

Tidings from

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Who's Right?

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

The New Testament shows that God works in different ways, at different times, to achieve the same desired results. In fact, the Bible shows that God's work really defies containment in generalized and rigid statements like we are often prone to make in expressing our understanding of religious truth. God doesn't always fit what we would say about God.

One can imagine a chance meeting of several New Testament characters, each having been cured of blindness, but by a different means at Christ's employ.

One man, blind from birth, was healed when Jesus spit into the dust, made clay of the spittle, and with it anointed the man's eyes. Then he commanded him to go and wash himself in the Pool of Siloam. Having done so, the man could see. This is written in John 9.

Another man, also blind, one day requested Jesus for help, and with a simple command, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well," Jesus healed him. Now the man could see. This is written in Luke 18.

Still a third man had a different experience. In response to his plea for help, Jesus touched his eyes, and the man could see. This is written in Matthew 20.

Three blind men. Three cures. The

same Christ performing each miracle. Three different ways in which he worked.

Experience tells us that had the three men met a week later, a lively debate may have followed. Each had his own story to tell, each had his own experience, each could well have been sure it must be the same for everybody else.

The first man may have insisted that if anyone were to be cured of blindness he would have to have mud made from spit applied to his eyes, and then wash in the Pool of Siloam. Otherwise, it couldn't be an authentic cure.

The next man would surely disagree. The Lord had simply commanded him to receive his sight, and he had. Surely that command was all that was needed, and all this spit and mud and anointing simply obscured the facts of the matter!

And the third man, too, would hold out for his own experience being the right one. Christ had touched him. That was enough. The other two men should really go back and find Jesus again, and have him touch their eyes, just to make sure they had it done right.

Who's right?
That's a question
that faces a lot of
people today.



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Pancake Breakfast was a blessed event

Jenee Provance and Deb Lalim
Council Members and
2019 4th of July Community
Pancake Breakfast Coordinators

A person hears so often, "If you take a year off, it is hard to revive it in the following years."

This concerned the Council members when we heard that there were scheduling conflicts for the past years' 4th of July Community Pancake Breakfast coordinators and is one of the reasons we felt led to step up to the plate. God blessed us so much for responding to this "nudge."

Neither of us had ever organized an event of this magnitude. We had such a short time to be brought up to speed and are thankful "those that had gone before" (Steve Hagen and Brenda Baumann) shared their expertise. Although the learning curve was steep, with the amazing support of our family of Zion, our faith family was a

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blessing to our extended family,
our Community.

To you, our family...those that
flipped, fried, baked, dished,
greeted, and cleaned: Thank you!
It was our honor to serve with you!
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Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be
Tuesday, August 20, at 6:00 pm. Δ



Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of June 30, 2019

Income	Jun	YTD
General Envelopes	\$8,534	\$114,119
Electronic	\$9,460	\$84,906
Loose Offerings	\$191	\$2,975
Misc.		\$2,015
Total	\$18,185	\$204,015
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$186,544	\$136,752
Benevolence	\$16,000	\$9,970
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$17,966	\$11,564
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$277
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$235
Outreach Services	\$4,581	\$4,684
Property	\$20,287	\$14,733
Total	\$249,098	\$178,308

Loan Repayment Account as of June 30, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Jun	YTD
Deposits*	\$762	\$6,516

* Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

Building Fund as of June 30, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Jun	YTD
Gifts Received	\$5,730	\$40,862
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$27,861
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,447
Total		\$30,308
Payments	Jun	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$1,649
Marvin Home Ctr.		\$192
E&L Electric		\$454
Peterson Sht. Mtl.		\$5,000
Other	\$56	\$733
Loan Interest		\$5,943
Loan Principal		\$78,500
Total	\$56	\$92,471

Building Loan

Principal Outstanding	\$266,500
Repayment Account	\$36,434
Net Loan Balance	\$230,066

Everyone is welcome
at Zion!

