

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVICES:

Saturday Worship 6:30pm Sunday Worship 9:00am

Communion at most services

411 - 3rd Ave. NE Little Falls, MN 56345 **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am-noon

Office: 320-632-5792

Email: zionlf@yahoo.com

Website: zionlf.com

PASTOR:

Rev. Gary Hendrickson

320-360-9617

Chosen Ones

Colossians 3:12-14(ESV) ¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Some years ago, recruiters from the Army, Navy, and Marines were invited to make a presentation at a local high school to the students who might be considering a military vocation when they graduated. The day of the presentation arrived, and all the students were gathered in the auditorium. The principal told the three presenters that each would be given 15 minutes to share the information regarding their branch of the military. The presenters from both the Army and the Navy went beyond their allotted 15 minutes. The principal whispered to the Marine, "I'm sorry, but you only have two minutes."

The Marine in rigid military style marched up to the podium. He took a few moments to survey the students who were gathered there that day. Then after making that observation, he made this announcement: "There are two or three of you who would do well in the Marines. If you are one of them, stop by and see me in the hallway after this is over. In curtly military style, he did an about-face and marched back to his chair and sat down. The Marine recruiter was mobbed in the hallway following the auditorium presentations. A few did talk with the recruiters from the Army and Navy, but most of those interested in a military career wanted to be "One of the few and one of the proud." They wanted to be Marines.

It's natural for us to want to be one "elite" group or another. Apparently, the Army and Navy recruiters made it sound like everyone was welcome to join their group. However, the Marine made the inference that they were only looking for the best. Many of us see ourselves as pretty much the "cream of the crop" when it comes to comparisons with others. We don't want to be one of the last ones selected when members are being chosen to form an athletic team. No, we want to be one of the first ones chosen.

My Fifth-Grade teacher was Mrs. Collins. For singing, she had the best singers sitting in the back of the class and the poorer singers sitting in the front. The was a normal practice where I went to school; so being a poor singer, I was used to sitting right up front in singing class. But Mrs. Collins put me way in the back. Naturally when we sang, I only mouthed the words and didn't really sing. But I felt a certain amount of pride and pleasure sitting in the back of the class with all the good singers. My pretending to sing went well until Mrs. Collins asked me to sing something one day. Fear of being laughed at stopped me from opening my mouth. Because of my reluctance to sing, Mrs. Collins moved me from the back of the class, where all the good singers were, to the very front, with the rest of the poorer singers. She moved me so far forward that I was sitting on the floor in front of all the desks. And whenever our class had music for the next month, that's where I sat. For me, sitting on the floor was less embarrassing than opening my mouth to sing.

For much of my life, I certainly didn't feel like one of God's Chosen Ones. Oh, I prayed every night and went to worship every now and then, but I felt more like someone hanging on by my fingernails rather than a Chosen One. I felt more like I was pretending to belong rather than having the assurance of being Chosen by God. In my mind, closeness with God was enjoyed only by a very select few—pastors and a few other religious leaders. The rest of us were "hangerons." We were in a group that wanted to end up in heaven, but for us it was a "hope" rather than a "never doubting assurance." In retrospect, I now believe that evil one and his agents had somehow convinced me that I didn't measure up when it came to being one of God's Chosen Ones.

No one can "measure up" to God's standard of perfection. No one except Jesus. He measures up just fine. And He shared His "measuring up" with me (and all who believe) to provide me with assurance I needed to believe and accept that I am one of God's Chosen Ones. I was chosen (just as you are) by God's grace and mercy extended to all believers through the salvation providing efforts of Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection have redeemed me (and you, too) from sin, death, and the devil. Now I know I am one of the Chosen Ones—all because of Jesus. Without embarrassment, I can sing out praises to my Lord, my God, my King—and so can you!



WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, January 3, 10, and 24 at 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Monday Morning Weekly Bible study on Isaiah will meet on Mondays, January 3 (Lesson #10), January 10 (Lesson #11), and January 24 (Lesson #12) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will NOT meet on January 31.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m.

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study, "His Faithfulness to All Generations" is found on p. 18 of the Winter 2021 LWQ. Hope you can join us!

ZLW MEETING

The ZLW will meet on Monday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The 2022 budget will be set at this meeting, so please join us. *The ZLW is Zion's local connection to the LWML*.

