

The Messenger

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Mission Statement

**We are a community in Christ: baptized, forgiven, saved.
We are committed to bringing the good news to all people
through Christian worship, fellowship,
sharing and faithful living.
We will use our resources, talents and teachings
to share God's grace as a family.**

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From The Pastor's Keyboard

Our ELCA Churchwide Assembly met on August 17-23 in Minneapolis and acted on a new Social Statement on Human Sexuality (which was passed by a super-majority of 2/3 votes), and on proposals for changing church policy on the blessing of committed, monogamous, life-long same-sex relationships, and on the rostering of such individuals as feel called to the Ordained Ministry. I was present for those days of discussion and discernment and I can tell you that the discussion was very intense, well-thought, and above all considerate for everyone's opinions. The will of the assembly prevailed throughout.

Processing these decisions will take time and prayer as well, but for me the key is in the first proposal that was passed by a large margin which said that, central to how we live together as a church is our belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior who died and rose again for the forgiveness of our sins, and the salvation of our souls,, and in the need to

respect the right of every single member of this national church body to be bound by his or her conscience in matters of faith and the interpretation of scripture, even though that conviction may, and in fact will be, different, than one's neighbor.

This church was equally divided almost 40 years ago when it approved the ordination of women, and also when it began to allow some divorced clergy to remain on the roster and, therefore, continue serving as congregational pastors.

My office is always open to any member of our congregation who wishes or needs to talk about this or any issue facing our life as beloved children of God, called to serve God by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

God continue to bless our ELCA with the presence and leading of the Holy Spirit in all the times ahead. Peace, Pastor Jim

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Those Who Serve

Ushers

Mark Hookham, head usher

Kurt Alpers

Kent King

Communion Assistants

9-6 (P) Brenda Kriz, Amanda Arp and
Kersten King

9-20 (K) Sharla Wrage and Tairk Goken

Readers

9-6 Cindi Helgeson

9-13 Rick Krug

9-20 Marlis Wrage

9-27 Lee Korte

Money Counters

Anne Dengler and Stefanie Lorenzen
Alternate, Jeff Petersen

Videographers

9-6 Gene Schutte

9-13 Dave Wrage

9-20 Anne Dengler

9-27 Glen Salsbury



Among Our Members

Hospitalized:

Robert Knupp had surgery at Allen Hospital on Thursday, August 20. Glen Jacobsen was at Covenant after breaking his ankle on Friday, August 21.

Christian Sympathy:

Zion's former Pastor, Peter Swiggum passed away on August 1. Please remember his family in your prayers.

We would like to express our Christian sympathy to Doris Knupp and her family on the loss of Bob. Please keep their family in your prayers!

Change in Worship Time

On Sunday, **September 6** our worship time goes back to 10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal Begins

Sunday, **September 27** at 8:30 a.m. choir rehearsal will resume.

Anniversary Celebration

All are welcome to join in celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Garnet Mehlert on Sunday, September 27. Cake and Coffee will be served in the fellowship hall at 11:00am. {following Worship.}

Church Council

**The August meeting of the
Zion Church Council
was held on the 19th at 7:00pm.**

**Present were
Kathleen Alpers, Katie Kaiser,
Pastor Jim Radatz, and Julie Turner.**

**Because a quorum was not present,
no business could be conducted,
but we did share about the various
ministries of our church
in a time of discussion.**

**Pastor Jim led off with devotions based on
the theme of "fairs" or "festivals,"
and highlighting the "Festival of Shelters"
as described in John 7.**

**We prayed for
God's presence and blessing,
as we continued to meet.**

**The minutes from the last meeting
were read and commented on.
Kathleen shared that we are
\$5500 in the Red at this time.**

**Julie reported on an upcoming teen dance
for the middle school on August 21.**

**Sunday School will begin Sept. 13,
with the Confirmation Program then
starting on the following Wednesday.
A meeting for parents will be held on that
first Sunday of Sunday School at 8:30am.**

**Our Worship schedule will return to
10:00am,
on Sunday, September 6.**

**The 6th Grade will be sponsoring a
car wash
on Saturday, August 29,
in the church parking lot/car port.**

**Pastor Jim reported that there are
2 weddings scheduled for this Fall,
and a Baptism scheduled for
Labor Day Weekend.**

**He also reported on visits to
home- and nursing home-bound
members.**

**The ELCA Churchwide Assembly
is coming up on August 17-23,
and Pastor Jim will be attending as
an official visitor on the 19th-21st.**

