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Pastor's Letter

You have heard it said, “^{For} *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” Matthew 6:18

Jesus challenged his disciples with these words. A few verses before he speaks about treasure, Jesus taught his disciples how to pray beginning with, “Our Father who art in Heaven...” He reminded them to pray for God’s will to be done, for daily bread, for the forgiveness of sin, and protection from temptation. Jesus knew God’s people often worry and fret about the future. Will we have enough to eat? Enough time? Enough money? Asking God for the gift of daily bread draws us into the reality of God’s continued provision for our lives.

We learn in Luther’s “Small Catechism” the explanation to the fourth article of the creed, Give us this day our daily bread: *God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*

We explore what is meant by daily bread through further explanation: *Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers,*

good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Is there anything missing from this list? Daily bread includes everything a body needs and yet we worry. The powers of this world tempt us to believe that there won’t be enough. We hear challenges to the notion that God provides and fall into the trap of believing we need to rely on ourselves for all that we have. In an effort to combat our anxiety about enough, we tend to hoard and hold onto the gifts of God.

We store up earthly treasures “just in case” they are needed. We justify this because despite the promise God will give us everything we need, we wonder and doubt. We often can’t see how God is working on our lives today much less tomorrow. If we can’t see with the eyes of faith, how do we dare part with what little may sustain us tomorrow.

Jesus says, “No! Do not worry.” Matthew 6 continues with another vision of God’s gift of daily bread. Shortly after reminding his disciples to store up heavenly treasure, Jesus says, “God will indeed take care of you just as God takes care of the birds and the flowers!” (25-27). The birds fly around doing what birds do. The flowers don’t work. They bloom and grow as they were created to do. It is only those created in the image and likeness of God who spend their days feeling there isn’t enough.

Seeing with the eyes of faith isn’t easy. One of the blessings of the season is the opportunity we are given to look back and spend time in thanksgiving for the gifts of God. Can you recall how God has blessed you and your family in the last year? I understand that there will be moments of struggle and grief and loss. I look at my own life and know there are consequences to living a life when I have been tempted to place trust in things other than God. This is true for all of us. Yet where are the blessings? Where are the gifts? Where are the relationships that lead us into hope? All of these are a part of the treasure of which Jesus speaks.

The treasure we have in heaven is the gift of life and salvation in Christ. It is the gift of the body of Christ and the richness of grace and mercy and the promise that God will never leave us or forsake us. We store up this treasure by turning to God daily in faith and trust. Prayer, worship, learning, service and entrusting our gift of treasure to the glory of God, we tune our hearts and minds to our life in Christ Jesus. Reflecting on God's blessings, may you offer words and hymns that spring from your heart. The hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" (ELW 839) begins:

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

May your thankfulness and praise of God cast aside your concerns about enough and lead you to God. Even when we may doubt and fear and treasure the things of this world, God is doing a great thing. God in Christ has called you beloved. You are valued like a pearl of great worth and you will bring you into the kingdom as God's treasure.

May you and yours be blessed until the fulfillment of God's promise is bestowed upon you.

Pastor Kristin Ostercamp



All Saints Sunday: Remembering the Saints

We remember those in our parish who have died since the last observation of All Saints Day. We will have a special service on Sunday, November 5 during which we will remember all who grieve especially the families and friends of:

Aaron Schneider	Ione Poole
Marvin Carlson	Randy Bruggeman
John Dyrseth	Lylian Richards
David Morken	Eunice Wiskow
Lorraine Mathieu	Mavis Besserud
Ruby Moen	Duane McFarland
Ardelle Hjelle	Lester Larson
Beverly Ranum	John Seaverson
Shari Larson	Arlyne Forsberg
Garrett Qualley	
Joyce Swenson	Silver Creek: Kathleen Nelson
Harvey Hanson	Paulette Augustine

We also remember all in our lives we have loved and lost as we imagine the great reunion we will have when we too are called home.

