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President's Message

Laura Rude

Dear Zion Church Family,

I can't believe another summer is coming to an end. As we reflect on the summer months, let's not forget to be thankful to God for everything that He has given us. First and foremost, His unconditional love!

Change is inevitable and is all around us. As the seasons change so do the seasons of our lives and our church. Some may feel we are in a very unstable season right now in our church. *Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*” What a promise of hope! God has His hand on us, our church and our future. We need to be faithful, trust Him and pray. That's our job. God will and is taking care of the rest.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Appreciation Potluck for Pastor Ale. It was a great evening of fellowship and sharing. I wish Pastor Ale all the best as he moves into a new season of his life in Breckenridge. He will be greatly missed but we are thankful for his faithfulness to Zion the last 15 years.

Pastor Mark Helgeland will be starting as Zion's Interim Pastor on September 1st. I am very grateful that he has agreed to lead us during this transition. The Call Committee continues to work hard to put the final touches on the Call process. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

The Council continues to monitor the physical health of the church as well given the recent news of the Covid 19 Delta variant. As of now, masks will continue to be optional and we request that everyone show love and compassion to others as we navigate these tricky waters.

We are still in need of many board members to fill vacancies. Many hands make light work and right now we just don't have enough hands. If you are feeling led to serve on a board or get a phone call asking you to serve, please prayerfully consider. Serving in this capacity is a way to Shine Your Light! *Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*

The fall schedule is shaping up to be a busy one. Sunday School, Confirmation, Back-Pack Blessing, Little Lambs recognition, choir rehearsals just to

name a few. We continue to be a vibrant and active church family to which I am very grateful. If you are not already, I encourage you to get involved in a church activity. The rewards are great!

God's Love and Peace~

Laura Rude
Zion President



September 1 – Pastor Mark Helgeland becomes Zion's interim pastor.
September 8 – Senior Choir – 7:00
September 11 – Conference 2 WELCA Fall Gathering- Grygla
September 14 – Zion WELCA – 10:00
September 15 – God's Joy Choir – 6:00
September 17 – 18 – Synod Annual WELCA Convention – Moorhead
September 19 – Confirmation Retreat
September 19 – Appreciation gathering for Phyllis
September 22 – Confirmation meeting for students and parents at 6:00
September 26 – Semi-Annual Meeting after worship
October 7 – New member orientation – tentative date
October 10 – New Member Sunday- tentative date



9:00 –Worship in Sanctuary
10:00 - Sunday School
10:00 - Fellowship in Basement

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
- Garden Valley TV – Channel 37 - 12:00 PM
- Log in to Zion's webpage – ziontrf.org and listen to the service online

New Member Sunday is tentatively set for October 10.

New member orientation is tentatively set for Thursday, October 7, at 7:00.



Call Committee Update

The committee initially met with Kathy Levenhagen, synod representative, to share the call committee manual and explain the process. A congregational self-study survey was developed and distributed to church members via the Zion newsletter, Sunday bulletins, and electronically. Results were tabulated to determine Zion's top priorities as a lead pastor. Priorities included preaching and worship, pastoral care and visitation, youth and families, ministry in daily life/counseling, and sharing in leadership, and working in a team. Several meetings were devoted to completing a 10-page Ministry Site Profile, which describes our community (size, occupations, education, sports/recreational/cultural opportunities), our congregation (size, ages, worship, programs, activities, youth, resources, etc.), desired pastoral ministry gifts, and other descriptive details. The MSP will now be reviewed by the synod, adopted by our church council., and shared with the congregation.



WELCA Activities Starting Again

Conference 2 Fall Gathering September 11 in Grygla

Grace Lutheran Church will host the gathering with registration at 8:30 a.m., program at 9:00 and lunch at noon. Speaker is Connie Moe, sharing experiences with "Adoptive Children from Korea." Registration fee is \$10. We will meet at 7:45 a.m. in Zion's parking lot to carpool to the gathering.



