



October 2014

Read I Thessalonians 5:16-17

Pray. Rejoice.

Sometimes this verse is quoted humorously as a parent comes to terms with a new driver in the family. A mother or father might say, “I now know what ‘pray without ceasing’ really means.”

To some, this may look impossible. They may say, “Who can do this? Who can pray without ceasing?”

Mildred (not her real name) understands this with complete seriousness. She was diagnosed with M.S. early in life. Before she was thirty she was institutionalized as a quadriplegic. She said, “I can’t do very much, but I can pray.” And she did. Constantly. For friends. For people she cared for. For people she resented. For people who would never talk to her. This was her way of living a faithful Christian life.

Look again at the two-word verse 16: “Rejoice always.” Who can do that? Many of the realities of life argue against it. But Donald (not his real name) sees more than enough reason to rejoice. Learn even a little about him and you would never guess how grateful he is, always, in the face of all kinds of adversity. How is it possible to rejoice always? Count your blessings, as Donald does. It may help to write them down. Start counting, and it is impossible not to rejoice, always.

Susan (not her real name) was often advised to “have daily devotions.” She knew that everyone who said so meant well. It was and is good advice in living a faithful Christian life. She quite honestly felt that good as it was, it didn’t fit her life very well. So she said, “I don’t have devotions. I live devotionally.”

Susan may well be on to something. Having devotions is faithful way to live. Leading a devotional life is a faithful way to live. Some (many) do both.

Either way, pray. Rejoice.

Blessings,
Pastor John Golv

ZLCW NEWS



We will be redoing the Circle booklets, so if there are any changes to be made, please let Sharon or JoAnn know as soon as possible.

Lutheran World Relief pickup will be November 8, 2014, 8:00 until noon. We are always in need of items for kits and quilts.

Our November meeting will be our Thankoffering service.

Duties for November: Program – Elizabeth, Hostess – Rebekah, Hospitality – Dorcas, Visitation - Esther at TR Care Center

All women are welcome to attend.



President's Message

Millie Reiersen

Greetings friends in Christ!

I hope everyone has his track shoes on! We are going full speed ahead with the fall schedule.

October 12 will be the first Children's Sunday with Flapjacks for Faith too. Many thanks to Amber Holtan and our Sunday school staff for all they do with our young people.



October 19 will be Stewardship Sunday. We need as much participation as possible from every member of Zion. Please come to the free dinner after church and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to the Stewardship Board for their hard work to put this day together.

October 26 is Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday. We have nineteen candidates for Confirmation this year.

These are the special days besides the normal activities that occur at Zion. God bless each and every person who volunteers their time and talents to making Zion a successful messenger of God's love and mercy.

God has been generous to us and we need to be good stewards of His generosity and help keep God's gospel alive at Zion!

See you in church!
Millie Reiersen



Silver Creek News

Fall is a beautiful time of the year and being in a farming community we are reminded daily of our blessings. Please join us on October 26th to show our appreciation for the blessings we have been showered with at Silver Creek for 115 years. In honor of our 115th, we will celebrate with the congregation on October 26th with a turkey dinner following church services. Please mark this on your calendar. The turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and dressing will be provided, please bring a dish to go along with this menu.



It is this Sunday that we will draw the winner of the quilt raffle. Remember to sell your tickets, as this is the only fundraiser we have planned.

We are checking into having a Christmas tree ornament made with the picture of the church to commemorate our 115 years of Christian service. We will be taking orders in hopes of having them by Christmas.

Church council will have its regular meeting following the church service on October 12th. Since the council has not met all summer, it is important that we have a good attendance.

The women of the church will meet on Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. The Bible study will be, "When God Says No."

Stewardship Sunday

October 19

Guest Speaker – Pastor Wollenzien

Lunch to Follow in Fellowship Hall

Reservations must be made by October 9 in the church office.

Feel the Spirit

Pastor Golv and Pastor Tulu will present a seven part sermon series on The Holy Spirit. Zion would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and join us. The series will start on Sunday, September 28 and will be presented at both 8:30 and 10:30.

