

# Tidings from

September 2019

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## From the Stewardship Committee:

"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the title of our stewardship emphasis this September. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is 1 Peter 2:9,

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."*



a stewardship program for our congregation

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title "Because of God's Great Mercy." God has made us God's own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to the congregation is an important part of our Christian faith, and how the congregation uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to our congregation by at least 1/2 of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that our congregation already has in place for your giving.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation's life. Δ

**Let's get back in the saddle again:**

Wednesday worship resumes September 4.



## Sunday Morning Study begins September 15

Gary Giltthvedt

Sunday morning Bible Study will begin on September 15, at 10:15 am under the title, *Readings in John's Gospel*. We will include occasional comparisons to themes from Paul's epistles. We can think of John and Paul as brothers in the Faith as they share a number of key Christian concepts that could lead us to think that they were quite familiar with one another, or at least with one another's preaching and teaching. Please come, read, think, pray! Δ

## Council Update

Deb Lalim

The farmers are busy in the fields, Sunday school, pre-confirmation, and confirmation will be starting in a few weeks, Wednesday night church services will resume in September, and the teachers and students will soon be back in school.

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## Annual Meeting preparations are underway

Vicki Dalager  
Office Manager

Mark your calendar: the Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm.

If you are responsible for making budget requests for your area of ministry, pick up a budget request form from the Budget Request Form file folder in the Leadership File drawer (in the cabinet outside the women's restroom) and return it by September 12. Contact treasurer Patrick Frolander with questions.

Committee, staff, and ministry reports are due to the church office by September 20. Email reports to [zlcw@mncable.net](mailto:zlcw@mncable.net).

Note also that bookkeepers for Zion's various financial accounts will need to prepare the books to be audited upon request soon after September 30. (This year's books should include October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019.) Questions may be directed to Auditing Committee members Emily Parsley, Karen Pederson, or Elliot Larson.

Annual report packets will be available in the Gathering Space about one week prior to the meeting. Δ

## Office Hours & Contact Info

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Core hours are  
Monday-Thursday  
10:00 am to 4:30 pm  
with additional appointments  
by prior arrangement.

## Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

### General Operating Account as of July 31, 2019

Income	Jul	YTD
General Envelopes	\$8,175	\$122,294
Electronic	\$9,310	\$94,216
Loose Offerings	\$243	\$3,218
Misc.		\$2,015
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,728</b>	<b>\$221,742</b>
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$186,544	\$151,019
Benevolence	\$16,000	\$11,900
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$17,966	\$13,117
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$344
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$262
Outreach Services	\$4,581	\$4,963
Property	\$20,287	\$15,947
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$249,098</b>	<b>\$197,645</b>

### Loan Repayment Account as of July 31, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Jul	YTD
Deposits*	\$3,928	\$10,444

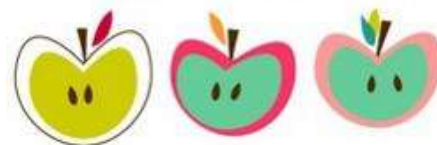
\* Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

### Building Fund as of July 31, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Jul	YTD
Gifts Received	\$5,175	\$46,037
Loan	\$0	\$0
<b>Building Fund Account Balance</b>		
Security State		\$24,389
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,449
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$26,838</b>
Payments	Jul	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$1,649
Marvin Home Ctr.		\$192
E&L Electric		\$454
Peterson Sht. Mtl.		\$5,000
MN Seal Coating	\$3,500	\$3,500
Other	\$278	\$1,011
Loan Interest	\$1,648	\$7,591
Loan Principal		\$78,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,426</b>	<b>\$97,896</b>

### Building Loan

Principal Outstanding	\$266,500
Repayment Account	\$40,362
<b>Net Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$226,138</b>



## Zion Church Council

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Office Manager/Editor Vicki Dalager  
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# Christian Education News

## Presentation of Bibles for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation to students in Grades 6 and up

Shawn Brunelle

Bibles will be presented Sunday, September 15, during the 9:00 am worship service to students in grades 6 and up who have not yet received their Bible for pre-confirmation and confirmation. Please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644 or the Zion office as soon as possible to ensure a Bible is ready for your student. Δ



## Parent meetings scheduled for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

The 9th grade confirmation students and parents will meet on Wednesday, September 4, at 7 p.m.

