



No U- Haul behind the hearse

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Luke 12:15

Shortly after I came to America, I got a summer job at a Bible camp in Alexandria, MN. At that time I didn't have a car, so I called the camp director for a ride. When he came to pick me up with his wife, they were kind enough to leave me a lot of space in their van. However, all I had at that time was only one piece of luggage. The interesting thing is that the following year, when they came again to pick me up, I waited for them with three good-sized bags, a shoulder bag, a potted flower, a television set and a cassette player. When the camp director's wife saw my stuff she smiled at me and said, "Ale, you are Americanized." I wonder what she would say if she saw what I have now. If I move today, a good sized U-Haul may not be enough to carry all my belongings.

Thank God for the rummage sale that helps us get rid of some of our stuff. Isn't it amazing how much we accumulate as we journey through life? Too bad that we don't take all these cargo with us when we leave this world.

Job said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked shall I return." Often, we work hard to get what we want, and then when we have what we want, we strive for more. We are never satisfied with what we have. How much more will it take before we say it is enough?

The apostle Paul said this to the Philippians, "For I have learned to be satisfied with what I have. I know what it is to be in need, and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little. I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. "Philippians 4:11-13".

What about us? Can we ever learn to say enough is enough? May the Lord teach us to be like Paul and be satisfied with what we have.

Amen!

Pastor Ale



President's Message **Millie Reierson**

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

We are a few days from Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. We will use Holden Village Evening Prayer Service again.

There will be supper offered before the service. Please join us as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us and how God so loved the world He gave His only Son.

As of this writing, we are still in search for a youth director. I hope to make an announcement soon. We still need a senior choir director.

God bless each and every person who contributes to our mission of spreading the Gospel to the world.

See you in church!

Millie Reierson



Church Directory

The first session of directory photos have been completed. The second week is from Wednesday, February 10 through Saturday, February 13. These times slots are all filled. If you missed your appointment or have not made one, Friday, April 29 is the only day available. Please call Darlene Hulteen at 681-1047.

Submitted Photos

You may submit photos for the directory.

- Photos must be portrait (vertical) orientation – not horizontal.
- Digital photos are preferred – from a high-resolution camera -300 ppi – pixels per inch.
- A print must be an original and not a scanned copy.
- If you submit a picture from a professional photographer, you must have written permission from the photographer to use the photo in the directory (for digitals and prints). Lifetouch will not use a photo without written permission from another photographer.
- You cannot use a photo from the last directory or another directory.
- Lifetouch reserves the right to refuse any picture that does not meet its standards.
- Email a full size photo to dhulteen@mncable.net
- Or send a print photo to the church.
- The deadline for submitted photos is February 11.

If you email a digital photo, do not assume that it will arrive. You must call Darlene to make sure the photo is not zooming around in cyberspace.



ZLCW NEWS

The Women-of-Zion will meet February 9 at noon, with the Executive Board meeting at 10:00AM (note time change) and the Circle Leaders Bible Study after the meeting.

Duties for February are:

- Program: Sarah
- Hostess: Lydia
- Hospitality: Elizabeth
- Visitation: Carnation delivery (Two women from each circle to deliver them).

The menus for Lenten Suppers are:

- Ash Wednesday, February 10 - Anna—Hot dish
- February 17 – Dorcas - Chicken-A-la-King
- February 24 – Catered - Scalloped Potatoes
- March 2 – Elizabeth - Tater-Tot Hot dish
- March 9 – Rebekah – Stew
- March 16 – Sarah – Chili
- March 23 - No Supper
- March 24 – Lydia - Seder Supper



The **Syttende Mai Supper** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18.

Personal Care Kits



One of ZLCW's Stewardship Projects is Personal Care Kits. During our Lenten season we are asking for your assistance by bringing one of the items required for the kit. On Ash Wednesday, we are asking for a bath towel, either new or used. The next Wednesday we will bring a sturdy comb and so on. We will put information in the church bulletin each Sunday about the item that is needed.

Please help us with this project. The items required aren't expensive things.

