Zion Lutheran Church
410 Main Street South
Pine City, MN 55063

We've just finished another school year. Our kids have learned about how to work math problems and how to punctuate a sentence and what was the cause of the Revolutionary War and why we have an appendix. If I learned that last one, I've forgotten it.

They don't learn about God.

It's interesting, sad, even tragic that our children don't learn in school about the most important thing. If you don't know God, math isn't going to help you a whole lot. You can learn history about the Revolutionary War, but do you know the history of the church and how the gospel has fared in the world? You can punctuate a sentence correctly but that doesn't help you if it isn't the truth.

It's up to us to teach the important stuff.

Now when I say us, I mean me as pastor, parents who still have children in their homes, and the other members of the church who bear some responsibility for the children that God has placed into our midst. It's up to us to teach the important stuff.

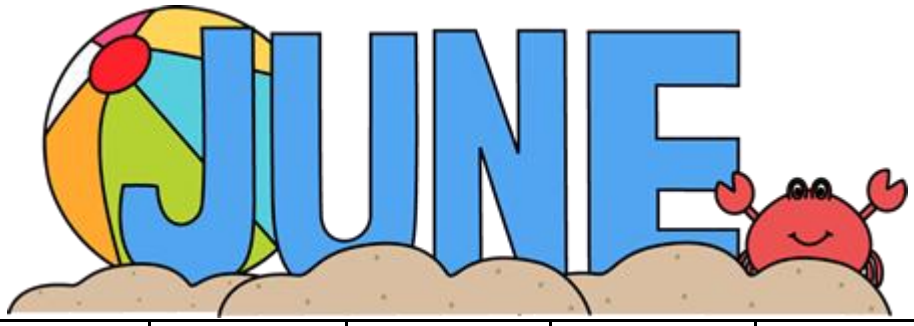
That's why we have Sunday school. It's important. If you're asked to help with it, you probably should; it's the responsibility of the church.

This month we have vacation Bible school. That's important too. Don't brush it off like it doesn't matter. Help out however you can. Bring your children. If you don't have any children, find some in the neighborhood or relatives.

The schools take the summer off, but the Church of Jesus Christ doesn't. We continue the important task of learning for ourselves and telling the next generation.

See you in worship.

Pastor Kleppe



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Endowment **6:00pm** VBS Meeting **7:00pm**	2 Bible Study **9am**	3 Worship **7:00pm**	4	5	6 Women's Group **8:30am-10am**
7 Worship/ Communion **8:00am** *Jastram D.O.* Corn Feed Meeting **9:15am**	8 Elders **6:00pm** Council **7:00pm**	9 Bible Study **9:00am**	10 Worship & Communion **7:00pm**	11 LWML Meeting **1:00pm**	12	13 VBS Decorating **9:00am**
14 Worship/ Communion **8:00am** *Food Shelf D.O.*	15 VBS 5:30-8pm	16 Bible Study **9:00am** VBS 5:30-8pm	17 Worship **7:00pm** VBS 5:30-8pm	18 VBS 5:30-8pm	19	20
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Worship/ Communion **8:00am**	22	23 Bible Study **9:00am**	24 Worship & Communion **7:00pm**	25	26	27
28 Worship/ Communion **8:00am**	29	30				

Stay in the Word SUMMER

Every Tuesday @ 9:00am

We are studying

Great Women of the Bible

Join us any week to see what we're all about and bring a friend! All are welcome!

I want to extend a huge thank you to all the faithful volunteers who so graciously gave of their time and talents to help make the rummage sale a success. It was very much appreciated.

The proceeds from the sale were: **$838.00**
These monies will be donated to the following Organizations:

APFY:	**$200.00**
Pregnancy Resource Center:	**$100.00**
Jastram:	**$200.00**
Food Shelf:	**$100.00**
Mites:	**$200.00**

Also, thank you to all who donated items for the sale. This sale could not have happened without all of you. And a special thank you to Katy, who did an excellent job advertising this sale for us.

