



Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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STRONG FAITH, FERVENT LOVE **Immersed in Rural Life**

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Cows, hogs, trucks, dirt, tractors, mud — all things we would expect to find on the farm. But what about hightech computers, global positioning devices and industrial cheese making equipment? Participants of the LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission’s (RSTM) latest Rural Seminarian Immersion experienced all this and more, including conversation with a lot of faithful folks and great food. On the heels of our 2018 national conference, LCMS RSTM was privileged to host our third immersion event in partnership with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. We find that holding these events is especially important for the benefit of those who will be serving in rural and small-town congregations.

As you might know, more than 50 percent of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is made up of rural and small-town congregations. Each year at the Call Day services at both our seminaries, an average of 50 percent of the new calls are issued to men to serve in these congregations. Most of those called to serve do not have a background in rural and small towns; they are typically from more urban and suburban areas. To be sure, they are trained well by our seminaries to proclaim God’s Word, administer His Sacraments, teach, care and serve. Yet, we have found that because of the “culture shock,” these men often struggle to make the transition to RSTM or they simply don’t last that long in these congregations.

Additionally, many of these congregations come to see themselves as just a “first call” or less important than other, bigger congregations with “more to offer.” This simply isn’t and shouldn’t be the case. We at RSTM are endeavoring to break that cycle through these immersions as well as other training events. We want congregations to know and understand that they have a vital role to play in the Kingdom of God. Likewise, we want these men serving them to think of their new rural and small-town call much like C.F.W. Walther describes it when he said:

“When a place has been assigned to a Lutheran candidate of theology where he is to discharge the office of a Lutheran minister, that place ought to be to him the dearest, most beautiful, and most precious spot on earth. He should be unwilling to exchange it for a kingdom. Whether it is in a metropolis or in a small town, on a



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bleak prairie or in a clearing in the forest, in a flourishing settlement or in a desert, to him it should be a miniature paradise. Do not the blessed angels descend from heaven with great joy whenever the Father in heaven sends them to minister to those who are to be heirs of salvation? Why, then, should we poor sinners be unwilling to hurry after them with great joy to any place where we can lead other men, our fellow-sinners, to salvation?" (Twentieth Evening Lecture)

Imagine if pastor and parish together considered this ministry a great joy and were more than willing to "hurry after them with great joy." This is why we spend time doing things like our seminarian immersion. It is through events such as this that we are able to focus on those subjects, which can help future pastors (and even current ones) decrease the learning curve and hit the ground running. **While we won't make them agriculture experts, we hope to expose them to those that are so that they may gain an understanding of how things work in a rural and small-town areas and how that affects the congregation's life together.** Through visits to working farms and dairies, we learn how agriculture has transformed over the years and what it takes to make it in that world. We see for ourselves the high-tech equipment and how it has changed the face of farming.

In order to better understand leadership in town and country, we visited with agriculture industry leaders, local volunteer firemen, bank presidents and business owners. We learned about parish life from pastors of larger and smaller congregations and from those who shepherd in congregational partnerships. We talked to school leadership about what that dynamic means for the congregations. We worshipped, we ate, we prayed and we learned, all in an effort to better serve the rural and small-town congregations of the LCMS.

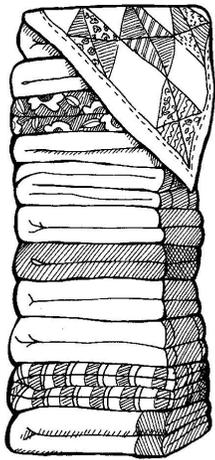
Pastor Todd Kollbaum

Director, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

Zion Lutheran met on Wednesday, January 2nd and have extended a call to Rev. Caleb Schewe. He is currently serving Our Savior Lutheran, Wilmot, SD and Trinity Lutheran, Corona, SD. Please keep him and his family and his congregations in your prayers as he considers our call.

Zion's NEWS & Notes

LIFE SUNDAY/Life Team Breakfast Life Sunday will be observed at Zion next Sunday, January 20th and the Fourth Annual Life Sunday breakfast, served by the Zion Life Team.

