

**from the
Pastor**

My grace is sufficient for you..." II Corinthians 12:9

This verse is an answer to prayer. Paul "appealed to the Lord" (12:8) three times. This is his way of saying that he prayed about his affliction, three times, that "it would leave me ...". Three times he prayed to God about his affliction (eyes?).

One might think that Paul would be a more effective missionary without this affliction. One might think that if anyone ever deserved to be healed, it would be him. Instead, in verse 9, the answer to his prayer, God gave him what he needed most.

Answers to prayer may be exactly what we ask for. Answers may simply be "no." Answers may be "not yet." If there is any question that God answers prayer, II Corinthians 12:9 is a gracious answer for anyone, in any affliction whose illness, or pain, or suffering does not miraculously heal.

Questions about God may be answered in the same way. The questions we have may not be answered to our satisfaction. We may be left wondering. But, God's grace is in fact sufficient and more than sufficient for everyone.

We have already been given what we could never even conceive of asking for. The salvation won for us in Jesus Christ is the answer to any prayer, by any person, for any reason. God always welcomes prayer. We are told to pray constantly. We may always be confident that God's love always prevails.

God's grace is in fact sufficient for all of us.

In Christ,
Pastor John

**President's Message
Millie Reiersen**

God's blessings to each and every member of our congregation! This month we will observe Stewardship Sunday on October 11 at the 10:30 service. That will be the only service that day. We will have lunch down in the Fellowship hall.

Stewardship is "what we do, with all we have, after we say, we believe." It is a life-long commitment using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do. These gifts include time, talent and money. What are you going to do with what

God has graciously provided?

October is also the time we are going to say good-bye to Jay Krogstad, our Youth Director. He is moving to Grand Forks to better prepare his future with his fiancé, Misty and her son, Keegan. We wish them all God's blessings and will miss them greatly.

Keep our call committee in your prayers as we look for a new Youth Director. Keep Jay and Misty and Keegan in your prayers also. God bless each and every one of you as we continue Christ's mission to spread the Gospel to our community and our world.

See you in church!
Millie Reiersen



Stewardship Sunday

As you probably know Stewardship Sunday is coming up on October 11th. We are looking forward to having a time of fellowship with members of our congregation. The day has been planned to have Pastor Steven Peterson, here to give message. And, we are only having the 10:30 service on that Sunday. We will have a meal in the fellowship hall. We hope to see you there.

As you know, this is the Sunday we are asking for your pledge for the coming year. There will be extra pledge cards there, and special box in the narthex, where the cards can be deposited. We need this information to help project the budget for the next year. If you are unable to attend the worship service, we ask that you send in your pledge card, or leave it at the church office. Please help us do the work of the church.

God Bless.

Connie Hamre
Stewardship Chairperson

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

The Anniversary Committee and the Public Relations Board would like to thank everyone who helped make the 125th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church a huge success. Please check Zion's website at ziontrf.org and the Facebook Page at Zion Lutheran Church for pictures from Sunday. If you couldn't attend the anniversary, the bulletin boards will be left up for your enjoyment.

There are still beautiful pewter Christmas ornaments for sale for \$10. Either pick them up in the narthex on Sunday or stop in the church office. There are still several church directories from 2001, 2006 and 2011 and Zion Christmas cards on hand. These are available to you for a donation to the anniversary fund. Watch for them to be on sale in the Narthex on Sunday's.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make our anniversary a memorable one.

ZLCW NEWS



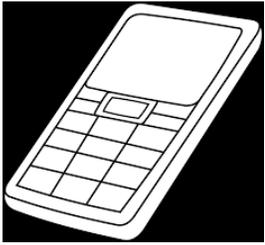
The October meeting of the ZLCW will be October 13, at 12:00 noon. The Executive Board will meet at 11:00AM, and the Bible Study Leaders will meet at 1:00PM.

Duties for October --- Program: Elizabeth, Hostess: Anna, Hospitality: Rebekah and Visitation: Lydia at Oakland Park Communities.

Lutheran World Relief pick-up is November 7 from 8:00 AM - noon. We are always in need of items for kits. Any unused funds from Thrivent may be used to help pay postage for LWR.

November is Thank Offering month. We meet November 10. Duties for November --- Program: Lydia, Hostess: Sarah, Hospitality: Dorcas, and Visitation: Rebekah at TR Care Center.





Cell Phone Numbers Please

Zion is publishing a church directory in early 2016. If you have only a cell phone and have not given the number or your email address to Linda in the church office, please do so. When we did the last directory, we could not reach everyone because so many no longer have landlines. Please spread the word.



The Public Relations Board is in the process of updating Zion's history. Included in the book will be the church history published in 1990 for Zion's centennial. The board will be contacting you for information to be used in the history.

Because it is impossible to determine how many pages the new history will be, we cannot set a definite price for the books, but it is estimated that it will be between \$15 and \$20. The book will be published by Life Touch, the same company that prints the church directory and hopefully ready for delivery by September of 2016.

