

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

December 2012



Christmas Schedule

Start making your plans to attend our Christmas Worship at Peace and Zion this month!

This year, we will once again have the Sunday School Service on Christmas Eve.

December 24th
Peace @ 4:30 pm
Zion @ 6:30 pm

December 25th
Combined service at
Zion @ 9 am

Join us on Sunday, December 8 at Zion for a Christmas Polka Service at 10:15! The music will be provided by II Edition, with a sermon from Pastor Craig. (We will have a regular service at Peace at 8:30). Zion will also be holding a Soup Dinner afterward. Be sure to invite your family and neighbors for this exciting and different worship experience!



Once again, Zion & Peace will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army this month. On Saturday, Dec. 8, join us in Shawano at one (or more) times: 8-10 am at Kmart, 10-12 pm at Wal-Mart & 12-2 pm at Wal-Mart. Sign-up sheets for the times are at both churches. This is a great activity for the whole family and we hope to have a large crowd!



The youth will have a Christmas Party on Sat, Dec. 22 @ Zion, beginning at from 4-6 pm. We will have supper and watch a movie. Please make plans to attend. We will then head out for some caroling at our local nursing homes. All members of Zion & Peace are invited to sing with us.

Christmas Activities in December

Peace Christmas Party

The Peace Congregation Christmas Party is set for **Sunday, December 2 at 12 pm.** Please bring a dish to pass. There will be no gift exchange this year-instead, if you choose, please buy an extra gift for a child in need.

Christmas Program at Zion

The Zion Sunday school Christmas program is on **Monday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm.** Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Program at Peace

The Zion Sunday school Christmas program is on **Monday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm**

Sunday School Practice

The Sunday School will be practicing for their Christmas program on the following dates:

December 2: during class

December 9: during class

December 15: during class

December 23: during class

In Our Prayers

Jordan Bliss, Jason Cor, Sharon Smith, Terry Blankschien,, Roger Prey, Deb Heinz, Jill Verg, Ken Verg, Elroy Mehlberg, 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, Teresa Parvin and her baby, Brittany Sperberg and her babyand our nursing home and shut in members: Dolores Fietz, Mae Ankeron, Diane Meyers, Ervin Buss, Jeanette Miller, Florence Bossell, Andrew Buss, Lila Menzel, Howard & Deloris Seefeldt, Harvey Krueger, Ken Verg





The next Outreach Committee meeting is December 15th @ 9:00 at Zion. At our December meeting we will be starting the list of activities and events for 2013. If you have any suggestions for the committee, please let us know.

Thank you your support of volunteering your time, participating in activities, and monetary donations this past year. Your help is so appreciated! We are always looking for new people to be involved.

Merry Christmas!
Zion & Peace Outreach Committee

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.



Meetings in December

Zion Cong. MT- Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 11:15 am
Zion Council – Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 5:30 pm
Peace Council – Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 5:30 pm
Joint Council- Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 6 pm @ Zion
Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat., Dec. 15 @ 9 am

This Advent, we will be having some Adult Education classes looking at the history and traditions that surround our Advent and Christmas celebrations each year. We will be holding them at Zion on Sunday afternoons from 3-4 pm. We will be looking at: **Dec. 2- Advent**

Dec. 9- Christmas Story

Dec. 16: Christmas hymns

Dec. 23: Christmas Movie

We will have 2 different movies on the 23rd, one for kids and one for adults.

Hope to see you there!

For more info, speak to PC



Baptism of Avery Antonio Avila- November 11

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 Nov. 28, Zion's record was and Peace's was 4-8

Dec. 3: Zion @ Home, Peace @ Home

Dec. 10: Peace @ Home, Zion @ Christus B

Dec. 17: Peace @ Christus A, Zion @ St. Martins

Annual Meetings

With 2013 right around the corner, it is time to start thinking about our annual meetings. If you are interested in serving on the church councils, see PC or a council member at Peace or Zion.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who donated a Shoe-box this year. Total, Zion & Peace gave 25 boxes for kids around the world. Thanks to all who helped out!



