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Dear friends in Christ,

It is that time of the year when the weather is nice, and we enjoy all those outdoor activities we love so much. It is also a time when some families take a vacation and travel to visit relatives or go sightseeing.

Whatever your plans are and wherever you go, remember to take time and go to church for worship on the Sabbath. If you often go to the lake during weekends and you can't come to church on Sundays, we invite to come to our Wednesday evening worship services.

This year we will be studying the Ten Commandments. We will discover why God gave us those commandments and what we can learn from each of them. Our Wednesday evening worship service starts on June 9. Supper starts at 5:30 and worship at 6:15. We look for word to seeing you.

God bless you all as you cherish this beautiful time of the year.

Pastor Ale

God Bless You!



**Sunday Morning Worship
Time Change**

9:00 – at Zion

10:30 – at Silver Creek

If you choose to worship from home, take advantage of the alternatives to in-house worship.

- KTRF radio – 1230 AM at 9:00
- Cable TV – Channel 3 – KTRF
- Log into Zion's Facebook page – *Zion Lutheran Church – Thief River Falls* - and watch a livestream through Facebook Live.
- Log in to Zion's webpage – **ziontrf.org** and listen to the service

~~ WOW ~~ Worship on Wednesdays

- Beginning Wednesday, June 9
- Supper at 5:30
- Worship at 6:15
- Worship theme – The Ten Commandments



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**Coffee with the Staff –  
10:30 Tuesdays & 9:30 Fridays**  
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President's Message Laura Rude



Dear Zion Family-

I hope this letter finds you with sunshine on your shoulders and maybe a little dirt in your fingernails! Summer is almost here and what a wonderful feeling to say that.

With summer comes perhaps a different life schedule. Going to lake, summer vacations, family reunions etc. The same will happen here at Zion. Our Worship time will be moving to 9:00AM starting June 6th and we will be having Worship on Wednesday (WOW) services as well this summer. I'm very excited for both! Check out the newsletter for more info.

I'm pleased to report that our COVID-19 restrictions in Zion have been lifted. Masks are optional. All pews are available for seating. The kitchen is open to use, and we will begin serving coffee again! Doesn't that feel good!!



Summer will bring us many great opportunities to come together as a church family. Whether it's Sunday services, WOW, the combined service @ Silver Creek (June 13th) or VBS we will stay connected and grow and glow in God's love together.

Summer will go fast. It always does. Before we know it, we will be planning our Rally Sunday for Sunday School and preparing to confirm our next Confirmation class. In between now and then there are a lot of activities and announcements to be aware of. With that said, we will be mailing out letters throughout the summer reminding of important events or updates to existing planned activities.

I want to thank everyone for your diligence, love and support for Zion. We truly have an amazing body of Christ. and I am so grateful to be part of it.

Praying you all have a beautiful summer filled with wonderful memories, watermelon and God's love!

God's peace~
Laura

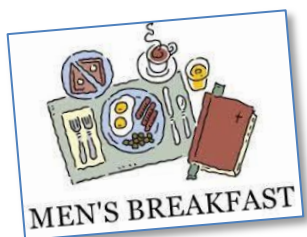
P.S Remember to enjoy the butterflies! 😊

Coffee Time

Have you missed "coffee " after church services on Sunday?

Beginning in June, you can enjoy a version of it as we blend some features of the New Traditions service with traditional ones. Each Sunday, coffee and juice boxes will be offered in the over-flow area during the service AND also served following the service in that same area for those who enjoy a time to visit.

Watch for announcements in the bulletin.



Men's Breakfast

Friday - 7:00 AM - Biff's

Call Committee Update

56 responses of the self-study survey were received and tabulated at the May 16th meeting. To increase the number and range of responses, the survey is now being sent to those on the email prayer list and via the "Remind" app with link to a Google survey form, attempting to reach more young families. This information is used in developing our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), along with demographic data about Zion and the Thief River Falls community. Following the committee's development of a draft MSP document, congregation members will be invited to a discussion session to refine the MSP.



Bill Stock has been added to the call committee as the representative from Silver Creek.

Again, please contact any of the committee members with questions, concerns, and suggestions.

- Chairperson, Robert Fay – 507-202-8195
- Vice-chairperson: Kaylynn Wold – 684-5041
- Secretary, Glenice Johnson – 689-5530
- Shawna Spears – 689-3248
- Sally Mumm – 684-0375
- Tim Numedahl – 689-3471

Evangelism/Lay Ministry

- If you know someone who would like to join Zion, please have them contact the church office. The membership process can be completed at any time. We will have a new member recognition Sunday in the Fall.
- As things return to a sense of "normal," please reach out to our brothers and sisters with a "Hello," a smile or a friendly word. We all need to be reminded that we are cared about and loved.

