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From the Senior Pastor

Read Matthew 6:24-33

Is this different than years past?

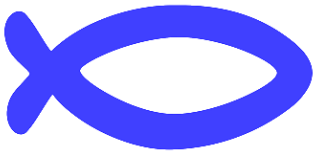
Zion's budget will be done *after* Consecration Sunday.

So when you are asked, "How much more is Zion's budget this year?" The right answer is, "I don't know. In fact, nobody knows, because it won't be done until after Consecration Sunday."

Consecration Sunday is this year's financial stewardship program. It varies considerably from most others.

No one will come calling asking you to fill out your pledge card.

No one will use guilt as a motivator or gimmick to get you to give more.



No one will be asked to give to the budget of the church.

You will be asked to consider the following question: "What is God calling me to give this year?" It is my hope that this question keeps stewardship in the realm of faith. The emphasis this year will be on the givers' need to give, rather than on the church's need to receive.

God knows what we need to live. And so it is that God provides.

You will be hearing more about Consecration Sunday in the near future.

Pastor John Golv

Wedding Shower for Sarah

Pampered Chef Shower
Saturday, October 8
4:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Gifts for Sarah will be selected from her Pampered Chef Wish List.

Our very own youth director, Sarah Harper, is getting married December 10.

News From Parish Fellowship Board

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

We at Zion are planning a Funeral committee to do funerals when they happen. This will take off some of the burden the Sharing Servants shoulders. The committee will plan, call, setup, cleanup and anything else.

Please think about this, we will have contact people and more information will be in the bulletin.

SHARING SERVANT BOOKLETS

The Fellowship board is still working on finding leaders for each month, Please offer to help when you are called on, It is for two (2) years, and a good way to get to know everyone. We don’t want to have to pick one or two and say that is your month. PLEASE HELP.

ZION'S SPIRIT OF GIVING

Zion's Spirit of Giving will be on December 3 rd. If you are fall cleaning and find items that are gently used, please donate them. We will be receiving items the week of November 28 through December 1 st - clothes, scarves, gloves, winter coats, boots and any household items, and maybe a Christmas present or two. So someone who is having a hard year will have a blessed Christmas too. Thank you.
Parish Fellowship Board

President's Message

Connie Hamre

Nobody is perfect.....and nobody needs to be!

Someone once told me, there was only one person that walked this earth, that was perfect, that person was not him nor I. We are not perfect, and I, for one, know I have sinned. God sent his Son to die for our sins, and to grant us forgiveness. This is the GOOD NEWS!

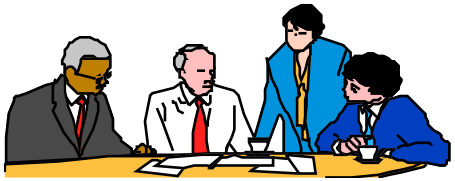
We are starting our activities, and groups for Zion. Rally day was awesome, and it was great to see so many in church. The service included the Senior Choir and a children's sermon, both welcome additions for the fall start. It was great to see the chilidren attending the classes and the carnival. We are excited to have some
children from Calgary Church from St Hiliare, and feel blessed that they will be attending our Sunday School.

With the fall, comes the restarting of the second service. We are working on changing the second service, and would welcome any input from the members, with ideas and suggestions for that service. Any programs, that you may have attended at another chuch, would be of interest to us, also.

Our Stewardship board has been working on a new program called Consecration Sunday. This will be held on October 23, 2011. There will be a quest pastor, with a special message, and a catered meal immediately after the service, off site. This will be open to all the members of our church, and we hope you will be able to come. There will more information available, as we prepare this for our congregation.

The directorys are out and are available to all that had their picture taken. I hope you have had a chance to see and enjoy the directory. It is such a special record of our congregation, here at Zion. The PR board did a fantastic job, and put in many hours and days organizing and putting it all together. It is a testament to the good people, in our church, and what they can do.

Courage in Christ,
Connie Hamre, President



Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
September 20, 2011

The Parish Planning Council was called to order by President Connie Hamre at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: President Hamre, Bonnie Yost, Lyle Paulson, Tim Numedahl, Sarah Harper, Deb Holtan, Amber Holtan, Deb Howe and Karen Thygeson.

Devotions were led by President Hamre.
Lyle Paulson moved to accept the secretary's minutes as printed, seconded and carried.

Stewardship Board: Plans are being made for Fall activities.

Properties Board: Lyle Paulson discussed storage space needs. We are now down to one van. Looking into the needs for a different microphone for upstairs when the choir sings.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry Board: Deb Holtan stated the next Grief Support Group will be held on October 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the lounge. Discussed ideas on making the upstairs brighter and more welcoming as we enter the church.

Christian Education/Youth Board: Amber Holtan reports there was a good attendance for Rally Sunday and all enjoyed the carnival. A Senior High Sunday School teacher is still needed. Amber moved to purchase tables and chairs where needed for the Sunday School classrooms; seconded and carried. Money will come out of the special fund and also an anonymous donor. The Little Lambs bulletin board has been updated and on display.

Public Relations Board: Deb Howe stated an ad was in the paper informing us of Mission Sunday.

Parish Fellowship Board: Bonnie Yost reports they are working with Sharing Servants activities and considering a funeral committee.

Worship Board: A committee has been formed with Muriel Olin as chair that is researching material for a new type of service.

Youth Director: Sarah Harper stated youth groups have started for the year and she is pleased with the attendance. October 8th there will be a youth fund raiser with funds coming from the sales of items from the Schwan's truck parked at Tesoro across the street from McDonalds. The youth will be assisting at the Silver Creek Fall Dinner on October 16th. Confirmation classes begin September 28th.

Bonnie Yost moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next Parish Council Meeting will be October 18, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Karen Thygeson, Secretary

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Would you like to use your artistic talents to design the large bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall?

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