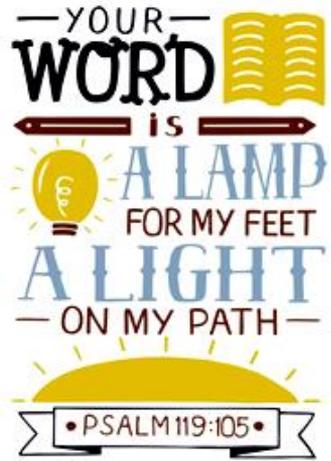


**Zion Lutheran Church
410 Main Street South
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PASTOR'S LETTER

The first time we went to Lutheran Island Camp, many years ago, we failed to bring a flashlight. It never occurred to us that we might need one, and most of the time, we didn't. But the first night, we went to the evening campfire while the sun was setting and headed back to our cabin after the sun had set. We needed a flashlight. We found ourselves in very dark conditions walking across a swamp on a boardwalk about 3 feet wide with no rails. It was a slow and anxious trip.



The next day I took a look at that boardwalk. It was wider than I had thought, and the swamp wasn't nearly as swampy as I had imagined. Everything is better in the light.

There's a big world out there, and sometimes it's pretty dark. Sin, sickness, and death are constant realities. Often, the right path is hard to see.

But everything is better in the light, and God's Word provides that light. As we begin a new education year, please consider receiving some instruction in the Word. Sunday school and our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, "Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation" will begin on September 12. Our Sunday evening study, "Unchanging Truth in Changing Times" will continue at 6:00 each Sunday.

And, of course, God's Word is proclaimed in worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

There's no need to wander around in darkness and fear. God's Word is the light to our path. See you in church.

Pastor Kleppe

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting: *Minutes of 9 August 2021*

Attending: Larry Anderson, Bill Casby, Pastor Kleppe,
Tom Kuseske, Jerry Lotz, Karen Meyer, Steve Olson
Absent: Chad Fedder, Tom Martini, Richard Moeding,
Scott Ovick, Bruce Westerman

The meeting was brought to order by Vice President Jerry Lotz at 7:02 PM at the church. Pastor opened with devotions and prayer, based on Acts 17:22-25. Our job today is the same as it was for Paul. People want to believe there is something bigger than themselves, and we are to tell others about the one true God.

*A proposal from Church Mutual Insurance was presented by representative Chad Rickman. The various coverages were discussed. The trustees will review further and may seek additional assistance.

The **Secretary's Report** of 12 July 2021 was transmitted previously via e-mail. Motion made and seconded (MMS) to approve. Carried.

The **Treasurer's Reports** were distributed previously via e-mail. The income for July was \$9,479.90 and expenses were \$15,747.44, which reflects a shortage of \$6,267.54. Expenses were higher, partially attributed two three payrolls in July, but giving was also down. Pray that offerings will increase. MMS to approve. Carried. (Detailed financial information is available at the office.)

The **Pastor's Report** was presented. Worship services continue to be available on YouTube (Glen Kleppe), our church website (zionpinecity.org) and Facebook.

*Friendship Sunday went well with four visitors. We will plan to do this again.

*Holy Cross Sunday will be on September 12th and we are asked to wear the cross made by Jerry Carlson or another cross. More will be available that Sunday if you have not received one.

*On October 10th, we will celebrate Easter. Alleluia, He is Risen!

*Our "What About" Bible study is being attended by 7-10 participants. Additional topics are being suggested, which is good. The first bonfire occurred last evening. Additional topics are being suggested, which is good.

*Linda has been working on Sunday School, which will begin on Rally Day, September 12th. Two groups will be formed with a younger group, and one ages 7-12.

*Adult Bible study will resume also.

*In lieu of our Annual Sweet Corn Feed, we will host an Ice Cream Social on August 21st. We want everyone to know the place to be on the third Saturday in August is Zion Lutheran Church!

*As covid cases are once again on the increase, we are comfortable in the safety precautions we are currently taking and ask everyone to be conscious and careful. MMS to approve. Carried.

Committee Reports:

***Endowment** had no report.

***Evangelism** continues to provide a monthly meal for *A Place For You* and asks for everyone's participation in this mission project. Planned special Sundays are mentioned in Pastor's report.

***LWML** sent over 90 pairs of shoes to Lutheran Island Camp and thanks everyone for their support.

*The rummage sale was successful with approximately \$850 raised. Thanks for the contributions and the supporting workers. The woman's "Praise Party" will be held October 2nd, and LWML Sunday on October 3rd.

***Pre-school** currently has three openings. The committee will meet tomorrow night.

***Worship, Music, and Arts** had a good first organizational meeting to identify their purpose and work on structure. They also welcomed Josh Strehlo as our new Choir Director. They will meet again Sunday morning, August 15th
MMS to approve committee reports. Carried.

Trustees:

-Work has begun on the parsonage garage foundation and should be completed this week.

-The parsonage garage door and opener also need to be replaced. We will get a quote from Hassler for a standard, non-insulated garage door, including rails.

-Steve has installed the new shower in the upstairs bathroom at the parsonage. Hopefully work will be completed soon. Two holes in the ceiling in the basement will also need to be repaired.

-A time will be selected for chair maintenance when the ordered tips arrive.
MMS to approve trustee report. Carried.

