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# **ZION E W S**



# **2017**

## Our Discipleship Together

### Salt of The Earth

Jesus said "You are the salt of the earth." *Matthew 5:13*

As someone who has lived with high blood pressure for more than 25 years, I hear this passage a little differently. At the time of Jesus, salt was a highly valuable commodity, not only for food preparation, but also for its preservation. They would be aghast if they saw how we throw it on our streets in the winter. In my life, however, its absence is more valuable than its presence. I can gain five pounds in one

night with all the salt in a large amount of pizza. And yet, even with my issues with high blood pressure, I still need a little bit of salt to live, because salt does have an important function within our bodies. We can't live without it.

We live in a world that sees little need for the light of Christ, and it is tempting to think that we can live without this light as well. Who needs love when we are filled with fear? Who needs hope when the wolf is at the door? Who needs faith when we need to protect ourselves? The light of Christ is nice when we light candles on Christmas Eve, but sometimes it's tempting to leave that light there rather than shine it in the world. After all, look at what happened to Jesus when he shined his light in the world. He was killed. And yet, he calls us to follow him; to be his light in the world; to be the salt that the earth so desperately needs.

The world is not suffering with high blood pressure because there is too much salt from us, the body of Christ. Nope. We can't overdo this kind of salt. We can underdo it, but we can't overdo it. The world needs the light that we are gifted to offer, just as we need it in our own lives. And we have plenty. God does not short us in any way with the necessary amount of light. Jesus calls us to be the pizza that the world is so hungry for. Be the light that shines in darkness of fear and injustice. Embrace your calling to be the love of God in the world, spicing it up in your unique way.

*Pastor Keith*

## Council Summary for the Month of January\_\_\_\_\_

The Council met on Tuesday, January 10th, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

A representative from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp gave a presentation on FLLC's camps, volunteer opportunities, programs and other offerings.

### Pastor's Report

**December Attendance:** '16-102 '15-135 '14-120,

**Christmas Eve Attendance:** '16-196 '15-212 '14-197,

**Average Yearly Attendance:** '16-108 '15-117 '14-113,

**Funeral:** Ellice DeBenedetto

- Candidacy Committee Meeting, December 9
- Hosted the Staff Brunch, December 11
- Christmas Program with Bible Class for Adults with Special Needs, December 12
- 2-3 lay members needed to meet with Pastor and the ELCA Office of Research and Evaluation Team in Crystal Falls, MI on February 18th for an hour to talk about what dreams do our congregation and Synod have for the future. Please let Pastor know if anyone is interested.

### December Financial Reports

- General Fund balance is \$8,586
- Capital Improvement Fund balance is \$31,579
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance is \$3,212
- The Intern Fund Balance remained at \$744.
- The Garden Grant Fund balance remained at \$308.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$1,390.

### Committee Reports

#### Property:

- Parking Lot seal coated and filling of cracks was paid
- Complaint was made regarding quality of the completed job.

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## Council Summary for the Month of January\_\_\_\_\_

### Old Business

- 2017 Budget
- The council approved the recommendation of the 2017 budget to the Congregation.
- Audit Committee adjustment
- Thomas Maxwell will not be on the committee as previously appointed by Council. Sharon Powilaites was be appointed in his place.

### New Business

- Approved Agenda for Annual Meeting
- Dixieland Band
- Appoint the loose offering on Sunday February 26 to pay for their performance.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Julie Williams, Recording Secretary**

## Jolly Times\_\_\_\_\_

We had a new person join us this month, which was nice because we lost one who winters in Florida. We're always looking for more people to play. Let me know if you need a ride and we will try to accommodate you. Pinochle has become popular, along with Mexican Train Dominoes. Pinochle was a new game for a couple people to learn. We like to learn new games, so let us know what you like to play. In February, we will meet on Thursday, February 2, and February 16. Come and join us in Zion's Family Room from 1-3 pm for a Jolly Time!

Sharon Powilaites 715-735-5577

## The Stewardship Corner\_\_\_\_\_

It's once again time to take a look at what we, as a congregation, have done through our generous giving in 2016.

### Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS).

Zion provided \$20,089 to NGLS in 2016. For every dollar given, fifty-one cents is used for world mission, new US mission work, seminaries and leadership, development, evangelism, worship, stewardship growth, and other ELCA missions. Thirty-seven cents of every dollar is used for the ministry of the NGLS (staff, office, and programs). Seven cents of every dollar is used for the Lutheran Campus Ministry, and five cents of every dollar is used for our seminaries and other partners.

### Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC)

In 2016, \$3,550 was used for camp scholarships and \$3,397 was used in general support of the camp. Zion provided seven full scholarships through our Community Children's Fund, and nine 25% and 50% Zion Campers' Scholarships to kids in our congregation.

### DAR Boys and Girls Club

In 2016, Zion contributed \$3,653 to this outstanding organization. The DAR offers education, leadership, recreation, art, fitness and life skills' programs and activities during after-school hours and in the summer time for our area youth.

### Northland Lutheran Retirement Community

In 2016, Zion contributed \$320 to this non-profit church related ministry of the ELCA. Northland provides a variety of services and housing to seniors, the elderly, and the disabled. Many in our congregation are currently utilizing the services and housing offered.

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## The Stewardship Corner

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### World Hunger.

In 2016, the theme was "Feed My Children" and the congregation donated \$3,212. These funds were brought to Synod Assembly and are being used to help alleviate hunger around the globe.

### NEWCAP, Haven of Hope and Abundant Life Mission

Donations totaling \$1,934 were provided to these three organizations. Those monies are over and above the non-perishable food donations and personal care items donated by the congregation.

Zion raised a little over \$1,400 for its **Relay for Life** team. So many in our congregation and in our families are touched by cancer. This provides another way for us to support them and cancer research.

The **Angel Tree** in the lobby had 36 names on it. Because of Zion's generosity, these children had a Christmas; something they may not have had if you had not participated.

Zion also supports the Salvation Army **School Supply Collection** directed toward needy community children. In 2016, 120 children (5 classrooms of children) were helped. The kids were provided backpacks, basic school supplies and clothing, including socks, underwear and shoes.

**Equal Exchange** is a Fair Trade organization that buys directly from small-scale farmer cooperatives. These sales offer the farmers a fair price for their products. Zion's congregation has supported this ministry for years by purchasing coffees, teas, and chocolate products, as well as almonds and cocoa.

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## The Stewardship Corner

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**Cub Scout Pack 4168** meets in Zion's Fellowship Hall. Cub master Chris Gromala and Committee Chair Alan Dewitt have helped grow the pack membership from 30 to 70 over the last 5 years. Every year, the pack evaluates itself using the BSA's Journey to Excellence program to ensure they are providing a quality and meaningful program to grade school age boys. Of the 13 criteria, the pack earned high marks in 10 of them, enough to qualify for the gold level - the highest possible. Chris Gromala's son will be moving on to Boy Scouting. We thank Chris for the leadership and service he gave to the pack. Alan Dewitt's oldest son will also become a Boy Scout this year, but his younger son just joined the pack. Alan will remain with the pack a few more years assuming the role of Cub master. Every spring the pack seeks to do some service for Zion to show their appreciation for their support of the pack. They have cleaned up and raked the front yard, which is very much appreciated.

**Zion's Capital Improvement Fund.** 4.5% of the monies provided to Zion's General Fund goes directly to the Capital Improvement Fund. In 2016, Zion contributed \$7,749 to this fund which was used to install a new sink in the vestry, a new counter-top in the sacristy, and to crack-fill, seal and strip our parking lot.

If you're like me, I'm sure you had no idea how far reaching our missions were and are. We do a lot in our own communities to make life better for those less fortunate, but we also reach out to our brothers and sisters all over the world. With your continued support, we will continue to "Go Where Jesus Leads" in 2017.

In God's peace and grace,

Karen Sylvester

## Caring Ministry Team Update

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Our team is in need of two individuals who want to visit a few shut-in members of our congregation. It only takes one hour per month per individual, to bring some joy to someone. You can visit with them, sing with them, read to them, maybe play a card game with them. It's entirely up to you.

Please search your heart to share the love of Christ with someone. You are asked to visit someone once per month on a schedule that is convenient for you and for them.

Contact me at 715.732.4206 if you are willing to be on the Visitation Team.

Thank you.  
Karen Sylvester  
Chairperson ZCMT

## Salvation Army Youth Center

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The Salvation Army Youth Center- 76 Russell St. Marinette, WI- open to all youth ages 6-17. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2:30-6:00pm., Wed: 2:30-7:00pm (Supper, Christian Scouting Program, Music).

