

AUGUST, 2017 NEWSLETTER



PRAYER MINISTRY—Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use. To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: **Arleen Hoese** (657-1049), **Marlene Jopp** (office - 657-2339, Hm - 657-2398), or **Sharon Buckentin** (657-2549). Use the prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers for the prayer chain or for Sunday worship, or call one of the contact persons.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS for the family can be found in the narthex by the bulletin boxes: Portals of Prayer (July-Sept). We are thankful to Zion LWML for funding this project. There is a box by the mailboxes in the narthex if you wish to contribute to this project.

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE TAPED—DVD's of services are available—8:00 AM services are taped each Sunday for anyone interested in watching the service. To request a tape, call Brad Quaas (612) 636-9080. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the 8:00 AM service, they are available for \$2. If you wish to purchase a DVD of the 10:30 AM service, please reserve your copy two weeks in advance. DVD's of baptisms, graduation, special services etc. make great keepsakes or gifts.

SERMONS ON-LINE—If you are unable to attend Sunday Services or would just like to hear a particular sermon again, you can listen to Sunday sermons on Zion's website: zionmayer.org

The **Christian Cards and Gifts** has Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding and Anniversary boxed cards. Individual cards are also available. Check out our gift items including The Lutheran Study Bible, Lutheran Service Books, Prayer Books, Children's books. We are located at the bottom of the stairs of the lower level of the church. Barb Argabright or Ann Schuette will be available on Sunday mornings between services to help you with your purchase, or with any special order request.

BULLETINS are available each week on our website, www.zionmayer.org.

"KID'S CORNER" - A special section of our church library, located in the lounge area of the church basement, contains materials just for kids, as well as for offering families with children additional opportunities for reading and sharing Jesus together. If you have children's Bible Story or religious books, CDs, Videos, that you would like to donate, please bring them to the office.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your address or phone number changes, please contact Marlene at the church office, 952-657-2566, with your updated information so we can keep our records current.

Christian Education Opportunities Summer, 2017

Sunday: Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. The book of Leviticus. Have you ever wondered what all those rituals and sacrifices in the old testament were about? Why did the Israelites have to sacrifice animals and follow specific rituals. What was the real reason behind their way of worship? Come join us as we study the little studied book of Leviticus. We will study the very bloody and earthly nature of the sacrificial rituals and worship of the Old Testament Israelites, but we will also explore how that whole process was not simply about keeping the rules (ceremonial, ritual, and moral) but rather about how God graciously dwelt among His people, cleansing them and purifying them for participating in His holiness. Ultimately, we will see how it all pointed to Jesus Christ and His blood that was shed for us on the cross and how our worship and rituals today still carry similar realities of God cleansing and purifying us for participation in His holiness. Hope to see you there!



Bring a Friend, and Come, Grow With Us!

ELDERS and their assignments for 2017 :

Alstadt-Cole: Mike Bokenewicz (952) 500-2474

Cooper-Goede: Dave Hoese (952) 955-2500

Gongoll-Heuer: Stefan Wismar (612) 791-4678

Hilk-Iverson: Curt Lundeen (952) 657-2155

Jackson-Luecke: Dale Kovar (952) 955-1887

Lundeen-Otterstatter: Dean Schuette (952) 200-9394

Petermann-Sievert: Blake Hahn (507) 382-8396

Smith-Thole: Robert Luecke (952) 467-0665

Thomas-Ziermann: Bill Devine (952)-657-2641

Please give your elder a call any time you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Human Care Items . .

RIDGEVIEW MEDICAL CENTER SPIRITUAL CARE SERVICES -

When you or a loved one are admitted to RMC, please let the church office know! Also, let the hospital admitting staff know that you're a member of Zion.

INFORMATION BOOKLETS regarding cardiovascular disease are available in a display in the narthex. They are available (free) and will be replenished as needed. Help yourself!

WE CARE—The best way to address life's challenges is to talk about them with someone who can help. **Lutheran Counseling Center** welcomes every call, and promises to devote the full measure of counseling experience to finding comfortable, lasting solutions. To contact a qualified and caring counselor, call 952-894-4828.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—"Rebuilding Hope," meets at Ridgeview Hospital, Conference Room "C" 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 PM.

