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Pentecost - Martin Luther - the Holy Spirit, or, the Spirit - the Word - the Day of Pentecost, or, Why We Believe At All

Read Numbers 11:24-30

This portion of Scripture from Numbers is the alternate reading for the second lesson on the Day of Pentecost. We are far more familiar with the reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21.

With either reading we again celebrate God's gift of himself. In Acts we see again how completely inclusive God is. It is understood that every nationality on earth is there, surrounding the disciples. Even the Medes are there (whose country ceased to exist long before). Generally, the list of countries in Acts moves from East to West. The languages are used to say the Gospel. It is understood that God's Spirit is also given to specific individuals.

So today the list could also say, with perfect accuracy: "How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language," English, German, French, Amharic (the language of Ethiopia) Arabic, Spanish, Danish, Swedish, even Norwegian – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." It was Moses who said, "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" (Numbers 11:29)

We could (we won't) read the alternate reading instead of Acts 2 on Pentecost. If we did we would still celebrate the remarkable gift of the Spirit of God. In Acts tongues of fire appeared, the Spirit was given, and the Gospel could be said in words everyone could understand. In Numbers a cloud descended, a portion of Spirit was given, and the seventy began to prophesy.

Martin Luther makes an important connection between the word of God and the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said that the Word and the Spirit are related to each other like the heat and the light which the sun always produces together, or, like the voice and breath in speaking. Luther said: "One cannot separate the voice from the breath. Whoever refuses to hear the voice gets nothing out of the breath either."

We do not, in other words, have the Spirit without the Word.

Luther made another important connection for us when he went on to say, "It is easy enough for someone to preach the Word to me, but only God can put it into my heart. God must speak it in my heart, or nothing at all will come of it. If God remains silent, the final effect is as though nothing had been said." Every preacher needs to hear this.

There is no doubt for Luther that God does work with the Spirit through the Word.

Often enough it comes up this way, "How do I get God's Spirit?" Luther's answer is again one for preachers to treasure. God's Spirit is always active in the Word. The gift of the Word living and alive is God's doing, only. This means (according to Luther) that the Word can often remain in the heart for many years without having any effect; then God's Spirit comes and makes the previously heard Word effective. God is free to determine the "when." ... Why God does this sort of thing is his secret. This is encouraging for aging preachers who wonder if it is all worth it in the end.

Whichever reading we use on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate a miraculous gift. One given by God. A gift which brings God to us. A gift we could never expect. One of the salvation events. One which established the church. A gift God is still giving.

A gift given only because of divine love.

Pastor John Golv
(aka Grandpa John)

- May 29 – June 2 – Falls Delivered Meals
- June - August – Summer Worship at Zion - 8:30
- June – August – Summer worship at Silver Creek – 10:00
- June 11 – Outdoor service and picnic at Silver Creek
- June 14 – August 23 – Food! Faith! Family! On Wednesday's - 5:30 - supper - 6:15 worship
- June 11 - Joint service Silver Creek – 10:00



President's Message Millie Reiersen

God's blessings to all of you!

This is the only newsletter from now until September so it will have lots of information for you. We are down to 8:30 service only on Sundays. If you prefer a later service, Silver Creek has theirs at 10 AM, and they have said that we are welcome! Another alternative is Wednesday evenings from June 14th through August 23rd. Come for some supper and worship. Great way to keep up with Zion if you are gone on the weekends or if you would like more fellowship during the week.

Our youth will be attending Bible camps throughout the summer. What a wonderful way to keep them spiritually refreshed during the summer. Pathways staff will be here for Vacation Bible School the end of July and early August. We will be asking for volunteers to help.

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 Reiersen

ZLCW NEWS



Lutheran World Relief pick-up was May. We shipped 129 Personal Care Kits, 25 Baby Care Kits, and 23 quilts. Thank you to all who worked on them. Thank you also to those who provided items for the kits. Good work!

The June Bible Study is at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Watch the bulletin for date and time.

The July Bible study is at Zion at 12:00 Noon. Guest are the women of Redeemer, Trinity, and Silver Creek Lutheran Churches. Duties - Program: Bible study by Pastor, Hostess: All Circles and Hospitality: Executive Board.

