



FEBRUARY 2022

NEWSLETTER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVICES:

Saturday Worship 6:30pm

Sunday Worship 9:00am

Communion at most services

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OFFICE HOURS

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Ready or Not!

Mark 13:13^b(ESV) But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

There are many verses contained in the Bible dealing with Judgment Day. These references also inform us to be ready for that Day—because it is surely coming! A pastor was preaching on that topic one Sunday. He warned his congregation of the Biblical predictions of what was to happen as that day approached: “there will be wars and rumors of wars, famines and earthquakes, the stars will fall out of the sky.” The pastor went on to ask, “Will you be ready? What will you want on that day?” Little horrified Johnny tugged at his mom’s elbow and boldly stated, “I know what I’d want. I’d want the Board of Education to cancel school that day.”

Many folks have heard about Judgment Day; yet, that event doesn’t get a lot of attention. We all know it’s coming, but, most likely, not in our lifetimes. And so, thinking about, or planning for, Judgment Day is not one of our top priorities. For anyone living under the Law, that event is too scary and too uncertain to think about comfortably. Many would prefer not to think about that event at all. For those living under Grace, this is simply another event on God’s calendar of things yet to happen. It will be a day of absolute divine justice and all-encompassing divine grace.

I’ve heard that psychologists say that people often deny that which they fear the most. If that’s true, it would tend to explain why many folks are uncomfortable talking about death. Death certainly is the great exclusionist. When we die, we are automatically excluded from everything that is familiar to us. Perhaps that helps explain why some folks say that they believe that there is nothing after we die. “We live; we die; and that’s it.” Because they fear what an afterlife might be like for them, they simply reject its existence. And the same would likely be true then for those who reject the existence of hell. These folks find it more satisfying to believe that everyone goes on to a pleasant hereafter. Denying something’s existence doesn’t make that thing nonexistent—except in someone’s deluded mind.

I’ve often heard, and you probably have as well, when I encourage someone to return to worship, these words, “I believe.” Oh, there are often some other disclaimers like, “Sunday is the only day that I get to sleep in, I’m just so busy, I’ll try,” or some other phrase that attempts to excuse their infrequent worship attendance. I’ve tried explaining that the devil also believes and that he isn’t going to be in heaven. Occasionally, that is effective, but not always. Often, I’ll ask what they believe, and then I’ll listen to what they have to say. Every now and then, in so many words, the person will tell me that they believe Jesus died for their sins. That confession always gladdens my heart. But all too often, they’ll respond with some facts about Jesus. Sadly, it’s faith that saves—not facts alone.

There is something that any believer misses with his/her infrequent worship attendance. And that’s the Lord’s Supper—Communion. Jesus Himself reminds us that we are to eat His body and drink His blood in remembrance of Him. Martin Luther states, “Christ instituted this Sacrament for weak and struggling sinners like us, to draw us to Himself and to strengthen our faith in Him.” Endure to the end and be saved. God helps us to be faithful all the days of our lives. Jesus will be returning, “Ready or Not!”



WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, February 7, 14, and 28 at 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Monday Morning Weekly Bible study on Isaiah will finish up on Monday, February 7 (Lesson #13) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On Mondays, February 14 and February 28 we will begin a new study on 1 and 2 Thessalonians. These letters, written by Paul, are God's thoughts on the Antichrist, the second coming of Christ, and the encouragement of believers during persecution. YOU are welcome to join us as we learn together.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m.

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study, "Setting Our Focus" is found on p. 20 of the Winter 2021 LWQ. Hope you can join us!

ZLW MEETING

Monday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.

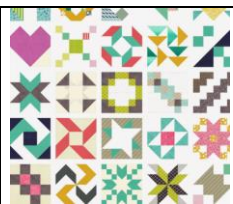
The ZLW will meet on Monday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for upcoming events will be made, so please join us. *The ZLW is Zion's local connection to the LWML.*

MITE BOXES

In 2021, \$722.94 was collected through the Mite boxes at Zion. These monies were donated to help fulfill the mission grants selected by the District and National LWML. Thank you to all that helped fill the Mite boxes. Mite boxes are available for anyone to take and fill, so let's collect even more mites in 2022. Many Mites = Many Missions!

