

The Pastor's Ponderings

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The morning of Sunday, July 25, I walked into the church building, down the hall past the library to the offices while digging my keys out and looked up at the

door. "Pastor's Study."

For a moment, I stood there, keys in hand, blinking at the sign on the door. Pastor's Study. I willingly admit the idea still catches me off guard. While there are many people and many churches that I have to thank for getting me to the point where I can walk into an office designated for a Pastor, it's really Zion Lutheran Church that I have to thank.

You see, whether you realize it or not, you are Pastor-Makers here.

There's this idea that there are those who are "Kingmakers." They are not kings themselves, but they have a certain amount of influence or authority and they direct important things like inheritance of a kingdom. I'll never claim that being a pastor is much like being a king. Granted, I do get a parsonage (castle) with the job and I get to make proclamations ("As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins...") but pastors are hardly kings.

But at Zion Lutheran Church you are Pastor-Makers.

Something you may or may not know about the ELCA depending on how deep into the policies, rules and bylaws that exist: I can not become a pastor without a ministry that extends a call to me.

That's right. I could enter candidacy for ministry – a long process involving interviews, psychological test-

ing, lots of essays, hoops to jump through – and complete the entire process. I could enter seminary and earn my degree. I could be interviewed by a small panel of faculty from seminary on my academic ability to preach and teach according to Christian and Lutheran doctrine. I could complete internship and receive a very favorable review from my supervisor. I could complete all of those steps.

And still never be a pastor.

In the ELCA it is only when the internal sense of call that I have been following is matched with a call from a ministry – a congregation – that I can be made a pastor. You are all – all of you at Zion Lutheran Church – Pastor-Makers. It might not sound as exciting as "kingmaker" but to my way of thinking is far more meaningful.

Were it not for you, I would not have fully entered into my call to ministry – to preach, to teach, and serve at the sacraments. For that reason, I will always be in your debt with no way to repay what has been given to me: the opportunity to do what God has placed in my heart. My life is forever changed by the relationship I now have with you. As we move into the future of this congregation, I am eager to see what God has in store for us.

Grace and Peace to you, dear beloved of God.

Pastor Sharilyn

Bible Study Starting!



Pastor Sharilyn will be leading a short-term Bible Study to get us back into the swing of gathering around God's Word outside of Sunday morning. Join us at Common Grounds Wednesdays at 8AM. You can enjoy a cup of coffee, breakfast, pastry, or just the companionship of others as we dwell in God's Word together. In August, we will spend time in the Psalms – reading and reflecting on the passage appointed for the upcoming Sunday. Join us! Bring a friend! As time goes forward, we will add other opportunities depending on interest. Email or call Pastor Sharilyn if you have suggestions or wishes about days, times, or topics to study.

Zion's 2021 Council Members

Elder & President.....	Jody Stanley
Elder & Vice-President.....	Mark Prout
Secretary.....	Shay Clamme
Deacon.....	Drew Walker
Trustee.....	Scott Clamme
Treasurer.....	Libby Stroble

Pastor Sharilyn's Office Hours

The very best way to find Pastor Sharilyn in the office will be to call and check in about a time as she splits her time between the office and the community. If you'd like to drop in to say hello, here is where you are most likely to find her!

Monday: 9AM-noon and 3PM-5PM

Tuesday: 9AM-1PM

Wednesday: Community Day

Thursday (1st and 3rd) – Community Day

Thursday (2nd and 4th) 9AM-noon and 2PM-5PM

Friday: Pastor's Day Off – call her cell phone for emergency needs

Saturday: Working from home if needed

Servants Needed

As we move forward into a post-COVID19 era, committees at Zion are starting to become more active again. Is God prompting you to share your gifts with your congregation? Help of all sorts is always needed – help that furthers the work of the Kingdom of God. Consider if God has a role for you to play in one of the congregation's standing committees (Music, Worship & Memorial; Parish Education & Youth; Mission & Ministry). Perhaps God has a role for you to play as a member of the church council? Talk to a Nominating Committee member for information. Not certain what gifts you may be able to bring? Schedule a time with Pastor Sharilyn to talk about your Spiritual Gifts.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NRSV)

August Lectionary Readings

Pentecost 10 - August 1st

1st Reading - Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

2nd Reading - Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel - John 6:24-35

Pentecost 11 - August 8th

1st Reading - 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

2nd Reading - Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Gospel - John 6:35, 41-51

Pentecost 12 - August 15th

1st Reading - Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:1-9

2nd Reading - Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel - John 6:51-58

Pentecost 13 - August 22nd

1st Reading - Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

2nd Reading - Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel - John 6:56-69

Pentecost 14 - August 29th

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

2nd Reading - James 1:17-27

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August Birthdays

Kaylin Clamme	8-2
Kolby Tallintire	8-4
Tom Armstrong	8-10
Judy Clamme	8-15
Gene Gardner	8-16
Madeline Lennon	8-16
Roger Willmann	8-16
Claretta Dutro	8-18
Libby Stroble	8-22
Louie Willmann	8-23

June Council Minutes

Congregation council met on June 21, 2021.

Council president Jody Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Devotions were given by Libby Stroble.

