

Zion St. John

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Being the Body of Christ

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

At Zion St. John Lutheran Church, we are committed to being the body of Christ until He returns. Led by the Holy Spirit and gathered around God's Word and Sacraments, we join in worship, fellowship, learning, spiritual nurture, outreach, and service, as we grow in faith and invite others to experience Christ's presence.



FROM THE PASTOR

Romans 5: 1-2a “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.”

October 31st of this year will mark the 493rd anniversary of the Reformation. For on that day, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 theses highlighted Luther’s objections to the policies and practices of the Roman Catholic Church in his day. It is important to remember that Luther was a Catholic priest when he voiced his objections.

A hundred years earlier, another Catholic priest, John Huss, raised many of the same issues that Luther would raise. When Huss refused to take back his objections, he was burned at the stake. One of the main reasons that the Protestant Reformation took place was because of a technological advancement, the invention of the printing press.

Luther’s 95 theses were quickly copied and distributed throughout the region. This same invention also allowed Luther’s German translation of the Bible to be printed at a cost that many of the German people could afford to pay. Before Luther, if you went to Mass the Bible was read in Latin, a language that only the very learned could understand.

We too live in an age in which technology is quickly transforming how people communicate with each other. This past year I added text messaging to my repertoire. So far I

have not joined Facebook or opened a twitter account. Though, I’m seriously considering joining Facebook.

Like most changes we experience in life, while there are gains and advantages to what is new, something can also be lost.

One of the losses I grieve in the lives of many young people today, is partially due to all the entertainment and gaming options at their disposal. Growing up in a small town in Iowa, once I reached the age of ten, I spent my summers, after school hours and weekends playing pickup games of football, basketball and baseball with the other boys in my neighborhood. I can’t remember the last time I drove by a park or playground and saw kids involved in one of these pick-up games.

Yet there are some wonderful things about new technologies. Recently, we had our first Skype video call with my son Chris, his wife Molly and our grandson Liam. How wonderful it will be to be able to see Liam grow and interact with him on a weekly basis even though we live a full day’s drive apart.

Yet as wonderful as these new technologies can be, one of the dangers is that nothing can truly replace being present with one another. It makes me very happy every Sunday when I see so many people talking to one another after worship out in the narthex or down in the fellowship hall. The blessings of being present with one another as we worship and fellowship together is something I pray we never take for granted.

God’s Blessings To You,
Pastor Kim



In my July article, I introduced the *Faith Frame* -6, 5, 4, 3- that I learned about at Certification School. Last month I shared with you all the **Six Places for shaping faith**. I hope you all are able to see where faith is formed for all age groups. Continuing on with the -6, 5, 4, 3- *Faith Frame*, this month I will focus on the **Five Principles for passing on faith**.

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through trusted relationships – often in our own homes. Christian faith is created inside of us through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works through relationships that have impacted our lives; mother, father, grandparent, youth leader, or Sunday school teacher.

The church is a living partnership between ministry of the congregation and ministry of the home. Think of living partnership as a constant, ongoing bond. Our church, Zion St. John, has a bond with families at their homes. For example, the ministry Pastor Kim and myself have at the church (422 Sherman St.) is also present at my home (416 Sherman St.). I take components of teachings I have learned at the church and utilize them at home.

Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too. This principle lives

directly out of the second principle. Church is not just Sunday morning service. Church is also at home during prayers before meals and bedtime, or in the rules of your family. The Christian faith is not only fostered in the home but through the home and back out in the larger world.

Faith is caught more than it is taught. Listen to the song *Watchin' You* by Rodney Atkins; Rodney's son sees what his dad does day in and day out and then copies it into his own young life. Here is a sample of the lyrics: "He said 'I've been watching you, dad ain't that cool? I'm your buckaroo, I want to be like you... Yeah, we're just alike, hey ain't we dad. I want to do everything you do so I've been watching you.'"

If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults. The focus of this principle is the term **cross+generational**. Every parent in the Christian faith is a Christian parent. Children need caring adults in their faith journey (this can be caregivers, Sunday school teachers, Prayer Partners, or AAA Christians [mentors]).

