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A LUTHERAN VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

Fall 2018

One Voice

for Public Policy

MINNESOTA DISTRICTS

Prepared by the members of the Minnesota North
and South Districts—LCMS Public Policy Advisory

INTRODUCTION

This November, we'll again have the opportunity to exercise our citizenship as we cast ballots for various elected offices. In the process, we'll have the opportunity to ask candidates where they stand on the important issues of the day and express to them our opinion on those same issues. Indeed, as Christians who are called to "love our neighbor as ourselves," we have a special responsibility to take an active interest in political matters, and ultimately, to vote for candidates we believe will best serve the common good.

As individual Christian citizens, we have the privilege of holding and expressing opinions on the full spectrum of public policy issues. However, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod limits its corporate speech to four specific issues in public life: life; marriage, family and sexuality; religious freedom; and parental choice in education.

We who serve on the Public Policy Committee of the Minnesota North and South Districts hope that in the weeks ahead you will take the time necessary to inform yourself about these four areas of public policy as you decide who you will vote for in November. With that goal in mind, we have developed this resource to serve as a simple, brief description of what the Bible and our church body, the LCMS, have to say concerning these issue areas, and to offer a few simple questions you might consider asking those running for public office.

Asking these or similar questions of the candidates will serve two purposes. First, it will help the candidate understand which issues are most important to you and the viewpoint you hold on those issues. Second, it will allow you to more accurately evaluate which candidates are more likely to reflect your views and better serve the common good. To that end, it will also be helpful for you to familiarize yourself with the political platform of the various political parties by going to each parties' website. For those who would like access to a more traditional voters' guide that has polled and collected the responses of all the candidates for State and Federal office on these and other issues, we direct you to the website of either the Minnesota Family Council (www.mfc.org) or Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (www.mccl.org).

This is not an exhaustive resource intended to cover all the issues or their many complexities. Rather, our goal is simply to give you a tool to help you begin the process of becoming a better, more God-pleasing steward of your citizenship and to help you encourage others to do the same.

God's blessings as you put your love of God and neighbor into action this Fall.

The Members of the MN South and North Districts

Public Policy Advisory Committee

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An Old Heresy in New Clothing

It can be very perplexing and very frustrating to try and understand, and know how to respond to, the many and sometimes radical cultural changes that seem to come at us with increasing frequency and ferocity. In addition to the long-standing issue of abortion, these changes now include physician-assisted suicide, same-sex marriage, transgenderism, commercial surrogacy, militant homosexuality, pervasive pornography and sex trafficking, etc. While each of these distortions of God's good design has its own unique characteristics, it has also become increasingly clear that there is a common root which has given rise to them all. That common root is an ancient heresy that can be traced back to the earliest days of the Church and goes by the name of Gnosticism.

Among its most harmful aspects is its insistence that the world is radically divided into physical and the spiritual elements, labeling the spiritual element as important and good, while it considers the physical as unimportant and even evil. This false view of the world has, in turn, led many to deny basic elements of the Christian faith including the true bodily humanity of Christ, his physical resurrection and ascension, as well as our physical resurrection from the dead at the end of time. From this heresy has also flowed a twisted understanding of who we are as human beings, a denial that the physical body is meaningful and gives a reliable witness to God's good design, and the claim that we are free to ignore the physical realities of the world and simply reimagine the world as we wish it to be, especially regarding our sexuality and the social structure of our world.

As we look at each of these recent distortions of God's good design for our sexual and social lives, it is important that we recognize the underlying influence of this ancient-yet-new heresy. In so doing, two things will result. First, our general level of bewilderment and frustration will be reduced. Secondly, we'll gain a greater confidence in our ability to identify the means by which we can effectively confront and counter this persistent heresy at its core. To that end, we recommend a new book by Nancy Pearcey entitled *Love Thy Body*. We believe it will help you better understand and better respond to this deceptive and deadly challenge.

Regarding the Life Issues Abortion

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod holds (1979 Res. 3-02A) that abortion is contrary to God's Word and is not an acceptable moral option, except to prevent the death of the mother.

