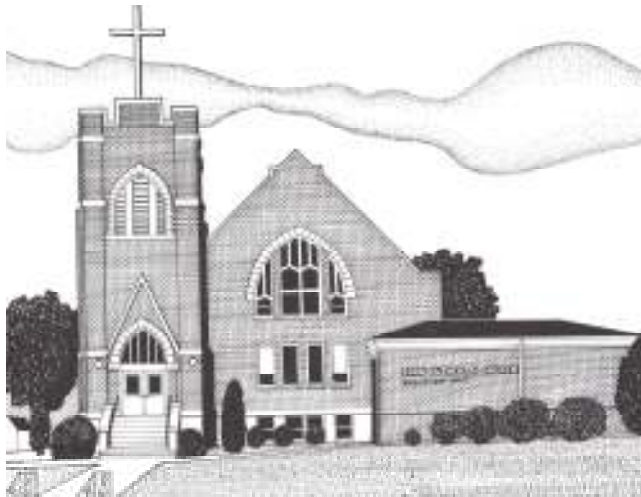


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DID YOU MISS CHURCH LATELY?

You can worship with us 24 hours a day. Zion's excellent videographers provide worship services via YouTube. Simply go to Zion's webpage zionlutheranwoodville.com and click on the service. ALSO... Worship services from Zion Lutheran Church are scheduled to appear on Baldwin Telecom Cable channel 16 on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 9:00. Please join us from anywhere in the world... any time of day. God bless you!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Aaron Boldt, Tyler Fregine, Trisha Hojem, *Gladys Iverson, William Karau
- 2 Larry Albrightson, Olivia Holzman, Barb Larson, Annette Sabol
- 3 Sandy Bibeau
- 4 Stella Krager, Marshall Lofgren, Dale McKay, Joe Sell
- 5 Jordyn Iverson, Noah Lofgren, *Sylvia Sandvig
- 6 Eric Albrightson, Avayah Anderson, Zach Nelson, Brentston Wynveen
- 7 Jamie Huenink, Carol Hurtgen, Tiffany Petersen, *Tim Sandvig
- 8 Michele Gordon, Stephanie Lockwood
- 9 Lori Holldorf, Scott Iverson, Kevin Petersen
- 10 *Vernon Anderson, Brian Gedatus, Tim Haller, Katie Rykal, Mason Sullivan, Sara Wigant
- 11 Ed Beese, *Celia Freiberg, Randi Hoyt, Shannon Hoyt, *Dorene Jacobson
- 12 Tammy Bauernfeind

NEW CUSTODIAL STAFF

Welcome to our new Custodial Staff at Zion. When our former church custodian, Matt Prochnow, moved out of the area, our Congregation Council had to move quickly. Thanks to all the qualified people who applied for the Custodial positions, The Congregation Council had a tough decision but decided to hire David Leon to take care of the North End Fellowship Hall and Education unit, and Michael Russett for Parish Unit, Sanctuary, Old basement and all exterior work. We look forward to their service. As both are learning their positions, please notify Pastor Keith with specific maintenance requests.

ZION STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Keith Anderson – Pastor
 Andy Boe - Part-time Associate Pastor
 Jill Boston – Secretary
 Sarah Dodge – Ministry Coordinator
 David Leon, Michael Russett– Custodial Staff
 Victoria Lovestrand— Sr. Choir Director

Officers of the Congregation
 Doug Jamieson – President
 Kelly Doke– Vice-President
 Annette Sabol – Secretary Dick Rademaker – Treasurer

Darcy Almquist-715-688-3068; Brenda Bergquist-715-698-3062; Mary Lou Glasser—860-978-8699; Tim Holldorf-715-772-4648; Doug Jamieson – 715-698-3663; Jody Lantz-715-698-4019; Randy Peterson-715-698-2299; Annette Sabol-715-441-7005; Dan Slind-715-684-3635; Ken Sortedahl-715-778-4805

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MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March 6, 2016

8:30 Ushers—Doug Monicken, Dale & Joann Nelson, Hugh Lockerby
10:45 Ushers—Leon Family
Videographer—Kyle Howard
8:30 Reader—Wendy Sander
10:45 Reader—Tammy Danielson
Communion Prep/Clean Up—Lisa Lovestrand
8:30 Communion Helpers—Telford Norvold, Sandy Olson, Darlene Olson
10:45 Communion Helpers—Kelly DeGross
8:30 Acolytes—Axel Mahoney, Alex Schaller
10:45 Acolytes—Jenna Tollefson, Lillie Smith

March 13, 2016

8:30 & 10:45 Ushers—same as the 6th
Videographer—same as the 6th
8:30 Reader—Dennis Russett
10:45 Reader—Mary Anderson
8:30 Acolytes—Caleb Carlson, Mason Hanson
10:45 Acolytes—Abbie & Amber DeLong