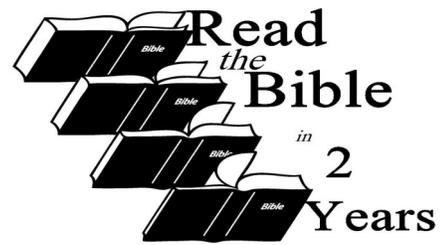


Make-A-Blanket-Party Saturday, January 26 10 am

The LWML has bought many yards of fleece to make no-sew blankets to be donated. All ages are encouraged to come and help with this project. Pizza will be served afterwards.

January Acolyte Schedule

Saturday, January 5	Ainsley Kurtz
Sunday, January 6	Kendall Peterson
Saturday, January 12	Memphis Peterson
Sunday, January 13	Tayten Johnson
Saturday, January 19	Evie Olson
Sunday, January 20	Sutton Powers
Saturday, January 26	Isaac Shepherd
Sunday January 27	Henry Swanson



Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

Week 10 [January 7-12]

Monday	Leviticus 4:1-6:30
Tuesday	Leviticus 7:19-24
Wednesday	Leviticus 10:1-11:47
Thursday	Leviticus 12:1-15:33
Friday	Leviticus 16:1-17:16
Saturday	Leviticus 18:1-19:37

Week 11 [January 14-19]

Monday	Leviticus 20:1-22:33
Tuesday	Leviticus 23:1-25:55
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:1-27:34
Thursday	Numbers 1:1-3:51
Friday	Numbers 4:1-6:27
Saturday	Numbers 7:1-8:26

Week 12 [January 21-26]

Monday	Numbers 9:1-10:36
Tuesday	Numbers 11:1-12:16
Wednesday	Numbers 13:1-15:41
Thursday	Numbers 16:1-18:32
Friday	Numbers 19:1-20:29
Saturday	number 21:1-35

Week 13 [January 28-February 2]

Monday	Numbers 22:1-25:18
Tuesday	Numbers 26:1-27:23
Wednesday	Numbers 28:1-30:16
Thursday	Numbers 31:1-54
Friday	Numbers 32:1-34:29
Saturday	Numbers 35:1-36:13



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: December 12, 2018

The December meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church Council was held on December 12, 2018, in the fellowship hall. Council members present were: Cade Peterson, Jim Ristau, Kenny Knutson, Darrel Duvall, Rick Hargens, Kurt Kelsey, Joe Mason, Greg Olson, Russ Lutter, and Charles Swanson.

The meeting was called to order by Cade Peterson at 7:50 PM.

Darrel DuVall opened the meeting with Prayer.

Secretary’s report was made available to all members. Motion to approve secretary’s report was made by Greg Olson, and seconded by Kurt Kelsey. Motion passed.

No Treasurer’s Report this month

Elders’ Report

- January 2nd at 7 pm is next call meeting
- Stephanie Swanson confirmed Sunday, December 16th
- Baptism for Otto Hickey, the great grandson of Lila Speckels, Dec. 19th at 5 pm.

Trustees’ Report

- Lights outside church – replaced bulbs, may need replaced.
- Scott Walker – entering in as trustee
- Fascia was installed on north peak

Old Business

- Russ Lutter made a motion to start a calling tree service offered by Midstate for \$5 per month. Ken Knutson seconded the motion. Motion passed
 - ◊ The calling tree will be used to help inform congregation when church service will not be held due to poor road conditions.
- Joe Mason made motion to have Dykes rebuild the back wall of church sanctuary. Kurt seconded the motion, motion passed.

New Business

- Christmas candlelight service, electronic candles were purchased.
- Motion was made by Russ and seconded by Greg to pay the tow bill of Pastor’s car as he went into the ditch one Sunday after service. – Motion passed.
- Discussed policy for meeting that are not church functions. More info is being gathered for next meeting.
- Next meeting: January 9th at 8 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Olson, and seconded by Rick Hargens. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

We closed with Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Lutter, Church Council Secretary

Zion’s Calling Tree



We would like to set up a calling tree service to notify the congregation of church closure during poor weather, or other urgent notices. This will especially be important currently as our vacancy pastor is coming form Sioux Falls. We will be using your phone number listed in the church directory unless you provide a different number. There is a sign up sheet located at the church our email russlutter@hotmail.com

If you prefer a text please make sure to list your Carrier [*Verizon*].

