



"Questions, Questions " Matthew 16:13-20

Life is full of questions, Questions abound everywhere. What am I going to do with my life? What will I be? Will the kids turn out all right? What will tomorrow bring? Not only do these practical question beg for an answer, but also questions concerning my spiritual life. Am I saved? When I die will I go to heaven? Why does God allow such tragedy to exist on the earth? We can search for the answers to most questions. We can find it ourselves or we can surrender the question and the answer to someone else, namely God. We can miss seeing Jesus who is all around us and in each of us, because at times we get so caught in the exterior stuff of our faith that we cannot see the God that is beyond all of that stuff to the God who is active, living, and interested in our individual lives. In the epistle lesson Paul asks, "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" Paul is saying that one cannot repay God for all his gifts to us. There is nothing which we have that can repay God for all of us grace no matter how much we try.

Questions:

1. What kinds of questions are you asking of God?
2. Where can we find the answers to our questions?
3. What role does grace play?



ALTAR FLOWERS ** this morning are given to the "Glory of God" in loving memory of Harold by Maida Loehrke.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS ** will be held Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm, September 12 - October 24. New members and current members of Zion interested in review are welcome. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

LWML WOMEN'S RETREAT ** Have you registered for the 2011 ND LWML Women's Retreat to be held Sept 16-18 at the Chieftain Motel, Carrington, ND? It will be a great time of Bible Study, speaker, and a "Helping Hands Workshop" along with lots of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you here. Contact Rhonda Rath for more information, questions and registration.

THE FIRST CHOICE CLINIC LIFE WALK ** will take place on Saturday, September 24 starting at 9:00 am at Sertoma Park. First Choice Clinic provides free pregnancy testing and ultrasound exams along with prenatal and parenting classes. To learn more about the Life Walk go to www.firstchoiceclinic.com/pdfs/2011LifeWalk.pdf

Big Thank You! ** to Tim Rosin for your help and expertise in taking pictures for Zion's directory.



CHECK OUT OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE, SEARCH: "ZION CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM"

COOKIES FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS ** Would you like to donate cookies for a Sunday morning? (You can bake or buy them.) Please sign up in the lower foyer above the counter.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ** Zion's Sunday School is once again collecting school supplies for a mission project. Please consider purchasing some of the following supplies while they are on sale. Notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, crayons, markers and glue sticks. Drop donations off in bins in the lower foyer.

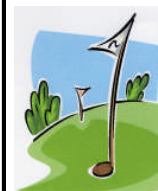


Current food pantry needs include: canned vegetables, canned fruit, hamburger/tuna helper, rice, canned meats, chicken noodle & tomato soup, creamed soups, hearty soups, stew, chili, and spaghetti. Thank you for your generous donations to help continue this ministry.



DIRECTORY UPDATE ** Please submit a snapshot to the church office, we will scan your picture and return it. Watch Life & Growth for additional opportunities to have you picture taken at the church. Questions? Call Kathy Rooke, Chairman of the Board of Fellowship at 220-3774.

MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE



Saturday, September 17th
at Prairie West Golf Course
in Mandan
Registration begins at 11:00 am
Tee-off begins at Noon

Awards & meal following tournament.
To register call 224-9070

\$60 suggested donation to golf
\$8 suggested donation for meal only

VISITORS ** Please pick up a visitor packet located in the back of the church. We are glad you joined us for worship today!

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SUNDAY - PSALM 61
MONDAY - PSALM 62
TUESDAY - PSALM 63
WEDNESDAY - PSALM 71
THURSDAY - PSALM 73
FRIDAY - PSALM 91
SATURDAY - PSALM 103



HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!!

Please check with an usher.

at Zion

Events this week at Zion

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**
8:00 pm Men's Bible Study
- MONDAY, AUGUST 22**
1:00 pm Zion Staff Meeting
7:00 pm AA Meeting
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**
6:00 am Leadership Meeting
6:30 pm Board of Fellowship
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**
7:00 pm Worship @ Shepherd of the Valley Pastor Drews
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**
6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Ramkota
3:30 pm MLS Jump Start
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**
5:00 pm Contemporary Worship
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**
8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am Bible Study
10:00 am Music Worship Leaders
10:45 am Blended Worship w/ Comm



ALTAR FLOWERS ** Carol Baker (530-9981) is in charge of flowers for the month of August.

