



God's Work Our Hands Community Meal

"God's Work Our Hands" is Sunday, September 9, 2018. As many of you know, our parish used to help donate, prepare and serve meals at The Banquet in Sioux Falls, SD. The needs of the Banquet outgrew our parish. However, when that happened, several individuals still felt a desire for this type of ministry. As a result, the Zion Council members decided to pursue something like the Banquet within our means.

We came up with the Community Meal in Luverne, MN which is held at the United Methodist Church. We donated, prepared and served a meal there last year, and those involved were pleased with the outcome. Zion decided to do the Community Meal as our "God's Work Our Hands" mission for this year.

We will be taking a free will offering on Sunday, September 9, 2018 (*God's Work Our Hands* Sunday) to donate for this meal. The Community Meal that we will donate, prepare and serve will be held on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 5:30PM.**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the church; we need a couple people to prepare the meal, about eight people to help with serving and keeping the food ready, and then we will take as many others that want to come to provide fellowship. Please note the time that you should arrive when you sign up. Times are listed on the sign-up sheet.

Pastor Dorie from the United Methodist Church asked that we also invite people and let them know when the meal is, so if you can think of anyone that could use some fellowship or a hot meal, please share the date and time with them. The main mission of the Community Meal is to share a meal with someone. So, spread the word to neighbors, family and friends, have them come out to be part of this Community Meal by sharing a meal and engaging in fellowship. I hope that many of you will take the time to be a part

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of this Community Meal. If anyone has any questions, please contact Sara Henning at 507-483-2010.

God Bless, Sara Henning

Parish News

Zion and Hadley's joint summer worship service with Holy Communion will be Sunday, August 5, 10:45 am at Zion's building. A meal provided by Zion will be served afterwards.

Hadley continues to accept all shoes and boots for *Soles for Souls*. They can be dropped off at the Church in the south coat room.

Hadley is looking for suggestions for a service project for *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday, September 9th. There is a suggestion box on the table in the south coat room.

The church office is in need of a **computer printer**. If you have one that you no longer use, please contact Cindy Knips.

Thank you very much for the nice blanket for my graduation gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Landon Rogers

Hadley: The Murray County Early Childhood Initiative is looking for people in our community willing to take part in the Jail and Bail fundraiser on **Wed., August 15.** Money donated to bail out the "inmates" is used to fund educational programs for all area children from birth to age 5. For more information about volunteering, donating, or having a friend, relative, or coworker "arrested", please contact Marilyn Carlson at 836-6552.



- 2 Summer Hoiland (Z)
- 5 Irene Reinke (Z)
- 7 Tim Peterson (H)
- 10 Leelan Veldhuisen (H) 13
Andrew Johnson (Z)
- 14 Brent Johnson (H)
Kellan Johnson (H)
Logan Rogers (Z)
- 15 Neal Gibson (Z)
- 16 Deb Homan (Z)
- 17 Kim Nelson (H)
- 19 Mikayla Reith (H)
- 21 Sara Henning (Z)
Jason Nelson (H)
- 24 Dan Braun (H)
- 26 JoAnn Johnson (Z)
- 27 Linda Olson (H)
Jocelyn Sorenson (H)
Jade Sorenson (H)
- 28 Mary Zebe (Z)
- 29 Michael Pearson (H)

Please contact the office with any additions or corrections

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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 (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. Follow the links for the specific crisis to which you want to give.

Michael W. Smith Concert

Legendary Christian recording artist Michael W. Smith is coming to Arnolds Park.

A Grammy and Dove Award-winning artist, Michael W. Smith will perform outdoors at Preservation Plaza in Arnolds Park Sunday, **August 19, 2018**.

Known for songs like "Above All," "Healing Rain," and "Friends are Friends Forever" Smith has shared a message of hope and healing for more than three decades. His Christian witness and testimony have been heard around the world.

Gates open at 3 p.m. with opening act Jacob Daniel taking the stage at 4 p.m. He will be followed by Ten Seven Band, with Michael W. Smith closing out the night.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets, no coolers please, with seating on a first-come basis.

