



The Color of Life

There is a time for everything and a season for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

Wow, fall! What a colorful and beautiful season. One of the things I love most about fall is watching trees change their color to orange, red and brown. Often as I travel along the road, where I find myself surrounded with these colorful trees, I get so fascinated with the work of nature and thank God for the beauty of creation.

Too bad that things don't last. Soon all these trees will drop their beautiful leaves and stand naked until spring comes and covers them with beauty again. This reminds me of Paul's message to the church in Corinth.

He said, "Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16.

Our life is like seasons that come and go. As we near the late evening of our life, we all began to lose our beauty and strength. But the word of God comforts us with a bright vision of new life. In the midst of our fading life, our heart longs for the spring of life to capture the beauty it lost.

May your life be colorful and pleasant in the sight of God and people, like beautiful fall trees. Amen.

Pastor Ale



President's Message

Millie Reiersen

Greetings friends in Christ!

After thirty-eight years of dedicated service to Zion Lutheran Church, we have to say farewell and God's speed to Dilene Spielman, our office manager. It is hard to sum up all that Dilene has done for Zion. She has been a source of information, a patient, dedicated worker and a friend. I hope you will join the Parish Planning Council in showing our appreciation on Sunday, December 7, after the 10:30 service with a potluck and a short program for Dilene and Paul.

The good news after the sad is that we have hired a new secretary, Linda Hamrick. She comes to us from DigiKey. Linda and her family live out by Angus, and she has thirteen years experience as a church secretary in Warren. Stop by the office, introduce yourself and make Linda feel welcome.

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!

See you in church!

Millie Reiersen

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. ~ Theodore Roosevelt



Silver Creek News

Thank you to all members for selling quilt raffle tickets. We once again had a successful raffle. The turkey dinner and 115th celebration was appreciated by all who attended. We will continue to sell Christmas ornaments made of pewter with picture of the church. The cost will be \$10.00 and will be here in time for Christmas. Please call Bev at 681-3103 if you would like some.

The ladies of the church will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 PM and would like to remind ladies to shake their Thankoffering boxes and bring them along to the meeting. Remember to mark your calendar for Dec. 14th for our annual Christmas Potluck and program following services.

Church council will meet on November 2, following services. Thank you to the men who fixed the plumbing problem in the kitchen. It was nice to have Confirmation Sunday in connection with our 115th celebration. It was very appropriate that Emma Rae Nelson be confirmed that day, as she was the youngest baptized member at our 100th anniversary.

In order to have the church decorated for Advent we will meet on Saturday, November 29, at 9:30. All help is welcome. Please come and get in on this special time to reflect on what Christmas is all about.

Wanted - A Few Good Men

Zion Men's Breakfast group is again meeting 7:00 AM every Friday at Biff's. We have about ten regulars; however, not all make it every week due to scheduling conflicts. In fact, a couple weeks ago only five (that included two pastors) were able to make it!

Why not join us next week for some fellowship, breakfast, and a discussion of the next Sunday's Gospel.

ZLCW NEWS

ZLCW will meet November 11, at noon with our Thankoffering program. Remember to bring your containers with your offering. Elizabeth Circle has the program; Rebekah Circle is hostess; Dorcas Circle has hospitality; and Esther Circle has visitation at TR Care Center. All ladies are welcome to come and spend one hour with us.



Lutheran World Relief pickup is November 8. A huge thank you to our quilting ladies and all who have donated and helped assemble our Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and School Kits. Also, for your soap donations, as many of these kits require two bath-size bars each. We will report our shipment later.

‘Tis the Season of Stewardship and Gratitude Share Yours With Us

If you are a Thrivent Financial member with Choice Dollars to direct, you can help our church continue with its ministry here and reach out to the greater community.

Simply direct Choice Dollars to Zion. We plan to divide these grant funds between Zion Youth and ZLCW.

You can make your direction online at Thrivent.com or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice," after the prompt.

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program lets eligible Thrivent Members recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable dollars are distributed. So far this year churches nationwide have received more than 23 million in charitable grant funds as a result of the Thrivent Choice program. Zion received over \$4900 in

Choice Dollars in 2013

To see if you are eligible or have questions, call Thrivent toll-free at 800-847-4836.



Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
October 21, 2014

The Parish Planning Council was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 5:30 PM. In attendance: President Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Deb Holtan, Connie Hamre, Jay Krogstad, Sharon Jorde, Tim Numedahl, Kristi Numedahl, Ginny Armstrong, Ken Kalsnes, Amber Holtan, Deb Howe, Karen Thygeson and Penni Nelson.

Pastor John gave devotions.

The secretary's report was approved by a motion from Connie and a second from Amber.

The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Ginny made a motion to transfer funds from an account with Thrivent that has not received any interest since 2009 to an account at Northern State Bank that will draw interest.

