

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU


Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI


Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI


May 2018




On Mother's Day, we will be handing out corsages before worship. We need your help on making the corsages at Zion on Saturday May 12th @ 9:00 am. Bring your talented fingers if you are available! Pass this message on to anyone you can think of that might like to join us. Thanks!


On Sunday, May 20, Zion will welcome  Bethany Jobe into our midst as a confirmed member of our congregation. 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 this month. This year, we congratulate Leah Jobe & Anna Watters graduating from Tigerton.  Baccalaureate Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 6.

Zion Sunday School 
The Sunday School year is coming to an end. We will celebrate and recognize the teachers and students on May 13. Thanks for all who work hard and who help teach our young members.

 Peace will now be holding their annual spring cleaning day on Saturday, May, 12 starting at 9 am. All those able to help out please come.

Pastoral Acts

Baptism of Brinley Malueg- April 22
Memorial Service for Judith Minniecheske- April 28 



Even though we are just starting our summer vacation at the end of this month, its already time to start thinking about VBS!

Dates will be determined in the near future, likely again to be held in August. Looking for people to help out. And be sure to invite any kid you know to attend-every year we grow a bit bigger!



Don't forget you can listen to our sermons each Sunday on 92.3 at 6:45 am.

If you would like to sponsor a week, the cost is \$40.

Prayer Concerns of the Parish

Bev Redman, Jason Kor, Dennis Pockat, Ron Grunewald, Val Natzke, Ferdinand Malueg, Arlene Wuske, Sharon Smith, Yvonne Schoen, Teresa Boysen, Colby Wanta, Ken Raether, Curt Clifford, Deb Heinz, Dan Brandenburg, Alice Laufenberg, Jerome Pietz, Mary Martin, Ron Mehlberg, Carey Krouth; Melanie Mehlberg, Emily Malave and their babies; Kelsey Gast in the US Air Force and our nursing home residents and shut-ins: Dolores Fietz, Diane Meyers, Bernice Begrow, Deloris Seefeldt, Gladys Wichmann, Paul Heger, Leonard & Ila Grunewald 



Schedule of events:

May – Mother's Day-May 13th

June – Father's Day ice cream-June 17th

July – Outreach members at Zion & Peace visit shut-ins

Aug – Timber Rattlers game- August 1st, Lumberjack Days- 26th

Sept-- Plan ILT "Word at Work" meal, Saturday Sept 22nd



The youth will be holding a day time "Lock In" on Saturday, May 12th at Zion from 10-3 pm. We will have games and activities, devotion time and lunch. If you would like to go, or any adult who would like to help out with food or activities, please talk to PC or Kathy Malueg

A short council meeting was held at Peace at 9:30 AM on April 22, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Paul Kersten. The Judy Minniecheske funeral is expected to take place April 28, 2018. A motion was made by Steve to charge \$100 for the use of the church facility. Seconded by Larry. Approved. The spring cleanup day was originally scheduled for April 28, 2018. A motion was made by Larry to reschedule the spring cleanup day to May 12, 2018 at 9 AM. Seconded by Dawn. Approved. The date and time of the next peace council meeting is set for May 12, 2018 at 8:30 AM. A motion was made by Steve to adjourn. Seconded by Larry. Approved



We will be holding a Vesper's service in celebration of the Day of Ascension at Zion on Thursday, May 10, starting at 6 pm.

The Pastor's Corner

In this installment of some explanation on the Divine Service (*Gottesdienst* in German), we will look at how we begin each service on Sunday-with Confession and Absolution. Now, to do our corporate service is a rather recent addition to the hymnal. It was around the turn of the last century when a rite was introduced on Sunday mornings. Prior to this, private confession was the norm on Lutheran Churches, with a person coming in on Friday or Saturday, "announcing" they would commune the following Sunday by confessing their sins and receiving forgiveness. By the last 19th century, a Saturday Vespers (evening prayer) service often become a "confessing" service where such forgiveness, in preparation for the Supper on Sunday, was pronounced.

By the time of our more recent hymnals used at Peace & Zion-American Lutheran Hymnal (1930), SBH (1958)-or even the hymnal I grew up with-The Lutheran Hymnal (1941)-a service of corporate forgiveness was introduced to be used on Sunday mornings. This kept up the Lutheran understanding that those who are prepared to receive the Supper are those who "has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you...,'" as well as the admonition of Jesus that before you leave your offering at the altar, to be reconciled to your brother (Matt 6:21-26).