These **Five Principles for passing on faith** are so simple it boggles people because they are so easy! If we as a congregation really take ownership in these, we can have something great in the future. The one principle that really sticks out is *faith is caught more than it is taught*. Our youth will catch onto what it means to be Christians if their parents and other caring adults around them show it in their daily lives. Other adults will pick it up, too!

Parent's Place

I recommended for families to discuss prayer as *highs and lows* in September. I hope the youth saw my 10 Tips for Prayer on the youth page. This can be a resource for all the youth here and for all ages (cross+generational).

This month for *highs and lows* I suggest you discuss what cross+generational means.



Explain to them that cross+generational can also be called intergenerational meaning many ages (Sunday school youth, Confirmation youth, high school youth, young adults, teachers, and older members) being involved

in an activity together. They have already seen how great cross+generational events can be. VBS is a super example; we had Confirmation and high school youth and adults working with the young heroes-in-training! Explain to them that Prayer Partners is a great way for our youth to begin cross+generational relationships with members in our congregation.

Confirmation Class of 2010

Please keep the Confirmation class of 2010 (Blake Brady, Zach Greimann, Spencer Halloran, Amber Hanig, Samantha Hanig, Ethan Meints, Collin Schoning, and Tanner Tuttle) in your prayers as they affirm their baptism. We will celebrate the Confirmation Milestone on Sunday, October 31 during service at 9:00am.



Family Hayride

Join us for a family hayride on Sunday, October 17th. We will meet outside



the church at 5:00pm and begin our journey from there. This is an event for families, so parents please come with your youth! We will make a stop at Galvin's park for s'mores and other goodies, then return to the church. Please see Bryanne if you would like to donate items for our evening. Come for a fun tradition here at Zion St. John!

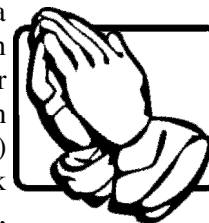
Pie, Soup, & Pizza Sales

It is back! Our annual food fundraiser is back again and ready for you to purchase items from your favorite youth! Youth in grades 5th through 12th will be selling pizzas, pies, soups, and other goodies beginning Sunday, October 17th through Sunday, November 7th; just in time for Thanksgiving. Youth may pick up their fundraising packet from Bryanne on Sunday, October 17th. There will also be blank order forms on the youth bulletin board and an envelope to place them into (if you place your order form in here, monies will go into the youth accounts general fund). Find a youth and order your goodies!



Prayer Partners

Is making a comeback! After discussion with many people in our congregation I (along with my Parish Ed committee) have decided to bring back Prayer Partners! Parents, please return this form as soon as possible. Adults, be on the lookout for when you can pick up an envelope to be a Prayer Partner for this year.



**THE STADTLANDER
STORY**
**A Newsletter From Our
Missionary Family in
West Africa**

**Summer
Vacation**

This year, we decided to take our month of vacation in the United States. Because Home Assignment is so busy, it's hard to feel like we're really on vacation when we try to squeeze it in between congregational and medical visits. So, as soon as school was out we took off just in time to make it to the annual Stadtländer getaway in northern Minnesota. We then spent time with Sarah's parents, also in northern Minnesota, before heading to Iowa for our last week of the trip.

We were fortunate that our schedule worked out with Sarah's brother and his family as they were preparing to leave for language study in France, followed by missionary service in Mali, a country neighboring Senegal. We also spent a lot of time with Dirk's sister and her family and the girls absolutely loved their time with all of their cousins. It was a month of rest and recreation.

Rainy Season

It is once again rainy season in Linguere. Due to our Home Assignment schedule, we only experience the full season every other year. This year, the rains started just as we left for a one month vacation in July, and now will



continue through September.

When we first moved here, we celebrated rainy season as an almost magical time in which life springs forth from the desert and the rain brings reprieve from the incredibly hot temperatures of May and June. While it is still a definite change and life flourishes, we now consider it the most uncomfortable season to live through in the Djoloff. We are thankful for getting to skip most of it every other year.

