

# Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church  
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church  
Split Rock, WI

May 2012



## DAY OF PENTECOST



On Sunday, May 13, Zion will welcome into our midst Luke DenOtter, Noah Schellin, Emily Steinke, Megan Steinke & Michael Wuske as confirmed members of our congregation and to the Lord's Table for the first time. Please be sure to be at worship that day as we celebrate this milestone!

We will be celebrating and recognizing the graduation of our members on **Sunday, May 20**. This year, we congratulate Adam Grunewald & Sara Steinke graduating from high school and Jesse Blum graduating from college.



## Friends Night Out

Zion & Peace Outreach Committee invites you come with us to **Amico's in Clintonville on May 19<sup>th</sup>, eating at 5 pm**. We also plan on playing games, cards and just chatting with each other! ALL married or single friends are welcome to join us for some fun!



If anyone needs a ride there please call myself or Kathy Malueg at (715)787-3879.

The restaurant is asking for an estimate of how many to expect so if you are interested please add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex at Zion and in the back of the church at Peace. We hope to see many of you there!

Thanks, Sara Steinke, Event Coordinator

**Peace will be having their annual Clean-Up day on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 am. Please come by and help out spiffing up the church from the winter**

## Zion Sunday School

Zion will be holding the final day of Sunday school for the year on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. On that day, the kids will sing in worship and our youth that attended Faith Quake in March will tell a bit about their experiences.

We are also planning on holding a church-wide potluck picnic to celebrate the year and our entire church family. There will be games and prizes for all ages.

So please make plans on attending this occasion and be sure to even invite a friend or neighbor so they can see what we are doing here at Zion!

If you have any questions, contact the church office, Kathy Malueg or Judy Grunewald.

## Peace Sunday School

Peace will be closing out the school year on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please make plans to attend that day, where we will be handing out the year-end rewards and generally thanking all who helped with teaching and supporting our first Sunday school class in a few years.

## In Our Prayers

Jordan Bliss, Jason Cor, Pam Blankschien, Sharon Smith, Jim Prey, Roger Prey, Mary Grimm, Char Breitenfeldt, Jill Verg, Jerry Mehlberg, Elroy Mehlberg, Leonard Grunewald, Luella Wuske, Regina Breitenfeldt and baby, Ron Grunewald, Valerie Schlichthing .....and our nursing home and shut in members: Doloris Fietz, Mae Ankerson, Diane Meyers, Ervin Buss, Jeanette Miller, Florence Bossell, Andrew Buss, Lila Menzel, Howard & Delores Seefeldt, Harvey Krueger





**Church & Sunday School Picnic- Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** Potluck picnic after church - bring a Dish-to-Share. Games for young and old! Come and have some FAMILY FUN!

**Friends Night Out: May Event - May 19th, 5:00 at Amico's Midwest Pizzeria in Clintonville.** A big thanks to Sara Steinke for volunteering to be our coordinator for Friends Night Out! The restaurant is asking for an estimate of how many to expect so if you are interested please add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex. They have a back room where we will be able to eat and stay to play cards, games, and visit.

**NEED A RIDE : GIVE A RIDE:** We are looking to start a new program that pairs up those that need a ride and those that drive. The idea is to provide a list of folks that are willing and able to drive so that those that need a lift to church, Dr. appointments, grocery store, etc. have someone to contact. All details are to be worked out by the driver and rider.

#### Need A Ride

Do you need a ride? Check the list posted at church of available drivers.

#### Give A Ride

Are you able and willing to provide transportation for someone that needs a lift? Add your name and contact information to the signup sheet at church.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** We are looking to start a new program called a Prayer Shawl Ministry. What is a prayer shawl? A prayer shawl is a hand crafted shawl (usually knitted or crocheted). While crafting the shawl prayers for the recipient is woven amount the stitches. The completed shawls are then distributed to members of our congregation or to non-members who have a need.

Pastor Craig will deliver the shawls to the recipients along with a card containing this message:

*Thank you for accepting this gift that is made by your friends at Zion Lutheran Church & Peace Lutheran Church. As you wrap this shawl around you, may you be surrounded by the prayers of love and hope that are threaded into this shawl. When knitting this shawl, each row starts with three stitches and the prayer by honoring our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The next knitting stitch is a yarn-over to create the lace effect around the edge. And then prayers are repeated as the knitting continues. Prayers asking God for you to be wrapped in warmth, for you to feel the love of those around you, for you to be blessed in God's loving embrace, and for you to be comforted in your times of need. With Blessings, with Love, and with Prayers*

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Do you want to participate? Information and patterns are available in the narthex. The pattern is easy – and what a great time to learn to knit or crochet! Creating a Prayer Shawl enriches both the giver and the recipient. There are gift bags and cards prepared so please turn in your completed shawls to Peg Kruger or Pastor Craig.