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP hosted by Carver County Circle of Parents, meets weekly in Waconia, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM. For info, call 442-2191, ext 5320 or www.familysupport.org.

PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP for parents who have experienced a loss due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or newborn death meets the third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:00 PM at Ridgeview Medical Center (Conference Rooms A & B) in Waconia. For more information, call (952) 442-2191, ext. 6190.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT—"God's love edifies. It gives life. And you, my friend, are in the people business. You've been placed on this earth to share what people need most: enduring, true, life-edifying, divine love. You have been freed from a task-driven, striving-for-self-worth existence. God has called you His own. He has declared you precious in His sight and proven it by giving up His Only Son so you could be His own. Now you represent Him here on earth. You give what He has given you." *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, speaker on The Lutheran Hour —A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

AN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC will be held on Monday, August 14 & 28, 3-5:00 PM, in the Public Health Office at the Government Center in Chaska. Please call 952.361.1329 to schedule an appointment. There is a donation requested for the administration of each MnVFC vaccine. Parent/guardians must read and sign all forms for persons under 18 years of age. Parents/Guardians must bring a record of up-to-date past immunizations to the clinic.



DID YOU KNOW that your kindness and generosity through the "Help a Neighbor" Fund has helped multiple families who were in significant need? Through this fund help was given by assisting with things like utilities, gas & food. Thank you for your past and continued support of this important ministry!



Family Ministry News . . .

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (KTIS-AM 900, 9:30 AM; KKMS-AM 980, 5:00 & 11:30 AM, 7:00 PM; KTIS-FM 98.5, 9:30 AM)

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, which includes Alateen and Al-Anon Adult Children, has been in existence for more than 50 years as a community resource providing support to those affected by someone else's drinking. Today there are more than 26,000 Al-Anon and over 2,300 Alateen groups in 115 countries. Our meetings are anonymous and confidential. There are no dues or fees for membership. We believe that Alcoholism is a Family Disease and all members are affected. The NYA Step Al-Anon and No Fear Alateen meet on Thursdays at 8 PM at All Saints Lutheran Church, 511 Merger St., NYA.

RECYCLE CHRISTIAN Devotional materials, books, greeting cards. You will find a box in the NE corner of the narthex where used Christian literature is gathered. These items are delivered to International Christian Literature Distributors, a local organization in MPLS.

DONATIONS TO FOOD SHELF: Following is a list of urgent food needs at Watertown's Friend for Life. These are items they cannot purchase at the food bank. *canned vegetables: peas, corn, mixed vegetables; *boxed potato; *canned mandarin oranges; *baked beans; *boxed cereal; *chicken noodle soup; *toothpaste. Hours are Mon, 6:30-8 PM and Tues/Fri, 9 AM-noon. **Food Shelf Sunday for August is the 20th.** Thanks for your support of this ministry.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS - As the nations' largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children between the ages of 7 & 12 ("Littles"). Right now in Carver County, boys between the ages of 7 & 12 are waiting for a hero, a role-model, a friend. They're waiting for someone just like you. We have a strong need for male mentors due to 70% of the children on the waiting list being boys. To find out how a LITTLE bit of you can make a BIG difference, visit bigstwcities.org or call 651-789-2400.

Investments Work for the LCMS—Lutheran Church Extension Fund is a financial organization that empowers ministry. Through the dollars invested by over 50,000 individuals, congregations, schools, organizations and businesses, LCEF assists ministries with customized loans and ministry support services that help leaders respond to growth and community needs. With our dedicated staff in the National Office in St. Louis, joined by the talented employees in the District offices and volunteers in our congregations and schools, LCEF empowers ministry through a total asset portfolio of \$1.8 billion. Now celebrating 36 years as "Lutheran Church Extension Fund," we are thankful for the blessings God has given us as we seek to serve Him.. Visit www.lcef.org to see how and why! Contact LCEF for the latest information on investment interest rates 1-800-843-5233.

DAILY BREAD—We just wanted to extend a reminder to the people of Zion about the ministry known as Daily Bread. It is our privilege to provide meals for families following hospital stays and other times when it can be helpful. If you are interested in volunteering to make meals (no more than once a month, and rarely every month), or if you or someone you know could benefit from receiving meals, please let contact Emily Gless at 952-657-2266. Thank you!