MITE BOXES

Remember that you can return your filled Mite Boxes to church at any time, and then take another Mite Box to fill. Because of your generous donations to mites, we can share the Gospel throughout the world. Many Mites = Many Missions!



QUILTS

The Quilts in the Fellowship Hall are for sale.

If you would like to purchase a quilt, please make a check out to Zion Lutheran Church and note "for ZLW" in the memo area.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Stewardship Corner

The Hard Goodbye

A few summers ago, our kids asked if we could raise baby chicks. Truth be told, I had wanted chickens for a while. The problem was, we lived in a neighborhood that had a no-chicken policy. We knew it would be difficult to convince our neighborhood homeowners' association to change the policy, but we decided to give it a try.

We explained our plan to the kids, We would go ahead and get chicks, but we had to convince the homeowners' association to let us keep them before they were big enough to move outside. If we weren't successful, at eight weeks old they would go to live in the country with a friend.

The kids were on board, and a couple of days later we picked up four adorable one-day-old chicks. Of course, it didn't take eight weeks to fall in love with chickens. By day one, we were all in. We held them constantly, letting them sleep on us while we read books or watched movies at night. We learned their individual personalities, each of us bonding with one of them. We watched them explore the outdoors for the first time, get their first bug, and then come to snuggle up and rest on our laps, Every night, the kids prayed we would be able to keep our chicks.

Sadly, however, after eight weeks of petitioning and pleading, our HOA was unmoved. We had to say goodbye. There were so many tears.

What we didn't know was that by closing this door, God would open our eyes to an opportunity He had for us that we otherwise would have missed. He said no to our prayers because He had something better in mind. A few months later, we moved out to a homestead where out family thrived. . . alongside a whole flock of chickens.

Thank you, Lord, that Your ways are higher than ours. Thank you that we can trust Your plans for us and that we can have peace, knowing Your are in control. Amen.

American Heart Association BLS CPR Class: February 17, 2022

Presented by Evangelism Committee for Members and the Community

American Heart 2-year certification for lay people/teachers/ health care workers

Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 5:30pm-9:00pm at Zion Lutheran * Teen-Adult welcome

\$30 fee collected at the class * Classes offered again Thursday, May 12, 2022

Registration: call Zion Lutheran: 320-632-5792 or E-mail: ZionLF@yahoo.com

SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2022

A special Voter's Assembly Meeting has been called for Sunday, January 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to select one of the pastoral candidates to place a call to. The Call Committee has narrowed the call list down to a Prime Call List of three candidates and ranked them below.

- 1. Rev. Jordan McKinley, Vallonia, IN
- 2. Rev. Andrew Johnson, Manilla, IA
- 3. Rev. Todd Bunge, Polk City, IA

The communicant members of Zion have until **January 15, 2022**, to file a valid objection to any candidate on the Prime Call List. The objection must be in writing and submitted to Carol Prozinski (mail to the church office or hand deliver). If such an objection is made and deemed to be valid, then the name of the candidate in question shall be removed from the Prime Call List.

Characterizations and qualifications of each candidate will be available for the Voters at the Special Voters Assembly Meeting on January 23, 2022.

Please pray for God's guidance in this decision and pray for the candidates and their families.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT! Once again, your Christmas spirit has overwhelmed me and brought joy to my heart. You have reminded me of the goodness, kindness, and unselfishness the Lord has placed in your hearts. You've made me a member of your church family and made me a part of your Christian lives. Your generosity and willingness to share was exemplified again this past quasipandemic Christmas Season with the cards, gifts, well-wishes, and personal greetings you shared with me. As I observe your God-given faith being put into practice, I am reminded of the goodness, graciousness, and love of our Lord. May the perfect qualities and attributes of Jesus continue to be evident in your lives for everyone to see and experience. My faith is uplifted by being a member of Jesus' family here at Zion Lutheran Church. Pastor Hendrickson



Draft December 13, 2021 Zion Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order by Vice-President Barb Jelinski at 6:31pm