The first in the series, which is on September 28, will feature, "Who is The Holy Spirit?" The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit - and is unpredictable. That means we don't know what the spirit is going to do or where the Holy Spirit is going to be. Often the Spirit surprises us in exciting and wonderful ways.

The second in the series, which is October 5, will discuss, "The Stirring Spirit." The Holy Spirit is a person, not a power supply, not a ghost (Holy Ghost), nor a glorified energy field. We must relate to the Spirit beyond our five sense of seeing, touching, tasting, hearing and smelling. So, we have this Spirit dwelling in us, a gift of our baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Feel the Spirit move you at Zion Lutheran Church

Please join us!

When:

Sept 28: Who is the Holy Spirit?
Oct. 5: Stirring Spirit
Nov. 2: Renewing Spirit
Nov. 9: Comforting Spirit
Nov. 23: Gifting Spirit
Nov. 30: Sanctifying Spirit
Dec. 7: Inspiring & Empowering Spirit



Time: 8:30 am *Traditional service*

10:30 am *New Traditions service*



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes September 16, 2014

The Council met at 5:30 pm for a lunch prior to the meeting.

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reierson at 6:00 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reierson, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Ken Kalsnes, Penni Nelson, Tim Numedahl, Sharon Jorde, Jay Krogstad, Ginny Armstrong, Karen Thygeson, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan, Deb Howe, and Joel Rude.

Millie presented the devotions which had been prepared by Jay.

A motion was made by Connie Hamre and seconded by Ken Kalsnes to accept the August 19th Parish Planning Council minutes as presented. The motion carried.

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

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson reported that Jay and the confirmands will have a retreat at Silver Creek on September 21st. She commented that their congregation has been encouraged to attend Zion on Mission Sunday to hear Rev. Johan Hinderlie. Penni said the Silver Creek ladies will be serving muffins at the Cluster Meeting at Zion on September 27th. She said their September council meeting was moved to October. Penni reported that their quilt raffle tickets are available. The drawing will be Oct. 26th. Millie said they can sell the raffle tickets between Zion's services.

New Traditions: Ken Kalsnes reported that the new blender is missing. Millie donated one to be used until the new one is returned or replaced. A notice will be put in the bulletin requesting that it be returned.

Fellowship Board: Kristi Numedahl was not present but Tim reported that there is a van driver to pick up those that need a ride to church.

Properties Board: Board meeting minutes were submitted. Joel Rude reported that the market analysis for the properties adjacent to the church has been returned. He asked the council for guidance on how much to offer Mr. Annenson for the property. After some discussion, Ken Kalsnes made a motion to offer \$75,000 to Mr. Annenson. The motion was seconded by Deb Holtan and carried.

Worship Board: Board meeting minutes were submitted. Sharon Jorde reported that they have been discussing the results and future of the Wednesday night services. She commented that a pianist is still needed for the choir.

Public Relations Board: Board minutes were submitted. Deb Howe reported that the website is being updated and seems to be going well.

Millie reminded everyone that items for the newsletter are to be submitted to Darlene Hulteen by noon on Friday, 9/19.

Stewardship Board: Connie Hamre reported that a letter was mailed last week to all parishioners regarding Stewardship Sunday which will be October 19th. She also said that on the first Sunday of each quarter, sign-up sheets will be available at both services for Simply Giving. Connie said cards will be available in pews for people who are participating in Simply Giving to put into the offering plate each week.

Evangelism & Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reported that new member Sunday will not be in November due to the “Feel the Spirit Move You” series starting this fall. She said a sign will be out front soon pertaining to the 7-part series. She also reported that members may have Christmas photos taken at Zion on October 18-19. There is no charge for the sitting but they will be required to fill out an assessment form. Deb said blessing the prayer shawls will be in October.

Youth and Education Board: The board minutes were submitted. Deb Holtan reported on behalf of Amber Holtan. Amber requested that a reminder be printed in the bulletin and announced at church that the newsletter is not being mailed out and that people can go online to read it. Amber also requested that a cleaning day be scheduled to clean the Sunday School rooms. There is too much stuff left in the rooms. Amber said the carnival event went well and all the teacher positions have been filled.

