

Zion Lutheran Church  
411 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
320-632-5792

# ZION STEWARD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019



Office Administrator: Barb Johnson  
Zion Email: [zionlf@yahoo.com](mailto:zionlf@yahoo.com)  
Church Office: 320.632.5792  
Website: [zionlf.com](http://zionlf.com)

Saturday Worship: 6:30pm  
Sunday Worship: 9:00am  
Creative Worship 11:15am

Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend  
Sunday School @ 10:15am  
Sunday Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am

When is the last time you read through the Bible? Some people follow reading plans that help them get through the Bible once a year, others take two years, but the truth is many of us rarely read through the Bible in our lifetime. We pick a few books here and there but never get around to reading all of them. Four years ago I set up a daily reading plan on my computer and checked off the chapters and books each day, some days I missed and had to make it up on the next day. At the end of the year I had done it! I had managed to read every chapter and verse, from the front to the back, from the beginning to the end. I had read the entire Bible for the first time in my life.

Some books are easier to read, others are filled with genealogies and names of men or women that didn't hold my attention very well. Some of the books of the prophets are written in a strange poetic form and are hard to comprehend, while others record the accounts of God working in and through His people to fulfill His promises. There are warnings and promises of blessings, there are accounts of the faithful and of the failures of God's chosen people, but throughout the whole Bible there is one common thread – the promise of redemption – the promise of a Savior – the hope of salvation through faith in the promise – and the fulfillment of the promise in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

This fall we will be taking a closer look at the whole Bible in the adult and youth Bible classes on Sunday mornings. Our weekly lessons will point us to specific stories that will help us get a better understanding of the entire purpose of the Bible. The lessons will be supplemented with video clips from the mini-series "The Bible". We will dig deeper into the stories, have an opportunity to explore the history, and will see how all of the Bible stories point to Jesus Christ.

Please join us after fellowship on Sunday mornings for this Bible study experience.

DCO Peter Keyes



**Polka Praise Service**  
**Sunday, September 22, 2019 @ 9:00am**



**Brat & Hotdog  
Lunch**  
**Following the service**

Free-Will Offering will be taken

*Jerry & Joyce*

The graphic features a blue background with white and yellow text. On the left, there is a framed photograph of a man and a woman. The man is wearing a cowboy hat and a plaid shirt, and the woman is holding a guitar. The text is arranged in a vertical layout on the right side of the graphic.

Vice President Barb Jelinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with a reading by Barb Jelinski. In attendance were Mike Beseman, DCO Peter Keyes, Nancy Peterson, Amanda Dawson, Barb Jelinski, Don Stover, Carol Prozinski, Sheldon Prozinski, and Bev Messinger.

Motion made by Don Stover and seconded by Nancy Peterson to approve the agenda with correction (New Business – added item 3. Board and Council Positions); motion carried.

Motion made by Amanda Dawson and seconded by Don Stover to approve the minutes of the last meeting (July 8, 2019) as written; motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Hendrickson is on vacation. July and August information will be reported at the September 9 Council Meeting.

**DCO REPORT:** Director of Christian Outreach, Peter Keyes, reported:

1. Center Shot Program -

a. Amanda Dawson and I are planning to go to Cohasset to observe their program and ask questions.

b. We are applying for two (2) \$500 grants and plan to hold a fundraising meal in October. We have asked the Board of Education to consider using some of the Youth funds to help with start-up cost (need approximately \$3,000 in total to start the program)

c. Committee members are Amanda Dawson, Bailey Dawson, Craig Bohnsack, Greg Rausch, and DCO Peter Keyes.

2. Puerto Rico Mission Trip –

a. Six (6) Zion members went on the trip. Four (4) others from the district also went with us. I will be meeting with Pastor Lee from the district later this week to go over the accounts and get a final report on contributions and expenses. We built a roof over a car port, cleaned up flower beds, and painted interior rooms. We also participated in three (3) VBS programs at nearby housing projects, handed out invitations to a family social event that was held the Saturday after we left, and attended worship at the churches in Ponce and Mayaguez. Some of our group would like to go back again next summer and make it a regular mission opportunity.

b. Motion was made by Don Stover that we disburse \$1,072.49 to MN North District as Zion's contribution with monies raised for the Puerto Rico mission expenses. Motion was seconded by Mike Beseman; motion carried.

