

Sharing Hope

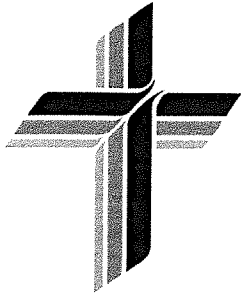


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Bible Class: "Back to the Basics"

With anything in life, we always seem to be going back to the basics. The fundamentals we may have learned years ago are just as vital now as they were back then. We rely upon what we learned in the past. We build upon what we learned in the past. We grow from what we learned in the past. Our learning of the Christian faith is no different. Though we may have been confirmed years ago, the basic building blocks, the six chief parts of the Catechism, are just as important now as they were back when we were confirmed. This class aims to provide both a review of the basics as well as practical faith learning that we can apply to the here and now of our lives. Join us for "Back to the Basics" in between services in the church basement on the Sundays through March 3.

Small Group Bible Study:

Challenge of Islam. Join us as we use the Lutheran Hour video study on Islam to unravel their belief system as it relates to Christians. Between services at Christ Corner.

Senior Youth Bible Study:

Meets Sunday's in the 7/8th grade Zion classroom between services.

Talking Points with Pastor

The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (John 20:22-23).



These words of Jesus reveal that God has given to His Church on earth the Office of the Keys. As the Catechism instructs us, "The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent."

Therefore, in accord with the will of God then, it is the congregation's responsibility to call qualified men to serve His people by forgiving and retaining sins. This task is carried out through the Office of the Holy Ministry through the faithful administration of God's Word and Sacraments.

As our congregation finds itself in the call process for a Senior Pastor, it is important for us to be reminded of what the calling of a pastor is to be about. The primary priority that trumps all else is that the man to be called to serve here as pastor faithfully preach the Word of God and administer the Sacraments. Any other cares and concerns that arise in the call process are secondary.

If a congregation were to lose sight of what the Church is and what her primary function is all about as they call a pastor, then troubles would abound. That is why it is vital for a congregation that finds itself in the call process to be even more diligent about being present in the Divine Service to receive God's Word and Sacrament and to be constant in prayer.

In order to assist all of us in being constant in prayer throughout the call process, here are a few prayers from the Lutheran Service Book to make use of in the home:

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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February Birthdays—

1: Julie Gongoll, Brian Grimm, Karen Unglaub; 2— Levi Hahn; 3— Ryan Stahlke, Max Tuttle; 4— Kristen Guse, Art Knutson; 5— Kaitlyn King, Peggy Lundeen; 6— Sandy Heldt; 7— Jacob Harpel, Tami Otterstatter; 8— Rex Heldt, D'Laney McPadden, Darlene Unglaub; 9— Karen H. Hoese; Linda Kutzke, Richard Nienow; 10— Sharon Buckentin, Grant Cohrs, Stan Heldt, Amie Studer; 11— Cody Molnau, Mallory Vogelpohl; 12— Olivia Schuft; 14— Kylie Jopp, James Reimer, Evelyn Vollrath; 15— Jenny Reimer, Darlene Siegle; 16— Mark Hasse, Norville Luebke; 17— Noah Luecke, Barry Uecker; 18— Kathy Franke; 19— Scott Theisen; 21— Grace Knutson, Greta Knutson; 22— Darin Bjerke, Cooper Eveslage, Marcy Gongoll, Bonnie Grimm, Ellie Lommel, Todd Stauffer, Hannah Thaemert; 25— Chuck Maetzold; 26— Barb Grimm, Luke Vanderlinde; 27— Gregg Asplund, Adam Gless; 28— Cade Lommel; 29— Olivia Quiram.



February Anniversaries— 9

Dustin & Dawnelle Frantsen (11); 14— David & LaDonna Roy (9); 16— Jeffrey & Laura Pike (11); 26— Aron & Melissa Peters (14), Jim & Becky Vanderlinde (32).