If you have information you think should be included in the book, please contact Deb Howe, chairman of the Public Relations Board.

New Traditions Service – 10:30

The New Traditions Worship at Zion is casual, family friendly, informal, and grounded in the Word and Sacrament. We celebrate Holy Communion each week, have a Noisy Offering gathered by our younger members, enjoy a Children's Sermon by our Youth Director, and give our children the opportunity to play a musical instrument for our final Sending song. We sing popular Christian music and make use of our large screen for visual media throughout the service. We follow the pattern of Lutheran Worship-Gathering, Word, Meal and Sending.

Our Sunday school curriculum is on a rotational schedule consisting of arts/crafts, videos, drama, and cooking by using the Spark Bible Storybook. Every few Sundays, our Sunday school students run the entire 10:30 New Traditions Service, including the sermon, with one common theme that they have been studying. We serve coffee, donuts, and smoothies from our River Brew Area during the 45-minute service.

Please come and share in our excitement of the New Traditions Worship Service!

Muriel Olin, Chair
New Traditions Committee



**Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
September 15, 2015**

President Millie Reiersen called the Parish Planning Council meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Barbara Overbye, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan, Tim Numedahl, Ken Kalsnes, Connie Hamre, Deb Howe, Jay Krogstad, Sharon Jorde, Joel Rude and Karen Thygeson.

Pastor Ale gave devotions.

President Reiersen read a letter of resignation from Jay Krogstad, Youth Director; effective date of October 15th. Motion by Barbara Overbye to accept the resignation, seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Connie Hamre to accept the Council minutes of August 18, 2015 as corrected with the dates of the shawls being blessed at both services on September 20th ; seconded and carried.

Barbara Overbye presented a printed treasurer's report; discussed and filed for audit. Zion's safety deposit bank held at Northern State Bank was discussed and Sharon Jorde made the motion that Linda Hamrick, Barbara Overbye and Millie Reiersen have signature authority of the box. Barbara reviewed the bank accounts and CD's and will continue to report to the Council.

Evangelism and Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reported November 15th will be new member Sunday. New members will be accepted into Zion during the second service followed by a pot luck lunch.

Youth and Christian Education: Amber Holtan reports that Rally Sunday was a success. All Sunday school classes have teachers assigned.

Church Properties: Joel Rude discussed the cracks in the parking lot. He discussed the possibility of having two church signs outside the building. He has met with the City authorities about sign ordinances. He led the discussion regarding a landscape committee that would report back to the Property Committee. The committee will also do research on a different copier for the church office.

Silver Creek: Pastor Ale reports Silver Creek has decided not to join us with a new church directory this time. Silver Creek congregation will join us on September 27th to help us celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

Worship: Sharon Jorde reports they are looking at having some type of education program during the coffee time between services once a month. The Council thanks Muriel Olin for her continued support to the New Traditions service, Wednesday Evening Services and reports submitted to the Council.

Stewardship: Connie Hamre reports that the first Temple Talk for stewardship will be this coming Sunday.

Parish Fellowship: Committee is thinking about a pie auction this Fall.

Public Relations: Deb Howe reports an ad is in the Thief River Falls Times for our 125th Anniversary celebration. The committee will research the possibility of obtaining small church directories to be placed in our pews. They are continuing their work in preparation for the Anniversary celebration.

Youth Director: Jay Krogstad reported on his monthly activities. 39 kids will soon begin confirmation classes. The Council expressed our thanks and gratitude to Jay for his service to our youth during his employment and extends our best wishes to him in his future.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ale commented on Silver Creek's annual meeting and their activities. Also he is looking forward to confirmation beginning.

Pastor John shared his monthly calendar with us. He discussed Rally Sunday as well as reviewed details on the upcoming 125th anniversary. He is concerned that we are in need of an organist.

President Reiersen thanked everyone for their continued support of the church.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:45 P.M. Next meeting October 20, 2015.

Karen Thygeson, Acting Secretary



Silver Creek

Silver Creek Council will meet following church services on Sunday, October 11. The women of the church will meet on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 PM. Bible study will be "The Spirit and the Son." The program will be on Women of the Bible featuring Naomi.

The tickets for the raffle quilt have been distributed and a reminder to try to sell as many as you can to help with this one fundraiser we do annually. The tickets need to be in by October 18, and we will draw the winner on October 25. This is the same day we will have a congregational turkey dinner following services. The turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and gravy will be provided. Please bring a dish to go along with the menu.



We all enjoyed our time working together on our fall supper, and this dinner gives us the opportunity to get together as a congregation and have some fellowship. The women of the church are encouraged to bring items for a sale to raise some funds for the projects we support.

Youth News

Middle School Youth Gathering

When: November 20th-21st

Who: 6th-8th Grade

Cost: \$100.00

What: A Middle School/Junior High youth gathering.

