

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

December 2013

Christmas Schedule

Start making your plans to attend our Christmas Worship at Peace and Zion. On Christmas Eve, we will have the Sunday School Service. On Christmas Day, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with the Lord's Supper.

December 24th

**Peace @ 4:30 pm
Zion @ 6:30 pm**

December 25th

**Combined service at
Peace @ 9 am**

Join us on Sunday, December 8 at Zion for our 2nd annual 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. On Saturday, Dec. 7, join us in Shawano from 9-11, 11-1 or 1-3 pm. 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!



In Our Prayers

Dolores Fietz, Roger Prey, Carl Westphal, MaryAnn Wendt, Deb Heinz, Elroy Malueg, Char Breitenfeldt, Luella Wuske, Ron Wuske, Erma Meisner, Jeannette Miller, Ryan Schultz, Terry Blankschien, Roger Steinke, Jason Cor, Sharon Smith, Dennis Kruzicki, Chris Kahl, Mary Nitz, Chris Zernicke, Earl Breitenfeldt, Teresa Boysen, Dee Kowalski, Pansy Olson, Melissa, Alexis DePaloi and Anna Nehring and their babies. And our nursing home and shut-ins : Dolores Fietz, Mae Ankerson, Diane Meyers, Ervin Buss, Jeannette Miller, Lila Menzel, Howard & Deloris Seefeldt, Glen & Bernice Begrow, Harvey Krueger, Hilda Schutte



Christmas Activities in December

Peace Christmas Party



The Peace Congregation Christmas Party is set for **Sunday, December 15th at 12 pm.** Please bring a dish to pass. There will be no gift exchange. Let's invite more people to this, so we can continue this great tradition.

Christmas Program at Zion

The Zion Sunday school Christmas program is on **Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm.** Know a kid who would like to be involved? Talk to Kathy Malueg.



Christmas Program at Peace

The Zion Sunday school Christmas program is on **Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm.** We really do need all the kids we can get-if you know of any, talk to Wendy Nehring!

Sunday School Practice

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

December 1: during class

December 8: during class

December 15: during class

December 21: 10 am- 12 pm

Christmas Caroling



We will be heading to sing to Our shut-ins on Sunday, Dec. 22, leaving Zion at 1 pm. We hope to have a large group to take the joy of the season to those who are unable to make it our worship services. All you gotta do is bring your voices. This is a great thing for families!

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Outreach Committee Meeting- October 16, 2013

Members present for the meeting at Zion at 9:00 were Dorothy Lundt, Lynn Grunewald, Kathy Malueg, Wendy Nehring, Peg Krueger and Roger Krueger.

Members absent: Sara Steinke, Pastor Craig, Millie Prey. Next meeting is on December 21st 9:00 @ at Zion.

Old business: Reformation Sunday - Thank you to everyone that donated, helped, and attended the events on Reformation Sunday. The attendance and donations were both up for last year! Thanks to all!!!

New Business: November- The Outreach Committee hosted the snack after Deer Hunters Service on November 21st. We donated two shoe boxes to Operations Christmas Child. Thank you PC and Wendy for putting the boxes together.

December- The Christmas Show this year is Christmas Stars Holiday Spectacular on Saturday, December 14th @ 1:00pm at Xavier High School in Appleton. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Merry Christmas!
Zion & Peace Outreach Committee

Both Peace & Zion will be treated to Cantata performance this Advent! At Zion, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 pm, join us for a performance, with a light snack afterward. At Peace, on Sunday, Dec. 15, we will have the performance during worship. These are different cantata's, so you can enjoy both!



Meetings in December

Zion Council – Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 11:30 am
Peace Council – Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 11:30 am
Joint Council- Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 11:30 am @ Zion
Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat., Dec. 21 @ 9 am

Backpack packing for the Marion School District program will take place on Friday's, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at the Marion Elementary School, starting at 9:30 am. Anyone that would like to help, please join us! As of printing, we have received \$218 in donations. Thank you so much!

