



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.

Christ = Good. Christians do good.

By Pastor Eric Zacharias

You yourselves know ... how Jesus went around doing good... Acts 10:38

Even critics of his own day knew that Jesus "went about doing good." Jesus brought healing and fed the thousands; his voice spoke clearly about God and demonstrated his power and authority and compassion. Even if done on the Sabbath day, the miracles showed the goodness and mercy and will of God. Even when enemies prevailed in ending his life, Jesus showed that his death, likewise, would bring about the eternal goodness of God, offering forgiveness, peace, and eternal life for all who believe in him.

Christians, likewise, were known for the good that was done in his name. Roman historians, like Suetonius, Pliny, and Tacitus, wrote about a popular following of "Chrestus," many of whom were servants or slaves. The name of Chrestus caused unrest and rioting among some Jews. The "Chrestianos" did not worship the Roman gods and were regarded with suspicion. Nero, the emperor, blamed the fire of Rome on this minority group, beginning a period of persecution. And yet these followers of "Chrestus" were known to be law-abiding and supportive of the government. They went about doing good, taking in those who were abandoned or rejected by the rest of the world.

Why the confusion? Christos is Greek for "anointed" and Chrestos means "good." The Romans knew the symbol for "good" (chreston) was the combined letters of Chi and Rho (X+P=Ϟ), which had been stamped on coins for centuries, proving authenticity. Christians also used the same symbol of the Chi-Rho to signify that they were followers of Christ. It is understandable, then, that the historians mistook the followers of Jesus Christ (Christos) as followers of "Chrestus." It's not a bad comparison. Christians, like Jesus Christ, go about doing good.

Zion continues to do good by way of its service to others, preaching, teaching, and serving in his name. Zion has started Compassion for Christmas, a project for Chance Outreach, which offers help to unwed mothers in Liberia that are in great need. We are gathering items to be sent to Liberia: for hygiene, basic clothing, education, along with bags of rice; all of which are needed for the women and children at the houses of Courage and Hope. Money is also a need, because these items will be gathered and shipped in mid-October so they might arrive in December. Please help, as this will do a lot of good for many people.

Thank you, followers of Christ who go about doing good.

In Jesus' name,
Pastor Eric Zacharias



Ladies Aid/LWML

Organization Notes

ZION LADIES' AID/LWML SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Ten members were present at our September meeting. The devotion was given by Darlene Ulrich, entitled "Brighten the Corner Where You Are". Our Bible Study was led by Pastor Zacharias, entitled "Finding Balance in our Identity", from page 20 of the Quarterly.

President Bev Eggers called the meeting to order. The LWML pledge was recited. After a spelling correction, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was discussed, approved and filed for audit.

Correspondence received included thank yous from the family of Irene Rolf and The Dwelling Place. Requests for funding included Trinity First, LAMP, Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran Bible Translators.

Our Mites were dedicated and the September monthly project of \$25.00 was chosen to be given to Chance International.

Committee Reports: Christian Growth discussed the dates for upcoming events. These are listed at the bottom of the report under Dates to Remember. The Funeral Committee served the funeral of Irene Rolf. The Kitchen Committee reported the cleaning of the kitchen was done in August. Three ladies from the congregation helped and they were able to get the walls washed. No supplies are needed at this time.

The Tour Committee reports that their Sept 13 tour has 55 people going, with a waiting list of 20.

Under New Business, LWML Sunday will be October 7th. The theme is "Our Rest in a Changing World". We asked to have the bulletin printed here in black and white. We will request readers from the congregation and will serve bars and coffee after church. Mary will let the Raddes

know that we would like that Sunday for fellowship hour. Each member is asked to provide a pan of bars.

LWML Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul's, Watertown. Pastor Adam Gless will speak on Lutherans in Africa.

After discussion, we decided to have our potluck congregational Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 2. Our Christmas cookie sale will be held Sunday, Dec. 9, with each member bringing 6 dozen cookies. More discussion on these events will take place during next month's meeting.

Zion, Cologne, will host the Zone Board meeting on February 26th, 2019 as well as the LWML Spring Rally, April 15, 2019.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to ask the Evangelism Committee to reimburse Darlene Ulrich \$114.00 for yarn purchased for the prayer shawls.

Birthday hymns were sung for Carol Henschen and Darlene Leistiko.

Dates to remember:

- LWML Sunday | 10/7/18
- LWML Fall Rally | 10/1 | St. Paul, Watertown
- Zion Congregational Christmas Potluck | 12/2/18
- Zion Christmas Cookie Sale | 12/9/18
- Zone Board Meeting | 2/26/19 | Zion, Cologne
- LWML Spring Rally, 4/15/19 | Zion, Cologne
- Next meeting, 10/4 @ 7:00pm | Ruth Harms, hostess

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. RoNaye Gnan was our hostess.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zacharias, Secretary

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH...