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

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zion

Thomas Grimm – December 1
 Sharon Barrow- December 1
 Kristen Reissman- December 4
 Tabitha Schoen – December 7
 Denise Lundt – December 7
 Franklin Lang – December 8
 Raphiel Harrell Jr.- December 10
 Alexis Verg- December 11
 Dimitri DenOtter- December 11
 Harvey Krueger – December 14
 Rachel Ahlers – December 17
 Kathy Krueger – December 17
 Carrie Faehling – December 18
 Char Breitenfeldt – December 20
 Emily Steinke – December 24
 Megan Steinke – December 24
 Zach Fritz – December 25
 Kyle Griepentrop- December 30

Peace

Melissa Natzke – December 1
 Dawn Kersten – December 8
 Jack Krueger – December 14
 Danika Tiller- December 14
 Walter Mattner – December 15
 Larry Pringnitz , Jr.- December 15
 Henry Hoeksema – December 25
 Dakotah Olson- December 17
 Mayzie Tauferner- December 28
 Chris Natzke – December 30
 Michelle Natzke – December 30

Happy Anniversary

Larry & Jane Pringnitz- December 12
 Mark & Brenda Tauferner- December 19



Lay Readers:

Dec. 2: Henry Hoeksema, Open
 Dec. 9: Wendy Nehring, Open
 Dec. 15: Janet Arndt, Open
 Dec. 23: Open, Anna Watters
 Dec. 30, Maxine Williams, McKenna Crum

Fellowship servers: Open

Zion Ushers: Cliff Rohloff & Dennis Schoen

Peace Janitors: Jeremy & Brenda Brady

Zion Altar Guild: Yvonne Schoen

Reminder: When the money at Peace is counted on Dec. 30th, the books will be closed. Please get all your 2012 offerings in by then -Thank you, Financial Comm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Through November, we have had 26 shawls and lap robes made and delivered. Please join us, or stop at church and pick up some yarn to knit on **Dec. 10 at 9 am**

Pastoral Acts in November

Baptism of Avery Antonio Avila at Peace- Nov.

11

Funeral of Margaret Westphal at Peace- Nov. 19

We congratulate Judy Rohloff for designing the new bulletin covers for our worship services!



... to our lay readers in November: Steve Natzke, Wendy Nehring, Maxine Williams, Janet Arndt

... to on Altar Guild at Zion: Ellen Mehlberg & Arlene Wuske

... for cleaning Peace in November: Maxine Williams & Janet Arndt

... for providing fellowship at November: Lee & Linda Kreklow

... to Henry Hoeksema, Chad Lundt, Kathy Malueg & Rachel Ahlers for leading worship at Peace & Zion on Nov. 4

...to all those who helped with the Reformation Dinner: **Lynn Grunewald, Judy Lang (especially!),** Judy & Cliff Rohloff, Dale Klitz, Bruce Breitenfeldt, Kathy Malueg, Gene & Ellen Mehlberg, Peg & Roger Krueger, Bonnie Hass, Yvonne Schoen, and to all who donated food, money and supplies. **We raised a total of \$375 for the Outreach Committee's work!**

...to Gordon Krueger and Barb Laux for their donation of a case of hot chocolate mix to Zion

...to Gene Mehlberg & Dale Klitz for cleaning out the parsonage garden and raspberry patch, putting up the nativity set and creating the handicap pew in the church!

...to Henry Hoeksema for making the stand for the Advent wreath at Peace

...to the members of the Outreach Comm. for donating the snacks at the Thanksgiving/Deer Hunter's service

...to all who helped with the meal at the Margaret Westphal funeral

...to Ron & Jamie Cannon for their tremendous donation of CD sleeves and cases for the Tape Ministry!

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Zion Council Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2012

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

Pastor's Report: A deer hunter/Thanksgiving service was held this week. Adult education classes for the season will be Christmas oriented. Zion will be having a polka service on December 9th. Zion will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army this year. There will be a youth Christmas party which will include, hopefully, caroling at area nursing homes. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th at 6:30 at Zion this year. A joint Christmas service will be at 9:00 at Zion Christmas day.

