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Pastor's



Zion Lutheran
Church
110 East Grand Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI
54799

Shut-In, But Not Shut-Out

Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my sheep." – John 21

We at Zion are blessed to have a healthy flock of Christians. But before I continue, let me first define what I mean by healthy. I don't mean a type of health that is free of sickness, disease, hospital rooms, or nursing homes. A healthy flock IS one that is constantly nurtured by the voice of the Good Shepherd and fed His life-giving flesh, despite a sheep's geographical location or physical condition. Simply put, the visible Church is where the Gospel is preached purely and the Sacraments administered rightly—this is what creates a healthy flock and sustains it.

As you already know, Jesus, The Good Shepherd, has instituted the *Office of Pastor* so that His under shepherds may feed His sheep with His Word and Sacraments. This occurs each week at the Divine Service, but it also occurs in hospital rooms, nursing homes, and retirement residences.

Pastors are Called by God through congregations to preach, teach, and administer the Sacraments. This includes taking the Word and Sacraments to those who can't attend on Sundays. Regardless of the pastor who visits, preaches, or administers the Sacrament, it is the voice of *Christ-The Sender* that matters and not the person or personality of the messenger (This is also demonstrated with the use of vestments and clericals, which cover the messenger and highlight the message - as from the mouth of Christ Himself—by His command and in His stead).

May this correct understanding of the way that Christ feeds His sheep remain always at *Zion*. May we remain a faithful and healthy flock as we are fed by the voice of the Good Shepherd--wherever we are--unto life everlasting.

Sincerely,
Pastor



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL
THE ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO
HAVE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!**

- Mary Stark
- 1/2
- Coila Ziebarth
- 1/6
- Loretta Erickson
- 1/8
- Grant Lyberg
- 1/9
- Kyril Kiutukcief
- 1/13
- Louis Gettler
- 1/16
- Samuel Krarup

♥ **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** ♥
Gerald & Rosie Hoepner

**† WE ASK YOU TO REMEMBER IN OUR
PRAYERS THE HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

- Helen Hempelman
- Irene Kvapil
- Isabel Lenz
- Juanita Lueck
- Myrna Mattisc
- The family of olfgang



ZION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

- Gary & Bonnie Jacobson
- Chuck Hull

BAPTISMS

- Simeon Thomas Stark -
- December 16th

CONFIRMATIONS

- Bonnie Jacobson - December
- 16th
- Chuck Hull - December 16th

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- Gary Jacobson - December
- 16th

FUNERALS

Church Website has some newly added resources. Check it out.

Zion's Overtures for synod that were presented to the voters' assembly have been approved by our board of elders and pastors.

Great Article on Islam published by Blogia, the blog of Logia, which is a journal of Lutheran Theology written by our very own Rev. Charles Ernest Yunghans.

RADIO & FLOWERS:

If you would like to furnish altar flowers or sponsor a radio broadcast for a special occasion please call the office. **Altar flowers** are **\$30.00** at Gordys if **you pick up** yourself or **\$40.00** if you would like them **delivered** to the church. You also may bring your own flowers. There is a flower chart in the church on the left of the door as you enter from the education wing. Sign your name by the date you would like to furnish flowers. **The radio broadcast is \$76.00.** Call the office if you would like to furnish a broadcast or have any questions about flowers or the broadcast. You may

A MESSAGE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP BOARD:

A special thank you to all who joined us for the potluck brunch following the children's Christmas Program. We are always pleased when our tables are full. Thanks to those that brought food items. As usual there was a great selection of delicious dishes to choose from. So many of you stayed to help with the clean up. All of your efforts are so greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoyed this special festive fellowship opportunity. The board

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS:

The Women's Society held their final meeting of the year on Thursday, December 13th. We met at 11:30 a.m. to fill the cookie tins for the shut-ins. The meal followed at 12:30 p.m. Fourteen members and seven guests attended. We had a Christmas hymn sing and Carol Evenson read two of her poems. A special thanks to Lyn Brace for playing for us. Several members and guests then proceeded with trimming the Christmas tree and decorating the church proper. It was an enjoyable fellowship time. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 10th. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at church. Geneva Emanuel will be hostess. Ladies if you

YOUTH RETREAT:

The Youth Retreat in St. Croix Falls, WI at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on March 8-9 from 5pm - 5pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Lucas Woodford speaking on *The Totally Awesome Mission of God: Salvation, Congregation, and Vocation.* **Cost is \$30 per person and only \$70 for a family.** This includes the cost of going tubing at Wild Mountain Ski Resort and Dinner on Friday and Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to see that there are indeed other youth who believe what the Word teaches! Friends are welcome. We need to let Rev. Gerald Heinecke know how many will be attending soon. For more information speak with

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in joining the choir please speak with Lyn Brace.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

We plan to install our newly elected and appointed congregational officers during the worship service on

2013 Ballot of Officers and Boards

Elected (E) Serving (S) /Appointed (A)

President: Tony Welke (E)

Vice President: Greg Leland (E)

Congregational Sec.: Mandy Schoelzel (A)

