



# FROM THE PASTOR

## FROM PASTOR KIM

**John 13:34** “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The verse that appears above was spoken by Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed. Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment after He had knelt and washed their feet. Christians refer to the Thursday of Holy Week as Maundy (which means Commandment) Thursday.

I grew up worshipping in the Presbyterian Church. And though my mother didn't attend worship on a regular basis during my childhood, she rarely missed Maundy Thursday worship. She told me on many occasions that this was the most meaningful worship service of the year for her. I asked her several times what made this service so special to her, but she honestly couldn't give me a specific reason, it just was.

After she moved to Pella to be near us, worship and the church became extremely important parts of her life. My mom passed away on March 12, 2008.

During the last week in March we learned

that our son's wife, Molly, would be induced on Thursday, April 1 if the baby had not been born by that date. The process began around 8:00 a.m. that morning and we received a number of updates during the day. Shortly before Diane and I left home to prepare for evening worship we learned that Molly was set to begin pushing.

We still hadn't received word at 6:50 p.m. and so I gave Diane my cell phone and like a batter and his third base coach we set up “signs” that she would give me if she received any “urgent” news. During the prayers of the church I included a prayer for Molly and all those in labor. When I finished that portion of the service I glanced at my watch and it read 7:39 p.m.

After the service had concluded, I found Diane, and as I couldn't stand the suspense any longer I called Molly's mother, Deb, who was already in Oklahoma City. When she answered the phone, I asked her, “any news?” She told me, “Why don't you talk to Chris” (our son).

Chris told me that Molly had given birth to a healthy baby boy – 7 lb. 6 oz. and 19” long. And that they had named him Liam Declan Wills. He was born at 7:41 p.m. It was wonderful for Diane and I to share this joyous moment in our lives with the members of our Adult Choir and with those who were still in the church.

Many in our world would say that Liam being born during Maundy Thursday worship; during this service that meant so much to my mother to be simply a pleasant coincidence. But I believe that it was both a blessing and a sign from God. My mother was a very loving



- May 2 Dean Hubka  
Adam Nelson  
April Sanders
- May 3 Hilda Dhondt  
Timothy Kelley
- May 5 Ashley Harper  
Shelby Harper
- May 6 Lane Larson  
Kathy Miller  
J. T. Neff
- May 8 Mark Nolte
- May 9 Julie Greimann  
Darwin Meyer  
Shelley Van Sickle
- May 10 Cindy Rolling
- May 11 Anna Mae Meyer  
Bill Nolte  
Eugene Sukup  
Barb Swanson
- May 12 Stephen Schoning
- May 13 Frances Riles  
Marlene Severe
- May 15 David Schuchmann
- May 18 Caitlin Retz
- May 19 Nate Hubka  
Bob Koester
- May 22 Brett Behr  
Shannon Osland
- May 26 Dallas Etnier
- May 27 Jerry Riles
- May 29 Valerie Brayton  
Emily Alcott  
Michael Symens  
Diane Wills

## PRAYER LIST

Let us know if you or a loved one would like to be on our prayer list. Names will stay on the list for eight weeks. If you would like to continue beyond that time, please let us know.

### LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

- + Stacie McGregor (daughter of Kim Jensen and granddaughter of Gladys and Delmar Koch), Luanne Peterson, Wendell Meints, Fred Eberling, Madisyn Harper, and Amy Litterer Marcks.
- + our missionary family in Senegal Dirk, Sarah, Eva & Ellen Stadtlander
- + our mothers on Mother's Day and every day of the year
- + our high school graduates: Justin Meyer, Carli Mondt, Mackenzii Rasmus, Ty Sanders, and Miranda Simmons
- + those graduating from colleges and universities
- + favorable weather and the safety of farmers during planting season
- + our service men and women serving our country, Andrew O'Connor who is again serving in Iraq, and Andrew Brayton (son of Dale and Kathy Brayton) overseas.



# Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to the towel bundles that will be turned in at the June Synod Women's Convention. Also, thank you to those who have responded to our Bakeless Bake Sale.

Our Synod Women's Organization Convention is June 19 at Wartburg College. This is an opportunity to meet and visit with women from our Northeast Synod area. It consists of a worship service, a report from a churchwide representative and interest groups. They always serve a wonderful luncheon as well. It usually lasts from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm with registration starting at 7:30am. If you would like to go, please contact me at 892-4639. Registrations must be sent in by May 29. Cost for the day, meal included, is \$35. If you have never attended a Synod Convention you may be eligible for a scholarship (you attend for free). I have the form for this but it is due by May 15.

If you haven't joined us for our Circle Bible Study I encourage you to try us out. We would welcome any of you to join us, for one month or more regularly. We have fun and share in the study of His Word.

In His Service,  
Marlene Severe

A WELCA executive board meeting will be held after church on May 16.

## NE IOWA SYNOD LAKE CLUSTER SPRING RETREAT

Nine women attended the Spring Retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belmond on April 20. Cindy Pogge presided at the meeting. New officers were elected. Pastor Jim and Jan Harbaugh provided special music. Diane Thome from KJCY Christian Radio in Mason City presented the program. She discussed their radio ministry. Their main stations are: KJLY at 104.5 FM, KJYL at 100.7 FM, KJCY at 95.5 FM, KJIA at 88.9 FM and KJWR at 90.9 FM. Locally these stations are also at 92.5 FM (Mason City), 93.5 FM (Owatonna), 98.3 FM (Austin), 107.1 FM (Mankato). Our meeting closed with songs and a closing litany. A delicious salad luncheon was served following the program.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the confirmation kids for loading 37 boxes, containing 97 quilts, 79 layettes, 55 health kits, and 8 sewing kits, and thank you to Arliss Greimann and Norma Corporon for delivering the boxes to Manly. These boxes are then taken to Minneapolis. Also, thanks to all of you who helped in any way with these stewardship projects.

### PLEASE NOTE!

In order to keep Pastor Kim informed and our prayer list accurate, please let the church office or Pastor know if you are in the hospital or are anticipating hospitalization.

person, who deeply cherished each of her three grandchildren. She took Jesus commandment to love other people to heart. I see the date and time of Liam's birth as a sign that my mother is now at peace and in the presence of our Lord. And that she knows and cherishes this beautiful baby that has been entrusted to Chris and Molly, such loving parents.

And for that. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Kim

## From the Youth Director

*INCONCEIVABLE...* Can it be that the month of May is here? No, I don't believe it! Some of the little ones might be saying "I don't want Sunday School to end already!" Indeed, Sunday School will draw to an end shortly. I know the month of May is very busy for many people. Baseball games will start soon, the end of the school year is lurking around the corner and that brings graduation parties, plus it is just too nice outside to be indoors. You might be thinking you want to go fishing or maybe play a round of golf. I, on the other hand, am thinking about how many families will stop coming to church now that summer is near.

Growing up it was common for the Hensley family to sleep in Sunday mornings and make breakfast together. Church on Sunday morning was the farthest thing from our minds. Our weekends were packed; 5 of the 6 kids had dance recital practices, add in yard work, working at the family businesses,

and swimming in our new pool. It wasn't until my freshman year of high school when my group leader, Skip Petts, asked us, "How many of you will not attend church since there is no Sunday School but start again when the fall is here" that my young mind began to think. I recalled the previous summer when I didn't attend Sunday worship at all. I then remembered the difficulty of getting back into my normal school year routine, which included Sunday worship. Skip ended the night with that question and it bugged me all week. During the week I got together with Jeff, a friend of mine from youth group, and we discussed the question Skip left hanging over our heads. We both came to realize that we wanted to see everyone each week during the summer; many of us went to different schools around the Des Moines area so church was our common area. Jeff and I went to Skip the next group time and told him that each Sunday after service we were going to have a high school gathering. Our master plan was to attend church as a high school group and then have group time, all on our own. This evolved by the time Jeff and I were seniors; Sundays during the summer was a day long gathering time. We would go out to lunch or someone's parents would cook for us, then we would go to Raccoon River "beach", a movie, or whatever we could find to occupy our time.

