

Zion Lutheran Church

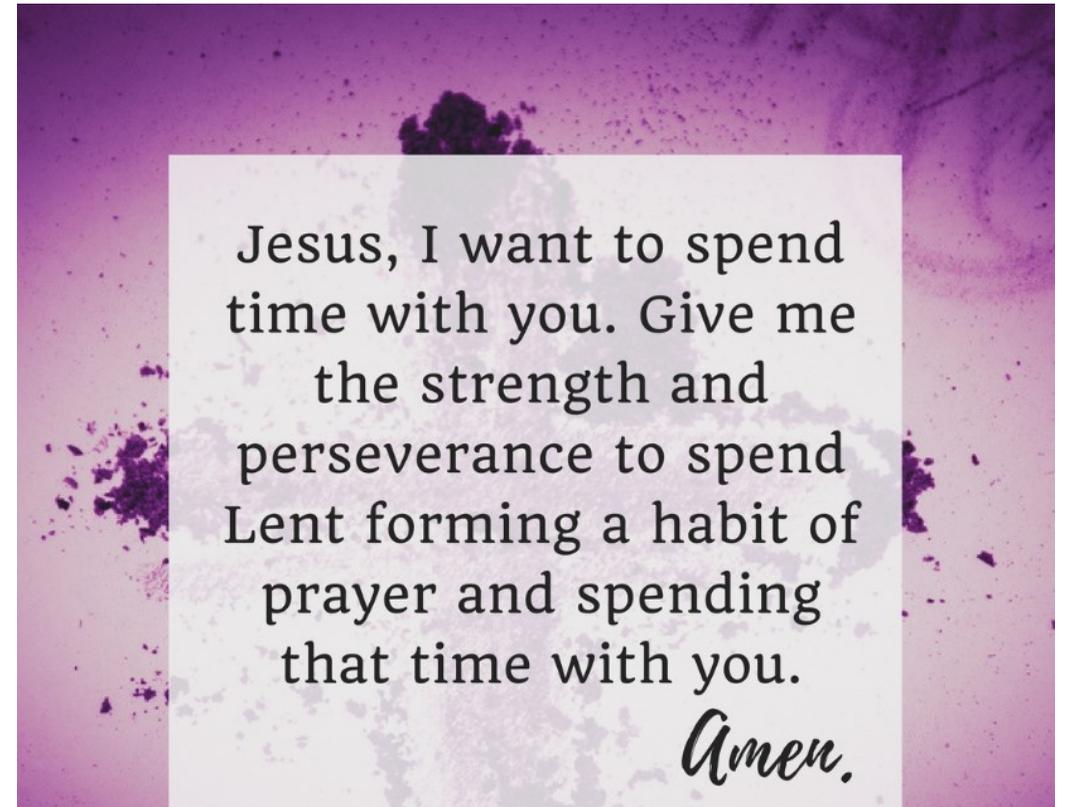
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God's Work, Our Hands

# The Zion Lutheran Church Messenger

*Zion Lutheran Church Welcomes all to worship with us  
and work together to do God's word.*

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## Zion Lutheran Sunday School 2018-2019 Annual Report

Vacation Bible school was held during the week of July 23-27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm. We had approximately 45 kids registered. Our theme for VBS was “Shipwrecked” Jesus Rescues. Our VBS program was held on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> during the church hour 9:30-10:30 am.

The Zion Sunday School Program kicked off the year with it’s Annual Rally Sunday on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We celebrated by having a hot dog & hamburger pot luck along with a bouncy house, rented through TNT Rentals in Parkston.

Currently we have 48 Students on the attendance Roster, with an average of 28 students attending Sunday school each Sunday.

This year the board of education decided to use a different lesson curriculum purchased through Group Publishing called DIG IN. This curriculum is online accessible and allows us to build our lesson plans according to the number of students and age groups. It also allows us to add to each lesson incorporating science experiments, craft project, team building activities, or high/low energy games. The lessons are customizable according to the amount of time allotted for each class and the teaching comfort level of the teacher, teaching the class for the day. The students seem to be enjoying the change.

We started our Christmas program practice on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30 am. We had 5 Sundays to practice the program, taking Thanksgiving Sunday off. We missed a program practice due to the winter weather. Our Christmas programs was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, during the church hour and accompanied by the Zion Church Choir.