If you are interested in learning
more about Zion or becoming a
member of Zion, please contact
Pastor Mary. Δ

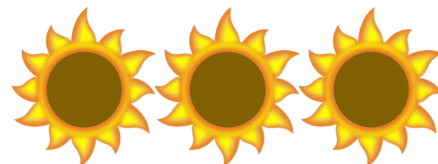
Mark your calendar:

**Wednesday worship will
resume September 4.**

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Christian Education News

Working together for VBS Daycamp participants

Lynn Kofstad

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! This is to everyone - no matter how small or huge your part was to help make the week of VBS a success at Zion Lutheran Church. It takes a village to pull off everything that needs to be covered and taken care of during this week. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated, and we are thankful for all of you!

VBS was held this past June 23-27. The number of children attending each day varied but numbers ranged from the high thirties to mid forties on the average. The day to day activities included song time, learning/Bible time, play time, and craft time. A potluck followed by a program that showcased the children was held on Wednesday evening.

One thing that can always be used to help VBS in future years is feedback. It would be great, whether you participated or not, to share your feedback. This year we did June, as opposed to late July/early August. Did this work better? Or not as well? Do we need to change the times it is held in the day? More volunteers? The list goes on and on. The main thing is - We would love to hear what is working and what is not working. Only when this is done can things be changed. Any member of the Christian Education Committee can be contacted. Don't just talk with your friends, tell someone who can make a difference. Δ

Thanks a bunch for collecting "Our Family" UPC barcodes!

Thank you for your "Our Family" UPC barcodes! Zion's Christian Education program receives \$.05 per barcode from "Our Family"



products. You may place your barcodes in the collection box on the Christian

Ed bulletin board by the church offices. Δ

A Big Thanks for Your Support

Cindy Sandahl

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in support of the Pick-a-Prize basket fundraiser. We had a wonderful response.

Also thank you for supporting all the fundraisers we held throughout the year. As a committee that does not have funding through the church budget, we need to fund raise in order to have Pathways Lutheran Ministries come and hold Vacation Bible School each year. Your generous donations make this event possible for the children of our community. This year, we had 51 children register for Bible school.

The basket winners were Jacob Provance, Jan Kragness, Nan Taylor, Joan Powell, Josh Pearce, Karen Pederson, Pam Rachuy, Cooper Tveit, Svea Grafstrom, Asher Landin, Claudia McFarlane, Brooke Nelson, and Marilyn Pomplun. Congratulations to the winners! Δ

Dates to keep in mind:

Sunday, September 15– First Communion for 3rd graders
Sunday, September 15– Presentation of Bibles to 6th graders
Sunday, September 22– Presentation of Bibles to 1st graders and older who have not received theirs yet

Sunday School is back!

Lynn Kofstad

An email seeking feedback was sent to families with children in July. A survey revealed that there were pros and cons of Church School on Wednesdays and also on having it on Sundays. As we did last year, discussion followed and it was decided to try Sundays again. That doesn't mean that it may never change again. There are many aspects that go into the decision process. It may even be that during the winter months a switch to Wednesdays could be made. Stay tuned! Flexibility is appreciated and the more involved, the greater chance of success.

Sunday School sign-up will be on Sunday, September 8, during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday classes will begin at 10:05 on Sunday, September 15. The lessons for each week will follow the church lectionary calendar.

Volunteers will be needed. It takes a village and everyone has a part in it. All the children ask for is a little of your time. We're looking forward to a new Sunday School year and hope to see your children and your involvement in the 2019-20 year. Δ

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Especially when we see the vast array of religious expression, the many differences within the Christian Church, and the many voices saying, "We are right!" Who is right?

Many people might have wondered that about the three men who were cured of blindness. Who's right? Number 1, 2, or 3? Or all of them? Or none of them?

Maybe being right isn't the real issue. Maybe being well is. All of the men had been cured. All of them could see. All of them had been healed by Jesus. All of them had that in common. If they got hung up on how it had happened, or if they got hung up on who's right, they would again be blind to something very important. They were all well! They had all been cured! They could all see! Jesus had done it for all of them! How he had done it was really his business.