Pre-Planning Funerals November 12 -Fellowship Hall After Worship

Erling Johnson from Johnson's Funeral Home will be in Zion November 12, to give a presentation on pre-planning funerals.

Advent Worship: The Songs of Christmas

Wednesdays in Advent

5:30 Meal

6:30 Worship



You are invited to gather Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall for a meal beginning at 5:30. Worship will begin at 6:30 in the sanctuary. The Christmas season inspires us with connection, music, and wonder. It is a busy time of year, and you may ask, “Do I need one more thing to do?” Advent worship is designed to give you time to pause and prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Christ. Using “Holden Evening Prayer” we will reflect on the songs of Christmas.

The fourth Sunday in Advent we will shift our focus and hold a “Longest Night” service. “The Longest Night” Service sometimes called, “Blue Christmas,” recognizes the loss and loneliness that can be felt during the holidays due to death, disease, poverty, or abuse. It is a service that specifically enables individuals to experience their grief, as well as express what they are feeling, so they can find a sense of calm and hope.

Wednesday, November 29	The Song of the Speechless	Serving,
Zion Council		
Wednesday, December 6	The Song of the Thankful	Serving,
TBD		
Wednesday, December 13	The Song of the Joyful	Serving,
TBD		
Wednesday, December 20	The Longest Night	Serving,
TBD		

Community Thanksgiving Worship

Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 22 – 7:00 PM

Zion is hosting this year!



Called to Trust & Faithfulness

Stewarding the Gifts of God

The Fall Stewardship Campaign

“The earth is the Lord's and everything therein.” Psalm 24:1

Everything belongs to God. It is our responsibility to look after and take care of this world and everyone and everything God has created. Being a steward means: God gives us responsibilities to look after and resources to manage. We trust in God’s faithfulness and mercy. We live into this promise by sharing what God has bestowed upon us. During Zion’s fall stewardship campaign, you are invited to consider the gifts of Prayer, Worship, Learning & Service, and Money. Through November and December, we will take some time to reflect on God’s gifts to us and ways we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure:

Sunday, November 12	Worship “Called to Trust & Faithfulness”
Sunday, November 19	Preaching Text: Matthew 25: 14-30 Temple Talk Reflecting of the Blessings of Zion
Monday, November 20	Campaign Brochure and Commitment Cards will be mailed
Wednesday, November 22	Thanksgiving Worship
Sunday, December 10	Worship “Celebrating the Blessings of God” Preaching Text: Mark 1: 1-8



- **November 2, 16** - Quilting
- **November 1, 8, 15, 16, 22** Bible Study with Pastor Kristin – 9:00
- **November 4** – LWR Fall Pick-Up
- **November 12** – Pre-Planning Funerals
- **November 14** – WELCA Meeting – 10:00
- **November 12** – TRF Food Shelf Fund Raiser
- **November 17** – Lock In – Grades 8 - 12
- **November 19** – Dessert and Pie Auction after worship
- **November 19** – Food, Fellowship, Family Breakfast
- **November 19** – 65+ Dinner – 5:00
- **November 22** – Community Thanksgiving Worshp – at Zion – 7:00
- **November 26** – Youth Advent Activity During Coffee Fellowship
- **November 29** - Advent worship
- **December 2** – Spirit of Giving – 8:00 – 12:00



Thank You for Attending

A **BIG** thank you to all that came to the tailgate party and the chili and soup cook off on Sunday October 8th! Thank you to Andy Harbott who hooked up the TV's so we could watch the game! There were around 27 people and seven chili/soups that were enjoyed by all! Eileen Rhen won the cook off with her deeeelicious chicken wild rice soup! It was a fun afternoon of fellowship, food, snacks, caramel apple cider and hot chocolate complete with whipped cream and marshmallows! (Oh! And sprinkles!)



