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## **The Spirit This Summer**

Look up Acts 2:1-21

Christians at Zion will celebrate Pentecost on June 8.

At worship that day we will hear the Word of God from several places in the Bible, first from Acts chapter 2. It is possible only to approximate the reality of God's Holy Spirit. In Acts the Spirit appears as a mighty wind, and divided tongues, as of fire. Jesus called the Holy Spirit of God the Advocate, the Comforter, the one who helps our memories (John 14:26).

The point from the Scripture is that the Spirit is always with us, always assuring us of God's presence.



I was asked once to do devotions at a Boy Scout Camp. The day came and it was so windy outside that I could barely shout above it. I left my prepared remarks in the car. The only thing to do under the circumstances was to try to teach the boys one Old Testament Hebrew word, *ruach*. "*Ruach*" means "wind" or "spirit."

It is the Gospel to say that the Holy Spirit is Jesus' promise to us.

It is as close to us as the wind. It is with us to pray for us when we cannot (Romans 8:26). Martin Luther taught that it is the Spirit of God which calls, gathers, and enlightens the whole Christian Church on earth, keeping it united with Jesus Christ (the Small Catechism).

Once a year we celebrate the gift of the Spirit, this year on June 8. In fact we could celebrate this gift every Sunday, because the Spirit comes to us every Sunday in the Word, spoken and heard, and in the sacraments, tasted, witnessed, and felt.

In other words, God is with us wherever we are.

May God bless you and yours this spring and summer.

Pastor John

# **This Newsletter is Going Digital**



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Beginning with the September, 2014 issue, Zion's newsletter will be available in two forms.

The entire newsletter will always be available on Zion's web site: [www.ziontrf.org](http://www.ziontrf.org). Each month an email will be sent to remind people that the newsletter is available.

The entire newsletter will always be available on paper for anyone who wishes to receive it through the post office.

Please notify the church office if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter by mail.

## **President's Message** **Millie Reiersen**



Greetings friends in Christ!

It is summer and things are as busy as ever at Zion. There are many activities and opportunities for one and all throughout the summer. Besides our regular worship service at 8:30 Sunday mornings, there will be Wednesday evening services called Food-Faith-Fun.

Kids will be heading to camp throughout the summer, and Vacation Bible School will be held with Redeemer.

Our prayer shawl ministry will continue once a month.

Sunday, June 22nd, will be our combined worship with Silver Creek followed by potluck. Our Natural Church Development (NCD) committee will continue their work, and you need to keep them in your prayers.

We are looking for a new custodian; we need some new wedding coordinators; we would like to train more folks on the audio/video equipment in the church. Our boards need new members, so give prayerful consideration to serving if someone from the nominating committee calls.

God has been generous to us, and we need to be good stewards of His generosity and help to keep God's gospel alive at Zion! God's Blessings to each and every one of you! See you in church!

Millie Reiersen

## Summer Worship Schedule

**Sunday, May 25 – Labor Day** - One service – 8:30 AM

**Wednesday Service – June 4 – August 27**

Catered Meal – 5:30 PM

Worship – 6:15 – 7:00 PM

**Silver Creek – Sunday Worship – 10:00 A**

**Sunday, June 22 – Outdoor Service at Silver Creek – 10:00 – Potluck after service**

## ZLCW News



Women  
of the  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
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IN AMERICA

- WELCA Bible Study for June will be a 6:00 pm supper at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Check bulletin for date.
- July Bible Study will be a 12:00 lunch at Zion on July 8. Guests will be Trinity, Redeemer, Silver Creek, and Black River Lutheran Churches.
- August Bible Study will be at Trinity Lutheran Church with a 9 :00 am brunch. Check bulletin for date.
- The 27th convention of the Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization will be held Friday, Sept. 12th and Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN. On Friday, September 12, delegates check in at 2:00 pm. Registration continues to 5:00. The theme this year is, " We Are Called." Registration forms are in the church office. This form is due by August 10th for delegates and by August 15th for non-delegates.
- Items are always needed for kits, such as sheets or large pieces of fabric for quilting, baby items, etc. Garage sales are a good place to find them.
- Reminder--WELCA Executive Board meeting, is June 10, at 9:00 am, to plan the menu for the July Bible Study

## Food – Faith – Family New Traditions Summer Services

Wednesdays - June 4 - August 27

- 5:30 - Light Supper catered by David Lee
- 6:15 – 7:00 - New Traditions Service



## Silver Creek News

We are looking forward to our joint church service with Zion on June 22nd. This will be at our regular time 10:00 AM at Silver Creek. We hope to have the service outdoors along with a potluck picnic. This is a good time to get acquainted with more of the Zion congregation.