Suggested questions to ask candidates:

1. As a candidate for public office, do you believe that abortion, except to save the life of the mother, is wrong and should not be legal?
2. If elected, do you believe that Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, should continue to receive either state or federal funds?
3. As an elected leader, would you oppose giving pro-abortion organizations special access to students in public schools for purpose of sex education or other world view instruction?

Assisted Suicide

In recent years, many states (including Minnesota) have had legislation introduced that would make it legal for doctors or other medical providers to prescribe medications that intentionally cause the death of their patient. In the LCMS, we strongly oppose this both because of the sanctity of human life (1995, Res. 6-02) and because assisted suicide usurps God's role in determining the number of our days and opens the door to a host of negative effects, including abuse of the elderly and disabled. However, since we are sensitive to the reality of human suffering (emotional, psychological, and physical), we also advocate for the improvement of and access to comfort (palliative) care, and strongly encourage our members to be active in providing healing, encouragement, and hope to their neighbors who are experiencing sufferings of various kinds so as to remove the desire to end one's own life.

Suggested questions to ask:

1. As an elected leader, would you vote to allow doctors to prescribe medications that will intentionally cause the death of their patients?
2. As a elected leader, will you support legislation that will improve care for all those suffering from emotional, psychological, or physical pain?

Regarding Marriage and Sexuality

In The LCMS, we believe that God created this world and everything in it. We also believe that He has infused a deep order within that world, both in its physical and social dimensions. This is an order that God has revealed to us both through natural law, which is knowable by all people through human reason, and through the revelation of the Bible. We believe that pure reason and revelation are always in ultimate harmony, though we are well aware that our sense

of reason is often distorted due to our sinful human nature. Therefore, our view of human sexuality is shaped primarily from the witness of Scripture and secondarily by the application of human reason as tutored by our Christian faith.

In this context, we hold that while all people are equal in dignity and worth, humans were intentionally created to be one of two complementary kinds, namely male and female, and therefore we stand opposed to those who seek to erase or minimize the distinction between male and female persons or make them fluid concepts. We also hold that marriage is always and only between one man and one woman and therefore we cannot accept the notion that same-sex marriage is a part of God's intended order. And finally, we hold that any form of pornographic use of the human body denigrates both the producer and the consumer of it by objectifying the human body. Indeed, there are now clear scientific links between the increasing consumption of pornography in the culture and the dramatic increase in sex trafficking. Therefore, we urge those in government to take active steps to restrict pornography and its resulting harms.

Suggested questions to ask:

1. Do you personally believe we are created beings and that there is a God-intended social order to which we personally, and as a society, should conform and which the laws of our land should reflect? Or, in your view, is there no such order to be conformed to?
2. Do you think it is proper for the government, at any level, to pressure its citizens into accepting a view of human sexuality that denies God's good design in the social world by normalizing transgenderism and gender fluidity?
3. If elected to office, will you work to protect the rights of K-12 parents both to easily monitor what is being taught to their children regarding marriage, family, and sexuality and to withdraw their children from such instruction if they feel it necessary?
4. Will you use your elected office to restrict the influence of pornography in our society?

Regarding Religious Freedom

In The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that in the civil realm, each person has the freedom to make decisions about their religious beliefs and practices free from outside coercion especially by the government. We see this as a freedom consistent with what the Bible teaches, and which is specifically enumerated in the United States Constitution. We understand this religious freedom to guarantee citizens not only the right to believe as they wish, but also the freedom to speak and act according to what they believe, not only in the privacy of their homes and in their churches, but also in the public square, and in the course of their daily lives. In fact, we believe that this freedom of religion/conscience serves as the foundation for every other freedom named in the Constitution. Therefore, we believe it improper to elevate any other concerns (such as concerns about non-discrimination) over the fundamental right of religious freedom. We also strongly support the Constitutional provision (Article IV) that prevents the use of any kind of religious test for political/judicial office or government employment.

