parking spot and movement will be in one direction. MAYBE – for this to happen, we need at least 20 trunks (like other years). Deadline to sign-up a trunk is Friday, October 23rd. You may sign-up on the bulletin board in the lobby, call the office at 952-466-3379, or email the office at office@zion-cologne.org.

GERTEN'S CHRISTMAS GREENERY

The sixth through eighth grade students going to Washington, D.C. in June are selling Christmas Greenery from Gerten's. If you would like to order, contact any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader or Tom Marcsisak at 952-649-1717. They will also have a table set-up in the narthex on Sunday, October 4th for you to place an order. Orders are due October 5th.

SOUP & PIE

CANCELLED

The decision has been made that the soup and pie supper will NOT happen this year due to covid-19 restrictions. ZEL's craft and bake sale that goes along with it is also cancelled.

USHER SCHEDULE

October 4 th	Anna Brueggemeier Lydia Brueggemeier
October 11 th	Samantha Brueggemeier Amber Brueggemeier
October 18 th	Sam Klaustermeier Evan Dietzel
October 25 th	Cadee Vinkemeier

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours are 8 AM – 12 PM, 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.

AUCTION UPDATE

Because Zion's auction was cancelled in March...

Liquidation Sale

Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!
November 8th

Items will be socially distanced in the gym. Walk through and make your best offer. Gift cards may be purchased for face value and taken that day.

Monday! Monday! Monday!
November 9th

The gym will also be open that day. Parents visiting school for conferences may walk through the gym and update their bids. Others may also return to update bids if they so choose.

Winners will be notified by either email or phone that they had a winning bid on an item.

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/2020)	-\$49,498.96
YTD Income	\$281,697.32
YTD Expenses	\$323,572.66
Current Balance (9/30)	-\$91,374.30

Missions:

YTD Total (9/30)	\$4,080.00
Budgeted	\$4,080.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2020 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (9/30)	\$22,067.66
2020 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (9/24)	\$4,192.21
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

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.

-Betty Meuffels

Another successful **salt fundraiser** has concluded. THANK YOU to everyone who ordered salt. An EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Eric Sauter** for trucking the salt from Savage, to **Terry Bruesehoff** for the use of his warehouse, and to **David and Michelle Dietzel** for sorting and organizing the distribution.

Thank you to **Nissa Klaustermeier** for her dedicated service to the youngest learners of Zion Lutheran School. Her ever present smile and warm hugs brightened the darkest days. God's Blessings, Nissa.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

BIRTHDAY LIST

5. Terri Hardel
Vlad Spector
6. Sharon Buehler
Marian Stuewe
Aubrey Thuening
7. Gloria AmEnd
8. Bryce Kroells
Patricia Lenzen
Dorothy Miller
Cassandra Thuening
Jeff Ulrich
10. Theresa Richardson
11. Donald Herrmann
Leah Janzen
12. Benjamin McCloskey
15. Pauline Henschen
16. Evelyn Boltmann
18. Carley Buetow
Alexander Lenzen
Norma Woolery
20. John Bones
Todd Mesenbring
Owen Sons
21. Ruth Vinkemeier
23. Chaneen Haler
Mary Kroells

24. Michael Harms
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
Daryl & Shelly Traver
8. Kyle & Mary Nielsen
10. Charles & Patti Dietzel
11. Darel & Krista Radde
14. Todd & Vicky Mesenbring
16. Larry & Karen Hodgkin
17. Andrew & Kindra Ghostley
Michael & MaryAnn Harms
19. Dennis & Sharon Buehler
22. Tom & Sarah Perry
23. Gerald & Denise Buetow
26. Glenn & LuAnn Traver
Steven & Hollie Brueggemeier

VISITATION LIST

Belle Plaine
Marjorie Wolter
Norma Woolery
Darrell Knorr

Cologne
Gloria AmEnd

Norwood Young America
Herman Gennrich
Barb Scholz
Henry Krueger
Joycelyn Rolf

Waconia
Harold Bruesehoff

REMEMBERING OUR

SOLDIERS

John Michael Bones
Eben Karnitz
Eddie Karnitz

2020 OCTOBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01 LWML Meeting 7 PM	02	03
04 Church Service LWML Sunday 9:30 AM	05 Council Meeting 8 PM	06	07 Confirmation 6:15 PM	08	09 Chapel 8:10 AM	10
11 Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	12 Voter's Meeting 8 PM	13	14 Confirmation 6:15 PM	15 No School	16 No School	17
18 Church Service 9:30 AM	19	20	21 Confirmation 6:15 PM	22	23 Chapel 8:10 AM	24
25 Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	26	27	28 Confirmation 6:15 PM	29	30 Chapel 8:10 AM Trunk or Treat 6:30-7:30 PM	31 Halloween



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Return Service Requested



Grace Alone.
Grace
Faith Alone.
Faith
Word Alone.
Word

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 30TH

6:30 - 7:30 PM

(TRUNK SET-UP AT 6 PM)

NO CONCESSIONS THIS YEAR