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"Dose of Wisdom"

This month I'd like to share a letter written by Al Hunter, Congregational President at Zion, dealing with finances here at Zion. We are currently at a shortfall in our budget. Please take some time to read through Al's letter to see how we can all help out a little bit more. We remember we are blessed by God to be a blessing to others. (Genesis 12) We remember God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 8&9) We also remember the Table of Duties and our callings or vocations in life. (Luther's Small Catechism)

Blessings,

Pastor Dose

Dear Fellow Members of Zion,

For the second time this year, we find our congregation needing to borrow \$5,000 to meet our budgeted expenses (i.e. salaries, building insurance, taxes, health insurance, light, water, and phone bills).

While we have the Endowment Fund, which is to be used for missions and non-budgeted expenses, it has been our guiding principle for over 35 years congregational giving should be enough to cover our budgeted expenses. The Endowment Fund has helped pay for large non budgeted items such as tuck pointing, the remodeling of our sanctuary, the roof replacement, the future repairs to the inside wall of the bell tower, and future kitchen remodeling).

With this in mind, we ask that you prayerfully examine your current giving and see if your giving has kept up with the times. Could it possibly be increased with the blessings you've been given? Also keep in mind if you contact your bank directly you can have an automatic transfer or withdrawal, which automatically deducts your giving from your bank account, which is encouraged because one someone misses a Sunday they fully intend to make up the difference the next Sunday, but that doesn't always happen. The automatic transfer program keeps our giving more stable with fewer peaks and valleys, making it easier for us to plan. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me on my cell phone, 712-210-4078.

Sincerely,

Al Hunter
Congregational President

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

LADIES AID:

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Karen Grundmeier. Election of officers will be held (President & Treasurer)

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be having their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 6that the home of Diane Witt with Dawn Luetje as Co-Hostess. Will have the 2020 sign up sheets for circles and hostesses.

CHANCEL & PARISH HELP NEEDED

In November the calendar for 2020 circles will be set up. Because of declining numbers in the Ladies Aid and the Evening Circle it has become necessary for additional help filling these circles.

This is a great opportunity for you to help out. You would be serving with at least 1 other person for one month, services. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Betty Nobiling or Cathy Meyer Presidents of our circles or the church office.

CHANCEL DUTIES: Clean communion ware after each communion service; provide or place flowers on the altar for services; change altar paraments as necessary.

PARISCH CIRCLE: Fold bulletins for each service

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Chancel: Cathy Meyer

Nikki Lenz

Cathy Meyer Parish:

Deb Owen

Darleen Linde Martha



The following members were elected to serve on the 2020Church Council:

PRESIDENT:

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

TRUSTEE::

ELDERS

BD STEWARDSHIP

BD EDUCATION:

FINANCIAL SEC:

BD EVANGELISM:

Kevin Skinner

Randy Bruhn

Mary Bruhn

Deb Wittrock

Kyle Lenz

Jeff Luetje & Kurt Branning

Marilyn Mumm

Cat Luetie

Paulette Von Glan

Tammy Leiting

The Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, November 10th at 11 am. All are welcome to attend

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas is fast approaching. If your child is planning on participating in the Christmas program please have them let their teacher or the church office know as soon as possible as we are preparing for the program. During December our practices will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time. Please watch the December newsletter for more information

On Saturday, November 2nd Daylight Saving Times ends, so remember BACK to set your clocks BACK 1 hour before retiring on Saturday evening November 2nd



ADVENT SERVICES will begin on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. the Way Our Theme this year is "Behold the Child"

> Services will be at 11 am and 6:30 pm. Lunch will be served following the 11 am service

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Children's Service

5:30 pm

Candlelight Service

11:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am



6th 13th Jacob Hanson

Devon Ehlers

20th

Kendra Schuette

27th

NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

ACOLYTES

3rd:

Danica Ehlers & Annalee Wittrock

10th:

Wade Ragaller & Devon Ehlers

17th:

Kendra Schuette & Lilly Julin

24th:

?? & Abby Klink

Harvest Supper

The annual harvest Supper will be held on Sunday, November 3rd at the Arcadia American Legion Hall. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey with all of the trimmings.

The cost of the dinner is: \$11.00 for adults; children 5-11 yrs of age \$5 and preschool is free. Take outs are also available.



Honor our veterans

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



You are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30 pm for a special worship service of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us throughout the year. We will be celebrating Holy Communion.