School days off- Hours vary. Open one Saturday a month. Summer Hours and Activities to be announced. Homework assistance, Table games, Crafts, Darts, Foosball, and Pool Table, Air Hockey, Ping Pong and more. Volunteers needed. Donations appreciated: age appropriate books, craft supplies, kid's movies, games, educational materials. X Box and cartridges, snack foods. Call Marla 715-735-7448 for more info. All activities are free in a safe, nurturing environment.

## Abundant Life Mission

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Dear Donor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for supporting the Abundant Life Mission in 2016. We do not receive federal or state assistance, so your donations keep this mission running. You are part of a loving and giving community that makes this homeless mission possible. In this new year, we are planning on making even more of an impact in this area to address today's issues with the priority on homelessness, but also hunger, addictions, jobs, housing, and mental and physical well-being.

Because of your help, we have been able to succeed at a level that other communities now want to duplicate. I pray that you will continue to support the Abundant Life Mission in any way possible to make 2017 an even better year than 2016. Keep in mind, we do have a thrift shop where you can donate gently used items for resale which also helps the mission considerably.

Your generosity has allowed us to serve more than 600 individuals (over 100 of them children) since we established our homeless shelter in 2012. Currently, we have 57 individuals housed here (17 are children). Your donations do make a difference.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave Pennell  
Executive Director  
Abundant Life Mission Inc.

## Funeral Luncheons

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In March of 2016, Zion distributed a Funeral Survey at worship and online. The following individuals answered that survey:

If you want to be contacted to help with future funeral luncheons,

Annette Anderson  
 Hilma Backman  
 Kathy Bauer  
 Barb Baumgarten  
 Sue Baxter  
 Heidi Beland  
 Carole Boerner  
 Roxanne Bowdin  
 Ann Buscher  
 Carla Clarke  
 Barb & Duane Clarke  
 Lori Despina  
 Karen Dill  
 Sharon Ehlers  
 Pam Goes  
 Barb & Gary Grom  
 Mary Hayward  
 Karen Houdek  
 Eileen Jagielski  
 Carol & Dave Johnson  
 Rita & Clark Kehoe  
 Stephanie Klein  
 Lisa Knopik  
 Karen Kolstad  
 Nila Krenos  
 Jane Landenberger  
 Michelle LaFond  
 Belinda Lemire  
 LeeAnn Martin  
 Sarah Marzahl  
 Candy Minzlaff

Ruth Olson  
 Nora Phym  
 Corina Powers  
 Sharon Powilaites  
 Pat Rondeau  
 Joni & Sarge Rudell  
 Nancy & Kenny Sallee  
 Bonnie Schoen  
 Pat Schultz  
 Jo & Don Schutt  
 Judy Stehle  
 Johanna Zuehls

In January, we set up funeral Committee teams. The leaders of those teams are:

### Team 1

Nancy Sallee  
 Karen Sylvester (lead)

### Team 2

Roxie Bowdin (lead)  
 Michelle LaFond

### Team 3

Ann Buscher (lead)  
 Carol Johnson

Note: The next Team to contact for serving at a funeral is Team 2.

please contact me, Karen Sylvester. My phone number is 715.732.4206, and my email is gsylvester@new.rr.com  
 Thank you, Karen

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

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I'm writing this in January as we try to make our way through another ice storm. Given that, it's hard to believe that FLLC is starting to accept registrations for the summer camping season, but they are. There are a variety of camp experiences open for all age groups from kindergartener to grandparent. Costs can range from \$100 per week for On-site Day Camp to \$495 for a week of Victory Camp for mentally/physically challenged adults.

Mighty Ones launched for the first-time last summer. It provides kids who have completed 1st grade an opportunity to come to camp for two nights. This is a fantastic opportunity for your young child to experience the fun to be had at FLLC. Check it out!

FLLC has a L.I.T. program, "Leaders in Training," for high-schoolers, grades 9-12, who hope someday to be counselors themselves, or just to learn skills for leadership in other situations. Several of their LITS returned to camp to help out while expanding their knowledge and experience.

Zion offers two different campership scholarships; 50% to our first-time campers, and 25% for those who previously attended. Camping at FLLC is a wonderfully rewarding experience which we hope many kids in our congregation will partake of.

Lastly, is becoming a camp counselor something that interests you? If you are a high school graduate, FLLC encourages you to become a part of their summer staff. Contact the camp at 906.214.2267 to learn more about this fantastic opportunity.

