

From Pastor John
Look up Isaiah 9:1-7

Hebrew Interpretation

Isaiah 9:1 – 4 is the first reading for January 26, the Third Sunday of Epiphany. These verses will be familiar to anyone who observes Christmas in a Christian Church.

There is a style of preaching that I have never tried, in which the preacher explicates the whole reading (usually the Gospel) verse by verse. That will be the style for this article.

Context – Israel in 734 and 732 had lost wars. Several areas of Israel had been annexed as portions of Assyria. Zebulun and Naphtali were such areas carved out of Israel. These losses made people wonder: had God abandoned Israel to its enemies? These verses answer that question. Verses 1-7 are in the form of a poem.

Verses 1 & 2: There are good reasons for happiness: “gloom” and “anguish” are past. These two verses promise a reversal of fortune for the conquered areas. God’s promise is that those redeemed will rejoice in the saving action of God. There was darkness before, now there is light. This is God’s doing.

Verses 3, 4 and 5: Here the prophet is again speaking of God, who alone increases the size of the nation and achieves the final victory over Assyria. “... the day of Midian” refers to Gideon’s military victory over the Midianites, which God had promised him. That interesting story is in Judges 7. The poetic language is unmistakable: God’s joyful abundance and God’s victory prevail.

Verse 6: Look up Psalm 2:7 for another reference to the son. This verse celebrates the enthronement of the redeemer/liberator/military leader, who will regain lost territory for Israel.

Verse 7: This verse confirms the prophetic character of verses 1-7.

Christian Interpretation

Context – Jesus was born in Bethlehem, of the house and lineage of King David.

Christians have long seen this passage as a prophetic witness to Jesus Christ. The redeemer is the Redeemer, long promised in prophecy. The matter of faith for Christians is not whether God has abandoned Israel to its enemies, but that God has promised to send his Son, a king from the family of David, who will alone be worthy of the titles in verse 6, “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Look up Matthew 4:12-23, the Gospel reading for January 26.

Martin Luther said that Jesus Christ is proclaimed on every page of the Bible.

With you in Christ’s service,
Pastor John Golv



Silver Creek News

Church council will meet after services on the 23rd of February.

Anyone that was not able to attend the annual meeting in January can pick up an annual report at the church.

Lets hope that the weather will allow us to have a break February so we can get our quilting started. The ladies plan to meet after church on 16th for their meeting and quilting. Program booklets for the new year are on the back table at church.



President's Message

Millie Reierson

Greetings! I hope this winter hasn't been too overwhelming for you. I often wonder why God didn't make the whole world the same temperature year round but, then what would we have to talk about?

There are plenty of things happening at Zion to keep us busy. Jay has lots of activities planned for the youth, and he could use some help with adult supervision for some of these outings. Our Sunday school program is moving along nicely but, we could use more directly involved with the children. Our choirs could always use more voices. And our worship services could use more congregants. Ask a neighbor or co-worker or a friend if they would come to church with you some Sunday. Our boards for the church can always use more members. Our Youth/Christian Education board will be down to one member this summer at the end of our year. Please give prayer, thought and consideration when someone from the nominating committee calls you.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ken Kalsnes as our third vice-president for the Parish Planning Council. He is filling the vacancy left by Duane Morey.

Thank you to everyone who helped us come in over budget for 2013 and please continue your support in 2014.

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

Millie Reierson

President

Did you Know?

- February is Feed the Birds Month.
- National Jell-O Week is February 6 – 12
- February 12 is Paul Bunyan Day.
- Some celebrate February as – Spunky Old Broads Month
- February is the only month when there may not be a full moon.
- Native Americans in the Great Lakes region call a full moon February 28 a Snow Moon because of the heavy snowfalls at this time of year.

Women of Zion will meet February 11, at 12:00 noon. The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 AM. Circle Leader Bible Study will follow the meeting. All women of Zion are invited to attend.