FOOD PANTRY IN-GATHERING

We will be having a food in-gathering for the Food Pantry's in Carroll, Sunday, November 17th-Nov 24th. Items needed are: canned fruit, soup, crackers, cereal, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, egg noodles, pancake mix, pancake syrup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly pork & beans, chili beans, and non food items such as: bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet tissue and laundry soap. Cash donations are always welcome so that we might provide milk, eggs, meat, oleo, cheese, potatoes, and fresh fruits and vegetables.



HARVEST ACCOUNT

For the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord of the Harvest by presenting a portion of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the LORD, you can do so by letting the Arcadia Co-Op know how many bushels of corn or beans you wish to have placed in Zion's Harvest Account.



What we have

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

All Saints' Day

On November 3rd (All Saints' Day observed) we will remember those who have gone before us.

This year in our prayers, we remember those who have died in the Lord during the last year:

Steve Hamann Larry Stark Irene Jurgens Zelda Anderson Norma Luetje Wilbert Ehlers Luetta Meggers Jim Luetje





Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Giving thanks for all things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted, such as freedom, clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

What about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that he is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

The beginning of Advent

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: "The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.

God's precious saints

A man mourning the sudden death of his young wife wondered, "Where was God when Jenny died?" Unable to sleep, he turned to Scripture and read Psalm 116:3 (NIV): "The anguish of the grave came upon me: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow." The man's anguish echoed the psalmist's. Reading on, he discovered verse 15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

"What does it mean by precious?" the man wondered. The footnote proved helpful: "Not in the sense of highly valued, but of that which is carefully watched over." The widower pictured God watching over his wife in her last moments. "That's where God was," the man thought with relief.

May we, too, be assured that God cares for his saints — not only at death but also in life, through grief and into healing.



aste and see that the LORD is good. Pealm 34:8

Enter I and His courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

due His name. Psalm 29:2

Glory in Warne; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Psalm 105:3

Let us neel before the LORD our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.

Ephesiane 5:19-20

Have we forgotten God?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole of the American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

—Abraham Lincoln, 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Control

Things we **CANNOT** control:

- Someone else's faults
- How long we will live
- Another person's opportunities

Things we **CAN** control:

- Our attitude
- The kind of life we live
- What we do with our opportunities

Three kinds of giving

"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, 'I have to'; duty giving says, 'I ought to'; and thanksgiving says, 'I want to.' The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God."

-Robert N. Rodenmayer



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Join us for a worship service—either in person or via a livestream—of celebration and thanksgiving at 3 p.m. CT Offerings collected for Concordia University, Nebraska in thanksgiving for its 125th anniversary will be used to provide church work scholarships and may be sent to:

800 North Columbia Avenue Seward, Nebraska 68434 **Church Relations**

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- 5 Psychology

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area: KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am; KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am; KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am; WHO 1040 AM, Des Moines, 7:30 a.m. Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet @ www.lutheranhour.org

November 3 "Stranger Danger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human.

(Genesis 18)

November 10

"For Such a Downer"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The cross of Jesus is not a downer, but it is an equalizer. If you think you're up on top and you're pushing others aside, the cross of Jesus will bring you down. And if you're down and desperate for some company, you have a friend in the crucified Jesus.

(Genesis 21)

November 17
"The Dawn Wall"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - Sacrifice is acting on the hope of a better future by offering up something valuable in the present.

(Genesis 22)

November 24
"God Is Love"
Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter
(1 John 4:7-12)

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY lowg District West LLL/LHM

When: Saturday, November 9, 2019 8:30 am Registration & Breakfast; 11:15 Closing

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 311 North Hwy 4, Mallard, Iowa

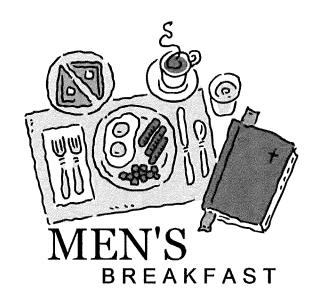
Speaker: Rev. Dr. James Lamb

Topic: Update on Iowa Pro-Life Legislation

Cost: \$15

Spread the word among the grandpas, the fathers, and the sons of your family and your church!

For more information, contact John Tews (valleyins@netins.net or 641-740-0126 cell).



Watch for future events and other Lutheran Hour Ministries news in <u>The Lutheran Witness</u> and on our new Facebook "group" page, "Lutheran Laymen League of Western Iowa."



