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Parish News

We mourn the loss of the Slayton nursing home which closed in July. Several members of Hadley had to find other places to live. Remember them in prayer as they adjust to a new residence. *Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall. Psalm 55:22*

Irene Reinke of Zion is recovering from a fractured hip at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. God’s continued blessings to Irene and Bob as they work through this bump in the road.

Alex Petersen and Jessica Kruse were united in marriage July 6, 2019 at Hadley Lutheran.

Zion is still collecting “Best Choice” UPC barcodes on foods from Keith’s Grocery. Please give them to Carol or leave on my office desk.

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.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Adrian High School on Wednesday, July 31 from 1:00 – 7:00 pm.

New red paraments were seen on Pentecost Sunday in June at Zion. Thank you to the family of Vivian Mueller for the generous donation.



Representing Zion at the annual Shetek Synod Assembly were Bob Ossefoort, Sara Henning and Char Kruse. See page three for a summary of events. (There are pictures scattered throughout the newsletter of the six things we are to do to help us with “everyday spirituality.”)



August Bible verse:

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25





- 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)
- 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)

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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.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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

August 11 Little Sprouts Garden Class
 Come out to camp and learn about gardening and sample some of camp's garden produce! From 3 – 4:30 pm. For all ages.

Aug. 23-24 Young at Heart Retreat
 Renew and recharge rooted in Christ during the Young at Heart Retreat. Spend time in Christian community; enjoying good company, good food and lodging, and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Enjoy time in Bible Study, playing in a game tournament, doing a craft or spending time in nature and eating s'mores and singing around a campfire!

August 24 Sun Science Kids Class
 Come out to camp for a fun end of summer activity! From 3 – 4:30 pm. For all ages.

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."

2019 SWMN Synod Assembly: “Everyday Spirituality”

“Everyday Spirituality”, what do those two words mean for you? June 7-8, 2019 Bob, Char and I (Sara Henning) attended the 2019 Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls. Through the worship, bible lessons, fellowship, elections, and service projects the three of us had the opportunity to explore “Everyday Spirituality” within ourselves, within our congregations, within our communities and within our synod.

I’m going to begin by reporting back to you all points of interest from the assembly that affect us and our congregation. If anyone has any questions on the following points from the synod assembly, please talk with me, Bob or Char for more clarification. They are as follows:

- 1) The “Lilly” Endowment has been renamed; it is now called the “Gifts of Grace” it was changed so that they can continue and be a long-term program rather than a time limited grant.
- 2) Ferman Woodberry was elected as the new Vice President for the synod.
- 3) Bishop Jon Anderson asked us to give a message to our congregations, it was: “We (the synod) give thanks to God for your generosity that helps move the synod forward.”
- 4) Resolution 19.01 – “Regarding the process for Synod bishop elections.”
This resolution says there will no longer be public forums prior to the start of the assembly, encouraging others to make nominations. Then every congregation/member will get a chance to nominate or vote not just those who attend the assembly. This resolution was adopted.
Resolution 19.02 – “Regarding Synod Board Membership.”
There are some changes to chapter 11. The changes will make it easier to elect/get individuals to serve on the synod board. This resolution was adopted.
- 5) There has been some restructuring of the conference lines drawn within our synod, I have posted a map at the church for your reference. The reasoning behind the change was to have the conferences more equal in size of baptized members.
- 6) Food Packing – Bob, Char and I worked at this service project during the assembly, this year 80,000 meals were packaged.

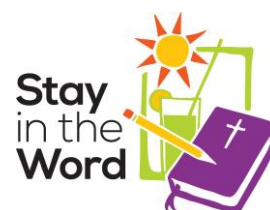
All these points relate to “Everyday Spirituality” and the work being done in the synod to serve God’s people.

A quote I liked that I heard at the assembly was “*Christ has no body but yours*” by St. Theresa. I liked this because as I think about “Everyday Spirituality” the only actions/messages I have full control over are my own. So, while I use my “Everyday Spirituality” to serve God and others, the goals I have within my spirituality are done for me and my own happiness as well. That’s the awesome thing about “Everyday Spirituality”, serving God and others is a powerful service to ourselves. To me the two main goals of “Everyday Spirituality” that were reinforced at the synod assembly were:

- 1) Keep the cross at the center of everything!
- 2) Trust in God’s grace.