The 8th grade confirmation students and parents meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, at 5:15.

Zion will be offering pre-confirmation classes for kids in grades 6 and 7. There will be a parent and student meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. The pre-confirmation class is designed to help prepare kids for confirmation classes. Δ

## Story Bible Presentation for kids in Grades 1, 2, and 3

Shawn Brunelle

Story Bibles will be presented to kids in grades 1, 2, and 3 (who haven't already received one from Zion) on Sunday, September 22, during the 9:00 am worship service. In order for your child to receive one, please list their name on the designated form during Sunday School registration on September 8. You can also email [zlcwsundayschool@hotmail.com](mailto:zlcwsundayschool@hotmail.com) or call 386-1733 ext. 1. Δ

## 10th Grade Confirmation meeting

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

10th grade Confirmation meeting

The 10th grade confirmation students will meet on Wednesday, September 4, at 2:15 p.m. The confirmands will be given information about Confirmation Sunday, October 27, and preparations for that day. Δ

## Volunteers are needed to help lead Pre-confirmation classes

Shawn Brunelle

Pre-confirmation is for kids in grades 6 and 7. Lessons are based on the church's lectionary series (weekly scripture readings). Please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644 if you have questions or are interested in helping. Δ

## Attention 3rd and 4th graders (and parents)

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

First Communion Instruction for 3rd and 4th graders will take place on Sunday, September 8, 10:30 am in the large Zion Sunday School room. The 3rd and 4th graders will receive First Communion during worship on Sunday, September 15, at the 9:00 am service. Δ

## Sundays are back this fall!

Lynn Kofstad

Sunday School is moving to Sundays this fall!

Sunday School is open to children ages 3 through grade 5. Classes will be from 10:05 am to 10:45 am.

Sunday School registration will be held on Sunday morning, September 8, beginning at 10:00 am during "God's work. Our hands." Families are encouraged to attend the worship service on Sunday, September 8, stay for brunch, and participate in the "God's work. Our hands." projects.

Classes begin September 15, 2019 at 10:05 am. There will be a short parent meeting starting at 10:05 on the 15th. Δ





# "God's work. Our hands." Service Project and Brunch September 8

Zion will be having a "God's work. Our hands." service project, joining with many ELCA congregations throughout the United States.

Eric Bervig, director of Hunger No More of Park Rapids, recently contacted the church office to let us know that due to a sudden death in the family, they are not able to be here for the food packing event we had originally planned for September 8, 2019. Unfortunately, after researching some options, we have determined that it is not feasible to go ahead with a food packing event at this time.

There will still be a "God's work. Our hands." event on September 8 with projects like ditch cleaning, packing school kits, and cutting squares for quilting along with a few other activities yet to be finalized. A brunch will be served before we begin the projects for the day. Watch for details to be posted on Zion's website, the Facebook page, and in the *Messenger*.

For the ditch cleaning and a few other outside projects, you will need to bring gloves and dress accordingly. Cutting mats, rotary cutters, and rulers will be needed for cutting squares.

Parents and siblings of Sunday School students as well as EVERYONE from the entire congregation are encouraged to come together on this special day! 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.



