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Read John 20: 29 & 30

Our Hearts Are Restless – Our God Is Constant

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

God is constant. People see changes every year, in themselves and others. 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 people sustains us 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 can be attractive especially at first. Easy “answers” don’t count in the long run. Eventually our hearts become restless again. Even on our calmest, easiest 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

- March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Lenten Services Begin
- March 10 – 6:00 - Catered Supper
- March 10– 7:00 - Witness Event with Jonathan Swenson
- March 12 – 10:00 - WELCA
- March 17 – Flapjacks for Faith – Between services
- March 17 – 4:30 – 3rd Annual Hot Dish Cook-Off
- March 24 – Mission Sunday – Special worship and artistic experience with Paul Oman
- April 7 – 2:00 Zion’s Got Talent Show – Little Lambs through Grade 5
- April 18 – Maundy Thursday
- April 19 – Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- April 19 – Good Friday – Worship at 6:30
- April 20 – Easter – Worship at 8:30 and 10:30



President’s Message Laura Rude

Hello Church Family-

Did you know we have GIANTS among us? They are everywhere. They are our Youth. And they are hungry. They are starving for someone to love them, teach them, nurture them & guide them. These kids will shape our future in ways we can’t even imagine yet. The question is who will be that body of people that fills those hunger pangs? The congregation voted in our last annual meeting and whether you realized or not, we signed up for that very task. We all have a responsibility to guide these children in the way of The Truth. Not as society would define truth and acceptance but as God’s Word does. I hope and pray that there is a sense of conviction in all of us that to step up and do what we can to meet this need.

The Council has begun the journey of defining the process and position along with Redeemer. This task will take time. However, with your prayer and support we will reach our goal of hiring an outstanding Youth Director. I will do my best to keep the congregation updated as we make progress.

Many opportunities to support the youth are coming up. The Hot Dish Cook-Off (put your \$\$ where your mouth is...literally ☺), Jr. High Event, K-5 events, Bible Camps, First Communion to name a few. All of these events need volunteers, participants and prayer support. Also, please be in prayerful consideration for your involvement in the Youth Director position. We will be needing committee members for various stages of the process.

May our Dreams be as Big as our God!

Humbly Serving-
Laura Rude- President

LENT - 2019

This Lenten season we are again participating in the Round Robin. Featured speakers for the services are area ELCA pastors, rotating among congregations. Please join us for a meal and worship during this Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday- March 6

- 5:30 Supper - Anna Circle: Hamburger/Tomato/Macaroni Hot Dish; Clean Up-Grades 5-6
- 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service
- Message -Pastor John Golv & Pastor Ale Tulu, Zion

1st Wednesday of Lent - March 13

- 5:30 Supper- Dorcas Circle: Chicken ala King; Clean Up-Grades 3-4
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Prayer & Fasting"- Pastor Jonathan Dodson

2nd Wednesday of Lent - March 20

- 5:30 Supper-catered: Scalloped potatoes; Clean Up-Grades K-2
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Built on the Rock" - Pastor Gary Graff

3rd Wednesday of Lent - March 27

- 5:30 Supper - Elizabeth Circle: Tater Tot Hot Dish; Clean Up-Grade 7
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Blessed are You"- Pastor Linda Molitor

4th Wednesday of Lent - April 3

- 5:30 Supper - Rebekah: Stew; Clean Up-Grades 10-12
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Salt & Light" - Pastor Ale Tulu, Zion

5th Wednesday of Lent - April 10

- 5:30 Supper -Sarah Circle: Chili; Clean Up-Grade 9
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Don't Worry" - Pastor Carl Hansen

6th Wednesday of Lent - April 17

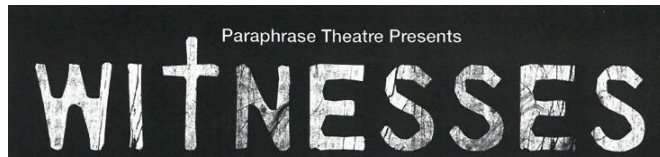
- No Supper or Service tonight

Maundy Thursday - April 18

- 6:00 Seder Meal for First Communicants & Family
Lydia Circle: Seder Meal; Clean Up-Grade 8
- 7:30 Worship/Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 19

- No Supper
- 6:30 Worship - Zion



One Actor 8 Characters / A Fresh Look at Jesus



Curt Cloninger
Jonathan Swenson

visit Paraphrase Theatre on Facebook
or www.paraphrasetheatre.com

The Thief River Falls Conference of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod (ELCA)
Invites Youth and their Families

Sunday, March 10
7:00 PM
Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN



There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken to support
the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

For more information, call Kristin at 218-684-1155

The Witness event sponsored by the
TRF Conference of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod
that was scheduled for February 5
has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 10.

