

Zion Lutheran Church
Arlington, MN

June Newsletter

June 2024

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Worship Schedule

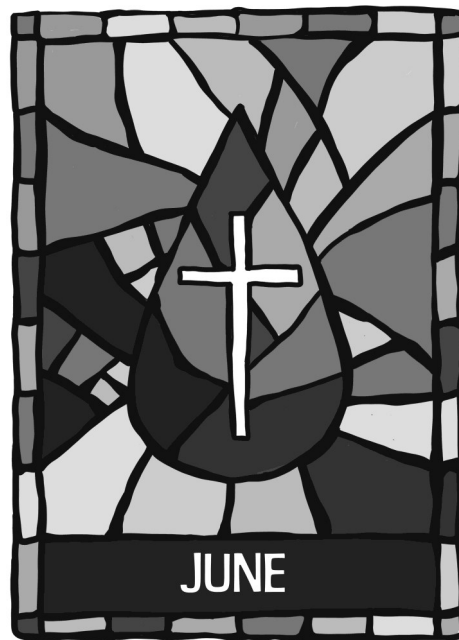
June 2—2nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am
Holy Communion

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June 16—4th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am

June 23—5th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am

June 30—6th Sunday after Pentecost
Contemporary
9:00am



Chattin' It Up...

- Congratulations 2024 Sibley East Graduates
- GLLM Quilt

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Note from Pastor Gretchen



Summer is upon us once again. Time for fun in the sun and travel, and the ongoing tendings of work and family.

In worship, the scripture readings will focus on how the church lives out its callings to proclaim, bear witness to, and live out God's ongoing will for the world God so deeply loves. The gospel of Mark portrays Jesus' ministry with urgency and focus, covering lots of ground with a relentless drive to ensure that the kingdom of God comes among us.

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Together we will explore the implications of what Jesus said and did for the ongoing work of the body of Christ in this congregation and community.

What parables or stories from the Bible shape how you think about the identity and purpose of the church?

How has God uniquely gifted the people of Zion for the ministry that God calls us to?

What I am excited about is the many gifts and talents that people bring to Zion! What might be possible? What can we try?

In the fertile soils of relationships there is much we can do!

Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do!

Joyfully,

Pastor Gretchen



Pastor Gretchen Pierskalla was the recipient of The Growthie Trophy on May 2, 2024 at an event celebrating continuing education with Continuous Growth Pathways. CGP is a partnership of ELCA SW and SE MN Synods with Gustavus Adolphus College that provides continuing education for pastors.

In the Lives of our Members

- 1 Tina Schauer
- 2 Tom Hatlestad
- 13 Caleb Pautsch
- 15 Cooper Heeren
- 16 Katie Fredin
- 18 Darrel Alsleben
- 18 Jordan Herd
- 19 Diane Hatlestad
- 19 Megan Pederson
- 26 Steve Trocke
- 27 Steve Scharpe
- 28 Lisa Strobel
- 30 Jill Warzecha



- June 2, 2018 Alex & Katie Fredin
- June 6, 1987 Dale & Laurie Stern
- June 8, 1968 Ed & Julie Warweg
- June 9, 1973 Brad & Brenda Danielson
- June 11, 2011 Ross & Cindi Bergs
- June 14, 2008 Jon & Jacque Hazelwood
- June 14, 2003 Paul & Carrie Bartlette
- June 15, 1968 Al & Mary Albrecht
- June 17, 1995 Jim & Wendy Pederson
- June 26, 2010 Matt & Jan Giesen



Hold up in prayer....

Christy Hebeisen in her battle with cancer

Lowell Tritabaugh brother-in-law of Janet Rowe

Jenna Dobner family friend of Kamps family. Battling a rare lung disease

Dilshad Perani—family friend of Kamps family. Battling rare chronic disease.

Cindy Hebeisen—she begins treatment for nodules on her lungs.



