

FEBRUARY, 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.** We will wrap up our study on stewardship and begin a study a Book of the Bible. **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: Morning Bible Class - 10:00 AM in the Church Basement. Study is on the week's liturgical readings.

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-Iverson: 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—"What dwells and develops in pregnant wombs is no clump of cells, product of conception, parasite, piece of mother's body, or potential anything. This little one is a full-fledged human being, made in the image of God and saved by the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to whom the Holy Spirit shows grace and in whom He creates faith. She is our neighbor and, God willing, His beloved child—a dear sister to us." — *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life* — *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

AN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC will be held on Monday, February 13 & 27, 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 February is the 19th.** 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 Members** will help with the Red Cross Bloodmobile Feb 7 by calling donors. Ralph & Karen Unglaub will deliver Food Shelf groceries to Watertown, and Helen Bung visiting shut-ins. Our Bible Study in the Winter Quarterly explores how our God encourages us through His Word, as He did with people in Bible Times.
- ◇ **Carver Zone LWML Board** meets Feb 28 at St. John's Lutheran, NYA. Each society is represented at this meeting to get info on our Christian Life Workshop in March and Rally in April. We are anxious to find out who our delegates will be representing us at the National LWML Convention June 22-25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our Zone President Ruth Bury will bring us news from the Feb. District LWML Board Meeting.
- ◇ **LWMLer Scheryl Goetz informs us** that the Carver County Seminary Student Endowment Fund is requesting funds to benefit our current seminary student. He is Joshua Venske of St. Mark's, New Germany, enrolled as a 1st year student at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catherine's, Canada.
- ◇ **LWML Mites continue to be gathered.** One of our District 2016-2018 Mission Grants is \$10,000 for The Dwelling Place which offers Christ centered transitional housing and ongoing programming to battered women and their children in the Twin Cities area.
- ◇ **One of our National 2015-2017 Mission Grant projects** is \$32,500 for St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. This High School has students representing almost every state in the USA! And 35 countries across the globe! Many then enroll at one of our Concordia Universities and serve as pastors, teachers, and missionaries. The current student body consists of 45% international students. Mites can be given to our Treasurer Marlys Thomas or dropped in the large Mite Box in the narthex at Zion.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE . . .

- ◇ **CARVER LIFELINES meet** Tuesday, Jan 17 at Trinity Waconia. Our Dresser Ministry was discontinued in October 2016 due to lack of interest for recipients. All the remaining donated items were given to *Blessed Bee* in Chaska, Friends for Life Food Shelf in Watertown and *Mary's Wish* in Waconia. This Life Project began in 1993. A total of 144 dressers filled with donated baby items were delivered to mothers in need. We shared our plans for celebrating Life Sunday in our churches. At our March meeting we will explore how to initiate Life Teams in each of our congregations.
- ◇ **Carver Life-Lines sent a \$50 memorial** to Lutherans for Life in memory of Jean Garton, founder and first president of National Lutherans for Life. A memorial service for Jean was held at Friends in Christ Lutheran Church Bryant, Ark. January 21.
- ◇ **Carver Life Lines Poster and Essay Contest** for 2017 is underway this month. All of our churches and school in our Carver Zone received the materials. All entries are due to our President Sally Beckendorf by February 24.
- ◇ **March For Life at our nation's capitol** in Washington D.C. is January 27-29 weekend. We sponsored two teens to attend this event.

- ◇ **MCCL March for Life** was held Sunday, January 22. I was blessed to attend this Pro-Life event yesterday at our State Capitol in St. Paul, with other LCMS members. Our posters had the logo: EYES OF LIFE and pictures of faces showing the eyes! We wore lime green caps with that same logo. In Christ, God gives us eyes of life—eyes that see life from His perspective. And what we see causes us to speak for life. People are telling their stories at www.eyesoflife.org.



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/>

Feb 5 - "Nothing But Jesus!", Rev. Gregory Seltz. Amid life's commotion and clamor, what will give us peace? -1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Feb 12 - "Here's to Life!", Rev. Gregory Seltz. Even as the world becomes a meaner, angrier place, God calls us to share His life with others. -Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Feb 19 - "Love Your Enemies -- Jesus Does!", Rev. Gregory Seltz. God calls us to love and forgive our enemies the way He loves and forgives us. -Matthew 5:38-48

Feb 26 - "Guilt's Gone", Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. A guilty conscience accuses; a forgiving Savior brings peace to troubled hearts. -1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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.

Lutheran Hour Sunday is February 5. A door offering will be received following both services to support this ministry world wide.

LHM's Project Connect - This booklet ministry features a booklet entitled "Forgiveness Is a Choice". Pastor Steven Hokana explores the many dimensions of forgiveness. Whether we are forgiving our being forgiven, he shows the reader that forgiveness is not about weakness or ignoring the past. Rather it's about understanding that as we have been offered forgiveness through the work of Christ on our behalf, so too, are we to forgive others and, when necessary, ourselves.