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

## Many Rada products will be for sale after worship on September 8

Deb Quesnell



There will be a Rada sale Sunday, September 8, from 10:00 am to noon in the Gathering Space. We are hoping to sell all of our current inventory to raise money for Zion youth events. Stop and check out the available cutlery, mixes, and cookbooks we have on hand. Δ

## Stewardship Update

Deb Lalim

Council Representative to the  
Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for taking time to fill out the Time and Talents forms this past spring. The information you provided has been organized and dispersed to the appropriate committees' chair people. Committees are encouraged to use the list they received as a resource when they are planning events or need some help. If you haven't filled out a time and talents form it is not too late. Just stop in the office and request a form, fill it out, and leave with office personnel and your information will be added to the list of volunteers. Δ

## We Need You

Jim Hallan

Zion's Adult Choir will be assembling soon, and we need your voice. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, October 6, at 8:00 am, in advance of singing at the 9:00 am service.

We've had a good time, and we welcome everyone to join this ministry. Many in our choir sang in a high school choir or ensemble, but several have not had previous experience. The success of Zion's choir hinges on members using their talents in this manner. If you go south in the winter months, we welcome you to contribute when available.

We have found fun, fellowship, and friendship ministering through choir and I trust that we will experience the same this year. If you have any questions, call Jim Hallan at 386-1285. Δ

## 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, travel size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand and body lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, combs, and brushes. Check out the flyer on a table in the Gathering Space for more details.

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



## 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



## Lutheran World Relief Projects

Marlene Lewis

September and October are quilting months. Our first session will be September 9 at the Community Center. We'll start at 9:00 and stop around noon. Quilt tops have been sewn, filling is cut, and sheets for backs have been sized. We are ready to go. We would appreciate any and all help putting the quilts together. We invite you to come for the first session and see how it's done. You can help if you're interested and if it looks like something you'd like to take part in, come back as many Mondays in September and October as you are able. If you have any questions please contact one of the quilters:

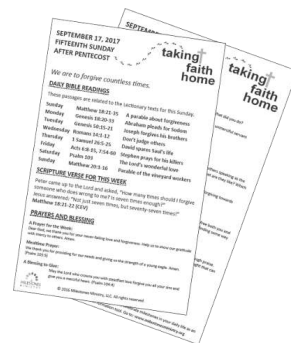
Judy Landin 242-0589

Marlene Lewis 386-2018

Nancy Reinhart 386-1017

We are still taking supplies - sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, quilted bedspreads, blankets, and fabric. Those supplies can be dropped off at the Community Center or the church. Thanks to everyone who dropped off items for us during the summer. We will make use of all your donations.

There is still time to put together a personal care kit or drop off school supplies for school kits. Also, there is a basket in the Gathering Space if anyone is interested in donating wrapped 4oz. bars of soap. If you have any questions, you can call Julie Jones 386-3692 or Marlene Lewis 386-2018. All LWR items will be shipped out the first Friday in November. 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/](http://zlcw.org/taking-faith-home-guides/) Type "tfh" to access.

## 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





## “We Are Church.” ELCA Churchwide Assembly Report

Lawrence R. Wohlrabe  
Bishop, Northwestern Minnesota  
Synod ELCA

On August 5, 2019 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), began its fifteenth churchwide assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Under the theme *We Are Church*, nearly 1000 voting members and guests gathered to worship, review the work of the churchwide organization, and vote on matters of governance and policy. Twenty-one voting members from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod participated in the assembly along with similar contingents from the ELCA’s other 64 synods.



Major actions taken by the Assembly included:

- Re-electing Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on the first ballot, with over 81% of the vote. Bishop Eaton, who was first elected in 2013, will serve a second 6-year term through 2025.
- Electing Deacon Sue Rothmeyer as Secretary of the ELCA. The Secretary is an officer and executive

administrator for matters pertaining to the ELCA’s governing documents, organizational structure, and maintenance of the rosters of ministers and congregations.