ZLCW Meets March 12



Women of Zion will meet on Tuesday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for fellowship, Bible study and refreshments.

Program (if desired) – Anna Circle

Hostess – Lydia Circle

Hospitality – Rebekah Circle

Visitation – Anna Circle at Valley Home

Lent is approaching. Ash Wednesday is March 6. We are again asking you to contribute items for the Personal Care Kits during our Lenten services. Items needed are: *bath towels* (may be used, but clean); *nail clipper*; *adult-sized toothbrush*; *sturdy comb*; and *two bath-sized bars of soap*. A container will be available for you to deposit your items.

We are still collecting flannel sheets to make diapers for the Baby Care Kits. They don't have to be solid colors; any print or floral will do!

The confirmands assist with assembling and packing the kits. All these kits and the quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief in early May.

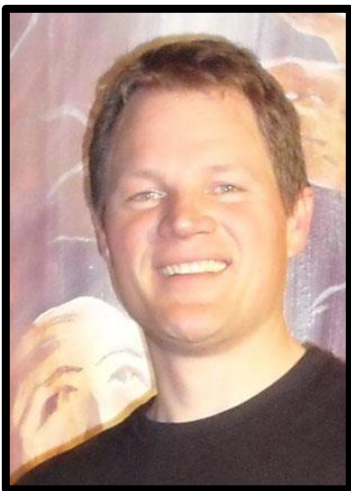
For more information, please contact Sharon Jorde at 681-4739 or Sharon Wagner at 681-2473. *Thank you* very much for your assistance in these projects!

Mission Sunday – March 24



Join us on Sunday, March 24, at both the 8:30 and 10:30 service for a special worship and artistic experience. Pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural of a familiar Bible story at each service. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and scripturally during the event. The completed paintings will be permanently displayed in Zion.

Paul Oman has shared his “Drawn to the Word” artistic ministry with congregations, conventions, retreats, camps, seminaries, colleges and other ecumenical gatherings across the country. He served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Birchwood, WI, for several years before working as an artistic pastor full-time. Painting and drawing have been a part of his life since childhood, and he now uses this gift to proclaim the Gospel in a unique and powerful way that impacts lives and inspires mission. For more information, you can visit his website at www.PaulOmanFineArt.com



Our Sunday school children will also sing at both services that day.



**Zion Lutheran's
Parish Planning Council Minutes
February 18, 2019**

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 5:33 pm. In attendance were President Laura Rude, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Karen Thygeson, Barbara Overbye, Bonnie Yost, Dennis Yost, Jodi Bergman, Sharon Jorde, Glenice Johnson, Mike Spears, Marijo Nabben and Deb Holtan.

Guest in attendance was Amber Holtan representing the Christian Ed and Youth board.

The minutes for January 15, 2019 were presented and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

A check was sent for a second well to the Water to Thrive. The balance of the money to complete the well was taken from the Mission Fund in the amount of \$1,500.00. Discussion was held and it was recommended that anyone contributing to an event with an amount of \$200.00 or more, ex: the pie auction, or a donation to a Circle, or the Youth, the amount should be posted on the Giver's Contribution Statement.

Stewardship Board: Denise Yost submitted his board report highlighting the possibility of having two Miracle Sunday's this year. One to be held in the spring after Easter and a second one the first part of October. The board has several ideas to put Stewardship on the "front burner" with Denise stating that Stewardship is a year round thing, not just in the fall. The board is very excited and is working on several ideas to go forward with this.

Worship Board: Sharon Jorde also submitted her board report. Sharon said they are getting ready for the Lenten Services using the Holden Service again this year.

Properties Board: Mike Spears said they did not meet this month. The mural for the overflow area has not been completed because of problems getting someone to do the prep work needed for hanging them.

Evangelism and Lay Ministry: Marijo Nabben apologized that the board has not met yet this year. She handed out the completed Time and Talent sheets with names of people to specific boards that seemed to fit their talents with that board suggesting that each board make use of that person's talents and gifts.