Tickets are \$25 each, available online through the Facebook page, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Concert. You may also purchase tickets by calling (507) 841-0474 during normal business hours. The Michael W. Smith concert event is being organized by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lakefield, MN, in conjunction with Arnolds Park Amusement Park.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

"Christ-Centered Renewal & Learning for All Ages."

August 11 Last Saturday worship service
 5:30 pm

For details call 507-763-3567 or check out www.shetek.org

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."

2018 Synod Assembly “Do Not Be Afraid. It Is I. Come”

The 2018 Synod Assembly was attended by Bob, Charlene Kruse, Sara Henning, Brent Johnson and Diane Johnson. Brent and Diane Johnson of Hadley along with Bob attended both days, June 8 & 9. Charlene Kruse and Sara Henning of Zion attended just one day, June 8. The Synod Assembly was held in Redwood Falls this year.

As always, we had a chance to vote for candidates running for office with the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, if anyone is interested in those results, any of the individuals that attended can get you that info. There are sometimes different proposals submitted to be voted on, but this year there were none. There is however a proposal on the table, that will be voted on in September, and that has to do with the restructuring of the Synod. The proposal is to move from our current Ten Conference Structure to a Six Conference Structure. At the assembly in groups we posed questions that we turned in that the committee will work to answer before this comes up for a vote and were able to list our thoughts in terms of pros and cons for this committee to hear. Stay tuned to the SW MN ELCA newsletter/website for more information pertaining to this proposal. This year, as always there were different workshops and service projects that we could choose to take part in, and one was a food packing event that was not actually organized by the Synod Assembly, but that we were able to take part in, and due to the large number of people from the Assembly that chose the food packing event as their service project, in total, 465,000 meals had been packaged by the end of the day on Friday, all those meals staying to benefit local food shelves in Southwest Minnesota. All of us attending from Zion and Hadley took part in the food packaging, it was a very heart-warming experience.

The part of the Assembly that I thought was most beneficial or intriguing was a message that was given by Bishop Jon Anderson. This particular message was on “mission”. At a time when rural churches are small and struggling to stay open, this message made me think about the bottom line in terms of my relationship with God and his church. Bishop Jon talked about working to deepen mission, but it's important to understand what the definition of mission is. Bishop Jon referenced mission to mean “the sharing of God's promise, his Good News”. This can be done through mission work where we raise money to help others, service work or in our day to day activities as we go through life, and in many ways.

The question Bishop Jon posed was this: “How are you sharing God's promise?” Hopefully you can answer this by things that you do in your life, but if you're doubting and wondering why this is important to think about, here are the points he raised. We share God's promise to a) Share the Love of God. b) Invite people into Jesus' Family. c) Acknowledge that we are broken, and that God can repair us. So, as you think about these things and how true they are, I ask you to think about how you are sharing God's promise? How is our congregation sharing God's promise? As you think about this in terms of our congregation and maybe even our future, it is important for us all to remember that a vital congregation does not look at budgets or attendance, yes that is all important and necessary, but that is not what we look at in terms of God's promise. We look at the relationships we have with God, for after all even when the outlook of small congregations may look dim at times, remember the theme for this assembly. “Do Not Be Afraid. It Is I. Come.” So, in the end, it is important to understand that the budget really doesn't matter, for even if one day I cannot worship at Zion in Adrian, I will always be a part of God's family and working to share God's promise; are you working today to share God's promise?

Thank you once again for the opportunity to represent Zion at the Synod Assembly, it is one way that I share God's promise, and I deeply enjoy it!

Thank you,
Sara Henning

← BE STRONG →
and
COURAGEOUS →
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever
you go
Joshua 1:9

Zion Council Meeting

June 3, 2018

Zion Lutheran Council met on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 9:30AM before worship. Members in attendance were Carla Ennenga, Deb Graham, Sara Henning, Kevin Knips, Deb & Mel Kroon, and Randy Kruse.

