

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

January 2011

HAPPY
New Year

The
Epiphany of
our Lord

Parent's Night Out

On January 14th, from 5:00pm to 9:00 pm, parents are invited to drop off your children at Zion to have a parent's night out! Volunteers will watch your kids, feed them supper, and spend the night watching movies, playing bingo (for prizes), eating cotton candy, and do whatever else we can think of! This is a chance for you **parents to enjoy your evening!** The Outreach Committee is putting on this event and asking for volunteers from congregation.

If you are planning on taking part in this, or would like to help out if you don't have kids, please let the church know ASAP!



Day of Epiphany Worship

You are invited to join us at Zion on Friday, January 6, at 6 pm, to join in a short Epiphany worship service, as we remember the arrival of the Wise Men and the giving of Christ to the world.



In Our Prayers

Jordan Bliss, Jason Cor, Pam Blankschien, Sharon Smith, Jim Prey, Doug Seefeldt, Roger Prey, Greg Wiley, Mary Grimm, Albert Malueg, Wayne Arndt, Peg Krueger, Arlene Much, Brenda Brady (on her pregnancy)



.....and our nursing home and shut in members:
Delores Fietz, Mae Ankersen, Diane Meyers, Jeanette Miller, Florence Bossell, Andrew Buss, Lila Menzel, Howard & Deloris Seefeldt, Harvey Krueger

Zion Choir Soup Dinner

On Sunday, Jan. 22, the Zion Choir will be hosting a Soup Dinner, after worship starting at 11:15 am. Please make plans to attend this and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to worship and dine with us.



Annual Meetings

We begin to plan and hold our annual meetings starting in January. Peace will be holding theirs on Sunday, January 29th, beginning at 12 pm. **Zion & Peace will switch worship times this morning.**

We will be holding a potluck dinner, followed by the meeting.

Zion will be holding their annual meeting on Sunday, February 12th, beginning immediately after worship.

If you have a report at Peace to enter, please get it into Marilyn Baumann by Jan. 15, so it can get to the printers in time. For Zion, please have them into the church office by Jan. 29.

We will be voting on the final approval of the new constitutions, as well as voting on the actions taken at the NALC National convocation.

2012 Church Officers

Both congregations are in need of new people to fill the leadership positions. Please prayerfully consider serving your church .

At Peace, up for election and/or reelection is a Vice President, Secretary (Marilyn can serve again), Financial Sec., and finance committee member.

At Zion, we will be electing and/or reelecting a new president, Vice President, 2 Trustees, Finance Comm., Financial Sec., Audit Comm.

If you are interested in serving in any way, please see a council member for more information.



The Outreach Committee met on December 3rd. The next meeting is scheduled for **January 21 @9:00 at Zion.**

Reformation Sunday - We reviewed what we can keep the same and what could be done different for next year. Lynn has a record of the food with notes for next year. We talked about opening the meal up to the public and adding bake sale, crafts, silent auction, gift baskets, and/or gift certificates. This means all you crafters, artists, woodworkers please keep busy this winter with projects for next November!

Church Directory – Pastor Craig will take the picture directory info to the next joint council meeting. We talked about having the pictures taken in spring. (May?)

Upcoming projects for 2012 – We began putting together a partial list of activates for the upcoming year. Please let anyone on the committee know of any ideas you may have for 2012.

JANUARY

Parent's Night Out – January 14th from 5:00pm to 9:00 pm. Parents drop off your children at Zion. Supper, movies, bingo (for prizes), cotton candy, crafting, stamping-card making, movies and games are provided!

Parents, enjoy your evening! The Outreach Committee is putting on this event and asking for volunteers from the congregation.

FEBRUARY

Super Sundae- We will be selling sundae's at Peace & Zion on Sunday, Feb. 5, to be prepare for the Super Bowl and to raise money for charity. Look for more info at the churches and if you would like to help out or donate "fixings," please see a member of the Outreach Committee.

Just a reminder:

The Peace Soup Supper will be held on Wednesday



February 1 with serving starting at 4 pm. Start making plans to attend and begin inviting your friends and neighbors!

Adult Education

We are taking a hiatus with our Adult education classes during Jan. We will pick up again in February. Our Adult Catechism will continue our study of the Book of Concord with the Smalcald Articles.

We will begin a new 6-part Bible Study on the book of the Psalms, starting on Feb. 26 and running during Lent until April 1.

Pastor Craig will be attending the Symposia on the Lutheran Confessions & Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN from Jan. 16-20. Rev. Crocker from Christus LC in Clintonville will be on call during this time. He can be reached at **(715) 823-6521**



Meetings in January

Zion Council @ Peace – Sunday, Jan. 8, 11:15 am
Peace Council @ Peace – Sunday, Jan 8, 5 pm
Outreach Comm. @ Zion – Sat., Jan 21st, 9 am

Pastor Craig & Wendy would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts we received for Christmas. It was very appreciated and we consider ourselves blessed to have been part of your Christmas thoughts.