It's not all negative of course. The thunderstorms are exciting and bring wonderful cool breezes.

The lush green countryside is a welcome change for the eyes. And of course, it is absolutely necessary for life to continue here. As dry season continued through June, the cattle grew thinner and thinner, waiting for the rains to come. Market produce became scarce except for "root crops" like yams, potatoes, manioc, and onions.

Though everyone is hoping for an abundant rainy season, they dread living through it. The humidity brings on skin problems and infections in young and old. Having a light on at night invites swarms of bugs (we're glad to have window screens). The sheer number of flies means that disease is spread, and hospital visits are much more common. With the increase of mosquitoes, malaria is more rampant.

Adding to our neighbors' plight this year, Ramadan falls during rainy season. This means that villagers work their fields or watch their animals in the heat and humidity with no food or water during the daylight hours. Grouchiness seems to be an epidemic due to food and water deprivation, rainy season illnesses, or humidity-related discomfort.

In the midst of the rains, we do remember that this is a life-giving season. The grass is so abundant that not only does the year-round
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OCTOBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Bible Basics for Adults during Sunday School Hour 6:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation	4 5:45 p.m. HS Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle	5 6:30 a.m. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle 8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	6 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Praise Team	7	8	9
10 Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Bible Basics for Adults during Sunday School Hour 2:00 p.m. Lake Conference Youth Service Day Harmony Ranch, Clear Lake 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group	11 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting	12 6:30 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	13 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:15 p.m. MS Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Praise Team	14	15 Jr. High Lock-in @ UNI	16 Jr. High Lock-in @UNI
17 Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Led by Praise Team 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Bible Basics for Adults during Sunday School Adults 5:00 p.m. Family Hayride (Galvin's Park) 6:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation	18 5:45 p.m. HS Bible Study	19 No a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Joy Circle at Sheffield Inn 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	20 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Praise Team	21 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sheffield Inn	22 Articles for the "Outlook" due today!!	23
24 Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. C.I.A. Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Youth & Family Meeting 6:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation	25	26 6:30 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	27 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Praise Team	28	29	30
31 Reformation Day 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION 10:15 a.m. Sunday School						

WORSHIP

Head Usher: Jason Arndt

Ushers: Cody Arndt
Collin Arndt
Dean Hubka

Altar Guild: Marlene Severe
Emma Oik

Tape Delivery: Jason Arndt

Lectors: Bob Sanders
Bryanne Hensley

Greeters:
 3 Larry/Emma Oik
 10 Don/Maxine Heuberger
 17 Larry/Jan Lockwood
 24 Delmar/Gladys Koch
 31 Eugene/Mary Sukup

Acolyte:
 3 Collin Arndt
 10 Jordan Greimann
 17 Logan Plagge
 31 Stephanie Hanig

Crucifer:
 3 Devyn Brady
 10 Austin Neff
 17 Mickee Guritz
 31 Sydney Kingery

Offering Counters: Darwin Meyer
Michelle Brady
Larry Greimann

Bulletin Folders: Lois Brinkman
Norma Corporon

Coffee Fellowship Time Servers:
 3 Need Volunteers
 10 Need Volunteers
 17 Need Volunteers
 24 Need Volunteers
 31 Confirmation Day Celebration



ZION ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2010

Zion St. John Lutheran Church council met at 7:00 p.m. September 21, 2010 in the church library with Bryanne Hensley, Carol Luecht, Delmar Koch,

Michelle Brady, Betty Heginger, Larry Greimann, Pastor Kim, Mary Kragel and Darwin Meyer present.

Larry called the meeting to order. Pastor Kim gave devotions reading John 1:43-51, followed by prayer.

Mary Kragel gave the **Treasurer's Report** and highlighted several items: reimbursement to Sean Cameron for landscaping around the parsonage, Intuit QuickBooks Standard Payroll subscription will not need to be renewed as Julia Showalter can use a payroll book for calculations, and a new piece was added to Pastor's microphone to improve the sound. The report was placed on file for audit.

