 **JULY 2019**

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 ***Bethlehem Lutheran Church reaching out to our community and to the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.***

***Zion Lutheran Church seeks to preach and teach God’s word to all people of all ages and***

 ***show God’s love through our witness, fellowship and service.***

**Mark Your Calendar**

***Worship Services* are held:**

 **Sunday at 9am @ Zion, &**

 **10:30am @ Bethlehem**

***Communion* is on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of the month**

**Upcoming events:**

**July 11th Zion & Bethlehem Ladies Aid Picnic at Pastor & Sam’s @ 6:30pm.**

**There are no other meetings in July.**

**Pastor will be on vacation July 14th and July 21st. Pastor Gary Paul will be preaching for us and will handle any needs. However if you need do to speak to Pastor Norton, feel free to call his cell.**

**A Word from Pastor Norton:**

OUR LEADERS NEED OUR PRAYERS

 Grumbling AND complaining come naturally to all of us. It’s natural to complain about our local, state and national leaders. Our children may complain about their teachers. Church members may complain about how church is run.

Complaining about those in positions of authority accomplish nothing. It may, in fact, bring about more complaining with still no change. If change is what is needed.

What our authorities need most is our respect, honor and our prayers. This is God’s will for those who are God’s representatives, put over us for our good.

Remember the Apostle Paul’s ENCOURAGEMENT? Even living under the evil Nero, Paul wrote, “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 timothy 2:1,2).

We should substitute prayer for criticism. We should ask God to give our leaders wisdom from above and make them good listeners of his word.

The burden of office can weigh heavily on a person. Paul tells us in Galatians 6:2 to bear one another’s burdens. We are doing that when we pray for others.

Praying for others is actually doing something concrete for the good Lord answers prayer. So may the good Lord bless us as we go to him in prayer for those in positions of authority, that our lives will be enriched.

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A message from our Seminary Student, Zach Johnson:

I apologize for the delay in response to your letter and your generous gift. This past quarter has been the busiest one yet at Seminary with many projects and papers all stacking up. I partially believe that it was an effort to test our function as Seminarians and to see if we could handle the stress work of the pastoral office.

However, I wish to write to extend my gratitude at your generosity both spiritually and financially. It is a great burden that has been lifted from me and has helped to close a few gaps this past quarter. Your prayers are also greatly appreciated as they provide strength that we so desperately need.

This summer I will be taking Hebrew class at the Seminary as I begin the second official year of my Seminary career. I am excited to see what the future holds, and the new opportunities that will be available especially as vicarage will follow after this year.

It is truly a blessing to know there are congregations like yours able to graciously support us seminarians. Thank you all so much!

In Christ,

**Zach Johnson**

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**July 2019 Newsletter**

**There will not be a Joint Council Meeting this month. However Zion’s council will meet on Thursday, July 11, beginning at 7:00.**

 **August 4th through 8th**



**Lift off for an intergalactic adventure with Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World. Explore God's miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross!** *For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

**Vacation Bible School is a fun place to learn about Jesus. It is for all children, members as well as non-members. Reach out and invite your neighbors and friends.**

**Vacation Bible School, at Zion, will be held August 4th through August 8th, from 5:30 to 8 pm. Be sure to get your child registered by July 22. Also looking for volunteers to help. Contact Deb Prill, 715-464-1002.**

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It’s time to start getting ready for our Autumn Harvest Dinner, September 29, 2019. Putting out a call for anyone who has produce for our Produce and Bake Sale could be brought to the church on September 28th or 29th.

 May 1 - Zion Ladies Aide and Bible Study met on May 1. After the pot-luck and Bible study we had a business meeting. It is decided by the members present, not to serve the coffee hour on the 4th Sunday when the coffee hour resumes in September and throughout the rest of the time.

June 3 - Zion Ladies Aid and Bible Study met on June 5, with 4 members present. After the pot-luck and Bible study, we had our business meeting. After much discussion, a motion was made not to have a pot-luck anymore, but to start our Bible study at 1pm, and our business meeting as well after the Bible study. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to donate $200 to the VBS program. Motion carried.

**There will not be a Bible study in July**. Meeting was adjourned.

**Council Meeting Highlights**

 **June 6, 2019**

President Dave Kiesow called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 11 members present.

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The LCEF account that comes due every five years has come due again. It was decided to roll over for another five years. The treasurer’s report was given and accepted

**Elder’s Report:** There was an average attendance for May of 48, 3 children, and 41 for communion.

**Trustee’s Report:** The faucets in the basement bathroom were replaced. .

**Old Business:** It was mentioned that County Rd. K will be finished first and then work will start on County Rd. Q August 1st. There was discussion and estimates were presented from Senn, Oium, and Monarch for blacktopping and B & D Excavating. The blacktopping estimates are all for 130 ft. x 80 ft. and all were about $14,000.00. It was mentioned that 2 ½ inches of blacktop should be fine instead of 3 inches. There is memorial money designated for the parking lot, which must be used for this purpose. .