- Adopting the social statement, *Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action* along with its implementing resolutions. Read the statement at [elca.org/faith](http://elca.org/faith) and select “Faith and Society”, then “Current Social Writing Projects” (the link to the document is on that page).
- Approving *A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment* which now complements the 1991 ELCA statement, *A Declaration of Ecumenical Commitment*. Read the Declaration at [elca.org/faith](http://elca.org/faith) and select “Inter-Religious Relations” (the link to the document is on that page).
- Approving a change to the ELCA constitution stating that the entrance rite for deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) will be **ordination** rather than consecration.
- Receiving and approving **budgets** for the churchwide organization during the next triennium. To find out how you contribute to the life and mission of the ELCA go to YouTube, search for “Where does my offering go? 2019 ELCA”.
- Receiving the results of

*Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. This \$198 million campaign was approved by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. At the Campaign’s conclusion on June 30, 2019 nearly \$250 million has been raised through gifts, pledges, and planned giving.

- Presenting a “Declaration to People of African Descent” (this document is located at [elca.org](http://elca.org), “Our Work”, “Congregations and Synods”, “Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries”, “African Descent”) to representatives of the African Descent Lutheran Association—and voting to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance and remembrance in the ELCA for the deaths of the “Emanuel Nine” who were murdered on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina.
- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of women, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ordination of a woman of color in the ELCA, and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA’s acceptance of persons in committed same-sex relationships (since 2015, marriages) on the ELCA rosters of ministry. Δ





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The church council has had two meetings since the last *Tidings*, so it is time to update you on what has been happening.

- The funds raised from the pancake breakfast were deposited into the loan repayment fund.
- The 4th of July Pancake Breakfast was placed on the council's annual planning calendar to ensure that adequate time for preparation is allowed.
- The décor committee was given approval to order samples of two chairs and a table they are considering for the fellowship hall.
- The "Gods work. Our hands." service project was approved for September 8.
- The list of inactive members and the letter they receive was reviewed and approved.
- A funeral policies document from the Worship and Music Committee was approved.
- Two donations to the church were accepted. Warroad Summer Theatre gave Zion a cross as a thank you for letting them use the church for practice and Pastor Mary and Gary donated a picture of Jesus. Both of these items will be hung in a classroom.
- October 13 was designated for the Harvest Festival.
- October 30 was set for the annual meeting. A meal will be served before the Wednesday evening worship service and the meeting will follow at 7:00.
- It was decided to sponsor a church page in the Warroad Advocate for six months.
- It was noted that budget requests are due by September

12 and annual meeting reports are due September 20.

- It has been discussed that Zion's mission statement be updated. This will be an undertaking of the council following the annual meeting.

Please feel free to contact one of the council members if you have any questions.

Submitted by,  
Deb Lalim, Council Secretary Δ

## 2017 Hurricanes:

### Two years later

from Rev. Daniel Rift, Director  
Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA

About two years ago, hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria swept through the United States and Caribbean, causing widespread damage and interrupting the lives of millions of our neighbors. Today we join in prayer for those who are still on the long road to recovery, and we reflect upon God's faithfulness along the journey.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of this church, Lutheran Disaster Response has been able to support those whose lives were harmed by these catastrophic storms. Together, supporters donated nearly \$15 million in response, demonstrating Christ's love to hurricane survivors

through practical support. A downloadable report with some highlights of what your generous gifts have allowed is available by doing a Google search of "Lutheran Disaster Response 2017 Hurricanes two years later". Δ



## Alzheimer's Walk to Remember will be September 14

submitted

You can walk to improve the quality of life for individuals and families of those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. A Walk to Remember will be held at the Warroad Senior Living Center on Saturday, September 14. Registration starts at 9:00 am with the opening ceremony at 11:30 and the walk starting at 12:15 pm. A flyer with more details is located on the bulletin board across from the church offices, or visit [www.walktorememberinc.org](http://www.walktorememberinc.org), or email [walktorememberinc@gmail.com](mailto:walktorememberinc@gmail.com), or call Jill at (218) 425-7401 or Paula at 463-2833. Δ

## Installation of NW MN Synod Bishop

Rev. William Tesch will be installed as the NW MN Synod's bishop on Sunday, September 8, 2019. The worship service will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. The installation will be live-streamed if you are unable to attend and would like to watch the worship service online.