Quilters will meet Tuesday afternoons starting January 21.

Women over 80 years of age, please remember to stop by the church office and pick up a form to get you started on your memories for our May brunch.

Duties for February

- Program – Anna
- Hostess – Esther
- Hospitality – Rebekah
- Visitation - Delivery of carnations to shut-ins

Lenten Supper Schedule

- March 5 Ash Wednesday - Anna
- March 12- Dorcas
- March 19 - Rebekah
- March 26 - Elizabeth
- April 2 - Esther
- April 9 - Sarah
- April 16 - No Service
- April 17 - Seder Meal – Lydia



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes January 14, 2014

The Parish Planning Council was called to order by President Millie Reierson at 7:00 PM. In attendance: President Reierson, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Deb Holtan, Connie Hamre, Ginny Armstrong, Deb Howe, Karen Thygeson, Kristi Numedahl, Muriel Olin, Jay Krogstad and Tim Numedahl.

Pastor John began the meeting with devotions.

Pastor Ale reported that Lenten Services will use the Holden Village Evening Prayers.
Pastor John presented his report. He will attend continuing education at the end of January at Luther Seminary.
The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Ken Kalsnes was approved by the Council to fill the vacancy left by Duane Morey as third vice-president.

Muriel Olin and Tim Numedahl presented a request for a donation of an electronic bulletin board for the east wall of the Narthex by the elevator. The matter was discussed, but not enough information was available to bring the matter to a vote. Tim will research the questions and report back to the Council.

Youth/Christian Ed: has a concern that all members except one will have their terms expire at the end of June.

The budget for 2014 was reviewed and discussed. Connie Hamre made a motion to accept the proposed budget and present it at the annual meeting on January 26. Deb Holtan seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 after the Lord's Prayer.
Millie Reierson, President

Youth Newsletter

K-5 Sledding Day



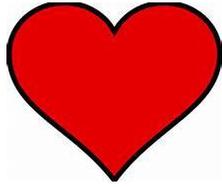
When: February 15, 2014
Where: Zion Lutheran Church
Who: K-5 Grade and Parents
Cost: Free

We will meet at Zion at 2:00 pm. We then will drive over to the sledding hill behind the armory. This is where I will need parents to help transport the children to and from. We will sled from 2:00 - 3:30 and then come back to Zion for Hot Chocolate and Hot Cider.

Senior High Youth Gathering

Who: 9 – 12 grade
What: Senior High Youth Gathering
Where – Youth Life's Castaway Club on Pelican Lake near Detroit Lakes
When: - Friday, March 21 – Sunday, March 23

Some hang out with ELA youth from around NWMN Synod. This will prepare you for what to expect at the NYG in Detroit. Plus it is a lot of fun. Come; dance the night away with Agape and Rachel Kurtz.



Youth Group Valentine's Day Party

February 12

This year we are going to do a little gathering. Please make a Valentine box like you used to in elementary school. Decorate it however you want. The best-decorated box gets a prize. Also, we will have a best-dressed category and most festive.

Ski Trip

Here are the details for the ski trip:

- Leave Saturday, February 22 at 7:00 am from Zion. Return Sunday around 6:00 pm
- \$25 deposit due by February 10
- Final Balance due on February 18
 - Lift Ticket with your own equipment - \$80.00
 - Tube - \$80.00
 - Ski Rental and Lift Ticket - \$90.00
 - Board Rental and Life Ticket - \$115.00

Jay has a sign-up sheet outside his office. Need to have forms filled out and to Jay by February 18. Thanks

More info on sheet on Jay's Board

Important Dates

- February 2 – Kids Sabbath - Flapjacks for Faith
- February 10 – Deposit due for ski trip
- February 12 – Youth Group Valentine's Day Party
- February 14 – Valentine's Day
- February 15 – Sledding Day
- February 18 – All money due for ski trip
- February 22 - 23 – Ski trip to Buena Vista
- February 28 – Deadline for SHYG