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Read Exodus Chapter 20

Questions and Answers

Martin Luther saw that there is no such thing as talking about faith in general without also speaking specifically about one's own faith. When we are able to add "**for me**," or "**to me**" to the dispassionate sentences which describe our belief in God, then God's Word becomes important personally and then real faith may take root and grow.

So, with that in mind, here are the Ten Commandments, both ways.

Why are the Commandments important?

These commandments are from God. They are an expression of God's ways. They are meant to be God's way of life in every life. They are immutable. They are eternal. They will never be surpassed.

Why are the Commandments important **for me**?

God has ways. These ways are written, even carved in stone. These ways are supremely revelatory to me. Our teachers say that the commandments are important to us for two reasons. 1. These ten rules keep order, much in the same way that stop signs keep order. In other words, chaos is avoidable. 2. The impossibility of keeping all the commandments all of the time eventually drives us to Christ for forgiveness.

We cannot take any of them lightly without also taking God lightly.

What do the commandments do?

This is the start of the rule of law. No one stands above it. This is authority at its best. Anyone can see its worth.

What do the commandments do **for me**?

The commandments are often a stepping stone along the way to a mature faith. Obedience to God is a good place for faith to start. Obedience always seems right, and it is. At first, obedience may seem like an end in itself. It never is. Even my best attempts at good behavior do not lead to a good heart. Eventually we learn that no amount of obedience can ever be enough.

Real spiritual work goes to matters of the heart. Eventually we learn that a good heart at best is temporary, fickle, and does not reach the goal. When eventually we realize what we can and cannot do, real faith in Christ becomes possible, even life-saving. Then, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, we turn to Christ.

What Jesus did is enough. We put our faith in him. We spend our lives looking to him, to hear God, to see God, to know God even intimately.

Work all of this out for yourself using these questions.

How do I obey God in my life? What does God see in my best behavior? What does God see in my heart?

What did Jesus do, **for me**?

Pastor John Golv



- **September 10** - Rally Sunday - Worship - 8:30, Sunday School - 9:30, Carnival – hot dogs and chips in parking lot - 10:30
- **September 17** - Worship - 8:30, New Traditions Worship -10:30
- **September 24** - Confirmation Retreat - Silver Creek - 11:30 - 1:30
- **September 27** - Confirmation Kick-Off
- **October 15** - Pastor Alvin Erickson - workshop on prayer
- **October 22** - Consecration Sunday - breakfast between services

President's Message Millie Reiersen



God's blessings to all of you!

This has been a busy summer and we have a busier fall ahead! Our Youth Director, Kelsey, resigned in July so we have some needs for parents and parishioners to help fill the void. Rally Sunday will be September 10th. Our two-service schedule will start September 17. Flap Jacks for Faith, Sunday school, choirs, confirmation classes will be starting up, and they all need folks. I'm sure I missed something, but read your bulletins and newsletters to get the best information.

Sunday, September 24, we will have an auction/silent auction/bake sale starting at 2:00 pm. We are looking for donations of crafts, woodworking, painting, baking, canning, sewing, knitting, etc. I know we have many talented people at Zion, so **strut your stuff!**

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

See you in Church!
Millie Reiersen

ZLCW NEWS



Women of ELCA Synodical Convention

September 14 and 15

Fair Hills Resort

Detroit Lakes, MN

Keynote Speaker- Kevin Wallevand

Pathways Outdoor Ministry Quilt and Art Auction and Fall Celebration Fundraiser

Make plans to attend the Pathways Outdoor Ministry Quilt and Art Auction and Fall Celebration Fundraiser on Saturday, October 14 in Moorhead at Dilworth Lutheran Church, 406 NE 3rd Street. The fun begins at 10:30AM with activities for all ages, including a cakewalk. Lunch will be served at 11:30 with the auction beginning at 12:30. Live music will add to the festivities, and there will be supervised activities for children throughout the day. A pie social, beginning with a celebrity pie auction, will be right after the Art and Quilt Auction.



