



**From Pastor John
The Wax Nose and
The Holy Bible**

Martin Luther once described the Bible this way: “The Scripture is not a wax nose.” A piece of wax can be molded into any shape desired. The Scripture is misused in many ways, but it cannot be molded to fit any old shape.

Contrary to popular belief, the Bible does not justify any action whatever. Some things are clearly not sanctioned, unless one is ready to do interpretive violence to the context, plain sense, and clear meaning of the Word.

Mark Twain said, “It is not the passages I don’t understand that bother me, it’s the passages I do understand.”

Another person said, “The plain sense of the words rarely does full justice to God’s grace in Jesus Christ, at least at first glance.”

Many popular phrases are assumed to come from the Bible, but do not.

Here are some of the popular Biblical and non-biblical phrases I have heard. Are there others that you would choose? Please let me know.

God helps them that help themselves.

Nope. Not in the Bible. Exactly the opposite is true. God helps those who can’t possibly help themselves. Like you. Like me. Look up Luke chapter 15, verses 3-7.

What goes around comes around.

Nope. Not in the Bible. Believers like us don’t get what we deserve. We get more. Look up Luke chapter 11, verses 12 and 13.

Might makes right.

Not even close. In the Bible, Jesus in weakness won salvation for us. Look up Romans chapter 5, verse 6.

This next one seems to be making a comeback in our time:

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

This one is in the Bible but Jesus himself did away with this sort of “justice.” Look up Matthew 5:39

There are Ten Commandments, ten, and no more than ten.

Nope. Look up John 13:34

On the other hand ...

Love your enemies.

Yes. This one is in the Bible. One historian called this directive "... untried" This is a direct quotation of Jesus. Look up Matthew chapter 5:44.

Pray for those who persecute you.

This one also is in the Bible. This is a direct quotation of Jesus. Look up Matthew chapter 5:44.

Finally, This short bit of real Gospel is found in I John chapter 5, verse 11.

... God gave us eternal life ...

Summer Blessings,
Pastor John Golv

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President Laura Rude  
Zion Lutheran Church

President Roger Ruprecht  
Silver Creek Lutheran Church

Rev. John L. Golv  
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Dear President Laura, President Roger, & Christian Friends,

In 1982 the year 2020 seemed so far away as not to matter at all. Today it matters.

In 1982 my age was 27. Today it is 64. I have always believed that retirement would happen at age 65. I still feel that way. I will retire in 2020.

My last Sunday here will be the first Sunday after Easter, April 19, 2020.

This is a moment for me. I could try to sum up a career in the church from 1982 to 2020. I could try to sum up not quite ten years here. Summaries like these could capture names and dates and places. They would fall well short of important realities. No summary would even begin to do justice to Cathy's part in all of this.

But I can offer gratitude: first to God, who as my best teacher said, “writes straight with crooked lines” (Professor Warren Quance); also for the continuous blessing to see God active in the lives of congregations and individuals, and for the privilege of seeing Christian commitment of many kinds in many places.

My hope is that the intervening 11 months will allow for a good start to the new youth director, and plenty of time to consider future opportunities for both congregations.

With you in Christ’s service, Pastor John Golv

## **Wednesday Summer Sermon Series** **The Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5**

First, a quote from Martin Luther; “The Epistle to the Galatians is my dear epistle. I have put my confidence in it. It is my Katie Von Bora” [Luther’s wife] From “*The Wit and Wisdom of Martin Luther*” by Professor Eric W. Gritsch.

The sermon series this summer is based on Galatians 5:22-26, “...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience kindness, gentleness, and self-control.” One bit of “fruit” will be the sermon topic each Wednesday.

The schedule is the same as last year. Supper begins at 5:30. Worship begins at 6:30. Weather permitting, we will again worship outside in the patio. There is no supper or worship service here on July 3.

Part of this series is Churches Together. On Wednesday, June 26, (the last Wednesday in June) we are invited to have supper and worship at Redeemer. On that date there will be no supper and no service here. On Wednesday, July 31, (the last Sunday in July) Redeemer will eat and worship here.

All summer, you are invited to worship at Zion, on Sundays or Wednesdays.

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From “*The Wit and Wisdom of Martin Luther,*” by Professor Eric W. Gritsch

“Whoever is not handsome at twenty, nor strong at thirty, not wise at forty and is not rich at fifty might as well give up hope. Ages does not protect against foolishness.”

“Some people need a fig leaf on their mouths.”



## President's Message Laura Rude

Hello Zion Family,

I would like to say, “**THANK YOU!**” for doing all you do for Zion. Some things are done where people can plainly see the results, and some are done behind the scenes, which we tend to take for granted. We do not have time to do everything. The good news is that God doesn't expect us to do everything. Each one of us has the same amount of time in a week-168 hours. It's what we do with it that counts. So much goes into making our church a beautiful, inviting, comfortable place of worship. All your unselfish efforts will be for not. Our Heavenly Father sees them all. He smiles down and blesses us in many ways.

