



THE ZION ZEALANT

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A little note from the secretary.

Due to the new computer, we no longer have Publisher. All documents that were saved from the old computer had to be reconstructed over to Word, and this has changed the format. So, this will also change the look of our NEW newsletter.



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Greetings in the Name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Here as we begin the month of November, I am reminded of many wonderful things – both in the church and outside of the church. Veteran's Day: I'm so proud of having served our nation in the Armed Forces. Of course, Thanksgiving, a day of good food; a day of good fellowship; and a day of thanking our Lord for His many blessings. We celebrate the Last Day of the Church Year and we also begin the season of Advent 2016 this month!

And, with this month of November, 2016, I will celebrate 5 years of my Ordination serving in the Office of Holy Ministry. Time has certainly flown by. I celebrate this day with each of you, our family here at Zion. Katie and I feel so much a part of each of your lives, it is truly a divine blessing of God that you called me to be your pastor here in Columbia City!

I do take this time to review (as I frequently do!) my official Call documents to the Ministry here at Zion. More importantly, I ponder that which God's Word has for me in the fulfilling of this Vocation He placed me into. Recently, our Epistle lesson one Sunday morning said:

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” (2 Timothy 4:1–5, ESV)

It is with this mindset as an evangelist I pursue my work here. I take this “charge” quite seriously and humbly. It is following the very Word of God I teach, preach, and confess to you all the mercies of our loving God, which are indeed new every morning! It is by the efforts, comforts, and strengths of the Holy Spirit I am able to do what God has entrusted in me.

I pray continually with you and for you that our heavenly Father continue to bless and preserve this church

here in this community; that the work given this church to share the Gospel with “all nations” persevere; and that we all be kept warm and safe within the tender loving arms of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. God bless each of you! See you in church!

Pastor Phil Rittner

ADVENT

Family life. It can be the best of times and—let’s be honest—it can be the worst of times. Consider these family facts:

- You don’t need remote control for your TV. If you have children, the chances of controlling anything are already remote.
- More ominous than the sound of an approaching riot is the sound of children suddenly quiet.
- A survey of marriage counselors has uncovered this bit of data: no marriage can survive white carpeting.

Everyone needs godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That’s why, as we begin a new church year, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Lord’s birth. This includes Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, along with Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These families faced infertility, frustration, loss, misunderstandings, death, and so much more. Sermon plans for our Wednesday Advent Worship are as follows:

Advent 1 (November 30, 2016)– Two Families (Luke 1:5–25)

Advent 2 (December 7, 2016) – Our Way (Luke 1:57–66)

Advent 3 (December 14, 2016)– A List! (Matthew 1:1–17)

Advent 4 (December 21, 2016) – Open the Door (Matthew 1:18–20)

Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016)– Whoever Takes the Son Gets It All (Matthew 1:21–25)

You are encouraged to be a part of these worship services. Your family is worth time and investment in God’s word!

Voter’s Assembly

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order. With 22 members present. The meeting was opened with prayer. Kenny Knuth called for a motion to accept the September Council meeting minutes as printed in the Zealant. Larry Haugk made the motion with a 2nd by Jared Wilkinson, the motion passed.

Receiving Treasure: Chuck Cooper

Undesignated Receipts: \$6333.50 Designated Receipts: \$1964.46

Misc. Receipts: \$365.38 Dividends: \$ 639.843

Interest: \$3.03 Total Receipts: \$ 8940.81

Year to date: \$ 89,767.87

Pat Decker made a motion to accept the report as submitted, Barb Lahrman 2nd, the motion passed.

Dispersing Treasure: Jill Coons

Checking/Savings: Lake City Bank

Checking: \$2077.34 Savings: \$ 7988.97

Joyful Response: \$1372.79 General Church/Savings: \$ 11,439.11
Lehmburg Legacy: \$ 75,832.90 Market Value: (August 31, 2016) \$ 73,062.11

Youth Accounts:

District Account: \$298.80 Checking: \$1270.35
Savings: \$ 10,365.82 Total Accounts/Youth: \$11,934.97

Statement of Activity:

General Budget:

Net Revenue: (-\$ 3987.16) Year to date: (-\$ 114.50)

Non-Budgeted/Reimbursed:

Sept. 2016: (-\$ 3987.16) Year to Date: (-\$ 428.38)

Total Sept. 2016: (-\$ 4868.58) Year to Date: \$ 2290.69

Chuck Cooper made the motion to accept the report as presented, Judy Gilbert 2nd, the motion passed.