Christian Ed and Youth: Amber Holtan reported that the last Flapjacks for Faith for the season will be on Sunday, March 17th. Also on March 17th at 6:30 the 7th and 8th Graders will have their Youth Event which is a pizza and bingo party. The 3rd Annual Hotdish Cook off will also be that day at 4:30 with the funds raised going towards the Faith Fund.

Camp dates have been picked and are as follows:

June 9-14 th	Elementary Classic for 4 th -5 th graders
June 16-21 st	Middle School Classic for 6-7 th graders
June 23-28 th	Jr. High Classic for 8-9 th graders

July 7-9th Elementary Mini for grades 2-3rd graders
July 7-12th High School Classic for 10-12th graders
July 12th Half Pint Day for K-2nd graders which is 9:00am – 4:00pm)

Amber said there are other camp dates available, but these are the dates that the church provides the transportation.

The “Witness” Event that was to be held on Wednesday February 6th will be rescheduled.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice Johnson had to leave before giving her report.

Publications: Jodi Bergman reported that the website for the church has been updated with the help of Laura Stengrim. All pictures taken of the boards are now posted along with other committees from the church.

After a very lengthy discussion and several edits made by the council on the Youth Director Process and Proposal, a motion was made by Mike Spears to have the proposal with the edits be passed on to Redeemer by Pastor John. The motion was seconded and carried.

Pastor John submitted his report.

Pastor Ale made note that March 31st is the first of the classes for the 5th Graders receiving their first communion and that Camp Sunday is yet to be determined.

President Laura Rude asked Pastor John to lead the council in prayer followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary

Home Communion Begins in March

Home Communion will be starting in March.

Our board agenda still includes developing an infant to 3-year-old outreach program and adult education during coffee time twice a month. The Time and Talent sheets will be distributed to the various committees to which interest was expressed.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry Board
Marijo Nabben Board Chair



Silver Creek

A Big Thank You goes out to the men who have so faithfully kept the churchyard and sidewalks clear of snow. It has been a full time job this winter, and we appreciate it.



Church council will meet after services on March 10th.

WELCA will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 3:00 for quilting, 5:30 for a light supper with our Bible study and business meeting to follow. We will do both February and March Bible studies since we had to cancel our February meeting. Please pick up your new study books from the back table. Our programs will be *Love and Understanding*.

Please mark your calendar for April 11, as this is the date set for our annual church cleaning. We will start at 5:30 with a potluck supper

Bev Ruprecht

As God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, we begin our forty-day journey with our Lord to the cross and tomb in preparation of the joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Each year as I receive the imposition of Ashes, the solemnity of the words, "and to dust you shall return," catches in my throat just as it does at each funeral when I hear, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust." It reminds me of my humanness - of my imperfect being - of my need for God's grace.

This year these words resonate a little more loudly, a little more painfully. Hearing the words spoken over the casket of a 12-year-old granddaughter is excruciatingly difficult. "Ashes to ashes." Our prayers of healing for our beautiful, loving, caring warrior princess were not answered. Why? Where is the healing? Where is the comfort?

The answers came slowly after many sleepless nights. The answers comes joyously 40 days after Ash Wednesday, - after Good Friday - on the glorious Easter morning when we hear, "He is not here. He is risen."

He is risen. He is no longer in the tomb. And because He is risen, we can picture our Gretchen hugging our heavenly family, cheering us on, waiting for us to join her.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.
Darlene Hulteen, Editor



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

March Reminders:

✝ No Reminders – please watch Facebook for updates.

April Reminders:

April 21

✝ There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Sunday School Canteen 505

Please see below for a reminder on how the Sunday schoolers can earn up to 2 coins every Sunday.

- ✝ For every Church Service (up to 1 per Sunday) that your child attends they will receive 1 coin to add to their bank/jar in their classroom. ** In order to receive the coin please make sure your child picks up a lanyard in the back of the church and turns it in to their Sunday School teacher.
- ✝ Students will also receive 1 coin for each Sunday School Class they attend (up to 1 per Sunday) - making it possible to earn up to 2 coins per Sunday!
- ✝ These coins will be “cashed” in twice a year (December & May) at our NEW Sunday School Canteen 505.

Please join us on Facebook!

✝ Facebook: Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School – TRF

If you have any questions about Sunday school or our K-5 Events, please let Becky (218-686-5563) or Davina (218-689-4965) know.