3. Zion Ministry –

a. I met with the Weber's on Friday, August 2.

b. I plan to work with Amanda Dawson to revise Sunday morning Sunday school.

c. I will be leading worship on August 25.

4. Outreach -

a. We served forty-one (41) guests at the Oasis-Share-a-Meal on August 8. Numbers were down due to other events taking place in and around the community. We are very thankful for the help from nine (9) volunteers and many donations from the congregation. Over twenty people contributed with food and time.

b. I have resumed my weekly visits to Highland Senior Living—Memory Care to read Children’s Bible Stories at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The staff is very supportive and welcoming.

c. I am leading worship at the Little Falls Care Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.

d. I have been asked to be the acting Board of Directors Treasurer for Oasis-Central MN for the coming year.

5. Calendar Item – Ministerial is planning to meet at Zion on Thursday, September 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the monthly meeting. Superintendent Steve Jones is scheduled to speak.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Don Stover reported:

Operating Account

1. Income vs. Expenses for July = negative (\$121). 2019 was a four (4) Sunday month while 2018 was a five (5) Sunday month.

2. Income vs. Expenses year-to-date (YTD) = positive \$11,302. Expenses in general have been low as certain budgeted projects have yet to be incurred. 2019 YTD has had thirty (30) weeks of offering activity as did 2018 YTD. The \$11,302 of income is a positive variance of \$13,285 from the loss of \$1,983 that was present last year. Major reasons for the positive variance include Offering Income positive of \$3,969; Property Expenses less in 2019 by \$1,705; no boiler loan in 2019 positive \$4,826; and no bookkeeper salary and related taxes positive by \$4,095. Offsetting the positive variances is \$2,917 of an expense accrual to provide potential future capital repair or replacement items.

3. Stewardship included \$271 for the 2019 offering envelopes. This bill was previously not received from the vendor and came to light as the 2020 envelope order was placed. There will be an additional bill for the 2020 envelopes.

4. Church Repairs and Maintenance included \$375 for the annual sprinkler system inspection and \$194 to retrofit two overhead lights to LED.

5. Office Admin and Janitor payrolls contained three bi-weekly pay periods resulting in costs about \$400 above an average month.

Building Fund

1. The July loan payment of \$3,742.18 was comprised of \$1,206.90 of principal reduction and \$2,535.28 of interest. The Building Loan at the end of June was \$783,911.

2. The Building Fund investment balance at the end of July was \$33,930.

3. Building Fund income during July was \$2,002.61. This is comprised of:

a. Offerings (4 Sundays) = \$1,992.61

b. Thrivent Choice Dollars = \$10

Revolving Funds

1. The July Door Offering for Oasis Central Minnesota totaled \$235.

2. The Youth Fund had net transfer expense of \$308 as \$30 of Offering Income was offset by \$338 paid for room deposits related to the National Youth Gathering. Additional costs related to this event will be processed in August.

3. Altar Flowers account balance = \$245

4. Lutheran Witness subscription balance = \$90.08

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **BOARD OF ELDERS:** Sheldon Prozinski reported:

1. Pastor Carnicom will be leading the communion service on August 18. We have received many compliments on his services.
2. We are working on the active and in-active membership lists.
3. Some of the elders will help with the “Chick-for-Bricks” dinner on August 22.