Notes and news from Zion LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)...

- ◇ **National LWML Convention** in Albuquerque, NM, June 22-25, was attended by 3,471 people with 850 as first timers. Convention theme was *"Jesus Christ Above All"* based on Philippians 2:9. Delegates to this 37th Biennial Convention adopted a \$2,075,000 mission goal for the 2017-2019 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 22 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings. During the next two years. Delegates elected various officers, Pastoral Counselors, and 5 LWMLers to the Nominating Committee. We are pleased to see Joy Anderson, of our MN So. District LWML is one of these five. Our Convention Delegate, Ruth Bury, will be giving us her convention report this fall.
- ◇ **Zion LWMLers Arlys Honebrink and Karen Unglaub** serve on the Cheer Committee this month. Our Honorary Member Glenna Schmidt has a birthday August 13. Please send Glenna a card. She lives at St. Mary's Home in Winsted.
- ◇ **Zion LWML thanks** our LWMLer Becky Vanderlinde who is our funeral lunch coordinator and Zion members she enlisted to serve the funeral lunch for Helen Franke on June 20. We appreciate you!
- ◇ **Carver LWML Zone Delegate Board** will meet August 22 to plan our Zone Fall LWML Rally. This Rally will be a Minnetonka Conference Rally hosted by Trinity LWML of Waconia in October.
- ◇ **LWML Mites continue to be gathered.** One of our MN So. District 2016-2018 Mission Grants is \$8,000 to provide over 1,000 Catechisms for the Sudanese Immigrants here in Minnesota. Five MN So. LCMS congregations minister to them, and find Luther's Small Catechism effective in teaching them the Christian Faith!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE . . .

- ◆ **Carver Lifelines will meet** Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Trinity, Waconia at 3:00 PM to consider various options for our Life Ministry. Virginia Flo, MN Regional Director for Lutherans for Life will meet with us. During this time since our last meeting we have been in prayer, asking God to lead our organization. We ask you, our Zion members, to pray for us also.
- ◆ Lutherans for Life 2017 Essay Winner, Kenzie Boozikee, a 12th grader at Mayer LHS, will be reading her essay at the National Lutherans for Life Conference at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE October 21. Our Carver Lifelines voted to provide \$125.00 to assist her with transportation expenses.
- ◆ **Life News for August** is inserted in this Newsletter.



"Bringing Christ to the Nations - and Nations to the Church"
Tune in to The Lutheran Hour, Sundays, WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 AM, KNUJ (860 AM) at 7:00 AM, KRWC (1360) at 7:30 AM, KDHL (920 AM) at 6:00 PM and KDUZ (1260 AM) at 12:30 PM OR at <http://www.lutheranhours.org/>

Aug 6 - "On Thee the High and Lowly", It's "Archives August" and we present a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Dale Meyer. -Exodus 20:10

Aug 13 - "Looking for a Good Speaker", "Archives August" -What do the words "Our Father" teach us about our relationship with God and with each others? -Matthew 6:9

Aug 20 - "God's Dog", Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Was Jesus being politically incorrect -- or worse -- when He compared a Canaanite woman to a canine? -Matthew 15:21-28

Aug 27 - "Absolutely Nothing", Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Pastor Ken Klaus explains how something that is "absolutely nothing" can be a very good thing. -1 Corinthians 15:14-19

LHM's Project Connect - This booklet ministry features a booklet entitled *"GRIEF - Where Sadness and Hope Meet"*. The grief we experience over profound loss in this world, particularly the death of a loved one, is an emotional journey, different for each of us. Our grief, while it can be intense and debilitating, is NOT a thing that can't be managed and, eventually overcome. That is of course, where God comes in. Though life has dealt us a terrible blow, we know his grace is sufficient, healing even the heartache of our loved one's absence in this world. You can find LHM booklets in the narthex.

Volunteers Needed at Bethesda Thrift Store, Hwy 101 & RT 7.

