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I John 4:7 (& 8)

*“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”*

I have childhood memories of this verse and the next. These verses were set to singable music so that young voices could belt it out for all to hear. The tune even ended with the chapter and verse reference so our young minds would never forget it. I never have forgotten I John 4:7 and 8.

Every now and then I am asked a question I am eager to answer. “Pastor, how does God show love in this world?” Ready answers are these: “God’s love is seen in people who forgive even when (nearly) everyone else sees little (or no) reason to forgive. God’s love is seen in people who love when (almost everyone) sees little or no reason to love. God’s love is seen in people who pray, in people who worship, in people believe themselves to be greatly blessed even if they have next to nothing or nothing at all.

In other words, God’s love is known in people who know and love and obey their Lord.

It has been said that a person need not be Christian to do good things for other people. My answer to that assertion is this verse. Our capacity to do what love requires is God’s gift to us. God is the reason we can love at all.

All genuine love comes from God.

It is often said (in contradiction to the New Testament) that God is power only, or that to know God is to know power. It is often said (incorrectly) that displays of awesome power most completely reveal God. On the contrary, God in Jesus Christ is revealed in self-sacrificial love, not in overwhelming displays of power.

Or, it is often said that God is fully and completely revealed in nature. On the one hand, this is partially correct. To begin to grasp God’s perfection look at a flower in bloom. It’s beautiful. It’s perfect. It makes us think of God’s perfection or God’s beauty or God’s majesty. It can certainly be said (correctly) that when we appreciate the wonders of nature, we get a glimpse of God. True enough, but all this is incomplete.

Nature is a miraculous wonder but it does not give us I John 4:7.

Have you seen God’s love active in this world? Look around. It’s everywhere to be seen.

Pastor John

## *New Members Received April 26*

*Jan Rabideaux*

*Rosalyn Sourdif*

*Jeff Stengrim*

*Laura Anderson*

*Ardis Foster*

### **President's Message**

**Millie Reiersen**

God's blessings to each and every member of our congregation!

Time is flying and it already May! What a busy month it is before summer. May 10th is Mother's Day, last day of Sunday school, Kids' Sunday, Senior Recognition Sunday and Miracle Sunday all rolled into one day!

The following weekend, May 16th and 17th, is Synod Assembly at Concordia. If you have never attended, please give consideration to being one of our delegates. Pastor Golv, Pastor Ale, Jay and I will be attending. Pastor John Wollenzien will be our guest pastor.

God bless each and every one of you as we continue Christ's mission to spread the Gospel to our community and our world.

See you in church!  
Millie Reiersen



**May 10**

**Mother's Day  
Last Day of Sunday School  
Kid's Sunday  
Senior Recognition Day  
Miracle Sunday**

## ZLCW NEWS



The women of Zion will meet Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00 AM for the Prayer Breakfast. Duties for May are: Program – Dorcas, Hostess – Rebekah, Hospitality – Anna, and Visitation - Elizabeth at TR Care Center. The executive board meeting will follow.



On August 11, The Women of Zion will host the Joint Bible Study at noon. Women from Trinity, Redeemer, Silver Creek, and Black River Churches will be our guests.

September 11-12, (Friday and Saturday - NW MN Synodical Women's Convention--Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN. The theme is "Joy." The speaker is Dawn Kaiser from Lake Park. The theme verse is Galatians 5:22 – *"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness."*

**Restructure your life to align with happiness.** If, after answering the question, "Am I happy?" you realize your happiness level needs to increase, then take the necessary steps. A place to start would be to become a student of happiness. That's exactly what **Dawn Kaiser, Lake Park, Minn.,** is doing this year. She has taken on the adventure of discovering joy in the journey and then sharing those "joy notes" with friends and family on her Facebook page. "I have learned so much about how to live joy-filled because I have been intentional in finding it in the everyday moments of life." Dawn says the top lesson she has learned about joy and happiness so far is that "the root of happiness is gratefulness," and that's why every day she writes down three things that she can be joyful/grateful for in her life. Her goal at the end of the year is to have 1,000 things written down in her journal of joy to give her encouragement for years to come. [Villagefamilymagazine.org](http://Villagefamilymagazine.org)



### Syttende Mai Dinner

May 13 - 5:00 - 7:00PM

\$12.00 - adults

\$5.00 - children age 10 and under.

#### Work schedule:

**Monday, May 11** - 9:00AM - Lefse making

**Tuesday, May 12** - 10:00AM

We will be making meatballs, potatoes, etc.

Please provide one worker from each circle for the day.

Please feel free to come and help any time, even if you are not scheduled to work.

### **Wednesday, May 13**

**9:00AM – Noon** - One person from each circle for the kitchen and one person from each circle to help set tables.

**4:30PM** - Clean-up - two people from each circle.

Thank you to all.

