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### Parish News

The **Synod Assembly** is June 8 & 9. If you are interested in representing Zion please contact Carol Serfling.

**Zion Sunday school** will have their last day on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school students will be notified by Sara Henning as to the details of their outing.

**Emma Johnson** will confess her faith and affirm her baptism in Christ during the Rite of Confirmation May 6<sup>th</sup> at Hadley.

**Our parish missionary**, Elisabeth Johnson, will be in the United States this July – August. She will visit as many congregations as she is able. More information will be in next month's newsletter about where we may be able to meet her (and hopefully her husband and children if they get visa's).

**Augustana University** in Sioux Falls is hosting an Aging Gracefully Conference Thursday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Augustana University Elmen Center. Tickets are \$25 through July 16; \$35 on/after July 17. Featured speaker is Joyce Rupp, OSM.

Our lives and faith look different in the second chapter of life. There are new opportunities, and many experiences behind us, too.

You may find yourself asking:

- What is God's purpose for me in this stage of life?
- What does faithfulness look like now?
- How do I trust Him and have courage as seasons change?
- How can my faith remain vibrant and strong?
- How can I help others who find themselves in this stage of life?

Whether you are an older adult, you work or care for

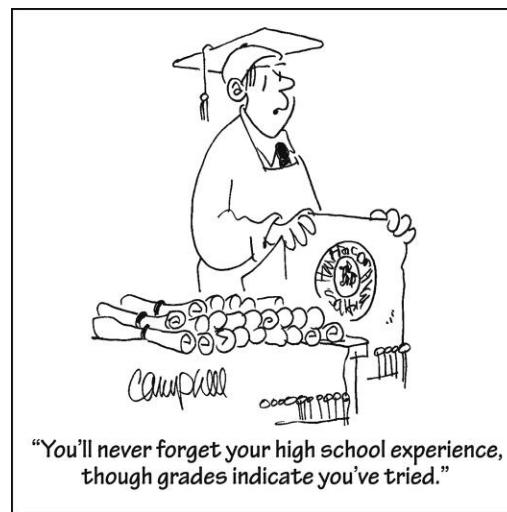
an older adult, or you are simply interested in the topic, we invite you to take part in this day of reflection and discussion featuring Joyce Rupp, OSM. We invite guests of all faiths. **Register by July 16 to save \$10 on tickets!**

### Community News

**The Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be at the following locations in May:

Wed., May 16 – Fulda Community Center (1-7)  
 Tues., May 29 – Wilmont Comm. Center (2-7)  
 Wed., May 30 – YMCA in Worthington (12-6)

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual **New Life Treatment Center Horse Ride-a-Thon** will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds to NLTC at Woodstock. Lunch will be served following the ride. Proceeds will go towards furnishings and equipment to benefit our clients. Call (507) 777-4321 for more information.



"You'll never forget your high school experience, though grades indicate you've tried."

**Congratulations to all area graduates!**



- 1 Shelly Ford (H)  
Navy Braun (H)
- 5 Janelle Veldhuisen (H)
- 10 Jett Veldhuisen (H)
- 12 Roger Serfling (Z)
- 13 Emma Johnson (H)
- 17 Marilyn Berreau (Z)
- 19 Landen Bonstetter (H)
- 24 Merlyn Inglett (Z)
- 25 Joyce Johnson (H)
- 28 Danielle Sonstegard (H)  
Myron Johnson (H)  
Harley Carlberg (Z)  
Ashley Velduisen (H)

*Please contact the office with any additions or corrections*

## Shetek Lutheran Ministries

“Christ-Centered Renewal & Learning for All Ages.”

**May 5 Spring clean-up Day**

**May 6 – 11 Road Scholar**  
Learn about religion, Native American history, agriculture and our environment with local experts on excursions to museums, a wind farm and around historic sites on Lake Shetek.

For details call 507-763-3567 or check out [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)



Zion Sunday school sang for Palm Sunday. Left to right: Cali Carlberg, Faith Hoiland, Whitney Henning, Harley Carlberg, and Summer Hoiland.

## Missionary Contact Information

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**ELCA World Hunger** - Send donations to: **ELCA Gift processing center, PO Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**, or give online with credit card at [www.elca.org/give](http://www.elca.org/give) (click on “Donate Now”, then click drop-down box below dollar amounts for choices.)

**Lutheran Disaster Response** –For online giving, go to [www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org). Follow the links for the specific crisis to which you want to give.

**ELCA Mission Statement:**  
*“Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.”*

**Southwestern Minnesota Synod Mission Statement:**  
*“God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God’s Word in the world. Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA. By God’s grace, together we have what we need.”*

## God's Helpers

God could not be in every place  
With loving hands to help erase  
The teardrops from each baby's face,  
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone  
And leave us to a fate unknown;  
Without providing for His own,  
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day  
And kneel beside our crib to pray,  
Or kiss our little aches away;  
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,  
He simply could not take command.  
That's why He placed our tiny hand  
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,  
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.  
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh  
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,  
I know that God will gladly send,  
To welcome home her child again,  
That ever-faithful mother.

