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Read John 20:29 & 30.

Our Hearts Are Restless – Our God Is Constant

People sometimes ask what God is like. This is the answer: “God is like Jesus.”

God is constant. People change every few years. Adolescent faith is real faith. It is also restless and incomplete. There is more to know. There is more to do. There is more for God to do. Adolescent faith sustains as nothing else and feels incomplete at the same time.

The faith of adults, young parents, empty nesters, and elderly sustains as nothing else, and still feels incomplete somehow. (I Corinthians 13:12) At every stage of life the believer will have a restless and completely honest question: “Is this all there is?”

One of the best teachers of the Christian faith (St. Augustine) put it this way: “Our hearts are restless until they rest, O Lord, in thee.”

At every age it is our faith not to settle. Christians will never settle for anything second best. Easy answers to the hardest questions are attractive especially at first, but eventually our hearts become restless again. Even on our calmest days, we know that there is more to know.

We can say with complete confidence and utter finality that there is always more to life than we are aware of. Yes, Christ is risen. Yes, death is defeated. Yes, the promise of everlasting life is made to us. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has never been fully appreciated, and never will be. Yes, we know God, but now we know dimly; we know in part. Our faith sustains us and keeps us wanting more.

One thing we do know with complete certainty is that even with restless hearts and the nagging feeling that there is more to life; God blesses us who live by faith.

Christian faith is more than enough to live on, come what may.

In Christ,  
Pastor John Golv



## **President's Message** **Millie Reierson**

God's blessings to all of you!

As I write this we are in the middle of Lent. It is a gray day outside and although spring is officially here, the grass is brown, the trees are bare of leaves and there are some remnants of snow on the ground. I don't feel very spring-like. But, I know in a few weeks we will observe Good Friday and the death of Jesus Christ and three days later, the greatest miracle, Easter Sunday! Jesus lives! His death and resurrection paid for our sins and enable us to live in eternity with God! What could be better than that?

Remember to pray for our staff, our Parish Planning Council and all the members of Zion as we share God's Love and Grace with those around us.

See you in Church!  
Millie Reierson

## **Easter Worship – April 16**

6:30 – Holy Communion Sunrise Service by the youth  
7:15 – Easter Breakfast by the youth  
8:30 – Holy Communion Worship  
10:00 – Easter Worship at Silver Creek  
10:40 – Holy Communion Worship



## **Easter Flowers**



If you wish to share flowers for our Easter services in memory or in honor of someone, please call the church office by April 11 so it can be included in the bulletin.

Flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 service.



**MISSION  
SUNDAY**

## Mission Sunday – April 23

Reverend Phil Blom, long-time mentor and friend of Pastor Ale, will be the visiting pastor for both services on Sunday, April 23. He will share his work with the Blom Memorial for Mission, which is primarily a prayer-filled, care-filled helping hand to disaster victims. Flowing from the faith of his parents and inspired by the Grand Forks flood of 1997, this mission program goes beyond the immediate assistance needed after such events to tangibly expressing Christ's love globally. Their mission work has ranged from Haiti, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Slovakia to Duluth, Gulf Coast, North Dakota, and most recently Minnesota Bible camps. We look forward to having Pastor Blom with us that day; please join us.

Zion Mission Committee



## ZLCW NEWS

The monthly meeting of the Women of Zion will be Tuesday, April 11, at 10:00, with Bible study at 10:30. The executive board meets at 9:30 with a short meeting to follow.

### Duties for April:

- Program - if desired - Rebekah
- Hostess - Elizabeth
- Hospitality - Lydia
- Visitation - Anna at Oakland Park

### Up-coming Events

- April 29 - Spring Gathering - Conference 2 (Formerly Cluster 2) at Trinity in TRF –
  - Registration - \$8.00
  - 8:30 - 9:00 - Registration and coffee
  - 9:00 - Program - Speaker - Katie De Marais
  - 11:30 - Luncheon
- May 17 - Syttende Mai Supper
- July 14 - Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis
- September 14-15 - NW MN Synodical Convention in Detroit Lakes



Thanks to all who expressed such warm sympathy and support on the death of my father. It made a difficult time of life easier to bear.

