

*"Enter through narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." Matthew 7:13-14*

Do you have a hobby or an activity you enjoy? Hobbies can enhance your mental, physical, emotional well-being and keep your spirit cheerful and make your life more enjoyable. It also gives you an opportunity to meet new people with whom you enjoy something in common. Especially if you are dealing with a stressful work schedule, a hobby will give you the opportunity to get away from your stressful work and relax and have fun.

There is a hobby that I picked up shortly after I became a pastor. I guess I don't need to tell you, because many of you know by now that I am talking about GOLF. There was a time when I couldn't understand why people spend their precious time chasing a white little ball up and down in the meadows with a stick for hours. Now I don't get enough of it. Every opportunity I get I love to go and spend it on the golf course.

Do you know that the game golf started in Scotland over five hundred years ago? St. Andrews Golf Course is considered the birthplace of golf. According to the tradition, this game was started by the Presbyterians and when they came up with this sport, their intentions were to create a game that reflected what Christian life and the journey should be. The goal of the game is to use few strokes and role the ball into the hole. The best way to play and win the game is to avoid going into roughs, trees, bushes, sand traps, water and other hazards and by hitting the ball straight into fairway, and then to the putting green and eventually to the hole. But as for those of us who play this game knows, staying on the fairway is not often easy. It is very difficult task. In the same way, the journey of Christian life is not easy. It is very hard but when we avoid the path of hazards and travel on the right path, it will eventually lead us to a happy and victorious life

This is a great example to what Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14 when he talked about the two paths, one which leads us to defeat and death and the other which leads us to victory and life. This is why golf is a beautiful allegory to the Christian journey and faith.

Well, next time you play this American favorite pastime sport, or you happen to hear people talk about golf, tell the story of how golf started and how it reflects the Christian life and journey. It will give you an opportunity to share your own journey of faith.

Pastor Ale



## Silver Creek News

Summer is coming and with the recent rain we know one thing for sure, the grass at Silver Creek will be lush and growing. Please sign up for a week or two of mowing.

The next council meeting will be on June 11, at 8:00 PM. No council meetings are scheduled for July or August, unless it is necessary.

We will host the picnic with Zion on June 23 at 10:00 AM. Following the outdoor service, a potluck lunch will be served.

Please mark your calendar. The women of the church will not meet over the summer but are encouraged to attend the meetings at Zion, Redeemer and Trinity that are scheduled.

## President's Message

Millie Reiersen



To paraphrase President Kennedy – “Ask not what your church can do for you, ask what you can do for your church.” Zion needs people to serve as board members for Lay Ministry/Evangelism, Youth/Education, Worship, Fellowship, Stewardship and Church Properties. If someone calls you to serve, please prayerfully consider saying, "Yes!" or better yet, volunteer to serve without having to be asked.

Thank you to Zion for supporting me in my first year as president of the congregation. I feel God's presence with us every time we meet or worship or have fellowship.

This summer in addition to relaxing and taking time to enjoy the weather, stop by a nursing home or the home of our shut-ins and stay for a visit. You will get as much from the experience as they do.

And, last, but not least, don't forget Zion in your giving this summer. We have bills and expenses all year long, not just during the school year. Looking forward to seeing you in church this summer!

God's Blessings to each and every one of you!

Millie Reiersen

## Members of Zion

Thank you for taking a chance three and a half years ago and hiring me right out of college. Thank you for allowing me to grow and learn with you. You are a wonderful congregation full of amazing kids and families.

I hope and pray that you will be as welcoming to Jay. I pray that you allow him to learn, and that you won't be too hard on him when he makes mistakes, because we all do. I pray that you will love and support him as much as you loved and supported Kris and me.

Peace. Sarah Knopf



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Parish Planning Council Minutes**  
**April 21, 2013**

The Parish Planning Council was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Joel Rude, Jay Krogstad, Deb Holtan, Ginny Armstrong, Sharon Jorde, Tim Numedahl and Clark Nelson and Roger Rupprecht from Silver Creek.

Pastor Golv began our meeting with devotions.

President Millie presented two pieces of correspondence. One was a letter from Lutheran Social Services (LLS) requesting financial support for the local Senior Nutrition Services. LLS is requesting \$600 from Zion by September 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be further discussion regarding the donation.

The second item was a "Thank You" from the Sarah Knoff, past Youth Director, expressing her gratitude to Zion for the support throughout her time here and her request for continued support of our new Youth Director.

The April 16, 2013 secretary's minutes were presented. Two corrections were made to the minutes. (*The Parish Planning Council Minutes should be changed from "The church board meetings will be held May 21st" to "May 7<sup>th</sup>" and the Zion Worship Board minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup> should be changed from "July 7<sup>th</sup> will be Mission Sunday" to "July 14<sup>th</sup>."*) Joel Rude made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections made. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ginny Armstrong presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted and filed for audit.

**Evangelism Board:** Deb Holtan had nothing to report.

**Properties Board:** Joel Rude reported that the shingling project is completed. He said they are working on the patches of grass that need repairs.