Synod Annual WELCA Convention **Sept. 17-18 in Moorhead**

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King, co-hosted by churches in conferences 4, 5 and 6 will host, with a theme of "Love Boldly." Keynote speaker is Dr. Jacqueline Bussie from Concordia College, author of Love Without Limits and Outlaw Christian. Break-out sessions, hands-on project, silent auction, celebration of 50 years of ordination of women in ELCA, and a memorial service.

Zion WELCA **September 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

All Zion women are invited to gather to get "re-acquainted" after 16 months of not meeting due to COVID. We will enjoy fellowship, refreshments, WELCA updates, and discussion of future plans. Please join us and bring a friend!

Lutheran World Relief Pick-Up

Roseau on November 5, noon-3:00 p.m.;

Thief River Falls on November 6 (Sat.), 8:00 a.m. - noon at N. Atlantic Ave.

The truck will be taking out boxed up quilts and various kits for world-wide mission locations, including USA.

Items Used in Mission Kits

Personal care kit: bath towel, comb, large bar soap, nail clipper, toothbrush.

Baby care kit: receiving blankets, cotton t-shirts, sweater or sweatshirt hooded or with a cap, sleepers without feet, socks, diaper pins, lg. bar soap, cloth diapers, hand towel; new or gently-used 6-24 month sizes can be used.

School kit: ruled spiral notebooks (70 sheet), 30 cm ruler, blunt scissor, pencil sharpener, unsharpened pencils, blue or black ball point pens, 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 count), 2 1/2" eraser.

Note: now is a good time to purchase school kit items when they are on sale.

All kits: no religious symbols or names, no US flag, patriotic or military symbols



Here I am, Lord!!!

Is God calling you to use your hands and heart in His service? Your expertise and enthusiasm could be a great asset to one of the church boards. Call the church office, our church president, Laura Rude, or one of the board chairmen if you are feeling the tug to share your time.

Silver Creek

How fast this weather can change! We are into sweater weather and thinking fall.



With fall comes our annual quilt raffle as our fundraiser which will help raise money for a new furnace. Tickets were mailed to each family, and if you can sell more, we would be happy to get additional tickets to you. Call Bev at 681-3103 or Sharon at 681-1309. All tickets including unsold ones need to be turned in by October 10th so we can get the book work completed. We will draw the lucky winner before services on October 17th.



Following services that day we will have our annual turkey dinner for the church members. Turkey, potatoes, dressing and gravy will be provided, so bring a dish to compliment this menu. It will be a welcome opportunity to spend time in fellowship with one another.

- Silver Creek Council will meet following church services on September 12.

WELCA ladies have been wondering on the schedule for this year. We will meet on Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 PM to discuss what we would like to do for meetings and projects in the coming months. We will have our regular business meeting and a short program.

Bev Rupprecht

Zion Lutheran's Parish Planning Council Minutes August 16, 2021 via Zoom



The Parish Planning council meeting via zoom was called to order by President Laura Rude at 5:42 pm. In attendance were President Laura Rude, Tim Numedahl, Mike Spears, Darlene Hulteen, Sharon Jorde, Glenice Johnson, Marijo Nabben, Penni Nelson and Deb Holtan.

The sole purpose of this meeting was to vote on the resignations of Pastor Ale Tulu, and Youth and Family Director Madison Crane.

A motion was made to accept Pastor Ale's resignation by Mike Spears, a second came from Marijo Nabben. The motion carried to accept Pastor Ale's resignation.

A motion was made to accept Madison Crane's resignation by Glenice Johnson with a second from Marijo Nabben. The motion carried to accept Madison's resignation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm after praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary



Sunday, September 26, After Worship Service, In Sanctuary



**Zion Lutheran's Parish Planning Council Minutes
August 3, 2021**

The Parish Planning council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 8:03 pm. In attendance were Laura Rude, Pastor Ale Tulu, Tim Numedahl, Barbara Overbye, Madison Crane, Mike Spears, Sharon Jorde, Glenice Johnson, Darlene Hulteen, Sharon Russell, and Deb Holtan.

