

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

October 2013

Happy
Reformation



NALC Convocation

Our Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Mission District Convocation will be held on **Sat. Oct. 12** at Hope Lutheran in Ladysmith. The Convo starts at 11:30 Cost is \$10/person and Zion & Peace can send one official delegate, along with as many guests as wanted. If you are interested in attending, please see PC.

Due to a finding that there are children which are not receiving adequate food at home at night, the Marion School district is trialing a "Backpack Program," where needful kids will be sent home on Friday's with a backpack of food for the weekend. Each week, a new child will be chosen and sponsored. The school district has asked for sponsors and it was decided at the joint council meeting in August that Zion will sponsor the month of December. We need around \$300 for the month-we will be asking for free will donations at both Zion & Peace (Tigerton at this time, is not doing such a program.) We will also be needing sponsors in December to pack the bags. When we have more information, we will inform you. Thanks for all the help!

Reformation Sunday



We will be holding our 3rd annual Reformation Worship and Dinner on **Reformation Sunday, October 27th**. We will begin with holding a combined worship service at Zion with Peace, starting at 10 am. This year, the youth will be doing the main part of the service.

Immediately following the service a meal is planned with a German theme. Plan on bringing your appetites! The menu homemade bratwurst from PC, homemade sauerkraut, coleslaw gravy, green bean casserole, red cabbage, bread, apple desserts, German chocolate cake, apple juice/coffee The sign-up sheet is in the narthex for contributions of goods/or money.

This is the fundraiser for the Outreach Committee, allowing us to do the things we are doing throughout the year. Please help out in anyway you can-it is so very appreciated.

In Our Prayers

Jordan Bliss, Jason Cor, Sharon Smith, Terry Blankschien, Roger Prey, Deb Heinz, Wally Grunewald, Ron Malueg, Teresa Boysen, Elroy Malueg, Ferdie Malueg, Ryan Schultz, Dennis Kruzicki, Carl Westphal, Chris Kahl, Chris Zernicke, MaryAnn Wendt, Dee Kowalski, Earl Breitenfeldt, Roger Steinke, Kathy Malueg, Alexis DePaoli in the US Army, Melissa Hidde & Angie Koeppel and their babies

.....and 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, Hilda Schutte





Outreach Committee Meeting - September 21, 2013

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

Float - The Zion and Peach Lutheran Parish Float won first place in the religious category at Tigerton Lumberjack Days. Thanks to everyone that helped with the float this year!

Reformation Sunday - We will be holding our 3rd annual Reformation Worship and Dinner on reformation Sunday, October 27th. We will begin with a combined worship service at Zion at 10:00 that includes a reformation skit put on by the youth. Immediately following the service the Outreach Committee will be serving a German themed meal. Plan on bringing your appetites because we are trying a new menu this year. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex for contributions of goods/or money. This is the fundraiser for the Outreach Committee, allowing us to do the things we are doing throughout the year.

Meetings in October



Zion Council – Sunday, October 20 @ 11:15 am
 Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat Oct 19 @ 9 am

Start preparing for your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We will start collecting the last week of October running to the week of November 18th.



Last year, OCC distributed their 100th million shoebox!

Start making plans to attend our 4th Annual **Deer Hunters/Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 21st**. This year, it will be held at Zion, We will be giving thanks for all that the Lord has given to us this past year as well as praying for and sending off our deer hunters for another safe year. We will also be collecting food for the area pantries during November.

BIBLE We continue our Bible Study on the minor prophets. **We Study meet on Sunday's at Zion from 5-6pm and on Wednesday's @ 9 am.** Our Adult Education class continues our work on Sola Scripture. **We meet at Zion on Sunday's at 6:00 pm & Wednesday's at 10 am.**



The Outreach Committee is planning their annual Christmas concert. This year, we are looking at attending the **"Christmas Stars Holiday Spectacular"**. We are looking at attending the Saturday, December 14th show, which is at 1 pm. Tickets will be \$15/person, which includes the \$2/ticket given by the Outreach Comm. Look for sign-up sheets at Peace & Zion beginning in late October.

After a hiatus, PC and Wendy are looking at getting back into deer hunting. If anyone would have a piece of land they wouldn't mind sharing, or know of good public land to hunt, it would be appreciated if you would help out! Also, they are looking for somewhere to do some shooting. Any suggestions?

The Zion SS & Youth will be selling the Kwik Trip cards once again this fall, just in time for Christmas gifts. 10% of all sales stay with us, helping us raise money for events. We will start sales in late Oct. We thank you for all your support and help!



Kids!-Dress up for Halloween as your "favorite" Reformation character! If you come trick-or-treating to the parsonage and say "Happy Reformation Day," you will get twice as much candy. If you dress like as a reformer, you will get 4 times as much! For ideas, talk to PC!



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.