President's Message Laura Rude



Dear Zion Church Family,

I am dumbfounded to think that we are already in November. This year has gone by so fast...again! We have had much to be thankful for throughout this year, and there is still more to come. More updates to our beautiful church will continue to happen yet this year. SO GRATEFUL! God is good!

Congratulations to our recent Confirmands on their life milestone achievement. Your church family will keep you in prayer and support as you continue your faith journey. Always remember that you are a Child of God and that you are loved by God and by so many in your church family!

Zion church continues to be filled with constant activity which makes my heart so happy! Having our doors open to our community and congregation is a great act of love and acceptance. It's one of the many ways we serve as the body of Christ. Your continued encouragement of prayer, time and financial support is not taken for granted. I'm so proud to be part of such a caring and loving church community.

I will again ask for your prayerful consideration to be part of the Council or a church board. It is a truly rewarding experience and provides you with knowledge of how things get done here at Zion. I have been so amazed to see how God works in His ever so mysterious ways. 😊 I am grounded in the verse from **Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

November provides us many opportunities to gather together for fellowship. I encourage you to take full advantage of these special times.

Humbly Serving ~ Laura Rude

TRF Food Shelf Fundraiser

November 12
Alicia Hunt – temple talk



You are invited to share your blessings with the Thief River Falls Food Shelf. On Sunday, November 12, Alicia Hunt, administrator of the TRF food shelf, will share the needs of our local community.

There will be a special offering for the food shelf and baskets for donations of food. Let us give of our abundance and blessings to help those around us.

The Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf not only serves Thief River Falls and Pennington County, but also the following counties: Becker, Beltrami, Clearwater, Kittson, Marshall, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and Swift. Towns in these counties include Alvarado, Appleton, Argyle, Brooks, Clearbrook, East Grand Forks, Erskine, Fosston, Frazee, Gonvick, Goodridge, Greenbush, Grygla, Holt, Karlstad, Lake Bronson, Middle River, Newfolden, Oklee, Oslo, Plummer, Red Lake Falls, Redby, Roseau, Salol, St. Hilaire, Strandquist, Strathcona, Trail, Viking, Warren, Warroad, and Winger.

The TRF Area Food Shelf is open from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. every Thursday. According to our records, from January 1, 2023, until September 2023 we have served 231,650 lbs. of food, household, and hygiene products to: 1,944 children ages 0 to 17; 3,474 adults ages 18 to 64, 1,043 seniors ages 65 plus, and 1,594 households. Many of our clientele are employed in and around our community. **The struggle with food security is real!**

We currently need the following food products: peanut butter, canned chicken, canned beef, Spam, sugar, flour, pancake mix, syrup, pasta, macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, cereal, farina, cream of wheat and canned fruit. Please donate items with a “best by” date of 2024 and later. Monetary donations can be made to: Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf, PO Box 802, Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0802.

Submitted by Alica Hunt, Administrator of the TRF Food Shelf

Zion’s 14th Annual Spirit of Giving Saturday, December 2 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon

We welcome your donations for Zion’s 14th Annual Spirit of Giving.

- New, clean, very gently used, neatly folded winter clothing
- Household items, toys, Christmas décor and decorations.
- Miscellaneous items
- **No items in garbage bags will be accepted.**
- **No large appliances, furniture, televisions, microwaves, or computers**

Donations may be dropped off in the basement Fellowship Hall on

- **Wednesday, November 29 – NO DROP OFFS**
- **Thursday, November 30** from 9:00 AM—7:00 PM
- **Friday, December 1** from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

No Early Drop offs!!! No Saturday Drop Offs!!!

If you can help Thursday or Friday with set up or Saturday during the event, please call Millie Reiersen at 218-681-7728 or the church office at 218-681-3296. Thank you!!!!

Tree of Thanksgiving

What are you grateful for?



Look for the Tree of Thanksgiving during the month of November. Write your gratitude on the leaves provided and hang them on the tree. Share your thankfulness with others.