**A Confirmation Picture committee
is being organized
to go through all the old pictures
and identify confirmands
for labeling and mounting
in our new picture display.**

**We adjourned our meeting at 7:40pm
with the praying of The Lord's Prayer.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

	INCOME	EXPENSES	LOSS
January	13,069.20	15,505.18	(2,435.98)
February	11,684.00	14,738.73	(3,054.73)
March	20,916.56	21,950.00	(1,033.44)
Asset Purchases		0.00	
Total 1st Quarter	45,669.76	52,193.91	(6,524.15)
April	14,334.03	14,944.90	(610.87)
May	16,911.36	15,315.32	1,596.04
June	15,327.50	14,493.90	833.60
Asset Purchases		5,273.00	(5,273.00)
Total 2nd Quarter	46,572.89	50,027.12	(3,454.23)
TOTAL YTD	92,242.65	\$102,221.03	(\$9,978.38)

WELCA NEWS

September is the month to collect Bremwood supplies. Ellen Debner has agreed to continue putting the kits together, but does need help with making school bags for the kits. If you have questions about the material and size contact Ellen (476-7876).

The ice cream social was a HUGE success this year. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated money for new ice cream maker.

Do Days and Prayer Shawl will start again this month. Do Days meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, this month it is September 23 at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, this month it is September 14 at 4:00 pm.

The WELCA general meeting is Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Marie Stiglaiani is tentatively scheduled to be our speaker. She teaches Laughter Yoga with Cedar Valley Hospice.

Claudia Knapp, Kim Overmann and Pat Karr have agreed to stay on the board for another term. Thanks so much Rita Eikamp, Doris Knupp and Garnet Mehlert for their years of service. Jill Hennings has been nominated for action chair and Cindi Helgeson has been nominated for secretary. A co-chair is still needed if you know of anyone who you think would be good for this don't hesitate to nominate them or yourself.

A new librarian is needed. This person would need to organize the library and purchase new books. There is a fund in place to do this. If you would like to take this over please contact Kim.

Kim Overmann
Co-Chairperson

Here is a list of supplies that Bremwood youth need for school:

1. School supplies such as loose leaf paper, pens, pencils and folders
2. Kitchen, bath and hand towels, wash cloths
3. Twin size sheet sets, mattress pads, pillows and pillowcases
4. Laundry soap
5. Socks, t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweat-pants in sizes small to extra large
6. Shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant
7. Craft/art/scrap booking supplies - paper, markers, colored pencils, beads, paint

Bremwood Supplies

Youth News



Sunday School Supplies

Sunday School is in need of some supplies. There will be a box on the table in the bell tower for donated items.

Glue Sticks
Bottles of Glue
Transparent Tape
Religious Stickers
Colored Card Stock (Heavy weight) paper
Baby Wipes

Sunday School begins on September 13 at 8:30 a.m. with a special meeting for the parents and students.

Schedules for the year will be passed out and expectations of what we will be working on this year will be shared.

The regular Sunday School hour will then begin at 9:00.

September Birthdays

- 9-1 Janelle Hammond
- 9-3 Lois Stueck, Ryder Albertsen
- 9-4 Marsha Dengler
- 9-5 Jerry Hadley, Kent King, John Wrage, Jennifer Turner
- 9-6 Freda Erdmann, Zachary Overmann
- 9-7 Brian Bredehoeft
- 9-8 Lee Korte
- 9-9 Drew Konicek, Koby Alpers
- 9-10 Amanda Arp, Whitney Kriz
- 9-11 Nicholas Winkelpleck
- 9-14 Kortlyn Ewoldt
- 9-22 Jenn Alpers, Lilly Blackburn
- 9-23 Brad Anders, Blake Havran, LuAnn Hennings
- 9-24 Matthew Wrage
- 9-26 Stephanie Hookham
- 9-27 Brenda Hager
- 9-29 Alvin Witt
- 9-30 Robert Knoop, Beverly Stein



September Wedding Anniversaries

- 9-3 Rob and Sara Bitter
- 9-5 Richard and Carol Lorenzen
- 9-8 Scott and Sandy Monroe
- 9-12 Roger and Dianne Schnebly
- 9-22 Elmer and Beverly Stein
- 9-24 Herman and Ellen Debner
- 9-25 Daryl and Freda Erdmann
- 9-26 John and Garnet Mehlert, Brad and Linda Anders