



## The Herald

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Read II Peter 3:13-18

2017 is here.

2016 was a memorable year in many good and many bad ways. 2017 looks to be wide open for all kinds of good things to happen. We may hope.

For Christian people there is one thing can be said with complete certainty: the world is now one whole year closer to The Day of Jesus Christ. That is good news for people who have seen that God's promises are always good. We have God's Word on it: "Surely I am coming, soon." (Revelation 22:20.)

Peter says that The Day will come when righteousness and peace are at home.

How then are we to live until The Day of Jesus Christ? Part of Christian faith is waiting. We know how to do that. Some live their lives certain that Jesus is simply not coming. Some live believing that he is delayed somehow, others are certain that God's schedule can never affect them personally.

Peter seems to be aware of all this. So he lays out Christian behavior during the interim. He lists peace, no spot or blemish. Do we need to have this explained to us, or do we know well what that means for us? If we do, verses 17 and 18 are enough. No believer is surprised to read that Jesus' patience and salvation are the same.

Peter seems to have had some trouble reading Paul (don't we all?). Paul is "hard to understand," (verse 16). That certainly is true. One of Paul's verses which can carry a person through anything is completely understandable. II Corinthians 12:9 is more than enough to live on: "...my grace is sufficient for you..."

Let those words sink in when the bad things seem overwhelming, when evil seems to win, when the good seems to come in second or third or worse. My family has found II Corinthians 12:9 to be true every year, all the time. I commend it to you.

Every year is memorable because God's grace is in fact "sufficient."

Pastor John



- January 1– 8:30 service only
- January 1 – 10:00 service at Silver Creek
- January 4 – Confirmation classes resume
- January 8 – Sunday school resumes
- January 10 – Annual reports in office ready for printing
- January 10 – Women of Zion – 10:00
- January 10 – ZLCW board meeting – 9:00
- January 29 – Annual meeting – between services

## **President's Message**

### **Millie Reiersen**



God's blessings to all of you! Happy 2017! Not too long ago we were wondering what would happen in the new millennium. The world didn't stop turning (I think it increased its pace) and God still loves us and we need to share His love with others near and far.

There are many opportunities for ministry at Zion. There are committees, boards, choirs, educational opportunities and projects that would welcome your help. To everyone who does participate, thank you hardly seems adequate, but I can't get around and hug each every one of you.

Our budget for 2017 is ambitious without being frivolous and we your help to meet it. Thank you to everyone's financial gifts.

I hope this year will be a blessed year for each and everyone.

See you in Church!  
Millie Reiersen

## **Fall Delivered Meals**

### **January 30 – February 3**

If you can help deliver meals for Falls Delivered Meals the week of January 30 – February 3, please call Koni Johnson at 218-681-1344.



## ZLCW NEWS

Beginning in January Women of Zion will meet at 10:00 AM instead of noon and will include the Bible Study. The Executive Board will meet at 9:00AM.

January 10 – 10:00 with Bible Study

January 10 – 9:00 Executive Board Meeting

January duties:

- Program – Sarah
- Hostess: Lydia
- Hospitality – Dorcas
- Visitation – Elizabeth at Thief River Care Center

Officers for 2017 are:

- President: JoAnn Offerdahl
- Secretary: Jeanne Williams
- Treasure: Ginny Armstrong

At our December meeting we sent 26 Christmas cards to shut-ins.

**Board Chairs, Treasurers, ETC.** of organizations – please have your annual report in by January 10, typed and ready for printing. You can email them to Linda at [ziontrf@mncable.net](mailto:ziontrf@mncable.net). Thank you.

## Silver Creek

Looking back on 2016, we have lots to be thankful for and hope that 2017 will bring a great year once again for our congregation. We will have our annual meeting on January 15 following church services. A potluck dinner



is planned following the annual meeting. Please get annual reports in to Kristi as soon as possible so she can print the booklet.

The officers of WELCA will meet and plan the year on January 4. Any suggestions for the coming year would be welcomed by the officers. The program books will be available at the church when printed.

Remember to listen to radio for announcements about cancellations due to weather.

