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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

Happy New Year! Yes, the new church year begins on November 27 this year. We thank God for the blessings that we received last year knowing all to well that He will continue to bless all of his children. We plan and look forward to serve Him this year in oh so many ways. Plans have been made and are being implemented for all the worship services and continued Christian education through the month of December. The Call Committee continues the process and a call may be extended in early December. Please keep those committee members in your prayers.

The adult Instruction class has begun with four potential new members and about fifteen Zion members. There is room for a lot more so feel free to join us. There is a review each week about the lessons taught the previous weeks so everyone can join at any time. Also the 10:00am Monday morning class meets each week and again, feel free to join us. We are in chapter 34 of Genesis.

A great big thank you is in order to all who helped to make the Little Friends of Jesus Sunday event a success. I always look forward to visiting with the children and seeing the smiles and the "Hi, Pastor H." Those little ones do keep us young in heart.

There is the most important little one whose birth we celebrate Christmas Eve. In the first stanza of a Christmas hymn are the following words:

"What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary."

As Christmas we share His love each and every day Have a blessed Advent Season and joyous Christmas.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Hyvonen



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NEED A PRAYER?

Zion Lutheran Church has two active prayer chains—a daytime and an evening chain, If you would like to have the chain activated to pray for a specific need, please call Marge Douglas at 682-2160.

If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message, but then call the church office at 682-6075 and give the request to the church secretary and the chain will be activated. The Prayer Chain members are asked to keep all prayer requests confidential and not discuss them with others, but caller discretion is advised.

Stewardship Thoughts

Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. In the next few news-letters we will reflect on the definition of stewardship commonly in use in the Lutheran Church-MS.

First, God's stewards are God's stewards. By virtue of creation and recreation in Holy Baptism, we belong to the Lord. As children of God through faith in Christ Jesus and with the help of the Holy Spirit we recognize we are made stewards by God's activity. We are not just "donors' and should not limit our stewardship to a simple area of life, such as money. We must always name the name of the Lord who is the source of all stewardship.

"For by grace you have been saved, through faith. And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Eph.2:8-10

From your Stewardship Committee

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Interpreting the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. There is no better way to keep up on what's new in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS for home delivery are due by Dec. 15th. Write checks out to "Zion", for \$22.00 in an envelope marked "LW" and drop off in the office. This is for a one year subscription.



DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS are being taken out in the Narthex. Thank you from the Altar Guild to all that contribute.

Share Portals of Prayer with Everyone You Know!

Christmas is just around the corner—have you decided what to get for your friends and family yet? For a limited time, you can give the gift of Portals of Prayer for our lowest price yet! Simply renew your current subscription (or start one for yourself) to Portals of Prayer for one year and qualify to give a friend or loved one their very own subscription at half the regular price.

Plus, you can give as many gifts as you want of any size—so feel free to share God's word with everyone you know! Simply call 1-800-325-3040 (Concordia Publishing House) to place your order by December 20th; *offer not available online*.

A subscription covers four quarterly issues. Pocket Size Portals of Prayer is \$12.00 per year The New Digest-Size Edition is \$13.00 per year. The Large-Print Edition is \$14.00 per year. The Church will continue to offer a limited supply.

THANK YOU...to all who made Little Friends of Jesus Sunday a success. Thank you for making the LFOJ staff and families feel welcome at worship. Thank you for all the donations, assistance, and financial support at our spaghetti feed. With your help, we raised \$660 towards our playground renovations! May the Lord continue to bless the mission and ministry of LFOJ! Karyn - Administrator

Karyn - Administrato and Amy - Director

MARK YOU CALENDARS:



Bethlehem Star

Heaven sings the curtain is torn For on earth a star is born. Love housed in a simple place. God incarnate reveals his face.

Sing the song. Ring the bell. God's beloved comes to dwell. Let all creation hear the call-Peace on earth goodwill to all.



UPDATES are VITAL!

Please contact the office with any changes to mailing and e-mail addresses and phone numbers. We sure would like your email address to add to our congregational list. We frequently send out reminders or information that we wouldn't want you to miss out . You can include any new information or changes on the attendance pad in the pews, leave a note in the office or give us a call.