SERVANTS OF ZION

ALTAR GUILD
The Lotz Family

ELDERS

Keith Strehlo	6/7
Chad Fedder	6/14
Jerry Lotz	6/21
Scott Ovick	6/28

USHERS
Larry Anderson
Dallas Carpenter
Steve Corey
Keith Strehlo

OFFERING COUNTERS

Stepheny Lotz	6/1
Jeanne Casby	6/8
Verna Carpenter	6/15
Stepheny Lotz	6/22
Jeanne Casby	6/29

serve
Being God's hands and feet

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Kim Martini	6/6
Steve & Marsha Olson	6/8
Ron & Gail Smetana	6/8
Glen & Linda Kleppe	6/16
Dennis & Janet Sundermeyer	6/28

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Larry Anderson	6/7
Megan Olson	6/11
Angela Sikora	6/12
Dawson Slama	6/26
LaVerne Teich	6/26
William Patzoldt Sr.	6/29
Jennifer Strehlo	6/29

*If any information is incorrect or missing please let the office know. Thank you!

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
National Mission

June Newsletter Articles

LCMS Worker Wellness

Do you know what a DCE is? DCE stands for director of Christian education. They serve as lifespan ("cradle to grave") Christian educators, who typically serve within congregations and their ministries. Through their leadership and service, they assist and support pastors as they teach the faith to children, youth and adults. A DCE can become certified through several of the Concordia universities. June 26th is DCE Appreciation Day. If you have been blessed by the care and teaching of a DCE, June is a great month to reach out and show them your gratitude! Visit *lcms.org/workerwellness* for more details!

LCMS Family Ministry

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

"Jesus is Lord" may seem like a simple statement, and yet in it is the heart of what we believe. There are many accounts and doctrines in the Scriptures, and the creeds offer a simple explanation. Every time that we speak the Apostles' Creed we are confessing what we believe and it is ingrained into our hearts. Everyone in your household can memorize this Creed. You can then say it as a part of your routine as you have devotions as an individual or as a family. Our faith is reinforced on Sundays when we speak the Creed with our church family and also each day in our homes in our devotions.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What Do You Want? *Originally published June 2023*

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

Zion Lutheran
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11th, 2026

Members Present: Jerry Lotz, Keith Strehlo, Chad Fedder, Steve Corey & Karen Althoff.

Members Absent: Pastor Kleppe, Larry Anderson, Scott Ovick, Tom Martini & Jeremiah Slama.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Jerry opened the meeting with Prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 13th, 2026 Council Meeting were read. No corrections or questions needed. Motion by Chad Fedder, seconded by Steve Corey to accept the Secretary's Report, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen shared printed reports and reviewed them. Income for the month was $15,417.69, expenses for the month were $18,698.15, we showed a net loss of $-3,280.46. The checking account balance was $17,394.37. Motion made by Chad Fedder, seconded by Keith Strehlo to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Read By Jerry Lotz
***** 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. We have also added announcements to the YouTube channel. We show them on Sunday morning or you can look at them online.
*****Our program on WCMP has been cancelled.
*****My midweek Bible Study, "I'm a Lutheran, So What?, will not be held this week. I will teach it on May 21st and 28th and then it will be done.
*****VBS will be held June 15th-18th. There will be a supper served at 5:30 and VBS will be @ 6 to 8. Please contact Marsha Olson if you can help.
*****There is a group working on having a corn feed later this Summer.
*I will be doing a sermon series this Summer based on the Lord's Prayer. It will begin on June 7th.
*****I'm putting together a list of small projects around the church that volunteers could do.

<u>Upcoming Dates:</u>
*June 7th- Summer Sermon Series begins; June 15th-18th- Vacation Bible School
*July 24th- Men's Club serving at Art in the Park.
Motion made by Keith Strehlo, seconded by Steve Corey to accept Pastor's Report, Motion Passed.

<u>Committee Reports:</u>
***Evangelism:**
Gave out Mother's Day Gifts, Celebrating Birthdays on Sunday, May 31st during Fellowship.
***Endowment:** Nothing new to report, Committee made good progress on reviewing By-Laws.
***LWML:** Working on Pillow Case Dresses that will be donated. Held a Garage Sale during City Wide Garage Sale weekend.
***Preschool:** Graduation on Friday, May 15th. There are 6 openings that remain for next year.
***Men's Group:** Art in the Park serving Hamburgers on Friday, July 24th.
***Women's Group:** Continue to meet and have conversation, fellowship and prayer.
***Dual Parish:** Hoping to meet soon to make plans for Summer Dual Parish Service/Meeting/Picnic.
***Personnel:** Nothing to Report

***Trustee's Report:** Waiting on a bid from Scott Jahnz for the lighting project in the Sanctuary. Motion by Chad Fedder, seconded by Steve Corey to approve Committee Reports, Motion passed.

