

Revelation 21:5

John of Patmos is quoting God: “See, I am making all things new.”

I remember one birthday present in particular. It was a new bike. A Schwinn five-speed, gold in color. I rode it all over Northfield, even up “the hill” on which St. Olaf College was built.

That one thing changed my life.

I was mobile before, but this was different. It felt like new freedom. It was a new responsibility (I usually rode on the street).

The Christian life is new life. Our purpose is clear: we worship God the Father of Jesus Christ, and we serve all people. Our standing with God is clear: we are God’s people.

I remember my first car, a 1962 VW Beetle. My life changed again. Gas was 32.9 cents a gallon. I was mobile before, but again this was new freedom and new responsibility.

In my time as a pastor I have been privileged to see God at work, making people new. Before coming to faith in God, some have believed that freedom in life is only found in mobility, or that health is only the absence of illness, or that the main purpose in life extends no further than fatherhood or motherhood.

Much of the Christian life is lived in a church community. Every Christian Church confesses that God is making all things, even congregations, new. God does not change. Our purpose as a congregation does not change.

But generations do change.

How we go about our worship will change. How we serve God’s people will change. All congregations hope and believe that God is leading them, that God is making all things, including Zion, new.

It is my conviction and the conviction of our congregation’s leadership, that God is in fact leading us to new ways to be faithful. You are needed. Your faith is needed.

Please help.

In Christ,
Pastor John Golv

New Member Sunday

November 24

If you know anyone interested in joining Zion,
please call the church office -

681-3296

Zion's Leaders Are Considering This Process, Among Others.

A Missional Spiritual Discovery Journey for Congregations

Growing in God's Mission, Re-rooting in God's Mission is a renewal journey and process for congregations seeking to move away from approaching decline. This is not a magic bullet, program or a project. Re-rooting in God's Mission is a process designed to unfold over an 18 to 24 month period of time. The process involves four or more Saturday equipping events throughout these months. These equipping events will revolve around listening to God through prayer, scripture, each other and our neighbors, and three key ingredients for congregational renewal, identified by a major study by the ELCA research unit:

1. Discovering a shared purpose for participating in God's mission locally and beyond
2. Willingness to change for the sake of the Gospel
3. Shared leadership between pastor and congregational leaders

This process of renewal seeks to engage and involve the whole congregation. It begins and continues with prayer and in-depth engagement with God's word. A team of at least four, including pastor, selected by the congregation and pastor, attend the training opportunities in order to be equipped to engage their congregation in a renewal process focusing on:

- Attending to God in prayer and scripture
- Accompanying one another in following Jesus and being the church
- Asserting and agreeing on some mission action and implementing it
- Acting on the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor and the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, using holy mission experiments
- Assessing and learning from setbacks and successes

Preparing for the Journey:

- Prayer and discussion with congregational leaders involving an overview of the process and suggestions for how prayer and conversation might actually happen in the congregation.
- Congregation commits to taking journey and allocates \$300 to cover costs (e.g. materials, meals, etc)
- Congregation and pastor assemble a team (at least four, including pastor) to accompany their congregation and shepherd the process.
- Congregation's team enters into a time of prayer, reflection on the Book of Acts, and other preparations, for the journey's beginning with the overnight retreat on February 22-23, 2013.

Teams attending can expect to:

- Be immersed in prayer and God's word
- Focus on faith practices
- Receive tools, best practices, resources, and be equipped to utilize and adapt them to their congregation's context
- Be accompanied by a coach throughout the whole journey
- Receive additional training as needed, tailored to specific issues along the way

This process is facilitated by our synods' Renewal Team. Team members are leaders from the Northwestern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota Synods who are experienced in congregational renewal work and who have been trained and equipped in our ELCA's Transformation Ministry 2.0 process for congregations, as well as in other congregational renewal approaches.

Public Relations Board Needs Two Board Members

The PR board meets at 5:15, the first Tuesday of the month.

Responsibilities include collecting food and monetary donations from Zion members for the area food shelf, lining up drivers for the Falls Delivered Meals, advertising events throughout the year, church history, library, bulletin boards.

If interested, please call Deb Howe 681-2092 or email at dhowe@mncable.net.



Silver Creek News

The turkey dinner was enjoyed by all on October 27th. We had the drawing for the raffle quilt with Dale Nelson of Karlstad winning the beautiful quilt and pillow. Thanks to all who sold tickets. This fundraiser was a big success.

The women of Silver Creek will meet on November 14th at 7 PM. Please bring your thank offering. Silver Creek council will meet on Nov. 24th following church services.

Thank you to the DuChamp family for the beautiful bench donated in memory of Darlene.

ZLCW NEWS

ZLCW will meet November 12 at noon with our Thankoffering program. Lydia Circle has the program; Dorcas Circle is hostess; Sarah Circle has hospitality; and Lydia Circle has visitation at TR Care Center. All ladies are welcome to come & spend one hour with us.

If you would like to change circle because of time or date, now is the time to do this. We will have new booklets for the coming year. If any changes, please call the church office or 681-2473.

Lutheran World Relief pickup is Nov. 2. A huge thank you to our quilting ladies & all who have donated &

helped assemble our Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits & School Kits. Also, for your soap donations as many of these kits require 2 bath-size bars each. We will report our shipment later.

Zion ladies have purchased a microwave for the small kitchen upstairs.

Happy Thanksgiving! We have much to be thankful for with all that God has given us.



President's Message

Millie Reierson

We had a very successful Consecration Sunday. Thank you to all who have submitted pledge cards for the upcoming year. If you have not filled out a pledge card, they are still available at the church office. Thank you to all who have kept up their pledges for this year. Your generosity allows us to keep doing God's mission.