By the time fall came around our lives were simplified because we had one less component of our school year routine to adjust to. Plus, our time together bonded our group that much more. The moral of my story kids; if you attend church during the summer, when there isn't Sunday School, you are creating stability in the lives of our youth. In addition to stability, you are also nurturing your child's faith and showing them that faith is an

important component of your life.

**\*\*If you haven't noticed, each month I begin my article with a song or a quote from a movie. Let's play a little game... The first person who can tell me each month where the quote comes from will get a little prize from me! Starting... NOW\*\***

### Parent's Place

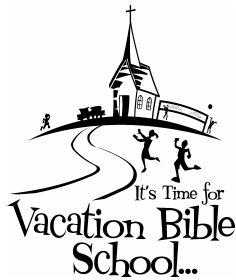
In April I encouraged you to chat about forgiveness with your children as your *highs and lows*. Last month, forgiveness was the focus of many discussions at church due to Easter. I hope your young ones were able to give you an insight to what forgiveness looks like to them.

The month of May also brings very busy schedules for everyone. Track season will end shortly, baseball and softball games will start very soon, school is almost out, and graduation for our seniors. Discuss schedules with your family. What is your schedule like as an adult/parent, and what does your child's look like. Have you made time in that schedule for family? What about devotions? Do you like having schedules? Also talk about what schedules look like during the different seasons of the year. In my "From the Youth Director" I wrote about attending church during the summer. I know summer is a busy time of year. However, attending church can be a good thing; it is a time each week to reconnect with God, refresh your soul, and calm your spirit. Sit down as a family and set a goal of attending church each week during the summer (vacation could be an exception-unless you want to find a church where you are

vacationing). Good luck with getting your summer schedules put together and I hope this month brings joy and blessings to all of you!

### VBS 2010

Mark your calendars folks; Vacation Bible School will be July 5-9. VBS will be in the evening again this year. A dinner will begin at 5:15pm with VBS starting at 6:00pm and going to 8:00pm. This year's theme is *Hero Headquarters: Where Kids Join Forces with God!* Look for more information on sign up to come in the beginning of May. If you are interested in helping with VBS please contact Bryanne NOW. Always remember that friends and family are welcome to sign up for VBS; the more the merrier!! There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am.



### Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be **May 9<sup>th</sup>**. The format of the day will be different than normal weeks. After service the kids will be able to go to their classrooms for time with their teachers (10:15am-10:55am). This will be time for the kids to wrap up their lessons and spend time with their teachers and classmates. We will then have large group in the sanctuary for an end of the year gathering (11:00am-11:15am). During large group, I will be giving out my end of the year message and a little surprise for all the kids. I invite parents to join us for the gathering time in the sanctuary! It is hard to believe that Sunday School will be coming to a close. So much fun as been had this year, but I know next year has a whole lot more in store!!!

Delmar Koch reported that a request has been made to set up a Zion St. John Golf Day at Ridge Stone this summer. This idea was well received so Chuck Nolte will organize the outing with Pastor Kim and Darwin helping with this project.

Offering Counters for the month of May will be Betty Heginger and Charles Sukup; Delmar Koch will be a back-up.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry; Darwin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Berding, Secretary

### CIRCLE INFORMATION

#### Rebekah Circle

Monday, May 3  
7:00 pm at church  
Bible Study Leader: Sue Levitt  
Hostess: Doris Muller

#### Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, May 4  
9:00 am at Church  
Bible Study Leader: Mary Sukup  
Hostess: Arliss Greimann

#### Joy Circle

Tuesday, May 11  
11:30 am at Sheffield Inn

### N.E. IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2010 Synod Assembly will be held June 11-13 at Wartburg College in Waverly. Pastor Kim will be attending this event. Caitlin Retz will serve as a youth delegate to the Assembly and Nancy Retz and Ron Peterson will be our adult delegates. Please keep the Assembly in your prayers as they tend to the business of our Synod.