Pastor Ale lead the council in prayer.

There was no council meeting for the month of July. The Secretary's Report from June 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.

Pastor Ale's last day will be August 31, 2021. He starts his new position on September 1, 2021.

The Synod has suggested a name for an interim. Laura, Pastor Ale, Tim and Barbara will meet with the interim so as to make the transition as smooth as possible if the interim accepts the position.

An appreciation celebration for Pastor Ale will take place at Silver Creek after their Sunday Service with a potluck dinner on Sunday August 22nd. Zion will also have a gathering that same day but in the evening. The details will be forth coming.

Also an appreciation celebration will be held for Phyllis Dalager after the service tentatively set for Sunday September 19th. Again details will be forth coming.

The semi-annual meeting will be on Sunday September 26, 2021. There are many board vacancies that need to be filled, plus positions for 2nd Vice President and Treasurer.

Garden Valley's broadcast of Sunday worship seems to be going very well. A reminder that the channel for Garden Valley's broadcast is 37. Hopefully this Fall the broadcast can be moved to the 9:00 slot instead of noon.

The basement bathrooms are slowly coming together. There's been a problem with things drying due to the high humidity that we have been having. Dirt is being brought in for the lot west of the church so that it can be seeded into grass. With the drought the way it is the fire ring/pit will be put on hold. Only one of the three air conditioning units for the church has been working. Repairs are being made to one unit and the third one might have to be replaced if parts cannot be found.

There were 63 total kids for VBS, with the numbers combine from Zion, Redeemer and Trinity. Due to there not being any Sunday School Superintendent(s), Rally will not be as usual. There's also a need for Sunday School teachers.

The WELCA Fall Gathering will be in September.

The Publications board is looking for input from the boards and other entities here at Zion for the "New" Zion website.

Silver Creek will be selling tickets once again for their Quilt Raffle. The pattern this year is called "Floating Triangles"

The Call Committee is hoping to meet this coming Thursday the 5th. Work will be done on the Ministerial Site Profile.

A mission statement will be worked on that will be included with the revised constitution. The last one goes back to 1991.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm after praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan Council Secretary



Zion Lutheran's Parish Planning Council Minutes
June 15, 2021

The Parish Planning council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 6:33 p.m.

In attendance were Laura Rude, Pastor Ale Tulu, Tim Numedahl, Madison Crane, Penni Nelson, Sharon Jorde, Glenice Johnson, Marijo Nabben, Darlene Hulteen and Deb Holtan.

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.

Pastor Ale reported that he presided over the first wedding post Covid. Wednesday night services have started. Prayers were asked for members of the congregation. There are two baptisms coming up one on June 20th and one on the 27th. Pastor Ale will be on vacation starting June 30th. Mark Hegleland will help with the July 4th Sunday service and the Wednesday July 7th service. Linda (church secretary) will be taking some Fridays off during the summer months. At least one of the church staff will be in office on those Fridays.

Penni Nelson from Silver Creek reported they will not meet as a board unless it is needed through the summer months. The joint service with Zion is tentatively being planned for the month of September.

Stewardship: Needs members and has not met.

Worship: Sharon Jorde reported they did not meet.

Properties: Mike Spears reported the bathrooms in the basement should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Someone is coming to fix the seal leak on the elevator. There has been no rain to be able to fix the leak around the fellowship hall windows on the south side. Mike will ask David Lee to spray for ants. Garden Valley has installed the cable for the broadcasting online/streaming of the church services. Once their employee is back from vacation the boxes to achieve this will be installed and they will do the training on how to operate the boxes.

Evangelism: Marijo Nabben reported that her board is meeting tomorrow (Wednesday the 16th)
The meeting's focus will be setting its sights on Fall events.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice Johnson reported that coffee after the 9:00 service will start. Greeters will be added, and they will be the ones in charge of making the coffee. The offering plates and noisy offering cups will only be in the upper narthex from now on.