By Leah Janzen - Administrator

Last week (17th – 21st) was Zion's 1st annual safety week – a time when we take extra time to ensure that all of the students know the proper procedures for all of our “crisis management” protocols that we have in place to keep our students safe. After all, there are fires to the left of us and hurricanes to the right. Here we are – stuck in the middle again.

We started the week with fire drills, which are old hat for most and have been done routinely enough in the past that they are more of an extra 5-minute break from classwork. Of course, our transfer students and new little ones were brand new to the procedure but nailed it as if they had been doing it for years.

Wednesday saw our first tornado drill which was a little more intensive. Since this was something that hadn't been done in a while, we took some extra time to talk about the whats and the whys of the procedure.

Thursday and Friday were new for all of us and saw us doing our first lockdown drills ever. (We were fortunate enough to have Officer Bones come in this summer and help the staff develop a “active shooter” protocol along with what we should expect if it were ever to actually happen.) We were anticipating a lot of tears, but because of some excellent communication between the teachers/parents and students, there wasn't a tear all week. I even heard a “That was AWESOME!” after our lockdown drill.

So, while the kids may have dominated the week and displayed some serious “BE STRONG, BE BRAVE, BE FEARLESS” vibes, the reasons we do these drills have not escaped the staff.

I remember the good old days, when all a parent had to worry about were fires and tornadoes – those unavoidable forces of nature that just happen sometimes. I remember being a kid in these same halls, assuming the “duck and cover” position against brick walls for tornado drills and

moseying out to the cemetery every so often for a routine fire drill. Of course, for a kid, it becomes more of a quick 5-minute recess right in the middle of a spelling test, rather than practicing for a life or death situation.

Hopefully, the students still feel this way. But the reality is that being a student or teacher in today's world means they have the added bonus of the possibility of an “active shooter” and need to plan accordingly.

Which brings us to Joshua and God's relentless quest to make sure Joshua knew that he was in good hands. Remember God said “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, **for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.**”

When it comes to life these days we can use all sorts of slogans and phrases to get our point across. Benjamin Franklin would tell us that “by failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” Nike would tell you to “just do it.” Anyone not living under a rock will tell you that “practice makes perfect” and John Hiatt would tell us to “have a little faith”.

I think there's truth in all of it personally. I believe that “practice makes perfect” so we're gonna “just do it” over and over again, because “failing to prepare is preparing to fail.” But, in the end, we also need to “have a little faith” that God is with us wherever we go and will protect us in every “crisis”.

HEARTS FOR HOTDISH

Hearts for Hot Dishes is a start-up ministry at Zion that would provide meals for those who are sick or in need of help. If you would be willing to volunteer, contact Darlene Ulrich (952-467-3859) or Stephanie Morschen (952-442-9205).

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

ZEL will be hosting their annual craft and bake sale during the Soup & Pie Supper on Monday, November 5th from 4-8 PM. Please start thinking and planning ideas that you can contribute to this sale: baked goods, craft items, Christmas ornaments, etc.

Please place priced items in non-returnable containers. Bars, cookies, & candy must be cut and wrapped.

Price Suggestions

Cakes (angel food, etc)	\$2.50 – \$4.00
Pies	\$3.50 - \$5.00
Nut Breads	\$2.00 - \$4.00
Loaf Yeast Breads	\$2.00 - \$2.50
Coffee Cake	\$5.00
Cookies (dozen)	\$3.00
Cupcakes, bars, etc	\$0.25 - \$0.50 each
Sweet Rolls	\$0.50 each

SOUP & PIE SUPPER

The planning committee for the Soup & Pie Supper asks your help in securing the following, bringing items to kitchen by Oct. 29th. Please call Bev Rolf at 466-3372 with questions:

Carrots	40 lbs	Bacon (thick)	12 lbs
Flour	75 lbs	Ground Beef	100 lbs
Butter	35 lbs	Lemonade	2 lg. cans
Potatoes	40 lbs	Cool Whip	10 tubs

It is also requested that each congregation family bring 2 pies or 1 dessert to share.

SALT FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased salt from the annual Zion Lutheran School Fall Fundraiser. Orders should be arriving at your house soon!

DONATE YOUR CHANGE

In the coming months, Zion will be starting a new fundraising endeavor to attempt to relieve the stress on the salary fund. A new program called "Donate Your Change", which is a giving platform built on as custom, high-integrity, web-based app. The engine is a RoundUp Giving account from which a giver rounds up purchases from selected checking, credit, and debit card accounts and donates the difference to the organization of his/her choice. RoundUp Giving is automatic and trackable in real time so you see your money at work.

