

Good News from ZION

"People of God gathering around Word and Sacrament"



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Advent I

*"But about that day or hour no one knows...neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, **keep alert**; for you do not know when the time will come."*

a service led by the young of Zion

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Pastor's Corner

That little phrase “communion of saints” rolls off our lips every time we say the Apostles’ Creed. It contains two nouns. The second noun of the two, those “saints”, gets the brunt of the attention in any discussion about the meaning of this somewhat mystical body of the faithful, but it’s the other noun, the “communion”, the fellowship of believers—past, present, and future—that contains the real substance of the phrase. Of course we redeemed members of the body Christ *are* saints (yet we sinners as well, sinners who remain subject to the taunts of “the devil, the world, and our sinful selves”).

But back to the first noun there—the “communion” of these persons. How important is such fellowship here on earth? Can’t we be just another of the many virtual fellowships (like all of those “on-line” communities)? Why do we have to actually rub elbows, to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide, to listen to voices that spew things sometimes irritating, to view facial expressions that might indicate more approbation than acceptance, and to practice our patience in the midst of those we’d rarely congregate with in any other social situation?

It’s easy to be a Christ-follower in a closed environment, one of our own choosing, whether that be an actual physical gathering of a select few or our own living room. Each is its own kind of “sanctuary” where we’re free to tune in and tune out whomever we choose using the medium of our choice. There we can commune in our own way with Jesus, can’t we?

“Now all who believed were *together*...” is the description of the early church that we read in Acts, chapter 2. Perhaps this band of

believers, being so new and out of place in the cultural mix that was Jerusalem of the time, desperately needed each other’s company and mutual support. How do we approach fellowship or together-ness some two millennia later? Simply take it or leave it?

We often consider our own needs in deciding whether or not to spruce up a bit and head off to a worship service. But what about the needs of the others that might be present in that fellowship? What if someone, perhaps unknowingly, really needs to see *you*? What if just one person gets a lift from seeing *you* off in the distance or sitting alongside you during the prayers of the church? What if the most important element that may be missing in this particular local gathering of the communion of saints is *you*? Of course, we know that we gather together in the name of the Father; we are powered by the breath of life of the Holy Spirit; but the physical presence is a big deal. That other person of the Trinity, Jesus himself, came in flesh to communicate, to walk alongside us, to suffer from thirst, to bleed and to die for us all. Physical presence—seeing, smelling, hearing, and touching each other in the presence of our Savior is what fellowship is all about.

Each of us puts our own self on the line, at a particular place and particular time, to be with others who have also taken the time to get their body, mind, and heart into that same space. Each of us with all our quirks, all our prejudices, all our ornery-ness, all our griefs, all of our joys...is *present* for the other person. We are there not simply to fill ourselves up, but to be a part of the body of Christ that is all together as one—standing, sitting, praying, laughing, and hearing the good news of forgiveness and of death and resurrection. See you in worship!

Zion Community Preschool News

Zion Community Preschool needs your help. A fundraising event is coming up on Saturday, November 12th from 3:00 – 7:00pm at the Felch Community Center. Get this! It's a

***Spaghetti Feed
Craft Sale
Bake Sale
Silent Quilt Auction***

all rolled into one. Don't miss this! Cost for the spaghetti feed is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5-12 years old, and FREE for those under five years. ***You can help out*** by donating handcrafted items and home-baked goods. Then come and bring your friends to shop and eat. Quilts for the silent auction are on display at Zion. Early bids will be accepted. ***All proceeds go to the Preschool!***

The Preschool also needs your time to volunteer as teacher aides during weekday afternoons. Call the church office at (906) 246-3456 if you are willing and able to help out. A delightful opportunity to be with some of our community's youngest citizens.

First Communion

By the time you read this, our First Communion class will most likely have experienced their very first communion at Zion on October 30. The students have been studying and preparing their minds and hearts for this in five Wednesday afternoon sessions. We welcome them into the fellowship of communicants: Samantha Borvan, Kaitlyn Cousineau, Emily Forstrom, Dugan Mattson, and Alison

Mattson. Thanks to Becky Nord for her dedication in teaching these young folks.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Let's join Mission Covenant worshippers on the eve of Thanksgiving, November 23rd, at



6:00 pm for a worship service with guest Amy Shreve. She's a wondrous musical talent and inspiring worship leader. Pastor Carl has invited the whole community to attend at the church in Foster City.

