



THE ZION ZEALANT

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"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means" (Luke 8:1-3).

There were many who provided out of their means for our Lord's work of proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God while He was on earth. Think about that for a moment. These pious women gave to God in the flesh for God the Father's work of bringing the good news of God's kingdom. Their generosity, which was moved by the generosity of God Himself to them in the healing of their infirmities and evil spirits, was employed so that others could benefit as they had. The means they provided was put into God's service to feed and clothe and provide shelter as Jesus and the twelve travelled preaching, teaching, and healing.

That's amazing. These women were widows who had been oppressed by demons. They were forgotten, thought of as nobodies. The world didn't think much of them, or perhaps that they were just in the way. Regardless of what the world thought, God forgets no one. No one is a burden to Him. He cares for the widow and the fatherless. He puts the solitary into a home. And more than that, He brings them the good news of the kingdom and lets them be a part of building it by their giving of what He has provided them. He presses their

gifts into His service to His glory. And they are not forgotten. They are inscribed in the Holy Scriptures as a monument of what giving from out of their means does. It helped to turn the world upside down, which happens to be right-side up, reconciliation and healing through what Jesus accomplished on the cross. (Acts 17:6).

This is what your giving to the church does also. It provides the ministers of the Gospel all that they need for this body and life so that they may preach and teach, and bring the healing of the Gospel of Jesus's death and resurrection to those who need it, those who are homebound and infirm, those who are sick and suffering, those who are be-deviled by evil spirits, depressed, and plagued by guilt and shame. Your gifts are put to use for God's work on earth to bring the good news of His kingdom which has no end. But that's not all your gifts do!

The building from which the Word of God – His Gospel – is preached and taught mightily needs your support to remain standing as a bastion for not only the sinners like you and I, but for the soul yet to walk in our doors, and for those whom we'll yet reach with God's Good News in our community and the world! Our outreach and evangelism needs financial contributions just as we've got to pay the electric company to keep the lights burning in church. Our Sunday School needs materials as does our need to pay the water bill. Our secretary and custodian rightly deserve compensation; as does the gas company need our bill paid so we'll stay warm here next winter.

Who wouldn't want to be part of that? And you are! Thanks be to God. And it does not go unnoticed. Your pastor gives thanks for it and prays for you. And so does your Lord. And the angels rejoice over one sinner who repents and believes. You help to make that happen. You do it because someone else has made it happen for you.

Church Council Minutes

June 16, 2015

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order. Pastor Rittner opened with devotion from 1 John 3 and prayer.

Members present: Kenny Knuth, Steve Smith, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Judy Gilbert, Ralph & Peg Brooke, Jill Coons, Joyce Reidt and Pastor Rittner.

Financial Reports:

Receiving Treasurer: Karen Scheumann gave May receipts total budgeted receipts \$8,475.75, non-budgeted income \$540.23, for a total of \$9,015.98, other receipts \$431.97 for a total of \$9,447.95.

Kenny Knuth called for a motion to accept the report as presented. Joyce Reidt made the motion Judy Gilbert 2nd. Motion carried.

Dispersing Treasurer: Jill Coons submitted the dispersing treasurers report for May 2015, total checking/Savings \$111,521.04, furnace payable \$2,578.28.

Profit and Loss statement ending May 2015, total income \$9,447.95, total expense \$7,133.14 for a total net income of \$2,314.82. Kenny Knuth called for a motion to accept the report as submitted; Peg Brooke made the motion with a 2nd from Karen Scheumann. Motion carried.

A question as to where we stand with our District Mission pledge. Our pledge was \$5,322.00 per year/ or \$443.50 per month. It was decided that the money be pulled from Joyful Response and Thrivent to bring us up to date.

Elders Report:

Steve Smith gave report. Meeting opened with a reading from the “word of Life” and prayer.

Order of business the pastor/Elder visitation schedule was made up for the remainder of the year.

Work was done on the Elders budget for 2016.

Next meeting to be July 8th.

Average attendance for May—Sundays 65 and mid-week 12.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Trustees Report:

Kenny Knuth reported that there will be an increase in the trustee’s budget of \$1400.00.

