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“What Time Is It?”

Look up Romans 13:11-13.

On the one hand, this question is ordinary enough. We glance at a clock or watch or phone and we know immediately what the time is. As I write this the time is 8:56 am.

On the other hand, this is not at all an ordinary question. Christians will have many beyond-the-ordinary answers. We might say: It’s Christmas time, when God became incarnate in Jesus.

Or, we might say: It’s almost Epiphany, when Jesus became widely known in the world.

We might say: It’s almost the day when we celebrate Jesus’ baptism by John in the Jordan River.



Or, with Paul we might say that “salvation is nearer to us now” than ever before. The clock is ticking. Jesus will return soon.

We mark time in all kinds of meaningful ways. The Church starts its new year on the first Sunday in Advent. Another popular way to mark time is to celebrate the transition from the last day of December, 2017 to the first day of January, 2018.

A new calendar year is upon us. It may well feel like another chance. We can do this year what we neglected last year. We become only too aware of possibilities to do better, to live well, to follow through on our best intentions.

St. Paul felt the same way about sacred time. Believers are to live expecting Jesus to return. So, Paul exhorts us to live appropriately, as people of the (new) day, as people who live honorably. (Re-read verses 12 and 13.)

We can all resolve to live this way.

Whatever the new year brings, one thing we do know is this: God will be gracious, every day.

Pastor John Golv

- December 31 – 8:30 AM worship service (No 10:30 service)
- January 2 – Board Meetings
- January 4 – Prayer Shawl ladies meet again
- January 15 – 19 – Zion responsible for Falls Delivered Meals
- January 16 – Parish Planning
- January 21 – Silver Creek Annual Meeting – following worship service
- January 21 – Flapjacks for Faith and Casserole Auction
- January 28 – Annual Meeting – between services



President's Message

Millie Reiersen

God's blessings to all of you as we prepare for 2018.

After the Christmas break, things will get back to full speed again at Zion. If you look at our calendar, every day has an activity or five or six. We truly are blessed with a devoted and vibrant congregation. January is a long, cold month, but if you come and get involved in some of our activities, it won't seem so bad.

January 28th will be our annual meeting when we vote on the budget for the upcoming year. The meeting will be held between services. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the church office the week prior to the meeting.

Thank you to our staff, our lay leaders, our volunteers and our congregation for contributing your time, talents and money to keep Zion active in its mission of sharing and living God's Gospel.

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!

President – Millie Reiersen



Reminders from the Church Office



Annual Reports: Please turn in by January 11, typed and ready to print.

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Offering Envelopes: Everyone has been issued a new offering/envelope number for 2018. Please do not use envelopes from the previous year after January 1. Envelopes are recorded by number. If your name is not on the envelope, the contribution will be credited to whoever has that number in 2018.



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Annual Meeting: Zion's annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, between services. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the church office the week prior to the meeting

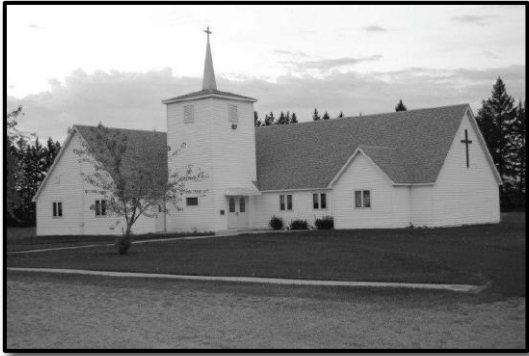
Falls Delivered Meals - January 15 – 19 – Call Konnie Johnson if you can drive – 681-1344



ZLCW NEWS



- The December meeting of the Women of Zion was the Christmas Tea. Officers for 2018 were installed by Pastor Golv, with Glenice Johnson as President, Sharon Wagner as Secretary, and Ginny Armstrong as Treasurer.
- The 2018 Circle Booklets are ready to be picked up at the church.
- Sixteen Christmas Cards were mailed out to shut-ins this year.
- The Women of Zion will be giving \$8,000 to Zion's budget this year.
- Women of the ELCA at Zion will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. Circle duties are: Program: Sarah, Hostess: Lydia, Hospitality, Dorcas, and Visitation: Elizabeth at TRF Care Center
- Executive board meets on Tuesday, January 9, at 9:00 am.



Silver Creek

Looking back on 2017, we have lots to be thankful for and hope that 2018 will bring a great year once again for our congregation. We will have our annual meeting on January 21 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 the WELCA will soon meet to plan our program for the year. 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



Zion Lutheran Parish Planning Council Minutes December 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Millie Reiersen at 5:30 pm. In attendance: President Millie Reiersen, Pastor Ale Tulu, Connie Hamre, Tim Numedahl, Deb Howe, Ken Kalsnes, Amber Holtan, Barbara Overbye, Glenice Johnson, Deb Holtan, Penni Nelson and Joel Rude.

Pastor Ale gave devotions.

The minutes from November 21st were presented for approval. Connie made a motion to approve and Tim seconded. Motion carried.

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

Evangelism/Lay Ministry: Deb Holtan reported that her board did not meet. Prayer shawls will resume January 4th.