## Bishop Larry Wohlrabe retires

Bishop Larry Wohlrabe, NW MN Synod, retired August 31, after 12 years of serving as bishop of the NW MN Synod of the ELCA. We are grateful for his dedicated and faithful service. Δ

## What Might it Mean to Be a Sanctuary Church Body?

Bishop Larry Wohlrabe and  
Bishop-Elect Bill Tesch,  
NW MN Synod ELCA

On Wednesday, August 7, 2019, voting members of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a memorial that included an amendment “to declare the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America a sanctuary church body.” (The full text of the memorial is available at [nwmnsynod.org/resources](http://nwmnsynod.org/resources) and select “CA19.03.11 Churchwide Memorial Declaring the ELCA a Sanctuary Church Body.”)

Unfortunately this action was picked up by a national cable news network that broadcast a five minute “discussion” by three panelists, none of whom were present at the Churchwide Assembly, nor are they members of the ELCA or authorized to speak on behalf of the ELCA. The broadcast conveyed misinformation about the Assembly’s action, implying that ELCA congregations would simply ignore U.S. law, **which is not true.** Also, a panelist implied that undocumented immigrants carry disease and pose a public health risk, **which is also not true.**

**So what might it actually mean for our ELCA to be a “sanctuary church body?”** In response to this legitimate question, ELCA leaders familiar with our church’s strategy for engaging issues around immigration and refugees have offered the following information:

- In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is **publicly declaring** that walking alongside

immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

- We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.
- Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.
- Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. The ELCA churchwide organization cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.



- While we don’t yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the ELCA, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work. Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families, providing housing for a community member facing deportation, or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.
- Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. Our decades-long work with immigrants and refugee *is* how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.
- At our 2016 Churchwide Assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy (*Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities*).
- Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to

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## Matter of Balance: small steps make a big impact

submitted

LifeCare Medical Center is hosting free Matter of Balance classes beginning soon. Matter of Balance is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have this concern. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals for increasing activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn exercises to increase strength, flexibility, and balance. If you are interested, you are encouraged to participate in this free 8-week class offered by LifeCare Medical Center.

Classes will be held in Roseau at North Star Apartments on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am September 10 through October 29 and at Greenbush at the Community Center on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 am September 11 through October 30. Register by calling Paula at 463-4301 or register online at [www.lifecaremc.org/classes](http://www.lifecaremc.org/classes) Δ



## 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

## 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



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migrate. We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures), all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

- In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members that have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.

## 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.



- Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. For us, welcoming people is first and foremost a matter of faith which impacts how we live out all our vocations in God's world, including our political life. Δ

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am- Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b>  Church offices closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:15 pm- 10th Grade Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation (with parents)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 12:00 to 6:00 pm- Set up for "God's work. Our hands." Event and Brunch (K, FH)
<b>8</b> "God's work. Our hands." ELCA Day of Service 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and healing service 10:00 am- Sunday School registration followed by participation in GWOH 10:10 am- Brunch and GWOH service event 10:30 am- 3rd & 4th Grade First Communion Class 4:00 pm- NWMN Synod Bishop Installation, Moorhead	<b>9</b> 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm- Christian Ed Committee meeting 6:00 pm- Congregational Care Committee meeting	<b>11</b> 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:15 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Parent Meeting re. Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with healing service 7:00 pm- 6th & 7th Grade Parent Meeting re. Pre-Confirmation	<b>12</b> 5:15 pm- Executive Committee meeting	<b>13</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 2:00 pm- Memorial Service for Norma Karlsen
<b>15</b> 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion (1st Communion), Presentation of Bibles to 6th graders, and Noisy Offering 10:05 am- Sunday School and Parent Meeting 10:15 am- Adult Bible Study  <div>NWMN Synod Theology for Ministry Conference at Fair Hills Resort</div>	<b>16</b> 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting	<b>18</b> 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:15 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion	<b>19</b> <i>Items for Tidings newsletter due</i> 6:00 pm- Council meeting	<b>20</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study  <i>Committee and Ministry Leader annual reports due</i> 3:00 pm 5:00 pm- Wedding rehearsal	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm- Wedding- Maika Bratlie and Brad Knudson 10:00 pm (K, FH, S, MP1, MP2)
<b>22</b> 9:00 am- Worship with Presentation of Bibles to 1st graders+ 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:15 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study  4:00 pm- Wedding rehearsal	<b>28</b> 3:00 pm- Wedding- Haley Dejno and Jake Gabrick (1:00-5:00 pm S, MP1, MP2)
<b>29</b> 9:00 am- Stewardship Sunday Worship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b> 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center					<b>Abbreviations</b> (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