FYI . . . LENTEN SUPPERS

Lent begins next month with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Lenten suppers are being planned for each Wednesday during Lent. Watch for specific information!



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.

Get to know Zion members: Brought to you by the Evangelism Committee

This months feature is on the **Zion Church Council Executive Board:**

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary

The Executive Board was asked to respond to the following questions:

- 1) Give a sentence about what you do in your council position.
- 2) Describe a time when you felt God's presence in your life.
- 3) Tell something about yourself that nobody in the congregation knows about.
- 4) Name a couple of things you like to do.
- 5) What city was your high school in?



Carol Prozinski
Zion Council President

I provide leadership for the council; working as a team to reach our goals. I preside at Voters Assembly meetings. Though I often feel God working in my life, I am most keenly aware of his presence in the peace and beauty of nature. For a week, twice a year, my family goes to fish and camp at Voyager's National Park. We go by boat to remote isolated campsites. I like to cook – especially new recipes. My high school was all the way in Royalton, MN!



Barb Jelinski
Council Vice-President

I prepare the agenda and preside at the council meetings. I assist the president and fill-in in her absence. I feel God's presence in my life when I am walking alone in our woods, enjoying the beauty of his creation. I like eating cookies made from melted chocolate chips mixed with cornflakes and chopped walnuts. It's a Christmas treat to me! I like to sit in the sunshine (anywhere) and read a book. I like to go out to lunch with family or friends. I went to high school in Henning, MN



Ellen Kalahar-Grissom
Church Treasurer

I prepare the financial report each month for the church council. God's presence is in my life daily. There are so many things to be grateful and thankful for. I have been blessed with many wonderful friendships. I was baptized and confirmed at Zion. I was manager for FedEx Express in St. Cloud for 32 years until retirement. I enjoy all types of gardening. I completed the U of M Master Gardener program in December 2020. I went to high school in Little Falls.

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Peggy Dolney
Financial Secretary

I count the money the church receives, deposit it into the bank, and share information with the treasurer to make sure it goes into the appropriate accounts. I feel God's presence every day. He has taken care of me through many trials and has blessed me in many ways. After Graduating high school, I attended Vocational school in St. Cloud to become a secretary. I love to read, play piano, and spend time with my grandsons. I went to high school in Little Falls.



Marilyn Husby
Recording Secretary

I take minutes at the Zion Council Meetings and at the Voters Assembly. I know God listens to my prayers. I feel so close to Him when He answers prayers and when He opens doors to serve Him. I have driven over 257,000 miles in my orange car. I enjoy playing pickleball and rock climbing. I went to high school in Duluth, MN.

Draft Zion Council Meeting Monday, January 10, 2022

Attendance: Barb Jelinski, Vice-President; Bonnie Gentry, Stewardship; Carol Prozinski, President; Ellen Kalahar, Treasurer; George Booth, Evangelism; Keith Schumann, Trustee; Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary; Sheldon Prozinski, Elder; Non-voting Participants: Rev. Gary Hendrickson, Pastor

Call to order by Vice-President Barb Jelinski at 6:30p

Devotions – Marilyn H: Cold is absence of heat * Dark is absence of light *

God did not create evil * Evil is the absence of God

- February devotions: Sheldon P

Agenda: Keith S motioned approval * Bonnie G 2nd * Motion passed

Minutes December council meeting: Carol P motioned approval * Keith S 2nd * Motion passed

Pastor Hendrickson's Report:

- Homebound members visited
- Next Pastor's circuit meeting February 1, at Messiah in Sartell * January meeting was cancelled due to conflicts and Covid infections
- Junior Confirmation * 4 attending * Classes conclude February 16 * Statements of Faith essays will be shared with congregation before Easter
- Adult confirmation Class * 2 attending * Classes conclude in February
- Worship Readings, Sermon and Prayer Requests sent regularly via e-mail
- **Lenten Worship Services:**
Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, Imposition of Ashes & Communion
Midweek services on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, & April 6th
Palm Sunday, April 10th, Confirmation with Communion