## **Summer Worship**

**Sunday Worship – 8:30 service only beginning June 7**

**Food – Faith – Family**  
Wednesday Evening Service

**June 10 – August 19**



**5:30 – FOOD** - Catered meal by David Lee and free will offering

**6:15 – FAITH** - Worship – Sermon will be from the following Sunday

**7:00 – FAMILY** Social

- June 24 – Family Fun Night
- July 22 – Reach Out Night
- August 5 – Pathways Night

**Please join us for Wednesday night worship and fellowship at Zion.**



**Zion Lutheran Church  
Parish Planning Council Minutes  
March 17, 2015**

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 5:30 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Joel Rude, Penni Nelson, Karen Thygeson, Deb Howe, Sharon Jorde, Jay Krogstad, Ginny Armstrong, Connie Hamre, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan.

Pastor Golv gave devotions.

A motion was made by Amber Holtan and seconded by Connie Hamre to accept the March 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Planning Council minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Ginny Armstrong presented a printed treasurer's report which was discussed and filed for audit.

**Properties Board:** Joel Rude said he submitted the request for elevator repairs which are estimated at \$11,000.

Millie requested a dumpster be available for the church cleaning on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Silver Creek:** Penni Nelson reported that spring cleaning and a pot luck will be held at Silver Creek on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Penni reported that Pathways is growing and doing well. She said they would like to broaden their services to include adults. Pathways will be having a quilt and art auction June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donations are being accepted.

**Public Relations Board:** Board minutes were submitted. Deb Howe reported that local bus service is available on Sundays. She will check into it and get more information.

**Worship Board:** Board meeting minutes were submitted. Sharon Jorde said that summer services will be held on Wednesdays.

**Stewardship Board:** Board minutes were submitted. Connie Hamre reported that Miracle Sunday will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth and Education Board:** Amber Holtan said they are getting ready for the Easter breakfast. She reported that confirmation will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and the faith statements are due the day before. There will be a retreat at Silver Creek on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Amber reported that a small group leader is still needed for confirmation classes.

Jay Krogstad presented his schedule and requested to take guitar lessons.

**Passionate Planners/Lay Ministry/Evangelism Board:** Deb Holtan reported that they met with Pastor Zeh on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They discussed Zion's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and she passed out information to the council to review.

She reminded the Council of the prayer vigil on Good Friday and she said new member Sunday will be April 26<sup>th</sup>.

President Millie recommended that a nominating committee be formed to fill positions on boards and a new treasurer.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor John submitted his schedule. He reported that Parish Nurse, Sandy Knutson, received approval from the Center for Disease Control for the congregation to shake hands.

Pastor Ale said there will be prayer service and lunch for community service employees on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the River of Life Church at 11:30.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be April 21, 2015

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Parish Planning Council Minutes  
April 21, 2015**



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

Pastor Golv gave devotions.

A motion was made by Joel Rude and seconded by Sharon Jorde to accept the March 17<sup>th</sup> revised Parish Planning Council minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Ginny Armstrong was absent so there was no treasurer's report. Millie commented on the budget shortage and discussed the letter sent to the congregation requesting a special donation on May 10th.

**Passionate Planners:** Ken Kalsnes reported that there will be a New Traditions Service brainstorming meeting after services at 11:30 on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pizza will be served.



He also reported that a new computer will be installed for use at services. They will be reviewing other programs to see what will work for our services.

**Public Relations Board:** Board minutes were submitted. Deb Howe commented on the advertising for summer services. She said advertising will be done in-house for Miracle Sunday which will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also said the ad for the New Traditions service ready but needs graphics.

**Fellowship Board:** Kristi Numedahl reported that the pie auction held last Sunday went well. She commented on the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will be celebrated this fall. Millie read some of the information from Pastor Zeh with suggestions on planning the event.

**Silver Creek:** Penni Nelson commented on the upcoming joint service. She will check on the preferred date of the 28<sup>th</sup> or the second choice of the 21<sup>st</sup>. A potluck dinner will follow.

**Youth and Education Board:** Jay reported that the Youth Board received \$1400 from the pie auction for Vacation Bible School. It will cost \$1200 to bring the staff here for the week and \$35 per student. VBS will be held at Zion August 2-6 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. He also reported that the rummage sale proceeds were \$950 and the Flapjacks for Faith last Sunday totaled \$250.

Jay requested that the basketball hoop be relocated to get it away from the cars parked near the church.

Upcoming events:

4/29 – Family Day for 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents at 6:00

5/6 - 10th graders last day of confirmation

8/13-21 – Jay’s vacation

10/1-4 – Jay’s vacation

Jay said there are 8 from Zion going to the National Youth Gathering. The fees have been paid up since December.

