

AUGUST BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Julia Ovick	8/6
Herb Fedder	8/7
Dianne Deutschlander	8/9
Rhea Bloomquist	8/9
Todd Linder	8/14
Ryan Ovick	8/16
Andrew Olson	8/17
Luann Peterson	8/25
Andy Westernen	8/27
Miriam Fromm	8/27
Jerry Lotz	8/28



ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Teddi Thompson	8/10
Clinton & LaVerne Teich	8/20



AUGUST SERVANTS 2023: SERVANTS OF ZION

ELDERS

Ryan Ovick	8/6
Chad Fedder	8/13
Jeremiah Slama	8/20
Jerry Lotz	8/27

USHERS

Steve Ovick; Scott Ovick
Bill Casby; Tom Martini

OFFERING COUNTERS

Dallas Carpenter	8/7
JoAnn Breska	8/14
Stephney Lotz	8/21
Karen Meyer	8/21



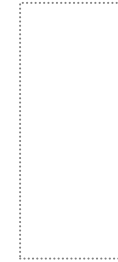
ALTAR GUILD

The Lotz Family

LAWN MOWING

Steve Olson	7/30-8/5
Kleppe Family	8/6-8/12
Scott Ovick	8/13-8/19
Maloney Family	8/20-8/26

God IS IN *control*
AND *His Timing* IS PERFECT



Zion Lutheran Church

410 Main Street South

Pine City, MN 55063

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 WORSHIP 7PM	3	4 WORK AT THE PINE COUNTY FAIR	5
6 WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9AM BIBLE STUDY 9AM	7 <i>NO EVANGELISM MEETING</i> PRESCHOOL MEETING 6PM,	8  INTERNATIONAL CAT DAY	9 WORSHIP/COMM 7PM	10 LWML MEETING 1PM	11	12
13 WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9AM BIBLE STUDY 9AM	14 ELDER MEETING 6PM COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	15	16 WORSHIP 7PM	17	18	19
20 WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9AM BIBLE STUDY 10:30AM <i>INSTALLATION @ LIVING BRANCH 3PM</i>	21	22	23 WORSHIP/COMM 7PM	24	25	26
27 <u>*NEW WORSHIP TIME!</u> WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 8:30AM BIBLE STUDY 10:00AM	28	29	30 WORSHIP/COMM 7PM	31		

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What are we doing here and is it the right thing to do?

The church should constantly be asking this question, but how do we find answers? Is the answer found in financial security? That's important in ministry but it isn't the guideline we use to judge what we do. Is the answer found in full pews? That's important as well, but again it isn't the yardstick by which we measure our ministry.

The Apostle Paul once wrote, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Our salvation is based on faith, and since the church is about salvation, faithfulness is what we use to judge what we do. Are we being faithful to the Word of God and what God has called us to do?

The work of the church is probably best summarized in Matthew 28:18-20, which we sometimes call the Great Commission. We are called to make disciples. A disciple is someone who learns from, follows, and imitates another. As the church we learn from Christ, follow Him, and imitate Him, to the best of our abilities. But Jesus is clear, not only are we to BE disciples, we are to MAKE disciples.

Here Jesus is very specific on how this is done. We baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and we teach them to obey the commands of Jesus. We have come to know this as Word and Sacrament ministry.

Baptism and teaching are largely accomplished through the worship life of the congregation. We draw people into our worship life through our witness, and there we baptize them into the family of God. It is in worship that our most important teaching takes place through the liturgy and the reading, singing, and preaching of God's Word. Although Bible study is very important, worship is the life of the church.

It is also in worship that we obey God in the most important way as we take and eat the body and blood of Jesus as He commanded us to do.

We have decided to partner with Living Branch Lutheran Church in North Branch in carrying out Word and Sacrament ministry. I'm not sure of all of the options they had, but we were certainly a good option, and I'm glad that we have accepted the call. We have agreed to financially help them by sharing a pastor (me) so that their ministry continues.

Will I be unable to do some of the things that I Have done in the past? Certainly, although at this point, I'm not sure what those things are. But, most importantly, we will be making disciples by baptizing and teaching both here and in North Branch.

What is your part in this? Continue to support the work of Zion. Continue contributing financially to our work. This new financial agreement will enable us to give more to missions and spend money on outreach to our own community. Continue working. If you see something that is important that I used to do but I'm not anymore, step up and do it. Or if it is a pastoral function, call it to my attention and don't just talk to others about it.

I am convinced that the work of Zion will continue, and the change will be hardly noticeable. In addition, we will be contributing to some very important work 20 miles to the south of us.

Jesus added two important things to His Commission. First, He has all authority. We do His work with His power under His control. Never forget that. Second, He is with us always. We don't work in a vacuum; we are partnered with the God of creation.

Under His leadership we will go forward, making disciples. We've done it for 139 years; we'll do that until Christ returns.