Two Thrivent cards were donated to us and used to fill our annual Christmas sacks, which were handed out the Sunday School students, Luther League attendees/candle light services, and for Community members in need. The fruit was acquired through the local Scotland FFA program to support their purpose and the rest of the “fillers” were purchased as locally as possible.

After Christmas break classes resumed on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

In the upcoming months, our goals for the Sunday school program include enhancing our music program, performing in the months of February (Valentine’s Day), and in April (Palm Sunday). Our last day of Sunday School for the year will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>, dismissing at 11:00 am.

The Zion Sunday School Board of Education:

Cheryl Bauder – 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Jalynne Streyle – 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Jenny Zweifel – 1<sup>st</sup> year

Becca Vitek - Superintendent

# March



<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Offering Counter</u>
3	Parker Humphrey	Church Choir	Verlyn Jerke
10	Jaymison Knakmuhs	Luther League	John Haase
17	Bailey Vitek	ZLCW	Nathan Fischer
24	Kalob Maruska	Kalob & Kade	James Streyle
31	Kade Odens	Jaylynn & Janet	Seth Jerke

### Altar Guild:

Megan Fischer

### Ushers:

Greg Gemar

Rudy Jerke

Nick Baker

Terry Roth

### Communion Deacon (s):

March 3: John Haase

March 6: James Streyle

March 31: Verlyn Jerke

### Mid Week Lenten Offering Counters

6th Verlyn Jerke

20th Nick Fischer

13th Jalynn Streyle

27th James Streyle

### Prayer:

Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me the sins of my youth and the sins of mine age, the sins of my soul, and the sins of my body, my secret and whispering sins, my presumptuous and crying sins, the sins that I have done to please myself, and the sins that I have done to please others. Forgive me those sins which I know and those sins which I know not. Amen

### Financial Update:

2019 Mission Plan	General Giving	Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Jan	\$6,372.01	\$7,162.63	\$(779.79)

**Electronic Giving:** Zion offers Electronic Giving for your convenience. If you are interested in giving your donation to the church electronically with a direct deposit please speak with Janet Bauder to get this set up.

**Luther League** is continuing the fundraiser “*That’s My Pan*”. Personalized items to purchase. Orders can be placed online at [thatsmypan.biz/frsd10053](http://thatsmypan.biz/frsd10053) or by contacting a Luther League member or advisor.

**Farmer Stress Hotline:** Even those with toughened hands and hearts need someone to talk to. Extreme weather conditions, machinery breakdowns, a volatile ag environment, long hours that prevent time with family, and lowered income all cause frustration.

Avera offers the Farmer’s Stress Hotline. It’s free, confidential and available 24/7. Call 1-800-691-4336.



**Offering for Wednesday Lent Service** will be going to the Food Pantry this year. You can bring monetary donations or the following items are in high demand: Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Canned Fruit, Sloppy Joe mix (Manwich), Spaghetti Sauce . You may leave your donations in the narthex and they will be delivered.

**2019 Synod Assembly** - will be May 30 - June 1, 2019 at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls. If you are interested in attending please speak to Vicar Andy.

**Bus Tour** to Minneapolis July 25-26, 2019 to visit Lutheran World Relief Warehouse and attend “Mamma Mia” a musical, Chanhassen Dinner Theater.



**Luther League** is hosting a Baked Potato Feed on March 10th. Freewill offering will be taken, funds will go towards the next youth gathering .



**Quilting Open House:** Are you curious how the ladies make their quilts? Are you wondering if are able to participate? Come and find out what we do! We will having an open house at the parsonage on Saturday March 16th at 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome!

**Luther League** will be serving cookies after Wednesday Lenten services.



### We All Struggle

Some parts of our journey of faith are, without a doubt, more difficult than others. Zion seems to be on one of those more difficult times. Not as a church as a whole, but some of our members are dealing with some serious health issues.

The situations that we are entering with members are difficult for them, their families and for us. How can we cope? What do we say? How can comfort possibly be shared in the face of such pain? Nothing we can humanly say is of much lasting value. But there is hope. There is comfort to be given and received.