Check out the music of Amy and her ensemble at <http://amyshreive.com>.

Bible Study

Our adults (high school and beyond) have been studying a group of "reluctant" leaders in the Bible, namely Gideon, Jonah, and Moses. This series has generated reflections and conversations about personal hesitations in accepting an invitation to be of service in some way in the church.

Why me? I'm not qualified. I have no experience. Those people aren't worth my time. I have no relationships with that sinful lot (and don't want any). It won't be successful. It's too dangerous. No one will support me. I'm busy with other things. Sound familiar? All of these (and more) are the types of roadblocks that these three leaders put up when called upon. Yet the LORD patiently enters into conversation

with the reluctant ones until they submit to His will.

In November, we'll begin the journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Come join in!

“Bible verse for the week”?

Noticed that Bible verse on the front page of the worship bulletin? If not, take a look (it's new), and listen up. You'll probably hear something about it in the worship service,



Mason, Carrie, Mya, Hailey, Angelina, Kailey

the children's sermon, for instance. Sunday School lessons and Bible studies may also pick up the theme of this verse. In the near future we'll be thinking of ways to incorporate this theme into devotions for the home for the week, just another way to deepen our knowledge of the Word in daily life.

New Bible Buddies

A “Bible Buddy” is one who contributes to a fund to provide Bibles to our young people. These people have contributed recently:

*Kenny and Janet Dean
Vernon and Janice Anderson
Sue Anderson*

Ken and Edna Mattson

You, too, can help! There's a BIBLE BUDDY BANK in the narthex that will accept your deposits or you may put a contribution in your offering envelope and mark it for the Bible Buddy program.

Pastor Appreciation



Pastor Joel and Coach Dick Lindholm

Coach Dick recently presented Joel with a new multi-year contract to play on his team. He's thrilled that this signing will be a landmark in overcoming the barriers in age and sex for his basketball team. A late-starter in the game, Joel has always yearned to be on the court mentored by Coach Dick. “The finest in the coaching profession,” Smeby says about the Coach. Coach Dick is hoping for some support in rebounding, having had trouble the last few years demonstrating to the team his unique techniques of “going to the hoop” with his on again/off again bionic kneecaps.

Coach Dick still has to convince Joel to give up his old uniform, the style used in the old ecclesiastical leagues, for the new lightweight orange nylon style that is common in the U.P. Smeby remains convinced, however, that his current uniform would bring more spiritual life into the game, a game that in recent years has gotten too secular. “It's not the points that count, it's the intention,” says the new star

on Dick's team, "we're all together in this life game and we need to keep our focus on the final days." Coach Dick is hoping for a transformation of his team, or at least a few more conversions.

Stewardship News

"Time" in the new story is also different. Time for my clients has only one speed: FAST. Time is relentless, billable by the hour. Time is immediate; what matters is what needs to happen this hour, this day, just to stay even. Time is jarring and in some sense the enemy; it's probably the only resource people will truly acknowledge is limited. "Language" is different. Language in the new story is staccato, stark, consisting of phrases like "brain dump" or "bandwidth" or "buy-in". Buy-in has to do with loyalty and commitment, but not the religious kind. Buy-ins for the moment, needing to be sought each time an initiative is launched.

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Birthdays in November

(Please notify us at the church office at (906) 246-3456 if we're inadvertently missing someone.)

- 1 Bryan Beurjey, Ed Davidson, Delaney Kramer, Karen Lindholm, Wayne Whitaker, Alex Lukats
- 2 Erin Carlson
- 3 David Anderson, Regan Johnson
- 4 Donna Cootware, Tom Dixon, Erik McGillivray, Ben Smithson
- 6 Brandon Lucas
- 7 Robert Cook, Gary Lindeman, Dana Smith
- 8 Steve Grunlund, Tim Grunlund
- 10 Beth Anderson, Arne Blomquist, Bob Davidson
- 11 Ryan Adams, Elizabeth Katzenberger, Hanna Oman, Dorn Siegler

- 12 Karen Paquette
- 13 Betty Wickman, Aspen Anderson
- 15 Robert Seelund
- 16 Ekaterina Lindeman, Elizabeth Watt
- 17 Norma Anderson
- 22 Michael Colavecchi, Allie Schoenborn
- 23 Lorraine Cook
- 25 Pauline Holmes, Carl Steele
- 26 John (Spud) Anderson, Dennis Steele, Richard Wickman
- 30 Jenna Mattson, Krystyn Tousignant