Maundy Thursday on April 14th with Communion
Good Friday on April 15th – no Communion
No Saturday evening worship on April 16th
Easter Sunrise @ 6:30 a.m. on April 17th with Communion
Regular Easter @ 9:00 a.m. on April 17th with Communion

Transfers in and out - none

Financial Reports – Ellen Kalahar:

- All bills regarding the steeple have been paid
- December offering income was \$4,468 over budget
- YTD we are \$2577 over budget in offering income
- Monthly contributions:
Door Offerings: \$442 for disaster relief * \$759 building fund
Build fund: Memorials \$840 * Chicks for Bricks \$3,403
Youth Fund: * \$328 offering * \$345 Cookie/Soup Jars
Seward and Sons Construction Company Steeple price reduction donation: \$500

Wish List – Carol/Barb: in discussion but no report

Board Reports

Elders – Sheldon P:

- Chris Roe is the new janitor * Chris is also back on the Elder rotation
- Elders will help with Chicks for Bricks.

Trustees – Keith S:

- Ordered new LED lights for the steeple
- Parsonage: Will determine upgrading needs and present to council for approval
- Snowblower needs repair
- Giving thank you/ bakery gift cards to CGI and to Matt Rausch for extended trailer use

Youth / Education – no report

Stewardship – Bonnie G

- Door offering:
February - Lutheran Hour Ministries * March - Morrison County Food shelf
- Stewardship is looking for more to join the committee * Please consider
- Thanked Carol P for building fund presentation * Information to go in the Annual Report

Evangelism – George Booth

- Caroline Harrison will do the weekly website updates – Thank you!
- Council members will be featured in the next 2 newsletters
- Working with trustees to prepare the outdoor/free library & outdoor bench
- Next American Heart CPR class is on Feb 19th from 5:30-9pm * Hope members sign up
- Imagination Library sends free monthly books to any child living in Morrison County age 0-5years *
Registration forms are on the Zion Community Board near the narthex
- Pastor Mendedo from Bible Translators will be coming again * date not yet finalized
- Blood Drive: Scheduled for April 21,2022 * Masks required

Old Business:

1. Pastoral Call Update: Congregational meeting called January 23, 1pm, Fellowship Hall

- Candidates will be reviewed, and a paper ballot vote will be called
- Pastor information given will not be public
- Rev Rehwaldt will oversee the meeting
- Keith S will make the coffee!

2. Center Shot - Caroline Harrison will follow up

3. Members 360 - Project completed * Now is a better tool * 153-member directory is updated per household with phone numbers, addresses and emails * Annual report will be printed this week Friday * Need submissions from Evangelism, Stewardship, Trustees and Treasurer

4. Robe Cleaning: Pastor took care of this

5. **2022 Budget:** Budget is not ready for approval tonight * Ellen will meet with Barb and Carol * A short council meeting will be called to review the budget and vote to present the budget at the upcoming Voters meeting January 30th

New Business:

1. Paying Down Building Loan Principal –

We have \$37,000 in the building fund * Keith S motioned to pay \$25,000 toward principal as has been done in the past. Bonnie 2nd * Motion passed * Payments stay same, but length of loan is decreased

2. Agenda for Voter's Meeting on January 30:

Pastoral update * 2022 budget approval * Vote on additional board member

3. **Chicks for Bricks** – set for February 10 * Elders will be assisting Carol P * Looking for volunteers * meal is 5-7pm * Take outs available after 6pm

4. **Lenten Dinners** – served 5-5:45pm * Worship 6:30pm * Ash Wednesday, March 2 * Elders will serve a meal the 9th * Trustees the 16th * Evangelism/stewardship March 23rd * Will also ask ZLW, Board of Ed, and Council to serve a meal * Will consider adding an Easter breakfast

5. **Parsonage upgrades**- consider fund raisers

6. **Little Falls Directory** – consider placing a larger ad this year * Deadline Feb 4th

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

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

***Following the meeting, Pastor took individual pictures of Zion's Church President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary * Will get financial secretary picture later

Upcoming meetings and important dates:

Special Voter's Assembly Pastoral Call Meeting – Sunday, January 23, 2022 – 1:00pm

