



### *Pastor's Page by: Rev. Timothy A. Jones*

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. I will meditate on your wonderful works; and I will proclaim your great deeds. (Ps 145:3, 5b, 6b)*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity who provides all that we need at all times and in all situations. He alone is worthy of our worship and praise. He alone provides us with our life and salvation. Our Lord's greatness is beyond understanding. His deeds beyond compare. But that does not mean that we can't see and benefit from His never ending love and grace which He showers upon us each and every day.

Through the words that the Lord God caused the psalmist to write, He reminds us that we should think upon the great and wonderful blessings that He gives to us each day. Each time that you read them remember the continual, limitless wonders that God shows upon us.

Every day that we are on this earth, God blesses us with the breath of life. He blesses us with our food and shelter. He blesses us with our family and friends. He blesses us with all the things that we have. Yes, it is true that not everyone has the same blessings. Some have more, some have less. But that does not change the fact that all that we have is a gift of God, given to us to use for His benefit in accordance to what He has given us.

The level of our physical blessings is in no way a reflection of our spiritual blessings. For we are all blessed in the same way when it comes to our sin and our salvation. We have all been blessed with the forgiveness of sins that Christ Jesus won for us through His innocent sufferings and death upon the cross in our stead. Through that forgiveness, we are blessed with eternal life and salvation, to spend eternity in heaven with our creator whose love and blessings will never end.

The blessing of forgiveness is a free gift from God. It is given through the working of the Holy Spirit who gives us the gift of faith to grasp onto the benefits of forgiveness. Apart from the Spirit, we would only reject our Lord's blessings. Apart from faith, we would scoff at the sacrifice that our Lord has made on our behalf and ignore the greatest blessing that He has given to us.

But praise be to God the Father and His Son, our Savior Christ Jesus. He has provided us with His Holy Spirit so that we might believe. He also has provided the vehicle by which the Spirit works, His Word and Sacraments. We are all blessed with the ability to strengthen our faith through the hearing of His Word and by partaking of His Holy Supper. That is what the psalmist means when he says *I will meditate on your wonderful works*. By reading and hearing God's Word we read and hear of the wonderful things that God accomplishes for us each and every day.

These blessings are so great and wonderful that we cannot help but share them with others. Each and every day God gives to us the opportunities to help proclaim His great deeds. He brings people into our lives who need to hear the Gospel of Christ. He gives us our resources and talents with which we can support the work of our congregation and the church at large. He calls us to live as His children, showing to the world His love and mercy through our words and actions.

When you think about it, it is an awesome and humbling thing that the Lord asks us to do. He asks us to proclaim the message of salvation in Christ to the world, equips us to do it, and then gives us the opportunities. He then works through us despite our reluctance and flaws. The Word is spread despite how bad a witness we sometimes may be. This shows God's greatness, which no one can fathom.

As we go through this summer, don't forget about God's blessings. Don't forget about His wonderful deeds. Above all, don't forget that He has paid the full cost of all of your sins and has called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light so that you might be a witness of His love and grace to the world.

*Blessings in Christ,*

*Pastor Jones*



Karen Ek	8/1
Barbara Berthiaume	8/9
Sam Hunt	8/9
Rev. Charles Yunghans	8/9
Kristina Lyberg	8/14
Bradley Sundell	8/14
Dorothy Liddell	8/16
Anita Dommer	8/24
Matt Milkert	8/28
Bonnie Jacobson	8/29
Gary Jacobson	8/29

**Remember Our Homebound Members**



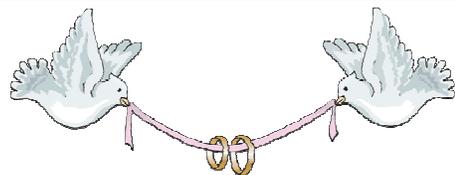
Mavis Berry	Lila Pahl
Robert Jacobson	Juanita Lueck

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**



Women's Society met on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Avalon (Bridgewater Restaurant) for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Twelve members, five guests and Pastor Jones attended. Pastor said a prayer and when lunch was finished we had a short Bible Study. The food was very good and all had a good time!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Lois Eichinger's home at 1819 Luke Place. We will meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. and take as few cars as possible to Lois's. She will be serving BBQ's, chips, salad and a dessert. Please sign up on the sheet outside the office by August 7<sup>th</sup>. All women are welcome to come!



*Happy Anniversary*

Brian & Laurie Schweisthal	8/8/1981
Donald & Anamae Verch	8/8/1959
Tony & Christy Welke	8/11/2000
Jacob & Kristy Heisinger	8/13/2005
Roger & Karen Ewings	8/15/1964
Jeff & Lynn Jaenke	8/15/1998
Mark & Carol Radl	8/16/1969
Rev. Erno & Doreen Szedlak	8/18/1963
Wayne & Barbara Berthiaume	8/19/1972

**PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS**

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

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ANITA DOMMER'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

**AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE:  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> 2017  
1PM – 3PM HERE AT ZION!**



**(NO GIFTS PLEASE)**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP BOARD**

Another Worship in the Park and Potluck Picnic is history. However, this year was a first for Pastor Jones and his family. We thank the Lord above for once again smiling down on us and giving us a beautiful day. Thank you to all who were able to attend the special worship service and for providing the very abundant and delicious picnic food. Everyone seemed to enjoy the grilled chicken the men had prepared. Thank you guys for your time and effort.

It truly was great to see so many taking part in this unique fellowship opportunity. The children added a special touch to the worship service. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make it a memorable Sunday.

## **ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS!!**

Did you know that there is an easy way to help support Zion? It's called Amazon Smile. All you have to do is log into <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0869178> (or go to smile.amazon.com and search for Zion as your designated charity) and shop as you normally would. Every time you do a small percentage of your total purchase price will be donated to Zion. It's simple, easy, and a no strings attached way of helping Zion in her mission to proclaim God's Word to a world in need of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you have any questions about this or for help getting started please contact Pastor Jones and he will gladly help you.

## **YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED IN PLANNING THE DIVINE SERVICE**

Each week there are 20- 30 hymns that go well with the appointed readings and I would like you help and guidance in deciding which ones to use. Over the next several weeks I would like for you to take some time to go through Lutheran Service Book and write down the hymns that you like to sing. Half sheet green forms will be available in the nave and church office for you to fill out and return either to the church office or to me. I will compile a list of Zion's favorites and use that list to help pick the hymns for each service. This does not mean that every hymn sung will be a Zion favorite as there are many wonderful hymns that would be good for us to learn so that they become one of our favorites. But this will help me greatly when planning each service.

Feel free to list as many hymns as you would like.

Thank you for your help. Pastor Jones