**24** Pray for the 15 ELCA missionaries serving in parish ministry and education as they work alongside our companions in Slovakia and Russia.

**25** Praise God who exists throughout the universe and all time yet has compassion and concern for people who are poor and in great need; pray that we will be moved by God's ways, examples and commands to show attentiveness, mercy, compassion and love for our neighbors in need.

**26** Pray for the ministry of ELCA Advocacy, its Washington office and its state public policy offices as they work with ELCA members to develop and advance legislation that will overcome poverty, defend God's creation and promote peace, dignity and justice.

**27** Give thanks that God is slow to anger and inclined to forgive our sins, shortcomings, mistreatment of our neighbors and deliberate wrongdoings, and to treat us with mercy and compassion for the sake of restoring our relationship with God and setting us back on track in our daily lives.

**28** Pray for Bible study leaders, teachers and volunteers serving in our congregations who share their faith, help us study and explore Scripture, join us in prayerfully and thoughtfully wrestling with spiritual questions, and help us connect the word of God with everyday life.

**29** Reflect on the gifts, abilities and courage of faith we have received from the Holy Spirit, and on the joy and confidence we have in the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ; give thanks for who we have become in Christ for the sake of mission and service in the world.

**30** Give praise and glory to God that through our worship and liturgy we will be reminded of the promises spoken at our baptisms, the forgiveness and new life we receive through the washing with water and the word of God, and the call we receive to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness – as individuals and communities of faith.



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## PRAYER VENTURES SEPTEMBER 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** Pray that we learn humility, respect and hospitality from the example and teachings of Jesus and the Spirit at work in the lives of people around us, and that we exercise in daily life this regard for others without bias, reluctance or feeling that we deserve something in return.

**2** *Labor Day* On this day we recognize and pray for the work and service people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all receive fair wages, work in safe environments, are renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor; pray that all those who seek employment will find work and for the well-being, care and support of people unable to work.

**3** Give thanks to God for our early-learning centers, K-12 schools, lay schools for ministry, colleges and universities, and seminaries, and for the significant role they serve in faith formation, education and equipping leaders throughout life.

**4** Praise God for filling us with mercy, compassion, joy, a sense of justice, and a bold, confident faith that spills over into the world.

**5** Give thanks and praise to God as we celebrate with the 2019 graduates of the ELCA International Women Leaders Initiative: Shelia Gun Holly Hanitritirina (Malagasy Lutheran Church); Yuen Ching Lee, Abby Lai and Melissa Neo (Lutheran Church in Malaysia); and Elisa Pérez-Trejo (Mexican Lutheran Church). Give thanks for all who have supported them throughout the program, and ask God to bless their service and ministry as they move forward.

**6** Pray that our actions, words, work, service and concern for our neighbors in need – be they strangers, friends or forgotten – bear witness to the word and ways of God made known to us through Jesus Christ and instilled in us by the Holy Spirit.

