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WHAT ATTRACTS PEOPLE TO CHURCH?

Why do people select a particular church? A convenient location? Yes. A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes. Inspiring music? Yes. An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness — both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But **old-fashioned friendliness**, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.



Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord!
Praise God in all circumstances!
God's love is for everyone!
God's gifts are for sharing!
Proclaim and teach His Word!

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Stewardship

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article - August 2019

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the

bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire - oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household." (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

Stewardship (continued)

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

How would you feel...

- † If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to Him?
- ₱ If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of Him?
- The God offered as many excuses as we do and if the excuses were not more justifiable than ours?
- ♣ If God's promises were no more certain than ours?
- ₱ If God withheld His blessings from us as we withhold our offerings to Him?

Some genuine thoughts to ponder!



I would like to thank those that sent me cards, called to check on me and came to visit me. I would especially like to thank Pastor Matt for coming and visiting with me while I was in the hospital.

Fern Vietze

Ladies Society

In Praise to the Lord!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League 38th Biennial Convention June 20-23, 2019

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9). Let us continue to Praise the Lord for all the miraculous things He's done in our lives! It is in Praise to our Lord that I would love to continue sharing with everyone what He has done through our Lutheran Women's Missionary League! How He provides the physical gifts to gather for His Mission work, and how He filled us with His Spirit at the convention to continue His work where ever we go!

The logo and the convention theme was based on the Scripture verses, *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from*

day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a). To declare His glory among the nations is the heart of who we are as Lutheran Women in Mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit and God's marvelous works, we were equipped at Mobile, Alabama to tell of His salvation from day to day. The cross and the heart mark the work of Christ Jesus to all the earth and lead us in praise to the Lord. Jaclyn Rychel a mites in action speaker, shared what was accomplished with the money LWML gave to them, creating a clean practical useful home for elderly, "the forgotten generation" who were starving and lacked any care in Haiti. "Some picked up from the streets to weak to stand" with no family and no one to take care of them (criteria to enter the home). So they put them in the back of a pick up truck with an

Hannah Circle
No Meeting

MARTHA CIRCLE
Aug. 6 at 1:00pm @ Zion

RUTH CIRCLE
No Meeting

LADIES EXECUTIVE BOARD
August 26 at 2:30 pm @ Zion



Check out the LWML Websites.

The National LWML Website: www.lwml.org

The LWML Minnesota South District Website:

www.mnslwml.org

umbrella, to the Lutheran Home. Just to know how serious it was, it was decided they may not bring anything with them. They were bathed and washed, hair braised, and then out in a bed with clean linen. One of the first ladies said "this was the best night sleep I've ever had" after her first night. It included a nursing classroom to train nurses to care for elderly (geriatric care) as well.

Thank you LWML for providing the resources to help these people!

Dr. Brent Smith a keynote speaker from Nebraska showed pictures of the floods in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa, including the family farm where he grew up, where everything was taken by the God sent floods. He boldly proclaimed: "No tornadoes, floods or hurricanes, even earth quakes..., can take your praise away from the Lord!" (See Isaiah 62). If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing can separate us from the love of God! "The ability to go forth in joy, was brought to you as a gift from God!

Save the Date
09.21.19

Zion Lutheran Women's Retreat

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. He thanked the Lord for the someone like "you purple ladies" who told his grandfather, on his Nebraska farm, about Jesus. His grandfather was baptized at the age of 79. God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son to save the world. He is the only one who can bring a **country** out of darkness. Declare His Glory among All the nations!

I pray that the Lord will guide me to use this top of the mountain experience to empower my sisters in the valleys of Southern Minnesota!

Willa Olivier



Come join us as we explore Christ's Love and the way He moves us

We will be doing this through Guest Speakers, group activities, nature walks, music and fellowship.

Discover with us how to ASK for Christ's help in our time of despair, LISTEN to what He has to offer and MOVE forward as He calls us to action.

Contact Willa at 507.450.4310 for details or with questions.

BIBLE QUIZ - "Through the Old Testament"

Bite on these Biblical questions from the Old Testament. Answers are located somewhere in the newsletter, but the answer the questions first before you go hunting for the answers. Happy Quiz Time!

1. The book of Genesis is the book that tells the story of:

- A. The Creation, Cain and Abel and Noah and the Ark.
- B. The tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- C. Joseph in Egypt.
- D. All of the above.

2. The book of Exodus tells the story of:

- A. The reign of Joseph in Egypt.
- B. Moses and the Israelites coming out of Egypt.
- C. The building of Solomon's temple.
- D. All of the above.