Serving in November

Lector: Becky Nord
Altar: Kathy Grunlund and Karin Dixon



Hope welcoming

- Greeters:**
 November 6: Dan and Jeanne Nurmi
 November 13: Norma Anderson, Mary Lucas
 November 20: Fran Hood and grandchild
 November 27: Kathy Grunlund, Karin Dixon
- Ushers:** Wayne Johnson, John Anderson
Communion Ushers: Kathy and Leon Grunlund; Sue Anderson and Karin Dixon
Communion Assistant: Edna Mattson



Jacob and Sara

Acolytes and Bell Ringers:

November 6: Cassie, McKenna and Allen

November 13: Jacob, Sara and Veronica

November 20: Claire, Tori and Haley

November 27: (young people's service)

Home communion:

Group 1: Pastor Joel

Group 2: Kathy Grunlund

Prayer Calendar

Suggestions for daily prayers

(Please notify the church office at (906) 246-3456 if you'd like to be part of Zion's prayer chain ministry.)

November 1, Tuesday

Randy and Sherry Dixon; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, South Wayne, WI, Pr. D. Perger

2 Wednesday

Shelby Dixon; Zion's confirmation students, youth group and leaders as they meet this afternoon and evening; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Audubon, IA, Pr. D. Opp

3 Thursday

Tom Dixon; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Callender, IA, Pr. K. Wallace

4 Friday

David Dynes; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain, MI, Prs. S. Cowen, Lori Liverance and Lee Liverance

5 Saturday

John and Jan Dynes; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Victoria, TX, Pr J. Waak

6 Sunday

Merrill, Dawn and Grace Dynes; Zion's Sunday School and Bible study participants and leaders as they meet today; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cathlamet, WA

7 Monday

Jeff and Ann Ebert; Zion's quilters as they meet today; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stanwood, WA, Pr. M. Bankson

8 Tuesday

Helmer and Johny Edberg; WOZ as they meet this morning; those sewing dresses for the needy this afternoon; Pathway Lutheran, Harlan, IN

9 Wednesday

Jim and Barbara Edberg; Zion's confirmation students, youth group and leaders as they meet this afternoon and evening; Peace Lutheran Church, Gulf Shores, AL, Pr. M. Bonham

10 Thursday

Robert and Sara Ehlert; Peace Lutheran Church Coeur D'Alene, ID, Pr. K. Wandrey

11 Friday

Brad, Karen, Cody, Andie, Emma and Aden Ellis; Peace Lutheran Church, Belgrade, MT, Pr. W. Duffey

12 Saturday

Dean and Corrie Ellis; Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, NE, Pr. P. Nielsen

13 Sunday

Bailey Erickson and family; Zion's Sunday School and Bible study participants and leaders as they meet today; Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, NE, Pr. G. Botten Alicia and Ben Everson, Piper and Ayva; Zion's quilters as they meet today; Zion's Evangelism committee as they meet tonight; Peace Lutheran Church, Hazen, ND,

Pr. W. Wolff

15 Tuesday

Ardee and Elaine Faltersack; Peace Lutheran Church, Edgar, WI, Pr. P. Pierce

16 Wednesday

Jim Faulkner; Zion's confirmation students, youth group and leaders as they meet this afternoon and evening; Peace Lutheran of Palm Bay, Palm Bay, FL, Rev. Dr. D. Gilbert

17 Thursday

Andy Finendale; Peerless Lutheran Church, Peerless, MT, Pr. P. Landeraaen

18 Friday

Nancy Finendale; Penasquitos Lutheran Church, San Diego, CA, Pr. J. Borgie

19 Saturday

Kate Fisher, Steven and Molly Forstrom; Pioneer Lutheran Church, White, SD, Pr. D. Patterson

20 Sunday

Motoko Furuhashi; Zion's Sunday School and Bible study participants and leaders as they meet today; Plain Lutheran, Wooster, OH, Pr. R. Moskowitz

21 Monday

Hollis and Ruth Ann Gedvick; Zion's quilters as they meet today; Zion's church council as they meet tonight; Pleasant Prairie Lutheran Church, Flaxville, MT, Pr. C. Kelly