Volunteers are needed for:

Front end help: There are several departments at Bethesda such as clothes for both children and adults, purses, shoes, accessories, seasonal, books, tapes, CDs, arts & crafts, housewares, linens, sporting goods, small appliances and electronics. Help is needed with putting items out on the floor, organizing, rearranging, and end-of-month inventory adjustment.

Back room help: All donations are received at the back door and must be sorted into departments. Volunteers are needed to check items to assure that items are in good saleable condition. Items then need to be priced and put out for sale.

Time commitment: You set your schedule. Some volunteers come once a month, some 3 or 4 times a week. Some volunteers work all day and some work an hour, whatever fits your schedule. You choose which department and what job you would like to do. It's also a great way to meet people and socialize. Call 952-939-0988 and ask for Kathy.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, has accepted a call from the board of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) in Washington, D.C. to serve as the LCRL's executive director. Seltz is slated to leave his role as Speaker later this summer, though he is committed to fulfilling all duties of the Speaker in the transition months to come.

"It's been a blessing to have Pastor Seltz serve in the long line of gifted speakers who have shared the Gospel with millions over the airwaves since The Lutheran Hour's first broadcast in 1930," says LHM President & CEO Kurt Buchholz. "Pastor Seltz and I are confident that God has a plan for this important ministry that is a critical part of LHM's focus on media outreach. We ask for continued prayers for Pastor Seltz and his family as he transitions into this new role with the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty."

UPCOMING EVENTS...

We have secured November 11, 2017 at Feed My Starving Children. We have 40 spots and will run from 9:00-11:00. Mark this date now so we can fill all the spots. More details to follow.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS....

Birthdays: 1—*Barb Argabright, Joanne Hartwig, Madyson Hoese, Grady Jopp, Daryl Luecke, Melissa Vogelpohl*; 2—*Joel Grimm, Jennifer Iverson, Don Menzel, Abigail Quaas, Breanna Vinkemeier, Brooke Vinkemeier*; 3—*Amie Meuleners, Cathy Michaletz, Rachel Thunberg*; 4—*Leon Franke, Ryan Nienow, Aleks Strehlke*; 5—*Tracy Shipler*; 6—*Megan Knutson*; 7—*Liz Beiersdorf, Jessica Boersma, Nathan Hoeft, Connie Rikke*; 10—*Daniel Hose, Gary Hoese, Ashley Lieske, Shelby Stender, Sydney Studer*; 11—*Taylor Otterstatter*; 12—*Gylan Uecker*; 13—*Glenna Schmidt, Lanette Thamer*; 14—*Gayle Guthland*; 15—*Justin Craig, Jolene Devine, Dale Kovar*; 16—*Mary Follett*; 17—*Doug Barfnecht, Dale Hoese, Sharon Ziermann*; 18—*Payton Frantsen, Dave Trende*; 19—*Betty Barfnecht*; 20—*Katrina Alstadt, Diane Hoese, Korinne Kramer, Chelsea Rademacher*; 22—*Connie Dulas, Debra Iverson, Ariana Mead, Isaiah Mead*; 23—*Madeline Guetzkow, Michael Kadlec*; 24—*Lowell Haga-Leas*; 25—*Otto Nahmensen, Olivia Turner*; 26—*Quincee Eveslage, Jack Heinlein, Brady Malberg*; 27—*Branden Carlson, Laura Grimm*; 28—*Abby Derner, Cory Mitteness, Michael Venero*; 29—*David Alstadt, Bill Devine, Scott Hoese*; 31—*Matthew Goede, Laurie Trende*.



Anniversaries: 3—*Vernon & Karen Raether (68)*; 4—*Scott & Yvonne Hoese (79)*; 6—*Leon & Joleen Guetzkow (66)*, *Todd & Monica Wasser (83)*; 8—*Jeremy & Lani Hoese (98)*; 11—*Lowell & Debra Haga-Leas (07)*; 14—*Ryan & Amber Stahlke (04)*; 16—*Carl & Ann Soderstrom (69)*; 19—*Andy & Angie Maetzold (01)*, *Scott & Alysia Vinkemeier (01)*; 19—*Mike & Sarah Bokenewicz (00)*; *Doug & ReNaye Molnau (88)*; 21—*Dale & Vicky Hoeft (76)*, *Jason & Jenny Hoese (04)*; 23—*Aaron & Inga Johnson (97)*; 24—*Dale & Betty Barfnecht (68)*, *Milton & Evelyn Vollrath (55)*; 25—*Curt & Peggy Lundeen (84)*; 26—*Dave & Laurie Trende (72)*; 30—*Adam & Karrie Maetzold (14)*.