The Peace Sunday School students are getting a plot in the Tigerton Community Garden. The kids will be planting green and yellow beans, cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. If there is room, they also may plant beets and zucchini. Once the produce starts ripening, we will bring it to church for anyone to take. Thanks to the Kreklow's for heading this up!



#### **Meetings in May**

Zion Council – Sunday, May 20 @ 11:15 am  
Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat. May 19 @ 9 am  
Peace Council will next meet in June

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Zion

Justin Malueg – May 1  
 Stephanie Riska- May 3  
 Ken Verg – May 8  
 Rick Wuske- May 9  
 Mae Ankerson – May 10  
 Aaron Schoen – May 12  
 Jesse Blum – May 13  
 Wally Grunewald – May 13  
 Ron Grunewald – May 20  
 Jorja Karst- May 21  
 Ellen Mehlberg – May 23  
 Cliff Rohloff – May 25  
 Arlene Wuske – May 26  
 Mason Breitenfeldt – May 27

### Peace

Larry Pringnitz Sr.- May 26  
 Benjamin Hammond- May 27  
 Amanda Breitenfeldt- May 31

### Happy Anniversary

Robert & Sandy Olson- May 1  
 Rod & Vicki Riska- May 7  
 Elroy & Janice Malueg - May 18  
 Ray & Nancy Faehling- May 20

The Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Mission District of the NALC now has a website, listing the congregations and events upcoming in our churches. Peg Krueger was hired to create this for the Mission District.

**Check it up at: <http://www.wiumnalc.org>**

...to Leah Jobe & Anna Watters for making the "A" honor roll at TMS  
 ...to Jessalyn Krueger, Luke DenOtter, Hannah DenOtter for making the "B" honor roll at THS & TMS



### Pastoral Acts in April

Scott Zuehl funeral- April 20



### Lay Readers:

May 6: Wendy Nehring, Open  
 May 13: Open, Open  
 May 20: Janet Arndt, Open  
 May 27: Maxine Williams, Open

Fellowship servers: Open

Zion Ushers: Ron Malueg

Peace Janitors: Paul Kersten

Zion Altar Guild: Judy Grunewald & Lynn Grunewald



The 2012 National Convocation is set for August 16-17 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN (a western suburb of the Twin Cities).

Along with Pastor Craig, Zion & Peace are able to each send one delegate to represent us, as well as any guest that would like to go. We have a volunteer for Zion, so we are looking for one at Peace.

If you would like to go, please see PC or a council member. You can check it out here:

<http://thenalc.org/the-nalc-convocation-2012.htm>



Institute of Lutheran Theology

Some members of Zion & Peace watched a class from the Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT) this past spring, focusing on creating spiritual practices in families.

If you would like to watch these sessions, let Pastor Craig know and he will forward you the links to watch the recorded sessions.

- ...to our lay readers in April: Henry Hoeksema, Steve Natzke, Janet Arndt, Wendy Nehring, Maxine Williams, Emily Steinke, Chad Lundt
- ... our ushers in April: Allan Buss & Bruce Breitenfeldt
- ... to Altar Guild at Zion: Deb Handrich
- ... for cleaning Peace in April: Walter & Sandy Mattner
- ... for providing fellowship at Peace: Mattner's & Davidson
- ... to Kathy Malueg & Sara Steinke for working at the mini "lock-in" for the young children at Zion
- ... to Dale Klitz for projects around the church and for Dale and Gene Mehlberg for working at the parsonage

## Zion Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2012

Members present for the meeting after church were, Dale Klitz, Ron Malueg, Ellen Mehlberg, Alan Buss, Lori Egdorf, Ron and Judy Grunewald, Pastor Craig and Gene Mehlberg. Dale called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read. MSC Ron Malueg/Ron Grunewald to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer's report was discussed. MSC Ron Malueg/ Lori Egdorf to accept treasurer's report.

