

Sion's Vineyard



March 2010

Joke of the Month

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Parish Hall Women – “Second Helping”

Come and join us for Parish Hall Women – “Second Helping”.

Wednesday, April 21st and Saturday, April 24th, both performances at 6pm. Ticket sales will begin in March.

We need rotary phones, if anyone has them, drop off with Pastor Melodi

Rides to Church:

Luella Quiner

Email Notifications

Would you like to be notified of church happenings such as church closings, changes in schedules, etc? If so, email rmcoffield@wiktel.com to be included on the list. If you have questions, see Mendy.

Ushers:

Floyd & Peggy
Sanner

Kudos!!!

Kudos to all our snow removal volunteers! Everyone is doing a wonderful job. Thank you all so much for sharing your time and your gifts with Sion Lutheran!

Communion Assistant:

Tali Olson

Food Pantry Month

Remember the food pantry in March! March is Food Pantry month. How can you help? You can bring non-perishable items to church and help us collect for our local food shelf. You can also give a monetary donation. Just include your gift with your offering and note "food pantry" on your envelope. Thank you!

UPCOMING DINNERS AT SION LUTHERAN

Sunday, March
7th

Chicken Dinner
11:30 – 1:00 PM
Sion Lutheran
Parish Hall,
Lancaster
7th Grade –

Adult: \$8

Kindergarten –
6th Grade: \$5

Birth – Preschool:
FREE

Building Fund

The Church Council has decided to rename the Centennial Fund to Building Fund. With the Centennial Celebration done it is only natural to just have a Building Fund again. We will use this fund for building maintenance. Whenever the Council feels comfortable that there is enough in the Fund to cover any possible current maintenance needs they will put the excess against the principal on the bank loan. With that being said, the Council has decided to put \$6,000 on the bank loan. The current amount of the Loan is \$38,553.65 (before the \$6,000 deposit). We will continue this practice as the Fund builds. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this fund. Your support is very much appreciated.

Church Council President, Todd Nelson

Sexuality Study Committee

The Church Council is looking to form a committee to review the ELCA Sexuality Study. This committee would be reviewing the sexuality study to better educate our congregation. If you are interested contact Pastor Melodi.



Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Sion Church
 Vern Benette
 Bev Coffield
 Jordan Dvorak
 Mike Jensen
 Arlene Johnson
 Sydney Johnson
 Jerry Kent
 Armed Forces

WELCA NEWS

We had our meeting on Wednesday, February 24th. There were 12 members present. We opened with a devotional and meditation entitled "Burnt Biscuits". Hostess for the day was Barb Peterson.

According to our treasurer's report we have collected enough money to purchase 15 new tables for the parish hall. The WELCA has again received memorial money from John and Linda Krawchuk. It will be used to purchase new tables. It will not be long and we will own new, light-weight tables. This thought puts a smile on many people's faces. Please take note of the new microphone and speaker mount that has been placed on the downstairs podium. It was purchased by donations from John and Linda Krawchuk and installed by Todd Nelson. Thank you Todd for all you do for our church family!!!

Peggy reported that 75 quilts have been packed to send to missions and the 5 senior quilts are now being worked on. There are also about 10 quilts and a few sheet sets to be used for love quilts. We use the term "love quilts" for those that are given to area people who might benefit from a quilt for one reason or another. This is a part of the mission work that we do within the county or area counties. We have made about 15 quilts for sale and we have given 4 quilts to area people in need. And best of all, we are still quilting and will continue to quilt as long as the weather is cool and we don't get too many conflicts.

We were reminded to get our recipes in for the cookbook. Also election for new officers is coming up and we are asking that you prayerfully consider taking a position.

The WELCA synod convention will be in Perham on June 11 & 12. The theme is "Grow and Go". There will be a silent auction to benefit the triennial gathering in 2011 in Spokane, WA. It will be on July 14-17 with a theme of "Renew, Respond and Rejoice"

A short program on "Garbage Trucks" was presented by Peggy Wilebski. We are reminded to get rid of the "garbage" in our lives and not let others' "garbage" spoil our lives.

~President, Barb Peterson~

Meal, Worship, & Sharing of Prayer stories:

Don't forget to receive another dose of medicine on Wednesdays Fill your stomachs and your souls with soup & sandwiches at 5:30pm and worship starting at 6:45pm. Each week we have been receiving a new dose of medicine by hearing community prayer stories, and practicing different ways to pray together.

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Notes from Pastor Melodi

Prayer is our daily medicine

"First, one receives the diagnosis (ten commandments), then one is told the source for healing (Creed), and finally one calls the pharmacist to fill this gracious prescription (Lord's Prayer)." Martin Luther

Martin Luther believed prayer was the medicine we needed for life. He believed that as we live out our day, we look into the mirror of the 10 commandments and we hear the diagnosis that we are sick. So we confess our faith in the Apostle's creed where we hear our cure, God's mercy and grace for us. Therefore, we pray through the Lord's Prayer and cry out to our pharmacist to pour out God's gracious prescription into our lives.