Voter's Assembly Meeting – Sunday, January 30, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

***Following the February council meeting, a picture of Zion Board representatives from the Elders, Trustees, Youth/Education, Stewardship, and Evangelism will be taken

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 February 2022 council meeting

Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary

Draft 1/16/2022 Special Church Council Meeting

Attendance: Barb Jelinski, Vice-President; Carol Prozinski, President; Ellen Kalahar, Treasurer; George Booth, Evangelism; Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary; Marlyn Poppen, Stewardship; Peggy Dolney, Financial Secretary; Sheldon Prozinski, Elder

Call to order by Barb Jelinski at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: Finalize 2022 budget recommendations for the January 30th Voters Assembly
Determine Council recommendation for Use of Payroll Protection Plan funds

2022 Budget:

- Includes ½ year with part time pastor and ½ year with full time pastor
- Ellen explained that some budget items were redirected to other categories
- Total Property expenses increased \$7,749 due to upcoming parsonage upgrades
- Utility expenses are budgeted to increase \$900 due to increase in utility costs
- Council approved a 2022 wage increase of 3%
- Peggy D motioned to add \$500 to the Education Budget for some type of Vacation Bible School Activity * Carol P 2nd * Motion passed * Barb J will inform Education Committee
- Total Steeple costs so far are \$16,270 * Awaiting bill for new LED lighting that was ordered * All money donated to the steeple was used for the steeple * Thanks to the generosity of contributors, only some of the Payroll Protection Plan money was used to supplement the steeple costs

Carol P made a motion for Zion Council to recommend that Voters Assembly accept the Zion total 2022 budget of \$177,685 * Peggy D 2nd * Motion passed

Payroll Protection Plan: \$12,489 remains in the fund * (awaiting bill for steeple LED lights)

Sheldon P made a motion for Council to recommend that Voters Assembly re-designate remaining Payroll Protection Plan money and use the money for parsonage upgrades * Ellen K 2nd * Motion passed

Additional discussions:

- Additional fundraisers (like Sunday breakfasts) may be needed to pay for all parsonage upgrades * Keith left message that he would serve breakfast May 1st.
- Elders will follow up on including children's sermons on Sunday
- Sheldon will take attendance at Voters Assembly
- Peggy D will develop a spreadsheet for intermittent givers who do not use envelopes so they can be given a statement at the end of the year

- Paper ballots will be distributed at the Pastor Call meeting * attendance will be taken * Coffee and tea will be served

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer

Draft of minutes reviewed by Vice-President Barb Jelinski

Draft of council minutes distributed to council members

Draft of special council meeting minutes submitted for approval at Feb 2022 council meeting

Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary

Draft Special Voters Assembly Meeting to call a pastor

Sunday January 23, 2022

Attendance: Attendance sheet on file * 29 voting members present * 2 nonvoting persons * Pastor Rehwaldt, our Circuit Visitor, oversaw the meeting (Formerly, he was referred to as the circuit counselor)

Called to order at 1:10pm by President Carol Prozinski

Devotions by Pastor Rehwaldt: Portals of Prayer from January 19th was referenced and included how pastors have some 18 hats to wear in addition to being competent as they proclaim the God breathed Word of God * Pastors need our prayers, and we need pastors to nurture our faith

Obtaining Candidates: Pastor Rehwaldt informed us how the candidate list is obtained

Review of Candidates: 2 candidates were proposed: Rev Jordan McKinley of Vallonia, Indiana and Rev. Todd Bunge of Polk City Iowa * Personal information about these 2 candidates was distributed to members present * Candidate answers to routine synod questions were reviewed * Members were given scratch paper if they wanted to write any notes * Per protocol all candidate personal information and answers to synod questions were later collected, counted, and will be shredded

Voting:

- After prayer and after discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken * Our constitution says it must be a unanimous vote * The first vote was not unanimous
- After more discussion, a 2nd vote was taken by standing up for a candidate * The vote was not unanimous
- After more discussion and prayer, a 3rd vote was taken, and all stood up indicating a **unanimous vote to call Rev. Todd Bunge to Zion Lutheran Church**