This is where we meet and hang out with all the great kids from around the Northwest Minnesota synod and worship God. It is a fun time to be had by all. Deadline to sign up at October 23rd, 2015

Flapjacks for Faith



When: October 18th, 2015

Who: Everyone Welcome

What: FOOD

This year's Flapjacks For Faith will be different. We will only be having it twice between now and Christmas. So space is limited. Each shift we are going to need a minimum of two adults and a minimum of 4 youth to work. If you or your family would like to sign up for this it is a first come first serve. Great way to make LOTS of IFA money.

K-5 Event

This will be a Halloween party. CANDY EVERYWHERE. You will be picked up from Challenger at 3 and then parents can pick their kids up from Zion at 5. Please let Jay know by the Friday Oct 23rd before the event. Thanks

Who: Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

What: K-5 Event 3-5 pm

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, TRF

When: Monday October 26th, 2014



2nd Grade Bible Class

The 2nd Grade class again will meet in October to receive their bibles. Every Sunday in October the class will go through the bible learning specific verses and stories. Zion gives the parents the opportunity to literally place the bible in their child's hands. Classes are Oct. 4, 11, 18 and they receive their bibles at the 8:30 service on the 25th.

Dates to Remember

Oct 4th, 11th, 18th - 2nd Grade Bible Class

Oct 14th- NO CONFIRMATION

Oct 18th- Kids Sabbath

Flapjacks For Faith

Oct 21st - Confirmation Pictures

Oct 23rd – MSYG Deadline.

Oct 24th- Confirmation Sunday Practice

Oct 25th- 8:30 2nd Grade Bible Presentation

10:30- Confirmation Day

Oct 26th- K-5 Halloween Party



Pastor Henry and Florence Moyer were unable to attend the 125th anniversary on Sunday. They sent the following letter to the congregation of Zion.

To the Members of Zion Lutheran Church

From Rev. and Mrs. Henry Moyer

We extend to you all, our warm greetings and congratulations on this your 125th Anniversary of your church. We would love to be with you on this joyous occasion and help you celebrate. Though we are in fairly good health, we just cannot make the trip up there, regrettably. But we can shout, even though you cannot hear us, in the typical Indian way with 3 cheers: (I am a Missionary kid from India)

HI!!!... HIP!!!...HARAY!!
HIP!!!...HIP!! HARAH!!!
HIP!!!...HIP!!!HARAH!!!!!!!!!!

We have many fond memories of those whom we visited and those we met in other ways to our dying days. We appreciated the Adult Forum under the guidance of Denney's ministry. We remember sharing God's Love in Jesus Christ, of comforting those in sickness or other distress and of conveying the precious Body and Blood of our Savior to strengthen faith. As Visitation pastor, I heard many stories about the early sacrifices and hard work that was done in order to have this beautiful building. We pray God's continuing blessing upon the congregation as they continue to worship and praise the Lord, to witness inside and out, and do the Lords work. Be thou faithful. Amen.

Henry and Florence

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Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

After being on the road for several hours and driving up to TRF on Highway 59, we had some reservations about what we were doing, but after meeting with the call committee and hearing their hopes and expectations for the coming years, we were convinced that the Holy Spirit knew what He/She was doing – bringing us together for 13 years of shared and meaningful ministry. Now, in retrospect, it was an exceedingly good “fit” and we flourished because of the great love and support which you provided in so many ways.

There were challenges to be sure, but we never felt alone. It was such a joy to see how you, the members of this congregation, stepped up and shared your gifts for the sake of the community you were called to serve. Your beautiful building was an immediate testimony to your love for the Lord. You saw the need for a parking lot on the North side of the church and you accomplished that project. You had the opportunity to embrace a new organizational administrative model and you volunteered your gifts to fill the positions that were needed to pull it off. You embraced Stephen Ministry and later the Parish Nurse program to multiply spiritual and practical care among members and non members alike. And when we wanted to update and improve the worship atmosphere of the sanctuary, you responded as well. When the Red River overflowed its banks and created all sorts of chaos, you offered your love and support to the victims. We worked together on a more effective model for confirmation ministry and made it possible to reach out to our youth by hiring a youth director. You made it possible for me to take a Sabbatical leave to regroup and to do some research and writing on Lutheran discipleship. Thank you for your partnership and your commitment to Christ and His church.

As we worked together, we came to know you and love you for who you were. You filled our hearts with a banquet of memories to cherish for the rest of our lives. I still think about the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on Fridays and the fun banter between us; making music with the senior choir and our men's quartet, “Resonance;” a packed house on Wednesday evenings during Lent; having fun at council retreats discovering the diversity of gifts represented there with the help of the Myers-Briggs personality inventory; being a partner in the Sunday morning broadcast and telecast ministry; working with a wonderful staff; enjoying the opportunity to participate in the local Lions club and Community Theater – especially playing the role of Alfred P. Doolittle in “My Fair Lady;” and being invited into many of your homes where we were able to get to know you better and benefit from your fine hospitality.

I can think of no words better than the apostle Paul's to summarize my sentiments:

*“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ”*    *Philippians 1:3-6*

Dennis C. Raymond  
Pastor: 1991-2014