Attendance: Barb Jelinski, Vice-President; Carol Prozinski, President; Ellen Kalahar, Treasurer; George Booth, Evangelism; Keith Schumann, Trustee; Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary; Marlyn Poppen, Stewardship; Sheldon Prozinski, Elder; Non-voting Participants: Rev. Gary Hendrickson, Pastor; Peter Keyes, Director of Christian Outreach (DCO)

Devotions – Carol P: In the 16th century, Christians could not practice faith openly so there were two levels of meaning to the song "12 days of Christmas" * My true love is God *The partridge is Jesus * Two doves represent the Old and New Testament * and so on

January devotions: Marilyn H

AGENDA - additions: Installation of Officers and Steeple Dedication * Keith S motioned to

accept amended agenda * Ellen K 2nd * motion passed

Minutes November council meeting - Carol P motioned to accept * Keith S 2nd * motion passed

Pastor Hendrickson's Report -

- Few homebound visited last month due to pastor illness and Covid at the LF Care Center
- Next Pastors Circuit Meeting to be held at Zion on January 4th
- Junior Confirmation * no class December 22 or 29
- Adult Confirmation * October-February * No class December 21 or 28
- Worship readings, sermon & prayer requests sent regularly via e-mail

Transfers in and out - none

DCO Report – Peter K:

- He found volunteer replacements for some of his duties * Caroline Harrison will manage the church website * Amanda Dawson will become Facebook administrator * Thanks!
- Supplies reviewed with new janitor, Chris Roe * Ellen K will get him a church credit card
- Supplies restocked

(We will really miss Peter and Marci * A special reception was held last Sunday)

Financial Reports – Ellen K:

- November income/expenses fell short
- YTD overall positive cash flow is \$ 6,278
- November building fund from offering/memorials/Thrivent totaled \$6,698
- Building fund donations must be designated * Also, there is a place on the offering envelope to designate money toward the building fund

Board Reports

Elders – Sheldon P:

- Elders have a 3-month schedule * Elders helped with Chicks for Bricks
- No communion at 6:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- Pastor submitted vacation request for the month of July

Trustees - Keith S:

- Steeple with Cross was installed on the roof Dec 10th * Manger scene set up outside
- Discussed putting an article and picture in the newspaper about the new steeple
- New trustee, Dean Harrison, was appointed and will be voted in at the Voters meeting

Trustees - continued

- Insulated the back hallway * Lights cleaned in the sanctuary consider LED in future
- Keith S will let Fire Dept know that he is the new contact if the fire alarm goes off

Youth / Education – no report

Stewardship – Marlyn P:

- Door offering: December Building fund * Carol P will speak details in December
- Special Door Offering Dec. 25 & 26: for LCMS Disaster Relief & US tornado victims
- Door offering: January Military Bible Sticks

Evangelism – George B

- Wooden outdoor mini library arrived and the bench frame is here * Both were shown to the council *
 Installation by trustees will occur in the spring * Stored in Peter's office
- 18 Christmas gift shoe boxes were filled and returned
- 40 tags were placed on the Giving Tree in the narthex
- Christmas gift basket was donated for Fishing Museum fund raiser
- Peter updated the slide show with Bible verses for Chicks for Bricks meal
- Still looking for a volunteer to interview members and take a picture
- American Heart BLS Provider Manual available in the Church Library under Health
- Next American Heart Association BLS/CPR class scheduled for February 17
- Red Cross Blood drive still scheduled for April 21st. Masks required
- Polka Praise Services confirmed and scheduled May 1st and September 25, 2022

Old Business:

1.Steeple update -

- Steeple to be dedicated during worship December 18 & 19 * The congregation will celebrate again in the spring with food
- We have additional bills for the steeple due to extra roof prep and we may need to do a fund raiser for the additional costs
- Thanks to
 - o Carol P and Sheldon P for getting it from Texas and keeping it in their yard
 - Keith S for taking the workers out to lunch during the installation process
 - Peter K for cleaning the steeple
 - o Matt Rausch for letting us keep the steeple on his trailer till installation
 - CGI for all the work they did * Keith S will arrange \$25 bakery gift for the group

2. Pastoral Call update -

- Zion Call Committee met with Rev Rehwaldt and ranked top 3 available call candidates
- Information about these candidates to be shared with the congregation at a special Voters Meeting Jan 23rd at 1pm
- We will vote on the candidates Jan 23 and extend a call
- Special Voters Meeting is set up at 1pm because Rev. Rehwaldt is not available sooner

