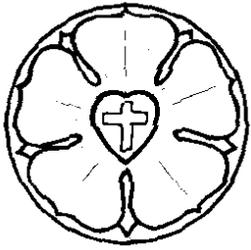


The Pastor’s Ponderings

Pastor Erik’s cell phone—(906) 364-1035 and email address—grayvolde@gmail.com



We have finished the ten commandments, so we shall move on to some reflections on the Apostles’ Creed. Feel free to dust off your old Catechism if you wish to read ahead or if you have a smartphone, you can download

a free version of it both from the ELCA and LCMS publishing houses. You can also find a copy of it within the ELW if you have one at home.

The First Article: *On Creation*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What is this? or What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property, along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

When we speak about God being the Creator, we must also understand that along also means provider. Too often, we get too focused on what is “ours.” However, if we are to take this part of the creed seriously, we need to understand that nothing we have is our “own.” All that we have is a gift from God for the sustainment of life. God did not create and leave us without some way to sustain ourselves. While God certainly wants us to enjoy the gifts given to us, a Christian does not believe in the sole ownership of anything. Instead, we see ourselves as stewards to caretake gifts that God has given us in this world. We are then called to share those gifts for the betterment of the world.

This perspective clashes with many modern views on possession. However, these perspectives are not entirely unreconcilable with contemporary philosophies of property. Indeed, there need to be some ways to govern property and the resources it may provide. God entrusts us to make decisions that best guides us in the caretaking of this world. While we may “own” something from a legal standpoint, a Christ-centered perspective instead sees it as God entrusting us to be good stewards.

Some questions to ponder:

1. What has God provided for you recently that you did not realize you needed?
2. When was an instance in which you felt God’s protection around you?

Pastor Erik

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

Celebration of Life



The congregation is invited to join the family and friends of Reda Belle Nottingham for her Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, June 5th, at 11 a.m. at Zion.

Zion's Prayer List

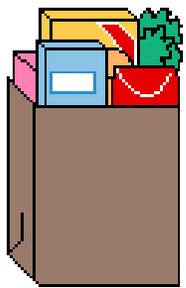
Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Rita Ferguson	Carolyn Hughes	Linda Rogers
Nancy Cortright	Carolyn Ingle	Sue Rinker
Max Hile	Elonda Pethtel	Bill Hartley
Glenda Hartley	Betty Rinker	Iris Johnson
John Brown	Nathan Busby	

Military Personnel:

Tyler Atkinson Dakota Willmann Peyton Smith

Donations to the Food Pantry



June is one of Zion's months to collect items for Community and Family Services of Blackford County's Food Pantry. Please leave your donations on the table in our fellowship hall. If you would prefer to donate money to the Food Pantry

to be used as needed please designate "Food Pantry" and the amount on the center of your offering envelope. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



June Lectionary Readings

2 Pentecost - June 6th

1st Reading - Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm 130
 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
 Gospel - Mark 3:20-35

3 Pentecost - June 13th

1st Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
 Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

4 Pentecost - June 20th

1st Reading - Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

5 Pentecost - June 27th

1st Reading - Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm 30
 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Gospel - Mark 5:21-43

June Birthdays

Ryne Clamme	6-5
Chris Monce	6-8
Russell Stanley	6-11
Tamara Sutton	6-14
Sydney Stroble	6-16
Peggy Holsten	6-17
Buck Sharp	6-18
Reece Walker	6-20
Neil Stroble	6-21
Jesse Digman	6-22
Douglas Prout	6-22
Rita Ferguson	6-25
Liz Young	6-28

April Council Minutes

Congregation Council met April 19, 2021.

Council president Jody Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom. Devotions were given by Drew Walker.

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

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

Correspondence: Thank you note from Debbie Walker. Letter from Ritchie Insurance

a.) Remove all combustible materials within 3 feet of the heating appliances in the mechanical room. This must be done no later than 6-17-2021. An email indicating that it has been done will suffice.

Discussion: Scott will talk to Tom about removing these items and posting a sign. Once this is done, can Debbie please email them and let them know it has been done?

b.) Have a qualified roofing contractor inspect the roof on the parsonage to determine its life expectancy. This report must be forwarded to the company at least 60 days (7-17-2021) prior to renewal, or the policy will renew with a roof exclusion.