Elders Report: Steve Smith

Transfers: Michael Braun, Andrew Braun, Tyler, Braun, Trevor Braun from St. John's Lutheran Church Columbia City to Zion, Columbia City.

Richard and Sarah Schneider from Zion to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ronan, Montana.

Steve Smith made the motion to accept these transfers and Chuck Cooper 2nd the motion passed.

Due to a lack of response for the readers program it will not be started at this time.

A letter will be sent to members who have not attended church in some time.

Seminarian Bob Brugeman will conduct service on Oct. 23rd.

Attendance for Sept. 2016: Sundays: 67 and Mid-week: 9.

Steve Smith made a motion to accept Kami and Thomas Jr. Wilburn into Zion by Profession of Faith. Joyce Reidt 2nd the motion passed.

Trustees Report: Dan Knuth

The projector bulb has been changed. But we will need to replace the projector in the next 2 years.

A new computer was purchased and installed in the office.

The A/C unit and fuse box have been repaired.

Dan will get quotes to replace the outside railing (West side of church).

We will be sending a Thank-you note to Culligan, Columbia City as they provide our softener salt at NO charge.

Parking lot patching/stripping, will be looked into (the NE corner).

The furnace fan doesn't work and will be checked during fall maintenance.

Board of Education:

Barb Lahrman called the meeting to order with 5 members present. Opening devotion was from Portals of Prayer.

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

Sunday school report: August: Adults 14, students 6. Sept. Adults 16, students 9.

Barb Knuth has ordered the winter quarter Sunday school material.

Missions: \$315.25 was collected for the Armed Forces Ministry. Missions for Sept./Oct. is Rosebud Indian Church, so far \$157.59 has been collected.

No Pastor or Library Report.

Old Business: There was a good turnout for Rally Day, with good food and fellowship. The altar was decorated with red, white and blue flowers in honor of Freedom to Worship. Afterwards the flowers were handed out to grandparents in honor of grandparent's day.

We had approximately 40 people at Oktoberfest. Everyone had a good time despite the rain, children were

treated to hayrides, everyone enjoyed the bonfire.

New Business: Barb Knuth and Janice Klopfenstein are reviewing material for our congregational Christmas program.

Confirmation will be held Oct. 16th, those being confirmed will be: Hailey Braun, Emma Mullet, and Kirby Coons (students) also Callie Braun, and Eric Childs (adults) will be confirmed.

Other Business: During Sunday school Pastor, has been showing; A Man Named Martin pt. II, the story of the Reformation, which will be October 30th.

VBS theme for 2017 will be "Mighty Fortress."

Board of Outreach:

Trunk r Treat is scheduled for Oct. 29th, we will be handing out doughnuts and apple cider.

The board has asked for an increase in their budget of \$750.00 for next year's Block Party.

Coffee Hour is starting back up; donations of cookies are welcome.

Monthly meeting times have changed to the first Sunday of the month after church service.

The next Outreach projects are: Block Party, Old Settlers and Oktoberfest.

Nominating Committee: Jared Wilkinson read the list of names.

President: Ralph Brooke

Receiving Treasurer: Chuck Cooper

Vice President: Kenny Knuth

Disbursing Treasurer: Jill Coons

Recording Secretary: Joyce Reidt

Recording Treasurer: David Wiehe

Trustees: Ralph Sexton, Daniel Knuth, Eric Childs

Stewardship: these need to be filled.

Elders: Mike Gerbers, Steve Smith, John Myers

Christian Outreach: Peg Brooke, Kim Yann, Monica Koldyke

Christian Education: Janice Klopfenstein, Barb Lahrman, Bonnie Pease, Judy Gilbert

Sunday school Superintendents: Kenny/Barb Knuth

Board of Youth: Laura & Jim Mullett, Jared & Katie Wilkinson, Michael & Callie Braun, Phil & Jill Coons

Nominating Committee: Ralph Brooke, Jared Wilkinson

Jared Wilkinson made the motion to accept the list as presented, Pat Decker 2nd the motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

The fees for the doxology conference in Texas have been paid.

Old Business:

October is Pastor recognition month.

New Business:

Dan Knuth made a motion to raise the church Secretary wage by 25 cents, this would increase her salary from \$ 10.25/hour to \$ 10.50/hour. Chuck Cooper 2nd the motion, motion passed.

To a new line item for \$ 1200.00/year added to the budget for the parking lot. Dan Knuth made the motion and Judy Gilbert 2nd the motion passed.

Peg Brooke made a motion to move the voters meeting from April 16,2017 to April 23, 2017 due to Easter.

Barb Lahrman 2nd the motion passed.