Lenten Midweek Suppers Menu

(by Mission Board & Sr. Youth)

March 6 - chicken wild rice soup, chili, turkey/ham sandwiches

March 13- chicken tetrazzine, salad, breadsticks

March 20 - chicken noodle and vegetable beef soup, turkey/ham sandwiches

March 27- lasagna, salad, breadsticks

April 3 - sloppy joes, salad, chips, veggies and dip

April 10 - Tacos (korean beef and chicken) and all the fixings

Dessert supplied by all the senior youth

Midweek Bible Classes

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study: Our study is **What Happens When Women Say Yes to God**. If you have wondered what is God's plan for your life, or can he really use you? Join our study and see how author **Lysa TerKeurst** leads us in this Bible study to find God's blessings in our lives. We meet **Wednesdays at 7:15pm at Christ Corner**

Midweek Bible Study: Join us at **10:00am** in the church basement on **Wednesday's**. **Pastor Colgrove** will continue a study on **Colossians and prayer**.

Stewardship Moment—From Zion's Stewardship board

The church, the "body of Christ," the "people of the Covenant," disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, is also a "family of stewards" -- individually and collectively.

A steward is a manager, a caretaker, a trustee, or distributor of all that God gives into one's care. A definition of stewardship is "living all of life for God's purposes," seeing all of life as a sacred trust from God!

The original New Testament word for "stewardship" has its roots in the word *oikos*, meaning house, and *nemein* meaning "manage." Stewardship has its foundation in managing or administering a house or a household in such a way as to distribute or dispense the resources owned by another and doing it according to the owner's plan and desire. A steward, an *oikonomos*, is a person who is involved in the action and responsibility of managing, administering or implementing the plans of the Owner. According to the Scriptures, God is the Owner and people are managers.

The word *oikonomia* is often translated "stewardship," as in Luke 16: 2-4, but is also translated as "job." In 1 Cor. 9:17 the words "commission, task, trust" are used. In Eph. 1:10 the English versions use the words, "God's plan, the plan." In Eph. 3:2 and 9 the words, "administration, work to do, stewardship, secret plan, and fellowship" are used. In Col. 1:25 the word is translated as "divine office, commission, task." In 1 Tim. 1:4 some of the ancient manuscripts use the words, "God's plan, God's work, divine training or edifying." To be sure, being a steward, or carrying out our stewardship responsibilities as members of "the body of Christ," involves the use of money, but much more. According to the Bible, stewardship involves all of life. It's a lifelong discipleship! God is Owner. We are the stewards.

Our mission in life, as followers of Christ, is to be stewards. It has to do with being and becoming what God, in Christ, has made us and redeemed us to be and to become! Living, learning, teaching, sharing this truth, this reality, is a vital part of being a steward. It is closely tied to the meaning of our baptism in the Name of the Triune God. It is a relational concept that is lived out with our LORD, other people and all creation. Since this is true, what changes do I/we need to make to make as Christians, as denominations?

Being a Christian steward, a Christ-follower, involves the way we view life -- all of life, our whole human vocation, the ordering of our life, our discipleship, the making of decisions, the deployment of all of God's blessings. Please consider 1 Peter 4: 7-11, especially v 10.

The way we look at our being, how we understand being created "in the image of God," and our purpose for living, are all tied into the concept of being a steward in all of life in the Name of God. Our purpose is to let our life be a contribution to others in the name of Christ! Please consider Gen. 1: 26-28; 1 Cor. 12:7; and Rom. 12: 1-2.

Notes & News from Zion LWML

-Zion LWML met Jan. 8. Following our bible study and mite offering, we made these expenditures from our treasury:

-Sponsor the Lutheran Hour KDUZ \$90; Support Zion's Kenya Servant Event \$200; Support Zion's School Student Aid \$200; Support Mayer LHS New Field House fund \$200

-Our next meeting will be the LWML prayer service, TBD.

-Our Carver Zone LWML Delegate Board meets Feb. 19 at Zion Benton township. Each LWML society is represented at this meeting to give us info from the district LWML, the Christian Life Workshop in March, and our Spring Rally in April. Helen and Peggy are Zion's Christian Life Delegates. Barb Hoese is our zone treasurer.