### EVERY MEMBER VISITS TO CONTINUE THIS SUMMER

Beginning in mid-May, Pastor Kim will be contacting families to continue the Every Member Visits he began last year. If you have a specific time that you would like to meet with him, please contact him at the church or on his cell phone 641-780-4948.

### A COME AND GO BRIDAL SHOWER

will be held for Heidi Lubkeman and groom Gannon Hendrick Saturday, May 8 in the Zion St. John Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Their wedding date is set for July 3, 2010.



Happy Birthday!  
In Memory of...  
In Celebration of...



Place flowers on the altar and give God glory for someone or something special. **Happy Anniversary!**



# ZION ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2010

Members present: Betty Heginger, Pastor Kim Wills, Delmar Koch, Carla Berding, Brigid Christianson, Darwin Meyer, Charles Sukup, Larry Greimann, Bryanne Hensley, Emma Olk. Guests: Scott Conlon, Sean Cameron.

Betty Heginger called the meeting to order. Pastor Kim led devotions.

**The Treasurer's report** was presented by Emma Olk. After discussion it was placed on file for the audit.

**The Secretary's report** was reviewed. Charles made the motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as written; Delmar seconded the motion.

**Pastor Kim gave his report.** Empower Tanzania will give a presentation on Sunday, April 25; following the service a brunch will be put on by council and the free will offering will go towards improvements to the basement (windows, doors, generator hook-up, etc.)

**Scott Conlon** asked the Council for approval to purchase Easy Worship 2009 to assist the video program used during service. The 30-day free trial is over and they have been very pleased with the software program. Delmar made the motion to purchase the software program and Darwin seconded the motion. Scott also reported the sound system in the basement is now installed; it is a separate system that works independently from the sanctuary but it can connect to it and be used together. Training for those willing to assist with the audio/video system will be held

on May 2, 2010. **Sean Cameron** asked the Council to approve the purchase of landscaping materials for use around the church and the parsonage. The largest portion of the sand and rock will be used on the north side of the church for proper drainage away from the building. Sean volunteered to do the work if the Council buys the materials. Carla made the motion to approve the purchase of materials and Delmar seconded the motion.

Larry Greimann arrived. Bryanne reported the **Parish Ed Committee** will be having a meeting on May 16 for anyone interested in helping with VBS. May 9 is the last day of Sunday School.

Bryanne will be attending a continuing education course at Wartburg Seminary from May 2-9. She has received funding from the budget, a special offering, and WELCA but still needs more. The group decided that some of the money raised from the April 25 brunch can go towards this cause and we will look into more fundraising over the summer.

Betty reported the **Worship and Evangelism Committee** has the next couple months scheduled.

Larry reported on behalf of the **Property and Management Committee.** Work continues on the bride's room; the upstairs room and the hallway will be next. Seth Berding will be mowing the church and parsonage yards this summer.

Larry reported that he has spoken to several people on the Treasurer's position but has not found anyone yet; he will continue to look at different options.



I want to thank all of the teachers and helpers who made this year possible. Sunday School was a blast this year and I know the kids all had a great time! This year Caitlin and Nancy Retz headed up music time. They did an amazing job with the youth each week and preparing them to sing before the congregation. All of the teachers did an exceptional job with their classes; Brigid Christianson and Kaci Harper (P-K), Shannon Latham and Pam Meints (1-2), Julie Greimann and Deb Hansen (3-4), Doreen Dohman (5-6), and Luanne Peterson (Confirmation). You all have made an impact on the youths' lives, they may not always show it, but you have. I also want to thank the substitutes for this year; Kara Cameron, Betty Heginger, Lisa Hubka, Lisa Plagge, and Dacia Schoning. I know a few of you were called upon this year and it is wonderful to have your support and willingness to help at a moment's notice!