Zion Lutheran Church is one of the drop-off locations for donations and quilts.

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

Items Needed for “A Bag of My Own”

This year’s community service project at the Synodical Women’s Organization Convention in Detroit Lakes on September 14 and 15 is to contribute to the “A Bag of My Own” program. Most children entering foster care come with few personal belongings in a grocery or garbage bag; some come with nothing. It is a difficult, emotional time in their lives, and if they felt worthy enough to have “something of their own,” it would help tremendously.

Zion’s delegates will be bringing a number of duffel bags, large tote bags and small suitcases hopefully filled with clothing and other supplies to add to the project. We have several bags but need your help in filling them. A large box will be placed in the narthex for any contributions you can provide. Just think of things a child from 0-18 would want and need. We will sort them by age and gender into the bags. Here are some suggested items.

Pajamas
Small blankets
Diapers
Pull-Ups
Stuffed animals (small)
Bibs
Clothes
Books
Underwear
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Soap
Sippy cup
Small toys
Coloring books & colors
Socks
Soap
Deodorant
Handheld games
Trading cards
Gift cards
Additional duffle or large tote bags



**Thank you for
thinking of the
children.**

Silver Creek

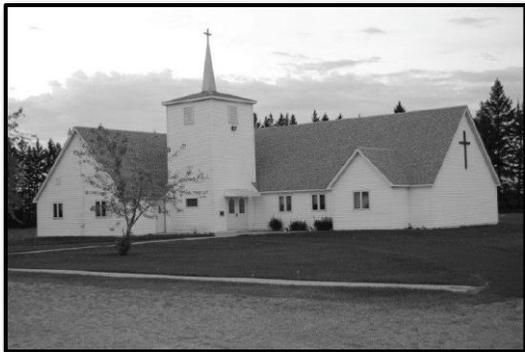
Summer has a way of slipping by rapidly, but hope you were able to find some time to enjoy building memories with family and friends. With fall comes our big fundraising and the selling of raffle tickets for the quilt. The picture and tickets should be out to all families with the hopes of having tickets turned in by October 8th. The drawing for the quilt will be held on Oct. 15th before church services at 10:00 AM. Following services we will have our turkey dinner for Silver Creek members.

Church council will meet following services on September 10th. WELCA will meet on Sept. 14th at 5:30 Our Bible study is from our new book, "Growing Older and Wiser", lesson #1 Wise Up. Women of the Bible will be featuring Tabitha. We will have election of officers, with Co-Chair and Secretary positions to be filled.

School bags are our biggest need and will set a date to sew these soon.

Thanks to the families who have been so diligent in keeping our lawn and outdoors looking so nice.

Bev Rupprecht



Fall Auction

Live auction, silent auction and baked goods sale Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 PM.

Items needed for Zion's fall auction crafts, baked goods, antiques, jams, needlework, etc. Proceeds will be used to help our Faith Fund. Call Connie at 681-8325 if you have questions.



Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes August 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 5:35 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor Ale Tulu, Barbara Overbye, Connie Hamre, Tim Numedahl, Karen Thygeson, Glenice Johnson, Deb Howe, Deb Holtan and Joel Rude.

Pastor Ale gave devotions.

The minutes from June 20th and July 18th were presented for approval. Glenice Johnson made a motion to approve as printed and Karen Thygeson seconded. Motion carried.

Barbara Overbye presented to Treasurer's report. It was filed for audit.

A letter to the Council from Roberta Kalsnes was tabled.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reported that Pr Alvin Erickson will be here on Sunday, October 15th for a workshop on prayer. This board will have stations during the Confirmation Orientation on Sep 27th for mentoring confirmation students. Prayer shawl ministry is going strong and another blessing Sunday will be scheduled soon.

Youth/Christian Education: Amber Holtan reported that Rally Sunday will be Sep 10th. At the 8:30 service, a blessing of school backpacks will be held, Sunday School will be at 9:30 followed by the carnival and lunch. Flapjacks for Faith will be every third Sunday with the proceeds going to the National Youth Gathering. Vacation Bible School had 38 children and many thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped make it a success.