Suggested questions to ask:

1. How important is religious freedom to you personally?
2. Is our freedom of religion a restricted freedom, limited to our private lives or within a church setting, or is it an expansive freedom, allowing people to live out their faith in daily life? .
3. Do you support the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) which currently protects people of faith by requiring government to show "a compelling reason" before it places burdens on the religious expression of its people?
4. Would you support passage of a Minnesota state version of RFRA as at least thirty other states have done?

Regarding Parental Choice in Education

In The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we understand that providing the monetary resources through taxation to educate all children is an important function of the State. In so doing, great benefits accrue, both to the individual being educated and to society as a whole. Providing the monetary resources for education, however, does not mean that the State should be the sole, or even the preferred, provider of educational services. In fact, throughout our history, there have been many different types of schools from which parents have freely chosen. Indeed, all of these are public schools, in the sense that they all educate for the public good. Some of these schools are non-religious (secular) in nature and some are religious. Because the State is constitutionally required to show no favoritism, either between religions of various kinds or between religion and non-religion in general, it follows that the State should not be permitted to bias the decision of parents for or against religious schools. And yet, that is what the State currently does.

By collecting money for education from everyone (both religious and non-religious people) and redistributing that money only to those children whose parents choose a non-religious (secular) form of education, it clearly biases the decision of parents against the choosing of a religious education and in favor of a non-religious education. This, we contend, is improper under both the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Indeed, in last year's *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer* Supreme Court ruling, the Court clearly stated that to deny to religious citizens a benefit that is offered to all other citizens is a violation of the Constitution. Therefore, we strongly encourage the State to support the educational choices of all parents equally by changing its funding practices to allow funds to follow all students to the school of their parents choosing, whether that school is religious or non-religious.

Suggested questions to ask:

1. As a candidate for state office, do you think it is right for the government to fund education in a way that makes it financially more difficult for parents to choose a religious school than a non-religious school? Are you willing to support changes to school funding that will honor the educational choices of all parents equally, including the choice of religious schools?
2. With regard to issues involving transgender persons in school settings, do you understand that while we are called to show respect and have compassion for those who struggle with

matters of sexual identity, the governing principle should be one which sees maleness and femaleness as a natural division in human society and that we should structure our schools accordingly, particularly with respect to matters of personal privacy and bodily safety?

The Governor of Minnesota

In Minnesota, as in other states, the governor occupies a uniquely influential position which has been and will continue to be crucial to the disposition of the kinds of policy questions in which the Church takes an active interest. It is therefore particularly important that Lutheran Christians make a special effort to familiarize themselves with the positions each candidate for governor has taken on matters related to life, marriage and sexuality, religious freedom, and parental choice in education.

As we move toward the Fall elections, it continues to be clear that we are living in a unique time in our nation's political and social history. Political life at all levels seems to be exhibiting an abnormally high level of tension, leading many citizens to experience a degree of anxiety not known in recent history. Some take this to be a good thing that promises a better future ahead, while others judge this to be an ominous circumstance that they find threatening.

Ultimately, each Christian citizen will have to decide for him/herself how to respond. There are however, some important factors that we would suggest that everyone consider as they formulate their thoughts on these matters:

First of all, it is important to remember that government is a necessary, good and God-pleasing thing. In fact, governmental authority is part of God's good creation, and He calls on us to respect and pray for those who hold public office (Romans 13, 1 Timothy 2) regardless of whether we share the same political viewpoint. In a representative democracy like ours, we understand that participating in the government, at minimum through the act of voting, is not just a part of our civic responsibility but a part of being a faithful Christian citizen.

Second, it is important to remember that no election offers perfect candidates. All are fallen human beings like us, who will always possess something less than an ideal mix of attributes. Indeed, throughout history, God has regularly used imperfect people to accomplish His good purposes. Therefore, it is important to remember that as Christian people, we are to be hope filled and optimistic with regard to political life, even when we cannot see exactly how God will use particular people or particular circumstances to accomplish His purposes.

