

Zion News

Words from Pastor

Dear Members of Zion,

June is almost gone and the month of July will soon be upon us. It has been a cool wet Spring and we hope and pray the Lord will bless us with some warmer weather through the summer growing and vacation season.

When we think about July, most people also think about July 4th the celebration of our nation's independence. It's also fireworks season. There will be lots of beautiful and of course loud explosions around town. We are fortunate to be living in a time when "fireworks" are for our enjoyment and entertainment and not the real thing. When Frances Scott Key wrote the words of our National Anthem, "and the rocket's red glare, bombs bursting in air" he was writing about the real thing, military munitions fired to destroy buildings and take lives.

"Freedom isn't free" has become somewhat of a cliché in our time. But it is none the less true. The freedom we enjoy and often take for granted as citizens of this nation was bought and paid for by the sacrifice of our nation's military down through over 200 years of American History. As we celebrate July 4th our nation's birthday we need to remember those who sacrificed everything so we could live as a free nation.

What is true for our country is also true for our salvation. We have been set free from sin, death and Hell itself. That freedom, which again we too often take for granted was not free either. It cost God dearly, the sacrifice of His only Son to rescue us from sin and death and bring us the promise of life now and forever through faith in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

When you really think about it, we have been doubly blessed. We live in this free nation, which in spite of all its flaws and imperfections was founded by our nation's forefathers to secure the blessings of freedom and liberty for the generations that were to come.

Christ Jesus, God's own Son has brought us freedom and liberty from sin and death for all who trust in Him as their Savior. Let's remember always that the phrase "freedom isn't free" is not just a cliché, it is the truth, for both our Nation and for our Salvation!!!!

Have a blessed and safe 4th of July.

Blessings,

Pastor Bruce

Vicar

This month has gone really well for me. I'm adjusting to the new summer schedule. To be honest, it's definitely less busy with working at the school (school work), but that means I can spend more time working on the ministry side of the job (ministry work). It's been great to go out and do more home visits, spending more time with people than I otherwise could while school is in session.

It's also a little different to think that my time here is coming to a close. I've learned a ton here, and I certainly have worked hard to learn as much as I could over the past 11 months. I'll be here for one more month, of course, which I'm very glad about! I don't really want to leave here yet, but I also know that I do have some more book learning to do before I can get called. Thinking about Call Day next year already has me excited!

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If you were to find 12 leaves under a tree lined up in a perfect line, what would you think? I bet your first thought would NOT be, "How cool that those leaves landed in a perfect line." No, my guess is that you would think, "Who did that?" Of course you would, because we humans recognize intelligent design. In the same way, we recognize that God created everything andz science, especially DNA, does not point to evolution but to intelligent design.

Let me pause that thought for a minute to let you know that as I write my Zionews article, I am on vacation with John, Amelia and Josiah. We visited our daughter (sister) Beth and her family and yes, we went to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in KY. I encourage each of you to put these two amazing venues on your bucket list.

So with my reignited enthusiasm for apologetics, I again realize that fewer people know or trust the truth of God's word. It has become easier to mingle the world's perspective with God's word, and this is a dangerous way to view life. For more on this subject, check out the many resources about creation and apologetics at CPH. Also, a search of the word "created" at Bible Gateway will lead you to great verses such as this one - "This is what the Lord says - It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts." Isaiah 45:12

May we all know God's Word and defend our Creator without hesitation in a culture with a confused world view.

Laura Ahlers, DCE



Game night is **Sunday July 14th** in Zion's gym from 4-6pm. Don't miss it!

August 11th-from 4-7



July 11-15th

We have made it to the month of our trip and we are excited for all the Lord will teach us! Our group has changed again, please pray for those attending, they are – Hannah Magnussen, Maggie Dale, Shelby White, Abby Meier, Champion White, Tate Reinke, Jennifer Magnussen and Laura Ahlers. Thank you for your support, we can't wait to tell you all about the Gathering!

Ladies Aid

The Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, June 5th, for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus" The devotion titled "God In Command" was read by Sandy Rakowsky. Vicar Mork led the topic titled "When Life Takes a Detour."

The business meeting was conducted by President Sharolyn Buss., with 12 members answering roll call.

The May committee served regular aid meeting lunch, served 2 funerals and sent 8 cards. Since the residents of Premier Estates have not been able to return following the flood, the ladies will not entertain on their scheduled date in July.