The **Secretary's Report** for August was reviewed. Carol moved its approval, Darwin seconded and motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

He presented the following persons who wish to join Zion St. John Lutheran Church: James and Vickie Bushkofsky, Bryanne Hensley, Kelly Kuhlemeier and children Jacob and Payton, Dana Naumann and children Nicholas and Morgan, Katie Nickerson, Dean and Ardella Oldag, Kris Washington and children Kalynn, Sammie, and Jakob. Michelle moved we accept these people as members, Delmar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Kim asked for volunteers to help him and Darwin on Fall Stewardship. Michelle and Betty volunteered to help.

Two eighth grade girls, Madison and Sydney Schrekengost, who are members of the Methodist Church, asked to attend confirmation classes here, and after consulting the girls' mother, and Larry,

the request was granted.

Pastor plans to take time off for continuing education this fall to write a new liturgy for mid-week Lenten worship.

Scott Conlon and Fred Retz have been working to set up Skype video conferencing ability. The goal is to have Bill Pick read the lessons once or twice while he is stationed in Afghanistan. Pastor, Larry, and Darwin attended a conference stewardship meeting with Bishop Ullestad on September 7th. It was very helpful and interesting. Pastor Kim is serving on the planning committee for "Confest", an event for confirmation students to be held at St. James in Mason City. \$100.00 is needed to pay our share of expenses. Members of Thrivent were urged to call in and ask that some funds be available for the asking to go toward this expense.

Pastor Kim was notified that Matt Retz is joining three others from our congregation serving on the Synod Lutheran Youth Organization for 2010-2011. This is a record for that many from one congregation being on the board.

Youth Committee Bryanne reported that Sunday school kickoff was on September 12 and everything is going well. Teachers and students like the new curriculum. She asked for permission to hang bulletin boards in the Sunday school rooms. It was granted. SPARK Bibles will be handed out to third graders. They come with stickers, how to use their Bibles and a neat carrying case. Eight youth will be confirmed October 31. A family hayride is Sunday, October 17.

Larry gave the **Property and Management Committee** report. He stated that many people turned out for the St. John's Cemetery clean-up day September 11 and many dead trees, stumps, big and little branches were removed; evergreen trees were trimmed up, and gravel/rock was spread on the lane into the cemetery. It is a noticeable improvement.

One bid has been secured for roofing:

church roof \$25,800.00; Parish Ed building \$11,250. They will get another bid. We have a roofing CD of \$16,902 and another CD of a little over \$25,000, which could be used for this. Council felt we should probably do both roofs.

Discussion was held on a Christmas tree for church. Talk has been about a “live” tree versus “artificial”. This should be a decision by all members so it will be on the agenda at the annual meeting. Delmar moved we buy a live tree that will fit our church altar space this year, Carol seconded the motion, and upon vote the motion carried.

October offering counters are Darwin, Michelle, and Larry. Darwin moved to adjourn the meeting, Michelle seconded, and motion passed. We closed by praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Betty Heginger, Sec’y Pro-Tem

BIBLE BASICS CLASS CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER

Pastor Kim is currently teaching a four session Adult Sunday School class. The purpose of the class is to provide an overview of the Bible. The class meets at 10:45 a.m. in the library. Even if you have missed the first session or two, please come and join the conversation.



October 2 Patrick Hegtvedt
 October 3 Donald Routh
 October 6 Dawn Hegtvedt

October 7 Kevin Becker
 Debra Hansen
 Brody Siems
 October 10 Jessica Hurd
 Doris Eichmeier
 October 11 Joel Etnier
 Beth Strike
 October 12 Vicki Meints
 Sharon Mileham
 Brett Nelson
 October 14 Sydney Kingery
 Karen Meyer
 October 15 Roger Madsen
 Collin Meints
 Lindy Miller
 Logan Plagge
 Betty Sjostrand
 Mallory Strong
 October 16 Jill Kolars
 Travis Swanson
 October 17 Nichole Simmons
 October 18 Carol Luecht
 Verda Meyer
 October 19 Howard Muller
 October 21 Robert Schroeder
 October 22 Lauren Dohlman
 October 23 Patrick Mondt
 October 24 Devyn Brady
 Loretta Hall
 Catherine Strike
 October 25 Stacia Etnier
 October 27 Lance Larson
 Amy Symens
 October 28 James Emhoff
 Jon Emhoff
 October 29 Mary E. Sukup
 October 30 Barbara Kingery
 David Schoning
 Jordan Swenson
 Mark Symens
 October 31 Collin Schoning

