

Look up Psalm 46 (especially verse 10)

How Busy Are We?

We can all make a persuasive list of worries and obligations. This is the time of year when the list grows and grows. It may become so complex that we begin to suffer.

The worries can even become overwhelming.

When that happens in a person's life what is pressing overpowers even what is most important. When priorities are strained we can start to suffer in mind, body, and spirit.

Oops. When we feel overwhelmed, Christian faith can calm us down. Many things are important. Only one thing is most important. At our first 9th grade class period we memorized the first commandment and its meaning. The first one is the most important.

“You shall have no other gods.”

We know what this means: “We are to fear, love, and trust God above anything else.” (Martin Luther's Small Catechism)

What we do is important. Obligations are important. People do rely on us. Do well what you do.

Do take time to calm down, pray, and be still before the Lord. No one is ever too busy for that.

Blessings,
Pastor John

Fall Schedule – September 16

Sunday Morning Worship - 8:30
Sunday School - 9:30
Informal Morning Worship – 10:30
Silver Creek Church - Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00

Communion is celebrated the first and third Sundays of the month.

Radio and television broadcast on KTRF 1230
or Channel 3 at 8:30 service.

Consecration Sunday – October 14

10:30 Service (The only service that day)

Speaker - Pastor Arlo Hermandson

Dinner – Immediately following at the Armory

RSVP to Dilene at church office by October 3 - 681-3296



President's Message

Millie Reiersen

Fellow members of Zion! We are approaching one of the most important days in the business life of Zion - Consecration Sunday. Yes, Zion is a place of worship and gathering, but it is also a business paying salaries to our staff, maintaining our wonderful building and providing programs that benefit our congregation and the community.

None of these can happen without the generous giving of our members. October 14 is the day we will ask you to fill out pledge cards for your anticipated giving to the church in the calendar year 2013. Please make prayerful consideration to your pledge. After the 10:30 service on October 14th, we will gather at the National Guard Armory for a catered meal and a time of fellowship. I encourage all of you to let the church office know you plan to attend.

Blessings in Christ and see you in church!

Millie Reiersen
President

ZLCW News

We will meet October 9 at noon for ZLCW. All ladies are welcome to join us for lunch and a brief program. October duties for ZLCW are: Program –Rebekah Circle; Hostess –Dorcas Circle; Hospitality –Elizabeth Circle; Visitation –Lydia Circle at TR Care Center. We would also like to remind you of our Thankoffering at our November meeting. Dorcas Circle will have the program.

Again, quilters are busy on the first & third Tuesday mornings of each month. They would welcome anyone as it takes a lot of hands to assemble the quilts.

Also, a reminder to those that are still missing a cake pan at home, please check the kitchen at the church.



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes August 21, 2012

The Parish Planning Council was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: President Reiersen, Pastor John, Pastor Ale, Joel Rude, Deb Howe, Deb Holtan, Amber Holtan, Sarah Knopf, Karen Thygeson, Connie Hamre, Marijo Nabben, Duane Morrey, Ginny Armstrong, Penni Nelson, and Tim Numedahl.



Pastor John began our meeting with devotions.

A correction to the July 10 minutes was made by Ginny Armstrong to change the board committee heading from “Silver Creek” to “Stewardship”. She then moved to accept the secretary’s minutes with the correction. The minutes were seconded and carried.

Treasurer’s report was given by Ginny Armstrong. She reported that there is only \$4,000 left in checking but the unpaid bills through July are \$26,000. This includes \$10,000 owed to the Synod. Ginny requested permission to borrow funds from the Nelson fund which has a balance of \$26,410.55. After discussion, Marijo Nabben made a motion to borrow \$20,000 from the Nelson fund to pay the outstanding bills through July totaling \$16,000 and make a payment to the Synod of \$5,000. This will leave a balance in the checking account of \$3,000. The Nelson fund is to be reimbursed for the loan with interest. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurer’s report was presented and filed for audit.

Worship Board: Marijo Nabben reported that Muriel Olin accepted a position on the board. Marijo submitted the minutes from the Worship Board meeting.

Public Relations Board: Deb Howe reported their board did not meet. However, she reported that they need two more members on their board. She reminded everyone that Rally Sunday is Sept. 9th. Deb also reported that posters for the New Traditions service will be posted around town. Millie suggested that a poster also be put up at Northland College.