August Bible Study will be at Trinity. Watch the bulletin for date and time.

The September ZLCW meeting will be September 12 at 10:00 AM. Program: Rebekah, Hostess: Dorcas, Hospitality: Anna and Visitation: Lydia at Valley Home.



Dates to remember:

- The 2017 Triennial Gathering is in Minneapolis on July 13-16.
- The NWMN Synodical Women's Organization is in Detroit Lakes on September 14-15.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue through the summer months meeting on Thursdays at 10:00. We are always looking for monetary donations to buy the yarn, ribbon and cards that are need for the shawls. Also, anyone that would like to join us, please do so! We'd love to have you be a part of this ministry! Any questions, please call Deb Holtan 449-4645 or 686-3758.



Congratulations Grandpa and

On the birth of Edwin Ansgarius Cedergren

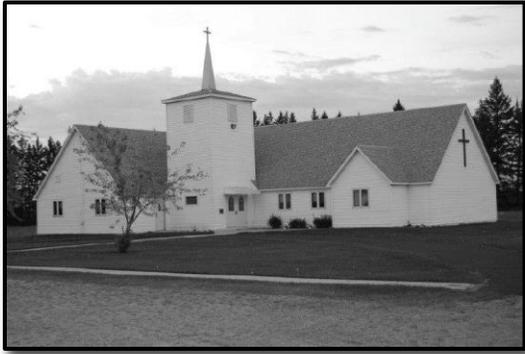
Born - May 9

Weight - 9 pounds, 1 ounce

Length - 21 inches



Grandma Golv



Bev Rupprecht

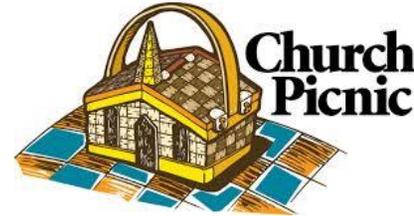
Silver Creek

Summer is coming and grass at Silver Creek will be lush and growing. Please sign up for a week or two of mowing. The schedule is on the bulletin board.

No council meetings are scheduled for July or August unless it is necessary.

We will host the picnic with Zion on June 11th at 10 AM. Following the outdoor service, a potluck lunch will be served.

The women of the church will not be encouraged to attend the meetings at Zion, scheduled.



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Parish Planning Council Minutes May 16, 2017

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

President Millie gave devotions.

The minutes from the April 18, 2017 Council meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Tim Numedahl and seconded by Ken Kalsnes to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

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

PARISH FELLOWSHIP: Glenice Johnson commented that through the summer, ushers will only be needed for the 8:30 Sunday service.

STEWARDSHIP: Connie Hamre reported that Miracle Sunday went quite well. She thanked Charlie Cornell and Roberta Kalsnes for their presentations at services regarding the importance of "Simply Giving". Connie reported that the fall auction is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th, at 2:00. She asked Pam Cwikla to assist in preparing information to be published in the newsletter.

EVANGELISM/LAY MINISTRY: Deb Holtan reported, due to illness, Pastor Erickson was forced to cancel his workshop. A fall date is being considered which will allow more time for promoting the workshop with emphasis on "sex trafficking".

She reported that they will continue to make prayer shawls throughout the summer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH: Amber Holtan reported that the first campers will be at camp June 6-11th.

CHURCH PROPERTIES: Joel Rude reported that Nick Beito is a new member on the board. He said Jim Fulton has offered to mow the church properties. Joel reported that he obtained a bid of \$5,700 from Tricorne Audio for repair work on the audio-visual equipment. The Council approved the repair estimate. Joel reported that the asbestos abatement company did not find asbestos present in the recently purchased house so they can continue with the plan to demolish it. He also reported that the window has been repaired in the fellowship hall and the front stairway was repaired. Erling Johnson has a new proposal ready for the Zion sign.