Young Investors (Y.I.) Club Stamp Program--Scholarship deadline is February 28, 2017 for high school seniors or current full-time post-secondary students. Apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. For eligibility and rules please go to the web site: Lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships. This is a benefit for the LCEF investor. Take advantage of saving at an early age. 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 February. Twenty-three students have opened accounts since Donna started in February 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Quilting has begun at 9:00am in the church basement 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.

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.

Mayer New Germany Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 1:00 - 7:00 PM at St. Mark Lutheran School in New Germany. Please bring photo ID or donor card. For appointment or more information call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Mayer Community.

Zion Catechesis Meeting (7th Graders and their Parents)
There will be a brief mandatory Zion Catechesis meeting pertaining to the Rite of First Communion for all 7th graders and their parents on Sunday, February 5. The meeting will take place in the Church Basement, and it will begin after second service at approximately 11:45am. Thank you!

Zion Catechesis Meeting (8th Graders and their Parents)
There will be a brief mandatory Zion Catechesis meeting pertaining to the Confession of Faith Essays for all 8th graders and their parents on Sunday, February 12. The meeting will take place in the Church Basement, and it will begin after second service at approximately 11:45am. Thank you!

BETHESDA THRIFT STORE SALES FOR FEBRUARY....

Monday are senior days - 25% off for seniors

Jan 31-Feb 5 50% off yellow tags

Feb 7-12 75% off yellow tags

Feb 14-19 \$1.00 yellow tags

Feb 21-26 50 cents yellow tagged items

Feb 28-March 5 50% off pink tags

March 24-25 50% off sale

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

Families Moving Forward will be March 12-19, 2017. We welcome all who would like to help with this mission outreach project. If you have never helped before, but would like to learn more about Families Moving Forward, please contact Gayle Guthland at 952-826-9046 or Chelsea Rademacher (Kovar) at 320-282-6511. The sign-up is on the zionmayer.org web page. Click on the icon and sign-up for donating or volunteering. Thanks you so much for all your help in the past and we look forward to your future help.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS....

Birthdays: 1—*Amber Goede, Julie Gongoll, Brian Grimm, Karen Unglaub;* 2—*Madison Brueggemeier, Levi Hahn, Matt Hoese;* 3—*Ryan Stahlke, Max Tuttle;* 4—*Kristen Guse, Art Knutson;* 5—*Kaitlyn King, Peggy Lundeen;* 6—*Sandy Heldt;* 7—*Jacob Harpel, Tami Otterstater;* 8—*D'Laney McPadden, Darlene Unglaub;* 9—*Karen Hoese, Linda Kutzke, Richard Nienow;* 10—



Sharon Buckentin, Grant Cohrs, Kyle Gillund, Stan Heldt, Amie Studer, Ashley Thaemert; 11—*Cody Molnau, Elaine Stairs, Mallory Vogelpohl;* 12—*Kiley Dalchow, 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—*Amanda Templeman, Scott Theisen;* 21—*Grace Knutson, Greta Knutson;* 22—*Darin Bjerke, Cooper Eveslage, Marcy Gongoll, Bonnie Grimm, Ellie Lommel Todd Stauffer, Hanna Thaemert;* 25—*Charles Maetzold;* 26—*Barb Grimm, Luke Vanderlinde, Thaddaeus Woodford;* 27—*Pastor Gless, Cade Lommel, Jesse Scherber, Brittany Streich;* 29—*Olivia Quiram*

Anniversaries: 9—*Dustin & Dawnelle Frantsen* (08); *Jeff & Laura Pike* (08); *Aron & Melissa Peters* (05); *Jim & Becky Vanderlinde* (87).



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.

Sunday School -- An Offering Challenge

With Zion's congregation sending a servant event team to Kenya from February 20-March 4 to assist Pastor James May and Lutherans in Africa, there is an opportunity for the Sunday School ministry to partner with this endeavor.

One of the primary needs for congregations in Africa is a communion chalice to use to administer the Lord's Supper. We currently have enough to buy about 3 sets, but our goal is to hopefully be able to buy 5 or more. So we are looking to raise \$300 + to be able to do this.

As a Sunday School, let's see how many communion chalices we can help purchase to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa regularly receive the Lord's Supper. If you would like to donate, please contact Jessica Boersma. Thank you!

New this year, the Sunday school will be making Alleluia banners to decorate the sanctuary leading up to the season of Lent. As the Christmas season and Epiphany draw to a close, we are reminded of why Jesus came. He came to die for us. Alleluia is a word of praise and celebration. We say goodbye to this word during the season of Lent to focus our attention on Christ's death and our need for the repenting of our sins. When Easter comes, we welcome back the word Alleluia as we rejoice and celebrate that Christ is not dead, but alive in the resurrection. The kids then get to have a part in marking the season of Lent with the goodbyes to the Alleluias, and then again with the welcoming back of the Alleluias at the start of the season of Easter.