And finally, as baptized children of God, saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we know that we are commanded and empowered to love Him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In fact, it is this God-inspired love for our neighbor that serves as our deepest motivation to be politically engaged. This we do by seeking the Lord's guidance in prayer, by spending time studying His Word, and by discussing these matters of public policy with fellow believers as we endeavor to make God-pleasing decisions at the ballot box this November.

For more information about our public policy efforts, visit mnsdistrict.org/public-policy or email Reve Fred Hinz at fredehinz@mnsdistrict.org

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Motion made by Sheldon Prozinski and seconded by Don Stover to approve the minutes of the last meeting (September 17, 2018). Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Hendrickson reported:

1. During the previous month (September), there were **no** baptisms, confirmations, funerals, marriages, releases, transfers, nor professions of faith.
2. **Calls:** Twenty-one (21) calls to homebound members, three (3) hospital visits, and one (1) member visit.
3. **Junior Confirmation:** We've had five (5) class sessions since we began on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m.
4. **Adult Confirmation:** No one has confirmed their interest in taking this class. A class will be scheduled when interest appears.
5. **Polka Praise Service:** We have reserved the musicians for September 22, 2019. Due to our regularly scheduled Voter's Meeting on the last Sunday in April 2019, we couldn't schedule a Polka Service in conflict with that. So, I tried to schedule a Polka Service for either the 2nd or 4th Sunday in May 2019. The musicians were not available. No decision yet on when the next Polka Service will be.
6. **Electronic Bulletin Board:** Barb Johnson updates the posted material weekly. Our Elders begin the display before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services.
7. **Creative Worship Service:** We have had three (3) services since we began. Attendance has been low. The target audience is the un-churched in our area.
8. **Pastors' Circuit Meeting:** The next one, on November 6, will be at Zion.
9. **eGiving Webpage:** Please read "The Pros and Cons of Electronic Giving" and see attached material.

DCO Peter Keyes will check with Shepherd of the Pines if they are doing eGiving. Pastor will discuss with other pastors at the November Pastors' Circuit Meeting. To be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

DCO REPORT: Director of Christian Outreach, Peter Keyes, will be attending a conference at Craguns Resort (October 11 and 12) with Sheila Watercott (StandUp4U) on Mental Health in our Communities.

TREASURER'S REPORT Don Stover reported:

Operating Account

1. Income vs. Expenses for September = +\$2,059.65 (September was a five (5) Sunday month which helps result in the larger positive variance.)
2. Income vs. Expenses year-to-date = +\$4,486.11 (This is \$794.09 above 2017 year-to-date amount.)
3. Rebate Income consisted of \$1,214.06 from Minnesota Power & Light for installing LED lights.
4. Education Expenses include initial Sunday School supplies and the receipt of Luther's Small Catechism.
5. Evangelism and Stewardship expenses included the fee for the Polka Service, "Know the Bible" literature, and the annual Portals of Prayer expenses.
6. Utilities include quarterly dumpster fees and water sprinklers usage due to the recently landscaped property and new grass.
7. Property Expenses include tax assessments.

Building Fund

1. The conversion of the construction loan to the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Permanent Loan took place during September. The Building Fund Loan at the end of September was \$820,844.07
2. The initial payment on the Building Fund Loan will be made on October 25th in the amount of \$3,860.62
3. The Building Fund cash deposit with the LCEF at the end of September was \$55,142.02
4. Building Fund offerings in September were \$3,240. In addition:
 - a. Memorials were received for: Gerlyn Neuhring (\$100); Darrell Allord (\$100); Jim Fredrickson (\$60)
 - b. Thrivent Choice Dollars = \$591 *Thank you for your designations!!!*
5. A special donation for the courtyard in the amount of \$500 was made.
6. Lenz Estate Funds final balance was incorporated into the Building Funds during September.