GREETER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

8:30 am Karen Anders & Barb Hellman
10:45 am George & Doris Krein

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

8:30 am Roy & Vivian Bauer
10:45 am Harley & Betty Trautman

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE AT WORK

Worship Attendance 5:00 pm - 8/13	11
Worship Attendance - 8/14	
8:30 am	101
10:45 am	144
Communion	81
August YTD General Offering	\$17,498

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Zion Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people through Word and Sacrament; encouraging and supporting one another as a fellowship of believers.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

8:30 am
10:45 am Ben Koivula Samuel Henke

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

8:30 am Ciara Lucier Krissa Pfennig
10:45 am

ELDER

August 21 Gary Semmel
August 28 Brian Rosin
Sept 4 Larry Ewer

VAN DRIVER

Dave Weltz
Oren Danielson
Fred Ehrhardt

JULY 2011 FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS

	July Budget	July Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
General Offerings	38,167	41,098	267,167	264,374
Other Income	4,554	1,643	31,878	30,781
Total Income	42,721	42,741	299,045	295,156
Stewardship Expenses	6,478	6,151	45,343	29,882
Church Properties Expenses	10,412	8,516	72,881	77,439
Education Expenses	1,113	355	7,788	4,536
Evangelism Expenses	212	59	1,487	696
Personnel Expenses	24,326	24,991	170,280	165,739
Office Expenses	2,133	2,892	14,928	14,725
Spiritual Growth Expenses	1,130	1,159	7,909	6,110
Youth Expenses	708	523	4,958	3,676
Fellowship Expenses	233	0	1,633	192
Total Expenditures	46,744	44,646	327,206	312,995
Net Operating Income/Expense	(4,023)	(1,905)	(28,162)	(17,839)

SHUT-INS

- Mary Kunz
- Evelyn Rath
- Adeline Semple
- Genny Larson

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all those affected by the flooding.
- Prayers for the United States of America and her Armed Forces.

SYNODICAL PRAYERS

- For the work & ministry of our sister congregation **REDEEMER, GRAND FORKS** and her pastor **REV. DAVID LAUE.**

MISSION FOCUS

- LCMS Missionary **CORAL ROSE** serving in **SOUTH AFRICA.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- Lois Samuelson
- Nathan Stern
- Robert Ell
- Dane Carlson
- Austin Oswald
- Jessica Runge
- Hella Keller
- Allan Heid
- Carl Jacobson
- Brandon Ude
- Selah Schlittenhardt
- Kathryn Marcis
- Rylee Hermanson
- Linda Liberda
- Jamie Schuchard
- Phyllis Weist
- Armon Weiss
- Bonnie Chase
- Riley Riepl
- Kristin Nistler
- Heather Bauer
- Robert & Sherry Ell
- Arnold & Edith Schieve
- Armon & Joan Weiss
- Carl & Susan Jacobson
- Shawn & Anetta Theuer
- Wally & Vi Person
- Joe & Shelly Polansky

QUESTIONS for Personal and Family Bible Study

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Is. 55:1-5

1. What invitation is given?
2. What will the cost be?
3. For what do people sometimes spend their money?
4. What does the writer urge us to do?
5. What does he promise to make?
6. To whom had this promise been made?
7. Who will be invited to come?
8. Who is the Holy One of Israel?

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 9:1-13

1. What did the Apostle say he was speaking?
2. What confirmed this speaking?
3. What was the Apostle feeling?
4. What did he wish for himself?
5. What race does the apostle say he is from?
6. What blessings did the people of Israel enjoy?
7. Who could be traced from Israel's ancestry?
8. What great truth about Christ could they proclaim?

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21

1. What did Jesus do when He heard the news of John's death?
2. What did Jesus see when he landed?
3. How did Jesus react to the people?
4. What did the disciples suggest to Jesus as evening approached?
5. What one big problem did the disciples mention?
6. What did Jesus suggest they do about food?
7. What direction did Jesus give the people?
8. How many people did Jesus feed on this occasion?

Lessons for Next Sunday:**The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

Job 38:4-18 Rom. 10:5-17 Matt. 14:22-33

Memory Verse: Romans 8:39

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life. . . nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Zion's Prayer Requests

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- Bill Freymiller
- Clara Davis (friend of Vi Veitz)
- Sheri Zeller
- Clarence Babcock
- Evelyn Carlsten
- Eldor Goetz
- Kim Wagner (wife of pastor Wagner, Beautiful Savior, Fargo)
- Bob Mehrer
- Roy Bauer
- Herman Merkel
- Joe Pleines
- Daryl Kunz
- Norman Miller
- Sharon Schroeder (sister-in-law of Marv Schroeder)
- Kalen Gietzen
- Gertie Helm
- Don Carlsten
- Edith Schieve
- Dale Wentz
- Ed Nistler (father of Fred Nistler)
- Dale R. Barth (son of Melba Nemec)
- Randy Oswald
- Nancy Mann (Aunt of Scott Agnew)
- Ted Herrmann (brother of Jerry Herrmann)
- Helen Kuller (mother of Betty Trautman)
- Ivy Letteer (granddaughter of Dick & Jan Letteer)
- Joan Rodacker (mother of Lynette Schumaker)
- Bruce Livingston (brother-in-law of Oren & Renee Danielson)
- Darci Haugeberg (daughter-in-law of Marlys Opheim)