

# Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church  
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church  
Split Rock, WI

## February 2013



Peace is holding their annual **Soup Supper** on **Wednesday, February 6, serving from 4 to 7 pm.** Prices are \$6 for adults and kids 12 & up, \$4 for ages 5-11 and under 5 are free. Carry outs are available for \$6 a quart and \$3 a pint.



**Start making plans to attend and begin inviting your friends and neighbors!**

### Super Sundae

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, the Outreach Comm. will be selling ice cream sundaes to raise money for our local food pantries. If you would like to help out, talk to Peg or Wendy. We hope you are able to make this a hit!



The Outreach Committee is attending 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.



### Annual Meeting

Zion will be holding their annual meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately after worship.

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."

### 2013 Lenten Schedule

We begin another 40 days of Lent this month, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 13. We will be gathering on Wednesday's through the season for a meal and worship, as we prepare ourselves to remember the tremendous sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for us on Calvary.

We are gathering at Peace @ **4:00** and Zion @ **6:30** on Ash Wednesday, with the Lord's Supper. We will gather at 6:30 pm during the rest of Lent for our worship.

#### Our Lenten schedule is:

February 13: Peace @ 4:00 pm

Zion @ 6:30 pm

February 20 @ Zion

February 27 @ Peace

March 6 @ Zion

March 13 @ Peace

March 20 @ Zion

Maundy Thurs: March 28

Peace- 5:30 pm

Zion- 7:30 pm

Good Friday: Zion @ 4 pm

Peace @ 6:30 pm

### In Our Prayers

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



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## Outreach Committee Meeting January 19, 2013

Members present for the meeting at Zion at 9:00 were Kathy Malueg, Dorothy Lundt, Wendy Nehring, Lynn Grunewald, Roger & Peg Krueger. Members absent: Brenda Brady, Pastor Craig, and Sara Steinke. **Next meeting is on February 16th 9:00 @ at Zion.**

### Old Business

**New Member Sunday @ Zion** - New member welcome for Alexis Depaoli @ Zion. Thanks to Vicki and Rod for serving the refreshments. The Outreach Committee will begin hosting Fellowship/New Member Sundays before church service four times a year.: March 17, 2013, June 9, 2013, September 15, 2013, December 15, 2013

### New Business

**Financial Report** - Wendy reported that there is \$1,681 in the checking account. \$731 is from the Anniversary Committee. The balance for the Outreach Committee is \$950.

**Super Bowl Sundae** - We will be hosting a Super Bowl Sundae prior to church at Zion & Peace on February 3, 2013. The cost for ice cream, etc. will come from the committee funds and will be reimbursed to the fund. The proceeds from Zion will be donated to the Youth Group. The proceeds from Peace are TBD. Servers @ Peace - Wendy and Kathy, Servers @ Zion - the committee  
Supplies: We have toppings, cups, and lemonade, 4 gal vanilla ice cream - Peg/Roger, Spoons - Peg/Roger, Whipping Cream - Peg/Roger, Pecans - Wendy

**Gambler's Game** - The Outreach Committee will donate \$2/ticket to everyone that attends

Pastor Craig will be attending the Augustana District/Institute of Lutheran Theology Theological Conference in St. Paul, MN on Feb. 3-5. He will be leaving after worship on Sunday and will return on Tuesday. If there is an emergency, Pastor Uttenreither at St. John's in Tigerton is on call. He can be reached at 535-2282



### Meetings in February

Zion Council - Sunday, Feb. 17 @ 11:15 am  
Outreach Comm. @ Zion - Sat. 16, @ 9 am  
Zion Annual Meeting- Sunday, Feb. 17 @ 11:15 am

The Youth are heading to the Twin Cities for a weekend of service and fun Feb. 23-24. We will be packing food for "Feed My Starving Children", playing at a water park, doing some Bible Study and attending a church on Sunday. If anyone would like to go, see PC or Kathy Malueg. We will be needing people to lead worship at Peace & Zion that Sunday morning.

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.



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

All those who in 2012 designated your Thrivent Choice dollars to Zion or Peace, need to any enroll your designations for 2013. See your Thrivent representative or Jack Krueger (at Peace) & Char Breitenfeldt (at Zion) for more information.