Joel reported that Ken Kalsnes is funding an upgrade to Zion's audio and visual equipment. The donation will be made in memory of Janeen Kalsnes

He also reported that he is meeting with contractors to get bids on the repair work that needs to be done to fix the water leaking problems. He said this is not coming from the roof but seems to be in the walls.

**Christian Education and Youth Board:** Minutes from April 30<sup>th</sup> board meeting were submitted.

**Youth Board:** Jay Krogstad reported that he has been updating the information for the Individual Fundraising Accounts (IFA). He also said he had everything ready for summer camp and that he'll be spending a lot of time at camp this summer.

Rally Sunday will be September 8<sup>th</sup> and the New Traditions service will resume on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship Board:** The minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting were submitted. Sharon Jorde reported that the communion rails will be used this summer. Millie asked if Wednesday evening summer services had been discussed. Sharon reported that it had been discussed but was declined due to past poor attendance.

**Public Relations:** Minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting was submitted.

**Silver Creek:** Clark Nelson reported that the joint service and potluck dinner has been changed from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m... He also invited members of Zion to attend Silver Creek Sunday services at 10:00 a.m...

Millie commented that the semi-annual meeting will be changed from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. She also requested that items need to be submitted to Darlene Hulteen before June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Roger Rupprecht asked that Zion continue their support and partnership with Sliver Creek and requested signing a new agreement. Pastor Golv said a new agreement will be signed.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Ale reported that there will be one service at Zion through the summer. He also reported that there are only a couple of weeks left in the adult Bible study. Ale said the church schedule is slowing down for summer so he will have more time for home visits.

Pastor John submitted his report and schedule. He also reported that the Synod Assembly will be June 7-9. Zion's delegates are Tom & Kristi Numedahl, Cathy Golv, Millie Reiersen, and Jay Krogstad plus both pastors.

Millie reported that the Nominating Committee will be working on getting new board members.

The June church board meetings will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Pam Cwikla, Secretary

## ZLCW News

The Syttende Mai supper was well attended again this year. A big thank you to all who helped plan, prepare, and serve the meal, also helped with cleanup. You did a great job. Well done!

The combined Bible Study for June will be held Tuesday, June 11th at 12:00 noon, with Pastor Golv presenting the lesson. Trinity, Redeemer, Black River and Silver Creek Churches will be our guests.

The Synodical Convention will be held Sept. 6th and 7th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, MN. If anyone is interested in attending, please let us know as registration is due August 15, 2013 and delegate registration is due August 10th.

Please keep in mind we are always in need of items for Lutheran World Relief kit

## Jay Krogstad

Son, Role Model, Just all around GOOD GUY



Jay was born on August 9, 1985, (27 years old) at 8:53 p.m. in Wadena, Minnesota. Born and raised in the small town in central Minnesota called Wadena, he spent a lot of his summers at Union Lake with my family located near Erskine, Minnesota. Jay would love to spend every minutes of every day outdoors if he could. The love of the outdoors runs deep in his veins. Jay loves to hunt, fish (If anyone wants to take him fishing, that would be awesome), go snowmobiling (Yes, he own a 98 Jag 440. Looking at getting a brand new sled in October), playing hockey in the winter, co-ed softball in the summer, being out at the lake, playing in the water with his four year old niece Jordyn, spending time with family, and OF COURSE bonfires with special Loved Ones, and hopes to get a puppy sometimes soon to keep him company at night. Jay is a 2010 graduate of Mayville State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Special Education. During his tenure at MSU he was nominated for Student of the Year in 2009, was Actor of the Year (2007-2009), Ambassador of the Year 2009, on the Dean's List (2009-20010) Feel free to drop by his office to chat. Jay learns people's names by talking to the person and not by just saying hello. So feel free to drop in and stay for a while. Also, Tuesday at 10:30 have coffee with him and the rest of the staff.



Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

## Camp Emmaus – Camp Minne-Wa-Kan – Lake of the Woods

Zion Lutheran Church and Redeemer Lutheran Church and Pathways Outdoor Ministries of Northwest Minnesota, have joined together to bring a Day Camp to the community. All area youth in grades Entering K-5 are invited to participate.

Day Camp provides a week-long program of Bible study, games, songs, arts & crafts, and outdoor education led by a Pathways Staff Team and area volunteers. Day Camp is a Christ-centered camp experience in our community.

Scheduled for August 4-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Day Camp program runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. Campers are asked to bring a sack lunch each day. The camp fee covers the entire program materials needed for each session.

Cost for the Day Camp is just \$25 members, \$35 non-members per child max per family \$50. Registration materials are available by calling Jay at Zion Lutheran Church (218-681-3296); registration deadline is July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Pathways staff facilitating the program are trained in all aspects of the Day Camp program, with safety being their top concern. Pathways Outdoor Ministries is a camping and retreating ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pathways operates three camps and retreat centers within the NW Minnesota Synod. Camp Emmaus is located near Menahga, MN, Camp Minne-Wa-Kan is near Cass Lake, MN and Lake of the Woods Bible Camp is near Baudette, MN. Each of these camps offer year-round camping opportunities for youth, adults and families. For more information on Pathways, please check their website, [www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com](http://www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com).

