

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

January 2013



Thanks to all who helped out at the Polka Service at Zion on December 9! It was a huge success, drawing 156 people to worship and raising \$984! We want to thank **Ron & Cookie Malueg** for chairing the food preparation and for all who donated and helped out during the day: **Pastor Craig & Wendy, Arlene Wuske, Elaine Mehlberg, Yvonne Schoen, Judy Grunewald, Char & Bruce Breitenfeldt, April Grimm, Judy Lang, Rose & Tom Malueg, Dale & Beatrice Klitz, Judy & Cliff Rohloff, LouVera Mavis, Lois Klaeser, Shirley Klaeser, Dorothy Lundt, Vicki Riska, Carl & Shirley Grunewald, Jeff Y& Kay Blum, Peg & Roger Krueger, Jean Fritz, Gladys Wichmann, Chad Lundt, Bonnie Haas, Gene & Ellen Mehlberg, Judy Malueg, Ron & Donna Wuske**

The Outreach Committee is planning to attend a Green Bay Gambler's hockey game on Sunday, February 10, at 3:05 pm. This is a Family Night Game, so hotdog's & pop are just \$1. All kids 14 and under get \$5 off tickets in the \$13, 15 or 17 range. Look for sign-ups in the churches soon!



Pastor Craig will be taking some vacation and continuing education time in January. He and Wendy will be gone Jan. 11-13, to attend hockey games up in Superior & Duluth. **We will need people to lead worship at Peace & Zion on the 13th.**

He will also be attending, as he does annually, the Symposia on the Lutheran Confessions & Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN from Jan. 21-25.

Rev. Crocker from Christus LC in Clintonville will be on call during this time.
He can be reached at **(715) 823-6521**

Annual Meetings

We begin to plan and hold our annual meetings starting in January. Peace will be holding theirs on Sunday, January 27th, beginning at 12 pm.

Zion & Peace will switch worship times this morning.

We will be holding a potluck dinner, followed by the meeting. We will need a new trustee to serve on the council, as Larry's terms are up.

If you have a report at Peace to enter, please get it into Val Natzke by Jan. 13, so it can get to the printers in time. For Zion, please have them into the church office by Jan. 29.

Zion will be holding their annual meeting sometime in February.

The Outreach Committee will be soon ordering hot/cold beverage containers to include in the New Member gift bag. Since we have to make an order of at least 50, we are offering them for sale to everyone at Peace & Zion. The expected cost will be around \$5, and will say "Zion & Peace Lutheran Parish". Look for an order form in the back of each church.

In Our Prayers

Jordan Bliss, Jason Cor, Sharon Smith, Terry Blankschien, Roger Prey, Deb Heinz, Jill Verg, Ken Verg, Elroy Mehlberg, Elroy Malueg, Shirley Klaeser, Char Breitenfeldt, Luella Wuske, Lisa Marquardt, Sarah Peterson, Maryann Wendt, Ryan Schultz, Dennis Kruzicki, Lorna Allberg, Orland Kissingner, Carl Westphal, Chris Kahl, Tom Thorn, Randy Williams, Chris Zernicke, Alexis DePaoli in Syria, Teresa Parvin and her baby, Brittany Sperberg and her baby
.....and our nursing home and shut in members: Dolores Fietz, Mae Ankersen, Diane Meyers, Ervin Buss, Jeanette Miller, Florence Bossell, Andrew Buss, Lila Menzel, Howard & Deloris Seefeldt, Harvey Krueger, Ken Verg



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Members present for the meeting at Zion at 9:00 were Kathy Malueg, Dorothy Lundt, Wendy Nehring, Pastor Craig, Lynn Grunewald, Roger & Peg Krueger. Members absent: Brenda Brady, and Sara Steinke.

Next meeting is on January 19th 9:00 @ at Zion.

Old Business

St. Norbert Concert- 7 attended and was well liked. **Bell Ringing-** 3 locations in Shawano and members from both helped out.

New Business

Welcome Packet- New member Sunday at Zion is December 23rd. Full Sheet cake is ordered from John. He will deliver to church Sunday morning. We have the first round of welcome packets created. Wendy/Peg will meet to find/order totes and/or cups.

Events/Activities list for 2013- We got a start on the list. January's activity is Super Bowl Sundae. We will discuss details at the January meeting.