March 20, 2016

8:30 Ushers—Dave & Wendy Sander, Dan Slind, Terry Stone
10:45 Ushers—Karau Family
Videographer—Greg Larson
8:30 Reader—Susan Randall
10:45 Reader—John Terkelsen
Communion Prep/Clean Up—Debbie Monicken
8:30 Communion Helpers—Don Johnson, Hugh Lockerby, Joanne Larson
10:45 Communion Helpers—Kari Leon-Irani
8:30 Acolytes—Faith Smith, John Jamieson
10:45 Acolytes—Koleton Lorentz, Jack Lavelle

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday—See Volunteer Sign across from the Library
Acolytes – 6:30 am – Anna Albrightson, Thomas Albrightson, Christian Frink, Abbie DeLong
8:30 am – Callie Johnson, Alanna Campbell, Tate Nyhus, Axel Mahoney
10 am - Loren Knegendorf, Alex Schaller, Lillie Smith, Jenna Tollefson

Altar Guild for March: Judy Veenendall, Joanne Larson
Acolytes for Lent are posted on Pastor's door.

ZION YOUTH GUITAR WORKSHOP

We are just getting started, but 6 Zion Youth are learning to play guitar. The goal is that they will be able to lead the FAMILY CONNECT worship services beginning next year. This is NOT a time for music lessons, but is a time for young people to get together to learn some basic guitar chords, learn some finger strengthening techniques and prepare to lead worship at Zion. We may do a little fund raiser to provide some music, strings, etc. We are excited to see the enthusiasm of our children as they participate in leadership here at Zion.

This year's Lenten journey is "Bearing Fruit"

Throughout the days of our Lenten Journey we are encouraged to use the daily devotional book, "Bearing Fruit: Devotions for Lent 2016" This devotional book is based on readings from the New Testament letter to the Colossians. As each day brings us another reading from Colossians, I will encourage our church to re-read this little letter completely through each week. The Word will become familiar and fill the crevices of our hearts and minds. Throughout this season of Lent we will draw nearer to God and nearer to one another.

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 17 – Colossians 1:15-23
Feb. 24 – Colossians 1:24 – 2:5
Mar. 2 – Colossians 2:6-23
Mar. 9 – Colossians 3:1 – 4:1
Mar. 16 – Colossians 4:2-18
Mar. 23 - Service for Healing and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, March 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 25

11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Worship at Park View
12:30 p.m. – Community worship (location TBA)
8:00 p.m. – Silent Messengers

Easter Sunday, March 27 – 6:30, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion
Brunch is served from 7:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Feel free to join us each Wednesday of February and March between 5:30 and 6:45 for supper. Everyone is welcome!

WALKING TOGETHER: A CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE EVENT

WANTING TO FIND NEW AND EXCITING WAYS FOR US TO DO MINISTRY AT ZION? The Norwest Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA hosting a 1 day event where churches will share their BEST ideas and resources.

The event will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 12 at UW Eau Claire Davies Center with over 40 different workshops ranging in areas of interest from Worship and Music to Faith formation to Youth activities, to social justice to fellowship events.

This year Pastor Keith is sharing 2 workshops. Our FAMILY CONNECT is a unique worship and learning opportunity that helps bring families together. He will also be sharing a workshop about Committee restructuring that has helped Zion to simplify and expedite Committee effectiveness.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND... Contact Pastor Keith before March 7. The cost is \$15 per participant and includes noon lunch.

FROM PASTOR KEITH

BELIVE IT OR NOT... This past week someone asked me about Civil Disobedience and how it relates to our current political debates... whether they are civil or not... and what the Bible tells us about how we should vote.

First of all, I will not tell anyone how to vote. I cherish my personal right to vote and I cherish the rights of those with whom I might disagree. I may share perspectives with individuals if asked, but publicly I would encourage people to vote and follow their own conscience. One stipulation... I would hope people would seek first hand information when making their personal decisions.

As far as civil disobedience goes, the conversation might start with Mahatma Ghandi as he led India to change laws through non-violent resistance.

Henry David Thoreau wrote an essay entitled "Civil Disobedience" which was used widely in public lectures and in Christian sermons around the topic of slavery in America.

Civil disobedience in a nutshell, as I see it, is the willful disobedience of certain laws that we might see as being unjust.

NOW... THE BIBLE. I have not given this a lot of thought, but my initial reaction to this conversation took me to Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 13. "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." Romans 13:1-2.

This goes on to speak of living honorably within a society. Of course, we get frustrated when we hear things that go against our individual sensitivities, but we have to keep in mind, that what frustrates one person might inspire another.