Meeting ended at 2:45pm: Pastor Rehwaldt led us in prayer, and we sang the doxology

Call to Pastor Bunge: Rev. Rehwaldt immediately made a phone call to Rev. Todd Bunge * Rev. Bunge said he is still available for a call and will get back to us with his decision * The Call Committee will send an official Call Document to Rev. Todd Bunge * Rev. Rehwaldt says a decision to accept a call is generally reached within 2-4 weeks

Draft of Voters Assembly minutes reviewed by President Carol Prozinski

Draft of Voters Assembly minutes distributed to council members, newsletter, and website

Draft of Voters Assembly minutes submitted for final approval at Jan 30th Voters Assembly

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.



Church Bulletin Bloopers

**THE FASTING &
PRAYER
CONFERENCE
INCLUDES MEALS**

**Next Thursday there will
be tryouts for the choir.
They need all the help
they can get.**

The sermon this morning:
'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight:
'Searching for Jesus

Remember in prayer the many
who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love.

Say 'Hell' to someone who
doesn't care much about you

Ladies, don't forget the rummage
sale. It's a chance to get rid of
those things not worth keeping
around the house.

Bring your husbands.

CHICKS FOR BRICKS

Thursday, February 10th 5-7pm

Zion Lutheran Church

411 3rd Ave NE, Little Falls



Chicken – Ham – Mashed Potatoes - Stuffing – Gravy
Vegetables – Dinner Rolls – Dessert & Beverage

For your safety, service will be buffet style, but we will serve you!

Proceeds go to our new Fellowship Hall debt reduction

\$10.00 per person suggested donation

FEBRUARY



5	Charlotte Peterson	13	Benjamin Messinger
6	Jodi Leyk	14	Nancy Christensen
7	Abigail Dawson	14	Julie Dancer
10	Susan Heitland	14	Karen Dickmann
10	Clifford Segler	17	Wayne Ganz
10	John Walter	21	Lois Johannes
11	Carol Prozinski	29	Thomas Brutscher

Jason & Tara Pauly on Feb 15th
Wayne & Bing Ganz on Feb 26

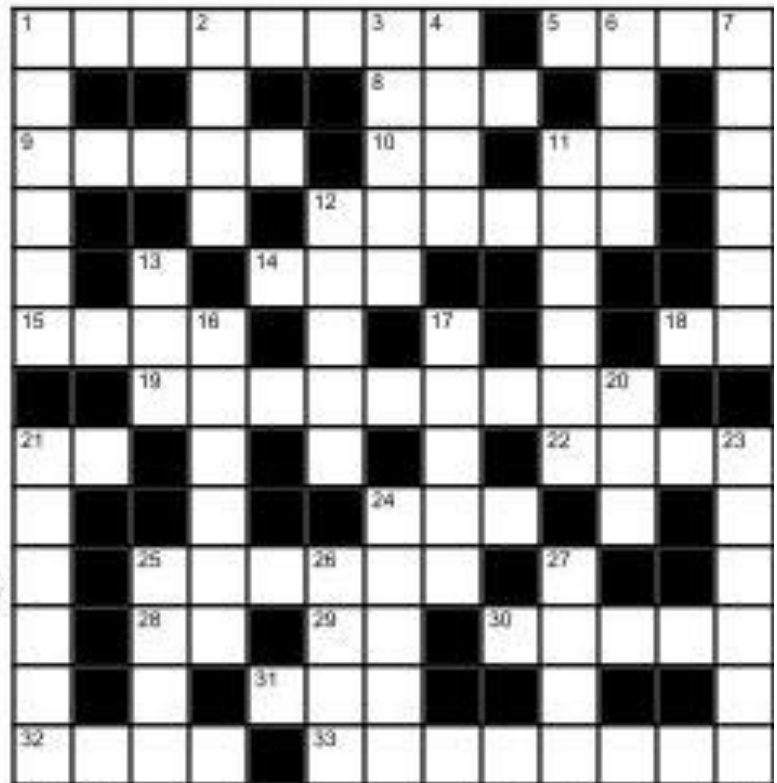
CREATION CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 The origin of life (8)
- 5 The gathering together of the waters were called these (4)
- 8 Made by a spider (3)
- 9 The trees were created on this day (5)
- 10 New Testament (abbreviated) (2)
- 11 To exist or occur (2)
- 12 This light was made to rule the night (6)
- 14 Atmosphere (3)
- 15 The first garden (4)
- 18 An undefined action or object (2)
- 19 One of the rivers originating in Eden (9)
- 21 Thus (2)
- 22 These were created on the fifth day (4)
- 24 The apostle John wrote with this (3)
- 25 The name of the firmament which God created (6)
- 28 In the year of our Lord (abbreviated) (2)
- 29 Alternatively (2)
- 30 The whales were created on this day (5)
- 31 Adam and Eve sewed leaves from this tree to make aprons (3)
- 32 Darkness was on the face of this before light was created (4)
- 33 God divided this from the light (8)