~George W Wiseman



## Zion Lutheran Food Drive Results

During confirmation Bob and I were talking about service projects through one of the assignments I completed. Bob encouraged me to do a service project during Lent. I decided to collect food for the Manna food pantry in Worthington. Since my confirmation class is small, I decided to have all the youth of Zion collect food. I put a box in church for donations and was also taking money to be donated. The church Council voted to donate half of the Lent offering to this.

In total the church collected 54.5 pounds of food and \$246.50 that was donated to the "Manna Food Pantry" in Worthington, MN. This happened to be a good time to collect money for the food pantry because the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation was matching funds dollar for dollar. Also, the Greater MN Council of Churches was matching 3% of donations. Donations from GMCC were matched with product and money. So, with the matches, that means that we actually donated: 56.1 pounds of food and \$500.40 with all the matches.

Thank you everyone for participating in the food drive. When I was donating the food at the pantry, a worker told me that many times those that have the least actually donate the most because they know what it is like not to have much and they don't want other people to feel that way. Donating to the food pantry made me feel good because I saw people at the food pantry gathering food that don't have all that I have. I think that God has a reason for why some people don't have as much as others, maybe it's God's way of showing some people how good they actually have it.

Thank you for all that you did to help me support the Manna Food Pantry.

Jacob Henning



## Zion Council Meeting

April 5, 2018

Zion Lutheran Council met on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:00PM. Members in attendance were Angelle Berreau, Carla Ennenga, Sara Henning Kevin Knips, Deb & Mel Kroon, Randy Kruse, Chuck Serfling.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Deb Kroon.

Deb K. started with a devotion.

Secretaries minutes were read from the March 2018 meeting.  
M/Chuck to approve the minutes. S/Randy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report submitted for March 2018 and reviewed. M/Mel to approve the Treasurer's Report. S/Kevin. Motion carried.

### Bob's Time:

- No Report.

### Unfinished Business:

- Kevin will look into getting someone lined up for shingles.

### New Business:

- Flooring has been purchased for the basement bathrooms. Randy is going to check into prices for vanity and the walls.
- Discussion held on getting Wi-fi. Consensus of the council to get hooked up to Wi-fi. Deb K. will check into it.
- Our congregation will serve the community meal on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. ½ of the Lent offerings will be donated towards the cost of the meal.
- June 8&9 is the Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls. Is anyone interested in attending? If no one can attend, Sara and Char will see about representing Zion this year.
- Bob has reported that confirmation will be held at Hadley this year since Zion doesn't have anyone getting confirmed. We will switch the service times that day, Bob will let us know the date that confirmation will be held.
- Concerns have been raised about parking at the church when school is in session. Bruce from the city will talk to Shawn Langseth / City Council to see about getting a parking spot by the church.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Listening 2.0" time held at Grace Lutheran in Westbrook from 6:30PM-8PM. This will be led by Bishop Jon, focusing on Congregational Vitality, Local and Global Mission, as well as Servant Leaders. Contact Bob if you're interested in attending and for more information.
- Sara talked about "Destination Small Town", a website that features non-profits in small communities for free of charge. Sara will check into listing our church.
- Carla reported on an "ELCA Vision" document that she has spent time reviewing. The focus being the church's vision to reach a greater understanding with people of other faith's. Carla condensed the document and brought it for Council members to review, we will discuss this more at our next meeting.
- Request by Irene to have a potluck meal on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Consensus of the council not to do this on the 8<sup>th</sup> due to too short of notice.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Sara Henning,  
Zion Lutheran Church Council Secretary





# WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

“ \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
 and your \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ has  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:16, NIV

Answer: “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you.” Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

# HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



**What you need:**

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

**What you do:**

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splatches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, “Mom, you’re the light of my life!” Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar’s neck.

# HADLEY ZION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3  Zion Bible study 2 pm @ church  Zion Council meeting 7:00 pm	4	5  Z – Sunday school outing
6  Sixth Sunday of Easter (white)  H – Worship/Comm. 8:45; Rite of Confirmation Z –Worship/Comm. 10:45	7	8  Hadley Council meeting 7 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13  Seventh Sunday of Easter (white)  H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am  Mother's Day	14	15	16	17  	18	19
20  Day of Pentecost (red)  H – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z –Worship/Comm. 10:45	21  H – Bingo at Golden Living Center, 2 pm	22  Please submit all June / July newsletter items by 9 am	23	24	25	26
27  Holy Trinity (white)  H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am	28  	29	30	31	<b>Hadley</b> Ushers – Dan Johnson Kellan Johnson Reader – Janelle Veldhuisen Altar – Carol & Jackie V. Cleaners – Dan & Audrey Braun	<b>Zion</b> Ushers – Angelle Berreau Reader – Angelle Berreau Altar – Angelle Berreau