Pastoral Acts

Baptism of Josephine Violet Koeppel- Nov. 10



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!



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 4-5.
Dec. 2: Zion @
Dec. 9: Zion @
Dec. 16: Zion @

Annual Meetings

With 2014 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. In total, Zion & Peace gave **29** 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
Raphael Harrell Jr.- December 10
Alexis Verg- December 11
Harvey Krueger – December 14
Rachel Ahlers – December 17
Kathy Krueger – December 17
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
Floyd & Luella Wuske- December 15
Mark & Brenda Tauferner- December 19



Lay Readers:

Dec. 1: Kreklow's, Leah Jobe
Dec. 8: Maxine Williams, Polka Service
Dec. 15: Cantata, Yvonne Schoen
Dec. 22: Open, Open
Dec. 29: Brenda Brady, Open
Fellowship servers: Bauman's & Nehring's
Zion Ushers: Cliff Rohloff & Dennis Schoen
Peace Janitors: Paul Kersten
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 2013 offerings in by then -Thank you, Financial Comm.

Congrats to Katie Watters for being named to the all conference team, honorable mention for volleyball at Tigerton this fall.

***Always Pray:** Don't only pray when things are rough; don't only hope when life gets tough. Remember to speak to God every day, no matter what it is you have to say. Sometimes just a "Thank You" will do, for God really likes to hear from you. We rely on God to know when something is wrong. No matter what happens our faith must stay strong. And when our hearts and minds feel weak, we should be the first to speak. When we rely on our faith and pray, God will soon bless us with a better day.*



... to our lay readers in November: Brenda Brady, Bethany & Mary Kreklow, Janet Arndt, Crystal Schwan
... to our Altar Guild at Zion: Ellen Mehlberg & Arlene Wuske
... for cleaning Peace in November: Dennis & Dawn Kersten
... to our ushers at Zion: Cookie Malueg & Crystal Schwan
... for providing fellowship at November: Pastor Craig & Wendy

...we forgot to mention some people in the last couple of newsletter for their work at Peace & Zion: Chad Lundt for his work on wiring the sound on the floats this fall; Beatrice Klitz for donating food for Reformation Dinner; Sue Raether & Dorothy Lundt for decorating Zion for the fall; for those who decorated Peace for the fall

...to Gene Mehlberg & Dale Klitz for putting up the nativity set

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

...to Dorothy Lundt & Yvonne Schoen for cleaning the closest at Zion

...to Dorothy Lundt, Ellen Mehlberg, Lois Klaeser, Joyce Buss, Sue Raether, Arlene Wuske for decoration Zion for Christmas

...to Yvonne & Dennis Schoen and Dale Klitz for decorating the tree at Zion

...to the Kreklow's for donating the Christmas tree at Peace

...to **ALL** who helped decorate Peace for Christmas

...to Dale Klitz for fixing the water leak in the bathroom at the Church, as well as donating the new hot water heater for the Church

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Zion Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2013



Members present for the meeting after church were, Pastor Craig, Dale Klitz, Judy and Ron Grunewald, Lori Egdorf, Alan Buss, and Ron Malueg. Members absent were Vicki Riska. Dale called the meeting to order. Pastor led us in devotions. The September meeting minutes were read and approved. MSC Lori/ Alan. We did not have a meeting in October.

Old Business: A water leak in the upstairs bathroom was noticed by Dale, and was fixed by Zimdars Plumbing. A new 30 gallon water heater was donated and installed by Dale. We thank him for all the time and donations he generously gives to Zion. The Caroline Town Hall food stand did very well at Colorama this year. It was decided that we would pay up the \$325.00 balance we owe for the backpack program. Lori made a motion to pay up the balance, motion carried. Sue Raether, Dorothy Lundt, and Yvonne Schoen volunteered to pack the backpacks. Set up for the tables for the polka service will be at 1:00, December 7th. Dale will put up signs to advertise the event and pastor will send out flyers about the polka service to other churches. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Christmas Eve at 7:00

Pastor's Report: A request to transfer out was made by Candy DenOtter to transfer to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wittenberg. MSC Ron Malueg/Ron Grunewald. The Cantata will be held at Zion Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00. Zion won first place on their float for the Colorama parade, which was \$25.00. It was decided to donate this money to the backpack program. We received a call from company that furnished our copier; parts for our model are no longer available. The copier is working fine right now. The council has approved pastor to put an ice rink by the side of his garage.