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

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2019 Senior High Youth Gathering





Concordia Seminary and Taste of the Sem

please consider encouraging him to check out Concordia Seminary's campus event, young men considering the ministry will be connected with a current seminary student to see what life is like at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. To register or to get more information, please check the Concordia Seminary website at https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/ would be well served in pastoral ministry? Do you have a high school 'Taste of the Sem," being held February 15-17, 2020. During this ontaste-of-the-sem/. If you would like more information, please contact is there a young man in your high school youth group who has gifts that student who has expressed an interest in the pastoral ministry? If so, Rev. Dr. Scott Holder in the Admissions Office at 314-505-7225.

IOWAY Banquet

November 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson. Registration begins at 4:30pm with the meal starting at 5pm. Register at https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/lowayBanquet or call Ellie at 515-370-1159. There is no charge for this event. The banquet dinner is compli-You are invited to attend the 11th Annual IOWAY Banquet, Saturday mentary thanks to our partnership with LCEF.



Calendar of Events

November 9...Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study, Trinity, Mallard November 8-9... Retirement Workshop, St. Paul, Ames November 28-29...Thanksgiving, District Office Closed November 7... District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge November 15-17...Sr. Youth Gathering, Des Moines November 2... Treasurers Workshop, Camp Okoboji November 9...IOWAY Banquet, Trinity, Jefferson November 2... LERT Training, Trinity, Manilla

view The Messenger at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php For more information on lowa District West activities,

What's Happening Camp at Your Camp?



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

November 8-10 Fall Women's SPA Retreat

November 9 **Fall Volunteer Day**

December 6-7 **REVIVE Lock-in at Our Savior in Denison**

December 7 Advent by Candlelight Women's Event

January 10-11 **REVIVE Lock-in at Holy Trinity in Farnhamville**

January 24-26 **Family Ice Fishing Retreat**

January 25 Winter Games Family Festival



Fall Women's SPA Retreat!

November 8-10, 2019

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend this fabulous weekend of "Defiant Joy"! Our weekend Bible study will be led by Judy Gronbach and Angela Naeve.

Come experience the Joy of being with other women...laugh, cry, relax, and build relationships!

Advent by Candlelight—A Thrill of Hope!

Notice to ALL LADIES AND LWML GROUPS!

Camp Okoboji will be hosting an evening event on Saturday, December 7, 2019 beginning at 6 PM! Ladies groups are encouraged to bring their prettiest table setting and decorations for an evening set to prepare us for the Advent Season. You are invited to bring a group of 6-8 people to experience this fun evening of fellowship, worship, and a delicious meal. Cost for the meal and program is only \$20 per person! If you or your group would like to stay at Camp that evening, there is an additional cost of \$30 per person.



To sign up for a table, contact Lori Gamble 712-337-3325 or lori@campokoboji.org

January 24-26, 2020 Family Ice Fishing Retreat Camp Okoboji's 10th Annual



Registration Information Coming Soon!

INCLUDES Lodging (2 nights) All Meals, &

A Fish Fry!

Arrive anytime after lunch on Friday, January 23. Enjoy Ice Fishing, Fellowship, & Winter Games!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Greg Gronau Peg Hinners	4 Jacob Kraus Gladys Rickers	w	6 Keith Vetter	7 Kelsea Hawley	∞	9 Cora Erps Sara Schurke
10 Cory Wittrock	11 Curtis Ehlers	12	13	14 Stacie Muhlbauer Chris Toft Brian & Jean Hausman	15	16 Alison Ehlers
17	18 Jerzie Bruch Jean Hausman Peggy Peplinski Deb Wittrock	19 Christy Hanson	20 Tom Lipton Tyler & Jackie Petersen	21	22 Stan Grundmeier Sharon Maasen Betty Nobiling Ryan Schurke	23 Jolene Stoelk
24 Gail Mumm	25 Deb Owen	26 Becky Vetter	27 Brayden Schmitz	28 Acelyn Hawley	29	30

Junior Youth Gathering

Junior high youth and their chaperones gathered in Des Moines at the Sheraton under the theme "Come to the Table" focusing on the Lord's Supper. Pictured to the right in the red shirts is the Gathering Staff.







Pastor Ryan Roehrig from St. Paul Lutheran in Alta, Iowa was our main speaker. Pictured to the right he is delivering a sermon at Sunday morning worship.



November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC/ All SAINTS DAY	4	S.	6 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Circle	7 1:30 Ladies Aid	∞	6
10 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW 11:00 Council	11	12	13 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek	14	15	16
17 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	18 1:00 Sewing Circle	19	20 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek	21	22	23
24 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW 11:00 Voters Meet	25	26	27 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service/HC	28	29	30
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9:00 am

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10:00 am