WEBSITE!

Have you checked out our Website? www.zionashland.org We're always looking for suggestions or comments. The monthly newsletter is a link and the calendar is a separate link.





<u>November 2011</u> News from Linda S. Barnes, Director Fund Raising Event—Chili –Cook Off!

Who makes the best chili in Chequamegon Bay? You be the judge!

On **Sunday, Dec. 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m**., The BRICK Ministries is holding the first ever (that we know of) big time chili cook off in Ashland.

Join us at Our Lady of the Lake School Cafeteria. You'll get to sample superb chili from six great restaurants: Breakwater Café, Chili Joe's at Tap Roots, Coco's Café, Deep Water Grille, Eldorado, and Pizza Pub. Then, you'll vote on your favorite and take a bowl home to enjoy during the afternoon Green Bay Packers' game.

Tickets cost \$7, and include six samples & a bowl of chili. And, if you're really hungry, and really like what you've sampled, we'll have pints & quarts for sale. The restaurants are generously donating the chili. *All proceeds benefit The BRICK Ministries' food shelves in Ashland, Cable, Cornucopia, and Mellen.*

Thank You!

The BRICK Ministries has received a generous response from church members since my appeal last month. An ecumenical agency providing emergency food and financial assistance for families facing economic crisis, The BRICK helps over 1,700 Ashland and Bayfield county families each month. Because of the growth in need in our communities, combined with reduced contributions, The BRICK has had its own crisis this fall. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail checks to: **The BRICK Ministries, 420 Ellis Ave, Ashland, WI 54806.** Or give online, at our website: www.thebrickministries.com (Your donation is tax deductible.) **CALL MEETING** for voting members of the congregation on Sunday, December 4, 2011. The Call Committee has been working hard and diligent to bring to the congregation the next selection of candidates for pastor. They have narrowed the list down to four pastors and will be asking the congregation for their opinions/votes. We realize the Annual Voter's meeting is after the service, but Pastor Baumeister, from Trinity Lutheran in Ironwood, who is the Circuit Counselor isn't able to get here until 12:45. So we will be serving soup and sandwiches between the two meetings. Call the office (682-6075) if you could contribute with soup, sandwiches or bars.

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9:00 - Worship Service

10:15 - Voters' Annual Meeting

11:30-12:30 - Soup and Sandwiches

12:30 - Pastors' biographies available for review

1:00 - Call Meeting for congregation

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CAMP LUTHER BREEZE

FALL COTTAGE RETREATS--Plan your individual or family two-night fall getaway at Camp Luther. Cottages are available this fall for just half off the regular rate per night (for a two-night minimum stay). Hike our trails, fish the chain, bike the Three-Eagle Trail, hunt the Nicolet Forest, or just sit back and enjoy a colorful autumn view from your cottage porch. Offer good Labor Day through December 15. Book your family or individual retreat getaway by contact-ing Camp Luther at 1-877-264-CAMP.

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?? WOULD YOU LOVE TO HELP CAMP LUTHER FINANCIALLY?? Go to www.goodsearch.com and join both Good Shop and Good Search, so that whether you are searching or shopping, you will be giving to Camp Luther. Add Camp Luther as your charity and that's it. Just by using Good Search after that, you will be giving to Camp Luther. It's a win-win. There are coupons for you too!!

CAMP LUTHER 2012 CALENDAR – ORDER NOW!! The 2012 Camp Luther calendar contains 12 gorgeous photos of Camp Luther taken by photographers competing in our 2nd annual photo contest. Calendars are available NOW, the cost is \$10 each, plus \$2 for shipping/handling. Send your check to 1889 Koubenec Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562 or order online through the link on the homepage at <u>www.campluther.com</u>. Quantities are limited, so order today. They would make great St. Nick stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts. Thank you to everyone who contributed photos.

CHOOSE CAMP LUTHER WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!! It's easy and it benefits Camp Luther and Every Kid to Camp! Log on to <u>www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice</u> or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and get started TODAY!! Eligibility is established by Thrivent and by your premiums, account values and volunteer leadership! You simply go online and they do the rest. THANK YOU for giving to Camp Luther!!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!! We now have over 1650 likes on Facebook, so join us there to hear what's happening at Camp, to share memories and to spread the word about the ministry and joy that is Camp Luther.