Revolving Funds

1. Food and supplies expense in September (relating to the Fellowship Hall Dedication) was \$235.17.
2. Evangelism "Bring it Home" donation = \$100
3. Altar Flowers account balance = \$125
4. Lutheran Witness subscription balance = \$80.68

BOARD REPORTS

BOARD OF ELDERS: Sheldon Prozinski reported:

1. The Elders discussed upcoming Polka Services.
2. Elder Board Positions were discussed. Update will be provided at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on Sunday, October 28.

3. After talking to Jerry Knafla, there will be a combined kids and choir Christmas concert in December versus a special Christmas Concert.
4. The Elders discussed the renewal of DCO Peter Keyes contract. We will discuss it again at the November meeting and bring the proposal to the Council at their November 12 meeting.
5. The Elders are OK with the Sunday Elder also being the Elder for the Creative Worship Service.

TRUSTEES: DCO Peter Keyes reported:

1. Trustees met tonight before the Council Meeting. In attendance were DCO Peter Keyes, Ben Messinger, David Dickmann, and Keith Schumann.
2. Keith Schumann will be assisting Trustees (David Dickmann is gone for the winter months) and,
 - a. Coordinating the Ansel Fire System semi-annual inspections with the company from Fairmont who installed it (cost of \$89 for 6-month period);
 - b. Extended warranty will not be purchased for the new freezer donated in memory of Gerlyn Nuehring;
 - c. Install a hinge-fit door stop for the kitchen door; and,
 - d. Getting two (2) quotes for snow removal from our parking lots.
3. A shop/canister vacuum is being requested for church cleaning. DCO Peter Keyes checked into this at an expense of \$300. Motion was made by Sheldon Prozinski and seconded by Barb Jelinski to procure this item. Motion carried.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION: Barb Jelinski reported:

1. The Sunday school Hayride will be on October 21; however, the meal will be provided in the church basement after Sunday school before going to the Brutschers' farm.
2. The Sunday school children will also be singing on October 21 at the start of the service.
3. Barb Jelinski and Jerry Knafla will be coordinating the children/choir Christmas program event.
4. Ben Messinger will be contacting Colleen Duncan to get the pool table to the youth room.
5. The youth will be going on the Haunted Hayride and participate in the "Trunk or Treat" event at the fairgrounds.
6. There was not much interest in the National Youth Gathering.
7. Youth and Education Board Positions will be brought before the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on October 28, 2018.

STEWARDSHIP: Pastor Hendrickson reported the October door offering is for **Hurricane Relief**; November Door Offering will be for **Little Falls Health Service** (formerly Lutheran Care Center) – speaker will be Sharon Smieja; December Door Offering will be for **St Otto's**.

EVANGELISM: Pastor Hendrickson reported:

1. The Friendship Club will be meeting on Friday, October 12 – speaker is a representative from CHI Home Hospice.

2. Evangelism Board Positions will be discussed at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on October 28, 2018.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Carol Prozinski reported that closing on the Fellowship Hall happened on September 25.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ***Courtyard Upgrade*** (DCO Peter Keyes) – The 2019 budget will only be looking for an additional \$500 (which will be taken from the Grounds Maintenance & Repairs Account) to complete the project. The project recently received a \$500 donation. More rocks and old shrubs will be removed this weekend.
2. ***Landscaping*** (DCO Peter Keyes) – 95% of this landscaping has been done.
3. ***Authorized Signers*** (Carol Prozinski) – the last documents have been sent to Pine Country Bank to get new cards for the authorized signers.
4. ***2019 Board and Council Positions*** (Carol Prozinski) – The list was “updated” and will be brought before the next Quarterly Voters' Meeting on October 28, 2018 for election.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Next Polka Service*** is scheduled for May 12, 2019; however, Jerry and Joyce may not be available to play that date. The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2019. The date of the April Voter's Meeting can be changed if the musicians are available April 28, 2019.
2. ***Incurring and Approval of Expenditures*** – Don Stover is requesting assistance as he is learning who is responsible for approval of expenditures before payments are made. Those initiating the expense will be asked to “approve” the expense by signing that they received the product/service on the invoice or packing slip before payment is made.
3. ***Voter Meeting Agenda*** – Board and Council Position vacancies were discussed. The Committees went through their lists and recommended names for the upcoming terms. This is the main agenda item for the upcoming Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barb Jelinski and seconded by Nancy Peterson; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Upcoming meetings and important dates:

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| Next Quarterly Voters' Meeting | - Sunday, October 28, 10:30 a.m. |
| Next Council Meeting | - Monday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. |

/s/
Beverly Messinger
Recording Secretary

Women's News

WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, November 5, 12, and 26, 9:00 a.m.