**Zion Lutheran Church
Annual Voters Meeting
Date: November 18, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chisum Peterson at 11:35 am. There were 22 members present – list attached.

Chisum opened the meeting with prayer. Motion by Rocky and seconded by Cade to approve the 2017 annual minutes, as presented/written, motion passed. Treasurer report was not available at meeting time. Report provided later is below for reference.

General Fund:

Beginning balance: \$63,950.18

Ending balance: \$70581.75 (remove \$54,890 from both to reflect the hail insurance claim payment)

Special Funds:

Building: \$1316

Memorial: \$12,203.49

Thrivent: \$808.97

Pastor/Elder’s Report is attached listing 4 baptisms, 7 youth confirmations, 3 adult confirmations, 9 transfer outs, 1 peaceful release, and 8 funerals.

Trustee Report includes usual maintenance plus hail storm damage progress, HVAC upgrade, alarm/bell signal on west door so Susan and Pastor’s office are notified of door entrance.

Life Team Report includes plan for annual Life Sunday breakfast fundraiser January 20.

LWML elected new officers and 1 delegate to participate in the National LWML convention to be held in Mobile Alabama this June. They fulfilled Missions as selected at the previous SD District convention held in Sioux Falls. Our society have projects such as tying fleece blankets and preparing travel care packages scheduled for the coming. The October Potato Bake was deemed a success.

Old Business:

SD District President Sailer is preparing a new list of candidates for our pastoral consideration. Previous 2 called candidates have chosen to remain at their current location/congregation. Several others on the list have taken a call since we received the first list in August. New list should arrive late November and expect congregational call meeting for early January 2019. It was reminded for each of us at this meeting to visit with others to encourage them to participate in the

next congregational call meeting including confirmed youth.

New Business:

Since hail storm and insurance is covering cost of shingle replacement we are investigating insulation project of the sanctuary roof options. All work would be completed from the outside. One option has more ventilation in the cavity. Further evaluation is occurring. Cost will be about \$30,000 for the insulation portion. Special contributions can be labeled towards the Building Fund.

Discussed options for panel wall area of back of sanctuary (east wall) where cabinet used to be before carpeting and south east double doors. Preference was to not sheetrock the entire back wall...asking for volunteer to lead effort.

Kneeler cushions at communion rail still need updating/rebuilding. One estimate from a business in Mitchell was for about \$2000. Quilt Shop and a Pierre and Kimball business declined to offer quote. Jim Ristau offered to ask a business he is aware of to offer estimate. It was stated that the new ones may need to be larger than the current. Asking for volunteer to lead effort. 2019 Budget Reviewed and discussed with motion to accept the 2019 proposed budget from Rocky with second by Joe Mason and motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2019

1. President – Chisum Peterson- Motion by Rocky and seconded by Cade to nominate Chisum and cast unanimous ballot with motion passing.
2. Vice President – Cade Peterson- Motion by Joe and seconded by Rocky to nominate Cade and cast unanimous ballot with motion passing.
3. Treasurer – Todd VanDenBosch- Motion by Rod P and seconded by Cade P. to nominate Todd and cast unanimous ballot with motion passing.
4. Secretary position not filled – request volunteer.
5. Elder – Phil Wendling has offered to fill position being vacated by Charles Totton. Kurt Kelsey and Darrel DuVall offered to remain on council as elders. Motion by Susan S. and seconded by Greg Olson to nominate those 3 and cast unanimous ballot with motion passing.

Motion to Adjourn made by Cade and seconded by Greg Olson at 12:35 with Lord’s Prayer.