22 Tuesday

Mariann Goodchild; Plentywood Lutheran Church, Plentywood, MT, Pr. B. Fritts

23 Wednesday

Joe and Sara Grenier; Zion's confirmation students, youth group and leaders as they meet this afternoon and evening; Pondera Valley Lutheran Church, Conrad, MT, Pr. M. Sculley

24 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

David, Amanda and Luke Grunlund; May we be thankful for all of our many blessings; Prairie Faith Lutheran Church, Glenfield, ND, Pr. B. Formwalt

25 Friday

Leon and Kathy Grunlund; Prairie Peace Lutheran Church, Cut Bank, MT, Pr. F. Gundermann

26 Saturday

Regan and Debbie Grunlund; Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brentwood,, NY, Pr. K. Baudler

27 Sunday

Steve, Melisa, Adalyn and Corrine Grunlund; Zion's Sunday School and Bible study participants and leaders as they meet today; Zion's youth as they lead the worship service today, and all who participate in the service; Prince of Peace Lutheran, Rockton, IL, Pr. D. Johnson

28 Monday

Tim, Abby, Mya and Hayden Grunlund; Zion's quilters as they meet today; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA, Pr. Charlie Farrell

29 Tuesday

Richard and Robin Gryphan; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Taylor, TX, Pr. Kerri Veit

30 Wednesday

Dorothy Gungel; Zion's confirmation students, youth group and leaders as they meet this afternoon and evening; Puritas Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH

Letters to Zion



Dresses to Mary and Arne Blomquist

*Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,
We give you a big thanks for designing and creating such beautiful "pillow case dresses" for the little girls at the Lutheran orphanage at Iringa, Tanzania. We will lovingly carry and present them to Mama Chilewa, the Director, and the younger girls at the Lutheran Diaconal Centre (the name of the orphanage) when we are there. I know they will be very happy to have such a symbol of the love in Christ that you share with them.*

I will give them a picture taken at Zion when the dresses were presented to us and will try to get a picture to bring or send to you in return

Blessings, Mary and Arne Blomquist

*Dear Friends of Zion,
Thank you for your recent gift to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful generosity makes a life-changing difference for people in need around the corner and throughout the world. Your gift is appreciated now more than ever.*

Daniel Rift, Director of World Hunger

*Dear Friends,
Please allow me to express our deepest appreciation for your recent gift to the Salvation Army for relief efforts. It's people like you that keep us on the front lines helping people with physical and spiritual needs in times like these.*

***May God bless all of you,
Major Stephen Ellis***

*Dear Mr. Helms:
On behalf of the Institute of Agriculture I would like to thank you for your generous gift to support the programs of the Institute. The goal of the Institute is to increase agricultural production in the Iringa Region and especially to help small farmers. Your confidence in the work of the Institute inspires all of us to do what we can to help*

produce more food for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

We are trying to establish an extension network in this region to educate farmers about good farming practices. We now have 43 small demonstration plots that provide working examples of improved farming practices that will help local farmers increase their productivity. Where farmers have followed our recommendations and have had adequate rainfall, three to five fold increases in corn yields have been obtained.

In addition, we are working with farmers to prevent spoilage of harvested crops from insects and rodents and allow farmers to sell their harvest at times when the market prices are highest. We have designed low-cost, portable silos and placed them with some of the leading farmers in our project so they can become effective examples of grain storage that other farmers can observe.

Your generous donation will be used to support the salary and transportation costs for the agricultural specialists from the Institute of Agriculture who provide oversight and instructions for establishing and maintaining these projects.

***Roger V. Blomquist, Director
Institute of Agriculture
Tumaini University, Iringa College***

Metro Mouse....

Hi Everyone; It's Harvest time. Boy what a great time to get outside and enjoy the fruits of the earth. Everyone including many of Zion's folks are gathering in their crops and storing up for the winter months. So many wonderful things from the earth. God's people are so blessed. Is that pumpkin pie in the oven? Mmmm or maybe it's Apple

Crisp. I smell something wonderful coming from next door! These folks are all so busy! We church mice are busy too. We have learned not to chew on our folks wires, or scratch up the wood, or shred fibers apart for our beds, but we do know how to harvest. We take everything that our folks can't use, and store it up for a time when we will need it. Yep.....we do have a great harvest stored in the cracks and crevices, and in between the walls all ready for us to enjoy during the cold winter months.