### **TRUSTEES:** Mike Beseman reported:

1. Bike Rack – still working on this.
2. Keith Schumann called on the steeple repair issue but has not received a call back. It may be possible to take the steeple off to do the repairs, but we won't know until we get an estimate of the work that needs to be done (estimated cost \$1,000). However, this is not something that can be put off too long.
3. Frank Gosiak should have the sidewalk railings in this week.
4. DCO Keyes – the carpet needs to be cleaned (done by Service Master). He will also get an estimate on cleaning/waxing the wood floors.
5. The parking lot west side of the church will be cleared of weeds and new tar adhered.
6. Keith Schumann replaced tiles in the Fellowship Hall.
7. Cigarette receptacles are in place by the main door and east door.
8. Consideration is being made to adjust the back pews to accommodate wheelchairs.
9. We have the materials needed to glue carpet edging in the Narthex and fill in the crack.

### **YOUTH AND EDUCATION:** Amanda Dawson reported:

#### *Sunday School*

1. DCO Peter Keyes will work on getting registration forms out.
2. Sunday school has had inconsistent attendance. We discussed some ways to revamp it for this year. We will come up with a plan based on registration numbers.
3. September 15 will be Sunday school kick-off.

#### *Youth*

1. Kick-ball event planned for Sunday school kick-off.
2. Share-a-Meal is Thursday night. Keith Schumann will make sloppy joes after work. We should have enough help.
3. Amanda Dawson is working on getting a grant from Wal-Mart for Center Shot program.
4. Puerto Rico trip was discussed - DCO Keyes is researching a possible return visit next summer.
5. Youth gathering was a blast – Tara Pauly went in place of Christian Ganz.
6. Survey results were discussed with ways we can possibly grow from the productive input.
7. A fall activity is being planned.

#### *Other*

1. We talked about having a corn feed – Katie Schumann will research this.
2. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Carol Prozinski reported

1. She had a message from Gary Irwin hoping Zion would donate funds/door offering for Meals on Wheels. She will get the information to Marlyn Poppen for Stewardship consideration.
2. Future door offerings: **Aug** – Lutheran Heritage; **September** – Gideon’s.

**EVANGELISM:** DCO Keyes stated they were trying to line up topics/speakers for Friendship Club event. Also, greeter training will be done before the Polka Service on September 22.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Centershot Ministry Program Update** (DCO Keyes) – See DCO Report (1.)
2. **Audio Visual Recommendation** (Christian Ganz) – no update yet. Carol Prozinski will check with Christian to provide update at the next council meeting on September 9.
3. **Eternal Candle** - Don Stover stated the wax candles currently used cost around \$400 per year. However, it may be more beneficial to go with an electric candle that uses incandescent bulbs. Nancy Peterson will get with the Chancel members and set up a meeting to discuss the issues and bring the comments/ideas to the next council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Wish List** – Carol Prozinski and Barb Jelinski will meet with some of the Trustees to decide what would be good items for a proper wish list.
2. **Fundraiser Review** – Discussion was held about fundraising at church. The Church Policy will be reviewed and amended as needed at the September 9 Council Meeting.
3. **Board and Council Positions** – Carol Prozinski passed out a current list (underlined names mean term is up at the end of the year). Board chairs are asked to query these members to see if they are still interested in serving or if they know of anyone else who would like to join. This will be voted on at the October 27 Voters Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Dawson and seconded by Nancy Peterson; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m., closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

(Yearly planning meeting for the 2019-2020 Zion Calendar was held after this meeting.)

***Upcoming meetings and important dates:***

- |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| “Chick-for-Bricks” Dinner | - Thursday, August 22, 5-7 p.m.   |
| Council Meeting           | - Monday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.  |
| Polka Service             | - Sunday, September 22, 9:00 a.m. |

/s/

Beverly Messinger  
Recording Secretary

# Women's News

## WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Mondays, September 9, 23, and 30 at 9:00 a.m.**

Women's Monday Morning Bible study resumes again on Monday, **September 9** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. In this study, "Colossians and Philemon: Take a New Look at Christ", we will explore how God is still speaking to us today through these New Testament books. Join us on **September 9, 23, and 30** as we learn and grow together as sisters in Christ. All are invited, even if you have not joined us before. Questions? Contact Barb Jelinski (632-3435) for more information.

## LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY

**Monday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m.**

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on **Monday, September 16** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The study, "Celebrating Life as the Handiwork of God," can be found on page 22 of the Summer 2019 LWQ. Join us as we celebrate and share that human life is created, redeemed, and held by God's hands.

## ZLW MEETING

**Monday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

The ZLW will meet on **Monday, September 16** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will have the election of officers, as well as discuss LWML Sunday, the November bazaar, and other upcoming events. Please get involved and share your ideas. All women of Zion are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the ZLW which is our local connection to the LWML.

## WOMEN'S DAY OUT

**Monday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m.**

Women's Day Out will be on **Monday, September 16** at Eagle's Landing Golf Club (north of Little Falls) where we will get together for fellowship and lunch. We will carpool from church at 11:00 a.m. Contact Nancy Christensen at 632-3773 if you plan to attend. We will be celebrating September birthdays! Bring a friend!

## LWML MITE BOXES

Please remember that the LWML mite boxes support the grant projects of the LWML. That money is spent on the national and international mission projects selected at the district and national LWML conventions. You may return your mite box to church whenever it is full, and then take an empty box home. Thank you!

**MANY MITES = MANY MISSIONS!**

## Sunday School & Families

- > Sunday school is starting soon... SEPTEMBER 15... please fill out an enrollment form for your children with current addresses and contact information. We are planning to run two different programs this year, preschool through elementary grades will be watching animated Bible stories and using crafts and games to help the children learn the lessons. The upper grades will be joining the youth...(see below).

## Youth Activities

- > The Sunday morning classes for middle school and youth will begin on September 15... please fill out an enrollment form for your children with current addresses and contact information. We will be using "The Bible" mini-series to help focus our conversations. We will be using a guide called "The Bible – 30 Day Experience" for a time of Bible study, reflection and conversation. Ben Messinger will be leading the youth again this year.
- > It is very important that we have current contact information for youth and their parents. Group texts will be sent out by the leaders to keep everyone informed about activities and changes in scheduling. The Sunday school enrollment form will be our primary resource for gathering this data. Please fill out and return your form by September 8. Thank you.

## Adult Ministry

- > **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS** – Topic "The Bible – 30 Day Experience" – each week we will cover one of the daily devotions, dig deeper into the related Bible story and watch a clip from "The Bible" mini-series. 10:30am – Fellowship Hall.
- > **TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** – Dan Hughes is leading the class... 5:00pm – Fellowship Hall.
- > **TRACT OF THE MONTH** "Talking Openly with Kids"
  - *What can prepare you for communicating with your pre-teen on the issues of peer pressure, sex, drugs, violence and death? Recognizing the signs of trouble in your children as well as understanding your own non-verbal messages are two areas necessary for establishing effective communication patterns... Look for this booklet in the Project Connect display.*

## Outreach Ministry

- > **POLKA SERVICE:** September 22 at 9:00 am – Invite your friends... stay for brat n' hot dog brunch.
- > **CENTERSHOT:** Archery with a Christ-centered purpose! We plan to launch this ministry in January. Continue to watch for more details as we plan to start this new outreach ministry in our community.
- > **FACEBOOK:** Continue to follow us on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/zionlf](http://www.facebook.com/zionlf).
- > **ZION'S WEBSITE:** [www.zionlf.com](http://www.zionlf.com). Share our link with your friends.

Contact: DCO Peter Keyes (text/call) 320-232-3108 or email [mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com](mailto:mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com).

**LISTEN, LEARN, LIVE with LOVE; PRAY ALWAYS.**

**Junior Confirmation classes** will begin at Zion on Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:30 p.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders).

If you desire your child to attend these classes, please call Barb at 632-5792 to register your child. Early registration is necessary so that adequate instructional materials may be ordered.

