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### Parish News

**Funeral services** for Hazel Kortleever, 88, were held at Zion Wednesday, August 1. Burial was in the Ellsworth cemetery. Hazel passed away July 28 at Sanford Hospice Cottage. Blessed be her memory.

**Funeral services** for Zion member Marilyn Berreau, 86, were held at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Lake Wilson on Tuesday, August 14 with Bob Ossefoort officiating. Burial was in the Lake Wilson cemetery. Marilyn passed away on August 10 at the Adrian Cottages. Blessed be the memory of Marilyn.

**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.

**Zion Sunday school** will begin another school year September 23 at 9:45 am. All children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to attend.

#### Luverne Community Meal:

Zion 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**. A signup sheet is in the back of church by the prayer request clipboard. If anyone has any questions, please contact Sara Henning at 507-483-2010.



### Important Medicare Changes

This fall, many Minnesotans on Medicare will be affected by changes in their Medicare. This is due to the sunsetting or ending of many Medicare Cost Plans throughout the country and in many of Minnesota's counties. This is especially a big issue in our state, as Cost Plans have been a favorite type of Medicare plan for decades because they are so flexible. And Minnesota by far has the most Cost Plan beneficiaries of any other state in the nation.

The ending of Cost Plans in most counties means that those who currently have them will need to make some important decisions in the fall during Medicare Open Enrollment. For now, there isn't much to do. Those with Cost Plans will continue to have coverage through December 31, 2018, and in some counties, Cost Plan coverage will continue in 2019. You can contact your Medicare plan to find out if you have a Cost Plan, so you'll be ready if you need to make a change in the fall, if need be. And by mid-September, Medicare and the Cost Plans will send out letters to those affected by this change, which will provide next steps.

So, for now, you're covered, and there is nothing you need to do. Just relax and enjoy your summer. But in the fall, you'll need to act and make changes for 2019, if you're one of Minnesota's Medicare beneficiaries on Cost Plans living in a county affected by the change. Don't worry, you will have a lot of coverage options. And the Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup> can help if you need it.

Submitted by the Senior LinkAge Line  
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- 5 Gloria Strache (Z)
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- 12 Lynn Hugu (H)  
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- 24 Krista Nelson (H)
- 25 Gwen Hogan (H)
- 26 Alissa Gibson (Z)
- 27 Elisabeth Johnson  
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*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](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.

## Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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

- Sept. 15 Shetek WELCA Conf.
- Sept. 16-21 Road Scholars
- Sept. 30 Toddlers and Trees

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

## Living Well with Diabetes

This researched and proven workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes learn skills and increase their confidence in managing their diabetes. The workshop meets for 2 ½ hours once a week for six weeks. *Living Well with Diabetes* does not replace existing treatments, but rather complements the treatments a participant receives.

People who have taken the workshop show better health, health behavior, and a sense of confidence in managing their diabetes, improvements in blood sugar levels, decrease in health distress and hypo-hyperglycemia and fewer doctor and emergency room visits and fewer hospitalizations.

The workshop is on Tuesdays at 1 pm starting September 18 at American Lutheran Church, 915 Winifred Street, Worthington. To register call Joanne Bartosh: 507-295-5262. Cost is free will donation.

### 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."*

## Why Do We “Go to Church?”

Sometimes it's just a chore to get up on Sunday morning and go to church. The weather is never right. It's too cold or snowy or rainy or it's just too nice and it's an opportunity to get out and enjoy God's world and take care of shopping or other things we have to do because our daily lives are so full of other responsibilities. But it's also the Lord's Day and so, whether it's a nice day or a crummy day, the day belongs to the Lord. And the Lord wants us to join in his celebration of it as the sign of a new creation. It was on Sunday that our Lord rose from the dead, appeared among the apostles, and sent his Holy Spirit and created...the church.

Let's make sure we agree on what “church” is. When we use the word “church” we can mean an institution, a denomination, a parish, or a building. But none of these is how the Bible thinks of church. In Hebrew “church” is *qahal* Yahweh, “the assembly of the Lord.” In Greek “church” is *ekklesia*, “an assembly” of believers. The Latin translation of *qahal* or *ekklesia* would be *congregatio*. Congregating suggests a coming together for some purpose.

There are many kinds and sizes of church to attend from a small emerging church to a medium size church to a cathedral church to an evangelical megachurch. What they all have in common is assembling or congregating—coming together. And the purpose of the coming together is to worship God, to hear God's Word, to pray for the world, to celebrate the sacraments instituted by Christ, to organize for mission.

In the act of worship, we proclaim God's Name before the world. In the Word we hear God's will and promise for us and for the world. In common prayer we exercise the priestly role of mediating between God and the world. In the sacraments we are brought into communion with God in Christ and with one another in the body of Christ. In organizing for mission, we figure out how best to work for justice and reconciliation and take care of the needs of Christ's brothers and sisters.