## OFFERINGS DURING LENT

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| Lutheran Services in Iowa              | \$531.00 |
| Riverside                              | \$736.30 |
| Sharing Shoppe                         | \$602.00 |
| Access, Inc.                           | \$634.00 |
| Church of the Damascus Rd Franklin Co. | \$487.00 |
| Alcoholism Center                      | \$309.50 |

## THRIVENT FAMILY EVENT

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will host Thrivent Day June 26, at Adventureland Park. The ticket cost is \$15.00 for admission only to the park. Contact one of the Franklin County board members or financial associates by June 1st. Please let Bryanne know, also, that you are interested as this could be a fun event for the families of Zion St John!

## GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

is looking for a person or persons to supervise a donation trailer that would be left here at Zion St. John June 7-14. Responsibilities would include: Opening the trailer each morning, locking it before dark each night, and periodically checking it to ensure that the donations are loaded properly. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Kim.



# MAY 2010

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>2</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter<br>9:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 a.m. Sunday School   | <b>3</b><br>5:45 p.m. High School Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle | <b>4</b><br>6:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>9:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle<br>7:00 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting<br>8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon | <b>5</b><br>5:30 p.m. Mystery Dinner (Fellowship Hall)<br>Confirmation Youth & Mentors<br>6:00 p.m. Bells<br>7:00 p.m. Choir | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter<br>9:00 a.m. Worship Service Youth Sing<br>10:15 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School<br>6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group                                  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>6:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>11:30 a.m. Joy Group meets at Sheffield Inn<br>8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon           | <b>12</b><br>5:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Fun Night<br>6:00 p.m. Bells<br>7:00 p.m. Choir                                   | <b>13</b> Ascension of Our Lord<br>7:00 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter<br>9:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 a.m. WELCA Executive Board<br>10:15 a.m. VBS Crew Meeting<br>12:00 Noon High School Paintball Party | <b>17</b><br>5:45 p.m. High School Bible Study                            | <b>18</b> No Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting<br>8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon                                       | <b>19</b><br>6:00 p.m. Bell Choir<br>7:00 p.m. Choir   | <b>20</b><br>6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sheffield Inn | <b>21</b><br>Articles for the "Outlook" due today!! | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b> Day of Pentecost<br>9:00 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:15 a.m. Graduation Reception<br>3:00 p.m. CIA Youth<br><hr/> <b>30</b> The Holy Trinity Sunday<br>9:00 a.m. Worship     | <b>24</b><br><hr/> <b>31</b>  | <b>25</b><br>6:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon  | <b>26</b><br>7:00 p.m. Choir   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b> |

## WORSHIP

Head Usher: Jason Arndt

Ushers: Cody Arndt, Collin Arndt, Dick Mulkern, Bob Sanders

Altar Guild: Carol Luecht  
Judy Siems

Tape Delivery: Cody Arndt

Lectors: Dacia Schoning  
Doreen Dohlman

Greeters:

- 2 Don/Julie Routh
- 9 Doug/Michelle Brady, Blake, Devyn, and Kylie
- 16 Norman/Eleanor Olk
- 23 Marilyn Sheahan  
Norma Corporon
- 30 Roger/Gail Lacey

Acolyte:

- 2 Stephanie Hanig
- 9 Samantha Hanig
- 16 Spencer Halloran

Crucifer:

- 2 Hailey Lock
- 9 Amber Hanig
- 16 Zach Greimann

Offering Counters: Betty Heginger  
Charles Sukup  
Back-up Delmar Koch

Coffee Fellowship Time Servers:

- 2 Need Volunteers
- 9 Parish Ed Committee
- 16 Need Volunteers
- 23 Graduation Reception—Youth Committee
- 30 Need Volunteers