WELCA: Glenice Johnson reported that WELCA will start up again this Fall. Patty Schob has told Johnson's Funeral Home that Zion is back to serving meals for funerals. Also the SAIL group is hoping to start again come September.

Publications: Darlene Hulteen reported that her board will not meet until in August. Their plan is to start scanning all the photos that are in storage. There will be no newsletter for the summer months. But a letter will be sent out to keep the congregation updated.

Glenice Johnson was one of the representatives at the Synod Assembly that was via Zoom. She reported that most of the Resolutions passed by 90%.

At the Semi-annual meeting, the updated constitution will be voted on. Until then the church is functioning under the "old" constitution. Once the updates are approved through the vote, there will be only one meeting a year instead of an "Annual" and a "Semi-annual"

Youth and Family: Madison Crane reported that the 8-12th Graders are invited to the show "I Still Believe" at the Falls Cinema on June 23rd. RSVP's are needed by June 20th. Sunday June 27th Trinity will be having a Kick Ball game for all ages of youth. RSVP's are needed by Saturday June 26th to be able to put the kids into the appropriate age group. There were twelve High School Seniors that attend the Senior Recognition Sunday which Madison felt went very well. There are 22 kids registered so far for VBS from Trinity, Redeemer and Zion. VBS is August 2-5th at Redeemer. A large-scale event is in the planning stages: "Christmas in July" to be held on Wednesday July 28th at Redeemer. The event will start at 5:30 breaking for their Wednesday night service, and then continuing again at 7:30. There will be two food wagons, a cornhole tournament and the movie "Elf" at dusk! Zion has three students going to Pathways this summer.

Sunday School everywhere is changing. Becky Fredrickson and Davina Brown are stepping down as Sunday School Supervisors. They along with Madison are planning on meeting to get a plan in place before the fall session starts. There have been a few names suggested for a Sunday School Supervisor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 after praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary



The Lord is My Light and My Salvation.

Psalm 27:1



Time Change for Sunday School

Zion is going to one worship service from 9:00 -10:00. Sunday school will be changing too and will now be from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. (Yes! 1-hour)

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 12
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

We invite all students and educators to bring their backpacks, briefcases or tote bag along to the service to receive a blessing for the upcoming academic year.

Rally Sunday - Let's Dive in With Doughnuts

Sunday, September 12
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Please join us in the sanctuary to kick off the Sunday school year. Doughnuts, music and tons of fun will be had! We look forward to seeing everyone back at church!

*Masks are optional

Little Lamb Pinning

Sunday, September 19
9:00 a.m. worship service

Parish Nurse Ministry



We have been blessed with much and some of which is in our toolbox, used to rise above this virus that has caused so much disruption in our lives. The Covid Vaccine is among these tools. In our area we are seeing a sharp rise in Covid cases fueled by the mutated “Delta Variant”. This strain is tremendously easy to transmit and carries a very heavy viral load which makes it easy to transmit to many in a short time. Yes, this is affecting our most precious children that are unable to get vaccinated. We need to protect these children along with ourselves, family and friends. We have heard over and over what the CDC guidelines recommend, and it is our responsibility to protect everyone around us by following these guidelines. As of August 31, masks are optional, and you certainly can wear them in church and at any other gathering inside or outside where large crowds are gathered. Due to the Delta variant this is recommended for vaccinated or unvaccinated people. Many businesses now are requiring masks and for a reason

so please be compliant so they can stay open. Some businesses have had to close for a couple days due to exposures and this is not good economically. Keeping our children in school is so important as well, and we all need to do what we can to keep this a reality. We will get ahead of this virus as we have done in the past with Polio, Measles, and many other diseases, but with compliance. May Gods Love be with us all and give us strength and understanding. Enjoy a beautiful fall!

Sandy Knutson
Parish Nurse



September 12

Worship – 9:00

Sunday School – 10:00

Fellowship Hour -10:00