Silver Creek

“The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.” Psalm 67:6

As harvest comes to a close, we enter a season of thanksgiving for all the Lord has done in our lives and for all He has given us. In that spirit of giving thanks, we continue our work at Silver Creek church.

Church Services:

October 29: No service at Silver Creek. We join Zion as confirmation is celebrated there.

November 5: Daylight Savings Time ends. Be sure to reset your clocks for service at 11:00 a.m. and fellowship at 10:30 a.m.

Church Council:

The church council met on October 15.

An updated congregational list is in the works. Please get names, phone numbers, emails, and addresses to one of the deacons: Clark Nelson, Roger Nelson, Connie Stock.

November 19: Next meeting, after service

WELCA:

November 1:

2:00 p.m. Quilting

5:00 p.m. Supper, meeting, and Bible study

Bible Study: Chapter 6: Your Experience Can

Encourage Others

Please bring Thank Offering boxes as we bring our gifts to the Lord.

Anniversary Committee:

October 25: Meeting

Legacy Farm Project:



The project to create artwork out of wood from our family farms is underway. Please contact Leland Nelson or Mark Swanson or have the coffeepot on when they come to your door!

Church Directory Pictures:

We thank Sydney Kenfield (granddaughter of Bev and Roger Rupprecht) for sharing her time and talent, taking pictures on October 22. If you have a photo to submit, please contact Virginia Swanson.

Church Cookbook:

We are still in need of recipes for the church cookbook. We would like all our friends and family to be represented with their favorite recipes. Please send the recipes as soon as possible to kristi.housey@gmail.com

News and Notes:

Quilt Drawing: Another successful quilt raffle was held this fall. We are thankful for everyone's participation in selling tickets and for the labor of love by Sharon Russell and Bev Rupprecht. This year's beautiful Lake Escape quilt was won by Ashland Stein.

Fall Dinner: We again gathered in thanksgiving on October 22 for our annual turkey dinner. It was wonderful to walk in the doors and be greeted by the warmth of conversation and tempting smells from the kitchen! Thank you to all who worked to put this together and to all who joined in the gathering of friends and family.

Dates to Remember:

December 10: Christmas program during the church service.

December 24: Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy Thanksgiving Day and every day, as we give thanks for one another and for the blessings of the Lord.

Submitted by Connie Stock

WELCA News



Quilting Day – November 2, 1:00 p.m.

Last quilting session before quilts are packed up for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. Anyone who can help tie finished quilts and pack cartons are most welcome. Join in the fun, coffee, and snacks, too.

Lutheran World Relief Shipment – November 4

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the baby care kits, personal care kits, school kits, sewing kits, and quilts, to those who assembled them for shipping, and those who loaded and will deliver them to the shipment truck on Saturday November 4.

WELCA Monthly Meeting – November 14, 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly meetings have been changed back to the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, so we meet on November 14. Everyone is invited for fellowship, refreshments, Bible study and group updates. Hostesses are the Sarah Circle. Board meets at 9:00 a.m.

Looking ahead - the December 14 meeting is the usual Christmas Tea which is held at 2:00 p.m.

Pie and Dessert Auction Sunday, November 19

Get ready to bid for your favorite dessert/pie at the auction on November 19. It will be held during coffee time following the 9:00 service. A great time to find your Thanksgiving dessert. Please consider contributing baked items for the auction. Funds raised are donated to Zion's general budget.



Faith Community Nurse



Joyce Meyer's has written over 100 books and one of them is "Trusting God day by day". It's a daily devotional book that starts with a bible verse. This is from that book.

Is Your GPS On? "Pray without ceasing" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Praying is probably the most important part of preparing to do something, yet so many people today ignore or forget this vital part of the process. I suggest you don't do anything without praying and asking God to get involved and make it work out right. Jesus said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing," and I believe Him. (see John 15:5)

Prayer is like the GPS system in a car. When you turn it on and tell it where you're going, it shows you the path you need to take to get there.