-Zion LWML coordinates the Coins for Christ gathered in our Sunday offerings with support our seminary student Mark Peters. We sent \$75.98 in September and \$119.90 in December. Mark attends the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

-LWML Mighty Mites continue to work for God's Kingdom. One of our National 2017-2019 Mission grants is \$100,000 for **Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt**. Lutheran Hour Ministries will use this Mission grant to expand their proclamation of the Gospel to refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey through a new TV program, broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. (Arabic Satellite TV programming has a potential to reach millions with a message of Christ's love.)

God has called Lutheran Hour Ministries to proclaim the risen Savior around the world. LHM's members and partners come together to meet the greatest challenge of the 21st century—to proclaim messages of hope in the name of Jesus Christ. This belief leads us to a clear mission: *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. To do this, we will focus on four priorities:

- Energize, Equip, and Engage Laity for Outreach
- Grow God's Kingdom through Expanded Media Outreach
- Bring the Gospel to the Unreached Around the World
- Engage Communities in the Digital Mission Field

Lutheran Hour Ministry Sunday is February 3. If you would like to support Lutheran Hour Ministry with an offering, please use a blank envelope marked "Lutheran Hour Ministry" with your name and offering envelope number on it.

The Lutheran Laymen's League of Carver Zone meets each even numbered month of the year. Zion will host the Feb 4th meeting at 7:00 in the church basement. All are welcome.

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"As the Father has sent Me,
I AM SENDING YOU."

JOHN 20:21

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Zion Lutheran School



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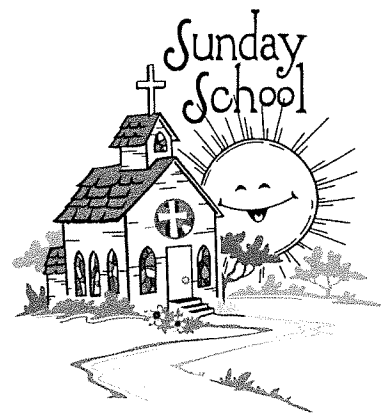
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For a complete list of Teachers & Contacts, please visit our website at zionmayer.org

SALT SALES – If you are in need of salt, please use the salt sheets in the narthex, or call the school office, 952-657-2339. Thank you for your support!



Come join us for our Sunday school hour from 9:15-10:15 am as we learn about our Savior. We will do opening, learning time and activity. Bring a friend if you would like. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Zion 2019 Council Members:

Chairman: Eric Boersma
Vice Chairman: Gary Zajicek
Secretary: Gail Schuft
Treasurer: Wanda Honebrink
Elders Chairman: Robert Luecke
Trustees Chairman: Lyle Honebrink
School Ministry Chairman: Eric Turner
Family Ministry Chairman: Jessica Boersma
Evangelism Chairman: Deb Templeman
Missions Chairman: Rex Guthland & Duane Smith
Stewardship Chairman: Jolene Devine
School Administrator: Joshua Baumann
Dean of Education: Nancy Schwanke
Pastor: Rev. Adam Gless

Lutherans for Life

—Our Carver Lifelines has a new name: LFL-Lifelines. We plan to add members for our chapter from churches outside of Carver Zone. Join us at our meeting Feb. 7. Our treasurer Vernetta lives at West View Acres, and that is where we will meet.

-LFL Lifelines 2019 Poster Contest info has been delivered to all our Lutheran churches and schools in Carver Zone. Zion students in Gr. 4-8 will be working on the posters. The essay contest for grades 6-8 is handled by Minnesota Lutherans for Life.

-LFL Lifelines thank Zion members for their LFL offerings on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan. 20.

F.A.I.T.H. EVENT

Sledding

Gym will be available for warming and snacks!

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
WATERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



313 Angel Ave NW, Watertown

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

As we pray, and as we live as a congregation, let us do so in the confidence of God's care and keeping as He is the Lord of the Church. So, in the words of our Savior, we pray "Thy will be done" confident that His will is what will be done, and it is what is best for us. To God be the glory!