Jerry Lahrman asked us to consider a committee for decorating the church for Christmas as he will not be here. Advent starts December 4th.

Peg Brooke announced that the New Member Welcome Dinner will be held December 4, 2016.

With no other business Joyce Reidt made a motion to adjourn, Barb Lahrman 2nd the motion passed.

Respectively submitted; Joyce Reidt (sec.)



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP November 2016

Thank you to all who so diligently support our Sunday School Mission projects! September and October supports the Rosebud Indian Lutheran Church. Our last collection is October 30th. A total of \$249.62 as of October 23rd.

Many thanks to our OKTOBERFEST family and friends! Over 40 people enjoyed the wiener roast (in the barn) and the hayrides when the rain subsided. A special thanks to Mason, Emerson and Gilliana Knuth for their fabulous decorating skills!

Lessons for November:

6th – “David and Goliath”

20th – “David Becomes King”

13th – “David and Jonathan”

27th – “God Forgives David”

Sunday School STATS – September 2016

Class Attendance: Preschool – 100% (Banner Class); tie for 2nd place Primary and Middle School and High School – 87.5%

Perfect Attendance: Jessalyn Wilkinson, Emerson Knuth and Mason Knuth.



Meeting October 20, 2016. Five members attended the 1 p.m. meeting. President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with prayer. Special requests were for members, Maxine Lott and Joan & Jack Lane.

President Reese continued with two Devotions: Pastor Mommens devotion “Look tot e Fields” as given at the North Zone Rally, and a portrayal of five trees as a skit. The Poplar: (haughty, proud and popular); Maple: (sweet, but a little sticky);

Sycamore: (a complainer); Willow: (constantly bending, changing its mind); and Oak: (strong and firm). Members sang three verses of “Take My Leaves and Let Them Be”.

Business Meeting: The secretary’s September minutes were approved with a motion by Marty Williams and 2nd by Kathaleen Reese. President Reese gave a small treasurer’s report in the absence of Joan Lane. September netted \$48.81 with a total of \$126.78. Only 6 Christmas gifts left. Outstanding expenses for October area for the confirmation gifts and Rally donations. The report was approved with a motion by Lois Duffy and 2nd by Marty Williams. President Reese took 3 quilts and a box of soap to the Lutheran World Relief truck in Ft. Wayne on October 15th. Also, card tops were taken to Passages. Several Get Well cards were sent to the sick.

The Zion Ladies Aid will vote for Treasurer and Vice President in the November 17th meeting. The program will be selected by President Reese.

The Christmas Party will be held again at the Tri-Lakes Restaurant at noon on December 15th.

The Christmas Monetary Gifts approved by members were the same as 2045 except for the change for Worship for Shut-ins and the added Lutheran Indian Ministries in Wisconsin.

LWML North Zone Rally President Reese and Marty Williams reported about the LWML North Zone Rally held on October 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church on St. Mary's in Ft. Wayne. The theme was "Harvest time" and speakers were Marge Gruber and Artes Hartley. 43 attended (3 from Zion). 370 attended the District Convention (22 from the North Zone). Pastor Mommens from St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia City gave the opening and closing Devotions and he blessed the 43 fleece blankets made by Zone churches for the Cherish House Ministries. The Ingathering was taken for the Medical supplies for the next trip to the Guatemala Mission.

2017 Dates: March 31-April 1, LWML Retreat at Shipshewana, IN – Bonnie Hazen and Brenda Walker gave a cute skit (copying the Wizard of Oz) for the theme of "Courage".

The Spring 3-Zone LWML Rally will be hosted by the South Zone.

June 22-25 is the LWML Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

August 19th is the Treat Shop in Carmel, IN.

October – Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City will host the LWML North Zone Rally.

2017 LWML History Facts: The LWML District is 75 years old and LWML Nationwide will celebrate their 500th anniversary.

Pastor Mommens introduced the new District President elect: Nayva Moulder.

Program: Lois Duffy presented the Bible Study taken from the LWML Fall Quarterly entitled "JOY in all circumstances".

James 1:2-3 "Count it all JOY my brothers and sisters when you meet trials of various kinds for you that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness".

Members spoke about the happiness and JOY times like family, healing, joyous visiting and a friendship lost-then found.

Acts 7:54 and 8:4: For our inspiration: The people of the church were scattered at the time of the Stoning of Stephan, but they went then out to Samaria where many were healed and there was great JOY in that city. However, Saul (later St. Paul) was also persecuting the church and trying to destroy it.