Activities 2013

January- Super Bowl Sundae (Feb 3)

February- Green Bay Gamblers Hockey Game (Feb 10)

March- Easter breakfast @ Zion (men) (March 31)

May- SS/Church picnic (3rd Sunday)

June- Father's Day ice cream

July- Outdoor service @ Zion, Timber Rattlers

August- Possible Tigerton Lumberjack Days float (include banner w/worship and SS times)

September- Coat drive (to MAMA's house of hope in December) & Rally Sunday - Hotdog picnic

October- Colorama float & Reformation dinner

November- Deer hunters service, Thanksgiving food drive, Cookie exchange

December- 2 Shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child

Also discussed possible ideas for **Friends / Couple night out:** Bonfire at Natzke's, House on the Rock, Luigi's pizza in Shawano, Mall of American - weekend event, Door County trip, Bowling, Outlet mall in Oshkosh, Eagle River craft day, Al Capone's Hideout, Leona train, Brewer game

Pastor Craig & Wendy would like to so deeply thank everyone for the cards and gifts we received for Christmas (especially from "Santa" and Wally Grunewald!)



It was very appreciated and we consider ourselves blessed to have been part of your Christmas thoughts and as part of your Church family these past three years.

Thank you also for the chance to serve you in 2013. We are very excited with the how things are going at P & Z and appreciate the fact that we receive our living from your hard work and offerings.

Zion is collecting slips from your purchases at Econofoods in Clintonville-we receive a portion back of everything spent at the store. The next turn in date is January, so if you have any sitting around, please turn them into the church. In July, we received over \$100 for the Youth Group. We will distribute the Jan. funds to a different group in the church.

The Youth are planning to go ice skating on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 7-9 pm in Shawano. Cost is \$3 for skating, with \$2 for skate rental. Look for a postcard to come in the mail soon!



Meetings in January

Peace Council – Sunday, Jan. 13 @ 7:00 am
Zion Council – Sunday, Jan. 20 @ 11:15 am
Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat., Jan. 19 @ 9 am
Peace Annual Meeting- Sunday, Jan. 27 @ 12 pm

Dartball News We play on Monday's @ 8 pm. See a member if interested in playing. We are always looking for new players. As of Dec. 19, Zion's record was 11-10 and Peace's was 7-14.

Jan. 7 : Zion @ Peace
Jan. 14: Peace @ Pella, Zion @ Dupont
Jan. 21: Peace @ St. Martins, Zion @ Home
Jan. 28: Peace @ Home, Zion @ Home



Choir practice at Zion is on Monday @ 6 pm. All who are interested in singing (and we want you all), please join us for practice or speak to Yvonne Schoen

January Birthday's

Zion

- Florence Bossell – January 2
- Brooke Bartz- January 2
- Steve Verg – January 3
- Roger Krueger – January 4
- Elroy Mehlberg – January 4
- Kay Blum – January 5
- Lauren Reissman – January 6
- Barry Grimm – January 8
- Ronnie Faehling – January 9
- JoAnn Malueg- January 9
- Yvonne Schoen – January 10
- Crystal Schwan- January 17
- Lydia Kirk – January 19
- Karlie Faehling – January 21
- Ramona Mehlberg – January 22
- McKenna Crum- January 28
- Kathy Malueg – January 29
- Wyatt Brandt- January 30

Peace

- Elaine Kersten- January 2
- Kacie Krueger- January 5
- Jaelyn Brady- January 8
- Levi Schroeder- January 11
- Paul Kersten- January 13
- Karin Seefeldt- January 17
- Jaxson Brady- January 17
- Mark Tauferner- January 23
- Lila Menzel- January 28

The Zion Youth wants to thank all who bought the gift cards from Kwik Trip for our fundraiser. We sold over \$1900 worth of cards, meaning we brought in just over \$190.



Lay Readers:

- January 6: Open, Open
- January 13: Open, Open
- January 20: Open, Open
- January 27: Open, Open

Fellowship servers: Open

Zion Ushers: Open

Peace Janitors: Dan & Kathy Seefeldt

Zion Altar Guild: Dorothy Lundt & Sue Raether

Correction from December- The stand for the Advent wreath at Peace was built by Henry Hoeksema, but was donated by Roger & Millie Prey in memory of Bernice Seefeldt.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Through December, we have had 28 shawls and lap robes made and delivered. We thank all who have worked hard to make and donate these-especially the "mystery" knitter at Peace who has made 8, but has remained anonymous. Please join us, or stop at church and pick up some yarn to knit on our next meeting- **Jan. 14 at 9 am**

"Members of Zion: We want to tell you how much we enjoyed visiting your church Sunday following our 8 am service at Christus. Lynn (Grunewald) told me about it and we're so glad we saw your beautifully decorated church and enjoyed the Christmas polka service with all you wonderful people. Then, we must say how delicious the soup dinner was! We even bought some to bring home and enjoy. The beautiful snow fall completed the day."