This month we will continue our Bible study, "1 Corinthians: One in Christ," as we meet in the Fireside Room on Monday mornings, November 5, 12, and 26 at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we see how Christians today face many of the moral dilemmas reflected in this epistle, and how 1 Corinthians is also a document of hope for our times. We meet for about an hour, so it's a great way to start the week!

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday, November 19, 9:00 a.m.

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The study can be found on page 18 of the LWQ Fall 2018 issue and is titled, "His Blessings of Showers." In this study we will consider how our Lord God works through seasons of famine and drought. Join us! If you don't have a copy of the LWQ, we will get you one.

ZLW MEETING

Monday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.

The ZLW will meet on Monday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will review the Fall Bazaar happenings and discuss future ZLW plans. The ZLW is Zion's connection to the LWML. All women of Zion are welcomed and encouraged to participate!!

WOMEN'S DAY OUT

Monday, November 19, 11:15 a.m.

On Monday, November 19, we will get together for fellowship and lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Little Falls. We will meet there at 11:15 a.m. Contact Nancy Peterson at 632-5759 if you plan to attend. We will be celebrating November birthdays! Bring a friend!





PUERTO RICO MISSION OPPORTUNITY

The Minnesota North District would like to send 2 Mission Teams to Puerto Rico in 2019. Each team will consist of 6 to 10 people and will serve for 1 week in or near Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

CONSTRUCTION TEAM: We would like to have people with construction experience to help replace roofs (zinc metal) on homes that have been damaged by hurricane about 1 year ago. Tools and building supplies will be made available to team members.

MERCY TEAM: We also have the opportunity to provide a non-construction mission team that would conduct something like an adult VBS. Many of the young families that had lived in Puerto Rico have been relocated to the United States after the storm, so many of the residents remaining on the island of Puerto Rico are elderly. We have a unique opportunity to share the love of Christ with people who are still struggling to find peace, security and hope amid the destruction that is still evident around them more than a year later.

We would like to put the two 2019 Mission Teams together by November 30, 2018. Mission Team lodging will be supplied in the guest quarters near the church in Mayaguez. Please – pass this information on to possible interested and capable individuals and get back to me **by November 30, 2018.**

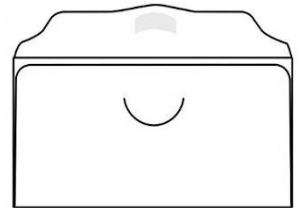
For more information – please contact Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee at the Minnesota North District Office either by email – Jeffrey.lee@mnnlcms.org or by phone – 218-829-1781.

The Faithful Steward



2019 ENVELOPES

The 2019 envelopes will be available by the middle of December. If you have not been using the envelopes and would like to have the 2019 envelopes, please contact the office or Nancy Peterson (632-5759).. Also, if you have been using the envelopes and DO NOT WANT the 2019 envelopes, please contact the office or Nancy Peterson (632-5759). Your response is needed by November 14th, 2018.



Stewardship Corner

Dolphin swims are one of my favorite vacation activities, but a swimmer needs to know a lot before entering the water. It's not like movie dolphins that are trained and do exactly what you want. You have to know your limits as a human in the water with these animals. An eight-foot tube of solid muscle flying through the water is a force to be reckoned with! So to be safe, while in the water with any dolphins, you should wait for them to come to you. If you try to rush them in your excitement, you could pay for it with your life. Dolphins love to play, but they don't know their own strength against our human vulnerabilities.