FAMILY FLURRY RETREAT—February 3-5!! Bundle up the family for an exciting weekend of winter activities and growing together in faith at Camp Luther. The schedule and choices abound for activities with the group or for you as a family. Choose from tubing, broomball and much more, or just relax together away from it all. A guest pastor will lead adult/family Bible study, while camp staff will lead youth and children in age-appropriate studies as well.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES COMING THIS WINTER!! Check out the dates and ages below! These events are great group builders and include devotions, bonfires, broomball, and other cool winter activities. Let our staff bring life to your winter youth group planning. Go to <u>www.campluther.com</u> to learn more.

Jr. High Big Chill—January 27-29

Sr. High Sub Zero—January 13-15

Jr./Sr. High Deep Freeze—January 20-22

WINTER COTTAGE RETREATS!! Cottages are available this winter at 30% off the regular \$130-\$140/night (with a minimum two-night stay, sorry, excludes Feb. 3-5, our Family Flurry weekend). Enjoy a cozy cabin and lots of winter fun with family and friends like snowshoeing, cross country skiing, broomball, tubing and more!! *Camp Luther is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.*

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes - November 21, 2011

The November 21, 2011 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Nick Jarvela. Elder Darryl Warren opened the meeting with a prayer.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: President – Nick Jarvela, Elder – Darryl Warren, Trustee – Jim Johnson, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, Treasurer – Karen Wahl, Education – Dawn Reardon, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Stewardship – Penny Mattson, LFOJ – Cheri Tamke, and Pastor Hyvonen.

<u>MINUTES</u>: Motion by Warren, second by Mattson, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 Council meetings as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Johnson, second by Warren, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. The year-to-date balance as of 10/31/2011 was \$14,307.34. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Johnson, second by Koosmann, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Wahl, second by Koosmann, to accept the Board Reports as given. Motion carried.

Pastor: Communicating with 6 potential baptism prospects (youth – adult). Pastor will be meeting with the Elders to discuss options for a baptism service. Adult instruction has begun for 3-4 individuals. Service preparations are on track through Christmas Eve. Pastor is currently visiting 15 shut-ins per month. Pastor meets with LFOJ kids once per month, holds two bible studies per week, and has met with call committee members, in addition to working on the monthly newsletter article.

Education: Christmas program will be held on December 18, 2011.

Financial Secretary: New envelopes for 2012 have been placed in the mailboxes.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Motion by Johnson, second by Mattson to approve the official act. Motion carried. **Transfer:** Mike and Mary Engen to Trinity Lutheran in Fairbault, Minnesota.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lighted Cross meeting will be held November 22, 2011 at 5:00 pm to hear artist thoughts and Committee's discussion on the potential to have a lighted cross placed on the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion by Warren, second by Tamke to donate \$100 to the New Day Shelter based on a request letter received by the church. Motion carried.

B. Agreed to place information regarding Lori Knapp Companies in the bulletin, newsletter and on bulletin board based on a letter received by the organization.

C. Motion by Sapper, second by Reardon to provide a recommendation for the printed budget be approved by congregation at the December 4th voters' meeting.

D. Motion by Warren, second by Johnson to provide a recommendation to accept the slate of nominations for the various boards. Motion Carried.

E. Annual Voters' meeting will be held on December 4th immediately following the service to approve the budget and for election of Officers and Board members.

Nick will look into signage necessary to post at the entrances to the church and LFOJ as weapon free buildings in light of the new Concealed Carry law that went into effect November 1, 2011.

ADJOURN: Motion by Johnson, second by Koosmann to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS

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Volume 3

Tid-bits from Administration

Goodbyes

In October, we bid farewell to Assistant Teachers Patti Bulovsky and Tina Lashbrook. Ms. Patti has decided to go back to school, but has agreed to remain on our substitute list until January. Ms. Tina wanted to devote more of her time to homeschooling her two children, but would like to come back to LFOJ in the summertime. We thank them for the loving care while they were here, and hope our paths cross from time to time.