**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 Jan 23, Zion's record was 15-12 and Peace's was 10-17.

Feb 4: Peace @ Dupont, Zion @ Home  
Feb. 11: Peace @ Christus B, Zion @ Marion  
Feb. 18: Peace @ Home, Zion @ Home  
Feb. 25: Playoffs

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Zion

Devin Lang – February 3  
Dale Klitz- February 12  
Aaron Malueg- February 18  
Kevin Grunewald – February 20  
Austin Riska – February 23  
Terri Egdorf – February 25  
Allen Jobe- February 26  
Ryan Breitenfeldt – February 29

### Peace

Darold Seefeldt- February 2  
Ray Faehling- February 7  
Ralph Netzel- February 10  
Dennis Kersten- February 10  
Mary Kreklow- February 14  
Sandy Mattner- February 22  
Erika Hammons- February 27

### Anniversaries

Barry & April Grimm – February 1  
Cliff & Judy Rohloff – February 4  
Walter & Sandy Mattner- February 25

*To the members of Zion Lutheran, Thank you for the recent gift of \$50 toward the mission and ministry of Gift of Grace Lutheran Church. My recent trip and overnight visit at your parish back in November helped me to have a more vivid sense of our partnership in the NALC for the Gospel. Thanks for your generosity & support, Pastor Tim Duesenberg & members of Gift of Grace Lutheran*



### Lay Readers:

Feb. 3: Open, Anna Watters  
Feb. 10: Open, Open  
Feb. 17: Janet Arndt, Leah Jobe  
Feb. 24: Maxine Williams, Open

Fellowship servers: Jane Pringnitz

Zion Ushers: Ryan & Gina Breitenfeldt

Peace Janitors: Darold & Debra Seefeldt

Zion Altar Guild: Lois Klaeser & Ramona Mehlberg

Congratulations to...Austin Riska & Lauren Reissman for making high honor roll at MHS ...to Taylor Schoen, Austin Barrow & Megan Steinke for making honor roll at MHS ...to Stephanie Riska on her graduation from UW-Oshkosh in December with a BS in Nursing



Zion is collecting slips from your purchases at Econofoods in Clintonville-we receive a portion back of everything spent at the store. If you have any sitting around, please turn them into the church. In July, we received over \$100 for the Youth Group.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Through January, we have had 29 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**

**THANK  
YOU**



... to our lay readers in January: Maxine Williams, Janet Arndt, Henry Hoeksema, Wally Breitenfeldt, Hannah DenOtter

... to on Altar Guild at Zion: Dorothy Lundt & Sue Raether

... for cleaning Peace in January: Dan & Kathy Seefeldt

... to Wally Breitenfeldt for providing fellowship at Peace in January

... to Dale Klitz & Ken Raether for ushering at Zion in January

...to Wally Breitenfeldt & Lori Egdorf for leading worship on January 13

...to all who donated and helped out at the Andrew Buss funeral on January 16

...to all who helped in taking down the Christmas decorations at the churches

...to Rose Malueg for ringing bells for the Salvation Army in December (sorry-I forgot to include her name last month!)

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## Zion Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2013

Members present for the meeting after church were Pastor Craig, Dale Klitz, Alan Buss, Lori Egdorf, Ellen Mehlberg, Ron Malueg, and Ron and Judy Grunewald. Dale called the meeting to order and Pastor led us in devotions. Last month's meeting minutes were read and approved. MSC Ron Malueg/ Alan Buss. The treasure's report was discussed and approved. MSC Ron Grunewald/ Lori Egdorf.

**Pastor's Report:** There is a transfer request from Kurt and Crystal Schwan, Garrett and Gracie to Zion. Request accepted. MSC Judy Grunewald/ Ellen Mehlberg. We are planning for the youth to go ice skating in Shawano February 16th. There is a sign up sheet to attend the Green Bay Gamblers game on February 10th. There will be a youth trip on February 23 and 24 to the Mall of America, Feed the Starving Children, and a water park. Pastor will be looking for someone to lead worship services on February 24th. The Lent season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 13th. Zion's service will be held at 6:30 and Peace's at 4 pm. Services will be at 6:30 pm throughout Lent, alternating between Zion & Peace. Pastor will be taking a class on work for his STM on Thursdays.

**Old Business:** Officers vacancies on Zion's Council are treasurer, one auditing, two financial committee positions, and head usher. Price quotes for propane were taken. The propane tank at the parsonage was filled by Wolf River Propane. A thank you goes out to Lori Egdorf for leading us in worship last Sunday. A thank you goes out to Sue Passehl for the donation of candy for the Christmas bags. Zion's annual meeting will be on February 17 after church service. Zion's council meeting will be held directly after.