Old Business:
***Church Audit-** Possibly complete it in June.
***Constitution-** Endowment is working on their By-Laws so they can forward it on to the Constitution framework. We hope to have the Constitution updated and ready to read again at the July Voter's Meeting.
***Lights in Sanctuary**- addressed under the Trustee's Report.

New Business:
*Lions Hamburger Booth- Friday, July 31st, 2026. Dallas was contacted regarding if Zion would be interested in working the Lions Hamburger Booth at the Fair.
*Will work to try to find volunteers to fill this.
*Next Council Meeting- Monday, June 8th, 2026 @ 7 p.m.
*Voter's Meeting- Monday, July 20th, 2026 @ 7 p.m.
Motion by Chad Fedder, seconded by Steve Corey to adjourn the meeting, Motion passed.

***Meeting Closed with the Lord's Prayer.**
***Minutes typed and submitted respectfully by Jerry Lotz**
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DAILY GOSPEL READINGS FOR SUMMER! ~ Stay in the Word this Summer

☐	**Day 1**	Matthew 1; Matthew 2	☐ **Day 16**	Mark 3; Mark 4	☐ **Day 31**	Luke 17; Luke 18
☐	**Day 2**	Matthew 3; Matthew 4	☐ **Day 17**	Mark 5; Mark 6	☐ **Day 32**	Luke 19; Luke 20
☐	**Day 3**	Matthew 5; Matthew 6	☐ **Day 18**	Mark 7; Mark 8	☐ **Day 33**	Luke 21; Luke 22
☐	**Day 4**	Matthew 7; Matthew 8	☐ **Day 19**	Mark 9; Mark 10	☐ **Day 34**	Luke 23; Luke 24
☐	**Day 5**	Matthew 9; Matthew 10	☐ **Day 20**	Mark 11; Mark 12	☐ **Day 35**	John 1; John 2
☐	**Day 6**	Matthew 11; Matthew 12	☐ **Day 21**	Mark 13; Mark 14	☐ **Day 36**	John 3; John 4
☐	**Day 7**	Matthew 13; Matthew 14	☐ **Day 22**	Mark 15; Mark 16	☐ **Day 37**	John 5; John 6
☐	**Day 8**	Matthew 15; Matthew 16	☐ **Day 23**	Luke 1; Luke 2	☐ **Day 38**	John 7; John 8
☐	**Day 9**	Matthew 17; Matthew 18	☐ **Day 24**	Luke 3; Luke 4	☐ **Day 39**	John 9; John 10
☐	**Day 10**	Matthew 19; Matthew 20	☐ **Day 25**	Luke 5; Luke 6	☐ **Day 40**	John 11; John 12
☐	**Day 11**	Matthew 21; Matthew 22	☐ **Day 26**	Luke 7; Luke 8	☐ **Day 41**	John 13; John 14
☐	**Day 12**	Matthew 23; Matthew 24	☐ **Day 27**	Luke 9; Luke 10	☐ **Day 42**	John 15; John 16
☐	**Day 13**	Matthew 25; Matthew 26	☐ **Day 28**	Luke 11; Luke 12	☐ **Day 43**	John 17; John 18
☐	**Day 14**	Matthew 27; Matthew 28	☐ **Day 29**	Luke 13; Luke 14	☐ **Day 44**	John 19; John 20
☐	**Day 15**	Mark 1; Mark 2	☐ **Day 30**	Luke 15; Luke 16	☐ **Day 45**	John 21

At Zion Lutheran Church

JUNE 15TH-18TH

for Kids ages 3 & Up

FREE Supper at 5:30pm

VBS 6:00-8:00pm

410 Main Street South; Pine City, MN 55063

We are in search of packing paper for decorating!
If you have any please bring to church by June 13th.

SUMMER SERMON Series

The Lord's Prayer

Join us this summer for our new sermon series "The Lord's Prayer"

June 7th– August 2nd

As the head of the family should teach *The Lord's prayer* in a simple way to his household. Come and hear what Luther meant, how we can understand it better, and how we should be using it in our daily lives.