With a RoundUp Giving account, donors can choose which of their accounts (checking, credit, debit) to give from, and how much they want to round up every day every time they spend. Every bank transaction made will automatically round up and the difference will go to Zion Lutheran Church.

DYC also meets the highest of internet-banking security protocols. All financial information is encrypted and secured. Your spending habits are not records or tracked. You can make daily giving part of your lifestyle without worrying about security or privacy.

Control you DYC roundup account from your phone, tablet, or on the web. Change your setup features any time you like to accommodate your giving and view your donations in real time.

VOTERS MEETING ELECTIONS

At October's Voters' Meeting (10/15) we will be electing new officers for each of the four main offices of the church and school. Brian Honebrink (Elder) and Marlin Melcher (Trustee) have completed two terms and are not eligible for re-election. Todd Mesenbring (Head Usher) and Jon Dose (School Board – Secretary) have completed one term and are eligible for re-election if desired.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Friday, October 26th

We are looking at October 26th as our Trunk-or-Treat date, rain, snow, or shine. We would like to have AT LEAST 25 TRUNKS to proceed with the planning. **You DO NOT have to decorate your trunk. If you'd rather just come up to the parking lot and hand out candy, that is perfectly fine too.** If you would like to participate by providing a trunk, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby or contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your involvement! Set-Up begins at 6 PM with trick-or-treaters coming from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Concessions will again be available in the auditorium until 8 PM. Concession proceeds go towards the class trip to Washington DC.

FINANCES

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	*\$267,356.22
YTD Expenses	-\$278,714.85
Current Balance (9/18)	-\$77,512.38

Missions:

YTD Total (8/20)	\$4,623.00
Budgeted	\$4,143.00
Unbudgeted	\$480.00
2018 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2018 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (8/20)	\$7,792.66
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

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

OCTOBER USHERS

October 7 th	Reagan Sauter Brooke Sauter
October 14 th	Hannah Klaustermeier Maia Klaustermeier
October 21 st	Alison Dose Colin Bingham
October 28 th	Samantha Brueggemeier Madelyn Traver

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported Ralph and me by either visit, card, or prayers. I am grateful for all the get-well wishes that have been sent my way. Thankfully, I am healing and improving each day and I am now on the road to full recovery. It has been a challenging transition, but God is good. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will not be forgotten. I feel very blessed.

Carol Buetow

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!

CHANCE FOR XMAS

Chance International Outreach will be sending a semi-sized container to Liberia with needed items. Items for hygiene, baby care, and education will be collected. Monetary donations will purchase rice and help with shipping costs. Thanks for your help!

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

BIRTHDAY LIST

1. Chloe Daugaard
5. Earl Buetow
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 Seton
18. Carley Buetow
Alexander Lenzen
Norma Woolery
20. John Bones
Todd Mesenbring
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
30. Paulina Gutzke
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 Hodgins
17. Andrew & Kindra Ghostley
Michael & MaryAnn Harms
19. Dennis & Sharon Buehler
20. John & Barb Hoffman
21. Charles & Norma Woolery
22. Tom & Sarah Perry
23. Gerald & Denise Buetow
26. Glenn & LuAnn Traver
Steven & Hollie
Brueggemeier

VISITATION LIST

Belle Plaine

Marjorie Wolter
Chuck & Norma Woolery

Cologne

Gloria AmEnd

Norwood Young America

Harold Bruesehoff
Joycelyn Rolf

Waconia

Gertrude Honebrink
Alvina Fick
Darrel Knorr
Erwin Schmidt
Paulina Gutzke

Remembering our Soldiers

Eben Karnitz – Air Force
Eddie Karnitz

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OCTOBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
		Fball vs. Wayzata @ NYA Vball @ Cologne Academy	Fball @ Chaska Vball @ NYA	Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting	Chapel 8:10 AM	Vball Tournament @ St. Joes
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
LWML SUNDAY Worship Service @ 9:30 AM	Council Meeting LWML Fall Rally	Vball vs. Glencoe (B)	Vball @ Chaska	Chapel @ The Harbor @ 10:15 AM Chapel @ Good Samaritan @ 3 PM Fball vs Hamburg @ NYA	Chapel 8:10 AM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM	Fball vs. Chaska @ NYA Voters Meeting	School Pictures Vball vs. Wac. @ CC Evangelism Meeting		NO SCHOOL EdMN Teachers Conference		
	Pastors Conference - Mankato					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship Service @ 9:30 AM		Vball @ St. Joes			Chapel 8:10 AM Trunk-or-Treat Set-Up @ 6 PM T-or-T @ 6:30-7:30 Concessions til 8 PM	
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
Worship Service (c) @ 9:30 AM						



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Return Service Requested

Soup & Pie Supper/Craft & Bake Sale

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

November 5th | 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.*