So... how do we live in a society where extreme opinions exist? We can easily make up our minds that if one person is right, the other person is wrong. BUT... what if I am convinced that my opinion is the only right one? Is everyone else wrong? Or do I judge them according to my standards? Or do I decide that wrong is bad... or different is bad... or my perspective is the only godly one?

NO! We still have to live in the same society and the Bible tells us how to do this.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, he was writing to Christians living in a society that appeared to be religiously tolerant... BUT... with the Emperor being a self-declared god there were terrible limits to religious expression and freedom.

Paul continues this little comment about respecting and "being subject to the governing authorities" with the greater perspective. He speaks of what we owe to society... Romans 13:7... "pay all of them their dues... taxes... revenue... respect... honor..."

THEN THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE... "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law."

So... Civil Disobedience can cause us to challenge injustice, but God's Word tells us to live in love. A quick scan of the Bible on my computer listed over 500 Bible verses that talk about love... love for God... love for one another... love within a community... even if we disagree with one another, and we will find disagreements in one way or another... we find that God is consistent in telling us to live in love.

The Apostle Paul shows us an example of Civil Disobedience and Love. When he was told to be silent and NOT preach the Good News of Jesus Christ, he continued to

preach... ending up in jail a number of times. Still, he spoke this message with love... love for his fellow believers... love for those who had not yet heard the message of salvation... love for his persecutors... love for those who hated him.

As we listen to the discourse of people who are or might be our future leaders... I hope we can all listen with love in our hearts and minds. The most challenging thing about love is to love the way Jesus loves... not just love for some and hatred toward others... but to love the whole world... John 3:16... and then love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48 and Luke 6:27-36).

The greater challenge in changing our world for the better is to live in love and to love one and all.

Blessings too all,
Pastor Keith

FROM PASTOR ANDY BOE

Spring and Easter, they go together! How about some "Spring Cleaning" for our faith life?

The Apostle Peter shares a special insight in the Letter of First Peter in chapter 1. He says that due to the resurrection of Jesus (Easter) we now have a "living hope." I believe this is an important concept, understanding, and motivation for people of faith.

We often live surrounded by events, people, and our own actions which tend to bring brokenness and despair. We begin to think that life is not good or positive. This is not a good place to be! Especially when the world is beginning to "warm up" after a long winter.

Peter says that the resurrection of Jesus is important to our health - especially our spirit! The gift of Easter is "living hope!" As Christians believing in the resurrection we understand that God's love and life will be ours forever. Sometimes we call this "eternal life" or "heaven." This is an important hope for all!

However, most of us live day to day. I believe that the "living hope" Peter shares with us is an invitation to live each day in the renewing hope of the resurrection. God, in Christ, promises to be with us daily to renew and refresh our lives.

Our task at Zion is to share this hope with those around us every day! Thanks for being an Easter / Spring person today, tomorrow, and for ever!

Pastor Andy Boe

ATTENTION GRADUATING 2016 SENIORS

It's that time of year again.....Zion will be awarding (2) \$500 scholarships for your 2016-17 educational tuition. Please see the church website – <http://www.zionlutheranwoodville.com/scholarships.html> for further information and application details and deadline. Applications are due Monday – April 4, 2016. If you have questions please don't hesitate to call Cheryl Slind at 715-684-3635 or email – cheryl@workhorsewi.com.

Thank you and good luck!

FROM SARAH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

March brings mixed emotions for me. On Palm Sunday, March 20th, my oldest and the rest of his class will be receiving their First Communion. This is a joyous occasion in many ways. However, it is also a reminder that my baby is growing up! How quickly time flies! Congratulations to the 5th grade class on their First Communion!

Sunday School youth will be finishing up their work on parables that Jesus taught. The upper department is finishing up making communion bread this month, as well. The bread will be served on March 20th for the 5th grade First Communion. The Sunday School will begin learning about Easter. To follow along with the theme for Lent, the upper department will be spending some time reading Colossians. If you haven't read Colossians, it is a short book and an interesting one to read. There will not be Sunday School on March 27th, as it is Easter.

Last month, the upper department Sunday School youth wrote letters to people who they thought deserved to be honored. Several students wrote to members of the military and police. The letters were sent out to military members in our church and our community. The letters to the police were delivered to the Woodville Police Department. The youth did a fabulous job of writing heartfelt letters. What amazing young people we are blessed with!

There will be a volunteer sign up board for Maundy Thursday, as well as Easter worship services. Check out the board and sign up to help at your favorite service. Sign up should be out by the middle of March. Thank you, volunteers!

Check out the volunteer sign up for coffee hour. The March sign up is out and the April sign up should be out very soon. Remember, coffee hour funds can be donated to any cause you feel worthy. We also have many "in house" projects that could use funding. Sign up is next to the serving counter in the Fellowship Hall.