New Business: \$60.00 was used from the Colorama food stand money to pay for the organist. It was decided to pay up the organist fund for the year in the amount of \$420.00 MSC Ron Malueg/ Lori Egdorf. A-1 Elevator has recommended that our elevator needs new rails, guide shoes, and welding at a cost of \$1,054.60. Lori will look into possible lower repair costs with a different company. We will ask if Gene and Ellen Mehlberg will again be packing the Christmas bags for the Sunday school kids. Dale Klitz, and Dennis and Yvonne Schoen will be putting up and decorating the Christmas tree. Gene Mehlberg will be putting out the manger scene, helpers are also needed. We wish to thank Barry, April, and Thomas Grimm for a memorial gift of \$2,000 in memory of Robert & Mary Grimm. The money will go toward the display cases in the narthex. We wish to thank Dale for all the work he has done on the display case. The sign up sheet will be put out at every funeral for the extra food that is brought in. Each individual is to sign their name and what was brought. This way, we will not forget to include people in the thank-you's. The next council meeting will be on December 15 at Peace at 11:30 and also the joint meeting of Zion and Peace. A motion was made to adjourn. We ended the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Grunewald, Zion Council Secretary

There was no council meeting for Peace during November. Our next meeting will be on Dec. 15, at 11:30, followed by the Joint Council.

Zion would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to Barry, April & Thomas Grimm for donating monies to build the new display cases at the church! The money was donated in memory of Robert & MaryAnn Grimm. We also thank Dale Klitz who donated all his time to build and install them!



Zion & Peace in Action

Confirmation class with their Christmas shoebox for kids



Work on display case 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. 14, from 11 am- 1 pm
Reservations are **required by Dec. 10** -stop in or call Jeff at the Village Clerks office @ 535-2262

Zion & Peace Youth-we are looking at doing an ice skating/pizza party on Sat. Jan. 25 in Shawano from 5-7 pm. We will be joining with St. John's in Tigerton youth. Cost will be \$5. Look for more details in next months newsletter!

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-20-2000
'JESUS, WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE' IS A BIT LONG FOR THIS FORM ... YOU MIGHT WANT TO JUST USE 'JESUS'

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(See John 2:1-11) 12-31-1998
HEY JESUS, I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ... I'M BRINGIN' LOTS OF WATER

Christmas Party

Make plans to attend the 11th Annual Embarrass River Lion's Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th 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 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

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in October (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$4507
Loose offering: \$183.60
Benevolence: \$323
Thrivent Choice funds: \$25
Sunday School: \$45.75
Colorama Food Stand: \$746.93
Building Fund: \$45
Elroy Mehlberg Memorial: \$1060
Funeral of Wally Grunewald: \$125
Donation to SS: \$35

Total: \$7220.24

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2825.08
Phone: & internet: \$230.60
Electricity: \$273.16
Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$299.20
Pension: \$665.89
Zion Cemetery (annual dues): \$500
Accent Business (copier): \$660
Caroline Sanitary: \$198
Clintonville Refrigeration: \$231
Benevolence: \$500
Transfer to Memorial fund: \$1060

Total: \$8022.39

Balance on hand (Oct. 31): \$23,018.52

Luther on...Christmas



The greatest treasure and the highest comfort we Christians have is the fact that the Word, the true, natural Son of God, has become a man who in every respect has flesh and blood as any other man has, and who has become man for our sake that we may be raised to the great glory of having our flesh and blood, our entire body, with all its parts and members, sit in heaven above, like God; that we may boldly defy the devil and whatever assails us. For now we are certain that our bodies belong in heaven and are heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

-Sermon on John 1:14



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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