Pastor Adam C. Gless

YEAR TO DATE (JULY-DEC 2018)

	General Fund	Line of Credit	Operations Total
Beginning Balance	\$ (62,097.99)	\$ (125,988.17)	
Loan			
Income/Contributions	\$ 567,356.31	\$ 10,961.21	
Expenses/Payments	\$ (532,857.01)	\$ 6,000.00	
Funds Borrowed	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)	
Balance	\$ (12,598.69)	\$ (124,026.96)	\$ (136,625.65)

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (JULY-DEC) \$ 4,304.00

RENTAL HOUSE MORTGAGE November 2018

\$ 111,806.71

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** (657-2398), or **Sharon Buckentin** (657-2549).

Interested in Membership? Please speak to one of our Pastors regarding your desire to become a member or request a call on the fellowship pad or Connection card in the pews.

Devotional Materials for the family can be found in the narthex by the bulletin boxes. There is a box by the mailboxes in the narthex if you wish to contribute to this project. You can recycle Christian Devotional materials in a box in the NE Corner of the Narthex.

Christian Cards and Gifts are available for purchase at the bottom of the stairs in the church basement. Check it out between Sunday services!

Food Shelf Donations can be placed in the NE corner of the Narthex on the shelves. Food Shelf Sunday is the third Sunday of every month. Donations are brought to Watertown's Friends for Life food shelf. For more information or if you need help, visit www.ci.watertown.mn.us

Daily Bread— Our Daily Bread ministry is available to provide meals for families. If you are interested in volunteering or could benefit from meals or know

someone who could benefit, please call Emily Gless at 952-657-2266.

Portals of Prayer - The January-March issue of Portals of Prayer is now available in the narthex. We thank Zion's LWML for supplying these devotionals for our members. Please pick one up. Old devotionals can be recycled in the box in the NE corner of the narthex.

Lutheran Hour Ministries: For the full LHM ministries Lutheran Hour schedule for February, please visit <https://www.lutheranhour.org/programguide.asp>

LHM's Project Connect— This booklet ministry features a booklet entitled "A Matter of Time-Taking Control of Your Life." Sometimes it feels like there just aren't enough hours in the day. Going to work, spending time with family, taking care of the house, helping out at the kids' school, trying to find a few minutes to yourself..It's overwhelming! Learn how one man found a way to take control of his life with an effective technique for time management! You'll also discover a principle for managing the various commitments in your own life.

Weekly Sermons Available on our Website and YouTube

ELDERS and their assignments for 2019 :

Argabright-Cole: Mike Bokenewicz (952) 292-4174

Colgrove-Goede: Brad Quaas 612-636-9080

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

Hilgers-Iverson: Kelly Ecklund (651) 279-0987

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

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

Parpart-Sievert: Ryan Schuette (952) 457-5034

Smith-Thole: Robert Luecke (952) 381-4413

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

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

Chairman's Update -Eric Boersma, Congregational Chairman - Zion Lutheran Church, Mayer, MN

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some key updates on the search for our next Senior Pastor. After nominations were closed and we sent the list of nominations to the District office along with our completed congregational self study, we have been waiting for 6-8 weeks to get a list of candidates back from the district office. In this part of the process, the district office supplements our list of nominations with additional pastor candidates who may be a good fit for our congregation based on our needs and priorities outlined in our self assessment, and matching that with candidate pastor strengths and qualities.

On January 11, we got the news that Pastor LaPlant, our circuit visitor had received the list of candidates to review. So, on Tuesday, January 15 the call committee convened with Pastor LaPlant to walk through next steps. From then through January 29, members of the call committee are each independently reviewing the background information on over 20 different Senior Pastor candidates.

The next call committee meeting is January 30th. The call committee will meet to narrow the list down to a more manageable number of 6 or so top candidates. We will then submit this list of candidates back to the district office and have background checks, etc run on each candidate, while also verifying that each candidate is indeed willing to consider a call to Zion as Senior Pastor. This will involve another waiting period for those results to come back to us. When we get those results back, we will then be ready to bring a list of names to the congregation in a special voters meeting with the intent of identifying the chosen candidate and voting to extend a call to them to be Zion's next Senior Pastor.