Pastor John Golv

Pastor Gary and Diane Johnson would like to thank everyone who sent prayers, offered support, sent messages, cards, and memorials after the passing of Gary's mother, Betty Johnson. She was an inspiration, and we miss her greatly. Knowing she is at peace and in the company of our Loving God and loved ones brings us much comfort. Thank you all.



### Parish Planning Council Minutes March 21, 2017

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Millie Reierson at 5:30 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reierson, Pastor Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Glenice Johnson, Deb Howe, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan, Ken Kalsnes, Roberta Kalsnes, Kelsey McGowan, Barbara Overbye, and Pam Cwikla.

Pastor John gave devotions.

Sue Graftstrom, from Roseau, presented information on Pathways and thanked Zion for its financial support and for sending many campers each year.

The minutes from the February 21, 2017 Council meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ken Kalsnes and seconded by Glenice Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Barbara Overbye presented the Treasurer's Report. It was filed for audit.

Discussion followed regarding the reduction in income and the increase in expenses.

**PASTORS' REPORT:** Pastor Golv's report was submitted. Pastor John presented a publication titled "Effective Stewardship" regarding "On-line Giving". Kelsey McGowan presented information regarding installing a credit card machine in the church to facilitate those who prefer to make their offerings on their credit card. After much discussion, Millie asked the Council to review the information and be prepared to vote on the proposal options at the next meeting.

**NEW TRADITIONS:** Ken Kalsnes presented sign-up sheets for cleaning the church. He said they would like the cleanup completed before Easter. The sheets will be available between services on Sunday.

**EVANGELISM/LAY MINISTRY:** Deb Holtan reported that “War Room” has been shown twice and will be shown again April 9<sup>th</sup>. Response has been good.

Deb commented there are quite a few prayer shawls ready to be blessed. Plans are being made to provide prayer shawls for infusion patients at the hospital. She reported that 17 prayer squares were presented to grandparents of the Norski hockey players affected by cancer at the “Relay for Life” Norski game.

Deb reminded everyone of the Prayer Vigil which will held Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 10:00 PM. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the prayer vigil.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Connie Hamre reported that Miracle Sunday will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. She said quarterly financial reports will be provided for the congregation and presented in “Temple Talk”. Connie reported on the positive results and importance of “Simply Giving”. Discussion followed on ways to inform and promote this option to other members. Much discussion followed regarding additional ways to increase membership giving and options for fund raising events to help with the Faith Fund deficit.

**WORSHIP BOARD:** Minutes from the 3/7/17 meeting submitted. Deb Howe reported that the board members will try to deliver the directories and pictures that have not been picked up. Deb inquired about \$250 debit cards available from Thrivent. It will be followed up on.

**CHURCH PROPERTIES:** In his absence, Joel Rude provided minutes to Millie to present to the Council. Proposals from Indigo Signs and Stewart Signs for Zion’s building signs were presented to the Council for their consideration. The Board also reviewed the custodial job description.

Millie reported that a donation has been made to replace the obsolete hearing aid system at Zion.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** Pastor Ale’s upcoming events:

1<sup>st</sup> Communion

4/23 Mission Sunday – Pastor Phil Bloom

Next Council meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

After the Lord’s Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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## Silver Creek

With Spring comes Clean Up time once again; we will meet on Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 PM. This is for all congregational members. We will begin with a potluck supper. This gives us a chance to work together to make our building sparkle. The women are asked to come early to make some Linus blankets before we start cleaning. This will start at 3:00 PM.



The church council will meet on Sunday, April 9, following services. A reminder that our Easter service will be at 10:00 AM on Sunday, April 16th.

**PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND TO CELEBRATE THE RISEN SAVIOR.**

## Bev Rupprecht



### *6th-12th grade Northern Air Trip Trampoline Dodge Ball*

It was a ton of fun going over to Grand Forks for trampoline dodge ball!

### *March Family event: Bowling at Family Bowl*

We started with saying the Lord's Prayer together. The kids did a wonderful job at remembering the prayer! Overall, there were 16 kids that attended!