Practice for the community Cantata will start at Zion on Oct. 21, at 7 pm.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zion

- David Buss – October 2
- Janice Malueg – October 5
- Jane Malueg – October 5
- Bonnie Haas – October 6
- Lee Verg – October 13
- David Malueg – October 16
- Terry Verg – October 26
- Melissa Buss – October 27
- Gary Grunewald – October 30

Peace

- Jessalyn Krueger- October 16
- Val Natzke- October 18
- Rosie Marquardt- October 24
- Tyler Hammons- October 31

Anniversaries

- Dennis & Dawn Kersten- October 3
- Darold & Julie Seefeldt- October 5
- Lee & Linda Kreklow-October 13
- Doug & Karin Seefeldt- October 23
- Dave & Kathy Malueg – October 23
- Jeremy & Brenda Brady- October 23
- Joan Schampers – October 26
- Mike & Linda Fritz – October 29



We welcome Hilda Schutte as a new member at Zion. Her maiden name was Buss, and grew up at Zion before leaving for Milwaukee. She is Louis Buss and the late Andrew's sister. She lives at Angelus in Clintonville.



Lay Readers:

- Oct 7: Open, Open
- Oct 14: Open, Open
- Oct 21: Open, Open
- Oct 28: Reformation Day @ Zion

Fellowship servers: Open

Zion Ushers: Travis Verg, Cody Verg

Peace Janitors: Henry & Joyce Hoeksema

Zion Altar Guild: Lori Egdorf & Ramona Mehlberg

Pastoral Acts in September

Elroy Mehlberg funeral- September 28



Beatrice Klitz sponsored the 4th quarter text inserts in honor and memory of her family.

Maxine Williams sponsored the 4th quarter text inserts in memory of Renee Endlich, Wayne Endlich Sr & Judson Williams

Thank you all so much for your support and help in our worship! If you would like to sponsor, see PC



... to our lay readers in September: Henry Hoeksema, Janet Arndt, Maxine Williams, Ramona Mehlberg, Wally Breitenfeldt, Steve Krueger, Garret Poole, Jean Fritz, Curt Clifford

... our ushers in September: Chad Lundt & Jeremy Karst

... to on Altar Guild at Zion: Vicki Karst

... for cleaning Peace in September: Ray & Nancy Faehling

... for providing fellowship at Peace: The Kreklow

...to Jill Verg for the donation of cups at Zion

...to Steve Krueger, Jean Fritz & Curt Clifford for leading worship at Peace & Zion Sept. 1

...to Dale Klitz for working at the church and the parsonage

...to Dorothy Lundt & Lois Klaeser for cleaning the basement and waxing the kitchen floor

...to all who came and passed a dish at the Rally Sunday Potluck

...to all who helped out at the Mehlberg funeral

Zion Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2013



Members present for the meeting were Pastor Craig, Ron Malueg, Vicki Riska, Alan Buss, Lori Egdorf, Bethany Jobe and Judy and Ron Grunewald. Those missing were Dale Klitz. Lori called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last council meeting were read and approved. MSC Ron Malueg/ Vicki Riska. The treasurer's report was discussed. MSC Ron Grunewald/ Alan Buss.

Pastor's Report: We will be changing up our worship service at Zion during Colorama. It will be Saturday night at 6:00. We are hoping to doing something with the youth during the Reformation church service this year. We have a new student in confirmation. There are 3 eighth graders, and 4 seventh graders. There is 1 seventh grader at Peace.

There was no old business

New Business: A new water heater was installed at Zion. The old water heater was leaking. Some of the old windows in the upstairs of the parsonage need replacing. We will be getting an estimate. The elevator was inspected and approved. A transfer request was sent for Kristy, Cole, and McKenna Crum to transfer to St. John's in Marion. MSC Ron Malueg/ Vicki Riska. An amendment to the NALC constitution might be needed to be in place to protect us from taxation. Pastor will be in contact with the treasurer of the NALC to plan for the possibility of this event. A discussion will take place during our annual meeting. The polka service will take place at Zion on Sunday December 8th. The Cantata will take place here at Zion on Wednesday December 11th.

Our next council meeting will be October 20th after church service. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. MSC Ron Malueg/Alan Buss. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted,
Judy Grunewald, Secretary

The council meeting for Peace took place on Sept. 29th. We will have the minutes in next month's newsletter

Let's thrive: *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*

We are excited to @ 'Double Direction Church Campaign' that runs from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, 2013. All Choice Dollars directions made to enrolled churches will be doubled during this time or until \$15 million has been awarded, whichever comes first.

As eligible members direct Choice Dollars, your church will receive grant funds on a monthly basis – just as you do today. If Choice Dollars are directed to your church during the campaign, then by December 20, 2013, an additional electronic deposit will be made to your church. This one-time deposit will represent the additional amount Thrivent Financial is distributing through the Double Direction Church Campaign.

Questions?

Visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more about our charitable grant program. For questions, email Box Thrivent Choice Info or call customer service at 800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". When prompted again, say "Choice Dollars". Please note that Mondays are the busiest day for our call center.