As I listened to Bishop Jon Anderson speak, he reinforced to me ways I can carry out “Everyday Spirituality” in my life, which will help me to always keep my spiritual goals in the center of my life. He recommended these six things:

- 1) Take time to pray
- 2) Worship
- 3) Study Scripture
- 4) Daily Devotion
- 5) Serving one another
- 6) Practice faith (forgiving, be giving, encourage, etc.)



To answer the first question I posed about what “Everyday Spirituality” entails what we do from this list. I do all these things, but sometimes I fall short, but that’s the wonderful part of God’s grace, if I don’t give up, I’m always living my “Everyday Spirituality”. Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to represent our congregation at the assembly, for allowing me the chance to hear messages that help me to continue to walk a faith-filled life, and above all a life with a God that loves me and forgives me when I do fall short.

If you took the time to read this I want you to look at Bishop Anderson’s six recommendations and see how you’re doing with each of them in your life; look at them not to be critical of yourself, but as a way to empower your own faith, your “Everyday Spirituality”.

God Bless, Sara Henning

WANTED: Citizens to Go "Behind Bars" For Murray County Kids at ECI Jail & Bail

The Murray County Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) is looking for groups, businesses, and individuals in our community willing to take part in the Jail & Bail fundraiser. This lively event is a fun way to positively impact the youngest children of Murray County. Jail & Bail will take place from 2-7 p.m. during the fair on Wednesday, August 14th.

The Murray County ECI sponsors educational outreach programs focused on children from birth to age five (the age-range when the most brain development occurs in a person's lifetime) to increase school readiness and support families. Families Reading Every Day (FRED) events, Preschool Open Gym & Open Swim, Books for Businesses, children's music concerts, the Annual Family Fair, visits to area daycares by ECFE on Wheels, backpacks and school supplies at preschool screenings, and many other projects for local children are funded with the money raised during Jail & Bail.

Jail & Bail participants have the option of turning themselves in at the courthouse lawn or being "arrested" and transported by the Slayton Police Department. They will be "incarcerated" in a mock jail where they will stand before a community judge to be charged with their "crime." The inmates then begin making phone calls to raise their goal of \$100. Bail can either be raised in the form of donations or pledges. If you are unavailable on August 14th but would still like to participate, bail money can be raised ahead of time.

For more information about volunteering for the annual Jail and Bail event or having a friend, relative, or coworker arrested by the SPD, please contact Marilyn Carlson at 507-360-9721 or email Marie Paulzine at murraycountyeci@gmail.com.

Zion Serves Community Meal

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

On the fourth Wednesday of every month the Luverne United Methodist Church serves a community meal to all who would like a special place to meet friends, visit a little and share some great food! It is a need they have been providing since 2014.

When we no longer had the numbers to serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls an alternative option to serve others was found in Luverne. This is the third year we have assisted with the program.

On Wednesday, July 24 we gathered once again to use our time and talents to make and serve a meal. On the menu was spaghetti and a choice of chicken alfredo sauce or the regular meat sauce, lettuce salad, bread and bars made by our church members. About 100 people were served this wonderful meal.

As I was serving the sauce over the noodles, one elderly woman told me that cooking for one and eating alone was not fun. To her it wasn't about the food, but the companionship. Other families served need the food as it helps stretch a thin food budget. So many thanked us for coming so far to serve! They were astonished that another community cared about them.

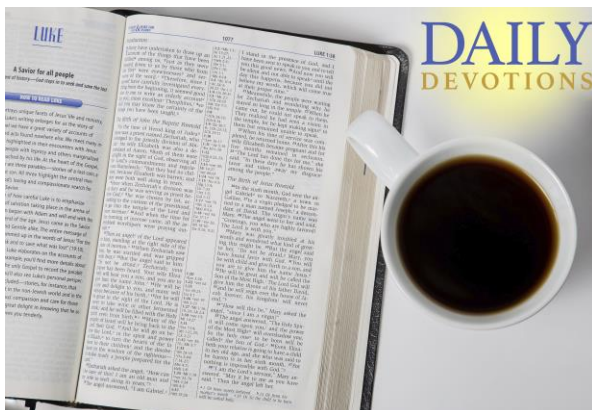
On a beautiful summer night when the Rock County Fair was going on and thoughts of doing other summer things were in our mind, we gathered together to feed the body, mind and soul of others.

