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Money in the Spiritual Life
Read Luke 12:22-31

I have money on the brain, because last Sunday's Gospel (9/18/2016) was Luke 16: 1-13. This article will NOT be about the church budget.

This article will be about the place of money in Jesus' teachings. I noted in my sermon last Sunday that Jesus spoke most often about the coming kingdom of God. No surprise there. Where there may be some surprise is that the topic Jesus spoke on next most often: money and possessions.

It is simply true. Christian faith has everything to do with money.

A noted expert on the spiritual power of money is Mr. Herb Miller. He says we see money in one of three, or four general patterns.

1. Some people insist that money is not important. "Money does not buy happiness," they say.
2. Other people insist that money is the most important thing in life. "Money is not the key to happiness," they say, "but if you have enough of it, you can have a key made!"
3. Still other people say that life is like two lanes of traffic. "Money is important in the material lane but not in the spiritual lane," they seem to say. "To connect with God, you move to the spiritual lane – you pray. To be in touch with the real world, you move to the material lane – you run in the rat race, trying to make a buck."

Jesus held a fourth view. Jesus said that money is *everything* – not in the usual sense of the term but in the spiritual sense. Jesus did not divide reality into two parts – the material and the spiritual. He said that the way we think and behave with regard to money impacts us both physically and spiritually. Its use and misuse affect our relationship with God and the quality of our life. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," Jesus said.



Money makes promises that it cannot keep. But money promises are persuasive. They are powerful. They nearly always start out this way: "If only I had more money, then I would be... secure, sexy, powerful, contented, happy... and so on.

Idols make promises that cannot be kept. The only thing idols accomplish when they succeed is to move us away from faith in Jesus, to faith in something else.

Hold fast to what you believe.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

Pastor John

I love autumn, the one season of the year
that God seems to have put there
just for the beauty of it.
~ Lee Maynard ~



President's Message

Millie Reiersen

October is here - where has this year gone? Thank you to all who came to the special meeting. The congregation voted 88-39 in favor of purchasing the property at 510 N. Knight. I want give a special thanks to our Parish Planning Council and Property Board for all the work they did with this project.



I hope you have had the opportunity to see the Fellowship Hall! All new windows, paint and flooring! What an amazing transformation!

October 16th is Stewardship Sunday. There will only be one service at 10:30 followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. The 8:30 broadcast will be a tape of a previous service.

God bless each and every person who contributes to our mission of spreading the Gospel to the world. Keep each other in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

See you in church!
Millie Reiersen

- October 2 – Distribution of directories between services
- October 16 – Stewardship Sunday – one service – 10:30
- October 23 – Flapjacks for Faith
- October 26 – Wednesday – Confirmation pictures at 5:45
- October 29 – Confirmation banquet – 5:30
- October 30 – Confirmation – 10:30 service



Stewardship Sunday



We would like to invite the congregation to Stewardship Sunday, on October 16.

It will be a special day of fellowship for our members, here at Zion. There will be a special service at 10:30. And, a great meal in the fellowship hall after the service. We hope you can be there!

As you know this is a time to pledge for the coming year. We really appreciate those that are willing to pledge, because, at the end of the year, when we have to determine the budget for the next year, that is the information we use for the coming budget.

If you are unable to attend the service on Stewardship Sunday, we ask that you send or bring your pledge into the church office.

Courage in Christ
Stewardship Board.

Church directories will be distributed to those who had portraits taken, on Sunday, October 2, between services – or you can pick them up in the church office.



Phone Numbers and Email Addresses



Please remember to notify the church office if you get a new phone number or email.



LWR Quilting Workshop

It's time to get back to Lutheran World Relief Workshop!

Because of the carpet and windows being installed in the basement, we will be meeting for the first time this fall on September 29 and will continue to meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00.

Choose what you enjoy doing. We have stations for sandwiching, tying, pinning, and edge sewing. Sewers can choose to sew tops together at home, if they prefer. We have lots of fabric to share.

In addition to the quilt making, anyone interested in cutting diapers or working with the kits we send to LWR is welcome to join us. And, of course, we always pause for coffee and treats!

We are in good shape with equipment, thanks to generous people, but donations of fabric are always welcome.

Please join us on Thursday, September 29, from 1:00-4:00. Come when you can, choose what you do, and leave when you must. If you have questions, call Carol Waswick at 681-5907 or Sharon Bergerson at 681-5445.

Fall Bible Study

The Fall Adult Education offering is a seven session series called *Animate Faith*. Each session includes a short video and time for discussion on God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church. Thursdays beginning October 13, 2:00 pm, in the Patio Room. Participant books are \$15.00. All are welcome.

ZLCW NEWS



The monthly meeting of the Women of Zion will be October 11 at 12:00 Noon. The executive board meets at 11:00 and the Bible study leaders after the meeting.