Thanks to all of our members for your continued prayers throughout this process, and thanks also for your patience. Your continued prayers are appreciated for the following as we continue in this process:

- Pastor Gless and his family as he handles additional workload with grace during the Senior Pastor vacancy. We are extremely fortunate to have such a great pastor and shepherd for our congregation
- Pastors Colgrove, Wismar, and Schwanke as they all help to assist Pastor Adam in various ways during the Senior Pastor vacancy
- For wisdom for the call committee members to trust in and see God's will to identify our next Senior Pastor
- For patience, peace, and faith for all of the members of our congregation during this time of transition, and to trust in God's will as well.

As a reminder, if you have ANY questions on the call process or the Senior Pastor Vacancy, please do not hesitate to contact Eric Boersma or Gary Zajicek with those questions.

As a reminder, our call committee is as follows:

Chair of call committee:	Gary Zajicek, Zion Vice Chairman
Board of Elders:	Bill Devine
Board of School Ministry:	Gerry Thomas
Board of Family Ministry:	Ashley Lieske
Member at large:	Eunice Cohrs
Member at large:	Blake Hahn
Zion School Administrator:	Josh Bauman
Zion Chairman:	Eric Boersma
Circuit Visitor:	Rev. LeRoy LaPlant

Remember, Jesus remains the Lord of our church!

In Christ,

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL- MAYER

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 LHM Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Class/SS 10:30 Worship	4 3:15 Faculty Mtg 7:30 LLL Carver Zone @ Zion Mayer	5 Blood Mobile @ St. Mark New Germany 7:00 Elders	6 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Midweek BC 3:45 Midweek Catechesis 7:00 Ladies BC	7 3:00 LFL-Lifelines @ Westview Acres 7:00 Council	8 2:00 Chapel	9
10 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Class/SS 10:30 Worship	11	12	13 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Midweek BC 3:45 Midweek Catechesis 5:00 Junior Youth 7:00 Ladies BC	14	15	16
17 Food Shelf 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Class/SS 10:30 Worship MLAA Basketball Tournament	18 No School— Office Closes at 3:30	19 10:00-3:00 Volunteers at Bethesda 7:00 Zone LWML Delegate Bd Zion Cologne	20 *Calendar/ Newsletter Items Due 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Midweek BC 3:45 Midweek Catechesis 7:00 Ladies BC	21 Parent/Teacher Conf 6-9 7:00 All Boards	22 MLAA Basketball Tournament	23 MLAA Basketball Tournament
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Mondays are Pastor Gless' day off

SERVING OUR LORD THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019

GREETER/USHERS:

8:00 AM
Curt & Peggy Lundeen
Brian Grimm
Eugene Grimm
Boersma Family

10:30 AM
Leon & Joleen Guetzkow
Matt & Kristen Guse
Larry & Cathy Michaeltz
Scott & Yvonne Hoese

ALTAR GUILD: Kim Nienow & Gayle Guthland

FOOD SHELF: Ralph & Karen Unglaub

ACOLYTES:

Feb 3
Early
Chloe Maetzold
Jack Baumann
Powerpoint: Austin Maetzold

Late
Jada Zajieck
Ava Turner
ELDER
Kelly Ecklund

Feb 10
Powerpoint: Allie Rasmussen
Blake Siegle
Micah Luecke

Hailey Lauseng
Madeline Guetzkow
Aron Peters
Mike Bokenewicz

Feb 17
Powerpoint: Chloe Maetzold
Isaiah Wasser
Korinne Kramer

Jada Zajieck
Ava Turner
Tammy/Duane Smith
Dale Kovar

Feb 24
Powerpoint: Micah Luecke
Noah Luecke
Austin Maetzold

Jada Zajieck
Rachel Guse
Chelsea Rademacher
Stefan Wismar