



Zion St. John
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Being the Body of Christ

October 2018

Pentecost/ Reformation

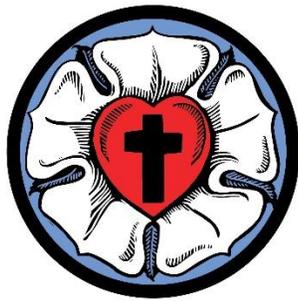
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“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

John 8: 31-32

501ST Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION



OUR VISION STATEMENT

At Zion St. John Lutheran Church, we are committed to being the body of Christ until He returns. Led by the Holy Spirit and gathered around God's Word and Sacraments, we join in worship, fellowship, learning, spiritual nurture, outreach, and service, as we grow in faith and invite others to experience Christ's presence.

On Sunday, October 28th we will celebrate the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. While we should all be familiar with Martin Luther and the pivotal role he played in this movement, most of us are less familiar with another man who was of great assistance to Luther, Philipp Melanchthon.

Melanchthon was born on February 15, 1497 in Bretten, Germany and died on April 19, 1560 in Wittenberg Germany. Philipp was a brilliant scholar and met Luther at the University of Wittenberg, where Melanchthon served as their first professor of Greek. Luther and Melanchthon formed a deep friendship and shared very similar theological views.

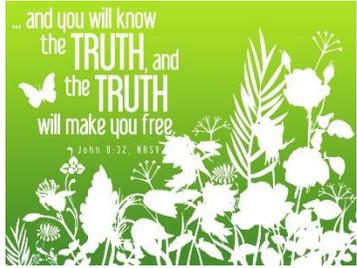
After Luther was kidnapped by friends after the Diet of Worms and was taken to Wartburg Castle, Melanchthon became the leader of the Reformation cause at Wittenberg. Philipp penned the famous Augsburg Confession, a document that laid out the reformer's views on a number of topics which was presented to the Pope. Later Melanchthon wrote the Apology to the Augsburg Confession. The term apology, as it appears here is often misconstrued, it actually means defense. Melanchthon wasn't saying he was sorry for what he had written. He was defending his words.

After Luther died, there were many that wanted to reconcile with the Roman Catholic Church but Melanchthon stood firm that reconciliation could not occur unless the Roman Catholic Church agreed to the Doctrine of Justification by Grace through Faith.

Melanchthon and Luther's partnership and friendship was so significant that when Melanchthon died he was buried in Wittenberg

beside Luther.

As we thank God for our heritage this month, we celebrate how the Holy Spirit brought these two men together to accomplish God's purpose.



God's blessings to you,
Pastor Kim



In September, we read through the book of James in worship. This book was a letter written by James to all the Jewish people after Jesus' death and resurrection. He had a lot to say in these five short chapters about how to live in community as Christians. But, the topic that jumped out at me, and the 7th and 8th grade SS class, was from chapter 3. Chapter three's first heading is entitled "Taming the Tongue."

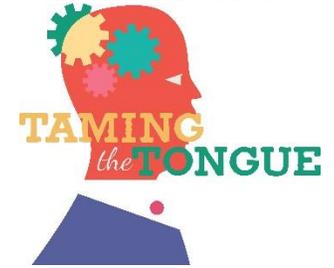
In a nutshell, James says that our mouths were made for worship and thanks to God, but we have a bad habit of using them to hurt other people. He says "*How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!*" (James 3:5b). We are all guilty of gossiping and saying things that we shouldn't. Often, we don't intend harm by what we say, but it is said without much thought for how it might make another feel.

During SS, we talked about how easy it is to say things that might hurt other people's feelings. For example, the first portion of class was spent complaining about a particularly difficult teacher at school. When I pointed out that this complaining to each other is exactly what James warned against, a lightbulb went on in their heads.

They realized that it is so easy to complain, but not so easy to see how their words might affect this person or other people's attitudes.

We strive to live in community with one another, but it can be difficult when our tongues are little fires. Though it's extremely difficult, being careful how we speak of other people is crucial to living in community with each other and with the rest of God's children.

Grace and peace,
Caitlin



WORSHIP CHANGES

Holy Communion will be on October 7 and 28. Pastor Kim and Diane will be out of town on October 21, so there will be no communion that day.