In God's love and grace,

Karen Sylvester

## Special Music – February 26<sup>th</sup>

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On Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> we will be having an exciting group coming to Zion for Worship. *Resurrection Afterglow*, a six-piece Dixieland Jazz praise band, was formed in 2008 to perform at Emmanuel Lutheran Church by John Wills, who was motivated to share his talent with those of his peers after witnessing an appearance of a similar group at a neighboring church the preceding year. In the past eight years, the band has performed numerous times at local churches, including St. Mary's Catholic Church in Peshtigo, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bethel Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church in Menominee, and Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Marinette.

The band is made up of experienced musicians from the area and have all performed together in different musical organizations including the Community Jazz Ensemble. *Resurrection Afterglow* is made up of John Wills on Trumpet and vocals, Tom Polkinghorne on clarinet, Roman Davis on Trombone, Bill Schubert on drums, Dr. Kelly McGuire on piano, and Elaine Mayer on bass guitar.

During the morning's service, you will hear a number of New Orleans traditional tunes, such as "The Best is Yet to Come", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Amazing Grace", "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", and "When the Saints Go Marching In." The band will also perform a prelude and a postlude.

We hope you are moved by their music and praise to God and the talent He has bestowed upon the members of the band. *Resurrection Afterglow* is honored to play for you and looks forward to sharing the opportunity to share praise to our Lord.

We need you to spread the word and invite friends and family to come visit Zion that morning! Let's pack those pews!

Loose offerings on this day will be used to defray the cost of the band. Your generosity will be appreciated.

## Annual Menominee "Walk for Warmth"

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Many Menominee County families and elderly are unable to pay for fuel to keep their homes warm this cold winter. There is something each of us can do to help.

The Community Action Agency's annual "Walk for Warmth" will be held at the Menominee Senior Center located at 905 10th Street on Saturday, February 25, 2017. The "Walk" will start at 10:00 A.M. WITH REGISTRATION FROM 9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM.

**Every dollar raised in Menominee County is used to provide emergency heating assistance to Menominee County residents.**

Enjoy the short walk from the Menominee Senior Center to Spies Library and back. Treats and beverages will be served at the Senior Center and the Library. This will be a fun event with lots of door prizes and 50/50 raffle.

**If you cannot attend the "Walk" you can still support this local humanitarian effort by sending a check to "Walk for Warmth" P.O. Box 213, Menominee, MI 49858.**

For further information or pledge sheets call Lori at (906) 863-3042 or go to [www.mdscaa.org](http://www.mdscaa.org).

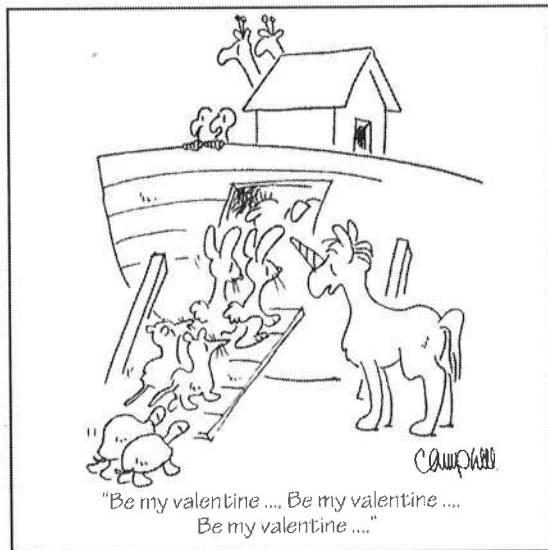
## Carpet Project Update

At the Annual Meeting, information was provided about the 2017 Carpeting Project. One thing that wasn't mentioned at the meeting is the fact that Johanna Zuehls wants to take care of having wires laid beneath the flooring so that those with hearing aids can hear much more effectively. We're sorry this wasn't mentioned at the meeting.

A Task Force has been formed, and their work will begin shortly. Also, contact was made with the both the flooring company and the company that will take care of the pews so they are aware that this project is a go for this year.

Again, with using some of our savings and by taking out a loan, our budget can handle this large project. However, any extra gifts designated for the Carpet Project will be helpful and will be welcomed.

Thank you!



## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

### Sunday, February 5, 2017

Acolyte – Samuel Gressel                      Lector – Karen Sylvester  
 Greeters – John & Sharon Powilaites      Head Usher – Don Schutt  
 Communion Assistants – Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Barb Grom and Roxy  
 Bowdin (Distributing the Host)  
 AV Team – Chad Derby and Gage Schutt

### Sunday, February 12, 2017

Acolyte – Tyler Lund                              Lector – Nora Plym  
 Greeter – Joel & Rosalie Settersten      Head Usher – Carole Boerner  
 Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne  
 Coffee Time Sponsor – Nora Plym  
 AV Team – Chad Derby & Cheryl Maxwell

### Sunday, February 19, 2017

Acolyte – Gage Schutt                              Lector – Pastor George Olson  
 Greeters – Shirley & Oliver Swenson      Head Usher – Michelle Larson  
 Communion Assistants – Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Sue Baxter & Kathy  
 Heimbuch (Distributing the Host)  
 AV Team – Chad Derby and Sharon Powilaites

### Sunday, February 26, 2017

#### **Dixieland Group to Perform**

Acolyte – Carly Bauer                              Lector – Heidi Beland  
 Greeter – Jane Landenberger              Head Usher – Nora Plym  
 Communion Assistant – Karen Kolstad  
 AV Team – Jonah Zuehls and Kathy Heimbuch



# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

**February 1**  
Wendy Ihler

**February 2**  
William Retza  
Randy Schroeder

**February 3**  
Michelle LaFond

**February 5**  
Jacob Tipple

**February 6**  
Heidi Beland

**February 7**  
Leo Kaufman  
Kristine Race

**February 8**  
Luther Kelly  
Jon Strutz

**February 9**  
Don Boerschinger  
Jared Harding  
Kari Retza

**February 10**  
Sue Baxter  
Janet Cook

**February 11**  
Erik Breuer

**February 12**  
Troy Cording  
Joyce Johnson  
LeeAnn Martin  
Katie Somers

**February 13**  
Brandon Brooks  
Emily Limberg

**February 14**  
Brycen Buenning  
Jeffrey Tipple  
Nathan Vincent

**February 15**  
Rose-Marie  
Christenson

**February 16**  
Tom Hayward

**February 18**  
Maxwell Albert  
Jerry Poquette

**February 19**  
William Tipple

**February 21**  
Randy Pecard

**February 22**  
Nick Kehoe  
Baylee Zuraski

**February 25**  
Robert Lebick

**February 26**  
Barb Clarke  
Rachel  
Rosenfeldt

**February 27**  
Scott Gressel  
Julie Retza

**February 28**  
Vern Cramer



# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 pm Worship 6-7 pm SPARK, Confirmation, Small Catechism Study 7:15 pm Choir	2 1-3 pm Jolly Times Game Day at Zion 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	3	4
			Note: Pastor Keith will be in St. Paul, MN Feb. 1, 2 & 3			
5 9:30 am Worship Last Day of 'Souper' Bowl Food Drive	6 6:30 pm Ecumenical Bible Study for adults with special needs.	7 10:30 am Luther's Small Catechism Study at St. James Lutheran	8 5:30 pm Worship 6-7 pm SPARK, Confirmation, Small Catechism Study 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	9 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship	13 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee 6:15 – 7:15 pm Brownie Troop 4406 Meeting	14 9:-11:30 am Sew-for- Missions 6:30 pm Council Meeting	15 5:30 pm Worship 6-7 pm SPARK, Confirmation, Small Catechism Study 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	16 1-3 pm Jolly Times Game Day at Zion 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship 11 am Youth Tundra Lodge Trip 1pm Northland Lutheran Annual meet	20 6:30 pm Ecumenical Bible Study for adults with special needs.	21 10:30 am Luther's Small Catechism Study at St. James Lutheran	22 5:30 pm Worship 6-7 pm SPARK, Confirmation, Small Catechism Study 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	23 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	24 Feb. 24 & 25 Cub Scout Lock-in Event at Zion.	25
	Pastor gone Feb. 19 & 20 Synod Professional Leaders					
26 9:30 am Worship	27 7:00 pm Sarah Group 6:15 – 7:15 pm Brownie Troop 4406 Meeting	28 9-11:30 am Sew- for-Missions 10:30 am Luther's Small Catechism Study at St. James Lutheran				
	Paula, Church Secretary will be on vacation February 28, March 1 & 2, and March 7.					