The Bible says that we should acknowledge God in all our ways, and He will direct our steps and make them sure (see Prov. 3:6). Prayer gives us God's GPS --- guidance, provision, and strength.

When Jesus ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper in life. He is always ready to get involved, but we must ask for his help. If you don't turn on your GPS, it won't tell you when you are making wrong turns. It won't take the wheel away from you and keep you from getting lost. In the same way, the Holy Spirit offers world-renowned supernatural service, but you have to ask him for it.

God will enable you to do things that will frequently surprise you if you take him as your partner in life. But you must start with prayer. Start your day by turning on your GPS through prayer. You'll find God's guidance, protection, and strength, which will help you trust Him and experience His presence all throughout the day!

God's Blessing and Peace....Parish Health

Turn on your GPS through prayer. Handy Hands

RSVP has not been able to utilize their Handy Hands program due to lack of volunteers. It's a great program and very much appreciated by the elderly who cannot do some of these minor things themselves. Its mission is to assist people age 60+ to remain safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible. Parish Health has had 2 requests for it in the past year that unfortunately couldn't be granted. We could utilize their idea and provide assistance to only our members if we could get some volunteers to help. Couple volunteers is an option too!

Volunteers assist with small home repairs and maintenance projects and will know what is requested of them before making the repair visit. Often it's a small request such as changing a light bulb, checking on a broken recliner, securing something loose, repair a leaky faucet, fixing a smoke alarm, or maybe installing simple home safety equipment that can reduce falls. The homeowner pays for all the material costs.

There's only one glitch here.... we NEED volunteers. Please consider volunteering your services to help our elderly if needed. You can always decline a request if not comfortable with your skill level or the time it requires. It's a great feeling to help others, especially elderly, and it'll probably just MAKE YOUR DAY! Let me know if you are interested.

Thank you!
Darlene Wiseth - FCN



It's that time of year again! **Operation Christmas Child** is in full swing! I would like to encourage everyone to help fill at least one box! Or if you would like to donate items you can do that also! There are drop off boxes throughout the church for your items. Monetary donations are also welcomed to help with shipping cost, or we can use the money to buy items to fill more boxes. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.

Gift Suggestions:

TOYS or a "WOW" item: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring, and picture books, etc.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.), Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) blanket, non-liquid lip balm, nail clipper and file, etc.

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES: Puzzles, Binoculars, Compass, Chalkboard, and chalk, Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon,

Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger, Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.), Playing cards, Skipping rope/Jump rope

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

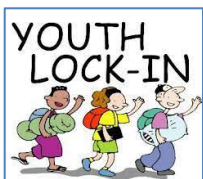
Shoe boxes are available. We will also have totes for you to drop off your donations. We ask that all shoe boxes be turned back into the church by *Tuesday, November 14th*.

Mark Your Calendar



**Sunday, December 17
During Worship Service**

LOCK IN



Grades 8 thru 12
November 17 - 7:00 pm to 7:00 am
More details to come

Confirmation

November 1 - Class 6:00

- Supper 5:15 Chicken Alfredo

November 8 - Class 6:00

Supper 5:15 Tater Tot Hotdish

November 15 - Class 6:00

Supper 5:15 Baked Mac and Cheese

November 22 - NO Class!

November 29 - Advent Worship 6:30

Supper 5:30

Note - no class on November 22, we encourage you to attend The Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Zion!

Special Dates:

Grade 9 will prepare and serve 65+ meal on Sunday, November 19.
Grade 8 will prepare and serve Food and Fellowship on November 19.

Congratulations, Confirmands

Brianne Ellison
Brenna Alby
Lucas Rantanen
Alex Hanson
Andraya Bakken
Jerlyn Lunsetter

Gracie Jensen
Lydia Walseth
Zachary Nelson
Maverick Iverson
Ella Gust

May our loving God guide you as you begin your new journey is His love.



