

# Zion Lutheran *October* 2017 NEWSLETTER



The focus of this newsletter is to update and inform Zion's members of what's happening in your church community.

We acknowledge that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Metis people.

## *Pastor Brad's Notes*

You might have noticed that on Zion's calendar there are many unique names included in many of the days of the month. Some of familiar like Thanksgiving or even St. Luke. Some months though unique names are included that might make you wonder who is that?

The names in case you were wondering are for various saints and commemorations in the life of the church. In October one of those unique names is Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg was a Lutheran pastor in North America. He died in 1787. Muhlenberg was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in North America. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to a new identity on American soil. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads, in Latin, "Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone."

I appreciate reading and learning about the life of these saints and commemorations. If you see a name on the calendar this month or next and what to know more, speak with me or check it up on the internet. You might be surprised at what you learn. *Peace, Pastor Brad+*

## **Confirmation Classes and Confirmation Sunday**

The current Affirmation of Baptism class consisting of Kiara, Meadow and Noah are quickly finishing up their time of instruction. On Sunday, October 22nd these youth will be sharing their faith statements in worship. You are encouraged to be there to support them as they share their faith stories.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th our confirmands will publicly affirm their baptisms. This is a special year in that it is also coincides with the 500th year of the Reformation. Plan to wear red on that day and to celebrate with the three youth of Zion. youth of Zion.

***Romans 8:22-27***  
<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## Soup and Study

Pr. Brad will be leading a soup and study time Wednesday afternoons beginning October 25. We will gather at noon for soup and stay till 2 for a study. Our time of study will be focussing on "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism". We will be using a new resource from Augsburg Fortress to rediscover the Small Catechism over the course of 7 weeks. The first week pastor Brad will be making the soup. Sign up sheets will be available after Thanksgiving



Popular Catholic Speaker (Ken Yasinski) will present a three evening event "**Fullness of Purpose**" at St. Jerome's Church on Carmel Road on **November 6,7,8 at 7pm.** *"A spiritual life should not be a burden."* *A different inspiring topic is being presented each evening.* The event "Fullness of Purpose" hopes to give support to those searching to live up to their fullest potential, relying on grace given by God. There is NO COST to attend the event, which is OPEN TO EVERYONE. Think about attending this.

## Sundae Sunday



Many thanks to those who supported the youth's first Sundae Sunday event in September. The youth raised approximately \$200 that day to help them on their goal to get to next year's youth gathering in Thunder Bay.

Because Pastor Brad bought too much ice cream, Sundae Sunday PART 2 will be coming back to Zion's Fellowship time on Sunday, November 5th. Please consider donating generously again to the youth fund. This time there will also be coffee!

## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Sunday will be **October 8th.** As has become our custom Zion will have a bilingual (Finnish/English) worship service on that day. Pastor Paul will lead Zion in worship as Pastor Brad and family will be on vacation. Plan to attend this special worship service of thanksgiving to God for all that God has given to us.



## Corn Maze Day

The Youth of Zion will be going to Farmer Bob's in October to tackle the corn maze. Watch for announcements in the next few weeks. All youth from Zion are welcome to attend – friends too!



### Red Shirt Sundays & Praise Choir

As we get back into the fall and the regular routines, please mark on our calendars October 22nd. That will be the first opportunity for the red shirt choir (AKA Praise Choir) to help lead worship. Special music will be chosen on that day that reflects the differing musical styles at Zion. Listen for an announcement in worship about a practice for that day.

Scrapbook Fundraiser Friday November 3, 2017 6-9pm  
& Saturday November 4, 2017 9-9

Cost: \$40.00 per person.

You get – one 6ft table to yourself; lunch and supper on Saturday; snacks, coffee, tea, some cold beverages provided; and there will be door prizes!

Registration and payment by October 28 2017 please.

All moneys raised will be going toward Zion's hot meal program at St. Vincent's Place.

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Please make cheques out to Zion Lutheran church

#### **Scrapbook Fundraiser – volunteers needed**

You may have heard about the fundraiser that we are having for Zion's hot meal program at St. Vincent's Place. We are hosting the event on Friday November 3 and Saturday November 4.

We need some volunteers for the set up on Friday afternoon, help our chefs in the kitchen for lunch and supper; and clean up on Saturday evening after the event is all done. Please make Tracy's job easier and volunteer – because you know she'll just keep at you anyway!

We also need some door prizes. The preferred type of door prizes are: gift certificates to restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, craft stores etc. As well as consumable items.

#### **Communion to Shut-ins or Hospital Visits**

Please let the church office (705-253-8703) or Pastor Brad (705-949-9156) know. Unless you share this information with us, we have no way of knowing due to privacy issues....

**Council Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**  
**Please check your emails and mail slot at the church for information papers.**

**LCW (Lutheran Church Women) will meet on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for the 'In Gathering of the Fellowship of the Least Coin'. Leaders for this meeting are Irene Frier and Linda Watson. All women are welcome to attend.**

**Vincent Place Hot Meal Program is Wed. November 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 - 6:30pm**  
**Melanie (705-736-2828) appreciates all helping hands for this outreach of Zion.**

#### **St. Andrew's United – Covenanting Service (Installation of the Rev. Eun-Joo Park)**

St. Andrew's United will be joining in ministry with their new minister, the Rev. Eun-Joo Park at a covenanting service. This celebration will occur on Sunday, October 1 at 2pm at St. Andrew's. An invitation has been sent to the people of Zion to join in this celebration. Consider attending this worship service.

## Worship Field Trip – St. John’s Garden River

The Anglican community of St. John’s Garden River has invited Zion to join them in worship in their historic church on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Worship that day will feature singing in English and Ojibway, as well as the presence of Anglican Bishop Anne Germond. Bob Schroeder has arranged for a bus to transport us to and from Garden River. The bus will leave at 8:30. A sign up sheet is at the church.

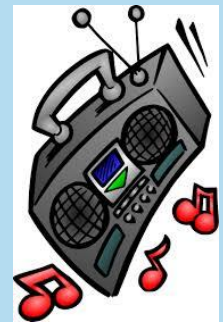
Please plan to attend this worship service. To get to St. John’s turn right on Point Charles Rd. (just back the Roman Catholic Church), when you get to the fork in the road veer to the left, the church will then be just down the road at the mouth of the St. Mary’s river.

The Sewing Room @ Zion meets each Friday from 9:30 am until noon working on outreach projects.

*On Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we are scheduled to attend 'training on the serger' at the store.* We are presently working on little boys pants and some draw-string bags. We just completed 580 cloth eye glass cases for recycling used eye glasses for Africa for a retired optometrist going this winter. Anyone who enjoys sewing or cutting out patterns are welcome to join our group as they are able. More information? Contact Pat (705-945-8741)

The Manna Basket Sunday is the last Sunday in September (the 24th). Donations of food are given to Pauline's Place Youth Shelter. Non-perishable items can be brought any Sunday during the month.

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## **Reformation Door**

We have had our own special door in the worship space at Zion this past year. Unlike Martin Luther we didn't "nail" theses to the door ... we used post-it notes to put our hopes and dreams for the church and our suggestions for ministry at Zion. As we are nearing Reformation Sunday, one might ask: "What's next?" Pastor Brad plans to move the door away sometime after October 29. When he does he will record the ideas and suggestions to bring them back to the congregation to consider them at our annual meetings in November and February. Perhaps there might be a good challenge or two for the congregation to consider.

If you still haven't added your ideas or suggestions, there is still time and lots of post-it notes for you to use. What might God be up to with us? What dreams or hopes do you have for Zion?

Thank you to those who have already contributed.