Properties: Joel Rude reported that the City wants the water/sewer capped on the property at 510 N. Knight. The new granite sign is up on the south end in front of the church. Properties will develop a way to display worship times. Sound techs are needed to operate the cameras and microphones during services. If interested, talk to Joel.

Public Relations: Submitted minutes were discussed.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice Johnson reported her board would be reviewing the instructions for Sharing Servants duties and the ushers' duties so that they match.

Stewardship: Connie Hamre reported that Sunday, Sep 24th will be Zion's Auction/Silent Auction/Bake Sale starting at 2PM in the fellowship hall. October 22nd will be Consecration Sunday at both services with a breakfast in between services. The Council will help serve.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ale reported that Confirmation Retreat will be held Sep 24th at Silver Creek from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This will give folks time to get to the Auction.

Pastor John is on vacation but submitted a written report.

The Lord's Prayer was said and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Reierson, President



**Zion Lutheran
Parish Planning Council Minutes
July 18, 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, Karen Thygeson, Glenice Johnson, Deb Howe, Amber Holtan, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan, Ken Kalsnes, Roberta Kalsnes, Barbara Overbye and Pam Cwikla.

Millie gave devotions.

The minutes from the June 20, 2017 Council meeting were presented for approval. With a couple of corrections suggested by Connie Hamre and Glenice Johnson, a motion was made by Karen Thygeson and seconded by Ken Kalsnes to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

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

There was discussion regarding Zion's financial position. President Millie said she will compose a letter to the congregation informing them of our current situation. She presented a letter to the Council for review pertaining to membership status.

President Millie reported that Youth Director, Kelsey McGowan, verbally resigned her position, effective Friday, July 14. Deb Howe made a motion to accept Kelsey's resignation as Youth Director. It was seconded by Connie Hamre. There were two "no" votes by Roberta Kalsnes and Ken Kalsnes. The motion carried by majority.

There was discussion about much concern regarding how to fill the needs of our youth.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Deb reported that the board did not meet. She commented that she will contact her board members to delay the August meeting to the 8th due to a conflict on the 1st.

EVANGELISM/LAY MINISTRY: The board did not meet in July. Deb Holtan commented that a fall date is still being discussed for Pastor Erickson's workshop. She said the quilting room has been cleaned. Everything was moved out, items were either disposed of or reorganized.

She reported that they're still making prayer shawls and they are considering making infant caps for the hospital using yarn scraps.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH: Amber Holtan reported that Chrysi Gibson will be the board chairperson. Amber said they reviewed the monthly schedule. She commended Roberta Kalsnes for all her work in assisting the review of all the IFA accounts.

- VBS 7/31-8/3
- A host-family is needed for Pathways youth
- A volunteer is needed to take the Pathways counselors out to dinner on Monday and Tuesday, 7/31 and 8/1.
- There are 11 youth who have committed to the National Youth Gathering next year.
- A fee for transporting youth to camp is being considered.
- Sunday School supplies are needed. Requests for donations from members is being considered.

STEWARDSHIP: The board did not meet in July. Connie Hamre reported that arrangements for the September 24th auction will be made at their August meeting. Consecration Sunday will be October 15th.

Ale reported that confirmation orientation will be held the 3rd week of September on the 20th.

CHURCH PROPERTIES: Joel Rude was absent because he is working on demolishing the house on Knight.

PASTORS' REPORT: Pastor Ale thanked everyone for allowing him to participate in Continuing Education at Mt. Carmel. It's a very rewarding experience. This year included lessons on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Pastor Golv's report was submitted.

Barbara requested information pertaining to church needs which could be supported by memorials. These needs will be reviewed.

Kelsey McGowan requested time to discuss her personal situation. President Millie informed her that the Council had voted to accept her resignation so no further discussion was necessary.