**New Business:** The following items will be discussed at the annual meeting: The need to possibly reorganize funeral committees into 2 groups instead of 3, and or have the family cater the funeral meal, the proposed budget will be discussed, computers that were previously used in Sunday school will be given away or recycled, benevolence choices. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. MSC Ron Malueg/ Ellen. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary



## Peace Lutheran Church-Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Breitenfeldt. Council members present were Alan Breitenfeldt, Larry Pringnitz, Sr, Dennis Kersten, Val Natzke, Steve Krueger and Marilyn Bauman. The minutes of the December 9, 2012 council meeting stand approved as printed. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The budget vs. the actual funds paid out are real close. The benevolence funds have just been disbursed. The regular checking account balance as of 12/31/12 was \$11,561.96 & the total of all our accounts as of 12/31/12 is \$33,457.82. The Treasurer's report stands approved as printed.

**PASTOR REPORT:** The Ash Wednesday service will be on February 13th at 4PM at Peace with the Lord's Supper. There will be no Lent worship meals this year. The Outreach Committee is going to the Green Bay Gambler's hockey game on Sunday, February 10th at 3PM. The committee is purchasing cups for the new member's welcome bags. These are offered for sale to anyone for \$5/cup. There will be a sign-up sheet available. Kevin Alft has requested the use of Peace church for his wedding in August. They would want to use their own Pastor (non-denominational). A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Steve to allow this since Pastor Craig is ok with this. Motion carried. Pastor is taking the youth to the Twin Cities for a service trip & fun on February 23-24th. The plan is to pack food for a charity (Feed My Starving Children), have time at the Mall of America & a water park. He will be leading a Bible study throughout the time & they will attend a local church before heading home. We will need someone to lead worship on the 24th. Pastor will be gone January 21-25 to Fort Wayne, IN & to the Twin Cities for a theological conference February 3-5th, leaving after worship.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The annual meeting is set for Sunday, January 27th with worship at 10:15 followed by a potluck & then the meeting. Larry is completing his 2nd term as trustee. We need to replace him. Wally & Dennis will make a couple of contacts. Soup supper will be on February 6th. Wally made signs & has an ad going into the paper. Prices will be the same as before. We will once again have silent auction items but will be using individual buckets for each item so people can choose which item they would like a chance to win at. Dennis has taken care of the right of way from Burdeys & Preys. The expense to the church was \$90 for recording of the deeds.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The budget for 2013 was reviewed. The base compensation for Pastor based on the recommendations set by the ELCA is \$38,481/yr & we are at \$38,263/yr. A question came up about the rate of pay for the organists. Wally will check with Rhonda to see if Peace is in line with area churches. The trustees will need to audit the books. We put in \$1800/yr under the income section for fundraisers. We have the soup supper scheduled already & Cody Clausen will be performing at the Blue Ribbon School on August 3, 2013 at 6PM & we thought we could cook brats & burgers to sell that day. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Steve to accept the budget with the changes we made. Motion carried. Thank you's were received from Rhonda & Ericka for their Christmas gifts & a thank you was received from the Westphal family for the meal provided. Our next meeting will be held on March 17, 2013 at 7:30AM. A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Larry to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Bauman, Secretary



A typical Confirmation Class on Wednesday's



Zion Sunday School Directory Picture

As I am sitting in my hotel room in Fort Wayne, IN I am writing this newsletter article, I just spent my day sitting in a lecture hall, listening to six, hour-long papers being presented (which was wonderful I might add). The overall theme of the symposia this year was morals and ethics as it relates to marriage and the family. A variety of topics were presented, with a general focus on the Biblical understanding of marriage and the place of children in the family and church.

Two of the speakers this afternoon laid down the gauntlet for the church and as pastors to do and say something-which I have decided to do here in my short little letter. One of the largest and most troubling actions taking place in the United States is abortion. Now, one of the most basic tenant of the Christian faith is that we honor and love life. In fact, this was one of the things that separated the early Church from society-where infanticide and abortion were common in the Roman world, the Church cherished marriage and children. Sociologist Rodney Stark surmises that this may be one of the reasons the Church grew as it did in the beginning-the Church grew from the inside at a greater rate than the rest of society.