God bless your part in this new endeavor.

See you in church.



Zion Lutheran
July 10th Council Meeting Minutes

*Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Pastor Kleppe, Karen Althoff, Ryan Ovick, Chad Fedder, Jerry Lotz, Jeremiah Slama, Steve Olson & Larry Anderson.

Members Absent: Keith Strehlo, Bob Thompson, Scott Ovick & Tom Martini.

*Opened with Prayer and Devotion from 1 Peter 1:24-25. Things that can happen, things getting worse. Flesh withers and falls, the word stands forever his promise never fails. Savior is alive to keep praises.

Secretary's Report- This was shared prior to the meeting electronically. Motion made to accept the report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Offerings down a bit while expenses were up due to missed Concordia payment last month. For the month we show a loss of -\$8300 but on the year we are showing a positive \$3000. Detailed financial reports available in office. Motion to accept report, motion seconded and passed.

Pastor's Report:

*Our YouTube channel is Glen Kleppe. We continue to put services on the channel every week. It is accessible directly or through our church website, zionpinecity.org or through our Facebook page. Now we will return to Wednesday service matching the following Sunday. Please consider attending this service if you are going to be gone on the following Sunday.

*I'm continuing the study on the book, "Dare to be Different." Please stay for the study if you can. It's important that our Church sets a good example in Bible Study.

*VBS is set for July 17-20. Tracy Gullerud will be the Leader. The staff is good and most of the supplies have been obtained. We're ready to go.

*The youth will serve Art in the Park on July 21st. They would like donated pies.

*We will decide on the Dual Parish agreement on July 23, at the Voter's meeting. The agreement is available for everyone to read it.

*Can someone look into our key list?

Upcoming dates:

July 17th-20th- Vacation Bible School

July 21st- Youth Serve Art in the Park

August 4th- Zion is working the Lions booth at the Fair.

Motion to accept Pastor's report, Motion seconded, Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism- No Meeting. Friendship Sunday in September

Endowment- No meeting.

LWML- Meeting coming up Thursday July 13th.

Preschool- 3 openings, however a new student is signing up per email from Mrs. Preston. Know of anyone needing a Preschool share that we have two openings. Right now class has 11 boys and 5 girls with the new student signing up. Mrs. Preston hopes to have a couple more girls sign up.

Worship, Music & Arts- No Meetings.

Youth Group- Serving Art in the Park on Friday, July 21st. Looking for pie donations (need around 50 pies). Chad & Casey stepping down from leading High School Bible studies. We thank them for their service and time in doing so.

Men's Group- No meeting.

Trustee's Report:

*Shingles off back again. After deciding at last meeting to put siding up it was reconsidered and we will try tacking up shingles one more time and see if they remain on time.

*Parsonage Garage Repair Ongoing item. Will be taken care of.

*Larry is going to do work on sidewalk at Parsonage.

*Some trees at parsonage need to be cleaned up or cut down eventually. Will have Obi take a look at this.

Motion to accept Committee and Trustee reports, motion seconded and motion passed.

Old Business:

*Strategic Planning- We will continue discussing this more as we move forward.

New Business-

*Dual Parish Agreement- the agreement is finished and ready to present to the Voters at July 23rd Voters Meeting. Plan to attend this meeting.

*Constitution Amendments/Rewrite- Committee met and reviewed this. Areas that needed further revision were addressed. Ready to read to the Voters at July 23rd meeting.

*Key list updating- we need to update the list of those that have keys to church and the number that is on their key. Ryan Ovick will make some calls to check on this. Discussed other options as well such as possibly re-keying the doors. We will work first to try to locate keys and update list and revisit at next months Council meeting.

Minutes typed and respectfully submitted by Jerry Lotz



*Please Join Us For the Installation of
Reverend Glen Kleppe As Pastor of
Living Branch Lutheran Church
August 20th , 3:00 p.m.*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” ~Matthew 28:19*

Living Branch Lutheran Church
6486 Elm Street; North Branch, MN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- * All Zion Members are invited to the installation of Pastor Kleppe at Living Branch Lutheran Church on August 20th at 3:00pm.
- * New Sunday Morning Schedule will start on August 27th. With worship at 8:30am & Bible study at 10:00am. Please mark your calendars
- * Rally Sunday will be on September 10th, 2023 starting with worship at 8:30am. Sunday School and Fall Bible Study will start following that at 10:00am!
- * Friendship Sunday will be on September 24th. Please start to think about who you can invite and how you can start those discussions!
- * The Corn Feed has been cancelled for 2023 due to lack of good produce. Please pray for rain next year!
- * The Sunday School year begins on September 10th. If you are interested in helping out, contact Katy Ovick.
- * The Church Council is in need of a couple of Trustees (in charge of buildings and grounds) and a Secretary to take and publish meeting minutes. If you can help out, talk to Council President Jerry Lotz or Pastor Kleppe.