HOLIDAY FOOD FAIR

Yes it's time to start thinking about the holiday season, I mean the Holiday Food Fair. This year's date is Dec. 8, 2018. That's 2 months away. It's time to put the date on your calendar, time to start looking at recipes, time to start planning to attend. This year will be the same format as last year. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served at 8:30 a.m. with sales beginning at 9:00 a.m. Again we will have cookies by the dozen, candies, jar mixes, dips, cards, Rada, Fair Trade items and maybe a few surprises.

We would like all members to participate, by donating items, volunteering and/or attending and shopping. There will be more information in the newsletters and bulletins. This year's proceeds will be divided between the West Fork Food Pantry, our church kitchen needs, and Wings of Refuge. There will be something for everyone! So please start thinking about this event. Anyone can volunteer (no special training is needed) and will be very welcome. Just let me know - Carla N 892-4985. It's a fun day and I look forward to it every year. Thanks in advance!!!!!!

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS



The fall stewardship drive will begin in late October and continue into November. Please watch for mailings, updates in the weekly bulletin and on the website!

Altar Guild



ALTAR GUILD

Have you ever been interested in helping with the preparations of the altar every week? This is a very fun and unique “church” job, that varies from week to week and has something for everyone. There are flowers to tend to, communion to prepare, liturgical clothes to change and even some cleaning up (and who doesn't like that!) If you are HS age or older, curious about the details or even just willing to learn, please call Carla N, 892-4985, or Marlene S, 892-4639.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Here's a look at our finances as of August 31, 2018.

Budgeted Income	\$145,448
Offerings Received	\$119,385
Current Deficit	\$ 26,063
Expenses Year to Date	\$133,311
Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 8,352

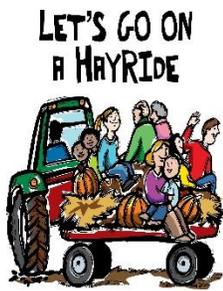


While our deficit grew by \$4,500 our checking account balance decreased by \$1,350 because we are doing a good job of controlling our expenses. Please prayerfully consider helping us get our income in line with our expenses. Thank you for your faithful giving.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The new West Fork Food Pantry will be officially beginning on Thursday October 4. We now will be distributing food two times monthly and we will be paying a nominal fee for the food that we receive from the Food Bank of Iowa. We will be in need of food and personal hygiene items, monetary donations (single or recurring), refrigerators and freezers (in good working condition), and volunteers. We are still searching for a permanent space to house the food pantry. This space must be climate and pest controlled. If you have questions or donations, please contact the church office.





FAMILY HAYRIDE

The annual family hayride will be Sunday October 14, 4-5:30 pm. This is for all ages and family sizes and includes a cook out of hotdogs, chips, s'mores and juice. Come and join the fun!

THANK OFFERINGS



Women of ZSJ, we will be collecting our thank offerings in November, so start saving up! Watch for more details in the weekly bulletin and the website.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

DORIS E will celebrate her 95th birthday on October 10th. We congratulate her on achieving this incredible milestone. To help her celebrate, her family is holding a birthday card shower. Please send a card to Doris at 3210 Lark Avenue Sheffield, Iowa 50475.



WEAR RED!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The Advent by Candlelight tradition will continue under new leadership. Special thank you to Judy Siems and Sue Rube for agreeing to chair this meaningful Advent tradition. They are now taking names for table hostesses and guests. Please see the sign up sheets on the Narthex bulletin board.



Call to Order - called to order by Doug D on Sunday September 9 at 10:30; Present were Pastor Kim, Cindy H, Lisa P, Tony R, Jim B, Vickie B, Scott C, Doug D, Brigid C; Pastor led devotions; Darwin Meyer spoke about the Tanzania water project. He and Lorna would like to return to Africa next August. Wants to partner in a "chicken project". Discussed project and how the church can partner.

Pastor's Report

Weddings Scheduled

- * October 6, 2018 Cassidy K & Brady R at ZSJ
- * October 20, 2018 Tyler G & Emily C at ZSJ

Weddings Performed

- * August 31, 2018 Alli L & Jake D at Shakopee, Minnesota

Funerals Performed

- * August 15, 2018 Matt R at ZSJ
- * September 7, 2018 Byron H at ZSJ

Inurnment Performed

- * August 15, 2018 Shirley D at Thornton Cemetery

Other Activities

- * Completed Safe Food Handling Course required by the Food Bank of Iowa.
- * Three member visits.

