

September 17, 2017 - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

We welcome you today in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! God grant you Peace in the hearing of His Word and the praise of His Name as we worship together rejoicing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Order of Service: LSB Pg 260 Hymns: 563, 566, 922

Officiant: Rev James Norton

Readings: Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12 Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Message: "How Can We Not Forgive?"

Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15-21 & Matthew 18:21-35

Organists - Noli Hadt, Linda Wiese

Zion Choir sings "Peace Like a River" CH 750

*For the hearing impaired: Headsets are available at both Zion & Bethlehem churches.

Please remember in your prayers: Diane Goss, Dick Baker, Bob Thomas, Jim Kiesow, Marianne Kiesow, Winifred Boyea-Wicksey, Betty Woodford, Bev Curler, Phyllis Melen, & Olivia Schmidt. Shut-ins and members living in Care Facilities. Our President, our Governor and all elected officials. Men and women in our armed forces and the families of the fallen missionaries, the lost & homeless. Those suffering from violence, war & disaster throughout the world. Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. For people to value Life at all stages. Our Seminary "Adopted" Student, Kevin Dykstra.

There is a <u>prayer request box</u> in the entry of each congregation for your use. Feel free to write down your prayer request. Thank you.

It is not too late to join the adult instruction class which meets on Monday night at 7 @ Bethlehem.

If you would like to know more about the Lutheran Reformation in this, the 500th Anniversary of that event, CPH has a 250 page book priced at \$22.49 until October 16th. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

You are cordially invited to the Fall Rally of Zone 15 of the Northern Wisconsin Women's Missionary League which will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at Zion Lutheran Church in Mondovi. We are easy to find on Main Street in Mondovi. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:30 am and the rally will start at 9:00 am. The cost for the day is \$6/00 which includes lunch.

This Week's Schedule:			
Sunday- 9/17/17	9:00am	Zion Worship Service	
·	9:00am	Bethlehem Sunday School	
	10:15am	Zion Sunday School	
	10:30am	Bethlehem Worship Service	
Monday 9/18/17	7:00pm	Adult Confirmation @ Bethlehem	
Wednesday 9/20/17	5:00pm	Confirmation @ Bethlehem	
Thursday 9/21/17	7:00pm	Beth. Sunday School Teachers Meeting	
Sunday 9/24/17	9:00am	Zion Worship Service,	
(Communion)	9:00am	Bethlehem Sunday School	
	10:15am	Zion Sunday School	
	10:30am	Bethlehem Worship Service	
		Zion's Autumn Harvest Dinner	
	4:00pm	Youth Serving Supper @ Hope Gospel	

Birthdays: 9/18-9/23/17: Kendel Noel and Darin Weggen

Anniversaries: Sherri & David Van Vuren and Carol & Marvin Sperber

Baked ham...Roast pork...Real mashed potatoes and gravy...Come join us, at Zion, next week for our Harvest Dinner. You are also invited to come to our worship at 9 to hear the message, and special music from "With One Voice Gospel Choir". It is sure to be a blessed day filled with great food and fellowship. See you there!

The lock on the northside double doors at Bethlehem has changed. If you need a key for it call Sally Weggen (715)877-2545.

Please remember to <u>remove all flowers and decorations</u> in the Zion and Bethlehem cemeteries. Anything left will be disposed of. Thank you for your help.

Bethlehem's Sunday School lesson today focuses on "Solomon Builds the Temple." Though God resided within the Old Testament temple, He was hidden behind the veil in the Most Holy Place. Jesus is the unveiled Most Holy Place, accessible to all, enfolding believers in the arms of His Word and Sacraments. Parents, ask your student, "What kinds of things would you have seen in Solomon's temple? Where do we see Jesus today?"

Youth, if you need a ride to Hope Gospel next Sunday, contact Elvin Bauch @ 715 286-5076. He will be at Bethlehem at 4:00 & Zion after that.

Concordia Publishing House has their <u>annual Bible Sale</u> going on right now. You can save up to 33%. If you are interested, contact your church secretary, or check out your church bulletin board. You can look up the bibles at chp.org, or we can look them up for you. Sales end September 30.

Adult Sunday School (ages 16-205): Began today at 9am at Bethlehem. We will be studying the Lutheran Hour Ministries: God Connects. Come join us for one topic, 6 topics or all the topics! Enhance and fill your brain with good conversation, time for questions to be answered and as always, some good laughs and connections with other Christians. We welcome anyone at anytime.

Bethlehem's Fall Fest fund raiser scheduled for October 8th: We have several prizes coming in. Check them out when coming into church. These are all donated. We can use more, if you'd like to contribute, or get a donation from a store in your area, it would be appreciated.

There are **FALL FEST POSTERS** on the table in the narthex. <u>Please take some</u> to distribute in places where you work, shop, eat, buy gas, etc. <u>We need your help to make it a great fund raiser this year.</u>

<u>Fall Fest Tickets are available!</u> \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00. Please pick up booklets to sell from MaryAnn Koch, or purchase them for your chance to win a great prize.

When we <u>prebuy</u>, we purchase fuel for the winter at a lower rate. Please prayerfully consider making a donation for fuel funding. Be sure to mark "for fuel fund" on your envelope, or put it in another envelope with your envelope number on it.

Three hard of hearing men were playing golf. One said, "windy, isn't it?" "No", the other one said, "It's Thursday". The third chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

Our Worship Response:	<u>Bethlehem</u>	<u>Zion</u>
Attendance 9/10/17	90	50
Offerings 9/10/17	\$1088.00	\$1221.00
Online offering	\$100.00	
Fuel Prebuy to date	\$710.00	not provided
Weekly Budget	\$1282.00	\$1138.00

Upcoming events:

*Zion's Harvest Dinner, next Sunday

Roast Beef Dinner @ St John's Lutheran Church, Cadott, from 11am-1pm Potato Pancake Dinner @ St John's Lutheran, Fall Creek, from 11am-1pm

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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!

BETHLEHEM-ZION LUTHERAN PARISH

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^{*}Christian Concert – Cloverton @ Heyde Center 9/18/17 (details on bulletin board)

^{*}Roll into Augusta for UCP (details on bulletin board)

^{*}On October 1st – (details on the church bulletin board.)

^{***}Be sure to check your church bulletin board for the news, church dinners, etc.