One call to action for members is to prayerfully consider your involvement on a church board. We are short members on many boards. Many hands make light work, and frankly we need more hands serving. It's a rewarding feeling to get involved, meet new people and learn new things about the church. If you are interested in serving on a board, please let one of the pastors or me know or call the church office.

Congratulations to our newly graduated seniors. May their light shine bright as they make their mark on the world. Always remember that God has given you “something” you can give back to the world in a way no one else can. This is true for everyone, not just our seniors. Have you found your “something”?

Please continue to pray for our church, the pastors, the council, our congregation as a whole and our community. We have a lot of decisions ahead of us as a church family and will need God to guide our thoughts and actions.

God's Blessings Always~  
Laura Rude

- **Sunday Worship** – 8:30 only
- **Wednesday Worship** – 6:15 - Worship in patio, 5:30 - Meal
- **Quilting** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 1:00
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Thursdays – 10:00
- **June 7 - 9** – Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly in Moorhead
- **June 23** – Annual potluck picnic and worship service at Silver Creek – 10:00
- **June 30** – Semi-Annual meeting – 9:30 after worship service
- **August 5 – 8** – Vacation Bible School – Redeemer Lutheran Church



## Summer Worship

**Sunday Worship Service** – Zion - 8:30AM

**Sunday Worship Service** – Silver Creek – 10:00AM

**Wednesday Worship** - Meal at 5:30, Worship at 6:15

**June 26** – Wednesday worship at Redeemer - Meal at 5:30, Worship at 6:30

**June 23** – Annual worship and potluck picnic at Silver Creek – 10:00



## Miracle Sunday Gifts

**Funds received for Faith Fund on Miracle Sunday - \$4,964**

## ZLCW Hosts Luncheon on June 11



ZLCW begins its summer rotation of women's gatherings at Zion on Tuesday, June 11. Redeemer, Trinity and Silver Creek are invited as guests for a 12:00 noon luncheon, followed by Bible study. All ladies are encouraged to attend and to invite a friend.

Trinity will host in July and Redeemer in August. Watch for those dates and times in the church bulletin.



## NWMN Synodical Women's Convention

On September 20 - 21, the annual NWMN Synodical Women's Convention will be held at Luther Crest near Alexandria. The theme of the convention is "Loving the Least of These" and will include speakers, Bible study, vendors, and entertainment. The physical offering this year will benefit the homeless and public health family home visiting. Zion is collecting baby and toddler items such as diapers, baby lotion, soap, shampoo, skincare ointments, nail clippers, baby-sized comb and brush, and books, blocks or small toys. Mom items

include feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, brushes or combs. Look for a collection box at Zion later this summer.

Anyone interested in attending the convention should call Glenice at 681-4472 for a registration form; they will be available in August. We would like to see Zion represented, and we do need a voting delegate.

## Zion's Lutheran World Relief Results



Zion completed 135 personal care kits, 25 baby care kits, and 20 quilts for the spring pick up in May. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, made quilts, or helped pack up kits, and to Pastor John and Denny Minks for transporting them.

## Morning Out LSS Caregiver Support



Day Respite Care is available at Zion Lutheran Church every Thursday, beginning June 6, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This service provides a safe, enjoyable environment for your loved one, age 60 or older, so you are able to rest, shop, take care of health needs, or run errands. Participants will enjoy activities in a safe surrounding.

For more information or to enroll, contact Julie Praska-Moser at 218-686-6228

**Pathways Celebrates 50 Years of Ministry** in 2019 and invites you to join in the festivities! This summer, there will be a celebration event at Camp Emmaus on Saturday, July 13, from 10:00am – 5:00pm. Join us for a luncheon, celebration worship, alumni reunion, and camp activities and games happening every hour. Come, celebrate and reflect on the past as Pathways strives to reach future generations for years to come.



For more info and to RSVP visit: [www.Facebook.com/PathwaysBibleCamps/event](http://www.Facebook.com/PathwaysBibleCamps/event)



**Zion Lutheran's  
Parish Planning Council Minutes  
May 21, 2019**

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 5:29 p.m. In attendance were President Laura Rude, Tim Numedahl, Bonnie Yost, Barbara Overbye, Dennis Yost, Marijo Nabben, Sharon Jorde, Jodi Bergman, Glenice Johnson, Mike Spears, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, Penni Nelson and Deb Holtan.

Pastor John opened with a word of prayer.

The minutes for April 16, 2019 were presented and approved.

Treasurer Barbara Overbye reported two \$25,000.00 CD's with an interest rate of 2.5% for a twelve-month term on each CD were opened.

The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Stewardship Board:** Dennis Yost stated that Miracle Sunday brought in \$4,960.00. Coming up at the board's June meeting, discussion and planning will start for Consecration Sunday. The board desperately needs members.

**Worship Board:** Sharon Jorde reported that for the summer months there will only be one service until after Labor Day. June 5th is the start of the Wednesday night services.

**Properties Board:** Chair Mike Spears reported that the third week in June is tentatively being planned for the first half of the new carpeting to be laid in the sanctuary and the second half of the installation to take place in July. LED bulbs are going in the light fixtures in the front part of the sanctuary. The board is working on getting someone to mow the lawn for the summer months. The board is hoping to get the new lot seeded with plans to remove a couple of the dead trees.