We will not have a council meeting in June but have it scheduled for July 13th following services. The schedule for mowing the churchyard is on the back bulletin board, and there are lots of weeks still open. The men of the congregation are working on getting the drain from the kitchen working and will have a workday when seeding is completed. The women of the church will not meet during the summer months. We are encouraged to join the ladies from Zion, Redeemer, and Trinity in TRF for fellowship and bible study in June, July and August. Please check your program booklet for cleaning schedule during the summer months. Summer is a busy time for all families, but remember our regular services continue at 10:00 AM each Sunday throughout the church year.

[www.ziontrf.org](http://www.ziontrf.org)

The Public Relations Board is in the process of updating the church website. Jodi Bergman has again joined the PR board to help with the process. Chris Ellison has also agreed to help design and update our present website.

Please check out the Zion site at [ziontrf.org](http://ziontrf.org) and let the PR board know if you feel that something needs to be added to the site.

Remember the church newsletter is available on the site each month and in September will replace the paper copy. – If you want to continue receiving a paper copy, please notify the church office.



### Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes May 20, 2014

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 7:00 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Amber Holtan, Ginny Armstrong, Deb Holtan, Ken Kalsnes, Jay Krogstad, Sharon Jorde, Connie Hamre, Deb Howe, Tim Numedahl, Kristie Numedahl, and Joel Rude.

President Reiersen reminded the Council that newsletter items are due this week. This will be the last newsletter until September.

Jodi Bergman gave a presentation to the Council on Zion's website. The information is outdated so she is in the process of updating the data. President Reiersen requested that every board chairperson review the website and submit their board updates to Dilene.

Jay Krogstad gave devotions.

A motion was made by Ginny Armstrong to accept the Council minutes of April 15, 2014; seconded and carried.

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

**Public Relations Board:** Deb Howe reported that the New Traditions Wednesday night service notice is being prepared to submit to the Times. Jamie Bakken has created a poster so Deb will contact her and coordinate their information. Deb reminded the Council that Zion is responsible for Falls Delivered Meals the week of June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>. The May 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes have been submitted.

**Evangelism & Lay Ministry:** Deb Holtan commented that the Good Friday prayer vigil didn't go as well as hoped but said they will be better prepared next year. She said they met with the Fellowship Board and discussed the summer Wednesday night services. They are coordinating their work on the services. Deb said the New Tradition's committee will be called "Passionate Planners" and their theme is "Follow the Cross, not the crowd!"

Deb said there are more prayer shawls ready to be blessed shortly. The response has been excellent. The class schedule for the summer is the second Thursday of each month but in August it will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>. President Reiersen said it was announced at the Synod Assembly that over 800 prayer shawls have been made throughout the Synod. She suggested that Deb report Zion's numbers to the Synod to be included in the count.

**Youth and Education Board:** Amber Holtan reported that Sunday school is done for the year. She said the year went well and the program was successful. They plan to continue with the same program next year. Amber said Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Redeemer.

Jay Krogstad reported that he is only \$60 away from his \$800 goal to buy kayaks and is confident that he will reach the goal this Sunday. He will purchase the kayaks next week, display them at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> worship services, and then deliver them to Pathways. Jay will be at camp most of the summer but he has events planned for Zion's youth as follows:

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Movie night

June 30<sup>th</sup> – BBQ at Hartz Park

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Senior High Beach Day

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck at Redeemer for Vacation Bible School and Pathways staff

Jay said there will be seven Pathway's staff members here the week of Bible School so he would like a volunteer to take them out to dinner or to serve them dinner one evening.

Jay said he needs someone to drive some kids to camp because there are too many to all fit in the van. Amber said she may be able to drive.

Jay reported there are seven youth from Zion going to the National Youth gathering. He said a few other churches are requesting to go with Zion.

**Properties Board:** Joel Rude reported that he received 40 padded chairs for the fellowship hall. President Reiersen said she will stencil them. Joel said the window shade quote has been approved and the security system will be installed.

Joel reported that the custodial position is open. He said the hours need to be reviewed. The position currently pays for 20 hours per week at \$15,000 annually. He also said Bob Nelson has requested to cut his hours to the 8:30 service only so we need someone to run the audio equipment for the other services and weddings and funerals.