Elders: Herman Sahr (E), Gerald Hoepfner (S), Jerry Clark (A), Tom Bove (E)

Trustees: Ed Heidtke (E), Scott Ziebarth (S), Steve Taylor (A), Jim Walton (A)

Evangelism: Sharon Sahr (S), Doreen Szedlak (A), Arlene Potts (A), Marilyn Brace (A)

Education: Pam Rose (E), Amanda Ziebarth (S), Lynn Amundson (A)

Fellowship: Cookie Ziebarth (E), Ann Verch (A), Carol Evenson (E), Lois Eichinger (A),
Jan Blair (E), Rosa Blake (A)

Stewardship: Sarah Bove (E), Rita LaNou (A), Rosie Hoepfner (E), Kathy Michels (E)

Trust Fund: All appointed: Tony Welke, Jim LaNou, Jim Walton, Pastor Karl Rose,
Sharon Sahr, Greg Leland

2013 CONVENTION OVERTURES

At the last Voters' assembly our congregation voted to send in overtures to the LCMS convention, upon pastors and elders approval. They have now been approved and will be sent. Below are the titles of the 8 overtures. A copy of all the overtures will be kept in the church office for anyone interested.

- 1. To Request that Synod State that Women are not to Have Authority Over Men in the Church Even in Humanly Established Offices**
- 2. To Reject and Condemn Errant Communion Practices**
- 3. To Reaffirm that the Standard for Pastoral Admission to the Lord's Supper remains Full Agreement in All Articles of Christian Doctrine.**
- 4. To Declare it Contrary to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions to Join in Prayer with Those who Deny Jesus Christ is the Only Way to the True God**
- 5. To Ask the CTCR and Seminaries to Evaluate Transforming Churches Network**
- 6. To Address the Nature of the Pastoral Office and the Unbiblical Removal of Men from that Office**

7. To Address Lay Ministry according to the Lutheran Confessions and the Constitution of the LCMS

8. To Ask the CTCR and Seminaries to Evaluate our Fellowship with The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC)

NEW ADULT INFORMATION CLASS STARTING JANUARY 27TH

Members of Zion, if you know someone who is interested in learning more about our congregation, please share the announcement below. Members, you are welcome to sit in as hearers of the class if you would like.

The purpose of the class is to teach what we believe, teach, and confess here at Zion Lutheran Church as part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. To accomplish this task I will primarily teach from the Bible and Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. The class is designed so that you are free to ask questions when they arise. The class is for informational purposes and is not intended to pressure anyone into becoming a member. However, if you decide that you are in agreement with our teachings, I am happy to proceed with confirmation and membership upon completion of the class.

We will begin the class Sunday, January 27, aiming to meet once a week at 11:15 a.m. for an hour or so, for about 15 weeks. The final day and time will depend on the schedules of those interested.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, or have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ,

Pastor T. Clint Stark
PastorStark@gmail.com
715-379-3236 (cell)

LWML NEWS:

Attention all ladies in our congregation. If you would like to attend the 35th Biennial National Convention of LWML in Pittsburgh, PA here is some information for you. The dates are: **June 27 - 30, 2013.** Our District: North Wisconsin has scheduled Charter Buses to take us there. We do need to register by mail or e-mail to Judy Pelot by JAN 1. The cost of the Bus trip will be \$180 plus the cost of a shared hotel room for two nights. They have reserved hotels: 1 night for the trip to PA and 1 night for the trip back. The bus will leave on Tuesday, June 25. This will get us to Pittsburgh with plenty of time to un-pack; possibly do a couple of side tours in the area; get a good nights rest; and take part in Servant Events-if you choose. The bus will leave right after the convention ends on Sunday, June 30. We will arrive back home on Monday July 1, in plenty of time to celebrate Independence Day with our families. For more details, check the LWML Bulletin Board --in the up-stairs hall. OR speak with Carol Gale, Pres. In addition to the costs of the bus will be: Convention Registration \$180, Meals, your share of a Hotel stay

in Pittsburgh, and of course any side trips or souvenirs which you may want. (However, anyone riding on the Bus will not need to reserve a hotel, as this will already be selected at charges less than the "Convention Hotels".) Our Charter Buses will serve as shuttles, getting us back and forth from our out-lying rooms. More details regarding the actual convention are in the Quarterly. The magazine is in the office, available NOW to anyone who is interested in attending...the remaining copies will be handed out as usual with our January meeting. Again if you have concerns, or questions find Carol Gale or Dottie Neuman. Our next LWML meeting will be on Tues. Jan 15, 2013 at 7pm. *All ladies from 8 to 80+ are invited to attend...transportation can be provided.* We will be learning more about the Convention, hopefully getting all our registration questions answered; We will be in a Bible Study, collecting money to send off to both our Seminaries to support new Students; making plans for the coming year and electing a Vice-President and Christian Life Leader for the next two years. Hopefully, we will find a 22 - 35 year old woman to nominate to represent our North Wisconsin District. Doreen Szedlac will be serving refreshments.