Dolphins are said to respond to vibrations, so when I entered the water, I began to hum "Amazing Grace." The dolphins responded in a wonderful way, like they were drawn to me. I was amazed that they could feel me humming through the water, and I wondered if the vibration made them want to find the source as much as I do when I hear the vibration of grace.

We feel grace in our souls. God's grace is palpable and real, when we hear God's voice by faith, we are forever changed. We yearn to know that there is a place where we are loved and welcomed no matter what, where we don't have to be afraid, but can just be loved for who we are.

It extends to all. God will go to any lengths so that we may fully appreciate the grace he holds for all of us. It is God's greatest hope that we share his grace and everyone, even those who have wronged us.

This grace, with all its beauty and hope for people, is mysterious. We don't understand why God even bothers with us, but because of it, we can't help following grace's vibrations through him. His grace is so amazing that all creation will sing about it one day. In my circles, many dolphins already have

Zion Annual Fall Bazaar

NOVEMBER 3RD

Food Prep

Sign-up Sheet for the food items needed for the soups is posted in the Narthex. Cash donations are always welcomed! Please have meat at the church by 8:00am Thursday, **November 1st**. Other items for the soup need to be at the church on Friday, **November 2nd** at 8:00am. Cookies, bars, cakes, and breads need to be at the church on Saturday, **November 3rd** by 9:30am. Thank You!

We are preparing the vegetables for the soup on Friday, **November 2nd** at 8:00am. We would love to have lots of helpers!

If you would like to help in the dining room or kitchen on that Saturday, **November 3rd**, that would be great! Call Lynnae (320-632-2528) with any questions. Thank You!

For soup Luncheon dessert donations: bars, cakes, and cookies (no pies please)

GRANDMA'S ATTIC:

You may bring items for Grandma's attic beginning Saturday or Sunday, **October 27th** and **28th** (before or after worship, or Monday (**October 29th**) through Wednesday (**October 31st**) 8:30-noon.

Please do not bring any items for sale before **October 27th**. Take items to the upper classroom hallway.

No clothing, shoes, electronics or large furniture, please!

Contact Lois Johannes, Marie Holey or Sue Vosen with questions.

BOARD GAME AND MEDIA ITEMS NEEDED

The youth will be having a board game / media sale at the Fall Bazaar on **November 3**. If you have any board games, books, movies, CD's, tapes, or any media-type items that you would like to donate for this sale, please bring them to church beginning Saturday, **October 27** (before or after worship). Items will be collected through **October 31** (during church office hours). Thank you for your donations!

CRAFTS & BAKERY DONATIONS-Please have your items marked with prices, brought to the church on Thursday, **November 1st** or Friday, **November 2nd** between 8:30am and Noon, or **Saturday, November 3rd** before 8:30am.

Thank you in advance for contributing to the ZLW annual fundraiser!

Sunday School & Families

- † Sunday School classes meet at 10:15am. Children go directly to their classrooms and gather as a group for closing at 11:05 in the Sanctuary.
- † ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEW CREATIVE WORSHIP / KIDS PRAISE SERVICE AT 11:15 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. Featuring upbeat children's songs.

Youth Activities - Fund Raising for NYG

- † Cook Book - We still have several books available for sale. THINK AHEAD... pre-buy Christmas gifts for family members. These COOK BOOKS will make GREAT GIFTS!
- † We have "Lutheran" t-shirts available for sale. (\$15.00) Limited number left.

Adult Ministry

- † SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS – We are looking for a new Sunday morning adult Bible class leader.

NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

- † CREATIVE WORSHIP / KIDS PRAISE SERVICE – INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO ATTEND THIS NEW WORSHIP SERVICE – 11:15 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. The format is informal. We are using upbeat children's songs and will have coffee available for the parents.