Thank You, Sunday School Leaders.

Linzie Przybylski, Teagan Jensen, Gracie Jensen, Kayla Peterson, Bria Scheef, Julia Rude, Lydia Walseth, Brianne Ellison, Angie Jensen, Cora Jensen, Stephanie Walseth, Kirsten Michalke, Heather Bregier, Laura

Fay, Laura Rude, and Amber Holtan

Thank You, Confirmation leaders.

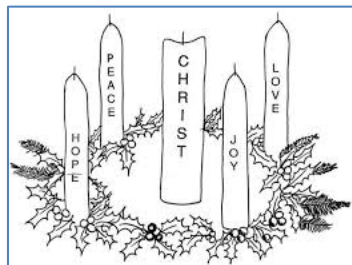
Mike & Jodi Flaagan, Shawna Spears, Kami Spears, Desiree Bertilrud, Angie Jensen, Jamie Bakken, Stephanie Walseth, and Beth Nelson

Thank you, Kami Spears and Shawna Spears, for hosting the Grade 11 Confirmation Retreat and working with youth on the writing of Faith Statements.

Advent Wreaths Activity

November 26 in Fellowship Hall

Evangelism/Lay Ministry invites the Sunday School children to make advent wreaths on November 26 in the Fellowship Hall during the fellowship coffee hour.



Zion Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes October 17, 2023

The Congregational Council Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President, Denny Minks at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Denny Minks, Pastor Kristin Ostercamp, Diane Johnson, Renae Franke, Marijo Nabben, Mike Spears, Glenice Johnson, Deb Fulton, Mike Flaagan, Penni Nelson, Patty Schob and Deb Holtan.

Pastor Kristin led the council with “Litany for a Stewardship of Mutual Care” (by Amy Koopman.... adopted for local use) and talked about stewardship. Sunday November 12th will focus on Stewardship. Pastor Kristin asked for the council to think of someone that could speak telling their story that because of their relationship with this congregation, how they have been blessed. The week of Thanksgiving a “Mission Commitment Card” will be mailed out to the congregation. The “Stewardship in a Box” will be talked about at November’s Council meeting. A time of saying “Thank You” was shared by members of the council. Pastor Kristin lead the council in prayer.

Vice President Denny Minks asked if there were any items that should be added to the agenda. Renae Franke asked that the upcoming CD’s that are due be discussed. Mike Spears asked to discuss what funds should be used for the new carpet.

The Secretary’s report from September 19, 2023, was presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurer’s Report was given. A corrected July 2023 report was presented. Renae reported she posted the amount of \$191.26 under Parish Fellowship; it should have been posted as mileage. The September 2023 report was presented. Renae also pointed out that \$350.00 from the August report was posted under Continuing Education. It should be under Conferences and Conventions. Pastor Kristin asked to make a note that there is no line item for professional expenses; it’s been going into the Continuing

Education. This should be addressed when planning the budget for the upcoming year. The reports were filed for audit.

Discussion was held on where to take the funds to pay for the new carpet. There has been \$6,100.00 in donations for the new carpet. The carpet cost is \$25,002.61. The Saugen Fund (which is in savings) has \$6,994.47 in it. The Odegaard Estate (also in savings) has \$40,728.10 in it. A motion was made by Marijo Nabben to use all the money from the Saugen Fund and to take what is needed for the balance from the Odegaard Estate to pay for the carpet. The motion was seconded by Diane Lee. The motion carried.

Discussion was also held on the upcoming CD's that will mature on November 25, 2023, and also where to put the funds from the Laliberte Estate to draw better interest rates. Mike Spears made a motion to move the Laliberte Estate funds into its own CD at the 5.25% interest rate. Rewrite the two Nelson CDs for 14 months at the 5.25% rate interest. Put the Nelson Estate savings funds and the balance of the Odegaard Estate savings into the Treasury Money Market account with Edward Jones that is currently earning 5.25%. The motion was seconded by Deb Fulton. The motion carried.