Vicar Mork was presented a farewell gift since he will be leaving our congregation the end of July to return to the seminary to complete his final year of study.

There were no June birthdays however Sharolyn Buss was recognized for her 59th wedding anniversary. Since there will be no July meeting, honored for July birthday was Laurita Nitz and recognized for their July wedding anniversary were Janet Silhacek for her 54th and Pastor and Angie for their 31st.

The meeting closed with prayers and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Lunch was served by the June committee, Donna Koerting and Lois May.

Since there will be no meeting in July, the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 7th, at 1:30pm and visitors are always welcome.

Zion LLL--Mission Connection.

The Zion LLL—MC is in summer time recess. We will begin our new season on Thursday, August 8th. We are beginning a month early in 2019 since as we prepare for hosting LLL Zone 11 Fall Rally the last Sunday in September the 29th. We will begin a new video Bible study “How We Got The Bible”. As God's written Word the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the source of His revelation to man. We will learn about the production, collection, transmission, and preservation of these marvelous works in “How We Got The Bible”, featuring Dr. Paul L. Maier, Join us for this interesting and informative Bible study.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM/LLL)—Daily Devotions. Take Some Time in God's Word

Every day a new devotion from LHM can be yours, waiting for you in your e-mail in-box. They're fresh, lively, and centered on the Good News of Jesus Christ. These LHM Daily Devotions can help you prepare for next Sunday's worship. Each week's focus is based in part on the church calendar's three-year lectionary, with individual days of the week devoted to the Psalms, the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Gospel texts (*Monday thru Thursday*). The other three days of the week feature devotions based on a hymn from the *Lutheran Service Book (Sunday)*, a "classic" text from one of LHM's resources (*Friday*), and a sermon excerpt by a previous Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour (Saturday)**. Each day's message is read by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker for The Lutheran Hour.

You can email subscribe to the daily and seasonal (*Lent and Advent*) devotions in both English and Spanish. You can do this by going to: <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom> and making your selections for Daily Devotions or other information or media available to you on your computer and/or smart phones.

NE District LLL State Fair Booth Ministry

The Nebraska State Fair is right around the corner and the Nebraska District LLL will again host a Gospel Outreach Booth at the fair. Attendees will have an opportunity to pick up valuable resources on many aspects of Christian beliefs, resources with answers to today's problems and challenges, and visit with booth workers about faith issues. If you would be willing and interested in spending some time witnessing to fair-goers through the LLL booth, please contact Paul Schmidt, Hastings, soon to reserve your time slot. His contact information is: Home: 402-462-2064, Cell: 402-460-0004 or E-mail: psflatwater@inebraska.com.

PS. Friday, August 30th is the date assigned to NE Dist. LLL Zone 11 to work the fair booth. You can contact Jim Kirsch; president of LLL Zone 11, Norfolk; at 402 -371-7920 for the August 30th date. For any other fair date contact Paul Schmidt, Hastings at Home: 402-462-2064, Cell: 402-460-0004 or E-mail: psflatwater@inebraska.com. Thank you for considering this special outreach service.

The Lutheran Hour“Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church”

Did you know that The Lutheran Hour is aired on 1,800 stations in North America and is also available as a mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Spotify, iHeartRadio and Sirius XM?

Did you know that The Lutheran Hour has been broadcast on WJAG, Norfolk since 1931? The very first broadcast of The Lutheran Hour began in October 1930. Since 1956 NE Dist. LLL Zone 11 has been the project sponsor of The Lutheran Hour on WJAG. TO GOD BE THE GLORY AND PRAISE!

The following is a list of radio station in NE Nebraska providing The Lutheran Hour each Sunday.

6:30 A.M.—Omaha KFAB AM 1110 TCH AM 1590	7:30 A.M.—Norfolk WJAG AM 780 FM 105.9 Wayne—K
8:00 A.M.—Norfolk KTFC FM 96.3 IA KSCJ AM 1360 FM 94.9	Sioux City, IA--KTFC FM 103.3 8:30 A.M.—Sioux City,
9:00 A.M.—Norfolk KAWZ FM 91.3 WNAX AM 570 FM 99.9	9:30 A.M.—Central City KZEN FM 100.3 Yankton, SD—
11:00 A.M.—West Point KTIC AM 840 FM 107.9	12:30 P.M.—Norfolk WJAG AM 780 FM 105.9 O’Neill KBRX AM 1350 FM 102.9

The Lutheran Hour is also available 24/7 on your computer at www.lhm.org.