Duties for October:

- Program: Rebekah
- Speaker: Kelsey McGowan, our new youth director
- Hostess: Lydia
- Hospitality: Anna
- Visitation: Elizabeth at Oakland Park

The Fall Gathering of Conference 2 (formerly Cluster 2)

- October 8
- Faith Lutheran Church, Goodridge
- Speaker: Geneva Paulson, author of Rescuing Randy
- Registration: \$8.00

Lutheran World Relief pick-up – November 5 from 8:00 to noon

Zion Women will serve coffee and goodies after the Thanksgiving Eve services. We need two workers from each circle, one for serving and one for cleanup.



Pie Auction

Sunday, November 20
Fellowship hall between services
Proceeds – Youth Programming

Silver Creek

Hope you have sold your raffle tickets, and if you need more give us a call. The tickets for the quilt raffle need to be turned in by October 16th so we can account for all tickets. Please give to Bev, Sharon, Sue or Margaret N. The drawing for the “Chickadees in Winter” queen size quilt will be held prior to services on October 23. We will also have our annual turkey dinner that day. It is potluck with the turkey, dressing & potatoes being furnished, so bring something to make our meal complete. Word has it some ladies are planning to make lefse too. The ladies are planning on a Sale with baked goods, garden produce, crafts or



whatever to help replenish the funds used for their projects. Mark this special day on your calendar as we look forward to the fellowship with neighbors and friends.

The church council will meet on October 9th following services. The Women will have their meeting at 5:30 on Oct. 13th. Our bible study will be “The Lord is King” and our program on Women of the Bible will feature Esther. A special offering will be taken for the local food shelf.

Fall Gathering for Conference 2 Women of the ELCA will be held on Saturday October 8th at Faith Lutheran Church in Goodridge. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The featured speaker is Geneva Paulson, author of “Rescuing Randy”.

Bev Ruprecht



**Zion Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Council Minutes
September 20, 2016**

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 5:30 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor Golv, Penni Nelson, Tim Numedahl, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan, Joel Rude, Deb Howe, Glenice Johnson, Karen Thygeson, Roberta Kalsnes, Barbara Overbye, and Pam Cwikla.

Pastor Golv gave devotions.

The minutes from the August 16, 2016 Council meeting was presented for approval. Spelling corrections were made to the names of Kelsey McGowan and Koni Johnson. A motion was made by Connie Hamre and seconded by Deb Howe to accept the Council minutes with the spelling corrections. The motion carried.

Barbara Overbye commented on the continuing decline in income compared to the same period last year. Discussion followed regarding Sunday collections and funds donated by individuals. Clarification was made that Sunday collections and pledged contributions represent the obligations of the parishioners to support the church budget. Individual donations, traditionally, are not used for budgeted expenses.

There was also some discussion regarding payment options for purchase of the property at 510 North Knight.

Barbara presented a printed treasurer’s report for August 2016; filed for audit.

Public Relations Board: Board minutes submitted. Deb Howe asked for a dumpster when the old offices and storeroom are cleaned out. She reported that installation of Sunday school teachers will be next Sunday.

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson reported that they are getting back into a routine. She said the quilt raffle tickets are being sold now. Sunday, October 9th, tickets will be sold at Zion. Their congregation dinner will be October 23rd. Penni commented that the confirmation retreat will be next Sunday at Silver Creek.

Fellowship Board: Glenice Johnson reported that the next pie auction will be November 20th. Proceeds will be go to the youth for the 2018 youth gathering.

Stewardship Committee: Board minutes were submitted. Connie Hamre reported that Stewardship Sunday will be October 16th with a 10:30 service followed by a noon meal.

Properties Board: Joel Rude reported they have been working on completing the Fellowship Hall. He reported that he has talked to sign people for quotes on the sign project. Erling Johnson estimated it would cost \$1060 to have the current sign refaced and \$200 to have it installed. Joel presented examples of what it would look like. Joel said he spoke to MN-Dak Asphalt about making repairs to the parking lot. There was some discussion regarding options for disposing of the house at 510 North Knight.

Millie presented a request by Amber Holtan to remove the TV in the youth room by October 5th.

Worship Board: Minutes submitted. Roberta Kalsnes had nothing further to report.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry: The board did not meet. Deb Holtan reported there are many prayer shawls to be blessed.

Christian Education/Youth: Amber Holtan was absent so Millie presented her information.

9/23 – Sunday school teacher installation at both services.

9/28 – Confirmation Parent/Youth meeting at 7:15 pm.

October – Operation Christmas Child starts

- 2nd grade Bible classes start

10/23 – Sunday School kids will sing at both services

- Flapjacks for Faith during Fellowship Hour

10/30 – 2nd graders will receive their Bibles at 8:30 service

Confirmation has all their leaders.