-God's Blessing to you all, Bob & Teddy Eggleston



- ... to our lay readers in December: Wendy Nehring, Maxine Williams, Janet Arndt, Leah Jobe, Yvonne & Dennis Schoen, McKenna Crum, Anna Watters
- ... to on Altar Guild at Zion: Yvonne Schoen
- ... for cleaning Peace in December: Jeremy & Brenda Brady
- ... for providing fellowship at December: Scott & Marilyn Bauman
- ... to Lee & Linda Kreklow for donating the Christmas Tree at Peace
- ... to **ALL** who decorated Zion & Peace for the Christmas Season!

- ...to all the Sunday school teachers and helpers who worked hard to present the Christmas Story at Peace & Zion on Christmas Eve
- ...to Kathy Malueg, Bruce & Char Breitenfeldt, Lee, Linda, Mary & Bethany Kreklow, April & Thomas Grimm, Judy Rohloff, Wendy Nehring, Luke, Hannah & Dimitri DenOtter for ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 8
- ...to Jane Pringnitz, Gene & Ellen Mehlberg for purchasing and putting together the candy bags for Christmas Eve at Peace & Zion. Thanks, also, to Doug & Sue Passehl for donating candy to the Zion bags!

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Zion Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2012

Members present for the meeting were Pastor Craig, Dale Klitz, Alan Buss, Judy and Ron Grunewald, Ron Malueg, and Ellen Mehlberg. Members absent were Lori Egdorf. Dale called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes for November were read and approved. MSC Ron Malueg/ Ron Grunewald. The treasure's report was discussed. MSC Alan Buss/ Ron Malueg to approve the treasure's report.

Pastor's Report: The Zion Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Christmas Eve at 6:30. Christmas Day Service with communion will be at 9:00 a.m. at Zion. Ann Bartz has requested the use of the basement at Zion on Saturday February 16. Request accepted.

New Business: There was a good turn out for the Christmas Polka Service today. Next years service should not conflict with other local church events and Packer games. Christmas candy bags and teacher gifts were discussed. Dale Klitz and Gene Mehlberg have enclosed the back shed at the parsonage to better protect the lawn equipment. We thank them for their work. Propane gas prices will be checked with several companies. A special congregational meeting at Zion will be held to vote on the LWF resolution on Sunday December 16th. Several council positions will need to be filled in January. The next council meeting will be Sunday January 20, after church.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary



Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Breitenfeldt. Council members present were Alan Breitenfeldt, Pastor Craig, Larry Pringnitz, Sr, Dennis Kersten, Val Natzke, Steve Krueger, Wendy Nehring and Marilyn Bauman. The minutes of the October 14, 2012 council meeting stand approved as printed. The Treasurer's report through the month of November was reviewed. There were no pension funds disbursed this month as the pension company was changed. A double payment will be sent out in December. The current balance in the checking account is \$13,643.88. The Treasurer's report stands approved as printed.

PASTOR REPORT: The Christmas Eve service is scheduled for 4:30 on December 24th. The Sunday School children will be performing this evening. The Christmas Day service will be a combined one at Zion at 9AM. We currently have no organist for the Christmas Eve service. Unless someone can find an organist to fill in, we will go with prerecorded music.

OLD BUSINESS: Thrivent Choice funds will be voted on at the annual meeting. The congregation approved joining the Lutheran World Federation at a special meeting held on November 25, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS: The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2013. We will once again be switching worship times with Zion with a potluck to follow & then the meeting. All reports need to be to Val by January 13th so the annual report can be compiled. She will use the same company as last year to do this. Larry is in his 2nd term as a trustee so we will have to find another member to fill his position. Wally will talk to the lady's group to see if they are willing to put on the soup supper again this year. If so, this would be on February 6, 2013.