**Fellowship Board:** Kristi Numedahl reported that the Fellowship Board met with the Evangelism Board to discuss the Wednesday night worship services and said they are working together on it.

**Worship Board:** Sharon Jorde reported that the board met May 6<sup>th</sup>. She said they discussed the results of Lenten services and what improvements can be made for next year. She said they also discussed the upcoming Wednesday night services. There will be communion at every Wednesday night service so Carol Narverud will make more bread.

Ken Kalsnes reported on the plans for the summer Wednesday night services at Zion. The theme is “Food, Faith, and Family”. He presented the agenda to the Council. Ken said they will be ordering T-shirts soon with the motto “Follow the Cross” on the front and “Not the Crowd” on the back. The shirts may be worn at Wednesday services and will be worn for the Pennington County fair parade.

Ken suggested that a fund be set up to help defray expenses encountered for the Wednesday night services. The funds could also be used for expenses incurred with the Natural Church Development program. It was recommended by President Reiersen to table the proposal until guidelines for the fund could be developed and presented at the next Council meeting. (Name of fund, purpose, who’s in charge of fund, etc.)

**Stewardship Board:** Connie Hamre said their board will not meet until July.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Ale reported that he attended the Silver Creek Council meeting. They would like to know what each church will provide for the Zion/Silver Creek joint service on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sharon Jorde will contact either Sharon Russell or Bev Rupprecht and work it out.

Pastor Ale said he will be attending classes at Mt. Carmel from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> and then he will take vacation from July 7 – 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Golv reported that Wi-Fi has been installed at Zion. Extenders have also been installed but adjustments are being made to allow access throughout the church.

Pastor Golv attended the Synod Assembly May 16-17 and reported that it was excellent. He reported that the ELCA NW MN campaign goal is \$4.75-million.

He read the results of Zion’s Natural Church Development Survey. The survey is a guide for Zion to improve on our weaknesses and to uphold our strengths. Another survey will be completed later to monitor our progress.

Pastor Golv reported that all three wedding coordinators are retiring so all three positions need to be filled.

President Reiersen asked that each board chairperson bring a list to the next Council meeting of the board members who will remain on their board.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. A light supper will be served.

The meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Pam Cwikla, Secretary



## Falls Delivered Meals

**June 30 – July 4**

If you can deliver meals any or all of these days, please call Darlene Hulteen at 689-8921.

*Yes, meals will be delivered on July 4.*

## Youth Newsletter



### Pathways @ The Park

**Who:** Anyone going to Camp

**Where:** Good Shepard, Moorhead

**When:** Wed. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Jay has 8 spots available to attend this blessing of the 2014 Pathways Camp Staff. You get to hang out with the new summer staff and get to know them before you go. We will leave Zion on the 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:15. If you would like to attend. please contact Jay @ church to sign up. Space is limited

## Youth Group



This summer Zion will be holding Middle School and Senior High Youth Group events.

**June 4** - Pathways @ The Park

**June 16** -- Movie Night @ Zion

**June 30** – BBQ at Hartz Park

**July 16** – Parade Float Building

**July 22** – Senior High Beach Day

**August?** – Fun Day

**Fundraiser** – All Summer Long

## Pathways VBS

**Date:** July 27 – 31

**Time:** 9:00 – 3:00

**Location:** Redeemer Lutheran Church

Again this summer, we have the privilege of having Pathways come to Thief River Falls to do a Day Camp again for us

We are looking for adults and 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth to help with this. Times are 9-3 Mon-Thurs. We will be taking the kids to the park and other events which adult supervision is always best. Please sign up to help one day. We will be in charge of lunch for the counselors (7 people) on Tuesday and Thursday of that week. If you can provide a lunch for them or donate something for snack time, that would be awesome.

## Camp Transportation

The dates listed below are the weeks Zion will provide transportation to and from camp. We ask \$10 to cut down on cost of gas. Please call Jay to discuss times of drop off and pick up for these dates.

**June 8 – 13 –**

Elementary Classic – Grades 4-5

Middle School Classic – Grades 6-7

**June 18 – 20**

Elementary Minis – Grades 2-3

**June 22 – 27**

Junior High Classic – Grades 8-9



**July 6 – 11**

High School - Graduated

**July 27 – 31**

VBS/Day Camp