A monetary gift from Ione Poole's estate will be coming soon. It was agreed that those moneys go directly into the money market account with Edward Jones, so it is earning interest right away. Discussion at the next meeting will be held as far as what kind of account it should be in once the amount of the gift is known.

Discussion was held on a credit card for Linda to use as the office manager for ordering supplies etc. A motion was made by Glenice Johnson to apply for the credit card with Linda Hamrick and Renae Franke as signers. The motion was seconded by Marijo Nabben. The motion carried.

Pastor Report: Pastor Kristin's report was submitted to the council. Highlights from her report are as follows: There will be Advent Worship on Wednesday nights starting November 29th. The evening will start with a supper, much like the Lenten suppers are done. The Holden Evening Prayer will be used for worship. The church council will make and serve the supper on the 29th. Also mentioned is the need for a Stewardship Committee to work with Pastor Kristin, Zion's President, and one person from the Worship Board, one Evangelism/Lay Ministry and one Vice President.

Evangelism and Lay Ministry: Marijo Nabben submitted the boards report. Highlighting the board has compiled a mailing list with addresses to be formatted so as to make labels for mailing out the letters to the people on the

inactive list. Correction was made for this boards next meeting date. It is Wednesday November 1st, not October 31st, due to the elections on November 7th.

WELCA: Glenice Johnson submitted her report. Highlights on their report are as follows: Lutheran World Relief will be picking up the many different kits on Saturday November 4th. The group will be changing their meetings/gatherings back to the second Tuesdays of the month instead of the third Tuesday.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice Johnson reported that their board helped the Evangelism and Lay Ministry Board with the clean-up after the Tailgate Party event on October 8th.

Silver Creek: Penni Nelson reported their dinner will be held this Sunday October 22nd and the drawing for the quilt will be done at that time. Plans are to meet the 3rd Sunday in November at their council meeting to go over the contract between Zion and Silver Creek. Sharon Russell is looking into the purchase of an AED for Silver Creek.

Parish Health: Patty Schob representing the committee reported from their submitted report that Erling Johnson from Johnson's Funeral will be doing a presentation on preplanning funerals during the coffee time on Sunday November 12th.

Public Relations: Denny reported for the board that the new directories arrived, and several have been handed out.

Worship Board: Deb Fulton submitted their report. Their next meeting has changed from Tuesday November 7th to Monday November 6th. Reformation Sunday is October 29th. It is also Confirmation that Sunday. The board is sharing the duties of finding Lesson Readers. All Saints Sunday is November 5th.

Christian Ed and Youth: Mike Flaagan submitted the board's report. Mike gave a reminder that the 65+ Dinner is coming up. Mike mentioned it would be nice to have a "Youth Coordinator" with a possible stipend.

Properties Board: Mike Spears reported that there isn't a ship date yet for the new carpet. The water heater for the kitchen has been fixed.

Continuing Business: Pastor Kristin pointed out there are several old computers that need to be disposed of. Deb Holtan stated there's an old

television set in the janitor's room in the basement. Not sure if it works or not. The old Sunday school tables and chairs need to be removed. Someone will talk to Amber Holtan about a plan for them.

Resolution to approve the Confirmands as listed in Pastor Kristin's

Report: The following names of the confirmands were presented to the council: Brenna Alby, Andraya Bakken, Brianne Ellison, Ella Gust, Alex Hanson, Maverick Iverson, Gracie Jensen, Jerlyn Lunsetter, Zachary Nelson, Lucas Rantanen and Lydia Walseth. A motion was made by Diane Lee to accept the list of eleven confirmands. The motion was seconded by Renae Franke. The motion carried.

Vice President Denny Minks reminded the council that we needed to fill the following positions on the council this coming year; President, 1st Vice President and Secretary.