Outreach Ministry

- † FRIENDSHIP GROUP – Friday, November 9 at 1:00pm. Michelle Rosha chaplain from CHI Home and Hospice will be our guest speaker. Invite your friends to attend.
- † TRACT OF THE MONTH: "What Happens When I Die?"
 - *Inside this booklet, you will discover what Scripture says about the end of our lives...Pastor Hower unpacks this difficult subject for the reader. ... he reminds us it's our belief in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world that makes the ultimate difference when our lives come to an end.* Look for this booklet in the Project Connect display.
- † INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO WORSHIP WITH YOU: People need the Lord in their lives. Continue to pray for opportunities to share God's love with your neighbors and opportunities to invite them to come with you for worship.
- † FACEBOOK: Continue to follow us on Facebook. www.facebook.com/zionlf.
- † ZION'S WEBSITE: www.zionlf.com Keep up to date on current activities, listen to the Lutheran Hour podcast, or watch Pastor Hendrickson's weekly sermons. Invite others to visit zionlf.com
- † OUTREACH TOOLS: Use the Zion Lutheran tri-fold brochure to introduce friends to our congregation and encourage them to visit our website.

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LISTEN, LEARN, LIVE with LOVE; PRAY ALWAYS.

November Servants

Nov		Elders	Ushers	Readers	Visitor Host	Acolyte	Organist
3	COM	Jerry Knafla	Marie Holey & Jennifer Hanson	Jennifer Hanson	Marie Holey		Carol Prozinski
4	COM	Craig Bohnsack	Eugene Doucette & Dennis Hollermann	Don Stover	Julie Doucette	Patrick Holtz	Carol Prozinski
10		Jerry Knafla	Mark Hengemuhle	Colleen Duncan	Paul Gulsvig		Peggy Dolney
11		Herman Johannes	Harvey Axel & Marcel Bellefeuille	Katie Schumann	Darlene Axel	Jordan Stumpf	Peggy Dolney
17	COM	Greg Rausch	Mike Beseman & Julie Dancer	Colleen Duncan	Mike Beseman		Peggy Dolney
18	COM	Mike Gohl	Ben Messinger & Baily Dawson	Amanda Dawson	Karen Dickmann	Addison Bohnsack	Peggy Dolney
21	Thanksgiv	Jerry Knafla	Alan & Nick Prozinski	Melissa Prozinski	Sue Prozinski & Ruth Stroschein		Peggy Dolney
24		Sheldon Prozinski	Duane Schmidt	Duane Schmidt	Judy Drewlow		Carol Prozinski
25	Blended	Greg Rausch	Wayne Ganz & Dennis Dickmann	Dan Gilder	Carolyn Ganz	Madison Bates	Carol Prozinski

November Birthdays				November Anniversaries	
11/1	Katelyn Allen	11/24	Lydia Posch	11/8	Gerald & Donna Martinson
11/2	Keith Fellbaum	11/25	Melvin Zimmerman	11/17	Gary & Gloria Irwin
11/2	Jonathan Dickmann	11/25	Todd Seward	11/24	Marlin & Violet Parker
11/2	Daizy Dickmann	11/28	Peggy Dolney	11/27	Marcel & Dawn Bellefeuille
11/2	Carolyn Ganz	11/28	Rita Gustafson		
11/6	Easton Messinger	11/30	Bev Messinger		
11/9	Hurley Gibson				
11/10	Dan Hughes				
11/10	Evelyn, Nuehring				
11/12	Mildred Nieman				
11/12	Dain Pauly				
11/14	Kay Nelson				
11/19	Diane Gohl				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00a Zion Annual Fall Bazaar 6:30p Worship with Communion
4 9:00a Worship with Communion 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Creative Worship	5 9:00a Weekly Women's Bible Study 5:00p Board of Elders 7:00p Board of Evangelism	6 9:00a Circuit Meeting at Zion 5:00p Adult Bible Study led by Dan Hughes 6:30p Board of Education	7 9:00a Quilting Group everyone is welcome 6:30p Jr. Confirmation 6:30p Choir Practice	8	9 1:00p Friendship Club	10 6:30p Worship
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