There was no old business

New Business: Plans are being made for the Christmas Polka Service with the Gene Lettau Band providing the music. Cookie Malueg will be the chairperson for the polka service. We will be serving chicken and cream of potato soup, sandwiches, bars, cheese, milk, and coffee. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Dale will place an ad for the event in the Marion Advertiser and distribute flyers in the area. We hope to make this an annual event in December. We will meet to plan the event this Wednesday at 7:00. Ellen will make a list of the food needed. The loose offering and free will offering will be used to defray costs. We would like the Christmas tree to be up before December 2nd. The nativity will be put up before the Advent season by Dale Klitz, Ron Malueg, Alan Buss, and Gene Mehlberg. There will be a joint meeting of Zion and Peace churches on December 9th at 6:00. Zion's meeting will precede at 5:30. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting MSC Ellen/ Ron Malueg. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary



There was no council meeting at Peace for November, due to lack of quorum

Peace Council Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wally Breitenfeldt.
2. Pastor Craig presented an NALC amendment for our congregation to vote to approve or not approve.

The amendment asks if we want to join the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

This amendment was passed at the NALC Convocation, and now needs 2/3 of the NALC Congregations to vote to approve it before it will be in effect.

The LWF is an affiliation of Lutheran Congregations, and is the only way we can work and be connected in the world. The NALC has been asked by African churches to join the LWF so that they have a North American ally. Right now, the ELCA in the USA and Canada are members. The NALC would also like to have a voice in the LWF so that the focus of the LWF can be influenced by a broader base of Lutherans. The NALC can remove their membership from the LWF at any time.

The LWF is not asking our local Congregation for any financial support.

After discussion, Larry Pringnitz made a motion to accept the Resolution to join the LWF. Seconded by Millie Prey. Motion carried by voice ballot.

3. Our Thrivent Advocates have suggested that we use Thrivent Choice Dollars to purchase new cushioned chairs for the basement. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$2,800.00. This will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting.
4. The church will be decorated this Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 AM. Members are encouraged to share their talents and lend a hand.

Motion to adjourn by Ray Faehling. Second by Larry Pringnitz. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 0950 AM.

Zion & Peace in Action



Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles



Mary Kreklow- Peace



Bethany Jobe- Zion



Reformation
Worship &
Dinner-
October 28



Work at Zion



Senior Citizens Dinner
All senior citizens in the Tigerton area is invited to the 3rd annual Christmas Party Lunch at the Community Center on Sat. Dec. 15, from 11 am- 1 pm
Reservations are **required by Dec. 10**-stop in or call Jeff at the Village Clerks office @ 535-2262



Christmas Party

Make plans to attend the 10th Annual Embarrass River Lion's Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th from 1-3 pm at the Tigerton Community Center.

Registration starts at 12:45 pm. This is for all children from Pre-K-4th grade. Pre-registration until December 7th is appreciated-call 535-2823 or 535-2775 with a message with your family name and number of children attending.

Activities will include: games, bingo, photo with Santa, crafts, holiday tattoos, bean bag toss, cookie contest and more. Refreshments will be served and each child will receive a gift and treats from Santa

Luther on...Christmas



If this birth had been announced to the nobility of this world and the shepherds had compared themselves with these men of influence and their wisdom and wealth, it would have been frightening to them. For men fear power and stand in awe of wisdom. If Christ had come with trumpets and had had a cradle of gold, His birth would have been a splendid affair. But it would not be comforting to me. He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be considered of little consequence in the eyes of the world. Now I can come to Him. So He now reveals Himself to the miserable in order not to create the impression that He is coming with great power, pomp, wisdom and aristocratic behavior. But upon His return on that Day, when He will come against the high and mighty, it will be different. Now He comes to the poor, who need a Savior; but then He will come as a Judge against those who are persecuting Him here.

-Christmas Sermon, 1530

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in October (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$6641
Loose offering: \$135
Benevolence: \$310
Thrivent Choice funds: \$55
Sunday School: \$46.31
Colorama Food Stand: \$860.77
Bibles from CPH: \$368.97

Total: \$8537.04

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2704.62
Phone: & internet: \$50.12
Electricity: \$184.51
Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$285.87
Pension: \$652.58
A-1 Elevator: \$640
Accent Business (copier): \$660
CPH (bibles): 404.90
B&D Water Refiners: \$169

Total: \$6290.52

Balance on hand (Nov. 11): \$15,026.98

Need each month for budget: \$6196.79

Received 2012: \$72,524.66 (excludes transfers)

Expenses 2012: \$56,010.62 (excludes improvements)



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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