

JANUARY, 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 (Jan-Mar). 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 Winter, 2016-2017

- Sunday:** **Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall.** **The Lord's Supper** - We will wrap up what the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions have to say about the life-giving blessing of the Lord's Supper given by God to the Church. Beginning January 15, we will begin our study on stewardship.
- Small Group Bible Study, 9:15 at Christ Corner.** Walking With God in the Desert, Experiencing Living Water when Life is Tough. When the hard times come, we may wonder where God is. Join us as we find God closer than ever and experience His amazing grace. Facilitated by Korinne Kramer.
- Wednesday:** **Ladies Bible Class** — 7:00 PM at Christ Corner. Topic for the fall is "Pew Sisters". It "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today, encouraging and building up the faith of our Christian sisters. We encourage women of all ages to join us. Facilitated by Korinne Kramer.

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-Honebrink: Curt Lundeen (952) 657-2155
Jackson-Luecke: Dake 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—"If unborn children are to be protected from death by abortion; if newborn handicapped children are to be protected from death by infanticide; if the elderly, the 'non-productive,' the dependent are to be protected from death by euthanasia; and if the sanctity of life is to be affirmed and protected, then our voice is essential." — *Dr. Jean Garton, former president of Lutherans for Life* — *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

AN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC will be held on Monday, January 9 & 23, 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 January is the 15th.** 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)...

- ◇ **Zion LWML will meet in January.** The day and time has not been determined. Watch the Sunday bulletin for this info. Serving on our Cheer Committee is Arleen Hoese. Delivering food shelf items to Watertown are Rich and Eunice Cohrs.
- ◇ **LWML Quarterly Winter Issue features "Our Pastor's Wives: Our Lives".** The Bible Studies, devotions, and articles are written by gifted women of God who know full well the joys and challenges of being a pastor's wife, daughter or mother.
- ◇ **Mark the Date—Let's Celebrate.** The LWML will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 22-25. Hosts for this Convention are from our LCMS Districts of Montana, Rocky Mountain, Utah-Idaho, and Wyoming. Convention theme is *"Jesus Christ Above All"*.
- ◇ **Young Women Reps to the Nat'l Convention are being sought.** Applications can be found at www.mslwml.org. Contact Peggy Uecker if you have any questions.
- ◇ **Zion LWML again thanks all Zion members** who so generously contributed gifts to SVABW, and to Zion Quilters for the Christmas Quilt they donated. Last year, SVABW served 728 victims in Scott and Carver Counties. It is estimated that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be victims of domestic violence in their lifetime. Visit their website www.wvbw.org and on Facebook.
- ◇ **Zion LWML presented Baptism Books** to Mason Piotter on Dec. 18 and to Tori Ann Heairet Dec. 22 on their Baptism days. Zion LWML also appreciates the volunteers who helped serve lunch Nov. 21 after Judy Kutzke's funeral.
- ◇ **LWML Mites continue to be gathered.** One of our Nat'l 2015-2017 Mission Grants is \$50,000 for Cancer Care Packages. When I was with my niece Lynette Frech for her husband Donald's funeral Dec 3. I learned that Donald received one of these care packages when he was in Hospice Care at their home in Baltimore, MD.
- ◇ **One of our District 2016-2018 Mission Grants** is \$10,000 for Mission Central. Gary Theis keeps us informed of all the LCMS missionaries we can support, such as Todd Roeske, in Alaska Mission for Christ. We also encourage you to visit Mission Central in Mapleton, IA in 2017. Gary is not retiring, but as of Nov. 1, 2016 Rev. Brent Smith accepted the Lord's call to work alongside Gary full-time, and manage the 92 volunteer staff members there. Brent served 17 years in Kazakhstan, Russia, and Germany as a missionary. Gary says "I am NOT retiring because that word, is NOT in the Bible!"
- ◇ **Our LWML Mite Box is in the narthex,** or Mite Offerings can be given to our Treasurer, Marlys Thomas.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE . . .

- ◇ **CARVER LIFELINES will meet** Tuesday, Jan 17 at 3pm at Trinity Waconia's Fireside Room. Our President Sally Beckendorff has mailed the **Carver Lifelines 2017 Essay/Poster Contest** info to our schools and churches in our Carver Zion. Marlene Beneke our sec'y informs us that she will no longer do the monthly CLL Newsletter to our Carver Zone Churches. Here at Zion, we will continue to print the Nat'l Lutherans for Life "Life News" each month.
- ◇ **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** will be observed here at Zion Jan 22. The theme for 2017 Life Sunday is Here We Stand, words of Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms 1521, based on Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God; that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." In your offering envelope packet, you will find an envelope for Lutherans for Life ministry to use in January. Thank you!