Pastors Report: Pastor John's report was submitted. Pastor reported that Kelsey can't attend Wednesday night youth events and he thanked everyone who is helping her get started. He commented that the new liturgy will start October 2nd. He said Pastor Ale is at a pastors' retreat.

President Millie thanked everyone who had anything to do with the remodeling of the Fellowship Hall. She said it turned out even better than expected. There was some discussion about options for shading the windows. Millie inquired about how to get hot water to the lounge kitchen more quickly. Joel will check into it. Millie also asked who owns the popcorn machine in the overflow. It will be determined.

Barbara Overbye inquired about the possibility of getting more church directories. Deb Howe will check with Darlene Hulteen.

President Millie thanked everyone for the preparation and assistance during the congregation vote on the purchase of the property at 510 North Knight and requested that the results of the vote be published in the bulletin. The vote was 88 for and 39 against the purchase.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be October 18, 2016 at 5:30.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Pam Cwikla, Secretary

**Zion Lutheran Church
Special Meeting
510 North Knight Property Vote
September 11, 2016**

President Millie Reiersen called the Special Meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Quorum is present. President Reiersen presented the voting ballot pertaining to the purchase of the property at 510 North Knight and opened the meeting for questions from the congregation.

Winton Forsberg commented that when the Zion Foundation was set up, he did not recall approving intent to purchase any property. President Reiersen responded that this purchase has been discussed since Pastor Raymond was Zion's pastor.

Following no further discussion, the vote was conducted.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

The vote passed with a vote of:
88 - Yes , 39 - No

Submitted by Pam Cwikla, Secretary



Sunday School News

Little Lambs – 5th grade will be singing at the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Sunday, October 23. Watch for notes being sent home with more details.

If you are interested in being a sub for Sunday School,
please talk to Amber or call or text her at 689-9405.

2nd Grade Bible School

When: October 2, 9 and 23

Time: 9:30 – 10:20 – Education Hour

What: 2nd graders will be receiving their Bibles the first day.

The pastors look forward to working with you on discovering the stories of YOUR Bible.



Save the
Date!

Blessings of Pumpkins

October 23 from 3:00 – 4:00 in the Patio Room

Bring a pumpkin you like to carve.

We will light the pumpkins and bless them.

Sunday School Program

December 11 - More details to come

Remind:

This is a great tool! We would love to have you hop on board with the church! I know how busy life can be and we will be using this to help remind you of upcoming events.

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Join All the Groups You Desire



It's that time of year again! Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! I would like to encourage everyone to help fill at least one box, or if you would like to donate items you can do that also. There are drop off boxes throughout the church for your items. Money donations are also welcomed to help with shipping cost, or we can use the money to buy items to fill more boxes. A small shoebox can have a big impact on a child. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.

Gift Suggestions:

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

ACCESSORIES: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Oct. 9: School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, crayons, etc.)

Oct. 16: Personal hygiene items (combs, soap, washcloths, toothbrushes/paste)

Oct. 23: Toys/games-small cars, dolls, jump ropes

Oct. 30: Socks, t-shirts, hair bands, flashlights

Nov 6: Hard candy & bubblegum

Return boxes no later than Sunday November 9



Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups

****We are in search for a Jr. High leader (6th – 8th grade) that meets Wednesday nights 3:00-5:00 pm. ****

Please contact our Youth Director Kelsey at
zionrfy@mncable.net
Thank you!

Confirmation

First day of Confirmation classes will be Wednesday, October 5th

Junior High meets 3:00-5:00 pm.

Senior High meets 7:30-9:30 pm.

Senior high come prepared to organize the Youth Room! We will be moving the furniture, cleaning, and re-organizing to fit our needs. Pizza, soda, and snacks will be provided.



Don't forget about the Parent meeting Wednesday, September 28th at **7:15 pm**. It is required everyone attends the meeting because we will be going over requirements for the upcoming confirmation year. That night we will have a fun activity with your youth and parent.

Flapjacks for Faith!

Will be held on October 23rd. We need volunteers for this! This is a wonderful way to work and get money into your IFA account.



Be sure to check our boards for information on the Halloween party!



We will be having the youth rummage sale on **Saturday, November 12**. This will be open for all youth to work to earn money for IFA accounts. It is a perfect opportunity for the youth that are going to the next National Youth Gathering. It is never too early to start fundraising! More details to come.

****In search of youth to help with drop off of items. Please Contact Youth Director Kelsey for details.****



Junior High Gathering

And the word became flesh and lived among us John 1:14a

Join us in Grand Forks at the Alerus Center! Conference is Friday November 18th & Saturday November 19th. Cost is \$100 which can come out of your IFA account. Would leave Friday after school and arrive later Saturday.

****In search of a driver for this event. Please contact Youth Director Kelsey if interested****