

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

January 2014

Epiphany



Thanks to all who helped out at the Polka Service at Zion on December 8! It was a huge success, drawing 166 people to worship, raising a bit over \$900! We want to thank all who donated and helped out during the day: **Pastor Craig & Wendy, Curt & Crystal Schwan, Rod & Vicki Riska, Lois Klaeser, Jeff & Kay Blum, Gladys Wichmann, Ellen & Gene Mehlberg, Carl & Shirley Grunewald, Barry & April Grimm, Dale Klitz, Luke & Ramona Mehlberg, Ron & Donna Wuske, Ron & Cookie Malueg, Ralph & Arlene Wuske, Bruce & Char Breitenfeldt, Elaine Mehlberg, Dorothy Lundt, Phillip & Judy Lang, Dennis & Yvonne Schoen, Ron & Judy Grunewald, Beatrice Klitz, Aaron & Shawn Malueg, Joyce Buss, LouVera Mavis, Donna Blankschien, Shirley Klaeser**

Thank You!

Thanks to those who donated their time and materials for the fellowship after the Cantata at Zion on Dec. 11: **Dorothy Lundt, Chad Lundt, Pastor Craig & Wendy, Yvonne Schoen, Judy Rohloff, Lynn Grunewald, Janice Malueg, Rose Malueg, Carl Grunewald, Kathy Malueg, Sue Raether, Ellen Mehlberg & Bernice Klitz**

Pastor Craig will be taking some continuing education time in January. He will be attending, as he does annually, the Symposia on the Lutheran Confessions & Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN from Jan. 20-24.

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 26th, beginning at 12 pm.

Zion & Peace will switch worship times this morning.

We will be holding a potluck dinner, followed by the meeting. Dennis has agreed to serve again and an opening for the finance committee.

If you have a report at Peace to enter, please get it into Val Natzke by Jan. 23, 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 on February 9th.

The Youth are planning to go ice skating on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5-7 pm in Shawano. Cost is \$5, and that includes skates and pizza. We will be combining with St. John's in Tigerton youth for our get together! Look for a postcard to come in the mail soon!



Start making plans for Peace's annual Soup Supper, set for Wednesday, February 5, from 4-7 pm. Sign-up sheets will be available soon!

In Our Prayers

Sharon Smith, Terry Blankschien, Roger Prey, Deb Heinz, Char Breitenfeldt, Luella Wuske, Ryan Schultz, Dennis Kruzicki, Carl Westphal, Chris Kahl, Chris Zernicke, Lois Maas, Alexis DePaoli and her baby, Anna Nehring and her babyand our nursing home and shut in members: Dolores Fietz, Mae Ankerson, Diane Meyers, Ervin Buss, Jeanette Miller, Lila Menzel, Howard & Deloris Seefeldt, Harvey Krueger, Elaine Breitenfeldt, Glen & Bernice Begrow





There was no meeting in December, due to schedule conflict. The few that went to the Christmas concert on the 14th thought it was very good. Bell ringing had a good turn out and we will be sure to do it again next year.

We will be doing the Super Sundae's again on Super bowl Sunday, Feb. 2 after worship at Peace & Zion. There are a couple of things available for April-the UW Band is performing in Clintonville and a Passion Play will be performed in Appleton. More info will come closer to the event.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 18th, at 9 am at Zion.



Pastor Craig & Wendy would like to so deeply thank everyone for the cards and gifts we received for Christmas. We feel so honored and so undeserving of your expressions of gratitude and remembrance of us during this busy time. 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.

Thanks to all at Zion who helped out with the Marion school district backpack program. All total, we had donations between Zion & Peace of \$267 toward the \$320 that was needed to fund the month of December. Thanks also to Dorothy Lundt, Sue Raether & Dennis & Yvonne Schoen for helping out packing on the Friday's.

The Outreach Committee is planning to attend a Green Bay Gambler's hockey game. We will be looking at a Saturday night in early March, as that is the night where us churches are offered some good deals. Last year, we had a great turnout-if you have questions, ask them and find out why you should plan on attending this year!



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.