Can the different members of Christ's Body, the Church, learn that they are all part of the same Body? Can the different denominations of Christianity discover the presence of Christ in one another? Do we have to insist that everyone else conform to our experience, valid and exciting as it may have been? Maybe someone else has had another experience of faith, or expression of it, just as valid and just as exciting to him?

The issues of life and death are too high stakes for the churches to play around with pettier issues, with dividing differences. Who's right is not the question. Who's well is. And having been made well by the gracious love of God in Christ, we are also free to live with diversity. God is big enough to work in ways other than those we allow him! Δ

2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Zion Lutheran Church is one of 9,000+ Lutheran congregations affiliated with the larger body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Every three years, voting members from the 65 synods and 3.4 million ELCA Lutherans meet for a Churchwide Assembly. The purpose of the Assembly is to review the work of the churchwide officers, churchwide units, consider proposals from synod assemblies, establish churchwide policy, adopt a budget for the churchwide organization, elect officers and board members, amend the churchwide constitution and bylaws, and other necessary business. During this assembly, the voting members will also choose a presiding bishop and secretary.

Besides the matters of business, the assembly gathering will include worship services, Bible studies, and a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Women's Ordination to Word and Sacrament.

Pastor Mary and Gary Gilthvedt will be attending as voting members from the Roseau Conference of the NW MN Synod.



A total of 23 voting members will attend from the NW MN Synod. There will be about 950 voting members attending the Churchwide Assembly on August 5-10 in Milwaukee.

Please be in prayer for the Assembly gathering as they make decisions pertinent to the mission of the ELCA and its congregations. Δ

New Outlook on Climate Change

Jacob Davis

High School Senior (2019-20)

I once again went to the Gustavus Academy for Faith Science and Ethics and this year's topic was climate change. We talked to many professors of both religion and the sciences to learn their unique perspectives upon climate change based on their education and experiences.

One of the fellows I was working with brought a brilliant visualization on climate change. "Climate change is like a truck barreling towards a brick wall because we may not be able to stop from hitting it, but I want to at least hit the brakes while I can." And one of the speakers, Scott Bur, made a really thought provoking speech about how we've heard a lot about the polar bears and the ice caps but he pulled up a picture of his daughter who's entering kindergarten this year and all I could think about was my nieces and nephews and the thought that they'd never be able to live a full life because of decisions that other people made. We need to unite without the barriers that divide religion and science so that we can face the enormous problem that is climate change. Δ



Noisy offerings
will be collected
Sunday, August 18.

All donations will go to future
"God's work. Our hands."
projects.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Food Packing for the Hungry and Brunch September 8

Zion will be having our “God’s work. Our hands.” project, joining with many ELCA congregations throughout the United States. We’re planning on hosting our 5th food packing event and brunch on Sunday, September 8, following worship. Two work shifts are planned: Shift 1 will be 10:10-11:20 and Shift 2 will be 11:20-12:30. Brunch will be served throughout the morning beginning at 10:10, so you can eat either before or after your work shift.

Helpers will be needed for food packing and to work in the kitchen. Watch for sign-up sheets coming soon.

Our previous packing events have resulted in a grand total of 80,598 meals! With the entire congregation’s help, we want to reach and surpass a total of 100,000 meals packed for hungry people. Let’s make sure to make a commitment to be there and pitch in for this worthy cause!

Parents and siblings of Sunday School students as well as EVERYONE from the entire congregation are encouraged to come together on this special day where we can impact our world! Kids under the age of 7 are welcome to help with an adult.

Wear your “God’s work. Our hands.” t-shirt and jeans. If you don’t have one of these shirts, please wear a yellow or other brightly colored t-shirt that day.



If helping pack seems like more than you can do, you are encouraged to stay and have brunch anyway and see how the process works. It is quite an assembly line of activity!