ZION FINANCES ALERT!!! Good News. By now I hope all Zion's members have heard that the School Building Addition has been paid off. Congratulations. **BAD NEWS:** However, the bad news is that the Home Treasury is in a very serious financial situation. Although the Sunday bulletins show a summarized Treasurer's Report it does not show the total financial picture of Zion. During the month, as treasurer, I need to decide what bills are paid after paying salaries and benefits. If there is a lack of funds, I hold the Mission ministries, LHS Association fee, Special Treasurer and Debt Reduction checks. As of the end of May I am holding 6 months of these checks totaling \$49,000. If I were to release these checks it would be necessary to use up the entire Operating Loan - Line of credit at Security Bank. This Line of Credit maximum is \$150,000 of which only \$52,000 is available with a \$98,000 balance owing. Included in the \$98,000 is the \$17,000 I have

had to borrow to make the last two payroll periods and bills. During the summer months payroll, benefits and regular monthly bills still need to be paid. Zion's summer months contributions have been drastically down so it was necessary to borrow the \$17,000. This Line of Credit promissory note has a maturity date of 9/1/2017 and will need to be renewed before that date. If Zion's finances do not improve soon, Zion may need to increase that promissory note to \$200,000 in order to meet its obligations plus release the held checks. Zion needs to address this serious financial situation. Please consider and pray about your commitment to Zion's ministries.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Zion Lutheran Extended Care in Mayer is seeking responsible individuals to serve as supervisors for both the morning and afternoon shifts for the 2017/18 school year and beyond. Morning hours include 6:45-8:00, but could be adjusted to 7:55 to allow time for the supervisor to get to school. The afternoon shift is from 2:50 pm (or 3) to 6:00 pm. All shifts are available and could potentially lead to as many as 20 hours per week for the right individual. Responsibilities include supervision of children both indoors and outdoors (play, homework, and crafting), serving a light breakfast in the morning, serving a light snack in the afternoon, tidying and light cleaning, administering minor first aid as needed. Must be at least 15 years of age and enjoy working with children, plus have reliable transportation. Interested individuals should contact Katie Baumann at (314)302-6663 or katiebaumann@hotmail.com.

Zion Lutheran School is seeking an individual to serve as an assistant in the kitchen. This part time position would be two hours a school day from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Interested individuals should contact Joshua Baumann at (952) 657-2339 or jbaumann.zion@gmail.com.

PART-TIME ENGLISH TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE — Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia is accepting resumes for a part-time English teacher. This candidate would be available to teach a total of two classes to 7th & 8th graders. Classes will be held in the morning, but some flexibility is available. If you are interested in this position, please forward a resume via email to tammy.langfield@trinitywaconia.org or mail to: Trinity Lutheran School
c/o Tammy Langfield, School Administrator
601 E. 2nd Street
Waconia, MN 55387
The deadline to apply is July 31.

CCLS is looking for people for the following positions for the 2017-18 school year:

Office Finance/ Bookkeeper: This position is part time (about 20 hours per week). A background in accounting or bookkeeping is essential. The position also entails basic school secretarial duties.

AfterCare Coordinator: CCLS is looking for a person or people (job share) to serve as our Aftercare coordinators for the 2017-18 school year. This job entails caring for students each day from 2:45-6pm. The position runs through the school year calendar, late August to May.

Interested parties should contact Principal, Jeff. Boehlke at principal@ccls.net for more information about the positions or call 952-955-1419. Email contact is preferred.

Office Manager/Secretary Retirement -- Zion's long time office manager and secretary, Marlene Jopp, has reached the milestone of retirement and will be officially retiring August 15. Thank you Marlene for your nearly 32 years of dedicated service to Zion! We will celebrate and mark this milestone at our church services on August 13, commending her to the Lord and wishing her well in her retirement. This also means Zion will be in need of a new office manager/secretary. A hiring committee is being formed. All parties interested in the position, please contact me (Pastor Woodford) by phone or email. Thanks!