So, we prepare ourselves to enter into the presence of God by confessing our unworthiness and the need for God to make us clean (read Isaiah 6). And what we find is that all the words we use and say come from the only place we will find thus: the Holy Bible. Thus, we begin by being placed before our God, as the Name of the Triune God is declared over us (Matt 28:19). Next we repeat the words of 1 John 1:8-9, where we admit that we are lying if we don't confess our need to be forgiven of the sins we have.

Our actual words of confession, while not from Scripture directly, effectively speak what the Bible tells us. We admit, according to Psalm 51, that we are sinful from our very conception; that all our deeds (Isaiah 64) are tainted with sin. We admit we do not keep the very heart of the Law-the love of God and love of neighbor (Matt 22) and we flee alone to God in the hopes He will forgive us for His own sake (James 4; 1 Timothy 6).

Then, using the authority given to the Church and Her pastors by Jesus in John 20, the pastor declares, under and by the authority of Jesus Himself, that the sins you confess, the sins you repent over, the sins that are troubling you, are actually and fully forgiven by God Himself! In fact, this is nothing different than what took and takes place when private confession was and is used. And that is perhaps the most "sad" thing about our Christian life. So influenced by a wrong understand of the Christian life-an influence, ultimately not from confessional (Luther) Lutheranism-we lost the proper place for private confession in the life of the church because we have wrongly taught that it is a "Roman Catholic" practice, and thus must be wrong. Well, even Luther had his own confessor and our Confessions (CA 25) states: "**Confession has not been abolished by the preachers on our side. For the custom has been retained among us of not administering the sacrament to those who have not previously been examined and absolved.**"

So while we will always start our services with p. 77, I want you all to know that my study is open for you!

In Christ's service, Pastor Craig

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zion

Justin Malueg – May 1
Alexis Wright- May 7
Ron Wuske- May 7
Rick Wuske- May 9
Caroline Handrich- May 10
Jesse Blum – May 13
Dalton Williams- May 13
Angie Koeppel- May 14
Brittani Handrich- May 15
Ron Grunewald – May 20
Kathy K. Malueg- May 20
Rose Malueg- May 20
Jorja Karst- May 21
Ellen Mehlberg – May 23
Arlene Wuske – May 26
Mason Breitenfeldt – May 27
Kaylee Mijal- May 28

Peace

Andrew Tiller- May 15
Debra Seefeldt- May 23
Delanie Tiller- May 24
Larry Pringnitz Sr.- May 26
Benjamin Hammond- May 27
Amanda Olson- May 31

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Sandy Olson- May 1
Cody & Summer Verg- May 7
Rick & Jill Grunewald- May 7
Rod & Vicki Riska- May 7
Rory & Melanie Mehlberg- May 16
Elroy & Janice Malueg - May 18
Ray & Nancy Faehling- May 20
Lee & Kayla Verg- May 20
Chase & Brittany Sperberg- May 21
Ted & Gina Jobe- May 21
Jack & Kay Krueger- May 24
Steve & Val Natzke- May 27



... to our lay readers in April: Henry Hoeksema, Wally Breitenfeldt, Nathan Ahlers
... to Altar Guild at Zion: Liz Reissman & Dorothy Lundt
... for cleaning Peace in April: Deb Retzlaff
... for providing fellowship at Peace: Lorraine Davidson & Sandy Mattner
... Radio Broadcast: Scott & Marilyn Bauman, Beatrice Klitz, Maxine Williams, Phillip & Judy Lang,
Leroy & Bernice Uecker

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Lay Readers:

May 6: Open, Open
May 13: Open, Natalie Ahlers
May 20: Open, Open
May 27: Open, Open

Fellowship servers: Bauman's

Zion Ushers: Ron & Cookie Malueg

Peace Ushers: Darold Seefeldt

Peace Janitors:

Zion Altar Guild:

Radio Sponsorship:

May 6: Scott & Marilyn Bauman
May 13: Open
May 20: Leroy & Bernice Uecker
May 27: Open

congratulations

...To Kendra Barrow making highest honors, at MHS for 3rd quarter
...To Anna Watters, Bethany Kreklow, Nathaen Wanta, Bethany Jobe, Mary Kreklow for making "A" honor roll & Leah Jobe, Allan Jobe, Colby Wanta, Gavin Hidde Loghan Wanta for making "B" honor roll at THS & TMS for 3rd Term

...**Thanks** to all who helped at Easter! **Thanks** to Mary Rades, Ericka Shelton, Bethany Kreklow & Rhonda Laatsch for playing for all our services. **Thanks** to Janice Malueg for printing all the bulletins! **Thanks** to Dennis Schoen & Nathan Ahlers for helping with the Easter Vigil service. **Thanks** to Dave Fritz, Ryan Malueg & Nathan Ahlers and the choir for playing and singing for us at the sunrise at Zion. **Thanks** to the men of Zion for preparing and all who donated toward the Easter breakfast. **Thanks** to Al Breitenfeldt, the Bauman's, Kathy Malueg & Brittani Handrich for the snacks at Peace. **Thanks** to the women who decorated Zion and Peace. **Thanks** to Dennis & Dawn Kersten, Arlene Wuske, Lynn Grunewald, Dorothy Lundt & Liz Reissman & for setting up communion at Peace & Zion on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Holy Saturday (Zion), and Easter Sunday.