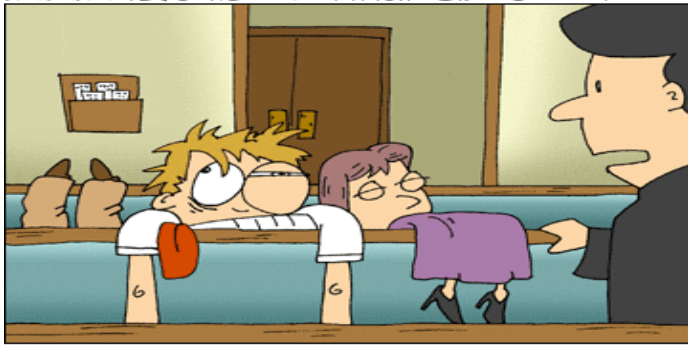
Thus we find in the Didache, a very early Church document, speaking to the fact that the Church opposes all aspects of abortion and this has continued throughout the centuries. Which is why the Church must continue too, and begin to be, a "voice crying in the wilderness" against the practice in our day. We must still speak to the sanctity of life and the fact that life is precious to our God. That, in fact, with Christ becoming incarnate to the Virgin Mary, the Church began with the love of life and childbirth.

But beyond the general thoughts concerning this, and any actions we can and should take in speaking against it-we should first be supporting and encouraging life and childhood because this is how the Church does continue into the future. Husbands and wives have been given the command from God to "Be Fruitful and Multiply"-they have been called by God to have and raise children because that is what God intended marriage to do and be.

Which is why, in our speaking against the culture of death we currently see blossoming before us, we the Church, and more specifically Zion and Peace, need to encourage, promote and highlight marriage and children! We need to show that we want our members to have kids and bring kids to worship! This is one reason why we pray for pregnant mothers in our Sunday prayers-we hope and desire for healthy children to be born. We want to make sure that our thoughts and prayers are focused on the gift that God has given us in this most precious things.

So, let's encourage children among us! Parents-have more kids! Grandparents-get them grandkids here! Support the Sunday School teachers and let them know what an important job they are doing. In all that we say, do, pray and sing-let us love the gift of marriage and children that our loving God has given to us!

**In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Craig**



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TELL ME HONESTLY ... MY SERMON WAS A LITTLE BIT LACKLUSTER, WASN'T IT?



### Luther on...Death

St. Paul exhorts the Thessalonians not to sorrow over the dead as others who have no hope, but to comfort each other with God's Word as having certain hope of life and of the resurrection of the dead. It is little wonder of those are sad who have no hope. Nor can they be blamed for it. Since they are beyond the pale of faith in Christ, they must either cherish this temporal life as the only thing worthwhile and hate to lose it, or they must expect that after this life they will receive eternal death and the wrath of God in hell and must fear to go there. But we Christians, who have been redeemed from all this by the dear blood of the Son of God, should by faith train and accustom ourselves to despise death and to regard it as a deep, strong and sweet sleep, to regard the coffin as nothing but paradise and the bosom of our Lord Christ, and the grave as nothing but a soft couch or sofa, which it really is in the sight of God, for He says in John 11:11, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep," and Mat 9:24, "The girl is not dead but sleeping."

-Preface to the burial hymns, LW 53:325-326

### Zion Financial Report

#### Receipts in December (Portion)

- Current Expenses: \$7782
- Loose offering: \$72
- Benevolence: \$505
- Thrivent Choice funds: \$151
- Sunday School: \$53
- Polka Service & Luncheon: \$890.30
- Building Fund: \$7
- Christmas: \$440.94
- Memorial Fund: \$50
- Youth Group: \$20
- Shared expenses w/ Peace: \$1616.32

**Total: \$12,479.60**

#### Disbursements (Portion)

- Pastor salary: \$2704.62
- Phone: & internet: \$212
- Electricity: \$256.15
- Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$337.93
- Pension: \$652.58
- NALC Benevolence: \$175
- NALC Mission District Benevolence: \$500
- Heifer International: \$545
- Feed the Children: \$605
- New Life LC-local benevolence: \$235
- Gift of Grace LC- local benevolence: \$235
- Clintonville Lumber (garage door opener): \$235.27
- Caroline Sanitary District: \$198
- Wolf River Propane: \$730.30

**Total: \$9,409.63**

**Balance on hand (Jan. 19 ): \$18,884.87**

### Pastoral Acts in January

#### Andrew Buss funeral- January 16

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](mailto:cnehring@yahoo.com) or Peg Krueger at [pkreegs@gmail.com](mailto:pkreegs@gmail.com). Thanks!



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