## September Servants

Sept		Elder	Ushers	Reader	Greeters *	Acolyte	Organist	FH Servers
1	COM	Jerry Knafla	Eugene Doucette & Dennis Hollermann	Don Stover	Julie Doucette & Karen Dickmann	Elder	Carol Prozinski	Millie Schwanke & Cathy Frederickson
7		Chris Roe	Marie Holey & Jennifer Hanson	Jennifer Hanson	Marie Holey	Elder	Carol Prozinski	
8		Herman Johannes	Harvey Axel & Marcel Bellefeuille	Katie Schumann	Darlene Axel & Ginny Fitch	Elder	Carol Prozinski	Kayla & Berta Bohnsack
14	Comm	Greg Rausch	Marke Hengemuhle	Colleen Duncan	Paul Gulsvig & Spencer Roe	Elder	Peggy Dolney	
15	Comm	Mike Gohl	Ben Messinger & Bailey Dawson	Amanda Dawson	Nancy Christensen & Marilyn Husby	Elder	Peggy Dolney	Sue & Melissa Prozinski
21		Craig Bohnsack	Mike Besemen & Julie Dancer	James Rebeschke	Spencer Roe	Elder	Carol Prozinski	
22	Polka Serv	Jerry Knafla	Wayne Ganz & Kelly Godfredson	Dan Gilder	Bing Ganz & Phyllis Shirley	Elder	Polka Service	Ginny Fitch & Linda Dickmann
28	Hymn Sing	Greg Rausch	Duane & Shirley Schmidt	Duane Schmidt	Shirley Schmidt	Elder	Peggy Dolney	
29	Hymn Sing	Herman Johannes	Alan & Nick Prozinski	Melissa Prozinski	Sue Prozinski & Ruth Stroschein	Elder	Peggy Dolney	Tara Pauly & Dawn Bellefeuille

\* If you have not received a copy of the job description for Greeters, please see Barb for a copy

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/1	Duane Schmidt	9/15	Gary Hendrickson	9/1	Craig & Kayla Bohnsack
9/2	Aaron Hanson	9/15	Phyllis Shirley	9/3	Mike & Mary Beseman
9/4	Leonard Freudenrich	9/23	Derek Lipke	9/4	DeWayne & Mildred Schwanke
9/6	Donna Martinson	9/23	Larry Ehoff	9/8	Donald & Julie Dancer
9/9	Marie Holey	9/23	LeRoy Holz	9/15	Kevin & Cynthia Molitor
9/11	Josh Dickmann	9/24	Shirley Schmidt	9/16	John & Kimberly Walter
9/13	Gloria Ryden	9/26	Nancy Peterson	9/17	Greg & LaVonne Rausch
9/14	Marci Keyes	9/29	Josh Stumpf	9/20	Josh & Laura Stumpf
9/14	Myron Ehoff	9/30	Susie Greene	9/25	Peter & Marci Keyes

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Communion	2 Labor Day	3 5pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - B of Ed	4 6:30pm - Jr.	5 6:30pm - Comm	6 6:30pm - Comm	7 6:30pm - Comm
8 9am - Worship 5pm - Elders 7pm - Evangelism	9 9am - Women's Study 5pm - Elders 7pm - Evangelism	10 5pm - Bible Study	11 6:30pm - Jr.	12 8:30am - Ministerial	13 1pm - Frndship Club	14 6:30pm - Worship
15 9am - Communion 9am - LWQ 10am - ZLW 11am - W Day Out @ 5:30pm - Trustees 6pm - Stewardship 6:30pm - Council	16 9am - Bible Study 5pm - Bible Study	17 5pm - Bible Study	18 6:30pm - Jr.	19 6:30pm - Comm	20 6:30pm - Comm	21 6:30pm - Comm
22 9am - Polka Service	23 9am - Women's Study	24 5pm - Bible Study	25 6:30pm - Jr.	26 6:30pm - Comm	27 6:30pm - Worship	28 6:30pm - Worship
29 9am - Hymnsing	30 9am - Women's Study	1 5pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - B of Ed	2 6:30pm - Jr.	3 6:30pm - Comm	4 6:30pm - Comm	5 6:30pm - Comm