After the Lord's Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next Council meeting will be August 15th at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted by,
Pam Cwikla, Secretary



**Zion Lutheran
Parish Planning Council Minutes
June 20, 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, Penni Nelson, Glenice Johnson, Deb Howe, Amber Holtan, Connie Hamre, Deb Holtan, Ken Kalsnes, Joel Rude, Roberta Kalsnes, Barbara Overbye and Pam Cwikla.

Pastor Ale gave devotions.

The minutes from the May 16, 2017 Council meeting were presented for approval. With one addition suggested by Glenice Johnson, a motion was made by Glenice Johnson and seconded by Connie Hamre to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

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

There was discussion regarding Zion's financial position. President Millie will compose letters to the congregation informing them of our current situation and a letter pertaining to membership status.

STEWARDSHIP: Connie Hamre reported that one more member is needed on their board. She commented that plans for the September 24th auction will be made at their August meeting. Consecration Sunday will be October 15th.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP: Board minutes submitted. Glenice Johnson requested a meeting with the Personnel Board.

EVANGELISM/LAY MINISTRY: Deb Holtan reported that a fall date is being determined for Pastor Erickson's workshop. Prayer booklets have been ordered. Confirmation is scheduled for October 29th. A mentoring station will be set up for Orientation Night.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH: Amber Holtan reported there was one resignation from her board. There are 4-6 members needed on this board. Becky Fredrickson and Davina Brown have volunteered to be Sunday School Supervisors. They will be reviewing their board responsibilities at their July 10th meeting. She reported that this is the second week of Bible camp. There is a total of 20 campers this summer.

CHURCH PROPERTIES: Joel Rude reported that he is working with Erling Johnson on the Zion sign. He commented that the house on Knight will be demolished about July 1st. Joel reported that the panic alarm system has been installed.

SILVER CREEK: Penni Nelson said the joint service went well.

WORSHIP BOARD: Roberta Kalsnes reported that Corrine Erickson is a new board member.

PASTORS' REPORT: Pastor Ale shared information on the "Water to Thrive" project which is wells for Ethiopia. He will present information to the Missions Board for consideration as the project for next year. He said he will be at Mt. Carmel next week.

Pastor Golv's report was submitted. He thanked everyone for the panic alarm system. Hopefully it will not have to be used but it provides safety for all the staff.

Millie commented on the Synod Assembly which was held June 8-9. One of their concerns is the shortage of pastors due to older pastors retiring and fewer people going to seminary. She reported that the Synod ended the year in the black. Millie said election for a new bishop will be in 2019 and she briefly explained the process.

Next Council meeting will be July 18th at 5:30.

After the Lord's Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

**Zion Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Meeting
June 28, 2017**

President Millie Reiersen called the Semi-Annual meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Quorum is present.

President Millie called the meeting to order and presented the slate of board members. She then entertained a motion for any nominees. No nominees were recommended. Dan Barch made a motion to accept the slate of board members as presented. It was seconded by Diane Baune. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

Millie asked if there was any other business. Denny Minks asked for an update on the Church van. Millie explained that she totaled her car in an accident so she is using the van with the intention of purchasing it. She is working with the Properties Board to make the purchase. She reported that only 4 miles were put on the van between the last oil changes. Denny asked her to remove the church decals when she purchases the van.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by,
Pam Cwikla, Secretary

Parish Health Committee

- Parish Health Committee will not meet in September. The next meeting will be October 3.
- There will be no blood pressure screening in September due to Labor Day. The next blood pressure screen will be Sunday, October 1 at 9:30AM.
- If you have a concern, please see Sandy during her nurse's hours on Mondays from 3:00-4:30 PM.



Sunday School News

Welcome Little Lambs!

Please join us on Sunday, September 10, at the 8:30 am service for the Little Lamb pinning ceremony.

Postcards have been sent, so please watch for them.

Sunday School – Little Lambs – 8th Grade

Sunday school is from 9:30 - 10:20.

The first day of Sunday school will be September 10. We would like to invite parents and Sunday schoolers to join us in the sanctuary following the 8:30 service for a brief informational meeting.