Bev Rupprecht



## 500 Years of Evangelical Reformation - 1517-2017

When Martin Luther posted his “Ninety-five Theses” on the church door in Wittenberg in 1517, no one expected the breadth of evangelical reforms in Christian teaching and practice that followed. In every dimension of Christian faith a renewed trust in God’s forgiving mercy replaced a reliance on teachings and practices that, like the sale of indulgences, were vulnerable to abuse and corruption.

Preaching a few years later, Luther said, “I opposed indulgences ... but never with force. I simply taught, preached, and wrote God’s Word; otherwise I did nothing. I did nothing; the Word did everything.” When he began to propose reforms in worship, he wrote similar words. “This is the sum of the matter: let everything be done so that the Word may have free course.”

Nearly 500 years later, the results of this evangelical confidence in God’s forgiving and liberating Word are evident today in Christian communities of all types. In the years leading to 2017 ELCA members, congregations and synods will observe the anniversary of this evangelical reformation in a variety of ways with numerous partners.

Please visit our website at [www.ELCA500.org](http://www.ELCA500.org). (An invitation to read Luther’s Small Catechism together as Christians.)

“I must still read and study the catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism, and I do it gladly.”

— Martin Luther in his preface to the Large Catechism



## Parish Planning Council Minutes December 20, 2016

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, Joel Rude, Tim Numedahl, Deb Holtan, Deb Howe, Penni Nelson, Amber Holtan and Barbara Overbye.

Pastor John gave devotions.

The minutes from the previous month were read and approved by a motion from Joel Rude and seconded by Deb Howe. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Amber reported that 75 Operation Christmas Child boxes were sent. 34 children attended the Happy Birthday Baby Jesus party last Sunday. A special thanks went out to Becky Fredrickson and Davina Brown for organizing the event.

Penni reported there will be no service on Christmas Day at Silver Creek.

Joel reported ZLCW will purchase a new coffee urn for the kitchen. ZLCW also donated the shade for the window between the kitchen and the lounge.

Millie reported the closing for the property at 510 N Knight was signed on Monday, December 19.

There will be one service only at 8:30 on both December 25 and January 1. Holy Communion will be served on January 1.

The next Parish Planning Council will meet January 17 at 5:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25PM after the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Millie Reiersen, President





Flapjacks for Faith is back - Sunday, January 15!

We will have gluten free pancakes as well. Come hungry! We will be serving between services starting at 9:30 am.



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K-5 Event for January is sledding at Hartz park! It will take place Sunday the 22nd at 1:00 pm. If it's below zero or high winds, we will cancel this event. Final call will be made at 10:30 am service and posted on Zion Lutheran Church Facebook Page.

February K-5 Event is swimming at the Grandstay Hotel on Sunday the 12th 3:00-5:00 pm.



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6th – 12th grade ski trip to Buena Vista will be held on March 11th-12th. See Kelsey for more details.



## Sunday School News

Welcome back to Sunday School on January 8

- January 15 – Flapjacks for Faith
- March (date TBD) – Camp Sunday
- July 31 – August 3 – Pathways Day Camp
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## **FYI**

With ski trips and summer and day camps coming up, we have opportunities for you as an individual or family to raise money to help pay for these events. One way is FFF – Flapjacks for Faith. This is where the youth and parents cook and serve pancakes and sausage, and clean up. The event is held between worship services, and any age can help. The next FFF is Sunday, January 15. If you are interest in helping, contact Kelsey or Amber.

## **Noisy Offering**

The noisy offering for January will go to our Little Brother Little Sister organization of Pennington County.

Little Brother Little Sister of Pennington County is a youth mentoring program that focuses on the needs of children, ages 6–18. The mission of LBLS is to build a relationship between a child and an adult mentor who will be an advisor and friend on the journey to adulthood.

Mentoring relationships have proven to prevent juvenile crimes, increase school success, and decrease juvenile depression. “Our children are our future, and it’s never too late to invest in them.”

*Thank you to everyone that came to the  
Happy Birthday, Jesus celebration!  
The event was a success with over 30 kids.*