Thank you also for the chance to serve you in 2011. We really do appreciate the fact that we receive our living from your hard work and offerings.

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 Dec. 28, Zion's record was 8-7 and Peace's was 9-9
Jan. 9 : Peace @ home, Zion @ home
Jan. 16: Peace @ Zion
Jan. 23: Peace @ home, Zion @ Christus B
Jan. 30: Peace @ home, Zion @ Pella

Youth and Young Adults! Check out the website: www.worldvieweverlasting.com for a website featuring Lutheranism set for your generation.

January Birthday's

Zion

Steve Verg – January 3
 Florence Bossell – January 2
 Brooke Bartz- January 2
 Roger Krueger – January 4
 Elroy Mehlberg – January 4
 Kay Blum – January 5
 Lauren Reissman – January 6
 Barry Grimm – January 8
 Ronnie Faehling – January 9
 Yvonne Schoen – January 10
 Lydia Kirk – January 19
 Karlie Faehling – January 21
 Ramona Mehlberg – January 22
 Andrew Strehlow- January 22
 McKenna Crum- January 28
 Kathy Malueg – January 29
 Wyatt Brandt- January 30

Peace

Elaine Kersten- January 2
 Kacie Krueger- January 5
 Jaelyn Brady- January 8
 Levi Schroeder- January 11
 Paul Kersten- January 13
 Karin Seefeldt- January 17
 Mark Tauferner- January 23
 Lila Menzel- January 28

If your special days are not mentioned at Zion, please let Pastor Craig or Peg Krueger know so that your information is included.

Please fill in the calendar at Peace so we can keep this information up-to-date.



Lay Readers:

Jan. 1: Wendy Nehring & Open

Jan. 8: Open

Jan. 15: Janet Arndt & Open

Jan. 22: Open & Ramona Mehlberg

Jan. 29: Maxine Williams & Open

Fellowship servers: Open

Zion Ushers: Ron Grunewald & Ron Malueg

Peace Janitors: Steve & Terri Krueger

Zion Altar Guild: Dorothy Lundt & Sue Raether

...Congratulations to Austin Riska & Lauren Reissman for making high honor roll at MHS



...Congratulations to Sara Steinke, Taylor Schoen, Austin Barrow, Megan Steinke & Jeremy Buss for make honor roll at MHS & MMS

...Congratulations to Leah Jobe & Anna Watters for making "A" honor roll at TMS

...Congratulations to Luke & Hannah DenOtter for making "B" honor roll at TMS

...Congratulations to Mary & Bethany Kreklow for winning at the Embarrass River Lions Club Cookie Decorating contest in Dec.

...Congratulations to Megan Steinke for being named Student of the Week at MMS in Dec.

**THANK
YOU**

... to our lay readers in December: Henry Hoeksema, Michael Wuske

... our ushers in December: Cliff Rohloff & Allan Buss

... to on Altar Guild at Zion: Yvonne Schoen

... to those who lead the Advent readings: Judy Rohloff, Lori Egdorf & Yvonne Schoen

... for cleaning Peace in December: Dennis & Dawn Kersten

... to for providing fellowship at Zion & Peace: Judy Rohloff and the Bauman's

... to the gifts given for the Homme Home

... to all those who helped decorate Peace & Zion for Christmas

... to Gene Mehlberg, Allan Buss & Rod Riska for setting up Nativity scene outdoors

... to those who donated the Christmas tree at Peace

... to all who led, worked and performed for the Sunday School Christmas program at Zion & Peace

Zion Council Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2011

Members present for the meeting after church were Pastor Craig, Rod Riska, Lori Egdorf, Alan Buss, Gene and Ellen Mehlberg, and Judy Grunewald. Members absent were Linda Fritz. Rod called the meeting to order. The minutes were read. MSC Gene/ Lori to accept the minutes as read. MSC Judy/ Lori to accept the treasurer's report for November and December.

The Pastor's Report: Chad and Heather Wuske and family requested a transfer to St. John's in Marion. During the next annual meeting we will vote on the NALC constitution and to ratify actions taken at the NALC convocation. At our next meeting we will vote on Zion's benevolences and the budget. Along with support to the NALC National Office, and the NALC Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District, the NALC encourages benevolences to a local or state charity, and an international charity.

Old Business: The elevator phone was discussed. A motion was made to purchase the Lutheran Book of Worship on cd. MSC Rod/ Ellen. A motion was made to purchase in a cd player. MSC Rod/ Ellen. A motion was made to remove one coat rack and build a showcase in its place. MSC Lori/ Gene. Linda Fritz has resigned as trustee, due to busyness of schedule. Judy will buy Christmas gifts for the Sunday school teachers. Ellen and Gene will put together the Christmas candy bags. A thank you will be given to the Caroline Legion for the donation of candy for the Christmas bags.