Several months of noisy offerings have raised the funds necessary for us to be able to host this event.

Contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644, Deb Lalim at 218-689-5626, or Vicki Dalager at 386-1733 ext. 10 with questions. Δ

Let’s make it 100,000+ with #5!

Working with Hunger No More MN...

Hunger No More MN will come from Park Rapids to bring bulk food items and supplies to our church and we will assemble meal packets for sending. Hunger No More will take care of shipping the meal packets and will make sure that the food gets to those in need.

Hunger No More collects donations and travels around northwestern Minnesota, having food packaging events with church groups, school classes, and local organizations. Volunteers measure rice, beans, dried vegetables, and a supplemental vitamin mixture into bags each designed to deliver six meals' worth of food.

Eric Bervig succeeded Mark Waller as director of the non-profit humanitarian ministry that has been feeding the hungry for 17 years. With the new director comes an additional mission target: providing food for students at a boarding school in Jérémie, Haiti.

Bervig spent almost two years living in Jérémie where he started an organization called Intercession Haiti. Eric and Jennifer Bervig operated a boarding school of 73 students in grades 1-6 and had 11 Haitian children who lived with them. Intercession Haiti serves an area that has no other school, and it already has a feeding program to supplement the students' diet. Moving forward, that food will come from Hunger No More.

This event is a great opportunity to bring together young and old, students and parents, members and friends, for the common cause of helping others, while teaching and showing our children leadership and stewardship skills.

Supplies are needed

Julie Jones

Supplies are needed! The NW Synodical Women's Fall Conference will be held on September 20-21 at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. Julie Jones, the appointed SWO board member, will be attending along with a voting delegate representing Warroad Zion. Convention physical offerings will benefit Churches United for the Homeless and Public Health Family Home Visiting. Many baby and toddler items are requested along with feminine hygiene products as well as travel size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand and body lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, combs, and brushes. Watch for a collection basket and a list of needs coming soon.

Also, school supply sales are beginning to appear in local stores. Please pick up a few extra to support our Warroad School and for Lutheran World Relief school bags. The Women of Zion will be assembling school bags for shipping in early November. For more information, please contact Julie Jones at 386-3692. Δ

Radio Broadcast Summer Coffee Fundraiser

Julie Jones

Please join the Women of Zion for coffee fellowship following Sunday worship on August 25. This is a great opportunity for you to add a contribution to the radio broadcast fund. Last year, funds were gathered to sponsor three radio broadcasts and these have been used for Sundays when a broadcast sponsor was needed. Each radio broadcast fee is \$85.00. Δ

It's the season for Lutheran World Relief kit-making

Marlene Lewis

Fall is LWR kits and quilts shipping time. School sales are starting. Each Lutheran World Relief school kit needs 4 notebooks, 5 pens, 5 pencils, a box of 16 or 24 crayons, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, and 1 pair of scissors. We have quite a few notebooks but are in need of all the other supplies. If you wish to donate any of the needed items, please drop them off in the LWR baskets



in the Gathering Space.

We also make up personal care kits. For each kit we need a bath

size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), 2 regular bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 nail clipper, and 1 sturdy comb. If you wish to donate any of those items, please drop them off in the LWR baskets in the Gathering space.

There are other kits to put together like baby care kits, fabric kits, and fleece tied blankets. If you are interested in any of them, see the Lutheran World Relief website at <https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits> for more information.

As you look ahead to September, remember the Monday after Labor Day we will start quilting. Hopefully, you can come to the Community Center to help us put the LWR quilts together. There will be more information in the September *Tidings*. Δ

School supplies are on sale!

Muriel Olson

The We Care ministry is gathering school supplies for Warroad's school children. Supplies that are needed are:

- #2 pencils
- Crayola crayons
- Wide-ruled tablets
- Spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Glue bottles and glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Pink erasers
- Fiskars scissors (blunt and pointed)
- Rulers
- Clorox wipes
- Kleenex

Please place supplies for the Warroad School students in a designated tote marked *We Care school project*. The We Care volunteers will disperse the items. Thank you for supporting this ministry at Zion. Δ



It's a good time to take advantage of great prices on school supplies!