**Pastor's Report:** Our outdoor service will be July 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need to find a speaker. Candidates for confirmation on May 13<sup>th</sup> are Luke DenOtter, at Peace; Noah Schellin, Emily Steinke, Megan Steinke, and Michael Wuske at Zion. MSC Ellen Mehlberg/ Ron Malueg to confirm these candidates. Prayer books will be ordered for the confirmands. Judy Rohloff will be our NALC Convocation delegate in Minnesota August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Dale had a restroom/ elevator sign made and put up. Purchasing new folding chairs was discussed. Lori will look into it. A 4'x 6' door mat for the narthex will be ordered. MSC Ellen Mehlberg/ Ron Grunewald. Liability insurance for directors, officers, and trustees will be added to Zion's insurance policy at an additional cost of \$35 per year. MSC Ron Malueg/ Ron Grunewald.

**New Business:** We have a problem with honey bees under the council room roof. Dale and Lori will look into it. Dale will look into purchasing new aluminum louvers for the balcony that will be bat and insect proof and maintenance free. MSC Ron Malueg/ Judy Grunewald Repair of the outdoors sign was discussed. Dale will look into it. A thank you goes out to Ken and Sue Raether for the donation of a new John Deere lawn mower to Zion Church

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary



## Peace Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 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, Wendy Nehring and Marilyn Bauman. The minutes of the March 11, 2012 council meeting stand approved as printed. The Treasurer's report through the month of March was reviewed. Val noted that the electric bill is higher than normal. We suspect the thermostat in the church entryway is not working correctly. We will have to look at replacing it. We have received the shared expenses for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter & these will be reflected on the April report. Our expenses are less than what was budgeted through March. Fuel was paid for in April in the amount of \$923.00. The Treasurer's report stands approved as printed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The church clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9AM. There is a list of projects that need to be completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joyce Shest contacted Al indicating the Tigerton Food Pantry is in need of a representative from our church. Al will announce this in church to see if anyone is interested. We have decided to go ahead with the church directory. Phillip Lange will be doing this for us. We will need to contact all members so they are included. Pastor Craig's name needs to be added to the plaque in the entryway. It was determined that Peace Church started in 1888. We celebrated our centennial in 1990. We will celebrate 125 years in 2015. A motion was made by Marilyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis to purchase 3 new banners for the church. Memorial funds will be used to pay for them. Dennis asked where the suggestion box went that was in the back of the church. We will look for it & make sure it is put back out. Peace Sunday school will officially end on May 20, 2012.

Our next meeting will be held on June 24, 2012 at 7:45AM. A motion was made by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Bauman, Secretary

Joint Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Dale Klitz. Council members present were, Al Breitenfeldt, Valerie Natzke, Marilyn Bauman, Dennis Kersten, Larry Pringnitz, Wendy Nehring, Ron and Judy Grunewald, Ellen Mehlberg, Ron Malueg, Lori Egdorf, Dale Klitz, Alan Buss and Pastor Craig. Also present were Gene Mehlberg. Pastor Craig led us with devotions. The joint council meeting minutes from December 11, 2012 were approved MSC Al Breitenfeldt/ Valerie Natzke.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor would like to have an earlier service at 4:00 or 4:30 on Ash Wednesday at Peace and the later Ash Wednesday service at Zion every year. The outdoor service will be July 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor requested time off on April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. and April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup> for continuing education, and vacation time off on May 31-June 3 to attend his brother's ordination in Minnesota. MSC Al Breitenfeldt/ Marilyn Bauman.

**Old Business:** Outreach committee activity was discussed.

**New Business:** The church directory was discussed. Disability insurance for pastor was discussed.

The next joint meeting of Peace and Zion will be August 19 at 6:00 at Peace. MSC Marilyn Bauman/ Wendy Nehring. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. MSC Ellen Mehlberg/ Ron Malueg. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary

One of the wonderful things that you allow me as your pastor is to attend conferences for what is called continuing education. These events (such as the symposia I attend each January) allow me to gather with other pastors and listen to experts speak to topics in their fields of expertise. The hope is that I both come back refreshed, renewed and excited about something I learned.

As I am writing this article, I sit in a Starbucks in Wausau, having just finished such a conference with the Northern Wisconsin District of the LC-MS, in which Dr. William Weinrich of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN presented on Gnosticism, both ancient and modern. Beyond what was presented (an interesting discussion on how modern Gnostic thought is pervasive throughout our society and will only continue to grow), Dr. Weinrich pointed out something that I have been guilty of and it is that which I would like to address here.

