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*Grace and Peace to All of God's
Children here at Zion!*

Pastor's Page by:

Rev. Charles E. Yunghans, PsyD

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you can see by the accompanying introductory letter from our new pastor, it's time to turn this old cayuse back out to the Lord's pastures, which I trust will be kept green in his appointed part by our new undershepherd. I appreciate all the offers of thanks for my service by many of you, and I wish I could have done a better job of it. Meanwhile, Pastor Jones comes to us with nearly thirteen years of pastoral experience and a zeal for spreading God's Word throughout our ever more indifferent community.

We still have many happy memories of Pastor Stark's service, and so are naturally somewhat uncertain about our future. But can you imagine the uncertainty within the nascent Church when Christ ascended? Or when Saints Peter and Paul were martyred; or among the first Lutherans when Blessed Martin Luther passed away? But no matter how important we think a particular pastor is, he is never irreplaceable in God's plan; and we have our Lord's abiding promise that the gates of hell will never prevail against His Church. He will always send us undershepherds with a fresh take on how to serve the Great Commission in new circumstances.

Above all, He will always bestow on us His Holy Spirit as we gather as an elect people around His Word and sacraments. But that is the key: We must always gather in continual prayer around our Lord's means of grace, sharing in the mutual exhortation and consolation among our brothers and sisters within Christ's mystical Body, the Church. It is when we isolate ourselves and neglect God's Word and Christ's sacraments that all bets are off. So let us all gather around Pastor Jones as he invites us to hear God's Law and Gospel and prepares the Holy Supper and the Bath of spiritual rebirth and proclaims our Lord's Absolution in our midst. And let us do all we can to support him and his family in their material and emotional needs throughout what we hope will be their long time in our midst.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Pastor Charles

Allow me to introduce myself,

My name is Pastor Tim (Timothy Allen) Jones. I grew up moving around the country frequently until my dad retired from the Navy and settled in Minnesota. I consider St. Paul to be my hometown.

I attended Concordia College in St. Paul earning a BA in Environmental Science with a minor in mathematics. More important than earning my degree while at Concordia was the fact that I was blessed to get to know a wonderful young lady who was earning her BA in studio Arts with a minor in psychology. Two weeks after graduating from Concordia, Christine and I were married before the altar of the Lord Jesus Christ. About two years later we were blessed with the birth of Karl, who is now 21, married to Tabby, and looking forward to graduating from Concordia University, Seward in December.

At the time, I was working security for Minnesota Life and Christine was working at various day care centers. I eventually moved into the computer room at Minnesota Life as an operator and from there I was promoted to an analyst. Christine had found a job she liked as the supervisor of the Extend-a-Day program at East St. Paul Lutheran School where she taught the before and after school programs for grades K - 6.

In the spring of 1999 I realized that the Lord was calling me to begin studies for the pastoral ministry. So during the summer of 2000 we moved to Fort Wayne, IN so I could attend classes at Concordia Theological Seminary. After meeting all of the requirements I graduated from the seminary in the spring of 2004, and was blessed with a call to serve as the Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Churches of Bennett and Stanwood, IA.

During my time there, Christine and I were blessed with the ability to adopt Joanna, who is now 11, from Poland. This did require two trips and almost three months of living in Poland. Despite the time and the frustration of wading through the paperwork for two different countries the ability to bring Joanna home as part of our family was worth every bit of the process.

In late 2011 we received the answer to our continued prayers as the Lord allowed our family to grow once again with twin boys, Elijah and Benjamin. We were blessed with the ability to adopt them as frozen embryos and Christine was able to carry them until they were born in February 2012.. Yet in the unfathomable wisdom of God, they were born 3 months premature with Elijah weighing 2lbs 9oz and Benjamin 1lbs 8 oz. Needless to say, they were both immediately put into the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). After 26 days of life in the NICU, Benjamin was called home to the arms of Jesus where He even now awaits the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Elijah remained in the NICU until mid-May when he was strong enough to make the trip home. 5 years later he is a healthy young boy with a lot to say.

The day before the twins were born, we had just unloaded the moving truck in Jefferson, IA where I was called to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. The five years at Trinity have been blessed by the Lord in many different ways. But now it is time to move on to the next stage in life that the Lord has put before us.

It was with great joy that I received and was led to accept the call to serve as your pastor at Zion. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you in the years ahead and pray that the Lord will use me according to his will to proclaim the Word of forgiveness in Christ Jesus to all of you at Zion and to all He allows us to reach out to.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Timothy A. Jones



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Blayde Bowe	5/1
Larry Gale, Jr.	5/1
Linda Murillo	5/1
Phyllis Pangborn	5/3
Doreen Szedlak	5/4
Joe Hakes	5/5
Greg Welke	5/10
Kendra Jaenke	5/12
Clark Benson	5/15
Robert Jacobson	5/15
Rev. Erno Szedlak	5/16
Marlys Jones	5/17
Jeff Arndt	5/27
Regina Arndt	5/27
Jim LaNou	5/28
Reagan Myers	5/30



Remember Our Homebound Members



Mavis Berry	Lila Pahl
Isabel Lenz	Robert Jacobson
Juanita Lueck	

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

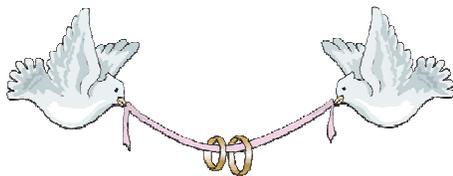


Women's Society met on Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. A table prayer was said. Lois Eichinger and Carol Evenson served a Berry Lemon dessert. It was very delicious!

Pastor Yunghans opened devotions with a prayer. We continued the study of the principles of discernment. We closed with prayer. Twelve members, Pastor, and two guests were present.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 11th at 1:00 p.m. Kathy Heidtke and Sharon Sahr to serve.

Please join us for dessert, devotions and to learn more about our society. Guests are always welcome!



Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Vicki Bellore	5/17/1969
Joe & Barb Calkins	5/22/1976
Matt & Barb Milkert	5/16/1992
Bryan & Becky Myers	5/31/2008
Lance & Ashley Clark	5/10/2014

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS

CLEF, Wade Bellesbach, adopted seminary student, Concordia Theo. Seminary Ft. Wayne, Rev. Daniel Jastram, Pastor Clint Hoff.

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for the support of our Youth Group. We are currently offering \$10 and \$20 Gift Cards. On sale during office hours Tuesday through Friday and also on Sunday mornings.

YOUTH GROUP!



YOUTH NIGHT will be held right after school this Wednesday, May 3rd for any youth 5th grade through 12th grade from 4:30pm till 6:30pm. Carol G. will provide a light supper, we will make summer plans for getting together (Parents make sure we know of your vacation plans) and play some games.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT: Sunday, May 21st will be the last class this school term. To celebrate the children will be playing bells during Worship; we will be having a picnic with games right after the education hour for all families of Zion, right here at church... an opportunity to get to know Pastor Jones & family in an informal setting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the dates ⇒ Sun. July 16 thru July 20 we will hold VBS in the evenings, as we have done for the past few years. Pray about how you can assist in sharing the love of Jesus with children.

Thank you & Board of Ed. & Youth