Madison Crane

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Grace and peace to you!

Summer is here - WOW! Finally!

When I was a kid, I loved the variety of activities available in the summer months like tennis lessons with my best friends, the theatre program that came during Ox Cart Days, Vacation Bible School, and of course a week at camp. Instead of asking what fills up your time- do you ask, what fills your 'cup'? What is it that gives you energy and excitement or peace? What do you like to do in quiet moments? Take time to breathe deeply in the blessings- cups of coffee at sunrise, the beautiful sunsets over a body of water, waking up to melodies of birds. I find God's wonderful surprises in those little things, a lot more easily, than when the schedule is bustling and rushing from one thing to another. If your kids are in activities and would like an extra fan to support them- please send me their schedules of games or performances! I'd love to be there too! It's great to hear what students are excited about and what gifts God has given them and how they are using them. Being on a team or part of extra activities is one neat way to share God given gifts.

A BIG Thank You to all the adults who helped lead our youth and families this past year! Thank you for sharing your gifts with the church in that way. The Sunday School teachers and Superintendents went above and beyond! The Confirmation Leaders conquered the year so boldly! Please keep in touch with us this summer, as we look ahead to this next school year, we would love to include new faces in our youth programs and welcome back familiar faces. With a wrap on such a unique school year like no other it has made me reflect and appreciate even more the joys of this job. We are looking forward to providing a Vacation Bible School for Redeemer, Trinity, and Zion's youth (Details coming soon!). It will be great to have Wednesday evening worship time this summer as well- looking forward to seeing you there! Thank you to the parents and students of confirmation who participated in Sanford's Mental Health presentation on May 19th.

You are welcome to join me sometime this summer for a glass of lemonade- just send me a message/email/text/phone call and we'll get together and catch up! :)

Summer Happenings:

- VBS Registration (check church websites and bulletins for more details)
- July 28th, 7:30pm **Christmas in July Family Event** Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Join the Remind App for more information on summer happenings like Lemonade & Fellowship, Bonfires, volunteer opportunities, and more summer fun! (Email Madison for the link to the Remind App)



Congratulations Seniors

We wish you God's blessings as you embark on the next phase of your journey in life.

Kylie Alby	Eryn Benitt	Joshua Berzinski
Tayli Brekkestran	Dawson Brevik	Hanna Clevén
Logan Hintz	Kyler Hoverson	Mason Iverson
Joshua Kalsnes	JeAnna Lubitz	Alexander Lundgren
Ethan Lunsetter	Alex Nomeland	Adrianna Olson
Zander Salentiny	Andrew Selvig	Trista Spears

Silver Creek



Time Change for Services

Silver Creek has been informed by Zion that it is necessary to change the time of our worship service from the usual time of 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM starting June 6th. Please share this time change with friends and family who might want to join us.

Outdoor Joint Services

The changes in CDC regulations make it possible for Silver Creek to get together with Zion at Silver Creek for our annual outdoor service. Join us on June 13 at 10:30 for services with lunch and fellowship to follow. Silver Creek WELCA will provide the food but will request a free will offering to help cover expenses. Weather permitting the service will be outdoors or if needed we will move inside.

Summer months are busy with family activities and full calendars, so it was decided that council will not have regular meetings this summer. If any issues arise a meeting will be scheduled.

Please check your calendar to see when you can help with lawn mowing and sign up on bulletin board.

The family of Ruth Hanson is planning a visitation time on July 10th at Johnson Funeral Home from 1:00 – 2:30. Mark your calendar and come share memories of her life with her family, neighbors, and friends.

Enjoy your summer!

Don't forget church services at 10:30 every Sunday!

Bev Rupprecht



Zion Lutheran's Parish Planning Council Minutes May 18, 2021

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance were Laura Rude, Pastor Ale, Tim Numedahl, Madison Crane, Barbara Overbye, Penni Nelson, Sharon Jorde, Glenice Johnson, Marijo Nabben, Deb Holtan and Robert Faye as a guest.

Pastor Ale led the council in Prayer.

The Secretary's Report was presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Glenice Johnson walked the council through the updating of the church's constitution. A very lengthy and heartfelt discussion was held on several areas. The council agreed on the recommended changes which will be presented to Pastor Michael which is the next step in this process. Glenice stated that this process is far from being completed.

In-church activities were discussed. The council has decided to allow the kitchen to be open which will allow coffee time after the services. Also the ropes on the pews for the socially distancing will be removed, and masks will be optional.