- * One home communion visit.

Items to Consider

- * Nancy R has requested that the Praise Team take a hiatus until January, 2019.
- * We will need to approve staff health care for 2019 next month. In the past we have provided medical insurance for our youth directors. Caitlin has not needed this because she is still on her parent's insurance. This year she will turn 26 and will need to have her own coverage. Pastor will have an estimated cost of coverage for you before our next council meeting.
- * The collection agency that Aramark uses called and offered to settle with us for \$1,000.00. Pastor declined.
- * The AED has arrived. We need to arrange for installation. Lance will put up as soon as it is ready.
- * The new flooring for the sanctuary is scheduled to be installed next week. They plan to begin on Monday. Installation could take up to three days.
- * Pastor would like to create a funeral task force to create a funeral guideline booklet. - Motion to approve task force, Doug; second, Brigid; passed.

Connecting ZSJ with The Larger Church

- * Pastor serves on the Outside Council of The Church of the Damascus Road.
- * Pastor serves on the Synod SAFE Committee.
- * Diane W serves on the Synod Council and as president of the NE Iowa Women of the ELCA.
- * Cliff C, Don G, Tom S and Pastor will represent ZSJ at the Riverside Fall Golf Classic on Friday, September 14.

Correspondence - none

Secretary's Report - Motion to accept, Scott; second, Jim; passed.

Treasurer's Report - Reviewed report.

Committee Reports

Parish Education

- * Today is Rally Sunday.

- * Confirmation will begin on Wed.

- * Oct is UNI lock-in

Property Management

- * Roof is leaking in the sanctuary and the sacristy. Lance will contact the roofers to have them come look and make repairs.
- * Will fix the broken window this week and will make a bid for new windows in the sacristy and banner room.

Stewardship

- * Will need to get together soon

Technology

- * Averaging around 20 views/week for live stream of worship service. Discussed how to let parents know that it is being streamed.

Worship & Evangelism

- * October is almost full.

Youth & Family

- * MS will meet 2nd and 4th Sundays, 1-3 pm and HS will meet 1st and 3rd Sundays, 1-3 pm.

Old Business

Permanent food pantry

- * Begins in October
- * Shelving up by the 1st of Oct.
- * Still need another refrigerator. Discussed where to keep it.
- * Kari will be treasurer for this as well.

AED installation & training

- * Will need to set up a training for members.

Elevator repair cost

- * Have paid the bill. Pastor contacting the original company that it was not calibrated correctly.

LED lights for basement

* Pastor has a quote and will pass it on to committee.

New Business

Community church service

* Discussed how to move forward. Pastor will visit with Pastor Gobeli about her thoughts.

Adjourn - Brigid motion to adjourn; second, Vickie; passed.

Submitted by
Brigid C

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CALL TO ORDER: President Alice G called the General meeting to order on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 1:05 p.m. There were 13 present. Alice gave devotions and the statement of purpose was read.

MINUTES of the August 12th board meeting were read. Diane W moved to approve the minutes; passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Francis Lauer about their 50th anniversary event on September 20 was read. LSI, LAMP and Wings of Refuge requested prayers and support for their missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

* Diane reported a checking balance of \$1908.98 and savings balance of \$1,456.06 of which \$953.10 are designated funds. Report placed on file.

* The proposed budget for 2019 was presented. Marilyn Sheahan moved to approve the budget; passed.

* The Holiday Food Fair to be held December 8th was discussed. Carla Nelson moved that the proceeds from this be divided in thirds and given to the West Fork Food Pantry for a refrigerator, etc., to Wings of Refuge, and for our kitchen needs. Some of the kitchen needs include replacing the countertop trim and bottom of cupboard trim,

plastic pitchers, and dispensers for cold drink; passed.

* The proposed Christmas gift list was presented. Carla moved to approve; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mission & Action: Co-chair Maxine H reported that quilting will begin tomorrow, September 5.

Mission & Growth: Co-chair Marlene S is continuing with plans for an event this fall.