The Little Lambs – 5th grade will continue to use the SPARK leaflet curriculum that has a lesson coinciding with the sermon for each Sunday. 6th-8th grade will have a Jr High gathering with Kami Spears during Sunday school hour.





We would also like to invite everyone to join us for our annual carnival starting at 10:30 am in the North parking lot. We will be serving hot dogs and chips for lunch, so please come hungry!

If you have any questions, please let Becky (218-686-5563) or Davina (218-689-4965) know. You can also email them at ziontrfsundayschool@mncable.net



As we are getting ready to kick off another Sunday school year, I would like to say “Thank You” to Zion for the opportunity of being the Sunday School Superintendent over the past years! I had been making small talk about maybe opening the opportunity for someone else to step in and be involved with the Sunday school program, and a couple of months ago at our Christian Ed and Youth board meeting I had two young, energetic ladies say that they would love to be involved with the Sunday School program! I am proud to announce that Becky Fredrickson and Davina Brown have taken over the Sunday school Superintendent job! They will be great! They both have young children in Sunday school and both have been involved with teaching and are currently serving on the Christian Ed and Youth Board. I do plan on staying involved with the youth and helping out when needed. I feel very blessed

to have been part of the Sunday school program, not only getting to know the youth over the years, but the connection with the parents. It’s truly something I will cherish!

God’s peace,
Amber

We are happy to say that we will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year! With all the school supplies out this time of year, this is a good time to pick up items such as: school supplies like pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks/paper (to fit in shoebox), solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Boxes will be available soon!



Because we are without a youth director and because this is a very busy time of year, the Christian Ed & Youth Board is asking for your help! We have many areas that we are seeking help with different youth events. Some of them including K-5 event leaders Junior High Events, Senior High Events, Children’s sermons, Confirmation, and Flap Jacks for Faith

I know everyone is busy, but if you can help out with one event that would be great! We are hoping to have a schedule of events along with a signup sheet. In the meantime if you think you are able to help out please let Amber Holtan or Kami Spears know. Anything will be greatly appreciated!!!

Upcoming Events

Sunday September 10

- Rally Sunday, Sunday school - 9:30 with Carnival to follow
- Blessings of the Backpacks at 8:30 service

Wednesday September 13

- National Youth Gathering Registration - 5:30
- National Youth Gathering Informational meeting: 6:00

Sunday September 17

- New Traditions Service - 10:30
- Flap Jacks for Faith - 9:30

Sunday September 24

- Confirmation Retreat at Silver Creek 11:30 - 1:30

Wednesday September 27

- Confirmation Orientation: time TBD watch for postcard



Flap Jacks For Faith

Sunday, September 17 - 9:30.

If you are interested in working this event, please see Amber or Kami. It is great way to start fundraising for NYG 2018!!!

Confirmation



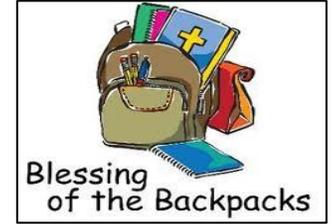
There will be a confirmation meeting for parents and youth in grades 8-10 on Wednesday, September 27. It is required that all confirmands attend this meeting. We will be going over requirements for the upcoming year. Please watch for a letter with more details.

- September 24 - Confirmation Retreat - Silver Creek - 11:30-1:30
- October 4 – First day of confirmation
- Confirmation picture day - day and time to be determined
- October 28 - Confirmation Banquet - time to be determined
- October 29 – Confirmation - 10:30 service

***For those of you that still need sermon notes and acolyte times for last year, you have the month of September to get caught up!

We are sending Zion's students and teachers back to school with our prayers and blessings. We'll have a time of prayer and blessing during our 8:30 service on Rally Sunday, September 10.

Students and educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to the service to be blessed.



Calling All Youth and Parents

2018 ELCA NYG - Houston, TX

June 27 – July 1



Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00, Zion invites all youth and parents that may be interested in or are even a little curious about the 2018 National Youth Gathering to an informational meeting.