Present: Pastor Erik Grayvold, Jody Stanley, Mark Prout, Libby Stroble, Drew Walker

Absent: Shay and Scott Clamme

Secretary's Report: Jody made a motion to approve minutes of the last Council meeting. Drew 2nd. Approved by all.

Correspondence:

ELCA World Hunger mailing. Discussion: Table this until July meeting and have more discussion with possibly new pastor or just the council in how to proceed. We may just put the information in the bulletin and/or newsletter on how to contribute.

Letter from Synod verifying how much we contributed during the first quarter of 2021. Also, it mentioned a small program called *Beginning Anew* which is to help churches start to return to normal after the pandemic. We have also tabled this to the July meeting.

Items to add to agenda:

Large tree branch on east lawn broke off during storm and fell into the parking lot owned by Forcum or Forbes attorneys.

Masks in sanctuary

Old plastic storage cabinet in storeroom

New faucet in pastor's bathroom?

Interim Pastor's Report:

Attended Synod Assembly online – wrote a report that will be included in next newsletter.

Committee Reports: No Parish Education or Mission & Ministry Reports.

Worship/Music/Memorial:

Jody reported that Nyla is choosing music

Council Reports: No Trustee Report

Deacons:

Attendance and Holy Communion report – May 2, 46 attended, 45 communed; May 9, 46 attended; May 16, 44 attended, 43 communed; May 23, 40 attended; May 30, 40 attended.

No requests from the Deacons fund.

Elders:

Will have a show of hands by voting members on June 27 on preferred method to vote on compensation package so they can decide how they want to vote on it – by show of hands or by written ballot.

Treasurer's Report: May 2021

Checking Balance: \$26,604.84

Benevolence: \$713.68

Benevolence: \$751

Envelope: \$10,785

Old Business: None

New Business:

New faucet in pastor's bathroom? Yes, let Scott know that the old one needs replaced.

Tree branch in parking lot – Mark will talk to Forcum to see if he wants to pay half with us to remove branch or whole tree.

Masks during service? We will allow congregation to remove masks while in their seats. Remember, the mask is for the other person and not the one wearing the mask so please be safe.

Storage cabinet in storeroom. Chris Walker made an offer to purchase the old plastic storage cabinet that was used many years ago by Weight Watchers when they met at Zion. Council agreed to let Chris take the cabinet for use for free.

Closing by all praying the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be July 19 at 6 p.m. with devotions by Mark Prout.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Stanley, President

(filling in for Shay Clamme, Secretary)

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Greetings Dear Friends,

Things are moving forward here on the Wernle campus. Construction has begun on the renovation of the boys private/secure unit. The kids are out exploring campus and enjoying art and photography classes. The mission of giving these kids a chance is continuing because of you. Please consider a visit to campus this summer to see for yourself what your support is doing for the Wernle boys and girls.

Thank you for your most recent gift of \$1,378.00. There are so many ways to support the Wernle kids. I would encourage you to reach out to us to see how you can help us continue this 142-year-old tradition of helping children in need.

Please visit us on our new and improved Facebook page and don't forget to visit our website often, www.wernle.org, to learn more about our current needs and special events.

Blessings,

Chris Parker

Church Relations Officer

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Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. I love visiting your church. Have a blessed summer!

Come visit us if you can.

**"Every child you encounter is a divine appointment." — Wess Stafford,
President Emeritus of Compassion International**

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August 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	10 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	2 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - noon and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	3 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	4 Pastor's office hours Community Day Bible Study 8:00 a.m. at Common Grounds	5 Pastor's office hours Community Day	6	7
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15	12 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	16 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - noon and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	17 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	18 Pastor's office hours Community Day Bible Study 8:00 a.m. at Common Grounds	19 Pastor's office hours Community Day	20	21
22	13 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship	23 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - noon and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	24 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	25 Pastor's office hours Community Day Bible Study 8:00 a.m. at Common Grounds	26 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - noon and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	27	28
29	14 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	30 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - noon and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	31 Pastor's office hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.				

The Zion Herald

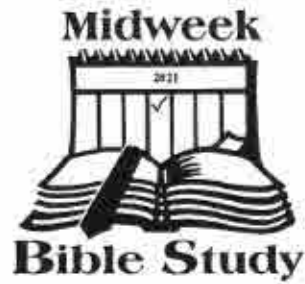
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"Happy are those whose strength is in God, in whose heart are the highways to Zion." (Psalm 84:5)

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Worship at 10:30 a.m.

August 2021 Lay Ministry Servers

Ushers

Aug. 1 Allen Stallsmith
Aug. 8 Drew Walker
Aug. 15 Drew Walker
Aug. 22 Drew Walker
Aug. 29 Drew Walker

Lectors

Aug. 1 Linda Baker
Aug. 8 Denise Hile
Aug. 15 Linda Baker
Aug. 22 Paige Walker
Aug. 29 Linda Baker

Acolytes

Aug. 1 Keaton Walker & Reece Walker
Aug. 8 Reece Walker & Keaton Walker
Aug. 15 Kaylin Clamme & Addison Clamme
Aug. 22 Ryne Clamme & Addison Clamme
Aug. 29 Keaton Walker & Reece Walker