Remember Our Homebound Members

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| <u>Oak Terrance</u>
Rhoda Woehler | <u>French Meadow-LeSueur</u>
Deb Otto |
| <u>Good Samaritan/Arlington</u>
Lyle Woehler | <u>Fairview Assisted Living</u>
Bert Pederson |
| <u>At home in Silver Lake</u>
Luverne Bergs | <u>May Creek, Walker, MN</u>
Gary Revier |
| <u>At home in Arlington</u>
Hylma Matzke | |



Zion Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Larry Gieseke.

Attendance:

President: Larry Gieseke	Bd/Deacon: ABSENT	Bd/Worship & Music: Stephanie Krueger
Vice President: Jon Hazelwood	Bd/Trustee: Mark Strobel	Pastor: Pr. Gretchen Pierskalla
Secretary: Roseann Nagel	Bd/Education: Cindy Hebeisen, SS Supt.	
Treasurer: Bruce Kallhoff	Bd/Stewardship: Janet Rowe	
Others present: none		

Devotions were provided by Pr. Gretchen.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for March council meeting were published in newsletter and emailed to Council. MOTION BY B KALLOFF, SECONDED BY M STOBEL TO APPROVE MARCH MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED AT MEETING. MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Treasurer's Report: March Treasurer's report was forwarded to council members via email. MOTION BY M STROBEL, SECONDED BY S KRUEGER TO APPROVE MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS AS EMAILED. MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Pastor's Report: Many successful events and activities this past month. Some highlights: Attended MN Valley Conference meeting, Zion hosted South Africa Vrhyeid, CRT Origins/Academy. Working on Confirmation review and planning, pre-marriage preparation, advance worship planning, summer gatherings, etc. A Vrhyeid representative will be in attendance at the June 7 and 8 Synod Assembly in St. Peter. June 13 will be Constitution Camp in the Cornfield. Has completed Synod "Boundary Training," which will be valid for three years. (Written report— Attachment)

Board of Deacons: Absent--No report.

Board of Stewardship: J Rowe – Have an upcoming meeting. The outdoor clean up and pot luck went well and much was accomplished. Backpacks were turned in with Zion exceeding its goal of backpacks collected.

Board of Trustees: M Strobel – All but one of the air conditioner units have been replaced. Work continues on the electrical needs and the fellowship hall air conditioner unit. – Bifold doors between classrooms and dining hall have been repaired – Water heater under the fellowship room sink (services kitchenette and main floor bathroom is malfunctioning. It will be looked at to see if repair is possible and if not a new unit will need to be purchased. -- East property flags mark where tree donated by Darrell and Jackie Alsleben will be planted – The two evergreen trees donated by Pr. Jim and Ann Carlson have been planted. – Re-roofing is now anticipated for next week (again, weather permitting).

Board of Worship and Music: S Krueger – Met in April and have now set monthly meetings rather than past practice of quarterly meetings. Discussed Beer & Hymn event, additional summer

(weekday) service, bulletin format, reviewed Easter service and rotating Lenten services.

Board of Education: Cindy Hebeisen (S.S. Superintendent) – plans for Vacation Bible School are underway with committees appointed. Dates are July 14-17 with the theme “Saints & Holy Helpers” – Discussed Confirmation for next year but do not currently have a recommendation to present to council.