LWML Agape Circle

The LWML Agape Circle met Wednesday, June 12th, at Zion Lutheran Church with 9 members present. Jolene Smith gave the devotion “The Heavenly Banquet”. Holly Koehler shared the history of one of her favorite hymns “Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying”. Vicar Mork, led the bible study “Running the Race” and ended the study with prayer requests.

President Lynette conducted the business meeting. Recipients of the monetary donations from the June 8th Biblical fashion show fundraiser are The Orphan Grain Train, Mission Central, The Lutheran Chapel and the Vicar Fund/Seminary student. Lavonne Fleeer passed around many great pictures she took at the event. A huge thank-you to everyone who participated as a “model”, provided food and decorations, helped serve, and especially to President Lynette and Holly Koehler for all their work and time in organizing the show. Thank-you also to everyone who attended.

The meeting ended with the collection of mites during the LWML pledge, the Lord’s Prayer and dessert served by hostess, Jolene Smith. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of hostess, Velda Meyer. Guests are always welcome.

LWML KATHERINE CIRCLE

The Zion LWML Katherine Circle met on Wednesday, June 12th at Zion Lutheran Church with 5 members present. Devotions were given by Jacque Collison “Run to Get the Prize” based on 1 Corinthians 9: 24.

Pastor Bruce led the Bible study “Running the Race”. In 1 Corinthians 9: 24, Paul uses racing language: Do you not know that in a race all runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain *it*. He tells Timothy toward his life’s end: *I have fought the good fight, I have kept the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* 2 Timothy 4:7.

Our President reminded us that we will clean the kitchen after our July meeting. Mites were collected.

Our next meeting will be held **July 10th** with Janell Fischer giving devotions and Shirley Warneke providing lunch.

You are always welcome to join us for a Bible study, short meeting and lunch and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Warneke



July 28th

Following the 10:00 Service!

This will be Vicar Josh & Samantha's last Sunday with us!

Please join us and wish Vicar and Samantha, Gods richest blessings as
Vicar finishes his last year at Seminary!

Please bring a Hot/Cold Dish to share.

July 2019 Serving Schedule

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	ELDERS	ORGAN	DELIVERY AUDIO
Monday July 1		Bo Bockelman Jacob Wragge		Galen Anderson		
Sunday PAX July 7	David Dale Blaine Bockelman	Tate Collison Amelia Ahlers		Eric Retzlaff		
Traditional 10:00 AM	Matthew Steffen Grant Snodgrass Tom Carstens Dalton Freeman	Merin Gossman Isaiah Yarde	Jerald & Suzie Wachter	Mike Krueger	Linda Celine	<i>Delivery</i> Gina Larsen Video Billie Graham
Monday July 8		Megan Gnirk Hadleigh Collison		Dennis Brady		
Pax July 14 Communion	Chance White Caydan Retzlaff	Jordan Kuether Neveeah Koeppe		Gale Bretschneider		
Traditional 10:00 AM Communion	Brock Bolling Blake Bolling Zach Collison Luke Collison	Brayden Kuper Veronica Orona	Todd & Linda Stonacek	Rick Sirek	Marcia Celine	<i>Delivery</i> Paul Hixson Video Rose Graham
Monday July 15 Communion		Trevor Montgomery Claudia Riggert		Fred Marks		
Pax July 21	Collin Tinker Brett Tinker	Kaden Mossel Kaylee Steffen		Tom Weinrich		
Traditional 10:00AM	Alex Meier Haiden Maggnussen Ben Brahmer Schuyler Simpson	Garret Reidel Tate Collison	Mike & Miriam Krueger	Jerald Wachter	Linda Celine	<i>Delivery</i> Les Richmond Video Kim Cromwell
Monday July 22		Tate Reinke Bo Bockelman		Eric Retzlaff		
Pax July 28 Communion	Travis Hoffman Brian Blecher	Champion White		Mike Krueger		
Traditional 10:00 AM Communion	Jackson Wachholtz Luke Endorf Dawson Watts Dylan Riedel	Jaya Wachholtz Deon Watts	Ron & Janelle Feddern	Dennis Brady	Marcia Celine	<i>Delivery</i> Dennis Watts Video Shelby White
Monday July 29 Communion		Abbey Watts Trevor Montgomery		Gale Bretschneider		