**New Business:** It was mentioned that we should also have an estimate for blacktopping the pathway to the basement. A committee was decided upon for the blacktopping project. Dave Kiesow will set up meeting with people from the blacktopping companies that we have estimates from. Our treasurer will get ledgers for all of our church groups. Debbie Lane has been doing the grass trimming for us. For July we will meet at Zion at 7 p.m. on July 11th.

**Adjournment:** We closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Secretary, Cheryl Knuth



We are in need of someone who would be willing to take the position of Church Council Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider this position. Interested parties are asked to speak with Dave Kiesow.



**BETHLEHEM HAPPENINGS**:



**The ladies aid met June 13th at 11am to pack the quilts for shipping. Thanks to Josie and Jameson Sperber for their great help.**

**There is a Bible Study “Praying the Psalms,” every Wednesday. For more information go to LWML.org/Podcast or on your Samsung, Apple.music.**

**The Fall Fest will be October 20th. In place of a cake walk, they are having baskets. Start thinking of ideas.**

**Our picnic will be July 11th at 6pm at Pastor and Marilyn’s residence. All ladies of Zion and Bethlehem and their husbands are invited. Everyone is to bring a salad or desert. See you there!**

**Children really enjoyed this year’s Vacation Bible School. They learned how Jesus miraculously came to earth and saved us. Thank you to Pastor, our teachers and everyone who helped make this a wonderful experience for our children to learn about God’s love for us.**

**Here are some reminders for our VBS children to have fun with:**

 

 **For God so \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the world, that he gave His only \_ \_ \_, that whoever \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

**in \_ \_ \_ should not \_eris\_ but have eternal \_ \_ \_ \_ . John 3:16**



**Monthly Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 6, 2019**

**Trustees Report:**

1.) Window Screens Replaced – Sally reported that Piltz Glass & Mirror in Altoona will make the screens that need replacing for a cost of $200 each.

**Board of Education Report:**

1.) VBS – begins Sunday, June 23rd with a potluck lunch following church services.

2.) Clean-up after VBS – for Ben Huth’s wedding which is on Saturday, June 29th.

Decorations and supplies from VBS will be stored in one of the classrooms on Thursday night/Friday morning.

**Old Business:**

1.) Parsonage Rental Update – Marv reported on the estimate he received from Osseo Plumbing for the work at the parsonage (Cadott did not respond). He is still waiting to hear back from the assessor. Discussed the water in the basement, and how it has gotten worse over time. Marv will contact American Waterworks for an estimate. He would like to call a Special Voters Meeting in July to present all the information to the congregation.

2.) Confirmation Picture Wall-mounted Installation – Marv shared info on a unit that would cost about $300 that Eugene Neumann and Dale Noel of the Building Committee found. He asked the Council to authorize Carol Sperber and Joan Drehmel of the Building Committee to determine the size and color so the item could be ordered.

* **MOTION** (Joan Boyea/Karon Davidson) authorizing Carol Sperber and Joan Drehmel of the Building Committee to choose the size and color of the wall-mounted picture unit so it can be ordered. PASSED, without negative vote.

**New Business:**

1.) Cleaning Before and After Ben Huth’s Wedding – Anyone willing to help should contact Bud Hadorn.

2.) Fall Fest 2019 – will be Sunday, October 20th. Discussed ordering raffle tickets, determining top prizes, purchasing a television when it’s on sale, and instead of a cake walk trying a basket raffle instead.

3.) Church’s Holding Tank Ring Replacement – Marv will contact Gibbs Septic to have it replaced as it was damaged by the town’s snow plow.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed in closing. Joan Drehmel, Secretary



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*7/1 Janet Compeau, Dakota Hadorn, Tom Woodford*

*7/4 Cash Noel 7/5 MaryAnn Koch*

*7/6 Cheryl Knuth 7/7 Caitlyn Berlin*

*7/8 Jenna Bauch 7/11 Scott Lyons 7/12 Penny Schmidt, Terisa Glenz 7/14 Marjorie Buchholz 7/15 Norman Luedtke, John Hakes 7/16 Liz Green, 7/17 Randy & Trudy Horlacher, Carol Huff 7/18 Janet Weltzin 7/20 Lois Sperber, Norman Anderson, Donald Woodford, Sr 7/21 Cody Luedtke, Miranda Dekan, Alissa Sperber 7/22 Sally Weggen*

*7/25 Freda Shong,*

*7/27 Westen Huth, Jackson Jaenke, Debra Prill, Earl Jaenke 7/28 Naomi Sudbrink, 7/30 Arvid Huth*

*7/31 Steve Davidson, Melissa McCann*

[Errors or corrections? Date Missing? Please notify us. Thank you.]