Standing Committees

President Gieseke dispensed with Standing Committee reports as none were submitted.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Maranatha Church has requested the use of Zion’s basement dining hall for an additional evening (Tuesday). **MOTION BY R NAGEL, SECONDED BY S KRUEGER TO GRANT THE ADDITIONAL EVENING OF TUESDAY TO MARANATHA CHURCH FOR THEIR WORSHIP TIME. A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE DRAFTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, APPROVED BY COUNCIL AND PRESENTED TO MARANATHA TO DOCUMENT THE USE OF THE FACILITIES, OUTLINE ZION PRIORITY EVENTS AND OTHER DETAILS TO SUCCESSFULLY CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP OF MARANATHA AND ZION FOR USE OF ZION’S FACILITIES. MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Pr. Pierskalla presented the current “Planning Your Wedding” brochure to the council with recommendations for updating. **MOTION MADE BY J ROWE AND SECONDED BY S KRUEGER TO APPROVE THE PRE-MARRIAGE BROCHURE CHANGES BY (A) ADDING SMOKE, VAPE AND DRUG FREE LANGUAGE TO THE ALCOHOL FREE POLICY IN BUILDINGS AND ALL OF CHURCH PROPERTY. (ALCOHOL PERMITTED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES ONLY); (B) PREMARITAL COUNSELING “WILL” FULFILL THE TWELVE HOURS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO RECEIVE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION DISCOUNT; AND, (C) UPDATE FEES. MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

The “Policy” section (pages 6, 7, 8 and 9) of the 2024 Yearbook was briefly reviewed with several inconsistencies noted. Discussion was tabled until the June meeting. All council members should review the policies and be prepared to work on updates.

Next council meeting is Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

MOTION BY S KRUEGER, SECONDED BY M STROBEL TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:17 PM. MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Roseann Nagel,
Council Secretary

Approved: will be presented for review at June 12 meeting



2024 Sibley East Graduates: Cole Lovaas, Tyler Johnson, Connor Bartlette, Jady Krueger, Maya Kumar, Morgan Scharpe, Riley Drexler



Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

Facebook at

Zion Lutheran Church

YouTube at

www.youtube.com

Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN

www.zionarlington.org

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including for emergencies anytime (death, hospitalization, etc)

April Giving 2024

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Parking Lot</u>	<u>Food Shelf</u>	<u>Hunger Jar</u>	<u>World Hunger</u>
4/7/2024	82	\$5.00		\$38.00	
4/14/2024	57	\$5.00		\$33.02	
4/21/2024	60	\$5.00		\$48.00	
4/28/2024	65		\$12.00	\$35.00	\$12.00



June Bible Readings

June 2 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 - The commandment regarding the sabbath

Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 - Treasure in clay jars

Mark 2:23—3:6 - Doing the work of God on the sabbath

June 9 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15 - God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 - Renewed in the inner nature

Mark 3:20-35 - Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ

June 16 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24 - The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 - In Christ, a new creation

Mark 4:26-34 - The parable of the mustard seed

June 23 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11 - The creator of earth and sea

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 - Paul's defense of his ministry

Mark 4:35-41 - Christ calming the sea

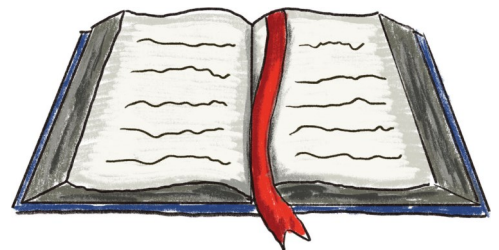
June 30 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33 - Great is the LORD's faithfulness

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 - Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus

Mark 5:21-43 - Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter



Zion Church Women

June Bible Study Group

Tuesday Circle

June 4—10:00am
Church

Wednesday Circle

No Meeting

Sunday Group

May 12—10:00am
Church



GLLM Quilt—"Butterfly Kisses" made by Pr. Evelyn Dahlke and quilted by Mary Huebert. *This queen size quilt features hand embroidered butterfly blocks set with pink, black and white coordinating butterfly prints.*

New Member Introduction

Sandy Bergs

I've been a member of Zion since 1964. I have 5 children: Scott, Missy, Mike, Ross & Ryan, who live in Gaylord, Arlington and Norwood. I have six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. I live at Autumn Glen in Arlington. I worked as an RN for 50 years at the hospital in Arlington and also 4 years at Home Care. I enjoy being with family and attending the grandchildren's activities, gardening, walking and visiting friends. I also assist in planning activities at the apartments.