Discussion: Scott will talk with Neil or Max about who we need to talk to regarding this. Scott will make sure this task is complete.

c.) The company is also recommending that you increase the amount of coverage at the church and the parsonage, based upon their replacement cost calculations. The church is currently insured for \$3,270,749. The company recommends a limit of \$3,430,100. The parsonage is currently insured for \$452,233. The company recommends a limit of \$500,000 on the parsonage. There is an 80% coinsurance clause that requires you to carry limits of at least 80% of the replacement cost. At this time, you are still within the 80% threshold.

Discussion: We will be leaving coverage as is. We need to let the congregation know at the July meeting that this is what we will be doing.

The church received an email letter regarding our websites domain name saying that it was about to expire.

It was a renewal notice. \$299 is due on May 9th. We will need to pay this. Debbie will need to do this online with the card.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Erik will be fully vaccinated on April 29th. He has already confirmed a communion visit with someone else that is fully vaccinated. He will be doing this more as people are comfortable.

He has been accepted to grad school and he hopes it does not affect Zion in any way. Once it is time to renegotiate his contract we will need to keep this in mind.

Committee Reports: There were no Parish Education, Worship & Music, or Mission & Ministry reports. Mark brought up that the organ pedal needs to be repaired. Jody will make sure Dennis knows and we will get it fixed.

Council Reports: Elders had nothing new to report.

Deacons: Attendance and Holy Communion report— March 7, 48 attended; March 14, 31 attended; March 21, 30 attended; March 28, 36 attended

Two requests from the Deacons fund.

Trustees: Sign at church has incorrect times. Scott will be taking this down.

Scott will by more caution yellow paint and call Tom to paint the step out front.

Walked through the parsonage and it all looks good right now.

Treasurer's Report: March 2021

Total General Fund – \$84,169.64

Checking Balance- \$ 22,951.44

Deacon's Checking- \$713.68

Memorial Fund- \$16,571.42

Memorial Money Market- \$59,168.09

Mission Invest. Memorial Fund- \$5,598.44

Old Business: Who is going to Synod Assembly? No one has come forward at this time. It is all online this year. Pastor will make an announcement next time he is at Zion. Jody may also make an announcement on Sunday at church.

The meeting closed at 6:33 p.m. with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be May 17th at 6:00 p. m. via zoom with devotions by Drew Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

Shay Clamme, Recording Secretary

A Letter from Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well. Just as Jesus told Peter he was the rock upon which the church would be built so too are your churches the rock upon which Wernle was built.

It has come to my attention that we are in dire need of pillow protectors, twin mattress protectors, pillows, twin sheet sets, and blankets.

We need them as soon as possible so if you collect them and need me to pick them up I will do that.

As always, we appreciate beyond words what you all do for the Wernle kids.

Sincerely,

Chris Parker,

Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center

www.wernle.org

cparker@wernle.org

765-939-4598

Chris Parker, will be visiting with us at Zion next Sunday, June 6th. The residents are also in need of some other supplies so this would be a great time to collect some for them. Please place your donations in the box marked "WERNLE" in the narthex.

Other supplies needed at Wernle include:

Men and Women's Deodorant

Body Wash (No Nozzles Please)

Liquid Hand Soap

Hand Sanitizer

Feminine Hygiene Products

Shampoo and Conditioner (No Nozzles)

Basketball Shorts Men's and Women's
Sizes S-XL



Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 20th

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service for Reda Belle Nottingham
6 2 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Speaker from Wermle	7	8 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers	9	10	11 Virtual Synod Assembly	12 Virtual Synod Assembly
13 3 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 4 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	21 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	22 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers	23	24	25	26
27 5 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship	28	29	30			

The Zion Herald

June 2021

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

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Please join us for Worship at 10:30 a.m.

June 2021 Lay Ministry Servers

Worship Leaders

June 6	Pastor Erik Grayvold
June 13	Mark Prout
June 20	Pastor Erik Grayvold
June 27	Linda Walker

Lectors

June 6	Megan Stroble
June 13	Carolyn Goetz
June 20	Michelle Walker
June 27	Cindy Knot

Ushers

June 6	Drew Walker
June 13	Drew Walker
June 20	Drew Walker
June 27	Drew Walker

Acolytes

June 6	Keaton Walker & Reece Walker
June 13	Keaton Walker & Reece Walker
June 20	Keaton Walker & Reece Walker
June 27	Keaton Walker & Reece Walker