Meetings in January

- Peace Council – Sunday, Jan. 5 @ 7:15 am
- Zion Council – Sunday, Jan. 19 @ 11:15 am
- Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat., Jan. 18 @ 9 am
- Peace Annual Meeting- Sunday, Jan. 26 @ 12 pm

Dartball

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. 26, Zion's record was 9-9.
Jan. 6- Home
Jan. 13- @ Belle Plaine
Jan. 20- @ Christus A
Jan. 27- @ Dupont

Thanks to all who donated toward the Flowers at Zion & Peace during December! Special remembrance goes out to those at Zion:



*Ralph & Arlene Wuske- in memory of loved ones
Barry, April & Thomas Grimm- in memory of Bob & MaryAnn Grimm*

*Pastor Craig & Wendy- in memory of loved ones
Luke & Ramona Mehlberg- in memory of loved ones
Phillip & Judy Lang- in memory of loved ones
Ann Bartz & Doug Pakkamaa- in memory of loved ones*

*Dorothy & Chad Lundt- in memory of Carl Lundt
Klitz family- in memory of loved ones*



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 & Anniversary

Zion

Brooke Bartz- January 2
Steve Verg – January 3
Roger Krueger – January 4
Kay Blum – January 5
Lauren Reissman – January 6
Barry Grimm – January 8
JoAnn Malueg- January 9
Yvonne Schoen – January 10
Crystal Schwan- January 17
Lydia Kirk – January 19
Ramona Mehlberg – January 22
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



Lay Readers:

1-5: Open, Open
1-12: Open, Open
1-19: Open, Open
1-26: Maxine Williams, Open

Fellowship servers: Open

Zion Ushers: Open

Peace Janitors: Steve & Terri Krueger

Zion Altar Guild: Dorothy Lundt & Sue Raether

We want to say thank you to all who have and been donating to the prayer shawl & lap robes we have been giving out. Although we have not had formal times to gather, we will still accept any and all that you make and will give them out as they come in. PC can say that when he gives them out, they are so very appreciated!



Congratulations to...

...Austin Barrow & Kendra Barrow for making high honors at Marion schools for 1st quarter.

...Megan Steinke for making honor roll at Marion HS for 1st quarter.



The Zion Youth wants to thank all who bought the gift cards from Kwik Trip for our fundraiser. We sold \$2214 worth of cards, meaning we brought in just over \$221. Thanks to all of you who helped out!

**THANK
YOU**

- ... to our lay readers in December: Maxine Williams, Janet Arndt, Leah Jobe, Yvonne Schoen, Anna Watters, Mary & Bethany Kreklow, Brenda Brady
- ... to on Altar Guild at Zion: Yvonne Schoen
- ... for cleaning Peace in December: Paul Kersten
- ... 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! Ramona Mehlberg's name was forgotten to be thanked in the Zion bulletin for helping!

...to all the Sunday school teachers and helpers who worked hard to present the Christmas Story at Peace & Zion on Christmas Eve

...to Kathy & Ryan Malueg, Lee, Linda, Mary & Bethany Kreklow, Kendra Barrow, Dennis Schoen, Judy Rohloff, Maxine Williams, Dorothy Lundt, Ralph & Sharon Netzel, Crystal Schwan & Garret Poole for ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 8

...to Larry & Jane Pringnitz, Gene & Ellen Mehlberg for purchasing and putting together the candy bags for Christmas Eve at Peace & Zion.

Zion Council Meeting Minutes

12/15/2013



Members present: Vicky Riska, Ron Malueg, Dale, Klitz, Lori Egdorf, Al Buss, Pastor Craig. Dale called the meeting to order. Last months minutes read and approved MSC Al / Ron. Treasurer's Report approved MSC Ron/Al

Old business: Polka service went very well. Elevator repair: Received 2 bids with A-1 Elevator being the low bid. Dale will talk to A-1 and try to negotiate a better price if he can help. MSC Vicky/Al

New business: Franklin Lang donated 7 coffee pots to Zion in memory of Robert & Evelyn Grunewald. Annual meeting is set for February 9th. Next council meeting is January 19th, after church. Meeting adjourned: Vicky/Ron

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Egdorf

Peace Council Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Breitenfeldt. Council members present were Alan Breitenfeldt, Dennis Kersten, Wendy Nehring, Lee Kreklow, Val Natzke and Marilyn Bauman. The minutes of the September 29, 2013 council meeting stand approved as printed. The treasurers report stands approved as printed. Val indicated we are behind in income about \$7500 year to date.

