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I John 4:7 (& 8)

Look up Psalm 8.

Minnesota must tilt slightly in the springtime and summertime. The people who leave for the winter all come back in the spring and summer. Many of them go to “the lake” to enjoy the woods and the water.

May God bless them all.

Psalm 8 praises the Creator. For Christian people all the sights, and sounds, and smells make us think of God, who made it all. It is clear year ‘round, and especially in summertime, that God is majestic.

Psalm 8 links the majesty of creation to the majesty of the name of God. So, we respect nature in its smallest features and its largest. Likewise, we respect the dignity and the holiness of God’s name.

The writer of Psalm 8 seems surprised. There is no doubt of the majesty of nature and the majesty of God, but us? We are created too. We may well feel small and insignificant, only a minor feature of a much larger creation. The writer of the psalm expresses further wonder that God also cares for us.

Feeling insignificant is a feature of the spiritual life. Psalm 8 moves us past this by revealing that human beings are “crowned with glory and honor.” Jesus did the same thing in Matthew 6:26. God cares for us.

We know that we can never see nature in its entirety. But we can see some of it. We can see the sheep and oxen and beasts of the field. We can see the birds and the fish. Likewise we can’t appreciate God fully. But we can see reasons to praise God’s majesty when we see what God has created, and when we get past our feelings of insignificance.

One prayer for this summer is to ask God to help us see God in what God has created. When we do, we will do what only human beings can do. We will say along with Psalm 8: “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

Pastor John



Happy Anniversary, Zion

2015 is Zion's 125th anniversary. There will be a meeting to form an anniversary planning committee on Sunday, June 7, after the 8:30 service in the lounge. Anyone interested in helping plan the celebration is welcome.

Summer Worship on Wednesday Nights Food – Faith – Family June 10 – August 19

5:30 – FOOD - Catered meal by David Lee - free will donation

6:15 – FAITH – New Traditions Worship in Sanctuary– Sermon will be from the following Sunday

Three Special Family Nights – 7:00 – After Worship Service

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



Sunday Summer Worship

8:30 service only beginning June 7

President's Message

Millie Reiersen

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

Summertime in Minnesota is time for most of us to get out and enjoy the weather. School's out for the kids and teachers, workers take vacations, and many folks have a place at "the lake." That phrase makes me think that there is only one lake in Minnesota that everyone goes to.



Summertime is a busy place for Zion also. Wednesday evening will be our New Traditions service, with supper and a service. It is a great chance for worship if you are gone on the weekends. June 28th will be our combined service with Silver Creek followed by a potluck. The kids have activities such as camp, National Youth gathering and Vacation Bible School.

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



ZLCW NEWS

- In May the Zion women shipped to Lutheran World Relief-- 52 quilts, 40 Personal Care Kits and 22 Baby Care Kits. We are always in need of items for kits.
- On June 10, 2015, we will be guests of Trinity Lutheran Church for a 9:30AM Brunch for Bible Study.
- The Executive Board will meet on June 9, 2015, in the lounge to plan menu for August.
- A meeting will be held at 10:00AM in the lounge to discuss the future of our Syttende Mai Supper. We sold 266 tickets for supper, down from last year. All interested are asked to attend.
- Zion will be hosting Bible Study August 11, 2015, for a noon luncheon. September 11-12 (Friday and Saturday) NWMN. Women's Synodical Convention at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN. If interested in attending, please let us know so we can get you registered.
- There is a Change to the Gather Magazine. You will still get ten magazines, but the lessons will be shorter. There will be three sessions: 3 Summer, 3 Fall, and 4 Winter.
- Hugo's will no longer send receipts to the church, so if you charge any groceries to Zion, you must bring the receipt to Linda at the office.



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes May 19, 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, Ginny Armstrong, Deb Howe, Tim Numedahl, Kristi Numedahl, Sharon Jorde, Jay Krogstad, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan.

Jay gave devotions.

A motion was made by Sharon Jorde and seconded by Deb Howe to accept the April 21st Parish Planning Council minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Ginny Armstrong presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed for audit. Miracle Sunday was very successful.

Fellowship Board: Board minutes were submitted. Kristi Numedahl commented on the upcoming 125th anniversary which will be celebrated this fall. She reported that a committee should be formed to handle the plans for the celebration and a date should be established. She asked for input from each board. Millie suggested that a request for volunteers and a request for history information be put in the newsletter. The newsletter info is due tomorrow and will be the only newsletter for the summer months.

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson commented on the upcoming Zion/Silver Creek joint service which will be on June 28th at 10:00. A potluck dinner will follow.

Worship Board: Board meeting minutes were submitted. Sharon Jorde reported that plans have been made for the Wednesday night summer services. She also reported that we will need to get a couple of new wedding coordinators for 2016. Junelle and Janae Hoffer are retiring.

Youth and Education Board: Jay reported that Bible camp starts June 19th. He said there are 11 kids going the first week and he asked for a volunteer to drive some of the kids to camp because there isn't enough room in the van for all the kids and their luggage. A total of 31 kids are going to camp this summer. There are 21 returning campers and 10 new ones. The group going to the National Youth Gathering will be leaving July 11th. Jay also requested a volunteer to drive the van home from Moorhead so it doesn't have to be left there for 3 weeks. Vacation Bible School will be August 2-6 at Zion. If kids register by June 30th, there's no fee, after that date the fee will be \$35.

