

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

Sunday, January 28, 2018

ZION'S MISSION STATEMENT: We are claimed, gathered, and sent forth to serve and witness in Jesus' name.

ZION'S VISION STATEMENT: Zion is a welcoming church where all people will experience a vibrant lifelong journey in faith through worship, education, mission and service.

WELCOME!

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this morning. Let us worship the Lord with gladness! If you are a visitor, interested in membership, would like to receive our newsletter, or would like a pastoral visit, please check the appropriate box on the fellowship pad. We hope to see you often. **You are welcome at Zion.**

The Cry Room: It's great to have children in church! That's the sound of a healthy congregation. If you ever feel as if you would like to step out with your children, our cry room has a window and speakers to keep you involved with the service while caring for your child(ren)'s needs.

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Ministers: Congregation

Today's Lead Musician.... Laurie Lekang

Choir Pianist.....Sandra Sedivy

Choir and Contemporary Director.....Sonja Holmgren

Office Manager.....Lynn Melchior

Office Assistant.....Lynn Cave

Education Coordinator.....El J Arntson

NOTE: The office will be closed on Friday, Feb. 2nd.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

“Everyone needs help at some time”

At Zion, we have many ways to help you, a loved one, a friend or a neighbor. Here are a few:

- ❖ **We can pray.** Studies have shown that knowing that someone is praying for you relieves stress and promotes healing. Have a prayer request? Call anyone on the prayer chain: Bob Roberts 495-3524, Barb Bjorgo 495-2152, Betty Johansen 826-6834, Galen & Laura Youngsma 495-2681 and Yvonne Erickson 495-332. You can also call or email the office/Pastor Jim with your request at 495-2563 or zionamoroffice@prtcl.com.
- ❖ **We don't go thru life alone – so when you find yourself in a difficult time, let us walk beside you.** **Stephen Ministers** are lay people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation. Stephen Ministers are available for anyone who has a need. Information on Stephen Ministry is located in the pews and in the kiosk in the narthex/lobby. Please call Pastor Jim at 495-2563 or Susan Thompson at 367-2625 to discuss Stephen Ministry.
- ❖ Do you have hardships due to disability, loss of income, or medical needs? Do you need some short term projects done around the house caused by age-related issues? Or maybe you need community services but don't know where to start? **Helping Hands may be right for you.** Contact the office at 495-2563 for more information

THIS WEEK AT ZION

TODAY	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Sunday School Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship Annual Meetings Council Retreat
MONDAY	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon	Collate Tidings Pastor Text Study Office Staff Meeting NO Choir
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Book Discussion: <u>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</u>
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Mission Jamaica Group Leaves
NEXT SUNDAY	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship

ANNUAL MEETINGS: TODAY after the service

Join us in an informational and beneficial discussion of 2017 as well as elections and approval of 2018 budget and spending \$20,000 on property maintenance projects. The maintenance projects include asphalt repair and sealing, sheet rock repair and painting the sanctuary. Sunday School students will have a pizza party (and child care provided) in the Gathering Room during the Annual Meetings.

Zion Lutheran Church Of Amor Foundation Annual Meeting

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Note: Copies of the full budget are available in the office.

Musicians Wanted: See Sonja Holmgren or the office for more information.

Today's Stewardship Thought: *"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

PRAYER WALL

Prayer works. Add your prayers to the Zion Prayer Wall. The Prayer Wall is just inside the double doors leading to the fellowship area.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.



Central Market's "We Care" Program

Central Market of Perham and Detroit Lakes will donate .5% of your receipt totals to Zion. When checking out, ask for a "We Care" stamp on your receipt and then turn the receipt into the office. The funds for the first year will support the youth and the community garden.

Missions Reflection: "For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. With Jesus, you light up the room. Your life shines like a bulb showing reality, the truth. God makes you light in Christ and you respond by producing what is good, right, and true." - - - *The Gospel in Letters. Read Ephesians 5:8-14.*

Bars Needed for Blood Mobile on Feb 9th

Zion needs to provide 6 – 7 pans of bars to First Lutheran by 11:00 a.m. for the Blood Mobile. Please bring the bars to First Lutheran in BL on cardboard (so there is no worry about getting your pans back). Sign-up sheet in the narthex/lobby.

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir

will be singing at Zion on Sunday, Feb. 4th during the 10:00 a.m. service. It is a not-to-miss opportunity to hear some talented young men.

2017 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

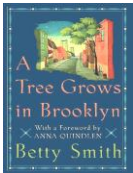
Please pick up your statement and save Zion a stamp!

Beer & Hymns: A Spirited Sing-A-Long

Sunday, February 11 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Rusty Nail in Battle Lake

Monthly Book Discussion: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith.



Thurs., February 1, 1:30 p.m.

The author was born in 1896 and grew up in Brooklyn. As a German immigrant family, growing up in poverty, as did the rest of the neighborhood, we are afforded the chance to learn of a life in another time and place. This classic novel has been respected and recommended for many years, and never goes out of style. Please join in the opportunity to learn and share this long popular novel.

Equal Exchange Sunday is February 11th

Equal Exchange chocolate mini-bars will be available on Sunday, February 11th to sample. The February action group will also be providing other love day treats along with our coffee; Pink lemonade for lemonade lovers.



Equal Exchange buys directly from small scale farmer's cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Equal Exchange is committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation and organic practices. Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate bars will also be for sale.



Help needed: Cindy Dean has resigned as our website administrator. Thank you for all your hard work Cindy! We are looking for someone to keep our website up to date. For more information, please contact the office.

**By Heart: Conversations with
Martin Luther's Small Catechism**

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study brings the Catechism into today's world. Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.



TOOTHBRUSHED NEEDED!

Westhaven Children's Home for Disabled Jamaicans is short on toothbrushes. They have asked Zion's Mission Jamaica participants to bring hundreds of them. Donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex/lobby.



**Feeling Lucky? Want to feel like you won the
lottery? Signup for 1 week of snow removal! (and
hope for no snow!)**

Zion is looking for able bodied people (or teams) that will remove snow from the entryways. A snow blower is in the shed and we have lots of shovels. This process worked very well last year. Sign up calendar and more information is in the narthex/lobby.

MILLION PILLOW CASE CHALLENGE

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team is looking for donations of pillow cases during the month of February. These pillow cases will be filled with afghans or baby blankets and donated to Eagles Nest, Bundles of Love and Ottertail Public Health during 2018. Any size, color, new, used, embroidered or appliqued pillow case will be appreciated. Donation box is located in the narthex/lobby. Contact Lynn Cave for more information.





Save the date!

Sunday School students will sing in church on Sunday, Feb., 11th during the 10 a.m. service.

Please come and support our Sunday School children!

ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, Feb 11 at 9:15 a.m.: **Abe Lincoln and the Will of God**

Presenter: Pastor Vetter

Sunday, Feb 25 at 9:15 a.m.: **Battle Lake Day Care Update**

Presenter: Gary & Karalyn Harrington