SILVER CREEK: Penni Nelson said plans are being made for the joint service. She commented that Zion is to provide the songs and music. She invited the Zion parishioners to participate in the potluck and to bring their lawn chair. Penni offered that confirmands can make up time by acolyting and assisting with communion at Silver Creek.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Kelsey McGowan reported that Graduate Sunday went well. She commented that Alex Martinez, her exchange student from Mexico, will be assisting with the children's sermon next Sunday. She reported that she is concentrating on the Youth Gathering and Pathways Bible Camp. She is planning outings of golf and fishing for this summer. Vacation Bible School will be July 31 and August 1-3.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Minutes from the 5/2/17 meeting submitted. Deb Howe reported that Darlene Hulteen, Koni Johnson, and Laura Stengrim have agreed to serve another term on the board.

Millie asked that all of the board chairmen review their boards for retiring members and find out how many need to be replaced. Chairmen serve 3-year terms and board members serve 2-year terms.

PASTORS' REPORT: Pastor Ale reported that Wednesday night summer services will begin June 14th. He will be taking continuing education classes this summer.

Pastor Golv's report was submitted. He commended Kelsey on doing a very good job.

Millie reminded everyone that items for the newsletter need to be submitted by this Friday. This will be the last newsletter until fall. She reported that Council members voted for the "Easy Tithe" credit card reader.

Next Council meeting will be June 20th at 5:30.

After the Lord's Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

ELECTRONIC SIGN

Several members have expressed interest in donating funds towards an outdoor electronic sign for the church. The sign would be programmable so events, announcements and schedules etc. could be displayed. The approximate cost would be \$37,000.00.

The Properties Board and the PPC decided to go ahead with the sign if 80% of the cost is raised before the project is started. All donations toward this project are appreciated.

Any questions, contact Joel Rude at joelrude@mncable.net or

Tim Numedahl at numedahl@mncable.net



Fall Auction

Please Mark Your Calendar for Zion's fall auction on Sunday, September 24, at 2:00 PM.

Items needed for Zion's fall auction include baked and canned goods, craft items, garden produce, antiques, gift baskets, etc. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin and on Zion's website at ziontrf.org as we get closer to the date. Proceeds will be used to help with our Faith Fund.

Zion Mission Contributions at Work

Recently our Mission Committee voted to donate \$1,000 from our budget to the Blom Memorial for Mission. It was used to assist with the restoration work on the chapels at Mount Carmel and Luther Crest. Pastor Ale attended the dedication of the Borning Cry Chapel; its name honors the familiar hymn, "Borning Cry," written by John Ylvisaker. Pictures show the "before" and "after" appearance of the chapel at Mount Carmel.



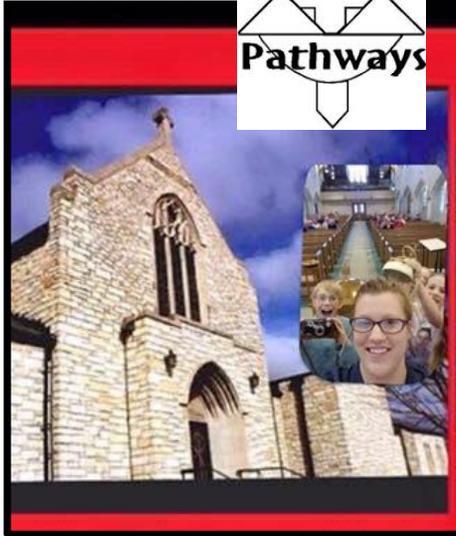
Adults Saving Kids

The Adults Saving Kids, Prayer Project Lifesaver Workshop that was to be held on May 7th is being rescheduled for some time this Fall. There will be more information on this as Fall approaches.



Wednesdays from
June 14-August 23

**FOOD!
FAITH!
FAMILY!
FRIENDS!**



Sunday School News

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that has helped with Sunday school this year. The following have volunteered their time: Laura Rude, Jenna VonHolthum, Sara Scheef, Alisha Schneider, Brittany Johnson, Becky Fredrickson, Davina Brown, Becky Peterson, Miriah Misson, Tristan Hanson, Jana Erickson, Frances Tougus, Shawna Spears, Krista Johnson, Kami Spears, Chrysi Gibson, Becky Phillip, Kayla Bruggeman and anyone else that may have filled in.

I would also like to say thanks to you parents for bringing your children to Sunday school and sharing that hour with us. It's always fun to watch our children grow throughout the year.