I have been able to spend some time with our friend the field mouse from Minnesota. Boy, I really had to race to keep up with him while he was gathering in the fields. He taught me new ways to accomplish my tasks, how to haul things and organize my time doing it. I had everything done in half the time it took me last year. Lil Pars still managed to drop a few apples on my head, and I kicked up some dirt on his paws and on his tail..... "accidently of course", but in spite of the antics, we sure got a lot done. I guess that's why we should always be open to new ways and ideas. Just because I am not a little mouse doesn't mean that I know everything. Papa Pars next door has a lot of Wisdom and he has been around for a long time, so he had taught me so much of what I know. How grateful I am to have him so close for advice when I need him. But now I have spent some time with Lil Pars and Minnesota mouse at the parsonage, and I am really impressed to see what they have done. It is really good for Lil Pars to have such a great mentor in his young life. I know that he will learn a lot from our new friend. Well now, that makes me think about how many blessings are around me. The bountiful harvest, a great place to live, family and friends, mentors and teachers, great places to learn, and places to have fun. How blessed also are the folks in our homes who have all of these wonderful things to share with one another. And, how

blessed are our folks to have a God who shares His love and His Wisdom and His bounty with all of His people. He gives so much to them, but he also holds them accountable to share these things with others. Don't forget to give thanks to Your Father in heaven for all of the wonderful things He has blessed you with, and may you always remember to share the gifts that you have been given. Give Thanks unto your Lord!

Metro Mouse

In the News



McKenzie

McKenzie Jacobson was crowned Homecoming Queen at North Dickinson. Congratulations, McKenzie!



Ann Harteau Bitter

Lakeland College has inducted Ann Bitter into its Athletic Hall of Fame. Ann was an outstanding presence at Lakeland from 1989-1993. While there she was named Female Athlete of the Year and also earned the T.W. Hoernemann Basketball Academic Award and first team All-LMC honors. Ann lives with her husband Scott and children, Robin and Colton, in Howards Grove, WI, and teaches in the Kohler Public School system. Ann was confirmed at Zion in 1984. Congratulations, Ann!

Enjoying Fellowship



Kailey Jayne is a thirsty girl



Pauline Murray and Steve Pittas



Karen, Noah, Christian and Dorn

Coffee Hour Schedule *(those who serve us on Sundays at 11:15am)*

- November 6:** Preschool/Noisy collection
- November 13:** Felch Mountain, Norway Lake, Ralph
- November 20:** Middle school youth
- November 27:** quilters

Worship and Music news



Heidi Oman



Steve Anderson and John Oman

The Worship and Music committee is always looking for talent to contribute to our worship service. We continue to introduce new forms of praising our LORD and always welcome your ideas and input.

Photo Album Update

Thank you from the evangelism committee to everyone who had their picture taken for the new Zion pictorial directory. If you were not able to schedule an appointment with the photographer, ***you still may have an opportunity*** to do so. The photographers will return if at least 15-20 appointments are guaranteed. Please contact an evangelism committee member or the church office at 246-3456 if you are interested in this “make-up” day. The advantages of having your photo taken by the photographer are that you receive a FREE church directory and one FREE portrait.

For those who did not have their picture taken but would like to submit a picture for the album, there are a couple things you need to know. First, if you are submitting a professional picture not taken by Olan-Mills, you must have a copyright release signed by the photographer or photographic company who took the photo. Olan-Mills will not print photos without the signed consent. You may obtain a copyright release form from a committee member.

Secondly, if you are submitting your own picture, it should be the best quality ***glossy*** photo or ***digital image*** available. Write your name(s) on the back of your photograph lightly with a pencil or ball-point pen. Be careful not to damage the photograph by applying too much pressure with the pen or pencil. Matte finish photos do not reproduce well. Instant camera photos as well as pictures made on a copier will not be accepted by the company.

Thirdly, we will need your name and address as you wish them listed in the directory. Some people choose to use their formal given name while others chose to use their more commonly used nickname. We also need your phone number(s) unless you choose not to have them in the directory.

Zion Devotional Booklet

The evangelism committee is planning, with your help, to put together a Deer Camp/Thanksgiving Devotional Booklet for distribution before November 15th. An informational letter and suggested format form was handed out and is still available to anyone who is interested and willing to ***write a devotional for the booklet***. If and when you have one written, it may be sent via email to tinart@alphacomm.net or emattson@alphacomm.net, or placed in John Anderson’s mailbox in the church office. We need your devotional submitted by October 30th.