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**7** Give thanks for the ministry and witness of ELCA missionaries serving alongside our global companions in Senegal, South Africa and Eswatini, as well as the six young people serving in Senegal and the four serving in Southern Africa as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**8** *"God's work. Our hands."* Sunday Pray for children, youth and adults involved in volunteer community service across the country in partnership with neighboring congregations, Lutheran agencies and community organizations. Give thanks for the living, daring confidence in God's grace from which our every act of service throughout life flows!

**9** Continue to pray for peace, justice, reconciliation and economic opportunity for the people and countries of Central America, and pray that the United States and other nations will respond to their needs with humanitarian and economic assistance, collaborative efforts to find effective, lasting solutions to the crises they are experiencing, and prayerful, enduring support.

**10** Praise God for knowing us better than we know ourselves and assuring us that we are loved and are never forgotten or alone in the world.

**11** Pray that the peace, confidence and grace of God given to us in Jesus Christ will prevail and calm our every fear and anxiety in these turbulent and uncertain times.

**12** As members of the body of Christ we are like "trees planted by streams of water," sustained in all that we do, nurtured to bear fruits of the Spirit and strengthened to follow the word and ways of God. Pray that we are not shy about inviting others to have faith in God's redeeming love through Christ and enjoying the life-enriching blessings of being in a community of faith.

**13** Approximately 1 in 10 people around the world can't access the food he or she needs to live an active, healthy life; more than 40 million people in the United States are unsure where their next meal will come from; and 10% of the world's population lives in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. Remember in prayer those who suffer with poverty and hunger, and give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger, our congregations and other partners as they respond to communities in need, striving for sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

**14** *Holy Cross Day* Today, give thanks and lift up words of celebration for Jesus' self-sacrificing, redemptive, life-giving offering on the cross for the sake of all humanity.

**15** *National Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino brothers and sisters and pray for the

work and growth of the 147 ELCA Latino ministries in the United States as they share the gospel, encourage our unity in Christ, support pastors and lay leaders, and serve their neighbors in many community contexts.

**16** Pray for God's mercy, forgiveness and guidance when we stray from God's ways or find ourselves worshipping wealth, earthly possessions, power or status more than we worship God.

**17** Pray that our church in all its expressions – congregations, synods and the churchwide organization – are guided by the wisdom and enthusiasm stirred by the Holy Spirit to implement and live into decisions made during synod assemblies and the ELCA Churchwide Assembly for the sake of doing God's work in the world, sharing the gospel, growing the church and serving our neighbor.

**18** Pray that we might be persistent and caring in seeking, inviting and welcoming people who have left our congregations, feel unwelcome because of who they are or what they've done, have been hurt by conflict or feel they have no place in the church, the body of Christ.

**19** Pray for relief and access to clean water where people are suffering from extreme heat and drought in the world; ask God to help us work with one another to care for our environment and precious water resources, find ways to ease and prevent the impact of climate change, and share generously our resources to provide for the essential needs of people everywhere.

**20** With grateful hearts, thank God for the mercy and grace we receive through Jesus Christ, who embraces who we are in all our humanness and shortcomings and transforms us for service and faithful leadership in the world.

**21** *Matthew, apostle and evangelist* Pray that we will serve as willing, faithful and bold followers of Christ even though our backgrounds, life experiences, professions and gifts are diverse and may seem incongruent with what we imagine God desires in a disciple or evangelist.

**22** Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in us and guide us to be faithful, trustworthy and responsible with all God has entrusted to us in this life, that we may serve our neighbors in need, care for creation and honor God.

**23** Remember in prayer ministry candidates who have responded to God's call to ministry and leadership through the church and are involved in the process of preparation, discernment and waiting for assignment. Pray for candidates and their families during this time that can be both joyful and anxious; and pray that leaders and ELCA staff involved in the assignment process will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discernment and decision-making.