Sunshine: Judy S reported that she has sent 12 sympathy and 8 get well cards.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still waiting on the window replacement with last year's Holiday Food Fair proceeds.

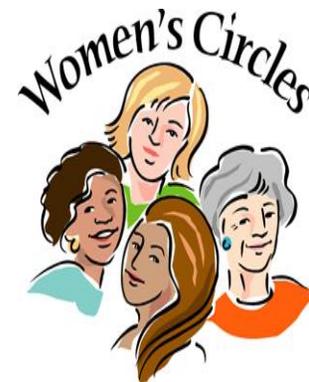
NEW BUSINESS:

* Election of officers was held. No one has consented to run for vice president yet. Diane W for treasurer, Maxine H for co-chair of Mission & Action, and Marlene S for co-chair of Mission & Growth all consented to run again. Diane moved to accept the slate of officers; passed.

* Rebekah Circle entertains at the Sheffield Care Center birthday party on October 15.

Alice adjourned the meeting at 2 p.m.

Secretary,
Marcia E



Rebekah Circle
Monday, October 1
@ 6:00 pm
Bible Study: Alice G

Dorcas Circle
Tuesday, October 2
@ 1 pm
Hostess: Doris M
Bible Study: Helga B

PRAYER LIST

In order to keep Pastor Kim informed and our prayer list accurate, please let the church office or Pastor know if you are in the hospital or are anticipating hospitalization.

Cindy R	Sarah P	Beth J
Lorri H	Sawyer A	Finley O
Pam B	Chuck N	Cliff C
Dick H	Christy M	Virginia C
Bev F	Louise C	Kira N
Gary S		



- * The family of Byron H
- * Our 9th grade confirmands, Delaney Ch, Nate H, Taylor K, Emma M, Malachi R, Hayden S, Alex S, Kalli T, Isaac T and their families
- * The newly married, Cassidy K and Ryan B and Tyler G and Emily C
- * The new West Fork Food Pantry, volunteers and guests.

October 2	Pat H, Junior N
October 3	Don R
October 6	Dawn H
October 7	Kevin B, Deb H Brody S
October 10	Doris E, Jessica H
October 11	Joel E, Beth S
October 12	Vicki M, Brett N
October 14	Sydney K
October 15	Roger M, Collin M, Lindy M Logan P, Betty S, Brandy H
October 16	Lily E, Jill K, Travis S
October 17	Josh S, Nichole S
October 18	Carol L
October 22	Lauren D



October 23	Pat M
October 24	Devyn B, Lori H, Cate S
October 27	Lance L, Amy S
October 28	Jim E
October 30	Barb K, Mark S, Dave S, Jordan S
October 31	Collin S

GRAND OPENING

The Franklin County Mobile Food Pantry has now transitioned to the **West Fork Food Pantry!** We will be open on the first Thursday of every month, (**starting October 4**) 10 am –12 pm and the third Thursday (**October 18**) of every month, 3:30-5:30 pm @ Zion St John Lutheran Church. We will be serving residents of Franklin County or the West Fork School District. You will be asked to provide proof of residency, either ID or a current utility bill.

We will be celebrating with a grand opening on Thursday October 4, @ 9:45 am. All are welcome to attend. We gratefully accept donations of perishable and non-perishable food and garden produce. Please call the church office with questions!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Head Usher: Darin M

Altar Guild: Louise C
Kim M

Acolyte:

7 Ava H
14 Trevor G
21 Cole M
28 Gavin M

Crucifer:

7 Carter B
14 Jadyn D
21 Emily M
28 Brynn C

Lector:

7 Alice G
14 Kay R
21 Kay R
28 Confirmation Students

Greeters:

7 Greimanns
14 5-6th Grade SS
21 Johnsons
28 Dohlmans

Offering Counters:

Scott C
Tracy D

Fellowship Time Servers:

7
14 5-6th Grade SS
21 Greimanns
28 Confirmation Reception

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Fellowship and Sunday School



G Kim Wills, Pastor

pastor@zionstjohn.org

641-425-9453

9:00am-3:00pm, T-F

Caitlin Retz, Director of Youth/Family Ministries 641-494-6989

youth@zionstjohn.org

9:00am-4:00pm, S-M-T-Th

9am-noon Wed.

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9:00am-12:00pm, M-F