Sarah Dodge

FREE THRIVENT ACTION TEAM DOLLARS

We are looking for people who are willing to fill out applications for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has start up money for projects that benefit the church and community and brings people together.

Zion's Sunday School does a number of mission projects throughout the year. If we can find people to fill out the simple application form, this would help our Sunday School purchase supplies for these mission projects.

We have used this start-up money for our Norwegian Meatball dinner, but are finding that there are MANY more projects we could do... including Quilting and Mission group, Confirmation Mission night, etc.

EACH THRIVENT MEMBER CAN APPLY FOR 2 PROJECTS WORTH \$250 EACH YEAR! Imagine the great things we could do together.

Please contact Pastor Keith OR Sarah Dodge. You may also talk with Joan Bartz for more information.

ZION SOUTH PARKING LOT UPDATE

The main parking Lot (South Side) was completed this fall by Albrightson Excavating and Monarch Blacktopping. The bill recently received was for approx. \$35,000. Thanks to Albrightson Excavating for donating the first \$5,000 toward payment. Zion added \$20,000 to our existing Maintenance Loan to pay the bill. The remaining \$10,000 was paid from previously given funds.

We are still waiting for the completion of Johnson St. sometime this summer. We are anticipating the street assessment to be approx \$20,000.

The Maintenance loan currently stands at approx 60,000.

We are hoping for your continued financial support and donations beyond your regular giving to meet these responsibilities. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY AT ZION

Study next Sunday's Bible readings. Led by Pastor Keith in the church Library from 9:00—10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Led by Ralph Bader at the Woodville Café from 6:30–7:30 a.m. the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month.

JOSEPH'S SQUARE

This unique men's ministry meets Saturday mornings and creates simple wood toys and gifts for children. Each session begins with a brief Bible Study and prayer. Contact Hugh Lockerby for details.

WOMEN'S "CIRCLE" STUDIES

Circles 1 & 3 –Thurs., March 17th at 9 a.m.-library

Hostess: Kari & Elizabeth Leon

Leader: Mary Anderson

Circle 2- Weds., March 16th at 9:30 am

Hostess: Ruth Hard

Leader: N/A

Circle 4- Thurs., March 17th at 1:30-Park View

Hostess: Park View

Leader: Nancy Larson

Circles 5 & 6 – Thurs., March 17th at 1:30 pm –Park Place

Hostess: Barb DeLander

Leader: Joyce Knippenberg

ZION RUMMAGE SALE – MARCH 18-19 GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Once again we encourage you to open a closet door that has been closed for a long time... and make some room and donate some good items to Zion's Rummage sale. Donations can be brought to the church. They will be sorted and displayed for a GREAT Rummage Sale.

Your no-longer-wanted-but-still-good stuff needed for our rummage sale: CLEAN clothing in good condition

Household items

Kitchen items, including small appliances in good working condition

Toys, books, games

Baby items

Knick-knacks and the usual garage sale items

PLEASE NO large appliances, furniture, TVs or computers, tires, paint or the like.

We also need your grocery store bags. Thank you!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is here on Friday, March 4th at 1:30 pm. This year's theme is from Mark 10: 13-16, "Receive children. Receive Me." The speaker this year is Brenda Bergquist who will be presenting her message "Children of Our Community". Please stay after the program and join us for desserts, coffee and tea. (in case of a snow day it will be rescheduled for March 11th at 1:30 pm.)

ZLCW FINANCIAL REPORT

WOMEN'S NEWS

Our Zion Quilters met on February 4th and with 5 workers they completed 5 quilts, 4 health kits and 12 layettes. Their next time together is March 3rd.

They are in need of small T-shirts or undershirts up to 24 months. They can no longer use onsies. Also, in need of small infant socks. Thank you!

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

The supper on 2/2/2016 was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

Expenses: \$414.56
Income from church dues: \$75
Checkbook balance \$2880.25

There will be a meeting at 6 pm on March 1st (after the supper) in the library at Gethsemane to discuss the community supper. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested. We appreciate your input as we determine the future of the community supper.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER ZION COORDINATOR

We are looking for a volunteer from Zion to be our Tuesday Community Supper Coordinator. The coordinator usually does the following: 1) post a sign up sheet for volunteers 2) plan the menu and purchase the ingredients 3) help cook and serve the food. Zion is responsible for 2 meals per year that are held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Baldwin. If interested, please contact the church office ASAP. Thank you!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION!

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you are eligible to direct your Choice Dollars to our congregation as we work together to spread the word of Jesus to our community and world. You may go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

RUMMAGE SALE

Zion Lutheran Church
221 N. Lockwood Street
Woodville, WI

Friday, March 18th 8:00-5:00
Saturday, March 19th 8:00-1:00

Proceeds will go to Zion's Carpet Fund for Fellowship Hall

See you there!!!!