I was just in my daily time of prayer and reflection. Praying, asking for guidance when Psalm 27 came to my mind.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold<sup>[a]</sup> of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;**  
though war rise up against me, **yet I will be confident.**

<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.( Psalm 27:1-6 NRSV)

We **All** struggle and are subject to such difficulties cause we are mortal. **But** our hearts belong to Christ, and it is there that we find His tender mercies most powerfully felt.

Whatever your enemies (Neighbors, Hittites, heart disease, cancer, etc.) open your heart to the Lord and receive His comfort. Know the power of the Gospel in your life, the power which defeats all fear, all enemies-even death- and lifts our hearts to the joy of His presence.

Peace, Love, Joy, Vicar Andrew Bueber

# Zion Lutheran Church Women News

ZLCW Bible Study will be Friday, March 8th at 1:30pm. LaVerne Goeken will be in charge of refreshments. Vicar Andy Bueber will be our Bible Study leader.

March 1st World Day of Prayer will be at St. George's Catholic Church. Many thanks to Ruby Fischer and Janet Bauder for representing our church, we appreciate your willingness to help!

March and April Birthday Fellowship will be Sunday March 17th. If you or a family member has a birthday could you please bring a few cookies to share, also make the coffee and juice and help serve the goodies.

March 24th ZLCW will be hosting a Pork Feed dinner from 11am-1pm. This is a fundraiser for the ZLCW for their projects for 2019. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for work and desserts watch the bulletin for more information.

March 28th ZLCW will be serving the Yankton Area Banquet. We are in need of bars and cookies and people to help prepare and serve the meal. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex watch the bulletin for more information. Thank you Deb Mehrer, Joyce Burke and Mary Ann Dingman for being on the committee.

Thank you to the Mary Circle for being in charge of the Valentine party at the Good Samaritan Home.

All women belong to Zion Lutheran Women. In the narthex are copies of our 2019 year books. Please pick up a copy of one so you know which circle you belong in.

Prairie Rivers Spring Gathering will be April 13, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church west of Dimock. We will need a delegate, if you would like to represent our ZLCW please let me know as soon as you can. All women are welcome to attend, let me know by April 7th if you wish to attend.

Sincerely

Diana Jerke

Zion will be serving at the Yankton Banquet on Thursday March 28, 2019. We usually use a Thrivent Action Team card for this. If someone is willing to apply for this project, please contact Deb Mehrer so we don't double up on the cards. Thank you!! We will be back to serving on Tuesday in April 2020.

## Mission Action Report for 2018

By Deb Mehrer

The ZLCW was able to complete their mission action projects for 2018. They made 267 quilts and they were donated to the following recipients: Andy Diede benefit, Yankton Women Shelter, SGSS Pumpkin Festival, Hands of Faith Ministry at Pine Ridge, 2018 graduating seniors, Pathways Homeless Shelter in Yankton, Compass of Hope in Sioux Falls, Scotland Horizon Center and Lutheran World Relief.

ZLCW completed 114 new school kits. School bags were sewn by Carrie Fuhrer, Vickie Fillaus, Sally Bueber, Diana Jerke and Deb Mehrer. Thrivent dollars were used to purchase school supplies along with donations from the congregation. The Luther League helped to fill the school bags with brand new school supplies. ZLCW completed 13 baby care kits. All of the school and baby kits were donated to Lutheran World Relief. These kits were boxed up and taken to Parker Transfer in Sioux Falls. From Sioux Falls they are then trucked to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minneapolis, MN where they are received, sorted and shipped to needy parts of the world.

A few years ago Lutheran World Relief started a tracking system where congregations can place an identifying tracking label on all shipments and then later find out where throughout the world their quilts and kits are sent. Our 2017 donations went to Africa and Central America. Here is the breakdown:

Quilts went to Angola, Central Africa and Burkina Faso, West Africa

School Kits went to Senegal, West Africa and Honduras, Central America

Baby Kits went to Burkina Faso, West Africa

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our ministry along with Lutheran World Relief to affirm God's love for all people to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. The vision of Lutheran World Relief is "Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, we envision a world in which every person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity and peace".