A matter of great concern is the dwindling attendance at our worship services over the past few years. We are working with the Synod and the ELCA to develop a program for Zion to revitalize our congregation. Pastor Keith Zeh gave an overview of some programs that we could try. We have invited him back on Tuesday evening, November 12th at 6 PM to give us a more in-depth look at our options. The congregation is invited to attend.

Looking forward: Zion will host the Thanksgiving eve service at 7 PM on November 27th; Advent starts on Sunday, December 1st and the Spirit of Giving will be on Saturday, December 7th.

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

Millie Reierson

Pledge Cards Available in Church Office

If you haven't done so already, please turn in your pledge card for 2014. They are available in the church office.

Thanks.



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes October 15, 2013

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reierson at 7:00 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reierson, Pastor John Golv, Ginny Armstrong, Connie Hamre, Deb Fulton, Jay Krogstad, Joel Rude, Kristi Numedahl and Tim Numedahl.

President Millie called the meeting to order and Pastor Golv gave devotions.

The September 17, 2013 secretary's minutes were presented. Ginny Armstrong made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Joel Rude seconded the motion and it was approved and carried.

Ginny Armstrong presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted and filed for audit. She asked that each board prepare their budget and turn it in to her before the next meeting.

Pastor Golv thanked Connie Hamre and Amber Holtan for the nice job they did on Consecration Sunday.

President Millie presented information regarding the "Re-rooting in God's Mission" process. There was some discussion and the consensus was more information is needed before a decision can be made. Pastor Golv will check with Pastor Zeh to find out if he can come back on November 3rd or 5th to further educate us on the program and to present more information on other options.

Stewardship Board: The minutes for the October 1st board meeting were submitted. Connie Hamre reported that they served 116 on Consecration Sunday.

Worship Board: Deb Fulton said the minutes from their October 1st meeting have been submitted. Millie reminded her that Advent begins the first Sunday in December so families are needed to light the candles.

Youth and Education Board: The October 1st minutes have been submitted. Jay Krogstad reported that new rotation for Sunday school will start October 20th.

10/20 – Flapjacks for Faith

End of Oct - Harvest Festival

11/23 – Youth gathering in Alexandria at Arrowwood

12/15 – Flapjacks for Faith

Properties Board: The minutes for the October board meeting were submitted. Millie asked Joel Rude to set a date to put up the Christmas trees.

Fellowship Board: Kristi Numedahl reported that the board has met twice. They are working on the booklets and they are close to complete.

Evangelism & Lay Ministry: Minutes from October 8th meeting submitted by Deb Holtan.

Public Relations Board: Minutes from October 1st meeting submitted by Deb Howe.

Pastors Report: Pastor Golv's report for October was submitted. He said Revelations Bible study has begun and there are 21 people in the class.

Pastor Ale is at Luther Seminary this week. He is on the Candidacy Committee.

President Millie reported that on 10/20 at Trinity at 4:00 will be the Celebration of God's Mission and the Reaffirmation of Ministry of the Re-election of a Synodical Bishop of Bishop Larry Wohlrabe. She reminded everyone that information for the newsletter is due to Darlene Hulteen by Friday.

The next board meetings will be November 5th and the next Parish Planning Council meeting will be held November 19th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Pam Cwikla, Secretary

Fellowship Board

The Fellowship Board is working on the Sharing Servants booklet for the next two years. For those new to the congregation, Sharing Servants are responsible for greeting and ushering at services, serving coffee on Sunday mornings between services, working at potlucks, and serving at funerals or providing cake or bars in unable to work.

We ask you to sign up for one month during the year. A short meeting with the chairperson for the month is held between services the month prior to your scheduled month to help. Those who do not sign up for a month ill be assigned one. Snowbirds are asked to take a month that they will be in town. If anyone is physically unable to help, please let us know so we can take your name off the list.

Anyone wanting to switch to a different month should do so now as the books will be printed mid November.

If any of you no longer has a landline, please contact the office by phone or email with your number so we can contact you.

For changes or to sign up, contact Kittie Cornell at 681-3449, Kristi Numedahl at 681-6139, Judy Melby at 681-7194 or Sheryl Melin at 683-0069. Thank you for your help.

YOUTH NEWSLETTER November 2013 Events

Junior High Youth Gathering

Who: 6-8 grade

What: Gathering of NWMN Synod Junior High Youth for a night of FUN, DANCING and learning more

Where: Arrowwood Resorts, Alexandria, MN

When: November 23

Full payments need to be to Jay NO LATER than November 4 at noon.



**No Confirmation on November 27
Thanksgiving**

Flapjacks for Faith

November 17

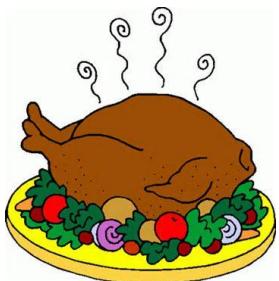
Sign up if you would like to make money for your IFA Accounts. Big things are coming Zion's way soon.



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If you would like to donate:

- Krusteaz Box/Bag Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Butter Pad/Sticks
- Sausage Links
- Orange/Apple/Cranberry Concentrate



70+ Dinner

November 24

We are in need of Volunteers for this event.

It is a 9th Grade Servant Event, so 9th graders start signing up. Anyone can sign up to help though.

Shifts are:

2:00-4:30
4:30-7:00
5:00-8:30

Also, we need families to Roast Turkeys for this event.

Sign up Outside Jays Office ASAP