President Laura Rude and Tim Numedahl presented the contract with Garden Valley which would add another venue for Zion's Sunday worship service broadcasts. At this point the broadcast would be played at noon on Sundays through the summer months. There's a possibility after that, the broadcast could be moved to the 9:00 hour this Fall so it would be live streamed. Equipment would need to be purchased to achieve this but there is no monthly charge. The cost for the equipment is \$2,147.25. A motion was made to purchase the equipment that is necessary from Garden Valley to stream Zion's services. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor Ale reported that the nursing homes are ready for their worship gatherings and opening up again. The first wedding this season will be in June here at the church. Men's breakfast has started. Pastor Cory and a group from Redeemer have joined this group. The breakfast group has decided to continue meeting through the summer months.

Madison Crane reported that Tuesday May 25th will be a meeting for families and youth that are interested in going to the National Youth Gathering. Tomorrow (Wednesday) is the last class of confirmation for the year. VBS planning session will be held at Redeemer at 6:00 on the 25th. Zion, Redeemer and Trinity will be working together this year on VBS. Sunday May 23rd is Recognition Sunday for Zion's graduating seniors.

Penni Nelson reported that Silver Creek has been discussing the joint Sunday service. Nothing has been set yet. There's a possibility it might have to wait until this Fall.

Stewardship: Madam President reported that Dennis Yost will be resigning as Chairperson of this board. The board is in desperate need of members.

Worship: Sharon Jorde emphasized the change of time for Sunday worship starting June 6th. Start time will be 9:00 instead of 8:30. The service will be a blend of the traditional worship with the New Traditions style of worship. Coffee will be served from the overflow area. Worship on Wednesdays (W.O.W.) will start Wednesday June 9th with a meal at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall with the services being held in the sanctuary.

Properties: Tim Numedahl reported there was an error in the quote for the remodeling of the downstairs restrooms. A motion was made to amend the original motion of the restroom remodeling quote which was \$11,000.00 to now the corrected quote of \$17,000.00. The motion was seconded and approved. Tim also reported that there is an issue with the elevator. There is a seal that is leaking. Repairs are being looked at.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry: Marijo Nabben reported that the board is moving cautiously because of Covid but have offered its help to Pastor Ale with home communion. Also the Care Notes are being used and are in need of replacements/new ones. Recognition of New Members will be sometime this Fall.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice Johnson reported that things are changing month to month. Right now there are only two ushers for Sunday services and they are also acting as the greeters. Glenice also reported that the quilters have decided to continue to meet during the summer months.

Publications: Madam President reported for the board that all the ads will go out advertising the changes in the summer service with the new start time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. after praying the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan,
Council Secretary



Parish Nurse Ministry



Spring is here, and we are able to stop and smell the Roses, enjoy gathering with our church family in person, and even socialize. Vaccinated people are considered at pre-pandemic activity levels for the most part, considering environment and their comfort level. We need to make personal decisions as to what each of us is comfortable doing, regarding masking, and it may result in making different choices, according to the environment we are in. Some facilities will still require face masks. Presently in Zion, masks are optional. Restrictions are always fluid and subject to change if the Covid numbers escalate. The more people that get the vaccine, the less risk to those, who for

whatever reason are unable to get the vaccine. This includes the precious young children in our lives. We all need to be respectful of others regarding their decision on mask wearing.

Respecting each other and sharing Gods love should be our mission. Remember there may be parents that choose to continue to wear masks, as their children still should be wearing masks, since they are not vaccinated like their parents might be. There will be people not wearing masks for health reasons. There will also be people who are ill or have compromised immune systems, as well as people that cannot get the vaccine. Some will just need a little time to reach a comfort level before unmasking. This is all fine! May God give us all patience, understanding, respect and the strength to not judge anyone for the choices made when considering their own health and the health of others.

If you have questions, please contact me. I will try to have an answer for you, or I will reach out to resources to get an answer.

Thank you to the council for opening our church slowly. They have done a great job meeting challenges these past months.

Enjoy the summer, and Gods Peace to all!

Vacation Bible School

August 2-5, 2021

Students entering Kindergarten-5th grade

Register by July 15th -

(forms found on Redeemer's Website, the churches Facebook pages, and sent out via group messaging of each church's preference-Remind App for Z & R)

Registration costs are \$20/child with a \$40 maximum family cost.

Financial assistance is available, please contact Madison if you have questions.

The dates & times of Vacation bible School are

August 2nd-5th.

- **5:00-5:30, families are welcome to bring your own meals to picnic outside**
- **VBS will go from 5:30-7:30pm.**
- **We are looking for adult volunteers as well!**