In 2015 the Women-of-Zion shipped 62 quilts, 77 Personal Kits, 44 Baby Care Kits and 29 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief Thank you to all who worked on or brought items for kits. Keep up the good work!

February is Zion's Food Shelf Month

February 1 – 5



February is Zion's month to help deliver meals for Falls Delivered Meals. If you can help deliver meals that week, please call Darlene Hulteen at 681-1047.

Ash Wednesday -February 10



Easter – March 27



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes January 19, 2016

President Millie Reiersen called the Parish Planning Council meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Barbara Overbye, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan, Tim Numedahl, Kristi Numedahl, Connie Hamre, Deb Howe, Sharon Jorde, Joel Rude, Ken Kalsnes and Karen Thygeson.

Pastor Golv gave devotions.

A motion was made by Deb Howe to accept the Council minutes of December 15, 2015 as amended; seconded and carried. Corrections made were under the Youth and Christian Education; ski trip planned for juniors and seniors should read ski trip planned for junior high and senior high. Also, it was written that the noisy offering in January go the Food Shelf, it should have read the noisy offering in January would go to the Little Brother/Little Sister Program.

Barbara Overbye presented a printed treasurer's report for the 2015 year; discussed and filed for audit. It was noted we were a little short on the budget but remain sound.

Evangelism and Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reports they did not meet in January.

Youth and Christian Education: Amber Holtan reports that the ski trip planned for junior high and senior high for February 12th and 13th may not happen because they need 15 students from the three churches to participate and they have not met that number because of other planned school activities. February 21st will be the next Kids Sabbath and they plan on serving French toast. She has informed the Youth and Christian Education board that they should be looking for a new chairman.

Church Properties: Joel Rude reports that all Christmas decorations had been taken down.

Worship: Sharon Jorde reminded us that Ash Wednesday, February 10th is fast approaching and they are working on the upcoming services.

Stewardship: Connie Hamre reports she has been working on the proposed budget.

Parish Fellowship: Kristi Numedahl stated nothing new to report.

Public Relations: Deb Howe stated pictures for our Pictorial Directory have started. Deb asked all board chairmen look and update their articles for the website.

Youth Director: President Reierson stated that the personnel committee is in the interviewing process to hire a new Youth Director.

Ken Kalsnes discussed having a good Spring House Keeping at Zion. He is looking into the option of having a map of all rooms and allowing church members to adopt a room to get the cleaning done in that room prior to Easter. This would not include the kitchen. More information on this project will be coming out to the members for their consideration in this project.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ale stated that Silver Creek had held their annual meeting and they remain as a stable church. He again expressed his thanks to those that are filling in with our youth in the vacancy of our youth director.

Pastor John shared his monthly calendar with us. He shared that there are some churches that are not going to participate by going to the nursing homes on a schedule, which would require the participating churches to make more frequent visits. He thanked all the volunteers helping with the process for our Directory Pictures.

President Reierson with help from our treasurer Barbara Overbye and Stewardship Chairman Connie Hamre reviewed our proposed budget by going through every line item with the Council. After much discussion, Sharon Jorde made the motion to accept the proposed budget to be presented to the members at the annual meeting at 9:30 A.M. on January 31st for their approval; seconded and carried.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:40 P.M. Next meeting February 16, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.
Karen Thygeson, Acting Secretary



Silver Creek

A reminder that if it is necessary to cancel church services due to weather, it will be announced on KTRF early Sunday morning. Please check.

Church council will meet at the regular scheduled time on second Sunday, February 14, after services.

Women of the church are continuing with quilting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, February 11, and will have a light supper and business meeting starting at 5:30. Sheets for backs of quilts are needed, and busy hands to help tie quilts would be appreciated. No experience necessary; teachers available

Bev Rupprecht

Zion's Mission Work in Ethiopia



Zion has always sponsored mission work through the monthly “mission offering” envelopes and larger individual donations. Currently, your mission dollars are going to support two very important efforts in Ethiopia – enabling girls to continue their education through high school and an orphanage. Both programs are organized and supervised by organizations located in St. Paul. It is reassuring to know we have a Minnesota contact point for both of them.