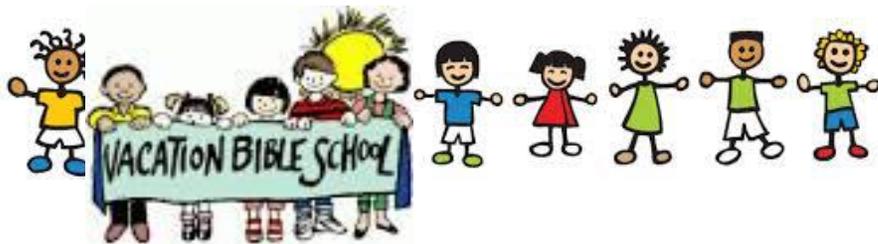
Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer.

Amber Holtan and the Christian Ed/Youth Board

The dates listed below are when Zion will be providing transportation to camp.

- June 11-16 - Elementary Classic - Grades 4-5
 - June 18-23 - Middle School - Grades 6-7
 - June 25 - 30 - Junior High Classic - Grades 8-9
 - July 9 -14 - High School Classic - Grades 10-12
 - July 12 -14 - Elementary Mini - Grades 2-3
 - July 14 - Half Pint Day - Grades K-2
 - July 31- August 3 - Day Camp/VBS at Zion
- It's great to see so many kids on the roster for camp!

If you
website:



are still interested in signing up for any of these camps, see this
<http://pathwaysbiblecamps.org/summer-camp/>

Vacation Bible School (Day camp)

July 31 - August 3

At Zion

Students going into kindergarten
through those going into 6th grade

There will be other churches from the area that will be attending the day camp as well. What a great way to meet more kids your age through the summer!

I will be sending out registration forms and health forms to all going into kindergarten through those going into 6th grade. Once filled out, please return to the office. The deadline for registering is July 24. We will still accept campers coming in that morning, but due to lunches, we need a head count the week prior. If you don't receive day camp registration forms by June 1, contact the church office at 218-681-3296 or email Kelsey at ziontrfy@gmail.com.

We look forward to many smiling campers wanting to fill their tanks full of FAITH! The theme for Day Camp is *The Water of Life* from the book of Isaiah 43:2.

We are in search of a host family for camp instructors from Pathways. If you can be a host, contact Kelsey at ziontrfy@gmail.com or 218-681-3296.

June



Congratulations to our graduating class of 2017!

June 2 - our senior class will make their final walks as seniors and march into the real world. You have accomplished so much. Your congregation is proud of you.



July

July 10 - deadline for financial assistance for the National Youth Gathering. Anyone interested in going, should be applying for this.



July 18 - golfing for “Youth Ladies” is Tuesday, July 18. We will meet at the church at 1:30 and ride over to the golf club. This is a great way to bond before we head south for the National Youth Gathering. Sign up with Kelsey at ziontrfy@gmail.com or 218-681-3296 if you plan on attending.

August

August 18 - fishing date with the youth director on Tuesday, August 8. We will meet at the church at 1:30, have our prayer of the Lord’s Prayer and head out to the fishing spot. Sorry...can’t print our fishing spot or else we would be giving away our secret.



We are trying to put together a band for our New Traditions Service. If you’re interest, contact Kelsey at ziontrfy@gmail.com or 218-681-3296.

It was great to see the crowd for the first informative meeting for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering. If you didn't make the meeting, here are the following meeting dates:

July 10 - Deadline to apply for the financial assistance. Everyone that is committed to the trip should be applying for this.

September 10 - 11:30 am start of registration. Will be filling out the registration and health forms. Finalizing plans on budgeting and the conversation of how to achieve the goals.

February 11 - at 11:30 am - "Are you packed yet?" meeting with parents and youth

*With a drawing of a souvenir

June 1 - TBD - "Are we there yet?" meeting with parents and youth

*With a drawing of a souvenir

June 23 - Leaving Zion and heading south to Houston, TX

Still want more information? Contact Kelsey at zionrfy@gmail.com or give her a call at 218-681-3296

Memories from Eleanor Bothman

A Memorial Day Prayer

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 Line RR Ticket Office)