Psalm 119:105: David writes "God gives him His light along his path"—the JOY for us also to be secure in His light for our paths.

Acts 1:18: On Jesus Ascension Day: Jesus gave his great commission to his apostles with his promises of the Holy Spirit to come and guide them. It is also for us to do likewise to go out and teach knowing the holy Spirit is with us also.

James 1:12-25: Blessed is the man who perseveres under trials, because then he has stood the test to receive the crown of life God has promised to those who love Him. It keeps us focused on Christ and wanting to thank Him for the JOY of His blessing.

John 15:10-11: Jesus asks us to obey God's commands and remain in His love as he did with His Father commands. He told about this because then the JOY may be in you and your JOY would be complete. Vs. 13: Love can be that great to die for a friend. Jesus died for all of us. Jesus says love one another even as he loves us. It is important to live by faith because it shows to others an example of our faithfulness to Jesus and God gave his promise to be with us while helping others to keep their faith as we show God's grace.

Members shared trials experienced and how it was a faith builder. President Reese read a poem to illustrate these facts. There is no everlasting JOY outside of Christ.

Lois Duffy gave the meanings of two Old Testament passages where JOY of the Lord is our strength and for joyful times in Nehemiah and David wrote that God is more JOY than the new grain or wine abound. In John 16 Jesus talks to his disciples that he knows they will grieve for him a while after he goes to his Father, but

when they see Him again their JOY no one can take away. Romans tells the Gentiles and us that our trust in Christ will fill us with JOY and peace—overflowing with hope by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 6:19-21: Storing up for ourselves with treasures on earth can only show where our hearts are. This is not JOY!

All Members read: Romans 12:19-21. If Jesus knew even then of our tribulations, we will know now that his death and resurrection brings home to us His great love and sacrifice. It is why we believe in Him.

Lois Duffy read the Closing Prayer taken from the Portals of Prayer book in the Wednesday prayer in the Oct-Dec book. It reads of JOY god gives us every day for many reasons.

Fellowship Time: An apple table theme brought apple dumplings served by Marty Williams. Kathaleen Reese won the table prize.



The Oaks:
Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:
Dorothy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick

Those at home:
Tom Auer, Isabelle Fuller, Linda Hobkirk, Gene Klopfenstein, Phyllis Myers, Dortha Marsh, Bill Niedermeyer, John Pullen, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, and Jeannine Slavicek.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Chris Decker, Joshua Rittner, 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 Wednesdays



Thursdays @ 7 pm

NOVEMBER

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

6th – Ralph Sexton
13th – Mike Gerbers
20th – Steve Smith
27th – Mike Gerbers

Acolytes

6th – Zach Wilburn
13th – Hailey Braun
20th – Lily Lane
27th – Emma Mullett

Greeters

6th – Kathaleen Reese
13th – Lois Duffy
20th – Pat Decker
27th – Joyce Reidt

Altar Guild

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ANNIVERSARIES

None



BIRTHDAY'S

2 Tyler Braun	20 Patsy Decker
4 Julie Branning	23 Matthew Degitz
5 Hope Hart	23 Lindsey Lepper
6 Gloria Nimtz	23 Aaron Wilcoxson
6 Sawyer Wilkinson	24 Jacob Zielinski
10 Adalynn Branning	25 Sean Decker
10 Debra Whaley	25 Gretchen Grant
11 Lydia Kyler	25 Sara Sawyer
14 Ashton Steele	28 Angela Kimmel
17 Jennifer Wilcoxson	30 Rick Schneider
19 Kami Wilburn	
19 Linda Gerbers	



BAPTISMS

Andrew Braun	Caleb Roark
Patsy Decker	Morgan Sawyer
Heather Decker	Mary Sexton
Ervin Doehrman	Stephen Smith
Jennifer Foldenauer	David Wiehe
Kurt Goshorn	Martha Williams
Barbara Kieper	
Gloria Nimtz	
Melanie Pressler	



NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Wed. Eve Service 7 pm	3 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am Bible Study 7pm	4	5 Altar Guild 9:30 am
6 All Saints Day S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bd. of Outreach 11:30 am	7	8	9 Wed. Eve Service 7 pm Elders	10 Bible Study 7pm	11	12
13 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Education 11:30 am	14	15 Church Council 7 pm	16 Wed. Eve Service 7 pm	17 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am LWML 1 pm Bible Study 7pm	18	19
TX Conference -----						
20 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	21 Zealant Items Due	22	23 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed No Bible Study	25 Office Closed	26
27 1 st Sunday of Advent S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am	28	29	30 Wed. Advent Service 7 pm			