We plan to do this next year. The work load is light and the joy received is the best gift.

Special thanks to Bob Ossefoort, Char Kruse and Sara Henning for going early to prepare the food. Other members coming to help included: Austin & Whitney Henning, Jodi Senkyr, Summer & Faith Hoiland, Kevin & Cindy Knips, Carla Ennenga, Deb Kroon, and Carol Serfling. Also, a big thanks to those who provided bars!

A picture is on our Facebook page (Zion, Adrian) and on our church website.

Cindy Knips



Zion Council Meeting Minutes

Zion Lutheran Council met on Sunday, July 21, 2019 following 8:45 am worship. Members in attendance were Bob, Angelle Berreau, Carla Ennenga, Sara Henning, Kevin Knips, Deb Kroon, Carol & Chuck Serfling. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Deb Kroon.

Secretaries minutes were read from the April 2019 meeting. M/Carol to approve the minutes. S/Angelle. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed for April, May and June 2019. M/Chuck to approve the report. S/Angelle. Motion carried.

Bob's Time:

- Youth gathering is scheduled for November 22 and 23. We will need a female chaperone to accompany, please see Bob if you would be able to help with this.
- Bob addressed the Council with plans for the upcoming confirmation year, discussion was held.
- Bob requested to use vacation for Sunday, September 29th and Sunday, October 6th.
- Bob reported on delivering the worship at Lake Shetek; that went well, nice attendance.

Unfinished Business:

- Zion will serve the Community meal in Luverne at the Methodist church on Wednesday, July 24th. Anyone available to help should report to the church around 5 or come as soon as you can.
- Deb reported on the Ecumenical Youth Workdays. The next workday is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th.

New Business:

- Discussion held on the weeds in the lawn, it is being sprayed, but with so much moisture it's been hard to stay on top of weeds.
- Council discussion was held on budget and how we've been doing the last few months. We also discussed the church membership, what it is in reality to the number of members that are officially on the books.
 - We decided to compose a letter with some of our thoughts and questions, and then following up with phone calls or face-to-face conversations, just to get a feel for what might be driving the lack of attendance at worship.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2019 following Sunday morning worship.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Sara Henning, Zion Lutheran Church Council Secretary





GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily □
- Do this to your shoes □
- This rises in the east □
- Cold breakfast food □
- Hot breakfast food ○ □
- Talk to God □
- Morning meal □ □
- Extend your limbs □
- Fruit drink □
- Waffle machine □ □
- Eat these scrambled or fried □

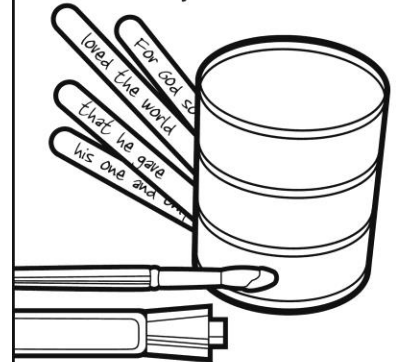


Because of the LORD's great love ... □ □ □
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 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

HADLEY ZION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>August 2019</p>	<p>Hadley Ushers – Gordon Swan Richard Swan Reader – Altar – Cindy Hanson Cleaners –</p>	<p>Zion Ushers – Kevin Knips Reader – Cindy Knips Altar – Carol Serfling</p>		1	2	3
<p>4 8th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Z – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am H –Worship/Comm.10:45</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11 9th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Z – Worship 8:45 am H – Worship 10:45 am</p>	12	13 Hadley Council meeting 7 pm	14	15 	16	17
<p>18 10th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Z – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z – Council meeting after worship H –Worship/Comm.10:45</p>	19	20 Please submit all September newsletter items by 9 am	21	22	23	24
<p>25 11th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Z – Worship 8:45 am H – Worship 10:45 am</p>	16	27	28	29	30	31