Center Pictures

Thank you to Michaela Wickman for the wonderful job photographing the kids! Photographing our little ones in a limited time frame is no easy task. We think the pictures turned out great! You should have all received a letter from Michaela in your child's cubby regarding individual picture ordering. Please note that photo gallery will expire on Friday November 25th, so parents have a short time to get orders placed.

Staff Recognition Sunday

Our staff and board invite our LFOJ families to join us on Sunday, November 13th for a special worship service, honoring the LFOJ staff, board and PR committee. The service begins at 9:00 a.m., with the Learner, preschool and schoolage children singing during worship. Your presence would mean so much to our staff!

Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser

Following Recognition Sunday, LFOJ will be holding a spaghetti feed to raise money for the playground resurfacing project. A sign-up sheet for donation of items is located on the bulletin board in the entry. We will be receiving matching funds from Thrivent Financial for the event. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

November

November 2011

Totville News

Welcome to November! We have a busy month planned in the I./T room. We will be doing many projects and activities with leaves, turkeys and Thanksgiving.

We have some exciting things happening in the I/T room. **Garret, Emily, Landon** and **Sawyer** are all very close to crawling. Also, **Hailey** and **Peyton** are doing GREAT with potty training. Good job kids!

Our Jesus stories for this month are: *Jesus Loves You, Be Still, On The Cross, Count The Stars In The Sky.*

Just a reminder, we like to play outside every day, so please make sure your child has warm clothes (jackets, hat, mittens, boots/shoes).

Cassie



Learner Lane

Preschool News

Happy Fall! I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween.

Welcome to our new friends who joined the Learner room this past month. Lily W. started on Oct.11th, and Kyliie H. started part-time Oct. 25th.

A special thank-you to Jane Stadler for donating her time and supplies so the children could decorate Halloween cookies on Oct. 26th. I know the kids had fun, and I'm looking forward to seeing her again for Christmas!

Happy Birthday to **Connor K.** who turns 5 on Nov. 15th, **Tristan** and **Dylan B**., who turn 4 on Nov. 16th and **Maia G**. who turns 5 on Nov. 17th.

As the days are getting colder, please make sure your child brings warm clothes (especially hat and mittens/gloves), so that we can continue to enjoy our time outside. (Learners get approximately 30-45 minutes of outside play each day.)

For the month of November, our themes and Bible stories will be:

10/31 I Grow Up Worshipping God (Celebrations)

The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

- 11/7 I Grow Up Praying (Prayer) Daniel Prays (Daniel 6)
- 11/14 I Grow Up Giving (Money) The Widows Pennies (Mark 12:41-44)
- 11/21 I Grow Up Singing (Music) David Plays His Harp (1 Samuel 16:14-23)
- 11/28 I Grow Up Praising God (Thanksgiving) Israelites Praise god After Crossing the Red

Sea (Exodus 14 through 15:21) As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, may we remember the many blessings God has given us. Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Carolyn

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving...

1 Timothy 4:4



What a wonderful fall we've enjoyed so far. The temperatures have been great, as our preschoolers enjoy the first 15 to 20 minutes of class time outside. With winter right around the corner, please be sure that children have warm coats, hats and mittens (and don't be afraid to send snowpants, even if there is no snow...it helps to keep them warm).

Thank you so much to **Firefighter Julie LeBlanc** for the station tour last month, and for letting us meet Sparky. What a treat! Also, thank you to our parent volunteers, **Paris, Erika** and **Joy**, who joined us. The extra hands are always welcomed!

Our Halloween Party was also a hit. The kids were so excited to be in costume (even if the 3 year olds were a day late). Thank you parents for the extra treats!

November is a shorter month for us. All of our Bible stories for the month will focus on Moses. Our theme is "God Gives Us Families". Our first story will talk about how families care for each other, the way that Moses' family took care of him. Next we'll talk about how families help one another, as Aaron helped Moses to talk to Pharaoh. Our last story about families will be about how Jethro (Moses' father -in-law) helps Moses to make a good choice. Our weekly themes for the month include Our Families, Turkeys, and Blessings.