Millie directed all board chairs to have their budget requests for 2015 ready for the November PPC meeting.

Natural Church Development presented samples of a pamphlet they are preparing about Zion.

Youth Education reported that 200+ were present for the first Children's Sunday. The next one will be November 16, and flapjacks will be extended to 12:30 for folks attending the second service. Operation Christmas Child will be done in conjunction with Newfolden this year. Any monetary donations will be used to defray shipping costs or to buy more supplies.

Silver Creek will have one student confirmed on Sunday, Oct 26th followed by a dinner for the congregation.

Parish Fellowship reported that there will be caroling on Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 PM. All are invited.

December 7, after second service there will a potluck dinner and program to say farewell and thank you to Dilene and Paul Spielman.

Stewardship Board reported that Stewardship Sunday went well. Pledges are up from last year. Board members will be signing people up for Simply Giving once a quarter.

Public Relations will demonstrate Zion's website at Fellowship hour on Sunday, November 23rd. They will start advertising Spirit of Giving, which will take place on Saturday, December 6.

Pastor Ale reported that Mission Sunday went very well. Pastor John requested that PPC meet at 7:00 PM in November due to scheduling conflicts.

Jay gave updates on National Youth Gathering, Confirmation and Second Grade Bibles. Youth will be selling Schwann's during November as a fundraiser. Jay also gave a short presentation on Mission Interpreter program from the Synod. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM after the Lord's Prayer.

Millie Reierson
President

Spirit of Giving

Saturday, December 6

Check bulletin or call church office for more details.



November Youth Newsletter

Fundraisers

Calendars

We still have wall calendars available. Stop by Jay's Office and get a couple. There is still money to be made for your IFA account.

Schwan's



The youth of Zion will be doing a Schwan's Fundraiser starting November 15th-December 31st. This means the youth will get a code that is just theirs and they will hand it out to people or pass it on however they feel. Then the person goes online and can order their products from the Schwan's website and put in that code to get the youth a portion of the profit. This is a free event, no buy in cost, just come to Jays office the week of Nov 10-14 and get your code to pass.

Confirmation

This month is going to be a little messed up due to youth only having 15 days of school in this month.

Nov 5th- NO Confirmation due to NO School

Nov 12th- Class 6-7:15

Nov 19th- Class 6-7:15

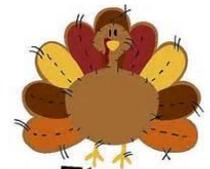
Nov 26th- NO Confirmation due to Thanksgiving Break

Middle School Youth Gathering in Alexandria

For those of you that have already registered AWESOME. The price now for registration is \$70.00. We will leave from Trinity Church on November 22nd at NOON and return to Trinity Sunday event between 6-7. Please make traveling arrangements for after the event. Thank you.

70+ Event

This is a 9th Grade service event. That means that the 9th graders are in charge of setting up, cooking, and cleaning for this event. We ask that the parents of the 9th Graders also help out during this time. It is a very big event for the church. The people at Zion donate a lot of money to the youth and this is a way that we the youth can give back to the people 70 years in age and older. Sign up is outside Jays Office. Also we ask that other youth and adults sign up to help either bake a pie or donate a turkey. Jay gets all the supplies we need for this event all you have to do is show up and make the food, set up the table, and clean it up. Event starts at 5:00 pm on November 23rd. Jay is out of town that day so he will not be able to be in attendance.



Happy Thanksgiving

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Again this year we will be having an operation Christmas Child packing party. Anyone is welcome to attend. It will be from 3:00-5:00 pm on November 12. We look forward to having you attend and help set these boxes to children in need. If you would like to donate money or some supplies please feel free to drop them off in one of our designated donation boxes around the church by November 10th. Thank You.

NYG 15

So we have 34 people registered from ZRT (Zion, Redeemer, Trinity) going to the National Youth Gathering. On November 15th I will be taking out another chunk of change. October was \$150 and this month will be \$200.00 make sure there is money in your IFA account. We have a lot of fundraisers coming up so please get in and start raising some money for your IFA account.

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*

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child boxes are ready for pick up. If you don't wish to fill a box, but would like to donate items, there are drop boxes throughout the church. Some examples would be: school supplies, personal hygiene items (no liquid), toys/games, socks, t-shirts, hair bands, or hard candy and bubble gum. Money is always welcomed as we can buy items to fill boxes or use it to help with shipping costs. We will be having a packing party with the Sunday school kids in the middle of November. We would like the boxes back to the church no later than November 10. Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child.

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

Join the senior choir!! – Meet Wednesday's at 6:45

Senior choir accompanist – Call Diane – 964-5034

People to run sound system, etc. for wedding and funerals

Tables for Ronald Macdonald House – Table outside office