**Worship Board:** Board meeting minutes were submitted. Sharon Jorde reported that they reviewed the Lenten Services season. She said the summer services will be on Wednesdays starting with a meal at 5:30.

**Stewardship Board:** Connie Hamre reported that Miracle Sunday will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

A red rectangular box with a white border containing the text "Miracle Sunday" in a white, serif font with a blue outline.

**Properties Board:** Board minutes were submitted. Joel Rude reported that Walseth Construction will repair the fence and they will remove the balloons in the sanctuary. He said that internet service will be switched to Sjoberg’s and they will donate the cable needed.

Ken Kalsnes said he has a wall-mount for the TV in the lounge.

**Passionate Planners/Lay Ministry/Evangelism Board:** Deb Holtan reported that 23 people participated in the prayer vigil on Good Friday. She reminded everyone that new member Sunday will be April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor John submitted his schedule. He said 5 voting members are needed for to attend the Synod Assembly on May 16-17. He requested summer PPC meeting dates be determined tonight so it can be posted in the newsletter. Dates were set as June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 21, and August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Pastor Ale said Pastor Wollenstein will speak at the Synod Assembly. He reminded everyone of the prayer service and lunch for community service employees on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the River of Life Church at 11:30.

President Millie reported that 3 people have volunteered for the nominating committee but one member of the Council is needed. She also shared a letter from Police Chief Wittenburg and Sheriff Kuznia regarding a child safety program and are asking for a donation of \$3 per child.

Mille commented on the letter sent to the PPC regarding pastors' salaries and said it was open for discussion. No discussion was presented.

Millie thanked everyone for their diligence and hard work.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be May 19, 2015

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Pam Cwikla, Secretary



## Silver Creek News

The women of the church will meet on May 14 at 7:00PM. The bible study is, "God Reveals Himself," and the program on *Women of the Bible* will study Miriam this month.

Please remember to check your schedule and try to find a week or two to help with mowing the churchyard again this year. The cemetery board is asking for our help in a workday to straighten the headstones. We will contact members when a date is set.

The next council meeting is on an as-needed basis, and members will be contacted if a need arises.

Thanks to the members who helped with the spring-cleaning of the church.

Bev Rupprecht



## **Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You**

Diane Baune would like to thank the ladies that helped with setup, pricing, sales and cleanup of the youth rummage sale on Saturday, April 18. Your help was much appreciated.

# **Thank You!**

## **Youth Newsletter - May**

May 6–

- Grades 3-5 Junior High Youth Group
- Last Day of Confirmation
- 7-? Senior High Youth Group

May 10 –

- Mothers Day - Come and share the day with your mother in church.
- 8:30 Worship
- Last Day of Sunday school
- 10:30 New Traditions Worship
- Graduation Banquet – Between services - All are invited to attend and congratulate graduates on their future plans.

May 13–

- Grades 3-5 Junior High Youth Group
- Grade 7-? Senior High Youth Group
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Junior High Youth Group for this night to see how everything works. Jay will pick you up at Challenger before picking up the others at Franklin.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Senior High group that night 7:30-9:00.

May 20–

- Last Day for Both Youth Groups. Let me know what you want to do for it.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join Junior High Youth Group for this night to see how everything works. Jay will pick you up at Challenger before picking up the others at Franklin.

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Senior High group that night 7:30-9:00.

## Looking Ahead:

June 7 - 12: Grades 4-7

June 17 - 19: Grades 2-3

June 19 - Grades K-2

June 21-26 - Junior High 8-9

July 5-10 - Senior High 10-12

July 11-20 - Senior High Youth Gathering in Detroit

August 2-6 - VBS @ Zion



## Sunday School

The last day of Sunday school will be May 10th. The Sunday School Students will be singing for the "Call to Worship" at both services this day also.



I would like to say a HUGE Thank you to everyone that has helped this year with Sunday School! The following have volunteered their time this year: Laura Rude, Beth Nelson, Jamie Bakken, Carna VonHoltum, Mary Berzinski, Nicolle Ellison, Konnie Johnson, Lindsey Henrickson, Teria Jensen, Becky Peterson, Jana Erickson, Francesca Wojciechowski, Shawna Spears, Deanna Alby, Frances Tougus, Mandi Lund, Heather Harbott, Cori Bregier, Krista Alby, Kami Spears, Chad Lavalier, Renee Franke.

I would also like to say Thank You to you the parents for bringing your child/children to Sunday school and sharing that hour with us! It's always fun to watch them grow through out the year. I am so proud of these kids and I love to see how excited they are for Kid's Sabbath Sunday's.

Wishing Everyone a Fun and Safe Summer!

Amber Holtan