3. The first five books of the Bible are called:

- A. The Pentagon.
- B. The Pentateuch
- C. The Menorah.
- D. The Memorandum.

4. In the book of Joshua, how long the children of Israel around in the wilderness before the walls of Jericho fell down?

- A. Forty weeks.
- B. Forty months.
- C. Forty years.
- D. Not Sure

5. In the book of Judges, there is one judge who is a woman. What was her name?

- A. Ahinoam
- B. Athaliah
- C. Deborah
- D. Phoebe

6. The books of Samuel tell the story of Samuel and which two kings of Israel?

- A. Saul and David.
- B. Adonijah and Solomon.
- C. Amnon and Chileab.
- D. Amasa and Rehoboam.

7. The first book of the Kings opens with one of David's sons claiming the throne of his father. Who was it?

- A. Amnon
- B. Absalom
- C. Adonijah
- D. Abimelech

8. The book of Ezra, Cyrus, the king of Persia wrote a letter allowing....

- A. the Persians to kill every firstborn Jew.
- B. Daniel and his three friends to not eat meat at the king's table
- C. the Jews to have four days each year for the feast of Purim.
- D. the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.

9. After the book of Nehemiah (which is the story of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem) there is a book named after the queen who saved her people from being slaughtered, but God is not mentioned in this book. Who was she?

- A. Athaliah
- B. Esther
- C. Vashti
- D. The queen of Sheba.

10. The book of Job tells the story of God's faithfulness in the time of Job's suffering. How many friends came to visit Job in his time of distress?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Three
- D. Twelve

11. Which king is named in Psalms, Proverbs, and the Song of Solomon?

- A. Saul
- B. David
- C. Adonijah
- D. Solomon

12. What was the good news that the Old Testament prophets told of?

- A. The Messiah would come.
- B. The people would be released from slavery.
- C. The oppressors of Israel would be killed.
- D. All the above.

To Forgive!

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life - to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son - how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it means to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says._- C.S. Lewis



Gracious Gifts Given in memory of

Alice Daffinud	\$ 15	KATE
Penny Lieb	\$ 10	Endowment Fund
Jodi Brown	\$ 10 \$ 50	Endowment Fund Stain Glass Windows
Elayne Wichmann	\$ 10 \$ 35 \$ 85	Endowment Fund Mission Central Stain Glass Windows
Helen Johnson	\$ 10 \$ 10 \$ 15 \$ 15 \$ 25 \$ 930	Food For Backpacks Endowment Fund Library Music KATE Mission Central Stain Glass Windows

Library News

We are so excited about all the donations God has been blessing our library with! We recently were given a wealth of great reading material, mostly non-fiction books, which are grouped on the first round table in the library. "Dear Zoe" by Max De Pree is a compilation of letters a grandfather wrote to his granddaughter after her very premature birth. I recommend it, as I read it myself before processing it! Thanks for the new additions.

If anyone follows features in the free "Albert Lea Magazine" publication, one of the recommended reads is Lisa Wingates' "Before We Were Yours". We have that hard-cover book here in our library. Ask Jean or Ann if you wish to read this but can't find it. In the early fall, expect to find the fourth novel of Lauraine Snelling's "Under the Northern Sky" series. It is to be shipped in August.

When a loved one has died and you can't think of where you wish a memorial to be given to, remember our library. A couple of Zion's recently deceased members either donated to or consistently checked out many books. After giving a memorial designated to Zion Library Fund, notify Ann Estes or Jean Wilmert.

Summer will soon be over and the cool weather will be here. There is no better way to settle in, than with a good book and a hot cup of cocoa/tea/coffee!

Blessed reading,



Worship Life at Zion

Services will continue with the regular schedule.

Mid-week worship service with Holy Communion on Thursdays at 6:45 pm Traditional worship service with Holy Communion on Sundays at 8:00 am Contemporary worship service with Holy Communion on Sundays at 10:30 am

Aug. 4—Eighth Sunday a. Pentecost

Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Col. 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Aug. 11-Ninth Sunday a. Pentecost

Gen. 15:1-6

Heb. 11:1-16

Luke 12:22-34

Aug. 18—Tenth Sunday a. Pentecost

Jer. 23:16-29

Heb. 11:17-31; 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-53

Aug. 25—Eleventh Sunday a. Pentecost

Is. 66:18-23

Heb. 13:1-17

Luke 13:22-30

Confirmation 2019-2020



Orientation for grades 6 - 8 will be on Wednesday, September 4 for all children and parents, in the Conference Room at 6:30 PM. If you cannot make it, please contact Pastor Matt at 507-251-1698 or

lehman.mlr@gmail.com.