Lynn Kofstad

As back-to-school sales are right around the corner, now is the time to stock up on school supplies to donate to our local school, include in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and LWR school kits.

Crayons, pencils, paper, pencil boxes, etc. are great items to purchase. Watch for sales to begin in the next month and help support these missions! Δ



A day away in a quiet place

from The Newsletter Newsletter

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31, NIV)

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but with him — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28, NIV) Δ

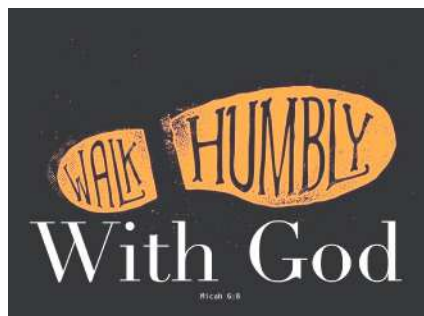
The weekly insert, *Taking Faith Home*, is designed for you to use at home!

Take it along home
from church or download it at
zlcw.org/taking-faith-home-guides/
Type "tfh" to access.



A free resource for your daily devotions is available at the church

Christ in our Home is a free devotional booklet for families to use at home. They can be found in the literature rack in the Gathering Space. The July/August/September issue is out now. Please stop and pick one up if you haven't already. Δ



Do you know about Care Notes?

In the small alcove between the Gathering Space and the women's restroom is a display containing Care Notes booklets on a variety of topics. These booklets are provided by the Congregational Care Committee. Help yourself to anything you find appropriate. Sharing these with someone going through a challenging time can be a great way to reach out and show that you care.



Love
WARROAD
Be a part of the
kindness explosion!

Love Warroad
Volunteer Kick-off
will be August 16 at 7:00 pm

All Love Warroad volunteers are invited to the Gardens Arena on Friday, August 16, for a celebration to unite volunteers in community servitude to kick off the Love Warroad activities. The event will start at 7:00 pm with a praise and worship time of music, prayer, and inspiration. Following worship, the project teams will be formed for the acts of service details and duties and disbursement of the Love Warroad t-shirts.

See the poster in this issue of *Tidings* for the schedule of the day's events on August 17. Δ

Get help now.
No judgment. Only hope.

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Alliance
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1-800-333-4673 (HOPE)

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations (R) or (I) Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall S Sanctuary MP Multipurpose Room # CY Classroom Yellow CB Classroom Blue K Kitchen YR Youth Room				1	2 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm- Wedding rehearsal	3 4:00 pm- Wedding- Channing Kimble and Madison Egeland (12:00-5:00 pm- FH, S, MPR 1, MPR 2)
4 9:00 am- Worship (no communion) 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship served by Kamarra Brunelle 10:30 am- WSLC worship led by Zion	5	6	7 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due 5:30 pm- Christian Ed Committee meeting	8	9 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	10
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11 9:00 am- Worship (no healing service) 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship served by the Memorial Committee 10:30 am- WSLC worship led by Zion	12	13	14 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due 5:15 pm- Shepherd of Souls team meeting	15 5:15 pm- Executive Committee meeting	16 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm- Love Warroad Rally at the Gardens Arena	17 Love Warroad servant events
18 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship served by Jeff & Shelley Galle and Jim & Jenee Provance 10:30 am- WSLC worship led by Zion	19 Items for Tidings newsletter due 6:00 pm- Stewardship Committee meeting	20 6:00 pm- Council meeting	21 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due 5:15 pm- Memorial Committee meeting	22 6:30 pm- Worship & Music Committee meeting	23 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	24
25 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship served by the Women of Zion 10:30 am- WSLC worship led by Zion	26	27 5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting	28 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due	29	30 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	31



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

26 Many of our ELCA outdoor ministry staff are ending their summer of service and transitioning back to school, new employment or other service opportunities in the church. As they work to discern their vocations and futures, ask the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire and equip them to share their faith and gifts with the church and society and to respond to God's call to service and ministry.