New Business: The next Zion Council meeting will be January 8th, 2012. Zion's annual meeting will be February 12th, 2012. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting and the joint council meeting began.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Grunewald, Zion council secretary

Peace Council Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Breitenfeldt. Council members present were Alan Breitenfeldt,, Larry Pringnitz, Sr, Val Natzke and Marilyn Bauman. The minutes from our September 11, 2011 stand approved as printed. The treasurer's report was reviewed as well as our account balances. We still need the shared expenses from Zion since the last one received was in August. No funds have been paid out yet for benevolences. We have taken in \$1,600 ytd in this account. Our certificate of deposit is up for renewal with Fox Communities Credit Union. This will automatically renew at the current rate. The treasurer's report stands approved as reviewed.

New Business:

- ◀We have changed our worship service for January 29th to 10:30AM with the annual meeting & pot luck to follow.
- ◀We need to review disability insurance for Pastor Craig.
- ◀Dan Tauferner has requested a transfer. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Marilyn to approve this transfer. Motion stands carried.
- ◀Gifts for Pastor Craig & our organists were reviewed. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Marilyn to give the same amount as was given last year. Motion carried. Val will take care of getting these checks out.
- ◀Marilyn will take care of sending a thank you note to Karen Riemer for performing the Christmas Cantata.
- ◀The Council decided to keep the soup supper prices at \$6.00 for the February 2012 meal.
- ◀Larry will check on snow plow prices. He will also check with Dave Tauferner to see if he is still willing to plow for the church.

Our next Council meeting will be in early January to set the upcoming budget.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Val. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Bauman, Secretary

Joint Council Meeting Minutes

Peace & Zion at Caroline- December 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Al Breitenfeldt. Council members present were Pastor Craig, Paul Kersten, Dennis Kersten, Larry Pringnitz, Sr., Val Natzke, Al Breitenfeldt, Marilyn Bauman, Alan Buss, Gene Mehlberg, Ellen Mehlberg, Rod Riska, Lori Egdorf & Judy Grunewald. Pastor Craig led us with devotions. The minutes of the joint council meeting of August 14, 2011 were approved as ready.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Craig indicated the Outreach Committee has a few activities planned. They are as follows: January 14, 2012 will be parent's night out. There will be free daycare available from 5-9 PM. Supper will be provided. This event will be held at Zion. On February 5th they will be having a Super Bowl Sundae. They will be selling sundaes with the proceeds going to world hunger. The committee would like to organize a united picnic/church service with area NALC & LCMC churches in August 2012. This is just in the early planning stages. Pastor Craig has requested to attend continuing education events January 16-20, 2012 in Fort Wayne, IN as well as February 5, 6, & 7th in the Twin Cities. It was noted that there was a good turn out for the bell ringing for the Salvation Army in Shawano on December 10th. Twelve individuals have signed up to go to the concert on Tuesday. Pastor Craig suggested we look towards the future as both congregations are getting older. We may want to consider yoking with another congregation.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Craig's salary was reviewed. He suggested not receiving an increase in pay this next year. After much discussion, a motion was made by Val, 2nd by Larry to approve a 1 ½% increase on the base salary. MSC. The constitution final votes will take place at our annual meetings. Zion's meeting is scheduled for February 12th & Peace's meeting is scheduled for January 29th. Peace will have the late service on this Sunday.

The next joint council meeting will be held on April 15th at 6PM at Zion. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Rod to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We ended the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Bauman, Peace Secretary

Our Churches in Action this December



Ringing Bells
for Salvation
Army in
Shawano



Attending the Danu Concert
in Appleton



Christmas Program at Zion & Peace



We continue the second aspect of our Adult Catechism/education classes here at Zion and Peace. Where as we spent last year studying the Bible and exploring a bit of our Christian history, we move into the study of our Lutheran foundational documents, what is commonly referred to as the Lutheran Confessions. Each month we will discuss the parts of the Book of Concord (BOC). This month we continue with the **Smalcald Articles**.

After the Augsburg Confession was presented and published in 1530, the Lutheran Reformation was now a publically acknowledged and confessed refutation to the Roman Catholic Church. It's theology continued to grow, not only in Germany, but in many countries throughout Europe. And the attacks on it began to be found coming, not simply from the Roman Church, but also from other "protestants;" in particular the Anabaptist's (who denied infant baptism), the "fanatics" (those seeking to establish the Kingdom of God through armed conflict) and the anti-sacramentarians such as Zwingli (those who rejected the True Presence in the Lord's Supper).