Pastor Craig's picture & info has been updated on the plaque in the entry way. A motion was made by Marilyn, 2nd by Steve to give Pastor Craig & our 2 organists Christmas gifts in the same amount as was done last year along with a gift to Wendy Nehring for heading up the Sunday School program. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be held on January 13, 2013 at 7AM. The 2013 budget will be discussed at this meeting. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Steve to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Bauman, Secretary

Zion Special Congregation Meeting

December 16, 2012

President Dale Klitz called the meeting to order. Discussion was led by Pastor whether or not the NALC should apply for membership to the Lutheran World Federation. Jean Fritz made a motion to approve the actions taken at the National Convocation, seconded by Cliff Rohloff. Motion was approved.

Motion made by Dennis Schoen, seconded by Ron Malueg to adjourn.

-Vice President Lori Egdorf, Acting Secretary

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Zion & Peace in Action



Decorating for Christmas



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



New Member Welcome



Above: Advent Concert

Left: Caroling to nursing home



Zion Polka Service



Peace Xmas Eve

Zion Xmas Eve



Joint Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Dale Klitz. Members present for the meeting were Pastor Craig, Wendy Nehring, Dale Klitz, Ron Malueg, Ron and Judy Grunewald, Ellen Mehlberg, Dennis Kersten, Steve Krueger, Larry Pringnitz, Alan Breitenfeldt, Marilyn Bauman, and Valerie Natzke. Pastor led us in devotions. The August 19 minutes were given and approved. MSC Alan Buss/ Alan Breitenfeldt. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor requested vacation time off for January 11- 13th, continuing education time for January 21-25, and continuing education for February 3-5th. MSC Alan Breitenfeldt/ Ron Malueg. Lent will begin February 13th with Ash Wednesday. Worship service times will be an earlier evening service at Peace and later evening for Zion.

New Business: January 27th is Peace Church's annual meeting and potluck. They will have the 10:15 service that Sunday and Zion's will be at 8:30. MSC Ron Malueg/ Ron Grunewald. Pastor was voted a 3% increase in salary. MSC Marilyn/ Steve Krueger motion carried. Pastor has applied for disability insurance through the NALC. The next joint council meeting will be April 21st at Peace at 6:00 and 6:30. MSC Dennis/ Alan Breitenfeldt.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary

Peace Financial Report-October

Income: \$3134.35

Expenses: \$2326.50

Peace Financial Report-November

Income: \$3426.10

Expenses: \$1678.67

Year-To-Date

Income: \$36,501.35

Expenses: \$35,421.89

Difference: **\$1,079.46**

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in November (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$5670

Loose offering: \$24

Benevolence: \$335

Thrivent Choice funds: \$151

Sunday School: \$28.75

Colorama Food Stand: \$95.64

Polka Band: \$100

Building Fund: \$3

Bibles: \$36.99

Total: \$6491.04

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2704.62

Phone: & internet: \$176.70

Electricity: \$200.33

Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$394.38

Pension: \$652.58

NALC Benevolence: \$780

RJS Distributing- bulletins: \$137.74

Gene Lettau-Polka Service: \$375

New Life LC-local benevolence: \$50

Gift of Grace LC- local benevolence: \$50

Total: \$5703.12

Balance on hand (Dec. 9) : \$15,814.90

Need each month for budget: \$6196.79

Received 2012: \$79,015.70 (excludes transfers)

Expenses 2012: \$61,713.74 (excludes improvements)

Luther on...Christ



Faith in these words has been so powerful that it has overcome the world and the devil. Thus we read a story or legend that once upon a time, when the Gospel of John was being read from the beginning ("In the beginning was the Word"), the devil stood there motionlessly and listened till the words, "And the Word was made flesh;" then he disappeared. Now whether this was invented or whether it actually happened, it at any rate is the truth that the devil must surely flee from the man who speaks these words from the heart in true faith. Otherwise the devil can very well put up with the fact that God's Son is the Light and Life of men and laughs in his heart because people do not accept this truth.

-Expounding on John 1:14

Congratulations to...Jessalyn Krueger & Anna Watters for making "A" honor roll, Katie Watters & Leah Jobe for making "B" honor roll & Hannah DenOtter for making honorable mention at Tigerton schools



This is our church newsletter and we want to hear from you! If you have a community, personal, or congregational event or story you would like to share, please contact Pastor Craig at cnehring@yahoo.com or Peg Krueger at pkreegs@gmail.com. Thanks!



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