Angel Tree Prison Ministry

We have received eight names from the Angel Tree Prison Ministry Program. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead. Contact the evangelism committee or just

come to the next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, November 14th, at 6:30pm.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

November 5-6 ***Youth Gathering***

This high school youth gathering will include great music and activities, plus a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Many of the summer staff will also attend. Cost is \$85.

November 13 ***Folk concert and dance***

Every second Sunday of the month, there is a folk concert/dance event held from 4:00-7:00pm. Cost is only \$7.

November 14 ***Senior Adult Day***

This month's theme is "Old-fashioned Thanksgiving." The gathering includes food, fun, music, and fellowship and takes place from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Cost is \$10.

For more information contact the camp on the web at www.FortuneLake.org or contact the registrar at Registrar@FortuneLake.org or (906) 875-3697.

Women of Zion update

The WOZ winter program is being planned for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:30pm. The program originally planned for the fall program will be incorporated into the winter program.

Approximately 40 pillowcase dresses were completed for the Haiti Care Mission effort. The next sewing day is planned for Tuesday, November 8th.

Thirty quilts and a number of school kits were also assembled in October and dropped

off at the Lutheran World Relief pick-up point in Iron Mountain.

New officers were elected for the 2012 year on October 16th: Kathy Grunlund and Becky Nord as co-Presidents, Cynthia Smeby as recording secretary, Carrie Seigler to the nominating committee. A special thanks to those who have served well and will leave office at the end of 2011: Edna Mattson, Tana Nord, Mary Jane Bloom, and Janice Anderson.

The women continue to support the Family Ties program at the Adult Day Care center at the YMCA in Iron Mountain. On Tuesday, October 18th they distributed special Halloween treats made by Kay Mattson. Thanks to Jim Edberg, who brought his new guitar to lead the group in a sing-along.

The next WOZ business meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8th at 9:00am at Zion. All women of Zion are welcome and expected.

Win-Some Women

The Spring 2012 Christian retreats at the Grand Hotel on Machinac Island will fill up fast. Now is the time to register. The theme is "Majesty," based on the verse from Psalm 93, "*The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty, the LORD is robed and armed with strength; indeed, the word is established, firm and secure.*"

This "fellowship of inter-denominational women drawn together by their common desire to share the reality of Jesus Christ" sponsors the two-day retreats, coming up in May. Contact Win-Some Women at PO Box 503, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 or on the web at www.win-somewomen.org.

Church Council highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Dan Helms. Other council members present were: Mark Anderson, Steve Anderson, John Anderson, Mary Jane Bloom, David Grunlund, Paulette Holmes, Bob Mattson, David Mattson, Dorn Siegler, and Pastor Joel Smeby. Absent were: Dick Lindholm and Dan Nurmi. Becky Nord was present as guest. Bob led a devotion exploring the idea of “God’s favorite”.

- Motion to support the retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran camp for confirmation students with funds of up to \$425 passed. Each of the students is expected to contribute \$10 toward the cost.
- A request to have an electrician to look at the lighting systems in the kitchen was approved by consensus.
- The evangelism committee will be looking for ideas on completing the church-specific portions (7 pages) of the new pictorial directory.
- A new Deer Camp Devotional will be produced by November 15th.
- An update from Mark Anderson on the educational opportunities was presented.
- Steve Anderson gave an update on the Music and Worship committee, mentioning the possible need for new sound equipment. Sunday night “jam sessions” with local musicians are in the works.
- Parent-teacher conferences for those in confirmation classes will be scheduled in the near future.
- The ad hoc committee to revise Zion’s constitution and bylaws is seeking input on its first draft of the new constitution. The plan is to have a final draft ready for congregational approval by January, 2012.

- Zion Community Preschool’s new bylaws, including requirements for a Board of Directors, were presented and approved by the Council.
- Pastor Joel is investigating the possibility of having a teenServe workcamp come to the area in 2013.

The council adjourned at 8:20pm after prayers by Pastor Joel.

Pastoral Acts in October

Janet Lee Dean

Funeral at Zion October 1

Bonnie Grissmeyer

Committal service at Felch Cemetery
October 1

Paul D. Neumann

Memorial service at Zion October 15

Luke Daniel Grunlund

Baptism at Zion October 22

The END of ***Daylight Savings Time*** on November 6, 2011.
Move your clocks **BACK** one hour that Sunday morning.

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