- ◇ **Annual Pro-Life Breakfast** that St. Joe's and Trinity Waconia sponsor for LIFE will be at Trinity Jan 22, 8am - 12:30pm.
- ◇ **MCCL March For Life** at the State Capitol in St. Paul will be at 2pm and MCCL Program at 2:30pm. Prior to that, in Graebner Memorial Chapel at Concordia U, St. Paul Erin Bode will be singing at the Pre-March for Life Gathering 12:45-1:30pm. Then we can ride the Green Line Train to the Capitol for \$1.75.
- ◇ **Concerts Celebrating Life** will feature Erin Bode Friday, Jan 20, 7:30-8:30pm at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Bloomington (free will offering for Lutherans for Life) and Sunday Jan 22 between services, 9:30-10:15am at Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan.
- ◇ **Singer/Composer Erin Bode** composed a song about Sanctity of Life and sang it at the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering. You can listen to *"Right from the Beginning"* at <http://eyesoflife.org/music/>
- ◇ **2017 Life Conference in Washington D.C.** Jan 27-29. Theme is LIFE 360°. This LCMS Life Ministry Conference will take a 360° look at life from the very beginning until the natural end! We proclaim God's truth that all life is sacred.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"Bringing Christ to the Nations - and Nations to the Church"
Tune in to The Lutheran Hour, Sundays, WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 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/>

Jan 1 - "Right on Time, Just When We Need His Grace"

Rev. Gregory Seltz. It's the right time to repent, turn to God, ask for His help, and trust in the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. - Galatians 4:4-7

Jan 8 - "God's Real Promise of Righteousness and Justice"

Rev. Gregory Seltz. Jesus brings us righteousness and justice to restore bruised needs and reignite faintly burning wicks. - Isaiah 42:1-9

Jan 15 - "Looking For God? Look to the Lamb", Rev.

Gregory Seltz. Jesus' love, suffering, sacrifice, and triumph are all expressed in that most precious of titles: the Lamb of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Jan 22 - "The Word of the Cross - Power for Life", Rev.

Gregory Seltz. To the world, Jesus seemed to be a loser. He suffered what all would consider defeat in order to win new life for you. - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Jan 29 - "Our Foolishness, His Faithfulness", Rev. Dr. Ken

Klaus. Many consider Christ's cross to be just so much foolishness. That is the worst foolishness of all. - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31



Lutheran Hour Broadcasts, on KDUZ Radio, can be sponsored for 2017 by contacting Charles Jensen of First Lutheran Church, Glencoe (320-864-3579). Celebrating a birthday or anniversary or remembering a loved one's passing, may be the Sunday you wish to sponsor a broadcast. Cost is \$94.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

New Years Day be sure to watch the 2017 Tournament of Rose Parade for our Lutheran Laymen's League Float. This year's parade theme is "Echoes of Success". The theme of our LHM float is "Celebrate Jesus" celebrating and commemorating our deep rooted Christian and Lutheran legacies. Fronted by Jesus standing at a replica of the doors of ALL SAINTS (Wittenberg Castle) where Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses, it connects our Lutheran heritage with the greater heritage of Christianity: Jesus Christ's merciful and gracious presence warmly welcoming all into God's kingdom. Three large Church bells are inscribed with the Lutheran motto of "Grace Alone", "Faith Alone", and "Scripture Alone". The float not only celebrates Jesus as the founder and perfecter of our faith, but also celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the 100th anniversary of the Lutheran Laymen's League. Riders on the float will be Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, Speaker Emeritus Rev. Ken Klaus and Rev. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary and Lutheran Hour Speaker 1989-2001. Joining them will be Nat'l LWML President, Patti Ross celebrating the 75th anniversary of the LWML and members of the LCMS churches in Southern California.

Quilting begins Tuesday, Jan 3, at 9:00am in the church basement. Come for any amount of time any Tuesday. Bring a bag lunch, coffee will be provided. If you would like to cut squares, or sew tops at home, we can provide material. We welcome donations of yarn, spools of thread, sheets or blankets to put inside the quilts. Something to do for everyone, please join us.

National Lutheran Schools Week is Jan 22-28. On Monday, Jan 23rd, Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us for lunch. The cost is \$3.25 for each adult or child's lunch. All reservations must be made by Wednesday, Jan 18th. K-4th grade will eat at 11:00 and 5th-8th grade will eat at 12:15. On Thursday, Jan 26th, we are making sandwiches for 363days.org. We are in need of donations of meat and cheese. We have a number of other activities planned as well. Watch for more details. Our open house for our 3 & 4 year old preschool classes and our Kindergarten class in on Tues, Jan 24th from 3:30-6:30pm. If you have a child that will be entering 3 or 4 year old preschool or kindergarten next school year, please ring your child and take a look at what Zion has to offer. If you know any families with preschool or kindergarten age children, please pass along this information or give their information to the office.