LITTLE LAMB – 5TH GRADE EVENTS

(ALSO KNOWN AS K-5 EVENTS)



March Event:

Date: March 17

What: St. Patrick's Day B-I-N-G-O Party at Zion

Who: All Little Lambs – 5th Graders that attend Zion TRF Sunday School

Where: Zion Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

(Please watch Facebook for more information.)



April Event:

Date: April 7

What: **Zion's Got Talent Show**

Who: All Little Lambs – 5th Graders that attend Zion TRF
Sunday School

Where: Zion Church Sanctuary

Time: 2:00pm – End of Program

Family and Friends are encouraged to join us for the show!! Cheer on your child while they perform for the crowd!



Please see the bulletin boards outside the Sunday School Office and in the Little Lamb – 1st Grade Sunday School Hallway for more details along with our Facebook page: Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School – TR

Christian Ed & Youth Board

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

5:30 - Lenten Supper: 5 & 6th Grade clean up

6:30 - Church Service

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 - Lenten Supper: 3rd & 4th Grade

6:30 - Church Service

Sunday, March 17

9:30 - Flapjacks for Faith

2:00 – 4:00 - K-5 Bingo Event

4:30 - Hot dish Cook-off

6:30: 6th - 8th grade Bingo Event

Wednesday, March 20



5:30 - Lenten Supper: Kindergarten -2nd Grade Clean up
6:30 - Church Service

Wednesday, March 27

5:30 - Lenten Supper: 7th Grade Clean up
6:30 - Church Service

Lenten Clean-Up Schedule

March 6 –Ash Wednesday – 5th & 6th Grades

March 13 – 3rd & 4th Grade

March 20 – Kindergarten- 2nd Grade

March 27 – 7th Grade

April 3 – 10th-12th grade

April 10 – 9th Grade

April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 8th Grade

***Please mark your calendar for the date you and your child are scheduled! Plan to be at the church by 5:30 p.m. Parents are needed to help with cleanup in the kitchen. THANKS!



Flap Jacks For Faith
Sunday, March 17 - 9:30

If you are interested in helping with this event, please see Amber Holtan. This is a great way to earn money for IFA accounts! This will be the last FFF for the year.

6th-8th Graders:

Beat those winter blues with St. Patrick's Day Bingo!!!

Invite a friend to come play bingo and win prizes, eat pizza and enjoy an ice cream sundae bar!!!



Noisy Offering For March - VIP

Violence Intervention Project serves victims of domestic and sexual violence through crisis call response, emergency assistance, advocacy support, shelter, supervised visitation services and other housing support. A trained advocate is available 24 hours a day to listen, help assess needs and safety, and locate needed resources or help in deciding if reporting a rape or an assault is the right option. We know how hard it is to take the first step or to be scared for someone you know who is in an abusive relationship. We're here to listen and provide options in moving forward.

All VIP [services](#) are free, confidential and open to people of all genders in Pennington, Kittson, Marshall, Red Lake and Roseau Counties.

Services Include:

- A safe, private, confidential place for victims to share their story in a non-judgmental environment
- Safety planning
- Assistance with protection orders
- Accompaniment to court proceedings
- Support and accompaniment during a sexual assault exam at the emergency room
- Support Groups
- Supervised visitation and safe exchanges (in TR
- Emergency and transitional housing

1-800-660-6667 or 218-681-555



2018 Summer Camp Dates

Register by March 16 and all you will have to pay is the \$100 deposit. The Christian Ed/Youth Board and ZLCW will pick up the rest! Brochures available on youth bulletin board

June 9 - 14 - Elementary Classic - Grades 4 - 5

June 16 - 2 - Middle School Classic - Grades 6 - 7

June 23 - 28 - JR High Classic - Grades 8 - 0

July 7 - 9 - Elementary Min - Grades 2 - 3

June - 12 - High School Classic - Grades 10 - 12

July 12 - Half Pint Day - (9:00 am - :00 pm) K - Grade 2

These are the dates that the church will be providing transportation to and from camp. Other camp dates are available if these dates don't work.
If you are interested in driving for any of these dates please let Amber know

3rd Annual Zion Lutheran Hot Dish Cook-off



When - Sunday, March 17 - 4:30

Where - Fellowship Hall

Why - Support youth and youth director fund - proceeds go to Faith Fund

Cost - \$5.00 a plate (Taste all the hot dishes. Buy a \$1 ticket to vote for your favorite hot dish. The hot dish with the most tickets, wins a trophy made by the youth.)

Help - Make a hot dish or serve and clean up. (Sign up on bulletin board by youth office or see Amber or Kami.)