Thank you everyone who has attended our Family Events this past year! Our next one will be when we come back in the fall. We look forward to having you there!





1st communion for the 5th graders started on March 26th with Pastor John. Classes will meet again April 2nd and 9<sup>th</sup>. Parents are to attend. When parents aren't needed, they will be asked to gather in Fellowship Hall until class is released. 5th graders' 1st communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. The Seder Meal will kick off the 1st communion in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. This is 8th grades service event.

# Confirmation

We will be starting classes again on Wednesday the 19th and the 26th (last night).

- 10th grade, all of your sermon notes should be done or only a few left and your acolyting should be done at this time. We will be getting you ready for graduating from confirmation and writing your faith statements.
- 9th grade, all of your sermon notes should be done, with only a few left. Your acolyting should be completed or only one or two left.
- 8th grade, get your sermon notes in. Acolytes, show up on a Sunday and buddy up with who is working that acolyting. From there they can help show how to fulfill that acolyting service. Also, 8th grades service event is Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, for the Seder Meal at 6:00 pm.

### As a reminder:

- You need 15 sermon notes.
- Acolytes you need 7 (recommended: 1 tech, 2 smoothie, 2 communion assistant, and two 8:30 acolytes)
- If you are not done with sermon notes or acolyting, you are expected to fulfill your duties this summer.

April 5 - "Play with fire" Part I

April 12 - "Uninvited" Part I

April 19 - "Uninvited" Part II

April 26 - Last day hanging out in the youth room!





You might have seen this image around church lately!

June 27 - July 1, 2018 we will be gathering in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

If interested in this event, please contact Kelsey in the Youth office or email at [ziontrfy@gmail.com](mailto:ziontrfy@gmail.com).

## **Sunday School News**

April 9 - Sunday school students will be singing.

April 16 - Easter Sunday no Sunday school

May 14 - Mother's Day - Sunday school students will be singing.

May 14 - Last day of Sunday school

## **Lenten Clean-Up**

April 5 – Grade 9

April 13 – (Maundy Thursday) - Grade 8

## **Noisy Offering for April**

Noisy Offering in April will go to Home Delivered Meals, a branch Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Senior Nutrition, offers the program that prepares nutritious meals for older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to prepare the food for themselves or travel to a site where a meal is being served. Meals are delivered to homebound seniors by volunteers. There is no income criteria.

## **Memories from Eleanor Bothman**

While arranging books in the church library, I found a little gem called *Down the Road Through Time in Rhyme* by Eleanor Bothman. For those of you who don't remember Eleanor, she was born Eleanor Leiran, on September 24, 1917 and raised in TRF and a long-time member of Zion.

She was married to Hank Bothman who spent seven years working at KTRF, finishing his career teaching electronics at the TRFAVTI from 1958-1975.

From time to time I would like to share some of her poetry.

## **Peaceful Solitude**

Whether the eastern skies be cloudy  
Or have gorgeous streaks of light,  
I know these are the moments  
Where my god is always right.

He has given us a quiet time,  
He has always made it right  
He has given us the sleep-time  
He has given day and night.

And I thank Him every morning  
For the peaceful solitude  
He has spread across my heartstrings  
Starts my days in pleasant moods.

Then as evening shadows come creeping by  
And I analyze my day,  
I know the time that I have spent  
Has been worth it all the way.

EB – 2005

## **My Prayer**

Just how is the battle today, Dear Lord.  
Is your arm a protecting shield  
Guarding our boys from the dangers there  
While out on that battlefield?

While you sit on your throne and gaze at the world,  
And see what destruction is wrought,  
Do you ever think of the insane acts  
That we foolish men have brought?

You created this world so perfect and true  
And we have to spoil every bit.

Do you ever think, “Was it worth it all?”  
And, “What was the purpose of it?”

But this morning I saw a most beautiful sight,  
‘Twas the first light streak of dawn  
The surest fact in all this world  
That the long dark night was gone.

Though this sight was something for eyes to behold  
And the wonders of nature to see,  
Was it a day to remember, Dear Lord,  
A day for just you and me?

EB – 1943-1944

(Written during WWII while working the night shift at the Soo Lone RR Ticket Office)