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

Secretaries minutes were read from the April 2018 and May 2018 meetings. M/Mel to approve the minutes. S/Deb G. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed for April 2018. M/Carla to approve the report. S/ Mel. Motion carried.
Treasurer's report was reviewed for May 2018. M/Deb G. to approve the report. S/Sara. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Wi-Fi is hooked up.
- Shingling may start the week of June 11.
- Randy reported on prices for the bathroom wall paneling. Consensus of the council to have Randy and Char pick up two new vanities, one for each basement bathroom as well as covering for the walls.

New Business:

- Deb Kroon attended a meeting with Synod staff at Hadley; she will get notes/minutes from the Synod and then she'll share that with the council.
- Joint summer worship and picnic is scheduled for August 5th, we will have worship followed by a meal.
- Deb Kroon shared info from Lutheran Social Services about activity suggestions for community giving through donations of food, baskets or money for senior dining, meals on wheels, etc. Deb Kroon will copy the info and bring it to the next council meeting and we will decide if we'd like to participate. This would begin around July 29th and run for about 5 weeks, so if we decide to participate we could possibly use this for "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, which is September 9th.
- Bob will be gone the last week in July. Deb Kroon will contact Gary Anderson to see if he'll come to fill in.
- Char, Sara and Bob will be attending the Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls. Char and Sara from Zion will attend the assembly on Friday, June 8th. Bob, Brent and Diane Johnson from Hadley will attend both Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 9:30AM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Sara Henning, Zion Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Tony Thier Construction of Adrian completed shingling of the church in June!

Zion Council Meeting

July 1, 2018

Zion Lutheran Council met on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 9:30AM before worship. Members in attendance were Carla Ennenga, Deb Graham, Sara Henning, Deb & Mel Kroon, Randy Kruse and Carol Serfling.

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

Secretaries minutes were read from the June 2018 meeting. M/Carol to approve the minutes. S/Mel. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed for June 2018. M/Mel to approve the report. S/Randy. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Gary Anderson is unable to fill in on July 29th when Bob is gone. Deb will keep working on another option.
- Joint service is Sunday, August 5th. It will be here at Zion. Council will grill and bring the desserts. Salad will be bought.
- Randy will get a quote and time frame from Scott Heronimus on the gutters.

New Business:

- Deb Kroon talked about some ruts left on the lawn from the big equipment used during the shingling. We'll see what we can do to get the ruts leveled off, and reseed grass in the fall. Until further notice, Deb and Mel Kroon have agreed to mow the lawn.
- Deb Kroon attended a meeting with Synod staff at Hadley; she has notes/minutes from the meeting, she will get them copied and then she'll share them with the council.
- Consensus of the Council to use the Community Meal which we will serve at on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 for "God's Work Our Hands". On God's Work Out Hands" Sunday which is scheduled for Sunday, September 9th, we will be taking a special collection that will be donated towards the Community Meal that we'll be serving on the 26th of September.
- Sara reported back information from the Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls. The Synod is looking to restructure the conference from 10 conferences down to 6. They are bases the new conference zones on average worship attendances, hoping to make them more even based on attendance. The final vote for this will be in September 2018.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 9:30AM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

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Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

HADLEY ZION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Hadley Ushers – Gordon Swan Richard Swan Reader – Dan Braun family Altar – Cindy Hanson Cleaners – Dustin & Janelle Veldhuisen	Zion Ushers – Kevin Knips Reader – Altar –	1	2 Zion Bible study 2 pm @ church	3	4
5 11 th Sunday in Pentecost (green) Z – Council meeting 9:30 am Z – Joint Worship service with Communion 10:45 am at Zion; meal to follow	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 12 th Sunday in Pentecost (green) H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am	13	14 Hadley Council meeting 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 13 th Sunday in Pentecost (green) H – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z –Worship/Comm. 10:45	20 H – Bingo at Golden Living Center, 2 pm	21 Please submit all September newsletter items by 9 am	22	23	24	25
26 14 th Sunday in Pentecost (green) H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am	27	28	29	30	31	