10 Commandments of Worship

- 1. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the amen refuse to wait.**
- 2. When speaks the organ's sweet refrain, the noisy tongue thou shalt restrain.**
- 3. But when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt lift thy voice and shout.**
- 4. And when the anthem thou shalt hear, thy sticky voice thou shalt not clear.**
- 5. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more must share the pew with thee.**
- 6. The offering plate thou shalt not fear, but give thine uttermost with cheer.**
- 7. Thou shalt the minister give heed, nor blame him when thou art disagreed.**
- 8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend, and, if a stranger, make a friend.**
- 9. Thou shalt in every way be compassionate and kind, considerate, and of tender mind.**
- 10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace, thou shalt show God within this place.**

-This is in the back of Peace. It was found in an old English Church

Voice of Zion Lutheran Church & Peace Lutheran Church

As I reflect upon another October and another chance in which us Lutherans are able to celebrate the work Martin Luther began in the Reformation in 1517, I am brought to mind something discussed at length at the recent General Retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity (STS) I attended in September. The theme for our teaching time, 'Sin.' what was discussed was the role and relationship of the use of confession and absolution, both public and private, within the Lutheran Church.

Now, I have in the past offered the practice of private confession, and I will continue to do so. We will, in fact, be offering it in an official capacity directly before Christmas and Easter, as well as any other time the need for it arises (look for info in months ahead). Now most people dismiss this practice, calling it too "Roman Catholic" or by saying that "I can confess my sins before God and that's enough." And I can and will answer that you are wrong in the sense that it is "catholic" (because even our Confessions, which we all subscribe too as Lutherans, contain it and declares that we will retain it) and that while it is true you can confess your sins to God, but as with those who love, it isn't just enough to know your spouse loves you, you do need to hear it said and the same goes with the forgiveness of God.

But beyond that, the reason Lutherans offer and why I will be inviting you to come to me, is because what Luther discovered and fought to ensure the Church to know, trust and rely upon. That the very heart of the Reformation was that the Word of God was brought to the forefront and center of our life and worship. That within the Words of Scripture, so the world comes to know that Christ Jesus was given to the world so to die under the weight and penalty of our sin and death. In His resurrection, these things were broken from us and now all who believe, alone, unto Christ will be forgiven, saved and redeemed unto everlasting life.

And when this Word was freed from all clutter and false teaching, what happens to the Christian, isn't simply a knowledge and trust that it is true, but that it is true for them. That the reason Luther fought for the Word alone to have free reign within the Church was because he knew that when people are given it, so they are freed **from the doubt, the guilt, the weight** that sin gives to the sinner and so are freed **to believe, to trust and to rejoice** in the work and love of Christ Jesus for you. That the heart of the Reformation is found in the freedom the Gospel gives to the human heart, soul and mind when it knows and is told of their Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

And this is the heart and nature of confession of our sin-that it is the time and place where we release the burden of our sin to the Lord, so that it no longer has place to convict and condemn us. And when it is done in the Church, heard by a pastor called and ordained, then you will find the place where God's announcement of your sin is declared, proclaimed and handed over to you. That the Word of God is actually given to you, so that you will hear that your sin is forgiven by the God who died and rose for you. That confession is actually a work of pastoral care-for a pastor is, in the German, called a "seelsorger", one who gives care of souls-and we do this in the work of preaching of the grace of God given to all who believe in their Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's mercy,
Pastor Craig



Young Luther



"Everybody now! Sing, 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God!'
And bring it on home!"

The Zion Council would like to note that Kay Blum donated her services during our Outdoor Service in July. We so do all appreciate her hard work in providing music for our worship!



Luther on...The Word

I would faithfully have you warned and admonished to learn and grasp this article of salvation well, to make sure that in case sectarian spirits were to come with the intention of overthrowing it, you have been previously warned and will not take offense. I do not know how long I shall be here. Therefore I should really like to leave this article of faith behind in a pure and unadulterated form. You now have the Gospel, pure and fine; you have the Catechism, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism and the Holy Sacrament concisely and well explained. Pay attention to these lest you be ungrateful and sectarian spirits and false teachers come and spoil everything. For I greatly fear that shameful ingratitude and contempt will again take the Word away from you. I am free from guilt; for with all diligence and to the best of my ability I have preached to you, I have admonished you, besought you, and pleaded with you. In this respect I shall be well able to stand before my God.

-Easter Sunday Sermon, April 13, 1533

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in August (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$3897

Loose offering: \$60.55

Benevolence: \$285

Total: \$ 4252.55

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2825.08

Phone: & internet: \$219.68

Electricity: \$267.75

Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$224.41

Pension: \$665.89

Feed the Children: \$35 (July)

Heifer International: \$100 (July)

Pastor Craig (Convo hotel reimbr): \$433.18

World Mission Prayer League: \$315

Total: \$5553.02

Balance on hand (Aug. 31): \$19,949.24

(Needed each month 2013: \$6408.89)

Received 2013: \$46,712.24

Expenses 2013: \$49,616.55



Just a reminder-if you want to be caught up on all the latest happenings at Peace & Zion, check out our Facebook page and "Like" us! Pictures, announcements, sermons and more are updated regularly

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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