Starting in September, the students can begin working on their 15 sermon notes. Sermon notes, printed on bright green paper, are located on the wall by the usher corner in the Fireside Commons. If you have any questions about them, please speak with Pastor Matt.

The Epistle of 1 John

You are welcome to join us for adult Bible Study, in the Conference Room, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, we will be finishing our study of 1 John. Topics we will cover in Chapters 4 and 5 are:

- 1. Testing the Sprits;
- 2. God is Love;
- 3. Overcoming the World;
- 4. Testimony Concerning the Son of God; and
- 5. A Purpose That You May Know.

Christian Education Festival

Sunday, September 8

Worship Services: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Christian Education Hour: 9:15 AM

All Church Picnic/Potluck: 12 noon Games and Activities to follow!

Needed: J.A.M. and Sunday School Teachers



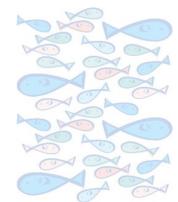
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Sunday School and J.A.M. teachers are a hot commodity at Zion. We are praying that the Lord will provide faithful and enthusiastic Sunday School and J.A.M. teachers for Zion's cheerful students. In two months, we will be back in the classroom. We pray that God would raise-up teachers who are willing and excited about sharing their faith in Jesus with our little ones. Speak with Jennifer Overland, chair of the Board of Education or Pastor Matt. Please, prayerfully consider assisting in this mighty manner of spiritual formation of Zion's children and youth.

A Fishy Excuse

Two men were in a boat fishing on a Sunday morning. "I suppose we should have gone to church this morning," said one man. "Don't you feel a wee bit guilty about it?"

"Nope," said the other, "besides, I couldn't have gone anyway. My wife's sick in bed today."



A Church Garden

First, plant five rows of peas:

- 1. Presence
- 2. Promptness
- 3. Preparation
- 4. Purity
- 5. Perseverance.

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

- 1. Squash gossip.
- 2. Squash criticism.
- 3. Squash indifference.



- 1. Turn-up for meetings.
- 2. Turn-up with a smile.
- 3. Turn-up with new ideas.
- 4. Turn-up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.



An 8-year-old girl who lived two doors away from a retired pastor asked him, "Why do you drink coffee?" The surprised pastor answered with a smile, "Because I like the taste of it and it gets me going in the morning."

That pastor might have been interested in this bit of trivia: In 1592, Pope Clement VIII declared coffee to be a legitimate drink for Christians. Before that edict, it had been labeled "the wine of infidels" because of its popularity among non-Christians.

How have the times changed . . . that cup of Joe is mighty good!



The Promise of Good Things

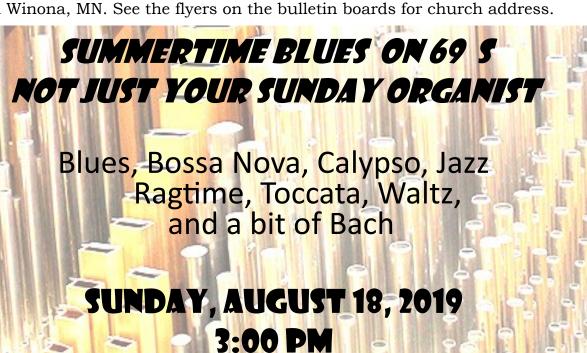
A woman in a nursing home was sitting in a rocking chair listening to a preacher on television. During his sermon, the preacher's face filled the screen. Suddenly, he shouted, "Something good is going to happen to you!"

A nurse standing near the old woman heard her say, "Well, let it happen, Sonny!"

God promises good things to us all: "I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing" (Ezekiel 34:26, NRSV).

Organ Recital Series

On August 24, Pastor Matt will be playing organ pieces by J.S. Bach, Mozat, William Walton, Herbert Howels, Lewis, and more. Gail Thurnau, from Albert Lead, will be join him for two selected duets. The organ recital, at 4:00 PM, will be at First Congregational Church in Winona, MN. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for church address.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HIGHWAY 69 S ALBERT LEA, MN

Matt Lehman, Eileen Nelson Ness, Gail Thurnau



For those of you who will be going south for the winter, please fill out the snowbird form located on the bulletin board across from the office. We want to make sure we know when to send out the Zion Chronicle to you.