The Lutherans still desired to reconcile with the Roman Church by seeking to address the concerns and differences raised in the Augsburg Confession and to correct the abuses and errors made in Roman theology (the Lutheran quickly and vehemently distanced themselves from the other "radical" reformers). One way in seeking this, was the request for the Roman church to call a "General Council"- a meeting of all Christians in order to discuss theological questions (The Council of Nicea in 325 AD is an example of this).

As they prepared (and hoped) for such a council, many of the Lutherans in Germany had formed the Smalcaldic League, named after the town of Smalkalden in the German province of Thuringia. This league was formed as a defensive alliance of Lutheran provinces, as well as to provide the political backing of the Reformation. In 1537, the League asked Luther to write up a series of articles that they could present if a Council was called. This, of course, never happened and the League eventually was defeated by the Holy Roman Empire in 1547, a year after Luther died.

What makes the Smalcald Articles important is that they came from the hand of Luther himself, and is seen as a systematic discussion of his theology and understandings. Believed to be his final "testament" to the world (as he believed he would soon die-he was suffering from a kidney stones) , they are a passionate and forceful confession of just what the Reformation was built upon. They set forth the central articles of the faith and place the importance of the work of God in Jesus Christ as the location in which all theology must begin, reside and abide if we are to continue in the true and pure Word of God.

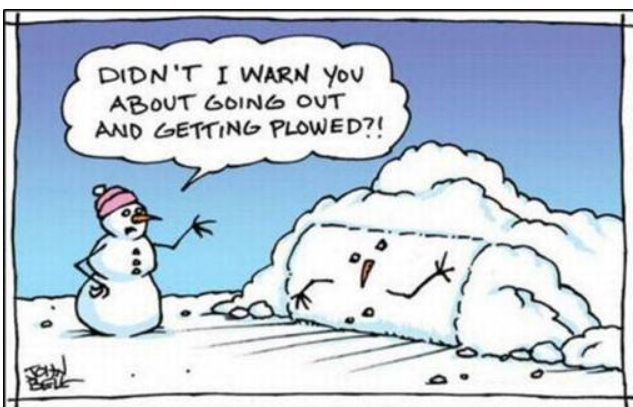
*In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Craig*



Operation Christmas Child

Just an update! Back in December, it was mentioned that the boxes donated by PC and Wendy were being tracked to see where they ended up. We received an email stating that they were reaching children in India. This is just one more reminder that even here in Caroline & Split Rock, we can be spreading the love of Christ around the world!

If you are a senior citizen and you have Medicare and prescription costs, there may be ways to have the expenses helped by the Shawano Co. Aging Unit. Call 526-4700 or 1-866-526-2130 for more information.



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld

01-06-2005

PASTOR FOUND A WAY TO MAINTAIN HIS CONGREGATION DURING THE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



Pecans & Candy Bars



The Zion choir is again selling pecans and candy bars. They are in the Narthex.

\$8.00 for 16 oz. bag of whole pecans and \$1.00 per candy bar.



LUTHER ON...EPIPHANY

This example of the wise men serves us Gentiles well also. For it occurred and was recorded so that there might be no confusion for us concerning this event; if we want to seek and find this child, we must believe the Word, stick to it, and not allow ourselves to be diverted from it. If we disregard the Word, the offense has already occurred. For the child is so humble and wretched to look at that it is impossible for one to approach by one's reason, apart from the Word. Reason and worldly wisdom cannot comprehend or believe that this child, who can find no room where he might be born, is a King and a Lord, a King so great that he is the world's Savior. It is meant to be preached through the Word and comprehended in the Word, and to enter our hearts so that we believe it. And as his birth is poor and wretched, so his entire life is likewise nothing but poverty, privation, suffering, misery, shame and disgrace. The one who loses the Word and merely with human eyes regards him lying in the manger, in the stable, and so on, has already lost him.

-Sermon on Matthew 2:1-12, 1532

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in November (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$3861
Loose offering: \$46
Benevolence: \$325
Building Fund: \$20
Colorama food stand: \$96.40
Germaine Brown memorial \$10
Thrivent Choice funds: \$204

Total: \$4601.28

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2671.12
Phone: & internet: \$234.62
Electricity: \$219.62
Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$313.98
Plain Sense Printing: \$56
Benevolence: \$290
Fran's Painting & Staining: \$834
Riiser Energy: \$401.12
L & L Propane: \$1120.12

Total: \$6246.85

Balance on hand (Dec 11): \$4040.17

Budget need each month: \$7001.59

Budget through Nov: \$77,017.49

Received through Oct \$70,365.42

Borrowed from Uecker Interest: \$5000

Budget versus Received: -\$6660.07

Zion Benevolence

Budgeted for 2011: \$6001

Received through Nov: \$3666

We have given \$2470 of the \$4000 budgeted for the NALC so far

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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