Our preschoolers are looking forward to their Chapel visits. Monday, Nov. 7th, our 4/5 year old class will head over to visit with Pastor H. A big thank-you to Angela Fairbanks, who will be leading our first Chapel for our 3 year old class on Tuesday, Nov. 8th! We are still looking for others who would be interested in teaching one day a month for this group.

Also, check your calendar for our walking fieldtrip to the nursing home. The kids did a great job singing, and we know that the "grand-friends" love our visits.

Just a reminder, there will be no preschool classes Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25, in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

As we focus on Thanksgiving, and all the blessings that we have been given, let us also remember those less fortunate. For the next few weeks, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for The Brick. Please help us support our local food shelf, and those in need in our community.

For each day in November, let us find one blessing to thank God for!

Wishing you a thankful heart! Ms. Amy and Ms. Julie

December Servers for Worship Services

Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!!

ELDERS

Dec. 4 Don Pocernich & Rick Williams Wed. Dec. 7 Doug Warren
Dec. 11 Darryl Warren & Chuck Chronis Wed. Dec. 14 Don Pocernich
Dec. 18 Doug Warren & John Pruss Wed. Dec. 21 Darryl Warren Sat. Dec. 24 Chuck Chronis & Doug Warren
Dec. 25 Rick Williams & Don Pocernich

DECEMBER Ushers

Dec. 4 Pat Colgrove & Clarence Osmak Dec. 7 – Wed. Scott Sapper Dec. 11 Larry Hildebrandt & Brett Heglund Dec. 14 – Wed. Loren Munson Dec. 18 - Youth Dec. 21 – Wed. Rick Nutt

Dec. 24 – Sat. Andrew Pruss & Brian Klobucher Dec. 25 Dakota Tamke & Todd Vyskocil

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER



Dec. 7 – Wed. Ron & Brenda Schwiesow Dec. 14 – Wed. Karen Wahl & Stephanie Wegener

- Dec. 21 Wed. Todd Vyskocil & Jim Johnson
- Dec. 24 Sat. Loren & Eleanor Munson

Dec. 25 Ingrid Pocernich & Lou Pearce

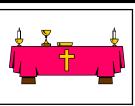
Dec. 4 Roger & Sally Gustafson

Dec. 11 Mary & Lloyd Koosman

DECEMBER ALTAR

GUILD Penny Mattson 682-6056 Lou Pearce 682-2597 Karen Wahl 682-4766

Dec. 18 Youth



DECEMBER Acolytes

Dec. 4 Carolyn Gurske & Sydney Vyskocil
Dec. 7 – Wed. Angela Ylitalo & Ciera Maday
Dec. 11 Riley Heglund & Brooke Sapper
Dec. 14 – Wed. Alexis Warren & Kathryn Draeger
Dec. 18 Ben Cashman & Eric Bochler
Dec. 21 – Wed. Maggie Reardon & Kaitlyn Thimm
Dec. 24 Sat. Briana Klobucher & Jacob Pruss
Dec. 25 Dylan Williams & Cooper Tamke

OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer: 11-21-2011 Mike and Mary Engen to Trinity Lutheran in Fairbault, Minnesota.

Our Prayer Concerns DECEMBER

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center

Thanksgiving

To all of you who have worked faithfully and joyfully to serve our Lord by serving others and often go unnoticed by all but our Heavenly Father.

Nursing Home & Assisted
Living Posidant

Living Resident Roger Basina Ed Torkko Corrine Tolliver Agnes Schutte ssisted Shut—ins Gordon & Mariann Vyskocil Ron Nevala Walt Schutte Clarence Houle Gloria Mills Otto & Dorothy Rusch Lois Hein Peggy Draeger

Illness Marianne Vyskocil Steve Sorenson, son of Dave & Ju

son of Dave & June Sorenson,U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, CA

Aaron Aschenbrenner, son-in-law of Lynn & Chuck Ladd, stationed in Chippewa Falls, WI



<u>Local & US</u> Concerns

Local & US Concerns (fulltime and/or deployed military)