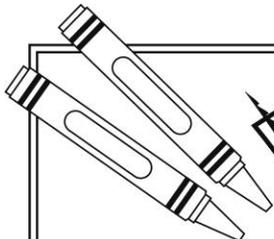
The whole history of salvation is the story of God calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying a people to be his own. This is the story from the patriarchs in Genesis, who generate biologically the people of Israel, through the gathering of the saints into the kingdom of Christ in the Book of Revelation. Individuals are called by God to special service. But that service always entails a task related to the life of God's people, whether it's Abraham becoming the

father of a nation, Moses delivering that nation from bondage in Egypt and receiving God's Law, David being anointed as king over all the tribes of Israel, the prophets being given a special word of the Lord to deliver to the people in particular circumstances, or Paul taking the gospel of the crucified and risen Jewish Messiah Jesus to the gentiles. We are all baptized into the life of God's people. Someone had to bring us to the font.

As individuals, we are sent out from the assembly to witness to God's love in our daily lives and to care for Christ's brothers and sisters in need. Yes, Christians should also be connected with God apart from the assembly, in their own daily prayer. But even in the prayer of the closet, the prayer our Lord taught us to say is still addressed to “Our Father, who art in heaven.” And someone had to teach us to say it. One becomes a Christian by being baptized. Baptism is both an immersion into the death and resurrection of Christ and a rite of initiation into the Christian community. That's why some pastors are reluctant to baptize people for whom we cannot see a continuing relationship with the community of faith in Christ Jesus crucified and risen. The faith in which we are baptized is learned in the community. There's no way to be a Christian apart from the community of faith, apart from hearing the Word of God and participating in the sacramental meal our Lord left for the church to celebrate for his remembrance. Many churches count as active members those who receive communion as well as make some kind a contribution because both are indications of invested participation in the life of the church.

As to whether you can connect with God without attending church...well, God will get ahold of you if he needs to. He connected to Moses through a burning bush and to Saul the Pharisee who later became Paul the Apostle by a lightning bolt on the highway to Damascus. But we have no guarantee of encountering God in a bush or on the highway. But the eternal Word of God (God's self-communication) became flesh in Jesus the Christ. And the risen and ascended Christ promises to be present wherever two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20). If you want to connect with God, God is reliably present in Christ. And Christ is reliably present in the assembly and in the word proclaimed and the sacraments administered. In other words, you will feel more connected with God in Christ when you attend church because that's where Christ promised to be present.

*By Frank Senn, a retired Lutheran pastor*

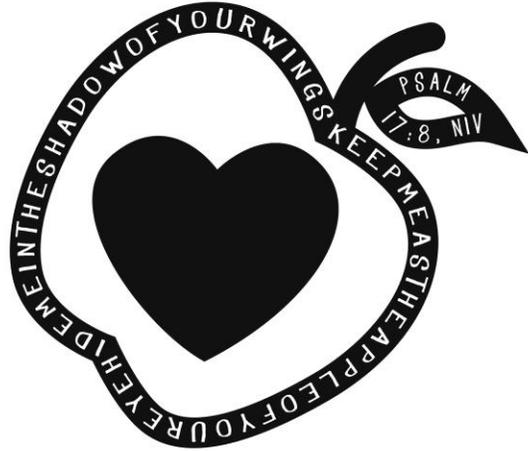



# PUZZLE

## APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

# APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

**What you need:**

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

**What you do:**

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

## Zion Council Meeting

August 5, 2018

Zion Lutheran Council met on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 9:30AM before worship. Members in attendance were Angelle Berreau, Carla Ennenga, Deb Graham, Kevin Knips, Deb & Mel Kroon, Carol & Chuck Serfling and Bob (Member).

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

Secretaries minutes were read from the July 2018 meeting. M/Carla to approve the minutes. S/Kevin. Motion carried.

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

### Unfinished Business:

- Brief discussion on the bathroom remodel and the new gutters.
- We will be doing the Community Meal on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 for "God's Work Our Hands". On God's Work Out Hands" Sunday which is scheduled for Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking a special collection that will be donated towards the Community Meal that we'll be serving on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

### New Business:

- Deb Kroon will look into having the lawn sprayed.
- Kevin and Cindy Knips have a printer for the office to replace the printer which no longer works.
- Deb Kroon will conduct the service on Sunday, August 19, 2018 as Bob will be gone.
- Discussed what our mission statement is and if we have a vision statement.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Notes for meeting were taken by Carol Serfling

Submitted By:  
Sara Henning,  
Zion Lutheran Church Council Secretary



# HADLEY ZION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost (green)  H – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z –Worship/Comm. 10:45	3 	4	5	6  Zion Council meeting 7 pm  Zion Bible study 2 pm @ church	7	1    8
9 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost (green)  H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am	10	11  Hadley Council meeting 7 p.m.	12	13	14	15  Shetek Conference WELCA Fall Gathering 9 am
16 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost (green)  H – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z –Worship/Comm. 10:45	17  H – Bingo at Golden Living Center, 2 pm	18	19	20	21	22 
23 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost (green)  H – Worship 8:45 am Z – Sunday school 9:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am	24	25  Please submit all October newsletter items by 9 am	26	27	28	29
30 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost (green)  H – Worship 8:45 am Z – Sunday school 9:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am			September 		<b>Hadley</b> Ushers – Dusty Veldhuisen Ryan Veldhuisen Reader – Jackie V. Altar – Joanne Swan Cleaners – Dan & Audrey	<b>Zion</b> Ushers – Deb Graham Reader – Cindy Knips Altar – Cindy Knips