Down

- 1 These were created on the sixth day (6)
- 2 An area of land (4)
- 3 One who possesses (5)
- 4 Used to catch fish (4)
- 6 Always (4)



by Colin

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- 7 This moved on the face of the waters (6)
- 11 Faith (6)
- 12 God created this on the first day (5)
- 13 To observe (3)
- 16 Cared for babies or children (6)
- 17 Removed (5)
- 20 To scatter seed (3)
- 21 The firmament was created on this day (6)
- 23 Two of these appeared on the fourth day (6)
- 24 Paul visited here on his first journey (5)
- 25 To possess (4)
- 26 The earth was this in the beginning (4)
- 27 The sun was to be this in the sky (4)

Answer key on page 14

GOOD STORY

For those of you who don't listen to or read the Lutheran Hour sermon, here's the opening story the speaker used this morning:

Around a campfire when I was eight years old, I was caught up in my Uncle David's words. The way he told that story, if he had been fishing, I was hooked. Now, I don't remember all the details of it, but it started something like this. Late one night I was driving through the country in my old station wagon, returning home from a camping trip. The car's engine was giving me problems like usual. It seemed like it was about to die. I didn't want to get stranded out in the middle of nowhere, so I pull over at the only house around for miles. When the old farmer who lived there answered the door, I told him, "I'm sorry to bother you so late, sir, but my car is about to die. And I thought maybe I might be able to sleep in your barn tonight. And then tomorrow see about getting the car fixed."

The farmer said, "Don't make no difference to me." He escorted me into the barn. I unrolled my sleeping bag, set it down on the straw and was just about to get in it when the farmer says, "Well, if you're going to be staying in here, there's something I reckon you ought to see." Then he sweeps aside the straw on the old barn floor to reveal a trap door. He grabs the handle and pulls it up, *creeeek*. Under the trap door, there's a set of stairs leading down into the dark. I follow the farmer down the stairs, *squeak, squeak, squeak*. At the bottom of the stairs, there's a thick oak door with an iron bolt. He pulls the bolt back, *clunk*. He puts his shoulder into the door and gives a mighty heave, it swings open, *creeeek*. We walk through a dark tunnel and at the end of it, there's a steel vault. There's a padlock on the door, and the farmer unfastens the lock, *click*. He pulls open the door, *swoosh*. And inside the vault, there's a massive cage with solid steel bars thick as my wrist. And behind those bars there, I saw it, a heap of purple fur curled up in a ball. And I say to the farmer, "What is it?" And he says to me, "That there is a purple people eater." And then he looks me dead in the eyes and says, "Now, son, if you're going to stay here tonight, you got to promise me one thing, that you will not touch him. Understand?" "Yes sir," I say, "Yes, sir." "Good." And then we started back out of the vault through the tunnel, past the oak door, up the stairs, into the barn where he drops the trap door, *kerplunk*. And then he spread the straw over the door and returned to the house.

I lay down in my sleeping bag, but as you can imagine, I cannot fall asleep. My mind would not stop thinking about what I'd seen and wondering why the farmer said what he said. So when all was quiet, I get up, sweep the straw from the trap door, grab the handle and pull, *creeeek*. Down the stairs I go, *squeak, squeak, squeak*, slide the bolt, *clunk*, open the door, *creeeek*, through the tunnel, release the lock, *click*, open the vault, *swoosh*. And there he is, behind those bars curled up in a ball, fast asleep. And I reach my hand inside the cage and gently stroke his purple fur. He stirs awake, lifts his head, turns toward me with a hungry look in his cold black eyes. I stumble back as he rises to his full height filling the cage with his girth, eyes gleaming. So I turned and I ran out of there as quick as I could.