Fall Dates to Remember

**Saturday, October 12—WELCA MN
Valley Conference Fall Gathering at
Zion, Arlington**

**Friday, October 25—ZCW Harvest
Supper**



Don't be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggensbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Riggensbach wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it's easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can't reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!



With Thankful Hearts

Thank you for the lovely flowers and recognition on May 19 for my one year anniversary at Zion! I am grateful for the call to be your pastor!

Pr. Gretchen

Thank you to those who provided goodies for Fellowship Hour in April!

Norma Michaelis & Sandy Bergs
Joe Prasad, Mary Seeman & Birdine Battcher
Darrel & Jackie Alsleben



June Newsletter Notes

VBS at Zion—July 14-17, 5:30p-7:30pm. For children pre-K through 5th grade.

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Hunger Jar

June—Sibley County Food Share

July—Feed My Starving Children

August—Sibley County Food Share

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Clattering Coins for Christ

May through August—Sibley County Food Share

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The Board of Worship and Music have been advised by our council president to select more upbeat music. So we have added liturgy pieces from Marty Haugen and other contemporary liturgy composers. Hopefully you find yourself humming some pieces and phrases during your week!

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Vryheid Circuit South Africa Partnership will meet for a dinner meeting at Bernadette Lutheran church 6-8 pm on Thursday June 13. Contact Pastor Gretchen if you are interested in carpooling.



June 2024

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June 2
 Ushers: Gordon & Barb Bergs
 Mark & Lisa Strobel
 Greeter: Debbie Stenzel
 Acolyte: Grant Schauer
 Reader: Starla Schilling
 Altar Guild: Jane Scharpe,
 Laurie Stern
 Bread Maker: Jackie Alsteben
 Paraments: Jane Scharpe

June 9
 Ushers: Larry & Pam Schiroo
 Dale & Laurie Stern
 Greeter: Mark & Lisa Strobel
 Acolyte: Jacqueline Christeson
 Reader: Mausten Krueger
 Altar Guild: Starla Schilling,
 Cindy Vazquez
 Bread Maker: Jackie Alsteben
 Paraments: Jane Scharpe

June 16
 Ushers: Allen & Pam Wendlandt
 Wayne & Ann Werner
 Greeter: Dale & Laurie Stern
 Acolyte: Ashley Schauer
 Reader: Brad Danielson
 Paraments: Jane Scharpe

June 23
 Ushers: Nancy Mathwig, Larry Klunder
 Darrel & Jackie Alsteben
 Greeter: Mary Sylwester
 Acolyte: Aiden Christeson
 Reader: Nancy Mathwig
 Paraments: Jane Scharpe

June 30
 Ushers: Diane Wink, Francis Rowe
 Sheri & Maya Kumar
 Greeter: Cindy Vazquez & Jeremiah
 Acolyte: Elton Hazelwood
 Reader: Brenda Danielson
 Paraments: Jane Scharpe

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
 9a—Worship w/Holy Communion
 1p—Maranatha
 2 3
 10a—Tuesday Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 4 5
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 6 7
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 8
 Synod Assembly @ GAC

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 9a—Worship w/Holy Communion
 1p—Maranatha
 9 10
 10:30a—Nursing Home Service
 7p—Church Council
 1 2
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 1 3
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 1 4
 1 5

4th Sunday after Pentecost
 9a—Worship
 1p—Maranatha
 1 6
 10a—Prayer
 Shawl
 6p—Maranatha
 1 7
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 1 8
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
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5th Sunday after Pentecost
 9a—Worship
 1p—Maranatha
 2 3
 11:30a—Board of Education
 6p—Maranatha
 2 4
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 2 5
 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha
 2 6
 2 7
 2 8
 2 9

6th Sunday after Pentecost
 9a—Contemporary Worship
 1p—Maranatha
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 10a—Bible Study
 6p—Maranatha