27 Pray that we will respect and affirm how God calls and equips children and youth to share the gospel, serve as leaders and examples in the church, and do God's work in the world together with people of all ages and abilities.

28 Remember in prayer our ELCA missionaries serving in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, Singapore and South Korea. Give thanks for their service and witness as they accompany our global companions in ministries of theological education, teaching, counseling, communications and parish ministry.

29 Pray for seasonal summer employees and staff across our nation who worry about finding new employment and housing in the months to come, and pray that our congregations will be communities of faith where people in transition are welcomed and supported.

30 Remember in prayer students who are beginning or continuing their seminary education in response to God's call to leadership and service. Pray that God will equip them to share their faith and wisdom, serve their neighbor, manage and guide the work of congregations for the sake of mission, and inspire others to bold witness in an ever-changing world.

31 Give thanks and praise to God, who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

PRAYER VENTURES

—AUGUST 2019—

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Give thanks for the 12 young-adult summer interns serving in the ELCA churchwide office, who are helping our church carry out its mission through sharing generously of their gifts, skills and faith.

2 June 30 marked the successful completion of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Give thanks to God for the generosity of ELCA members and congregations, which makes a difference in the lives of people around the world; pray that we continue to grow and support ministries that serve our neighbor, share the gospel, equip leaders and grow the church.

3 Lift up in prayer farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers who have been adversely impacted by this year's heavy rains, persistent flooding and, in some regions, heat and drought. Pray that they will find the support and assistance they need, be able to maintain their livelihoods, and be encouraged by our gratitude and awareness of how their work helps sustain and feed the world.

4 Ask God to grant us the wisdom and humility to understand that our true identity and value lie not in earthly possessions, property, financial assets or positions of power and influence but in a life and faith centered in God's love, word and ways.

5 *ELCA Churchwide Assembly* Pray for voting members, leaders, pastors and guests gathered in Milwaukee for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly: "We are church." Pray that the Spirit will guide and energize their spiritual discernment, discussions and decisions, on behalf of the entire church, about how we can do God's work in the world — together.

6 Ask the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and to inspire us as people of faith, transformed by the love of God we experience in Jesus Christ; ask that we might rid ourselves of greed, impurity, anger, hatred, lies and abusive language and instead reflect the image of our creator.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