Thank you!

Good News on the Airwayes

Lutheran Hour

The Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed across the airways each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am or KJLY (93.5 FM) at 6:00 am. Join the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler as he shares the powerful Word of God!

August 4

"Live Life, Traveling Well"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

August Archives - God's Word guides us along life's journey, where Christ is the Way and heaven our destination. We revisit a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Gregory Seltz.

(1 Peter 1:17-25)

August 11 "How to Pray"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann August Archives - Prayer flows from faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray. A classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.

(Romans 8:26)

August 18

"An Open Mind for the Future"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer August Archives-Closing our minds to spiritual fads and embracing the words of Jesus opens up a great future for all who believe. (Acts 17:18-32)

August 25

"Does He Know You?"

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus August Archives-People often do what they do because they think the rules don't apply to them. (Luke 13:23-25)



BIBLE QUIZ: Answers

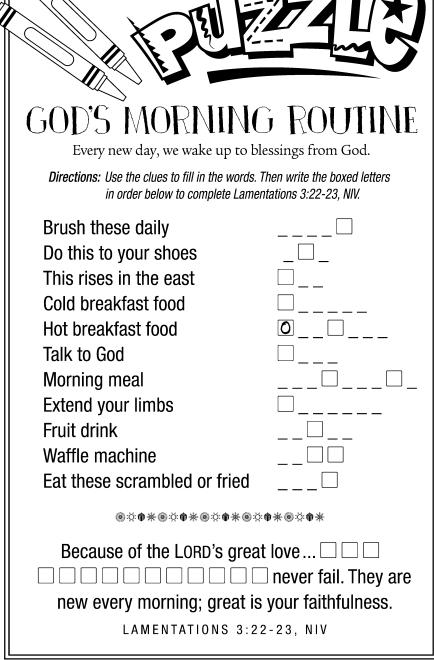
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- 11.B
- 12.A

Coming up roses

A rose can be quite eloquent When standing all alone; It needs no vast accompaniment, No pompous, royal throne, For beauty is not always found In suave sophistication, But often stands just by itself As simply God's creation!

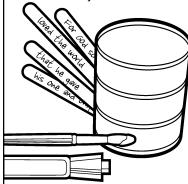
—Peggy Ferrell

Activity Page



USAKE-UP USORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

- 1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
- 2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
- 3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
- 4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

iron, eggs; his compassions

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breaktast, stretch, juice,

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Mission Statement: Sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Mission: Zion exists to enthusiastically share the Good News of Jesus with all in our community by connecting people with the Word and serving others with Christ's love.

Vision: All of Zion's members actively reaching out with God's love to connect the community with Jesus.

AUGUST 2019

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8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 4	VBS 5-8 pm			VBS 8 5-8 pm	VBS 9 5-8 pm	10
8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.		1:00 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting	9:00 am Quilters	6:45 pm Mid-Week Service w H.C. 7:45 pm Praise Team Practice	PASTORÍS DAY OFF	
9TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.		6:45 pm All boards meet 7:30 pm Church Council	9:00 am Quilters	6:45 pm Mid-Week Service w H.C. 7:45 pm Praise Team Practice	PASTORÍS DAY OFF	
10th Sunday of Pentecost 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.			9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Bingo at Good Samaritan	6:45 pm Mid-Week Service w H.C. 7:45 pm Praise Team Practice	PASTORÍS DAY OFF	

Serving in August

Sunday	8/4		8/11		8/18			8/25			
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A-V Team:	Robin Pettit Fred Rennpferd Wayne Prudoehl	David Kelly		Wayne Prudoehl	James Hedin	Roger Panzer Brooks Drescher Nancy Golde		, R		tora Panzer Golde	James Hedin
Comm. Assist:	Jerry Kruckeberg	Bruce Hayden		Ron Timm	Jeff Brown	Wayne Prudoehl		Dean Johnson	Chris Olivier		Tim Kasper
Elder:	Rick Ashling	Dick Mucha		Rick Ashling	Dick Mucha	Rick Ashling		Bill Morris	Rick Ashling		Bill Morris
Greeters:	Linda Eggleston	Bruce & Jan Hayden	elle	John & Joleen Domes	Dave & Lois Palmer	Jerry Kruckeberç)	Bonnie Westbee	Roger Panzer		Hod Bolinger
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Organist:	Angie Drescher	Praise Team	<u> </u>	Angie Drescher	Praise Team	Angie Drescher		Praise Team	Angie Drescher		Praise Team
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