Public Relations Board: Board minutes were submitted. Deb Howe reported that the posters are being prepared for the Wednesday night summer services. She inquired about who prepares the weekly schedule for the Times.

Stewardship Board: Connie Hamre thanked her Board for their work on the successful Miracle Sunday held on May 10th.

Youth and Education Board: Amber reported that Sunday School is wrapped up. She said 22 volunteers were recognized.

Passionate Planners: Ken Kalsnes reported on the New Traditions Service brainstorming meeting which was held May 3rd. Several suggestions are being considered and a team is planning to attend and observe a service at Calvary Lutheran in Grand Forks.

Passionate Planners/Lay Ministry/Evangelism Board: Deb Holtan reported that they will be asking new members to complete the individual gift assessment forms.

Properties Board: Board minutes were submitted. Joel Rude commented that they are still considering relocation of the basketball hoop. He reported that Walseth Construction removed the balloons in the sanctuary and fixed the entry door.

Millie thanked the Properties Board for providing the dumpster for the day of cleaning. Amber said she cleaned out the old Sunday School office. She inquired about the leak in that area. Joel said they are working on it.

Peters/Pederson and Knutsons have been trimming shrubs and taking care of the plants around the church and they would like someone to take over for them. Joel is requesting volunteers. He also reported that something needs to be done with Zion's sign.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ale reported that the prayer service and lunch for community service employees on May 7th went very well. He said the Mission Committee will meet this week. They are looking for a mission speaker for Mission Sunday

Ale reported that he was elected as a representative to the church-wide meeting which will be in New Orleans next year.

Pastor John submitted his schedule. He commented on the success of Miracle Sunday. John said 5 members attended the Synod Assembly on May 16-17. He reported that the Synod will be reimbursing Zion for the mix-up on hotel rooms for some of the attendees.

President Millie reported on the Synod meeting. She said Zion received recognition for our 125th anniversary. She was elected to the Synod Committee.

Millie reported that 3 people have volunteered to be on the nominating committee, Dennis and Bonnie Yost and Gladys Hallstrom. Millie made a motion to accept the volunteers, Joel seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Two retiring Council members, Ginny Armstrong and Millie Reiersen, volunteered to serve on the committee also. The vote will be presented to the congregation within the next month.

Millie reported that United Blood Services would like to hold a community blood drive at Zion in June. She will follow up with them.

Ginny Armstrong commented on the letter sent to the PPC regarding pastors' salaries. Pastor Ale suggested that the Personnel Committee handle the issue. Millie said the committee will meet soon.

Amber commented on the service honoring the graduates. Deb Holtan commented on the service for new members. Both events are being evaluated.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be June 16, 2015.

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

Submitted by:
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

Youth Newsletter – June – July - August

June 3- Pathways at The Park

Moorhead, MN.....Ride Provided by Jay. \$8.00

"Experience a night of camp" and meet the 2015 Summer Staff team!

Supper, worship, games, crafts, and bonfire - all to raise money for camp scholarships (including Quilt Auction)

Invite your friends; this is an event you won't want to miss!

If you would like to attend, contact Jay.

June 9-12- Elementary and Middle School Classic Camp (Grades 4-7)

Camp Emmaus..... Menahga, MN
Bus leaves @ 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot.
Bus returns Friday June 14th around 4:30 pm

June 17-June 19 - Elementary Mini Camp (Grade 2-3)

Camp Emmaus..... Menahga, MN
Bus leaves @ 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot.
Bus returns Friday June 19th

June 19- Half Pint Camp (K-2)

Camp Emmaus..... Menahga, MN
Starts at 10:30 am and goes until 4:30

June 21 Father's Day

Take your father somewhere for the day. Maybe fishing.



June 21 -26- Junior High Classic Camp (Grades 8-9)

Camp Emmaus..... Menahga, MN
Bus leaves @ 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot.
Bus returns Friday June 26th around 4:30 pm

June 29- 6 - Graduate Youth Event @ ZION

June 30 - Deadline for Free VBS Registration

After this date cost is \$40.00 per youth NO MAX

July 1 - NYG BONDING NIGHT @ 7pm in Youth Room of ZION

July 4- 4th of July

Get outdoors and enjoy the fireworks and Lemonade



July 5 - High School Camp (10-Graduating Senior)

Camp Emmaus..... Menahga, MN
Bus leaves @ 12:00 pm from Zion parking lot.
Bus returns Friday July 10th

July 11 – July 20 - NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in DETROIT, Michigan

July 28- 6 Grade- Graduate ZION BEACH DAY

11:00-5:00 at Maple Lake

June 21 -26- ABOSOLUTE DEADLINE for VBS SIGN UP

NO registration will be allowed after this date. Thank You

August 2 - Welcome Pathways Bible Camp for VBS

Picnic and games. Either at Zion Parking Lot or Hartz Park. Depending on Weather

August 3 – 6 VBS @ ZION.

9:00 -3:00 Each Day

Entering K-5

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Any questions or Comments please contact Jay @ Zion Lutheran Church 218-681-3296