Reminder of the Pie and Dessert Auction on Sunday November 19th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marijo Nabben and seconded by Mike Spears. With the motion being accepted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary

Welcome to Zion's New Members

Kramer Dybedahl, Michael Swenson, Pauline Helgeland, Ashley Holtan, Bailey Ranum, Jared, Stephanie, Isabel, and Jack Kainz, Tim, Kirsten, Joseph, and Joshua Michalke, Kevin and Barb Bohm.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY BROADCASTS 9 AM CABLE 3 9 KTRF BROADCASTS 12 NOON CABLE 37			1 9 Bible Study 5:15 Confirmation supper Ev/ Lay Min. meeting 6 Confirmation 6 God's Joy Choir 7 Senior Choir	2 9 SAIL Exercise 12:30-4:30 LSS respite care 10 Prayer shawl ministry 1 Quilting/ LWR Workshop	3 8 Men's Breakfast/Biff's	4 Lutheran World Relief Ship Date +++Set clocks <i>back one hour tonight!</i> +++
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9 Zion Worship/Holy Communion/ Baptism 10 Sunday School/Cornerstone 10 Blood Pressure Screening 10 Coffee fellowship 11 Silver Creek Worship	6 9 SAIL Exercise 5:30 Worship Committee Den meeting	7 9-12 FC Nurse Hours Noon Pastors Text Study 4 Parish Health Committee BOARD MEETINGS	8 9 Bible Study 5:15 Confirmation supper 6 Confirmation 6 God's Joy Choir 7 Senior Choir	9 9 SAIL Exercise 12:30-4:30 LSS respite care	10 8 Men's Breakfast/Biff's	11
12 STEWARDSHIP FOOD SHELF SUNDAY 9 Zion Worship/ Holy Communion 10 Sunday School/Cornerstone 10 Coffee fellowship 10 December Sharing Servants in lounge 10 Pre-Planning Funerals informational with Johnsons/ Fellowship hall 11 Silver Creek Worship	13 9 SAIL Exercise Den meeting	14 9-12 FC Nurse Hours 9 WELCA Executive Board Noon Pastors Text Study 10 WELCA meeting OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES AND/OR DONATIONS DUE TODAY	15 9 Bible Study 6 God's Joy Choir 5:15 Confirmation supper 6 Confirmation 7 Senior Choir	16 9 SAIL Exercise 12:30-4:30 LSS respite care 1 Quilting/ LWR Workshop	17 8 Men's Breakfast/Biff's 7PM—Youth Lock-In Gr. 8-12	18
19 9 Zion Worship/ Holy Communion/ Baptism 10 Sunday School/Cornerstone 10 Food & Fellowship 10 PIE & DESSERT AUCTION 11 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship 12 Noon Silver Creek Council meeting 5:00 65+ TURKEY DINNER	20 Newsletter Items Due 9 SAIL Exercise 4 AAUW in Patio Room & Lounge Pack meeting	21 9-12 FC Nurse Hours Noon Pastors Text Study 5:30 ZION COUNCIL	22 9 Bible Study 7 THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT ZION	23 THANKSGIVING DAY Office/Building Closed	24 Office/Building Closed	25
26 9 Zion Worship 10 Sunday School/Cornerstone 10 Youth Advent Activity 10 Coffee fellowship 11 Silver Creek Worship	27 9 SAIL Exercise Den meeting	28 9-12 FC Nurse Hours Noon Pastors Text Study 1:30 TRCC Communion 2:30 OP Communion	29 9 Bible Study 5:30 Advent Supper Served by Council 6:30 ADVENT WORSHIP 6 God's Joy Choir 7:15 Senior Choir	30 9 SAIL Exercise 12:30-4:30 LSS respite care Spirit of Giving Drop Off	Dec. 1 Spirit of Giving Drop Off	Dec 2 Spirit of Giving 8am-12 noon