Through Resources for the Enrichment of African Lives, Zion is sponsoring three high school girls – Alami Lamessa Taraga, Amalawarki Kebede and Sara Malkamu. The girls have written letters about their lives; they come from very poor families, often with only one parent due to death of the other. Without this program, they would have quit school to work in supporting their families. Lives are transformed by the power of education. Each girl is in a mentor group where the older girls assist the learning and inspire the younger girls. Graduates are now working as teachers, nurses and other fields. In December 2015 Zion sent \$1,050 to provide total sponsorship of the three girls. Pictures and letters from two of the girls are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Resurrection Orphanage & Center of Nekemte, Inc. (ROCN) is a relatively new venture, with one group home housing five children with a home manager. The children attend the local school and church and also receive needed medical care. A local Ethiopian board of directors was recently appointed and is currently looking for two additional properties to rent as group homes; each home will house 6-8 children in each. ROCN has been placed on a list to be considered for a land grant to further this mission. The goal is to have a compound with a community center and several houses for residential care of orphaned children. Last June, Tensaie Umeta, President of the ROCN Board of Directors (MN) traveled to Ethiopia to observe the orphanage home, to encourage local government officials to move forward on plans for expansion, and to explore potential for a small business that would help provide some in-country funding for the home. Zion donated \$2,000 to this effort in May 2015.

Thank you, Zion members, for your mission contributions. They are being used for two specifically selected projects operated by legitimate, proven organizations. In the words of Amalawarki Kebede, “I want to say thanks for your previous helping by which you support me with my education. God bless you.”

Glenice Johnson, Mission Committee

Check out REAL's website at real-africa.org

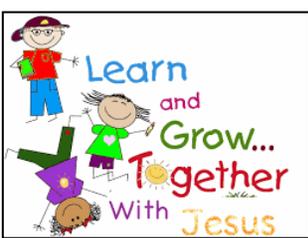
And its Facebook page at:

Resources for the Enrichment of African Lives (REAL)

Find more information and pictures of ROCN at Rocn.org

And its Facebook page at:

Resurrection Orphanage & Center of Nekemte - ROCN



Sunday School News

- Next Kid's Sabbath The Lord's Prayer will be February 21st at the 10:30 service.
- French Toast, sausage and juice will be served before and after the 10:30 service. If you are able to help out with cooking and serving, please let Amber know. :)



February 3rd:

Jr. High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th) Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

February 10th:

Jr. High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th) Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

February 17th:

Jr. High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th) Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

February 24th:

Jr. High Youth Group 3-5 (Grades 6-8th) Sr. High Youth Group 7-9 (9th-12th grade)

February 29th:

K-5 Event 3-5, the church van will pick the youth up at Challenger and bring them back to Zion for activities. If your youth would like to attend please let Amber or Jana know by Friday February 26th

Confirmation



- Supper will be served from 5:30-6 with a cost of \$2 for the supper and 50 cents for pop. Please watch bulletin/Remind for the supper menu for the following weeks.
- There will be no Confirmation February 3 due to early out from school.
- February 10th is the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday and is part of Confirmation requirements to attend Lenten Service.

Lenten Clean-Up Schedule

- February 10 – Ash Wednesday – 5th and 6th Grade
- February 17 – 3rd and 4th Grade
- February 24 – Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade
- March 2 – 7th Grade
- March 9 – 10th through 12th grade
- March 16 – 9th Grade
- March 24 – Maundy Thursday – 8th Grade

Noisy Offering for February will go Pathways Bible Camp (Camp Emmaus)

Camp Emmaus is located just outside of Menahga, MN. Emmaus offers year-round retreat and conference facilities for groups of all types in a peaceful and pristine setting. Camp Emmaus is ideal for retreats, family reunions, banquets, and meetings. The Challenge Course at Camp Emmaus also opens up possibilities for team building retreats.