Old Business:

*Work continues to develop committees identified in our constitution. Once established, the committee to develop 5 Year Plan could be made up of representatives from existing committees.

*Tom M is working on the moving of handicap signs.

*The Lion's food stand at the fair went well. Five workers on the first shift and seven workers on the second and third shifts seem to be a good number. Thanks to all our workers! The Zion aprons were worn.

New Business:

*The possibility of starting a Men's Group was discussed. Along with Bible studies, they could assist in various church projects. Along with this, hosting other functions, such as spaghetti dinner, were discussed.

*Steve will get quotes for snow removal for review at our next meeting.

*Carpet cleaning was discussed. Karen will get quotes from professional cleaners to see if affordable. If not, the Meyers will proceed with the cleaning.

*The next voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, 17 October.

MMS to adjourn at 8:53 PM. Carried. We closed with the Lord's prayer.

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Submitted in service to Him, Karen Meyer

September Birthdays

Dennis Sundermeyer	9/17
Tom Martini	9/17
Steve Ovick	9/23



September Anniversaries

Darell & Sandy Williamson	9/3
Andy & Lisa Westernen	9/30



September Servants of Zion

Offering Counters

Barbara Carlson	9/7
Dallas Carpenter	9/13
JoAnn Breska	9/20
Stepheny Lotz	9/27

Elder Schedule

Jerry Lotz	9/5
Tom Kuseske	9/12
Chad Fedder	9/19
Scott Ovick	9/26

Acolytes

Eli Fromm	9/5
Lincoln Gullerud	9/12
Corben Fedder	9/19
Chas Maloney	9/26

Ushers: Jerry Lotz, Jerry Carlson, Bill Casby,
Keith Strehlo

Altar Guild: Karen Teich & Heidi Pogones

Zion's Evangelism Committee

We are serving on September 24th for A Place For You please sign up if you can help us serve! Thank you in advance. The Evangelism Committee still collecting necessity items for A PLACE FOR YOU (Homeless Shelter). There is a box in the front entry of the church or if you prefer to make a cash contribution towards purchasing the items, please see one of the Evangelism Committee members.

Thank you so much to those who have already given!

ITEMS NEEDED: Paper Towels; All-purpose cleaner (for a mop bucket); Toothpaste; Dental Floss; Shaving Cream, (men's and women's); Deodorant; Canned Soups; Milk; Hand Lotion (to have in individual rooms); Juices: Orange, Apple; Water; Shower Curtains; Non-latex exam gloves (office use); Flip flops (residents use in shower, various sizes)

Zion Lutheran Endowment Fund~

You can contribute weekly to the Endowment Fund in the collection plate by noting that your donation is going to the Endowment Fund. There is still an organ available if you are interested or know of anyone interested please contact Bob Thompson. A small increase in weekly giving will affect the fund greatly if everyone gives! Thank you to this Committee for their continued work!



LWML UPDATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

LWML– *September 9th*
meeting at 1:00p.m.

***All Women are welcome!**



Holy Cross Sunday *September 12th*

A big celebration for the start of fall activities and Education Hour following the worship service.

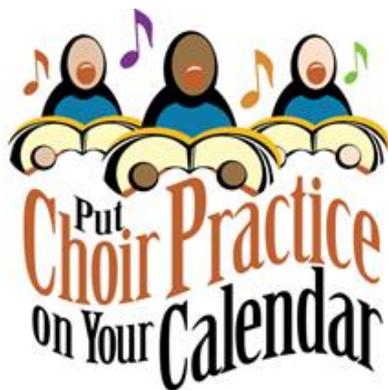
Worship/Communion 9am
Sunday School 10:30am

Adult Bible Study 10:30am
Bible Study 6pm



Easter Sunday **October 10th**

Easter Breakfast 8am
Worship/Comm 9am



Zion Lutheran Choir
is returning with
rehearsals on

September 19th 8-8:30am,
September 26th 8-8:30am,
& October 3rd 8-8:30am.

The choir will be singing for Easter on **October 10th at 9am!** Josh Strehlo will be directing if you have any questions, please call him at **320-496-5986**. All ages, levels of abilities and experience are welcome to join us! Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Wednesday, Sept 1st-
Worship, Music & Arts 7pm

Sunday, Sept 5th-
Worship/Communion 9am
Jastram D.O.

Monday, Sept 6th-
Evangelism Committee
7pm

Thursday, Sept 9th-
LWML Meeting 1pm

HOLY CROSS

Sunday, Sept 12th-
Worship/Communion 9am
Food Shelf D.O.;
Education Hour 10:30am;
Bible Study 6pm

Monday, Sept 13th-
1st Day of Growing in Grace
Elder Meeting 6pm;
Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, Sept 15th-
Confirmation 5:30pm

Sunday, Sept 19th-
Choir 8am;
Worship/ Communion 9am;
Education Hour 10:30am;
Bible Study 6pm

Wednesday, Sept 22nd-
Confirmation 5:30pm

Friday, Sept 24th-
A PLACE FOR YOU MEAL

Sunday, Sept 26th-
Choir 8am;
Worship/Communion 9am
Education Hour 10:30am
Bible Study 6pm

Wednesday, Sept 29th-
Confirmation 5:30pm