- 7 Pray for all those engaged in the ELCA Churchwide Assembly as they work together, with the Holy Spirit in their midst, to make decisions that will help guide the work and mission of our church now and in the future.
- 8 Pray that God will energize and sustain our ecumenical and interreligious work, advocacy and prayers to prevent gun violence, and to respond to people and communities affected by this violence with support, care and concern for as long as they are needed.
- 9 Pray that, without boasting or fear, we will speak God's wisdom and truth to all people in every place and circumstance.
- 10 Pray for congregational leaders and volunteers as they prepare for fall Christian education programs serving all ages; give thanks for their commitment, faith, creativity and service.
- 11 Pray that, with a spirit of generosity and compassion, we will share all we have received from God with our neighbor, especially those in critical need who long for hope, loving care and relief from suffering.
- 12 Ask God to bless and extend the impact of ELCA members and congregations as they use the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog to donate generously to specific needs, programs and priorities in communities around the world.
- 13 Give thanks for the work and ministry of nurses who give of themselves without partiality or hesitation as they tend to the well-being, health and healing of people in congregations, clinics, hospitals, schools, the military and community agencies.
- 14 Remember in prayer the work and witness of our ELCA missionaries and the seven young people serving in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Israel, Jerusalem/West Bank, Jordan and Palestine.
- 15 Give thanks and praise for God's attentiveness, help and steadfast love for all humankind.
- 16 Our church is always prayerfully seeking guidance for the mission, work and witness of the ELCA in this rapidly changing world. Pray that the Holy Spirit will equip and energize us to meet the shifting challenges we face in sharing the gospel and in doing God's work of bringing hope, reconciliation and healing to the world.
- 17 Pray for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program as it prepares young adults, ages 21-29, for a yearlong journey of service and witness alongside our global companions and churches in nine countries around the world.
- 18 Pray that our baptism, the work of the Holy Spirit and the teachings and example of our brothers and sisters in Christ might equip us for the challenges and difficulties we encounter as we follow Jesus, share the gospel, serve our neighbor and strive to live each day according to God's ways and desires for humankind.
- 19 Give thanks to God for our church and for our ecumenical and interreligious partners as they work for the humane treatment of all who present themselves at our borders seeking asylum. Give thanks for our agencies and faith communities that have welcomed, engaged and served migrant families. And pray for those migrants, who have arrived in the United States seeking safety, justice, reconnection with families and relatives, and the opportunity to build new lives without fear.
- 20 Ask God to dispel the fear, anxiety and hopelessness that children and youth internalize as a result of gun violence and threats in our communities, schools and public gathering places. Pray that we might become bearers of hope and concern for them, and fearless agents of change and peace in our nation and the world.
- 21 Pray that students, parents and teachers will be renewed for the coming academic year and that students in need of school supplies or tuition assistance will be provided with what they need to ease their concerns and further their educations.
- 22 Pray that our hearts will be filled with the biblical stories of people of faith, that we will recognize and give thanks for the "cloud of witnesses" surrounding us today, and that we will look to Jesus' teachings and example to guide and encourage our faith.
- 23 Pray that the new ELCA resource "A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence" will invite readers to face the painful truth of gun violence and to work for its prevention as people of God who strive for justice and peace.
- 24 Pray for coaches and student athletes of all abilities as they train for upcoming sports seasons. Pray that they will be safe from injury, experience joy and confidence in their physical activities, and have positive, caring people in their lives to help them cope with the challenges they might face – personal, family, spiritual, social, academic and athletic.
- 25 Ask God to grant us the wisdom, boldness and compassion to care for our neighbors in need, even when doing so is inconvenient, interrupts our routines or forces us to reconsider traditions, laws, rules and practices of society and the church.

August Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

8/4 Gordy & Judy Landin
8/11 Trent & Sheri Hard
Matthew and Sam
8/18 Brian & Lori Schaible
8/25 David & Nancy Pellett

Sunday Lectors

8/4 Avis Wright
8/11 Kamarra Brunelle
8/18 Liz Hardwick
8/25 Kamarra Brunelle

Altar Care

8/18 Julie Jones / Joyce Strand

Communion Assistants

8/18 Julie Jones / Joyce Strand
Dan Lykken / Heidi Lien
Jeff Galle

Sound Board Attendants

8/4 Laurence Wright
8/11 Trent Hard
8/18 Dan Curtis
8/25 Volunteer needed

Projector Attendants

Volunteers needed each Sunday

Lawn Mowing

week beginning...

7/29 Dan and Layla DeMolee
8/5 Al Sommers
8/12 Trent/Matthew/Sam Hard
8/19 Jeff Hellquist
Kirk Erickson
8/26 Brad Baumann
Vernon Landin

Summer Coffee Hosts

8/4 Kamarra Brunelle
8/11 Memorials Committee
8/18 Jeff & Shelley Galle
Jim & Jenée Provance
8/25 Women of Zion
(Radio broadcast fundraiser)



Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
5/29*		No worship	
6/2	88		88
6/5*		No worship	
6/9	99		99
6/12*		No worship	
6/16	90		90
6/19*		No worship	
6/23	93		93
6/26*		No worship	
6/30	103		103
7/3*		No worship	
7/7	103		103
7/10*		No worship	
7/14	103		103
7/17*		No worship	
7/21	103		103
7/24*		No worship	
7/28	88		88
7/31*		No worship	

