

Sion's Vineyard



July 2010

Ushers:

Todd & Cindy
Nelson

Joke of the Month: Q and A

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!

Q: Why did God create man before woman?

A: He didn't want any advice.

Doctor: 'Your recovery was a miracle!'

Patient: 'PRAISE GOD. Now I don't have to pay you!'

Communion Assistant:

Gary Rice

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Are you interested in teaching Sunday School this year? The new rotational curriculum just requires a 2-month teaching commitment! If you are interested, see Tali Olson or Mendy Coffield.

Open House Noon Luncheon Celebration

Laverne and Patricia Isaacson's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sion Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 25, 2010
Kindly request no gifts please.

Pastor Melodi
can be
reached at:

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Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower honoring Amey Johnson (bride-to-be of Ryan Swenson) will be held at the church on Saturday, July 10 from 3 – 5PM. Everyone Welcome! The couple is registered at T&B Hardware, Austin Flowers, Bed Bath & Beyond and Target.

Worship at Zion in Lake Bronson

Zion Lutehran in Lake Bronson will be held on Sunday, July 18th at 11:00AM. Communion will be shared and following worship you are invited to stay for coffee and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

WELCA Update

The WELCA has purchased 6 dozen new teaspoons, before Smorgasbord. Thank you for the monetary donation from Julie Cerkowniak. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Smorgasbord a success!



Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Sion Church

Bev Coffield

Mike Jensen

Sydney Johnson

Jerry Kent

Pat Muir

Armed Forces

Notes from Pastor Melodi - We are Family...

On Sunday evenings I usually call home to check in with my Mom in Ohio to hear how my family is doing. Typically, things are "fine" she says. But, once in a while she tells me... "Aunt Susy is upset with Uncle Bill again or Uncle Ted is mad at the Pastor." Being far removed from it all, I listen, I feel concerned, and I also feel a bit helpless thinking... "What can I do?"

I'm sure many of you have been hearing concerns about our large church family, the ELCA. One can't help but hear about the complaints and frustrations from the news, neighbors, or family members. Unfortunately, this is what it means to be a family too! Often times I hear Sion's members define themselves as "family", because we care for one another. But we are also all aware that there is no such thing as a perfect family. All families go through conflict from time to time. So again I question, what should we do?

Even though conflict might make us feel uncomfortable, conflict within a family is normal and is nothing new for God's family. When we open up the Bible and read about God's family since its existence we hear that God continues to call, bless, and redeem God's chosen family even though we keep making a mess of things. For instance, when we read the book of Genesis we hear about God's family members stealing, killing, and lying to one another. Joseph's brothers tried to solve their problems on their own by taking Joseph out to a pit and leaving him there to be killed by wild animals. Yet, Joseph lives through it and at the end of Genesis we hear Joseph share with his family, "Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today." (Genesis 50:19-20)

What can you and I do? We can be afraid. We can complain. We can try to fix things on our own. But I ask you, are we in the place of God? Are we standing in the way of what God is up to? Or is God using us to speak the truth? The answer is yes! And, God reminds us to not be afraid. We are a family because we have the same heavenly Father who only wants what is good for us. God desires to continue to preserve a numerous people, just as he is doing right now for you.

-Your fellow family member In Christ, Pastor Melodi Hagen-

Update on Sion's Study Group

A recommendation was made by the council to form a study group following our annual meeting in January. Members of Sion's Study Group include the following: Clayton Frame, Pat Isaacson, Kristin Jerome, Jeanna Kujava, Ray Johnson, Arlen Nordin (council rep.), Donnie Thorlacius, Peggy Wilebski, and Pastor Melodi. These members have been praying, listening, and discerning together how the changes at the 2009 Church wide assembly will affect our congregation. It has not been an easy task, but the group has been faithfully meeting since March on how we might support, inform, and guide Sion church through this challenging time. Your feedback and prayers for our group is encouraged. Thank you.

Stewardship Corner: *Sharing with our neighbors*

Thank: Thank you for the gifts you share with your neighbors by making meals, pumping water out of basements, and mowing lawns. Thank you also for supporting the ministries and organizations in our community that shares faith and healing to our neighbors.

Tell: Sunday, June 6th Park River Bible camp counselors led worship and encouraged our young people in their faith. We are supporting three of our youth to go to bible camp this summer to learn more about God through song, bible study, and fun! Also, the Sr. High Youth in Kittson County will be leading a mission camp for Jr. High youth to serve in Hallock, Karlstad, and Lancaster June 27-30. If you see them around in the community serving our neighbors please thank them.

Ask: How is God calling you to serve your neighbor?

- Give a gift to those recovering from the tornados.
- Give a special offering to Sion's youth fund to encourage more kids to go to camp.
- Visit a neighbor in need and pray with them.
- Worship with our neighbors either July 11th at the Kittson County Fair or July 18th at Zion in Lake Bronson.
- Pray for the Sion's youth and adults traveling to the twin cities to serve our neighbors.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Reader: Luella Quiner Coffee: MNT Communion	5	6 2PM Esther Circle	7 7PM Elizabeth Circle	8	9	10 3-5 PM Bridal Shower for Amey Johnson (Ryan Swenson)
Pastor Melodi on Vacation July 5 - 11						
11 Reader: Betty Steen Coffee: PQ Guest preacher: Pastor Lew Clewfish - Trinity, Moorhead	12	13	14 7PM Deborah Circle	15	16	17
Youth Mission Trip July 15 - 18						
18 11AM Church at Zion - Lake Bronson (Communion)	19	20	21 6:30PM Church Council	22	23	24 Frame/VanDrovec Wedding
25 Reader: Cindy Christopherson Noon lunch served in honor of Isaacson Anniversary Everyone Welcome	26	27	28	29	30	31

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