15TH Annual all-you-can-eat Chili Feed with silent and live auctions, January 29, at St. John's School, NYA. Serving 10:30am-1:30pm, Silent Auction 10:30am-1:00pm, Live Auction at 1:00pm. Adults-\$9; Kids 5-7—\$7; Kids 4 & under-free.

BETHESDA THRIFT STORE SALES FOR JANUARY.... Will be closed New Years Day

Dec 26-31 50% off yellow tags
90% off Christmas items, limited inventory
Jan 3-8 75% off yellow tags
Jan 10-15 \$1.00 yellow tags
Jan 17-22 50 cents yellow tagged items
Jan 24-26 25 cents yellow tagged items
Jan 27-28 Store wide 50% off sale

**some exceptions may apply, sales subject to change without notice. Cashier has final decision. ALL SALES FINAL*

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS....

Birthdays: 1—*Sue Hoese*; 2—*Jesse Quaas*,



Myron Schuette; 3—*Mya Chmielewski*, *Sydney Grossinger*, *Ann Soderstrom*, *Aaron Vanderlinde*; 4—*Barbara Hoese*, *Mary Ann Magnuson*; 5—*Brenda Bentz*; 8—*Ralph Domras*; 9—*Ron Grimm*; 10—*Brian Cole*; 11—*Harper Meuleners*, *Beth Schuette*; 13—*Allyson Grossinger*; 14—*Gavin Plotter*; 15—*Randy Maass*; 16—*David Parpart*, *Katelyn Shipley*; 17—*Matthew Carlson*, *Derek Schuettelpelz*, *Lowell Wasser*; 18—*Elliott Boersma*, *Christopher Hedtke*, *Jenny Olson*, *Laurén Schroeder*; 19—*Doug Watson*; 20—*Roseanne Malberg*; 21—*Al Bentz*; 23—*Nicole Baumann*, *Troy Carlson*, *Shannon Gordon*, *Molly Hagen*, *Shelly Kahl*; 24—*Kevin Berg*, *Marglene Magnuson*, *Marilyn McPadden*; 25—*Charlotte Hahn*, *Ryann Hoese*; 26—*Kayla Feltmann*, *David Olsen*, *Ken Quaas*, *Jackie Peterson*; 27—*Lori Cole*, *Robyn Hoese*, *Isabella Mead*; 28—*Ty Hoese*, *Eldoras Schuette*; 29—*Mark Gutzke*; 30—*Lani Hoese*, *Tracy Kuhpal*; 31—*Joel Brunner*, *David Kolstad*, *Julie Lundgren*, *Jessica Steffens*, *Gerry Thomas*.



Anniversaries: 8—*Keith & Tami Otterstatter* (94); 9—*Troy & Kim Goede* (88); 14—*Brad & Vicki Schultz* (72); 17—*Marlin & Sharon Ziermann* (70); 24—*Jesse & Rachel Scherber* (09); 26—*Mark & Pam Gutzke* (85), *Ted & Julie Van Beusekom* (13).

Young Investors (Y.I.) Club Stamp Program—One of the benefits of being an investor in the Y. I. Club Stamp Program and LCEF investor is the opportunity to apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 as a high school senior or current full-time post-secondary student. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2017. For eligibility and rules please go to the web site: lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships. Donna Lindstrom will be at Zion School on Thursdays from 11am to 1pm to help students change their dollars to Y.I. Stamps. Looking forward to helping more young investors in 2017.

2016 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible for designating your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars you can direct them by the following ways: Call Thrivent Financial at 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice" to be directed to a person who will assist you. You may also call your Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative at the Waconia office at (952) 442-8461. Also, Thrivent Choice Dollars direction forms for 2016 are available in the narthex by the mailboxes. If you complete this form it will direct your entire Choice Dollars earned for the 2016 year. Complete the Thrivent Choice Dollars 2016 form - sign and date. You can drop off at the Waconia Thrivent office or place in Darleen Wandersee's box at church for delivery to Waconia. If you have any questions please call Darleen, Zion's Thrivent advocate, at (952) 955-1615. Again, thank you for your continued support of Zion's ministries through your Choice Dollars.

In 2017 we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. There is a Luther Exhibit at Mpls Institute of Art which goes till January 15.

Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper—as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archaeological finds—that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it.