*No Wednesday evening worship services between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 5/26:

General Offerings: \$3,084.47
Building Fund: \$935.00

Offerings for week ending 6/2:

General Offerings: \$1,825.00
Building Fund: \$50.00

Offerings for week ending 6/9:

General Offerings: \$4,754.00
Building Fund: \$2,860.00

Offerings for week ending 6/16:

General Offerings: \$2,474.00
Building Fund: \$785.00

Noisy Offering: \$69.08

(future GWOH projects)

Offerings for week ending 6/23:

General Offerings: \$6,107.00
Building Fund: \$1,875.00

Offerings for week ending 6/30:

General Offerings: \$3,024.87
Building Fund: \$160.00

Offerings for week ending 7/7:

General Offerings: \$4,887.00
Building Fund: \$625.00

Offerings for week ending 7/14:

General Offerings: \$3,438.00
Building Fund: \$309.00

Offerings for week ending 7/21:

General Offerings: \$6,072.00
Building Fund: \$920.00

Noisy Offering: \$89.55

(future GWOH projects)

Offerings for week ending 7/28:

To be announced Δ

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

June 2 - by Gordon Perkins, Cindy Stueber, Katie Dale, and their families in memory of their parents, Vicki & Leon Dewitt.

June 9 - by Ronald Anderson in memory of Jill & Ron's wedding anniversary on June 6.

June 16 - by the Women of Zion to the glory of God and in honor/memory of all fathers. Happy Father's Day!

June 23 - by Joyce & LeRoy Strand in honor of their 55th anniversary.

June 30 - by Jim & Jenée Provance in honor of Bill & Gladys Provance and their 70th wedding anniversary!

July 7 - by Harriet Heinen in memory of George Heinen.

July 14 - to the glory of God by the Women of Zion and the Zion congregation with summer coffee fellowship donations.

July 21 - by the Tom & Heidi Lien family in memory of George Heinen whose birthday is July 21.

July 28 -by Pastor Mary & Gary Gilthvedt in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Δ



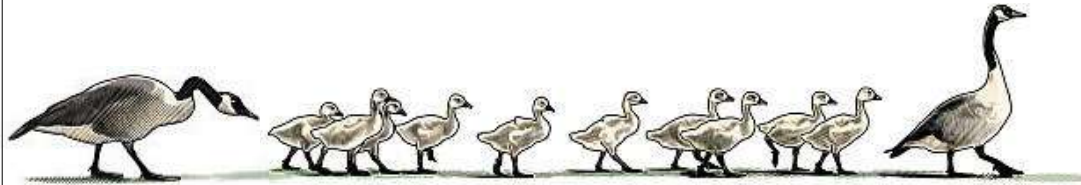
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I Love WARROAD

Saturday - August 17, 2019

FREE
Picnic & Music
at The Point!
5pm - 7pm

EVERYONE
WELCOME!

our mission

To show God's love to
the people of Warroad

It's a kindness
explosion!

We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

The day will be filled with local churches serving the community
with various projects and random acts of kindness followed by a
FREE picnic at The Point for the entire community!

Community
Picnic

Hamburger, hot dog,
baked beans, potato salad,
potato chips & ice cream!

Kids games at tennis court park ~ Noon to 4pm

Canoeing at Doc's Harbor Inn ~ 1pm to 4 pm

Swimming at the outdoor pool ~ 2pm to 5pm

Picnic & music at The Point ~ 5pm to 7pm

Sponsored and supported by: The Warroad Ministerial Association - All Nations New Life Center
New Life Assembly of God Church - Union Congregational Church
Warroad Baptist Church - Warroad Community Church - Woodland Bible Church - Zion Lutheran Church

**Volunteers, be sure to attend the Pre-Event Rally at the
Gardens Arena on Friday night, August 16, at 7:00 pm.**