- 3. **Center Shot** no report
- 4. Members 360: Carol P and Barb Johnson plan to finish by the annual January meeting
- 5. Janitor will be Cris Roe and Website Coordinator will be Caroline Harrison
- 6. Robe Cleaning Elders will follow up * Will consider purchasing another elder robe
- 7. 2022 Budget -
 - Council had general discussion regarding 2022 budget
 - Sheldon motioned to give a 3% cost of living raise for church employees * Keith 2nd * topic discussed *
 Motion carried * This recommendation will be presented for a vote at the January Voters meeting
 - Parsonage budget to be determined after Peter leaves * Peter's leaving is detained due to unexpected delay
 in future housing
- 8. End of Year Reports All boards need to send reports for the Annual Report Publication

It was noted that Chicks for Bricks served about 200 on Dec 9 & \$3,400 went to building fund

Noted that the kitchen microwave is hard to use and needs a manual

New Business:

- 1. Thrivent Choice Dollars: how to designate funds will be published in newsletter/bulletin
- 2. Installation of Church Officers will be during worship Saturday Jan 8 and Sunday Jan 9

Adjourn the meeting – motion made by Keith S * Marlyn P 2nd * Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm followed by the Lord's Prayer

Upcoming meetings and important dates:

Christmas Eve Worship – Friday, December 24 – 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship – Saturday, December 25 – 9:00 a.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Draft of minutes reviewed by Vice-President Barb Jelinski

Draft of council minutes distributed to council members, newsletter, and church website

Draft of council minutes submitted for final approval at January 2022 council meeting

Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Choice Dollars accrued in 2021 are available to be directed from January through March of 2022. Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed each year, or they are forfeited. The church council has all Thrivent Choice Dollars being applied to our Building Fund to reduce our Fellowship Hall loan debt. We appreciate members designating Zion for your Choice Dollars. This can be done by:

Calling Thrivent client services at 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say 'Thrivent Choice.'
 Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars and a representative will work with you to do so.

or

Go on-line to Thrivent.com and log-in to your account

Under the 'Welcome' click 'Membership Overview' tab Scroll down the page to Thrivent Choice '2021 Choice Dollars'

Click on 'Direct Choice Dollars' which will bring you to a new page showing how many 2021 Choice Dollars you have to direct. If you've directed to Zion Lutheran Church in the past, it will be on your screen already. Choose 'Direct All' and click 'Direct Now'. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTING MINISTRY

At an Evangelism Committee meeting a while back, someone brought up the idea that we should be highlighting various members of our church. The thought being that this would not only show appreciation for our members, but also that others would get to know them by reading a brief writeup about them. We used to do this for new members. It is a ministry that needs someone to take on.

With the advent of smart phones, it is easy to get a picture of someone that could be used in our Newsletter. The picture, along with some general information about that person (or a family) would be published in our monthly Newsletter. I would like to see at least one person/family highlighted each month. (However, we are not limited to only one.)

This could be a great way for you to get to know a little more about our members and for them to get to know you better. Most of our members would greatly enjoy seeing a fellow Zionite featured in our Newsletter. And, to be quite honest, most of us would enjoy being the one highlighted.

I would be glad to help you get started as you ponder the ideas the Lord places in your mind and heart for this in-reach ministry. Information to be included in our next Newsletter is due in the church office on the 20th of each month.

Let me know if this appreciated ministry is something that you would like to take on as you personally serve your Lord with your time and talents. You can contact me with any questions you may have at the church office, 320-632-5797, my cell 320-360-9617, or see me after one of the worship services. *Pastor Gary Hendrickson*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Fellowship Hour following our church service provides a time to extend conversations and build relationships with families, friends and visitors. This is a valuable time of bonding in our church. Volunteers are needed to bring treats (cookies, bars, muffins or donuts etc.) if we are to continue this ministry. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the office. If you can bring something but are unable to serve, please note it on the sheet and we will find someone to serve for you. If