One of the aspects of Lutheran theology is the idea that humankind are sinners, born in bondage to sinful thoughts, words and deeds, born in rebellion to our God in seeking our will and ways over His. And I feel that I do a "good" job at speaking to this in my sermons, thus setting up for the Gospel message of Christ's death and resurrection for sinners to ring loud and clear. I hope that in the midst of my messages, you are hearing that our sin is not the last word from God, but that we are forgiven by Christ and we are saved in our faith in such a promise.

However, I realized at this conference that I have been falling into what in Lutheranism is called the Flacian mistake. This surrounds the way the Lutheran reformer Matthias Flacius sought to describe and define our original sin. His problem is that he emphasized it so much, that he ended up speaking as though humanity is born with a fallen nature-that we are **born** completely bad. He was denounced, not because he wasn't a Christian, but that he ended up turning God's creation into something that is bad. Instead, Lutheranism has spoken of it that humankind is born in **bondage** to sin-thus it isn't that we are bad in ourselves, but just that our faith is in the wrong place-on us and not God. It wasn't that Flacius didn't know the true faith-but in his desire to express Christ's saving work, he ended up going beyond the extreme.

What I realized that in my trying to speak to the nature of our problem and sin I, too, have sometimes spoken as though we are bad, instead of that we are in bondage, in a slavery to sin, death and the power of the devil. That it isn't that we are somehow born different from the "goodness" that God called His creation in Genesis 1, but that we are simply born with trusting the wrong thing and person in the world-ourselves and the creation rather than God our Creator. For that, I was reminded that I must be more mindful of my language and be sure to speak to, not the depravity of our natures, but to and about the bondage, the slavery we all suffer from because of our sin and misplaced wills.

So, I must thank you again for allowing me the time to attend such conferences and symposia's and I hope you can and will see what I have do learn and try to make use of in my own work upon you in the office of the ministry. I will try my hardest and most careful to attend to the Word and the faith in a rightful and Biblical manner, so that you will benefit from hearing and learning the glories of the promise that Christ Jesus gives to us in the death He died, the resurrection He rose and in the Word and Sacraments He gives through His Church.

*In Christ, Pastor Craig*

**Peace Financial Report-March**

Income: \$3332.89  
Expenses: \$2515.86

Need each month for budget: \$3655.02  
Received 2012: \$11,665.89  
Expenses 2012: \$6685.86



**LUTHER ON....SIN**

To reason it seems very ridiculous that any one fruit should be so deadly as to destroy the whole human race in infinite succession, and destroy it, moreover, with eternal death. But this power of destruction did not lie with the fruit. To be sure, Adam sank his teeth into the fruit; but in reality he sank them into a thorn, which was the prohibition of God and disobedience to God. This is the real cause of the evil, to wit, that Adam sins against God, whose command he ignores. He follows Satan. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was a good tree, bearing the choicest fruits, but because the prohibition of God is joined to it and man does no heed the prohibition, it turns into the deadliest of all poisons.

**-Exposition of Genesis 2:9, 1535**

**Zion Financial Report**

**Receipts in March(Portion)**

Current Expenses: \$5036.25  
Loose offering: \$60.07  
Benevolence: \$240  
Building Fund: \$70  
Pizza Sales & Faith Quake reg.: \$790.45  
A Malueg funeral donation: \$125  
Sunday School: \$37  
Marion food pantry: \$100  
**Total: \$6464.82**

**Disbursements (Portion)**

Pastor salary: \$2704.62  
Phone: & internet: \$47.93  
Electricity: \$219.20  
Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$260.40  
Pension: \$652.58  
Zion Lutheran Youth: \$790.45  
Brady's Septic (well depth): \$135  
US Treasury: \$30.77  
Church Mutual (Ins. Pkg): \$3304  
Church Mutual (Liability): \$350  
NALC Benevolence (2 mnths): \$795  
**Total: \$10,273.26**  
**Balance on hand (April 15): \$7342.03**

Need each month for budget: \$6196.79  
Received 2012: \$27,957.49  
Expenses 2012: \$24,747.20

Pastor Craig will be off from May 31-June 3, to attend his brother's ordination in Minnesota. He will be around until the 2<sup>nd</sup>, then the pastor's at Christus are on call at 823-6521

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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