## September Volunteers

### Ushers/Greeters

9/1 Joyce Strand / Julie Jones  
 9/8 Keith, Deb, Erick Landin  
 9/15 Buck & Barb Bue  
 9/22 Ron & Renae Tveit  
 9/29 David & Nancy Pellett

### Sunday Lectors

9/1 Liz Hardwick  
 9/8 Deb Landin  
 9/15 Wayne Smith  
 9/22 Ron Tveit  
 9/29 Wayne Smith

### Altar Care

8/18 Harriet Heinen  
 Martha Whaley

### Communion Assistants

8/18 Harriet Heinen / Dan Lykken  
 Martha Whaley / Liz Hardwick  
 Dave Dalager

### Sound Board Attendants

#### *Sunday Morning Services*

9/1 Patrick Frolander  
 9/8 Trent Hard  
 9/15 Dan Curtis  
 9/22 Volunteer needed  
 9/29 Trent Hard

#### *Wednesday Evening Services*

9/4, 18, 25 Brenda Haats  
 9/11 Volunteer needed

### Projector Attendants

#### *Sunday Morning Services*

9/1 Volunteer needed  
 9/8 Sam Hard  
 9/15 Mikayla Curtis  
 9/22 Volunteer needed  
 9/29 Matt Hard

#### *Wednesday Evening Services*

Volunteers needed for all dates.

### Lawn Mowing

week beginning...

9/2 Doug Sirrine  
 Steve Hagen  
 9/9 Marty Howes

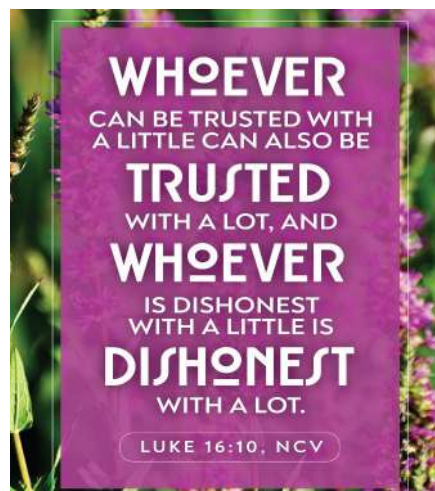
## Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
7/31*		No worship	
8/4	84		84
8/7*		No worship	
8/11	90		90
8/14*		No worship	
8/18	86		86
8/21*		No worship	
8/25	80		80
8/28*		No worship	

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

Noisy offerings  
 will be collected  
 Sunday, September 15.

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



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## Tithes and Offerings

### Offerings for week ending 7/28:

General Fund: \$3,319.29  
 Building Fund: \$100.00

### Offerings for week ending 8/4:

General Fund: \$4,833.00  
 Building Fund: \$670.00

### Offerings for week ending 8/11:

General Fund: \$2,211.00  
 Building Fund: \$55.00  
 "GWOH.": \$10.00

### Offerings for week ending 8/18:

General Fund: \$6,484.00  
 Building Fund: \$1,370.00  
 Noisy Offering: \$98.34  
 (future "GWOH" projects)

### Offerings for week ending 8/25

To be announced Δ

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August 4 - by Lori & Brian Schaible in loving memory of Lori's parents, Janice & LaMoyne Branden.

August 11 - by Joyce Wright in memory of her husband, Lyle, and in celebration for two new great grandchildren.

August 18 - by Vernon & Valerie Landin in honor of Susie Lykken for the love and kindness she shows and her August 20 birthday!

August 25 - by Rolland & Lois Harrison in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 29. Δ





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## "God's work. Our hands." September 8 is the ELCA Day of Service

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Zion's service projects include ditch cleaning,  
packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief,  
and cutting fabric squares for LWR quilting

*The food packing event originally planned for that day had to be cancelled.*

Volunteers are needed for serving in the kitchen and for  
doing the projects. More details are inside this newsletter.



Brunch will be served from 10:00 to 10:45 am.