Board of Education:

Judy Gilbert gave the report.

Sunday School report - Students 9, Adults 16.

Missions for May/June area the Luther Academy in Panama total to date \$100.73.

Pastor reported the Thursday night Bible study is finished for the summer and will resume in August.

Vacation Bible School is set for July 6-10, 2015; there will be a set-up meeting on June 28th.

Rally Day is set for September 13, 2015.

Jerry Lahrman is donating a portion of the garage sale monies for food and entertainment for Rally Day.

Next meeting July 2, 2015.

Board of Outreach:

Peg Brooke reported that they will be selling pork burgers, before the Old Settler’s Parade on Saturday, June 27th with proceeds going to the purchase of the AED.

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Stewardship:

Kenny Knuth will meet with Jill Coons on the church budget.

Board of Youth:

Jill Coons said the corn dog wagon will be cleaned this week. Also the amount of corn dogs will be decided.

Pastor Report:

Pastor noted mixed comments on the revitalization meeting on June 13, 2015.

A letter from the Red Cross was read thanking us for the use of our facility on May 28th.

Pastor also stated that an e-mail from Janice Klopfenstein was received stating her wish to retire from being our church organist.

Pastor wanted recommendations on how to finish the draft of the church constitution for the July voters meeting.

The meeting was closed with Pastor giving the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Reidt



“Attention All Church Officers and All Members of any Board or Committee:

We will be meeting with Rev. Geoff Robinson for the Goal Setting Seminar approved at Voter’s Meeting, and as a prescription of Revitalization. We will meet on Saturday of July 11th, beginning at 9 AM. Attendance is required (!)– Pastor will also be in attendance. And, please note that anyone else NOT holding an office in the church is most definitely welcome to attend!!! We would love to have greater participation in this Revitalization process!”



With our congregation getting older and more and more people being diagnosed with A-Fib, the board of outreach feels it will be a good idea for Zion to have one of these on the grounds. With a few being trained by the Red Cross it will help our congregation in time of crisis if needed. In the narthex you will see a big thermometer to help us show us how we are doing towards reaching our goal. On that thermometer there are small envelopes to put your donation along with your name so you can get credit for the amount given.

**Ladies Aid-LWML
June 18, 2015**

The Ladies Aid-LWML met at 9 a.m. on June 18th to knot quilts and sew cancer pads. A lunch was served at 11:30 a.m.

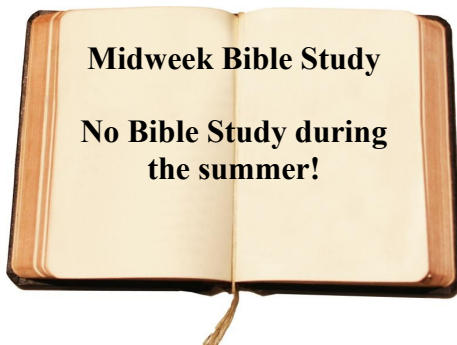
Those attending were: Kathaleen Reese, Marty Williams, Jennie Childs, Maxine Lott, Sami Blomquist and Lois Duffy from Zion. From Living Water Lutheran Church were: Mary Metzger and Jan Cleason. Also helping were friends Dona Rhubake, Judy Lortie and Sharon Bisbrow.

Submitted by Lois Duffy, Sec.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**VBS will be held on
July 6—10, 2015
9:00—11:30 a.m.**



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
SCOOP**



June 2015

Summer Sunday School is underway with the curriculum series, “3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God.” In July, children’s lessons will be covering the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed: I believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord.

July 5th—”Jesus is True Man: Jesus is Born”

July 12th—”Jesus is True God: Jesus Rebukes the Storm”

July 19th—”Jesus is Our Savior: Jesus Suffers, Dies, and Rises”

July 26th—”Jesus is Our Lord: Jesus Ascends to Heaven”

“Camp Discovery” (VBS) begins July 6-10, from 9:00—11:30 a.m. Bring your friends and neighbors and family for a fun-filled week! Classes are available for ages 3—Grade 6. Call Barb Lahrman for details 248-8503.