Properties Board: Joel Rude reported that he had received an estimate on the shingles on the sanctuary and the narthex of \$50,000-\$60,000. He said some insulation is needed also. Joel said that it’s possible that the Scouts could do some projects at the church such as painting the curbs. Joel also reported that a recorder has been installed on the sound system. He said the portable sound system could possibly be traded in on a new one and he’s checking on pricing for a wireless microphone. Joel will follow up on the door openers.

Fellowship Board: Bonnie Yost was absent. No report.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reported that they are trying to keep postage costs down on mailings.

Christian Education/Youth Board: Amber Holtan reported that they need a couple more Sunday school teachers. They are planning on a carnival theme for Rally Sunday and they’ll be serving an ice cream sundae bar. Amber asked for assistance from the Properties Board to help pick up and deliver tables from Hardware Hank. She also asked for some construction cones or barrels to fence off an area in the parking lot for the outdoor event. Little Lamb pins will also be passed out on Rally Sunday.

Youth Director: Sarah Knopf reported on the 10-day trip to New Orleans. She said the trip went very well. The kids did some work for Habitat for Humanity. Upcoming events include:

9/9 – Flapjacks for Faith – they will only be serving 4 times this year. The other dates will be in December, February and April

9/12 – Youth Group

9/16 – National Youth Gathering at Zion at both services

9/19 – Confirmation starts

9/30 - New Orleans trip presentation at Redeemer

Sarah will be on vacation the next 1½ to 2 weeks to be with her family while her father has surgery.

Stewardship Board: Connie Hamre said they still need three more people on the board. She reported that Consecration Sunday will be on October 14th and Yosts will be catering the event. Connie also reported that Arland Hermanson will be the guest speaker for the Temple Talks which will be held September 23, 30th and October 7th.

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson thanked everyone for the warm welcome to Terri Cuppet when she did the service while our pastors were away. Penny extended an invitation to everyone to visit the services at Silver Creek and reported that their traditional family services will begin in September.

Pastor Ale: Ale said his week at Mount Carmel was very inspirational. And, the time he spent on vacation was interesting and educational. The upcoming schedule includes preparing the newsletter, Greenleaf Communion, and Bibles for third graders. The date for Mission Sunday will be determined soon.

Pastor John: He reported that staff vacations are ending. Pastor John reviewed the upcoming Church schedule and activities. Pastor John commented on the beginning of the 3-year confirmation program. Pastor Ale will teach the first year on the Bible, Pastor John will teach the second year on Catechism, and Sarah will teach the third year on Life Application.

Millie reminded everyone that the board meetings will be held September 4th. Rally Day will be September 9th. Installation of board members will be held on the 9th also.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next Parish Council Meeting will be September 18, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Pam Cwikla, Secretary



The Spirit of Giving

The Spirit of Giving will be held on December 1st in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking for gently used clothing, bedding and household items. We will be taking donations the last week of November.

We have been blessed with so much and need to give to those who are in need.



New Member Sunday

November 18th at the 10:30 worship service

Potluck dinner following service

If you are interested in joining Zion, contact the church office or one of the pastors at 681-3296 or email the church secretary at ziontrf@mncablenet.

Silver Creek News

Fall is the time that we do our major fundraising. This year we will not have a supper but still need to make up for it financially. We are still looking for any suggestions for fund raising ideas. We were successful at raising a little over \$2,000 at our All School Reunion booth. This means we need to sell all the raffle tickets for our Minnesota quilt in order to match what we usually take in at the supper. Please try to sell your tickets and call Sharon Russell, Bev Rupprecht, Sue Philipp for additional tickets. If we work together we should make it. All tickets need to be turned in by October 17th. The winning ticket will be drawn before church at 10 AM on Sunday October 21st. Following services that day we are planning a "Turkey Dinner" for the congregation. Members have offered to bring the turkeys, dressing and mashed potatoes. Please bring a dish to pass that will go with this, lefse anyone? We thought it would be fun to share the smells of good food and fellowship that have become a tradition on this Sunday in October. So instead of coming to the Eagles please join us at the church.