Orphan Grain Train Representatives came Tuesday, 7/11, from Fairmont and Truman to load the 278 boxes of blankets, clothes, etc., stored in the OGT Storage Unit plus a used hospital bed. We are grateful to Louie & Melba Honebrink, Zion's OGT representatives for this area of MN South District for their part in handling all the OGT donations and to Brad Quaas for the Storage Unit. OGT requests donations of used bicycles. Spread the word!

June/July Lutheran Witness "Your funeral is not about you... Your funeral is about Jesus and His resurrection." In this issue one of this month's authors, the Rev. Dr. Mark Birkholz, has us ponder our own mortality, the fall into sin that caused it, and how Christ alone has put death to death. Get tips on how to plan your own funeral with your pastor and how to talk to your kids and grandkids about death and the hope that the Christian has despite it.

MISSION NOTES and PRAYER IDEAS :

..ALASKA MISSION FOR CHRIST. Dear Friends in Christ,

Things are running a mile-a-minute up here in Alaska! Currently, summer servant event teams are coming in, going out, and loving the people of the 49th state with all of their hearts. This is a wonderful blessing from our Lord who has answered the prayers of His people to "send out laborers into His harvest" (Luke 10:2)! But did you notice how Christ says "His harvest" and not "your harvest"? Sometimes in life, we take such ownership of the work we do in service that we forget the work is not ours at all, but rather it is His. We wonder if we are ever really making a difference. We wonder if all of the planning, packing, and paperwork is really worth it.

The answer is YES! It is worth it! We are thankful to offer our time, talents and treasures unto the Lord! We are humbled to be a part of His work and His harvest. When the Lord sends His Word unto the people, we know that He works. How? He tells us so in Isaiah 55:11... "so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." So what is the purpose? That Christ would come into our midst, suffer, die, and rise again. Thereby offering forgiveness of sin and life eternal through His great love poured out upon the cross. He is the reason and the worth found in all of our volunteers. Their service is to spread the Good News of Jesus to those whom they serve - loving because He first loved us. So give thanks to the Lord of the harvest for sending laborers who share the love of Jesus with the hurting and the lost!

In Christ, Brittany Baumgartner, Servant Event Coordinator

Join us as we pray . . .

- ◇ *Our summer season is in full swing. Pray for the Lord's blessing on our Servant Events (Sports Camps, VBS, and Hammer and Nail Projects) as God uses us in His harvest field.*
- ◇ *Pray for the people of Tetlin. Pastor Keith has prayerfully and humbly stepped aside to allow the Baptist mission to go ahead with their worship plans in that community. Pastor Keith will continue to visit and build relationships with people in Tetlin and we will see where the Lord leads.*
- ◇ *Thank the Lord for the blessing of Rev. Carl and Darlene Liliancamp. They are serving as logistical volunteers/camp hosts. Their hospitality and service has been a great blessing this summer.*
- ◇ *Pray for the Lord to raise up year round volunteers to serve in Alaska.*
- ◇ *Pray for our staff as we seek to develop a strategic plan for our mission in Alaska. We hope this process will be a blessing to help us focus on where and in what ways the Lord is calling Alaska Mission for Christ to Serve.*
- ◇ *Pray for our New Missionary to Southeast Alaska, Rev. Aaron Spratt. Aaron, his wife and five boys are traveling around the US, raising support for their new mission. If you would like to support them financially, please visit the **Current Needs** section of our Website for more information.*
- ◇ *Pray for Native Elders throughout Alaska. Elders lead and provide inspiration to their communities and yet many of them are in ill health and need lots of human care. Pray that God will lead people to love and support these precious people.*
- ◇ *Continue to pray for ex-AMC missionary David Grosz. David has been diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma. His is undergoing treatment. Also, pray for Mike Speer of Cheap Wheels Rent-a-Car. Mike has been a great blessing to AMC in helping us get vehicles for ministry use. Mike also has been diagnosed with Lymphoma and is undergoing treatment.*
- ◇ *Pray for Deacon Bill Hilgendorf and his wife, Roberta as they continue to reach out in Sterling and Cooper Landing.*

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