Jay Krogstad reported that they will be doing Flapjacks for Faith. He said that Zion will be on its own next year for Day Camp. Jay reported that the 70+ dinner will be held November 23rd. Sunday School teacher appreciation will be held next Sunday which is also Mission Sunday. He requested that communion be moved from the Sept. 21 to Sept. 28 because of Mission Sunday. He reported that Confirmation starts Sept. 17th and presented the Confirmation Guidelines which each confirmand will sign.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ale reported that the Mission Committee met last week regarding the fee for Rev. Johan Hinderlie. He said the fee does not go to Rev. Hinderlie but goes to the China Mission. The only pay for Hinderlie is for his mileage. The Committee decided to give \$1000 to the China Mission.

Pastor John submitted his report. He said he has one week of vacation remaining and will use it the week of October 5-13.

Millie expressed her appreciation for everything the Council has done and for everyone's support and hard work.

Millie read a letter of resignation from Dilene Spielman. There was discussion regarding filling Dilene's position and if the position should be split. The Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, 9/22, at noon at Zion to discuss options. It was also suggested that hiring an accounting firm to handle quarterly and year-end reporting may be an option.

Tim Numedahl requested information on how many newsletters are being mailed out and how many hits on the website. It will be looked into.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be held October 21st at 6:00. A light supper will be served before the meeting at 5:30.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

September Youth Newsletter

2nd Grade Bible Class



The 2nd Grade class again will meet in October to receive their bibles. Every Sunday in October the class will go through the bible learning specific verses and stories. Zion gives the parents the opportunity to literally place the bible in their child's hands. Classes are Oct. 5, 12, 19 and they receive their bibles at the 8:30 service on the 26th.

FLAPJACKS FOR FAITH

When: October 12th, 2014

Who: Everyone Welcome

What: FOOD

We again this year will be having FFF every 5th Sunday. It will be on the same day at the Kid Sabbath services. If you would like to work at this you have until October 6th to let me know. It is an opportunity to get money into your IFA accounts for camp and retreats.



National Youth Gathering Information

This month we will take out **\$150.00** from IFA accounts. Make sure your money is UP TO DATE and you are fundraising.

Confirmation Class

Reminder that we do not have class on the 15th of October due to Education Minnesota weekend. We also have small group. Make sure you are attending class and prepared for what needs to be done.

K-5 Event

This will be a Halloween party with NO COSTUMES. CANDY EVERYWHERE. Jay will pick up the kids from Challenger at 3 and then parents can pick their kids up from Zion at 5. Parents need to sign a permission slip before the event that is good for the entire year and let Jay know if he will be picking up your child. Please let Jay know by the Thursday Oct 23rd before the event. Thanks

Who: Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

What: K-5 Event 3-5 pm

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, TRF

When: Monday October 27th, 2014

Dates

Oct 5th - 2nd Grade Bible Class

Oct 12th - 2nd Grade Bible Class

Flapjacks For Faith

Oct 15th - NO CONFIRMATION

Oct 19th - 2nd Grade Bible Class

Oct 22nd - Confirmation Pictures

Oct 25th - Confirmation Practice

Oct 26th - 8:30 2nd Grade Bible Presentation

10:30- Confirmation Day

Oct 27th - K-5 Halloween Party (NO COSTUMES)

The Passionate Planners



Kelsy DeFrang will be in Zion in the patio room on Saturday, October 18, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 19, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM taking free candid photography sittings of your family for Christmas cards. An additional date will be offered on November 9, from 12:00 AM to 4:00 PM. An access code will be provided through Wal-Mart so you can order any of the pictures that you choose. In return, all that will be asked of you is that you fill out a gift assessment form. This form will be used instead of the Time and Talents Sheets that Zion has used in the past.

This will take approximately 10-15 minutes of your time, so we ask that you arrive early for your session or plan to stay after. A sign up sheet will be located in the Narthex of the church.

The Evangelism and Lay Ministry Board



Faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see.

~ *Hebrews 11:1*