Baptism of Brinley Malueg-April 22



Outreach Comm. Fellowship- March 18

Outreach Comm. viewing of "Paul" Movie



Holy Week Vespers



Outreach Comm. viewing of "Passion" movie

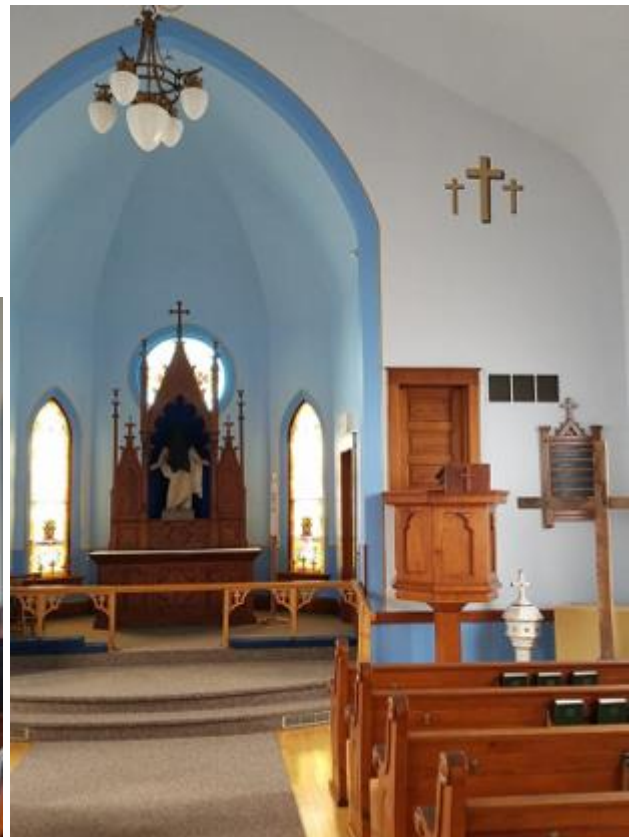




First Communion of Kenzie Malueg, Thomas Grimm, Joan Hanson & Dalton Williams



**Maundy Thursday & Good Friday
@ Peace & Zion**



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Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday



Peace Financial Report

Receipts in March (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$1640
Loose offering: \$180
Benevolence: \$103
Thrivent: \$110
Misc.: \$100

Total: \$2206.71

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary, benefits & professional : \$1985.16
Maintenance: \$291.14
Misc.: \$1530.98
Organist: \$161.61
Shared Expenses: \$345.52

Total: \$4314.41

YTD: Receipt: \$12,578.39

Expenses: \$11,902.02

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in March (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$7098
Loose offering: \$267
Benevolence: \$840
Thrivent: \$111
Peace Shared expenses: \$345.52
Radio Service: \$360

Total: \$9112.88

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2948.10
Phone: & internet: \$119.98
Electricity/Fuel: \$585.29
Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$417.43
WTCH (Radio): \$180
Heifer Intr. (Xmas Eve offering): \$205.01
Gegare Tile (basement ceiling): \$3851.78
Sola Publishing (1st Communion): \$127.34

Total: \$13,787.99

Balance on hand (March 31): \$15,735.16

Benevolence total for 2018: \$1550



Luther on...Ministers

The fault that we admire persons and accord them more regard than the Word infects us by nature. But God would have us stick and cling to the Word itself. He would have us choose the kernel, not the shell, so that we care more for the Head of the family than for the house. He would not have us admire and adore the apostleship in the persons of Peters and Paul, but rather Christ speaking by them and the very Word of God which comes from their lips. Natural man cannot see this, but spiritual man can. He alone sees the difference between the person and the Word, between the divine veil and God Himself.

-Commentary on Galatians 2:6, 1531

Sabbatical Update

The largest aspect of Pastor Craig's time off will be coming up in the month of July. He will be gone the entire month, as he will be in Germany from July 3-26. We are working on outside leadership for our Sunday services, although we may be looking for internal help as well. Members of the Outreach Committee will be doing the shut-in visits-and as you all are part of this "committee," we are hoping you will help out!

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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