**Evangelism and Lay Ministry:** Marijo Nabben reported that the board will continue with home communion on the first Sunday of the month through the summer. The board has found Baptismal Anniversary cards that will be sent out to the 0-3 year olds in the congregation acknowledging the little ones baptism. This will start in September. New Friendship Pads are back in the pews. The Welcome Cards will still be used that are in the pews racks. There were 23 people that took part in the Good Friday Prayer Vigil. New Member Sunday is tentatively being planned for the early part of October this coming fall. The board is planning on handing out the "Time and Talent" sheets again in the fall.

**Christian Ed and Youth:** No report.

**Fellowship Board:** Glenice Johnson reminded the council that the Joint Service with Silver Creek will be Sunday June 23rd. There is a need for leaders for the Sharing Servant Groups.

Reporting on behalf of the ZLCW, Zion will be the hostess on June 11th serving a noon lunch. July's gathering will be at Trinity hosting a brunch and in August Redeemer will host a supper.

**Public Relations Board:** Chair Jodi Bergman reported that the summer bulletin board is done. Vacation Bible school advertisement will be going in the newspaper.

**Silver Creek:** Penni Nelson also mentioned the Joint Service on June 23rd.

**Churches Together:** Pastor John reported that the committee is meeting every week. Ken Kalsnes from Zion and David Ulrich from Redeemer are the co-chairs for the committee that has been assembled for the search of a youth director. The committee is very close to being ready to post the position for the shared youth director.

**Pastor Ale:** Pastor Ale informed the council that the first well is underway support by Zion with Water to Thrive. The first well will be in Pastor Ale's hometown.

**Pastor John:** There were 65 people here at Zion on Thursday night May 16 to meet the Pre-Nominees for Bishop. Some came as far away as Jamestown, Sioux Falls and Bemidji. Pastor John stated the theme for this year's Synod Assembly is "Fruits of the Spirit"

President Laura Rude pointed out there are a lot of board positions that are now up the end of June. Being that time is running short she asked that each chairperson be responsible to try to fill those openings if that member is not staying on. Madame President also encouraged each board to continue meeting over the summer months if at all possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. after saying the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by  
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary





## Silver Creek

Summer is around the corner, and with it comes lots of family activities and fun weekends. Services at Silver Creek continue at 10:00 AM every Sunday.

On June 23, Zion will join us for our annual outdoor service and picnic. Bring a dish for the picnic, and enjoy our time to visit and get to know those who venture out from town.

Thank you goes out to Leland and Mike for the work they did in the cemetery recently. They straightened stones, filled in low graves and planted grass on new graves. Our cemetery looks so good.

We now can feel more secure since our security system is installed and working great. Seems we can identify even the deer visiting. Thanks to those who helped financially with this project.

Work has been done on the organ, and it sounds great.

During summer months our WELCA does not meet. The Council decided to call a meeting if needed; otherwise it will meet in September.

Bev Ruprecht



## Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board would like to thank the congregation for the great support on Miracle Sunday. \$4,964 was collected for the Faith Fund. Your support will help greatly in meeting the mission needs of our budget. Thank you all once again.

The Stewardship Board is working now on the next Stewardship Sunday coming in the fall. We are looking for new way to promote this event, so if anyone has ideas, please let us know. All suggestions are appreciated.



The Stewardship Board is also in need of members. If you're looking for a way to serve the church, let us know.

Once again, thank you all for your support.

Gods blessings, and have a great summer.

Dennis Yost

Lord, help me rest awhile this summer in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart  
and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.  
Amen.



## Pathways Bible Camp

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

**June 16-21:** Middle School Classic - Grades 6 -7

**June 23-28:** Jr High Classic - Grades 8-9

**July 7-9:** Elementary Mini - Grades 2-3

**June 7-12:** High School Classic - Grades 10-12

**July 12:** Half Pint Day - Grades Kindergarten - 2 (9:00am-4:00pm)

These are the dates that the church will be providing transportation to and from camp.

Other dates are available if these dates don't work for you and your youth.

**\*\*\*If you are interested in driving for any of these dates, please let Amber know. \*\*\***

## Pathways VBS Day Camp

August 5 - 8 - Redeemer - 9:00AM - 3:00PM

More information to come!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to our Sunday School kids! Without all of you, we wouldn't have such a successful Sunday school program. Thank you for coming each Sunday and for putting your heart and soul in to each lesson.

Thank you to all the Parents for bringing your kids to Zion Lutheran Church and Sunday school! Thank you for trusting us to teach them about Jesus Christ. We appreciate you all so much!

Last, but most certainly not least, thank you to all our Sunday school teachers this year! Thank you for all of your hard work, dedication, commitment and most of all for helping instill the word of the Lord into all the kids hearts and minds. You are so appreciated, and we could not do it without you!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

Becky & Davina

**TO BE RESUMED IN THE FALL**





*Food Faith Family*  
*Wednesdays*

**JOIN US STARTING  
JUNE 5!**



**5:30 FOOD  
6:15 FAITH**