  ***Happy Anniversary***

“*You’re a wonderful couple, joined by God above. May your marriage continue in God’s love.”*

7/7 Jerome & Marlene Herman 7/13 Raymond & Deborah Peterson

7/14 Elvin & Renee Bauch 7/16 Randy & Pamela Luedtke 7/18 Virgil & Barbara Hermann 7/26 Ronald & Linda Wiese

7/26 Verle & Roger Green 7/28 Wayne & Janet Compeau 7/31 Patrick & Linda Glenz



 ***BAPTIZED IN JULY***

7/1 Linda Hermann 7/2 Duane Hermann 7/3 Ken Kiesow

7/5 Peyton Berlin 7/8 Patrick Glenz , Aaralyn Sachsenmaier

7/13 Carter Kaufman 7/16 Jon Dekan

7/23 Spencer Pilgrim 7/24 Victoria Marten

7/26 Lesa Raether, Marisa Walmsley 7/27 David Knuth, Pamela Luedtke

7/28 Raymond Peterson 7/29 Ethan Hermann

7/30 Cash Noel

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**SUNDAY SERVICES: ZION 9AM; BETHLEHEM 10:30AM**

***Elders:* Bethlehem – Steve Davidson; Zion –Ken Kiesow**

***Altar Guild*: Bethlehem – Karon & Steve Davidson; Zion – Lois & Jerry Kolpien**

July 2019

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Related imageImage result for free christian clip art for july 4th | 1 | 2 | 3**Pastor @ Augusta Nursing Home 10:30am****No Zion Ladies Aid Meeting** | 4**No Council Meeting****Independence Day** | 5 | 6Image result for free christian clip art for july 4th |
| 7**Acolytes:****Zion– Anthony****Beth -Kenzie** | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11**Zion & Bethlehem’s Ladies Aid Picnic @ Pastor & Sam’s 6:00pm** | 12 | 13 |
| 14 **Communion****Pastor Gary Paul is preaching today.****\* Margie Buchholz 90th birthday party!****Acolytes:****Zion - Adam****Beth- Brandon** | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21**Pastor Gary Paul****is preaching today****Acolytes:****Zion – Victoria****Beth - John** | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28**Communion****Acolytes:****Zion- Anthony****Beth-Spencer** | 29 | 30 | 31 | C:\Users\uwecsurplus\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.MSO\DBC8F411.tmp |  |  |

 Thank you Lord for the freedom you have given us to be able to worship you!

**We’re missing some confirmation pictures at Bethlehem. The following is a list by year of those who are missing in a picture. Help us locate these photo’s . . . . .**

 **1932 1938 1955**

**Maxie Raether Beverly Jaenke Sandra Lee Meuli**

**Gerald Raether Gary Buchholz Carol Jane Fetter**

**Bernard Raether Vera Bechtel Karen Sue Drehmel**

 **Nancy Orvold Janice Carol Guse**

 **1933 Kenneth Hamman Lucille Martha Raether**

**Beulah Raether Gary Hagness Shirley Mae Wiese**

**Dennis Jaenke Jean Ann Lowman**

 **1939 Barbara Yvonne Luedtke**

 **1934 Alice Raether Jacqueline Turner**

**Arlene Brummond Gordon Timm Rodney John Raether**

**Clifford Raether Larrey Drehmel Walter Fred Knuth**

**Clarence Boyea Walter Jaenke James Robert Jaenke**

**Ronald Boyea Ronald Raether Donald Jule Luedtke**

**Duane Boyea Neil Duane Hagedorn**

**Dale Boyea 1940 Roy Eugene Knitter**

**Delores Wiese James Jaenke Lucille Elaine Henke**

**LaVern Wiese Laurray Kuehel Lillie Violet Green**

**June Knitter Janice Guse Dorathy Ann Baker**

**Gail Biegel Carol Fetter Mildren Lucille Dekan**

 **Rodney Raether Beverly Jouce Pettis**

 **1935 Steven Raether Emma Louise Berlin**

**Carol Raether Richard Wesley Baker**

**Babara Raether 1941 Edward Charles Wilken**

**Edwin Brummond Shirley Wiese Betty Lou Drehmel**

**James Schumacher Margaret Marguerita Perdelwitz Gerald Eugene Pettis**

 **1942 David Herbert Hudson**

 **1936 Beverly Starck Milton Herman Berlin**

**Clarice Knitter Karen Drehmel Clara Lorraine Carpenter**

**Frederic Raether Janice Brummond**

**Phyllis Jaenke Janet Brummond 1956**

**Eugene Jaenke Norman Ardell Ayers**

**Robert Boatman 1954 1957**

**Clifford Buchholz Larry Allen Luedtke Ione Beatrice Raether**

**Jacqueline Hagedorn Harry Dean Luedtke Lester Elvin Drehmel**

 **Phyllis Barbara Luedtke Roger Everett Guse**

 **1937 Gordon Charles Luedtke James Gerhardt Raether**

**Cecelia Raether Anna Bell Raether Charles Edward Wiese**

**Marlene Cook Clifford James Berlin**

**Milton Jaenke Dennis Eugene Henke**

**Lila Brummond Wyman Ferdinand Huth**

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**Beth Ann Fugett Liz Greene Jenna Lee Bauch**

**Jordan Robert Rouleau Madeson Harshman Shaylee Rose Dekan**

**Shannon Carol Sonnentag Matthew Lyons Wesley Connor Gerken**

 **Zion Sophia Morris Benjamin John Greene**

 **2006 Shari Gerken Mason Richard Harshman**

**Caitlyn Berlin Josh Weltzin**

**Kate Berlin**

**Danny Fugett**

**Bo Tessmer**

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