NEW BUSINESS: Wally indicated there are 2 positions that will need to be filled for the coming year; Dennis Kersten as a trustee & Larry Pringintz Jr on the finance committee. Dennis has agreed to stay on for another term & will check with a couple members about the finance committee position. A motion was made by Marilyn, 2nd by Lee to give the same amount for Christmas gifts as was given last year. These were distributed to Pastor Craig, Wendy & both organists. MSC. We need to order new candles for the Christmas Eve service. Wendy will check with Pastor about ordering them. We will take funds out of the memorial account to pay for them. The fire extinguishers need to be serviced. Lee will take care of having this done. Dennis will get estimates for new front doors & will have this available at the annual meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th. Peace will have the 10:15 AM service followed by a pot luck dinner & then our meeting. The soup supper is set for Wednesday, February 5th from 4:00-7:00 PM. After much discussion, a motion was made by Wendy, 2nd by Dennis to increase the price to \$7/person, \$4/person for ages 5-11 & free to those under 5. MSC. Marilyn will send out a thank you to Karen Riemer & the cantata singers.

Our next meeting will be held on January 5, 2014 at 7:15AM. A motion was made by Lee, 2nd by Dennis to adjourn the meeting. MSC

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Bauman, Secretary

Joint Council Meeting Peace & Zion at Split Rock

December 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Breitenfeldt. Council members present were Alan Breitenfeldt, Marilyn Bauman, Dennis Kersten, Pastor Craig, Wendy Nehring, Lee Kreklow, Val Natzke, Ron Malueg, Dale Klitz, Alan Buss, Vicki Riska & Lori Egdorf. Pastor Craig led us in devotions & prayer. The minutes from the August 18th were not available.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Craig has requested January 20-24 & February 2-4 for time off. He will not miss any Sunday services. Pastor discussed "what if" scenarios with the council with his & Wendy's adoption process. He may have very short notice that they will be receiving a child. He also indicated he will be working more out of his house & evenings once they receive a child. They will be setting up day care for emergency situations.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: There is a passion play on April 12th that they would like to have members attend. They are trying to host activities every month.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Craig's compensation package was reviewed. A motion was made by Dale, 2nd by Vicki to give him a 4% increase. MSC. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2014 at Zion at 11:30AM.

A motion was made by Ron Malueg 2nd by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 11:50AM. MSC. We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Bauman, Peace Council Secretary

Voice of Zion Lutheran Church & Peace Lutheran Church

Zion & Peace in Action Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Zion Polka Service



Peace Xmas Party



Zion Xmas Eve



Peace Xmas Eve

We want to say thank you to the Elroy Mehlberg family who donated the monies to build the new cabinet for the Narthex at Zion. Thanks to Dale Klitz for donating his time in installing them!



After November, our giving was around \$7500 short of our budgeted income. Please continue to help out in anyway that you can. We realize that many of you are on a set or limited income, but we pray that you can continue to support our work at Peace in all the ways you can!

-Val- Peace Treasurer

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in November (Portion)

- Current Expenses: \$4641.25
- Loose offering: \$81.61
- Benevolence: \$350
- Thrivent Choice funds: \$257
- Sunday School: \$30
- Thanksgiving: \$35
- Peace Shared expenses: \$519.68

Total: \$5915.42

Disbursements (Portion)

- Pastor salary: \$2825.08
- Phone: & internet: \$215.13
- Electricity: \$207.67
- Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$273.35
- USPS (stamps): \$46
- Zidmars Hardware: \$89.70
- Benevolence: \$343
- House of Hope-backpack: \$320
- SS gifts and packages: \$78.57
- Concordia Publishing: \$151
- Dearco (display cabinet): \$589
- Torborgs (display cabinet): \$95.10

Total: \$5296.60

Balance on hand (Nov. 30): \$23,637.34

Note on benevolences: As of November, we were about \$2000 short on our obligations for the year. If possible, please help out and also, for 2014, please don't forget to include in your offerings donations to send to those around us.



Luther on... Faith

What is faith? It is the particular nature of faith to deal with, and to believe, that which is as yet not present. For what is present need not be believed; one feels and sees it. When a rich man, who had money and possessions in great plenty, believes that he will not die of hunger during the year, this is not called faith. But that man is really a believer who, without anything on hand, nevertheless clings to God's Word, convinced that as a Father God will supply him with sustenance as long as he keeps himself in the fear of God and attends to his calling. And such a faith cannot fail; for it is based on the Word of God, which is almighty and promises us that if we seek first the kingdom of God and then continue to work, all these things shall be added unto us. (Matt. 6:33)

-Sermon on John 4:47-54

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!



Look for the 'Zion & Peace Lutheran Parish' fan page on



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