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

September was busy with Do Days. Thank you to all those who spent time with our quilting projects. Maxine and Pauline do a great job organizing everything. If you missed out you can still help on Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

We had our election of officers September 19 with the following results:
Vice President: Alice Greimann;
Treasurer: Lorna Meyer;
Secretary of Mission and Growth:
Jane Etnier (2 years),
Shirley Madsen (1 year);
Secretary of Mission and Action: Arliss Greimann.

They join the already elected officers of President Carla Nelson, Secretary Bev Bohach, and Secretary of Mission and Action Pauline Peter. Thank you to those who agreed to serve.

We received a thank you from Riverside Bible Camp for the 3 quilts that we donated for the quilt auction. They raised \$450 from these 3 quilts!

We look forward to the next few months' activities. Our Advent by Candlelight evening is on November 29. You can still be a hostess, just contact Maxine Heuberger, Pauline Peter, Connie Liekweg or Mary Kragel. And in December we are going to have our Annual Food Fair. It's a great time to "stock up" on Christmas goodies. This is scheduled for December 11.

In His Service,
Marlene Severe

CIRCLE INFORMATION

Rebekah Circle

Monday, October 4
7:00 pm

Bible Study Leader: Diane Wills
Hostess: Alice Greimann at church

Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, October 5
1:00 p.m.

Bible Study Leader: Helga Bobst
Hostess: Mary Sukup

Joy Circle

Tuesday, October 19
11:30 am at Sheffield Inn



October is National Disability Awareness month. Lutheran Services in Iowa's services for people with disabilities program (SFPD) empowers persons with disabilities to become an active part of communities, including the workforce. They are taught life skills such as money management, cooking, personal hygiene and more.

Ariel, a 13 year old teen with very limited eyesight, doesn't let her lack of vision dim her spirits. Her dad, Jeremy, and her grandmother who is a certified LSI respite provider, praise LSI staff members for their great advocacy program for Ariel and other kids with special needs.

Thanks to LSI for this great service!

Betty Heginger, LSI Ambassador



THANKS
FOR YOUR HELP!

A HUGE THANK YOU

to everyone who helped with the pork loin dinner: those who provided food, helped set-up, clean-up, cook, serve, and all who came to eat. We raised nearly \$1200.00 from the meal. We had an additional \$700.00 in kind donations which covered the cost of the meal. This was truly a group effort.

Scott Conlon

CHURCH WEB CALENDAR ACCESS

The Zion St. John newsletter and monthly calendar with up-to-date changes are now accessible online at www.zionstjohn.org. People with calendar programs on their smart phones or computers should be able to 'subscribe' to the calendar so they would have access to the latest church calendar at all times.

TANZANIA WATER PROJECT

Tanzania Water Project has started on its second thousand dollar milestone. To date we have collected \$1,246.83. Would you like to support this worthwhile project? A vase will be out on the table in the narthex every Sunday to receive your donation. You may also send a donation to the church office. If you would like to write a check please write it out to **TANZANIA WATER PROJECT**. You will receive credit on your contributions.

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



- + Marvin McKee, Luke McKee
- + our 2010 confirmation class, Blake Brady, Zach Greimann, Spencer Halloran, Amber Hanig, Samantha Hanig, Ethan Meints, Collin Schoning, and Tanner Tuttle
- + our missionary family in Senegal: Dirk, Sarah, Eva & Ellen Stadlander
- + our service men and women serving our country, and Bill Pick, serving in Afghanistan
- + birth of Charlee Etnier (infant daughter of Lon and Rachael Etnier)
- + birth of Nolan Hurd (infant son of Travis and Jessica Hurd)
- + the family of Kenny Ricke (brother of Paul Ricke)

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.