*Birthdays  
of the Month*



*Anniversary  
Blessings*

<b>Dean Friederich</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Jackie Bietz</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Donald Fischer</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Toby DeVries</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Thomas Hertz</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Arleen Bietz</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>John Haase</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Kelli Bauder</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Bob Reimann</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Deb Kruse</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Debbie Dean</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Joe Sedlacek</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Morgan Bauder</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Jalynne Streyle</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Dalton Mogck</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Jerry Neugebauer</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Carissa Soukup</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Joe Bouza</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Candy Bjourum</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Melvin Kepplinger</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Parker Streyle</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Savannah Millsap</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Avery Smith</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Grayson Smith</b>	<b>31</b>

<b>Michael &amp; Pamella Millsap</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>David &amp; Joy Rueb</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>David &amp; Janine Baker</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Rich &amp; Linda Zander</b>	<b>26</b>



*The Eternal Candle is  
given in memory of  
Nathan Eldon Baker  
By Bea Schelske*

**Mission Action by Deb Mehrer, Chairperson**

**“Quilting at Zion is Still Going Strong After 41 Years”**

I asked some of the quilt ladies last year if they knew exactly when quilting started at Zion. Nobody could say for sure other than it was probably when Pastor Lygre started at Zion. I looked through old newspaper articles and newsletters and found that Pastor Lygre started in Scotland in April 1976. Darlene Mehrer has helped with quilting for over 30 years and she said the process of how they made quilts has changed over the years as the Lutheran World Relief guidelines have changed over time. She remembers that ladies would sew quilts at home until they started to have organized quilting days at the church. The ladies would meet about 8 weeks in the spring and 8 weeks in the fall as the church didn't have air conditioning in the fellowship hall so they did not meet in the summertime. The ladies would use quilting frames to sandwich their quilts, which is now a thing of the past. Darlene said they would also tear apart clothing to make their quilt blocks and they didn't use batting as a filler at first. Once Zion got air conditioning installed, they could meet for quilting weekly from early spring until fall.

According to archived Zion newsletters, the Zion Lutheran Church Women were excited to announce 1977 as the “Year of the Quilts”. Women were asked to use old sheets and tear them into 21” squares and sew bits and pieces of fabric on top. Then 12 squares were sewn together in a 3 square by 4 square quilt top that measured 60” x 80”. Old draperies, bed spreads, blankets and sheet blankets were used in making the quilts as well. It was requested that each church in the conference make 30 quilts by October. The goal of 30 quilts was met by the beginning of July and ladies continued to make quilts with the idea to display them on the pews for Mission Sunday in October. The ladies also made homemade soap. Dorothy Bietz (Secretary of Stewardship) reported in November they sent 52 quilts and 238 pounds of soap to Lutheran World Relief.

Here we are 41 years later and the ladies are still quilting! The group ran out of storage space in the church and in the spring of 2018, the ladies moved their quilting operation to the church parsonage. It is nice that that they can leave their tables set up and there is plenty of space for the storage of quilting supplies and completed quilts. In 2018, the group completed 267 quilts which we believe is a record high for the group in one year. The ladies met from April 16 - November 13. There were 18 ladies who participated throughout the year. The ladies are very appreciative of all materials donated to the quilting ministry. We are so blessed to have members apply for Thrivent Cards to help defray our costs, mainly used to buy quilt batting and thread. The group welcomes any new quilters to the group. NO sewing or crafting experience needed! Any age is welcome! Men are welcome too! Watch for announcement of when the group will start up this spring.

Here is a list of the ladies who helped to quilt at least one day in 2018:

Carol Schatz, Ruby Fischer, Shirley Muehlbeier, Diana Jerke, Janet Bauder, Cindy Zweifel, Maryls Haase, Mary Ann Dingman, Mary Jo Gimbel, Darlene Mehrer, Joyce Burke, Judy Hebbert, Bea Schelske, Julie Stevens, Kristina Hlavac, Pam Kaufman, Vickie Fillaus and Deb Mehrer.

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 9am– 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>4</b> 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9am-3pm Vicar Andy in Office 5:30 pm Heather in Office 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm Choir 8:30pm Community Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9am– 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours 1:30 pm ZLCW Bible Study	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School & Confirmation 11-1pm Luther League Baked Potato Feed – Freewill	<b>11</b> 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours 6:30pm Stephen Ministry	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9am-3pm Vicar Andy in Office 5:30 pm Heather in Office 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:30pm Choir 8:30pm Community Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9am– 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours	<b>16</b> 1pm Quilting Open House at Parsonage
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