Properties: Joel Rude reported that Christmas trees were put up on November 28th at 6 PM. They will be taken down in January.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice reported that caroling was on Sunday, December 17th in the afternoon followed by a light supper. There were 10 folks that came and sang.

Stewardship: Connie Hamre reported that her board did not meet.

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson reported that the 10:00 AM service on Christmas Eve will have communion. The 21st of January will be their annual meeting.

Public Relations: Deb Howe submitted minutes from November and December.

Christian Ed/youth Board: Submitted minutes. In the minutes, Chrysi Gibson resigned her position as chairperson. Ken made a motion to accept and Cookie seconded. The motion carried. Amber reported that January 21st will be Flapjacks for faith and a Casserole auction. Anyone can donate a casserole, ready for the oven, with the proceeds going to the kids going to the National Youth Gathering.

Tim Numedahl reported that Give Hub, an automated kiosk for giving offering, has arrived. Training will take place this week and a location for the kiosk will be decided.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ale reported that Pastor John's mother passed away. The funeral will be Wednesday. Ale said a prayer for Pastor John and his family.

Millie wished Pastor Ale and family safe travels as they go to Ethiopia for Christmas. She also thanked everyone for all their work and devotion to Zion.

The Lord's Prayer was said and the meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie Reiersen, President



Parish Nurse

Flu season is upon us once again. We will not be sharing peace by handshaking during this time. Please share God's peace with a smile and genuine love, or an elbow bump. We will resume handshaking in April when the flu has lessened.

Sunday School News



January Reminders:

Sunday School will resume on January 7, 2018, at 9:30 am. We can't wait to see all our Sunday school friends again!



* Please watch the bulletin board outside the Sunday school office for Sunday school and K-5 Event updates. *

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

K-5 Events:



K-5 Events will be planned monthly and are open to Little Lamb – 5th Graders along with their parents/guardians.

January 20, 2018 – Movie at Falls Cinema – *A Dog's Purpose*

All Little Lamb – 5th Grade Sunday Schooners are invited to join us. Please check our Facebook page for more information on this event.

February - May 2018 – To be Announced!

Wednesday, January 3rd

- Confirmation Supper @ 5:30
- Class @ 6:00

Sunday, January 7th

- Sunday School resumes

Wednesday, January 10th

- Confirmation Supper @ 5:30
- Class @ 6:00



Wednesday, January 17th

- Confirmation Supper @ 5:30
- Class @ 6:00

Sunday, January 21st

- FFF starting at 9:30
- Casserole Auction in between services - Proceeds support the youth going to NYG

Wednesday, January 24th

- Confirmation Supper @ 5:30
- Class @ 6:00

Wednesday, January 31st

- Confirmation Supper @ 5:30
- Class @ 6:00

The following youth from Zion will be attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering!

Rebeka Alemayehu, Joshua Berzinski, Dayle Dahlen, Madelynn Dakken, Tristan Hanson, Logan Hintz, Zachary Hintz, Johan Kalsnes, Trista Spears, and Jerica Turner.

Chaperones: Roberta Kalsnes and Noah Peters

Hugo's Coupon Books

Our National Youth Gathering youth will be selling Hugo Coupon books. They are just \$10. If you are not familiar with the coupon book, it pays for itself in just 3 coupons (\$5 off \$50 purchase, and two \$2.50 off \$25 purchase) plus many more deals!

*****The youth make \$9 per coupon book sold. Coupon books can be used at any Hugo's (not just TRF)**



Casserole Auction

Sunday, January 21 at 9:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

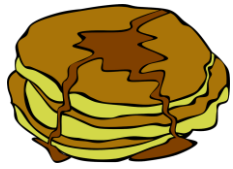
This will be a fundraiser for the youth going to the National Youth Gathering this summer. We are asking the youth that are attending the NYG, and members of the congregation to bring a casserole or hot dish that is oven ready to be auctioned off between services. The proceeds from the auction will help defray the cost of the NYG. Please have your oven ready casserole or hot dish at the church no later than 9:30.



Noisy Offering for January – Little Brother/Little Sister Program

Little Brother Little Sister of Pennington County (LBLS) is a youth mentoring program that focuses on the needs of the children ages 4-18. 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. The goal at LBLS is to provide a relationship that values and supports our youth. Mentoring relationships have proven to prevent juvenile crime, increase school success, and decrease juvenile depression. Our children are our future and it's never too late to invest in them.

Flap Jacks For Faith

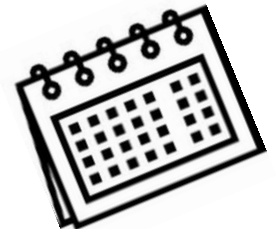


Sunday, January 21 - 9:30

Help support the youth going to National Youth Gathering

Calendar Sales!

Zion Youth are selling beautiful calendars, notepads, and cards! They will be selling before and after church services. You can also purchase these items during the week in the church office. When you purchase on Sunday's, the proceeds will go to the youth selling that morning; if you purchase during the week, please specify if you would like the proceeds to go to a particular youth. If you don't designate a particular youth, proceeds will go towards the chaperone fund.



LAST CALL