But when I get to the edge of the vault, I hear him let out a roar. I look back and I see him bending those solid steel bars as though they were tin cans. I slam the vault shut, click the lock, but he's right there behind me, rips the door right off the hinges. So, I run through the tunnel, slam the oak door shut, latch the bolt up to the barn, three stairs at a time, slam down the trap, as I hear him split the oak door like a stale pretzel. I run from the barn toward my station wagon, jump in the car, lock the doors, turn the key, but the engine won't start. And then I see a mass of purple fur crashing through the barn door, coming toward me. He tears the passenger door right from the car, casts it aside like a pistachio shell, and stares at me with that gleam in his eyes. And then he fishes his purple paw into the cab and says, "Tag, you're it."

WORSHIP SERVANTS

FEBRUARY		ELDER	USHERS	READER	ORGANIST	Acolyte
5	Com	Greg Rausch	Marie Holey	Jennifer Hanson	Carol Prozinski	
6	Com	Sheldon Prozinski	Eugene Doucette Dennis Hollermann	Barb Jelinski	Carol Prozinski	Abigail Dawson
12	Com	Chris Roe	Peter Shirley	Sheldon Prozinski	Carol Prozinski	
13	Com	Jerry Knafla	Harvey Axel	Katie Schumann	Carol Prozinski	Jonathan Dickmann
19	Com	Jerry Knafla	Julie Dancer	Jerry Knafla	Carol Prozinski	
20	Com	Mike Gohl	Marcel Bellefeuille	Amanda Dawson	Carol Prozinski	Dain Pauly
26	Com	Greg Rausch	Mike Beseman	Sheldon Prozinski	Carol Prozinski	
Blended 27	Com	Craig Bohnsack	Ben Messinger	Kayla Bohnsack	Carol Prozinski	Emma Bohnsack

CREATION CROSSWORD - SOLUTION

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Across: 1 Creation, 5 Seas, 8 Web, 9 Third, 10 NT, 11 Be, 12 Lesser, 14 Air, 15 Eden, 18 It, 19 Euphrates, 21 So, 22 Fowl, 24 Pen, 25 Heaven, 28 Ad, 29 Or, 30 Fifth, 31 Fig, 32 Deep, 33 Darkness.

Down: 1 Cattle, 2 Acre, 3 Owner, 4 Nets, 6 Ever, 7 Spirit, 11 Belief, 12 Light, 13 See, 16 Nursed, 17 Taken, 20 Sow, 21 Second, 23 Lights, 24 Perga, 25 Have, 26 Void, 27 Sign.

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FEBRUARY 2022

Zion Lutheran Church

Feb 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri	Sat
30		31		1	2	3		4		5	
Hymn sing 9am - Worship 10:30am - Voters' Mtg				6pm - Adult Class	9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Board of Ed 6:30pm - Jr. Conf						6:30pm - Worship
6		7		8	9	10		11		12	
9am - Worship	9am - Womens Bible 5pm - Elders 7pm - Evangelism	9am - Circuit Meeting 6pm - Adult Class	9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Jr. Conf		Chicks for Bricks					11am - Evie Lyke Funeral 6:30pm - Worship	
13		14		15	16	17		18		19	
9am - Worship	9am - Women's Bible 1pm - Stewardship 5:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Council Mtg	6pm - Adult Class	9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Jr. Conf							Door Offering 6:30pm - Worship	
20		21		22	23	24		25		26	
Door Offering 9am - Worship	9am - LWQ 10am - ZLW	6pm - Adult Class	9am - Quilters							6:30pm - Worship	
27		28		1	2	3		4		5	
Blended Service 9am - Worship	9am - Women's Bible	6pm - Adult Class	9am - Quilters 5pm - Ash Wed Dinner 6:30pm - Ash							6:30pm - Worship	

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