Sunday School Missions collected thus far for the Lutheran Academy in Panama totals \$175.23. We will collect through June 26th for this project. A new project will be supported in July and August.

S.S. STATS-May 2015

Class Attendance: Primary—65% (Banner Class!); Preteen & Jr./Sr. High ties at 60%.

Perfect Attendance:

Emerson Knuth (earns 4 year pin!)



CATECHISM CAMP

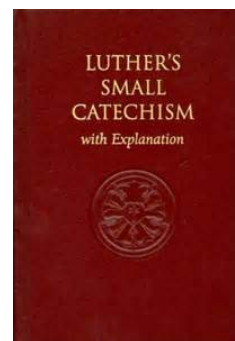
We will be having Catechism Camp

**July 20th—24th
and
July 27th—31st**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served

**If anyone knows a
6th, 7th or 8th grader this fall
that would like to attend,
please let Pastor know!**





SOAP FOR LWR – Ladies Aid-LWML will be collecting bars of soap – any size – for Lutheran World Relief this year. (LWR accepts new bars of any brand, in its original wrapping). If you would like to help in this mission project, you can place the soap in the box across from the mailboxes. **THANK YOU!**



The Oaks:
Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:
Dorathy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick

Luther Home in Crown Point:
Harriet Redman

Those at home:
Sami Blomquist, Bob Gallmeyer, Larry Haugk, Linda Hobkirk, Jim Jackson, Bill Neidermeyer, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Michael Sexton and Charles Stanley (staying with daughter).

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Jessie Contreras, Chris Decker, Alex Hart, Joshua Rittner, Matt Shoda, Jason & Ashley Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS
for

. . . and anyone else we have not mentioned that might be in our hearts. . . . Lord, hear our prayers.

Worship Services

SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Worship—10:15 a.m.

w/Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

WEDNESDAY

Worship—7:00 p.m.

w/Communion

2nd & 4th Wednesday



Rev. Phil Rittner
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SERVING IN JULY 2015

USHERS

5th—Ralph Sexton
12th—Mike Gerbers
19th—Steve Smith
26th—Mike Gerbers

ACOLYTES

5th—Nick Decker
12th—Ryan Bills
19th—Shianne Brooke
26th—Kyler Bills

GREETERS

5th—
12th—Lois Duffy
19th—Pat Decker
26th—Kathaleen Reese

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Sexton

POWERPOINT

5th—
12th—
19th—
26th—

COFFEE HOUR

5th—
12th—
19th—Judy Gilbert
26th—Pat Decker



Please sign-up on bulletin board for the empty spaces !!!!



BIRTHDAY'S

2 Logan Bachelder
10 Emma Mullet
12 Barbara Knuth
13 Brody Hart
14 James Jackson
15 Barbara Lahrman
15 Luke Pressler
17 Cari Knuth
20 Nolan Lahrman
21 Tabitha Frick
22 Summer Hart
22 Thomas Knuth
22 Wm. Niedermeyer
30 Jill Coons



BAPTISMS

Madison Cook
Mason Gilbert
Gavin Lahrman
Aaron Pepler
Brandon Pepler
Sara Schuller



ANNIVERSARIES

1 Gene & Sandy Barrett
14 Ralph & Peggy Brooke
27 Mathieu & Myra Hartman
28 David & Sharry Wiehe





JULY 2015



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am VBS Installation during service VBS Setup after service						
6		Vacation Bible School	9—11:30 a.m.				
7							
8				Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders			
9					Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am Bd. of Ed. 4:30 pm		
10							
11							Goal Setting Seminar (all church officers & board members) 9 am
12	S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am						
13							
14							
15				Wed. Evening Service 7 pm			
16					Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am LWML 1 pm		
17							
18							Outreach 10 am
19	S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Voters 11:30 am						
20							
21							
22				Wed. Evening Service 7 pm			
23					Red Cross in Gym		
24							
25							
26	S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Trustees 11:30 am						
27							
28							
29				Wed. Evening Service 7 pm			
30							
31							