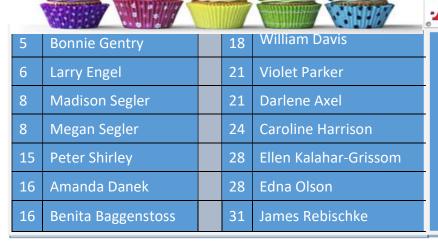


you have questions about serving, please contact Vonn Rausch (320) 630-9752





JANUARY



No January
Anniversaries

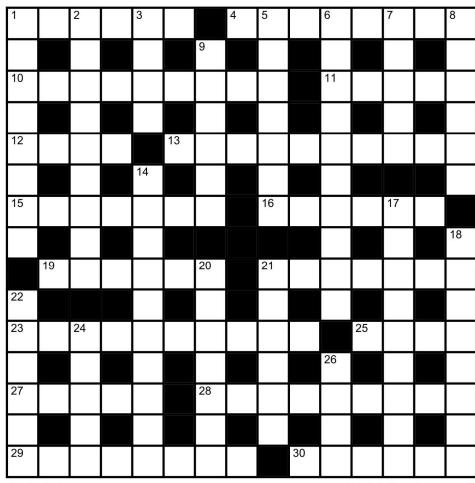
ANNIVERSARY

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a _____ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)



by Philologus

© BiblePuzzles.org.uk

- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...'
 (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)

- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

WORSHIP SERVANTS						
JANUARY		ELDER	USHERS	READER	ORGANIST	Acolyte
1	Com	Mike Gohl	Marie Holey	Jennifer Hanson	Carol Prozinski	
2	Com	Sheldon Prozinski	Eugene Doucette Dennis Hollermann	Barb Jelinski	Carol Prozinski	Emma Bohnsack
8	Com	Greg Rausch	Mike Beseman	Colleen Duncan	Carol Prozinski	
9	Com	Jerry Knafla	Harvey Axel	Katie Schumann	Carol Prozinski	Abigail Dawson
15	Com	Greg Rausch	Julie Dancer	Colleen Duncan	Carol Prozinski	
16	Com	Craig Bohnsack	Marcel Bellefeuille	Kayla Bohnsack	Carol Prozinski	Jonathan Dickmann
22	Com	Chris Roe	Angie Watnaas	Sheldon Prozinski	Carol Prozinski	
Blended 23	Com	Mike Gohl	Ben Messinger	Amanda Dawson	Carol Prozinski	Dain Pauly
Hymn Sing 29	Com	Craig Bohnsack	Wayne & Bing Ganz	Mike Gohl	Carol Prozinski	
Hymn Sing 30	Com	Jerry Knafla	Peter Shirley	Jerry Knafla	Carol Prozinski	Emma Bohnsack

BIBLE CROSSWORD I - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 10 Ephesians, 11 Cubit, 12 Rare, 13 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 19 Agreed, 21 Torches, 23 Atonements, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.

Down: 1 Shearers, 2 Exhorting, 3 East, 5 Passion, 6 Enchanters, 7 Rabbi, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psaltery, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 26 Asia.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

JANUARY 2022

Zion Lutheran Church Jan 2022 (Central Time - Chicago) Fri Sun Mon Sat 27 1 26 30 31 Blended Service 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Worship 9am - Worship 4 5 6 7 8 9am - Worship 9am - Womens Bible Circuit Mtg @ Zion 9am - Quilters Install Officials 5pm - Elders 6pm - Adult Class 6:30pm - Board of ED 6:30pm - Worship 7pm - Evangelism 6:30pm - Jr. Conf 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Install Officials 9am - Women's Bible 6pm - Adult Class 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Worship 9am - Worship 1pm - Stewardship 6:30pm - Jr. Conf 5:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Council Mtg 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 9am - Quilters 9am - Door Offering 9am - LWQ 6pm - Adult Class 6:30pm - Worship 10am - ZLW 9am - Worship 6:30pm - Jr. Conf 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 Blended Service 9am - Women's Bible 6pm - Adult Class 9am - Quilters Hymn sing 6:30pm - Worship 9am - Worship 6:30pm - Jr. Conf 1pm - Call Mtg 30 31 2 3 4 5 Hymn sing 9am - Women's Bible 6pm - Adult Class 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Worship 9am - Worship 6:30pm - Board of ED 10:30am - Voters' Mtg 6:30pm - Jr. Conf