Respectively submitted: Darrel DuVall



LWML Wednesday December 5th 2018

The Zion Lutheran LWML meet on Wednesday December 5th at 5:30pm. Colleen Swanson opened with prayer, then Britini DeHaai read the secretary report. Connie Cleland motioned to accept the minutes as read, and Susan Swanson seconded it. Connie Cleland than read the treasury report. Ginger received gift cards to pay for items from the Potato Bake, with that the CFC bill was paid twice leaving a credit on our account. Susan Swanson motion to accept to pay the bills and leave the credit on our account at CFC, Ginger Koehn second to pay bills.

In old business, the LWML decided to set a temporary date to put together fleece blankets on January 26th. All who would like to join the LWML are welcome on Saturday, we will begin at 10am then there will be pizza served at 12pm. Susan Swanson will be ordering the fleece with a Thrivent Card. All are welcome come and enjoy the day with friends, while making blankets. Also, in old business the LWML put together 18 cookie plates for community members, thank you everyone that brought cookies!

On Saturday January 12th the LWML Board of Directors will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, we will need 2 or 3 people to help serve, the LWML will be serving soup, buns and bars.

Also, in old business, Alice Olson memorial gave \$500 for seminary students. As part of that the LWML will be gifting money to seminary students, the Zion Lutheran Sunday school, Main Street Living, and the Zion Lutheran Youth group.

The LWML will meet again on January 2nd, 2019. Hope motion to close the meeting, Connie Cleland seconded it.

Sincerely,
Britini DeHaai

LWML Financial Report
Meeting Date: December 5, 2018

Beginning Balance: 11/1/2018	\$3,779.37
Income: Sunday Fellowship	\$122.30
Mite box/mtg	3.00
General Mtg Offering	3.00
	<u>+\$128.00</u>

Expenditures	
Chamberlain Wholesale	\$69.38
CFC	255.86
SD District LWML Mites	<u>446.63</u>
	-771.87

Transferred to Scholarship fund	-149.79
Ending Balance: 11/30/2018	\$2,986.01

Scholarship Fund:	
Beginning Balance	850.19
Interest	.02
Transfer	<u>149.79</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,000.00

Outstanding Bills:	
SD LWML Mites/Nov	\$50.54
Lafferty/Greeting Cards	<u>66.83</u>
Total	\$121.33

Disbursement of Potato Bake/Soup supper funds	
	\$1,458.81
Main Street Living	250.00
Youth Group for Convention	250.00
Sunday School Christmas Program	100.00
Divided between Seminary students	858.81

Respectively Submitted,
Connie Cleland Treasurer

LWML Sunday Groups	
January 6	Group 1
January 13	Group 2
January 20	Life Team
January 27	Group 3



MAIN STREET LIVING JANUARY SCHEDULE

January 6, 2019

10:00 AM-This is the Life-This episode “A Friend in Deed” explores the Christians duty to forgive those who have done us wrong.

10:30 AM-Worship Service-Today’s message is presented by Rev. Dr. Christopher Asher of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The message “Come and Worship is based on Matthew 2:1-4.

January 13, 2019

10:00 AM-This is the Life-This award winning program is in black and white. The “God of Live” illustrates that we, as Christians, all have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear.

10:30 AM-Worship Service-Rev. Daniel Grimmer of Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD. Rev. Grimmer shares with us how he came to the ministry and the importance of the scripture lesson. Romans 6:4 in that decision.

January 20, 2019

10:00 AM-This is the Life-Children can be a very effective witness. This episode, “Adrift”, discusses the effectiveness of children who witness for Christ.

10:30 AM-Worship Service-Today’s message is delivered by Rev. Paul Albers of Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion SD. The sermon, “Small Signs-Big Revelations”, is based on John 2:1-11.

January 27, 2019

10:00 AM-This is the Life-This black and white presentation deals with making opportunities from problems. The program is called “The Hand of God”.

10:30 AM-Rev. John Fries, the Pastor of Grace Lutheran in Deadwood and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran of Sturgis, South Dakota, brings us the message “The Church’s One Foundation”. The sermon is based on Luke 4:15-20.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry, Newsletter Article – January 2019

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

But God also calls us to give to Him. And He, who does all things well, presses it into service for the benefit of all the people of God. See for example what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, after he

and the people were safely brought out of Egypt across the Red Sea on dry land:

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins,[a] acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex. 25: 1-9)

Notice in verse two that the Lord instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to “take for me a contribution” and that from everyone motivated from gratitude for what God has just accomplished and given to them, Moses is to gather up “the contribution for me.”