As we continue our prayer focus during Lent, we first hallow God's name, that God is our great healer and redeemer. We also recognize that God's kingdom comes without our praying for it, but we pray that God's grace, mercy, and love would also come to us. And as we live out our daily lives we recognize our needs for daily bread, forgiveness, and protection from evil.

The Lord's prayer is not only a prayer for us to pray, but also our medicine for how to pray. I invite you to receive your medicine daily! Place this prescription next to your vitamins or medicine as a reminder for each day to turn to God our pharmacist who wants to heal you, and give you faith. See you at the pharmacy!

~Pastor Melodi Hagen~

(Cut this out and place next to your mirror or medications.)

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

	God, F.S.HS Address; Everywhere Phone#: "Dear God..."	prescription script
Name _____	Age ____	Address _____ Date _____
1. The first three petitions of the Lord's prayer have to deal with God and giving God all the glory. Name three things God has don for you or someone else today...		
2. The next three parts of the prayer have to deal with our daily needs in the present, past, and future.		
a. First, ask for bread, what are your basic needs for health today?		
b. Second, ask for forgiveness for the things you did yesterday or the things you failed to do.		
c. Third, Ask for protection and guidance against your temptations you are about to face.		
3. Amen! "May our past, present, and future prayers, be so!"		
<u>God, F.S.HS.</u> signature		

Stewardship Corner:

Sharing God's love with our neighbors...

Thank: In the last month our Sunday school made bags of love to cheer up our community members, the Men provided breakfast on Ash Wednesday for other men in the county, and we served a Ham supper for the community. Thank you all who gave donations, made food, and got up early to serve our neighbors. We also thank God for using our hands, our feet, our hearts to serve others.

Tell: 20 gift bags were delivered to those in our community who are sick or in need of hearing God love's for them. Over 40 men gathered for Lenten Men's breakfast for fellowship and to support one another through tests in life. Over 200 people were served at our ham dinner and we received 1,200 in gifts to continue to support God's mission here in Lancaster.

Ask: How is God calling you to be a gracious steward of the gifts God has given you? God has chosen you to be a blessing to your neighbor, and your neighbor a blessing to you... How might you serve your neighbor?

-Give a gift to the American Cancer Society in honor or memory of someone you know with cancer.

-Collect canned goods to provide for our local food pantry.

-Give a gift to world hunger to provide for our neighbors around the world.

-Call or visit with your neighbor who needs to hear God loves them.

POSTPONED

Baby Shower for Sarah Peterson-Muir that was scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 7PM has been postponed until further notice due to her bedrest orders. She is unable to fly home until further notice.

JOKE...FIND OUT WHO TRULY IS YOUR ROLE MODEL...

DO THE SIMPLE MATH BELOW, THEN READ DOWN TO FIND YOUR HERO.

It's CRAZY how accurate this is!!! No peeking!!!

- 1) Pick your favorite number between 1-9
- 2) Multiply by 3
- 3) Add 3
- 4) Multiply by 3, again
- 5) You should now have a 2 or 3 digit number.....
- 6) Add the digits together

Now, TURN TO PAGE 6 TO SEE WHO IT IS...

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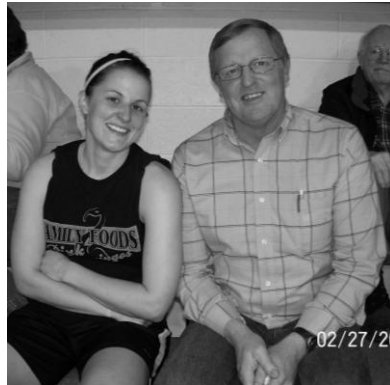
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quilting 9:30AM	2 Quilting 9:30AM Esther Circle 2PM	3 Men's Lenten Breakfast 7AM Confirmation 3:30PM Soup/Sandwiches 5:30PM Lenten Services 6:45PM Elizabeth Circle 7PM	4	5	6
7 Coffee: NONE Reader: Sondra Carlson Chicken Dinner 11:30AM	8 Quilting 9:30AM	9 Quilting 9:30AM	10 Men's Lenten Breakfast 7AM Confirmation 3:30PM Soup/Sandwiches 5:30PM Lenten Services 6:45PM Deborah Circle 7PM	11	12	13 Bridal Shower for Jaime Emery (Tim Peterson) 10AM – 12PM
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JOKE CONTINUED....With that number, see who your ROLE MODEL is from the list below:

1. Albert Einstein
2. Oprah Winfrey
3. President Lincoln
4. Thomas Edison
5. Bill Gates
6. President Obama
7. Mother Teresa
8. Babe Ruth
9. Pastor Melodi Hagen
10. John F Kennedy



I know, I know.....She just has that effect on people.
One day, maybe you too can be like her.

Why are you laughing???

P.S. Stop picking different numbers!!!
SHE IS YOUR ROLE MODEL... JUST DEAL WITH IT!!!

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