## Youth News:

### **June 5 – Pathways at the Park**

**Moorhead, MN** ----- Rides provided by Jay. \$5 for ride, \$5 for supper – Total of \$10.

Come and "experience a night of camp" and meet the 2013 Summer Staff team! Supper, worship, games, crafts, and bonfire. All to raise money for camp scholarships (including a Silent Auction). Invite your friends, this is an event you won't want to miss! If you would like to attend, contact Jay at Zion.

### **June 9-14 – Elementary and Middle School Classic Camp Grades 4-7**

**Camp Emmaus - Menahga, MN** Bus leaves @ 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot. \$5 for ride to camp. Bus returns Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> around 4 pm.

**June 16 – Father's Day** Take your father anywhere for the day – maybe fishing

**June 19-21 – Elementary Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)**

**Camp Emmaus – Menahga, MN** Bus leaves at 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot. \$5 for ride to camp. Bus returns Friday, June 21.

**June 21 – Half-Pint Camp (Kindergarten – Grade 2)**

**Camp Emmaus – Menahga, MN**

Starts at 10:30 am and goes to 4:30. Jay is trying to figure out a ride there for kids. Can ride back in the van with the Elementary Mini campers.

**June 23-28 – Jr High Classic Camp (Grades 8-9)**

**Camp Emmaus – Menahga, MN** Bus leaves @ 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot. \$5 for ride to camp. Bus returns Friday June 28 around 4 pm

**July 4 – Jr High Classic Camp (Grades 8-9)**

Get outdoors and enjoy the fireworks and lemonade

**July 7 – High School Camp (Grade 10-Graduating Senior)**

**Camp Emmaus – Menahga, MN** Bus leaves at 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot. \$5 for ride to camp. Bus returns Friday, July 12.

**August 3 – Welcome Pathways Bible Camp for VBS**

Picnic and Games. More details to follow

**August 4-8 – VBS at Redeemer, TRF**

9:00-5:00 each day. Kids entering kindergarten – Grade 5.

Any questions or Comments please contact Jay @ Zion Lutheran Church 218-681-3296

## **When Silence Comes**

Let me fade softly, quietly, and serenely into the twilight.

Let no bells toll.

Let no sirens scream.

Let only silence reign.

For in the quiet there is peace.  
    In silence the bird sleeps,  
        The owl think.  
    The lion saves his roar.  
In silence there is love.

In silence let me leave behind a lighted path for those to use who may  
Have walked with me.

    Let them pause beside a brook  
        And touch the cool waters.  
    Let them pick trilliums that bloom  
        By the gnarled oak.  
    Let them wonder at the slowly  
        Moving clouds.

        Bust most of all  
Let them remember.

*John Hulteen – October 27, 1916 – May 18, 2013*

Zion has lost its resident poet. John closed his eyes one last time on Saturday, May 18, having been diagnosed with terminal cancer only two weeks before. One of his favorite scriptures was I Kings 19:11-13, paraphrased as, “God is not in the wind; God is not in the earthquake; God is not in the fire; God comes to us in the silence – in a still small voice.” John’s voice is silent, but his wisdom, compassion and wit live on in his poetry.

## **Thank You - Thank You - Thank You**

There are many members of Zion Lutheran Church who have made the New Traditions Service a meaningful alternative type of worship for the past nine months.

Thank you to:

- Worship Band Members – Laura Rude - accompanist, Corie Erickson – practice accompanist and vocal – Leah Wittenberg – bass, drums, and bass guitar, Ann Joppru – drums, Joel Rude – guitar and vocal, Amanda Hawk – tenor sax, clarinet and vocal, Richard Sather – cello, McKayla Erickson – vocal, Shawna Spears – vocal, McKenna Blaine – vocal, Taylor Blaine – vocal, Katie Mumm – vocal, Charmaine Peters – vocal, and Elise Kalsnes – vocal.

- Cookie makers for each service – Myrtle Lee, Helen Rude, Carol Narverud, Marie Engen, Lois Bergland, and Joyce Swenson
- Baking the bread for communion – Carol Narverud
- Making smoothies – Sally Mumm
- Children’s sermon – Sarah Knopf and Jay Krogstad, youth directors
- Overseeing the “River Brew” coffee area – Amber Holtan, Education and Youth Board chairman
- Education and Youth Board representative – Kristen Hanson
- Communion assistants – Confirmation students
- Worship leaders for both the 8:30 traditional and the 10:30 New Traditions service – Corie Erickson, Lindsay Johnson, Marijo Nabben, Deb Fulton, and Marcia Sandal.
- Pastor John Golv and Ale Tulu for being so willing to offer this alternative style of worship for Zion Lutheran Church

Thanks to everyone for their willingness to serve!

Muriel Olin  
New Traditions Committee