Pay attention, though, why the Lord wants the people of Israel to gather up these contributions for Him. God tells Moses precisely why: “let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” The purpose for the contribution of the Israelites was so that He may dwell with them, that He would live among them. Through the tabernacle and the priesthood, through their rites and ceremonies, through their feasts and festivals, as through means, the Lord God, who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt would live and dwell among them and be their God, and lead them into the promised land, which flowed with milk and honey.

God dwells among us still. In the fullness of time, God’s son was born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. He brought us out of bondage to sin, death, the devil, and Hell, and He did this by His obedient suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension. But He is not gone. He dwells with us through the means of His Word and His sacraments, through the preaching and the teaching of our pastors, through the rites and ceremonies of our liturgy. He dwells with us in the Church through those means. And He is leading us to the true promised land, to the new heavens and the new earth in the new creation.

In the meantime, as God, even now, continues to call us to give to Him, let us, who have been saved from slavery to sin and death, the devil and hell, be so moved in our hearts as to give generously to Him so that the means of grace, the means of His gracious dwelling among us, would continue now and into the future. For just as He did then so does He do now. He presses the gifts given to Him into service for the benefit of all His people. He puts it to use so that we may have Him with us always, even unto the end of the age.



- January 1** Lois Bode, Richard DuVall,
- January 2** Paden Bairey
- January 4** Frank Cable, Jaimee Keiner,
- January 5** Ann Powers
- January 6** Larry Elwess
- January 7** Eugene Wagaman
- January 8** Megan Bakken
- January 9** Todd Powell, Tara Weeman
- January 10** Vicki Stethem, Dana Kenobbie
- January 11** Corinna (Reuer) Hemmer
- January 13** Marlee Lulf
- January 15** Ralph Reimer
- January 16** Addelynn Hickey
- January 18** Wyatt Powers, Amelia Smith-Gravatt
- January 19** Rodney Schmiedt
- January 20** Hope Lutter
- January 21** Marilyn Woodraska, Rachel Reuer,
Cash Adams
- January 23** Makayla Dobberstein, Tristen Johnson
- January 25** Natalie Kelsey
- January 26** Kevin Reuer, Amy Kenobbie
- January 27** Carly Weeman
- January 28** Joseph Mason, Rick Palmer
- January 29** Damon Johnson
- January 30** Braiden Mahrt

- January 1** JJ & Lori Lafferty
- January 5** Joseph & Linda Mason
- January 22** Ralph & Connie Bailey
- January 25** David & Doreen Priebe



- January 1** Jeraldine Dominiack
- January 2** Beulah Smith
- January 3** Larry Jurgensen
- January 4** Nathan Powell
- January 5** Amanda Waugh, Maxwell Kelsey
- January 8** Kami Van Den Bosch
- January 12** Katie (Reis) Wiederrich,
Teddy Bakken
- January 15** Brianna Kelly, Rachel Kelly
- January 17** Melanie Olson
- January 18** Jenna Johnson
- January 19** Desine Fredrick, Jacob Palmer
- January 20** Theresa Powell
- January 22** Cora Kenobbie
- January 23** Connie Cleland, Lorna DeHaai,
Jack Swanson
- January 25** William Kurtz, Rexton Larsen
- January 26** Amy Kenobbie, Tayten Johnson
- January 30** Todd Powell



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May all kings
 fall down before him,
 all nations give
 him service.

Psalms 72:11, NRSV



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Stewardship Tom Schmidt
Sunday School Supt Britini DeHaai

JANUARY WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 AM
Saturday, Divine Service 7:00 PM

MEETINGS

Elders Second Wednesday 7:00 PM
Council Second Wednesday 8:00 PM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

First Wednesday 5:30 PM
Chairman Colleen Swanson 894-4129
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