

ZION HERALD



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Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On March 4, 1933 at his first inauguration, Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "...let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." President Roosevelt was speaking from the context of the economic depression that was crippling the United States to the majority of Americans who lived each day in fear of the future. During his speech, Roosevelt laid out the harsh realities of the Great Depression and his plan for bringing, not just the country, but each individual out of it. He made his point very clear, "There are many ways in which it can be helped, but it can never be helped merely by talking about it. We must act and act quickly." Roosevelt's plan acknowledged two foundational components of progress; word and action. To move forward in the world we need to talk about our dreams; what we most hope the world can be like. Then we need to talk about our visions which help us accomplish our dreams. Then we take action.

Words and actions are the basic elements of progress and growth. Jesus revealed this as he moved from town to town teaching, healing, and forgiving by word and action because Jesus' ministry was God-driven. We are called to this same God-driven ministry of word and action. That is why we can't just sit back and talk about what could or should be, but instead, we need to dream and vision together, and then put our visions into action. But in today's busy world, when do we have time to do this? Sunday mornings of course, because it is the time we set aside and gather to remember and keep holy the day God gave us to rest and give thanks to God for our many blessings.

During our weekly worship gatherings, we can transform the dream of God's kingdom into the vision and reality of action. Our God-driven actions during our worship services unite us in Christ and move us forward in our ministry for God so that we can serve God and God's

people in the name of Jesus Christ. Unity is one reason that our weekly gatherings are essential to our faith and purpose. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the young Christians in the city of Philippi stressed the importance of Christian unity, "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind" (Philippians 2:1-2). Let us continue to gather in Christ's name. Let us continue to strengthen our faith so that we too may be one in the Spirit and of one mind in Christ.

During the month of October, we will continue a very long tradition at Zion by participating in the 2014 "CROP" walk on Sunday, October 5th. Come walk with us or sponsor a walker and help make this year's walk the biggest so far. Also Sunday the 5th is "World Communion Sunday" which helps us remember that Christians all over the world take part in the Lord's Supper and remember that even though we are different, we are all one in the body of Christ and we have all received salvation through his sacrifice on the cross.

On Sunday, October 26th, we will celebrate our "Neighbors in Need" ministry with a special offering. Our Bible study group will also start back up in October. Watch our weekly calendar for the day and time. That's it for now everyone. See you in church.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

"The only true bond of Church unity is Christ the Lord, who has reconciled us to God the Father, and will gather us out of our present dispersion into the fellowship of His body, that so, through His one Word and Spirit, we may grow together into one heart and one soul." *John Calvin*

OCTOBER USHER SCHEDULE

October 5 Church Council
 October 12 Barry & Julie Hoffmeier,
 MaKayla Schluter
 October 19 Tessa Holst, Wilbert & Millie
 Muhs
 October 26 Senior High Fellowship



October 5 MacKensie Poppe & Kaci
 Gottschalk
 October 12 Addison Luepker & Jaylynn Pearson
 October 19 Kelli Proesch & MacKenzie Poppe
 October 26 Kaci Gottschalk & Addison Luepker



Videographer Schedule

October 5 Cody Fields
 October 12 Donna Luepker
 October 19 Julie Hoffmeier
 October 26 David Niermeyer



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 7 Royce & Lisa Gottschalk 19 yrs.
 Sheila & *Travis Bowling 8 yrs.
 October 8 *Brian & Jane Armstrong 20 yrs
 October 15 Tim & Jane Drewelow 37 yrs.
 October 16 Jamie & Kelly Nabb 15 yrs.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

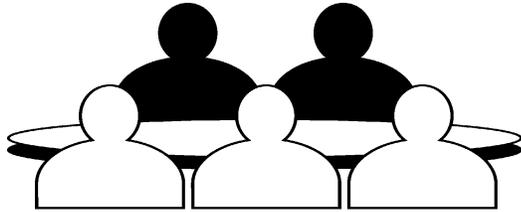
October 1 Harlan Deerberg,
 Kyle Proesch
 October 3 Janice Strackbein,
 Sheila Bowling
 October 5 Robert Johnson
 October 7 Karen Baldwin,
 Marc Dittmer
 October 8 Marlene Wiedenhoff
 October 10 Merle Tank, Laurie Steinke,
 Dan Mohr
 October 11 Deloris Kahl
 October 12 Jim Kruckenberg
 October 13 Fern Schluter
 October 16 *Trilby Klavemann,
 Julie Hoffmeier,
 Addi Ra Ehltz
 October 17 Marlene Fox
 October 18 Donna Jensen,
 October 19 Tessa Holst
 October 21 *Diane Mostaert,
 Heidi Krafock
 October 24 Jane Armstrong,
 Johny Amina
 October 25 Linda Behrens,
 Michael Clark,
 Jaydon Nabb
 October 30 Fred Klavemann,
 Wes Griesbach,
 Hilary Griesbach
 October 31 Samuel Combs



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

October 1 **Harlan Deerberg**, 107 August Dr.
 #1, Lowden, Iowa 52255
 October 11 **Deloris Kahl**, 103 Augusta Drive #2
 Lowden, Iowa 52255
 October 17 **Marlene Fox**, P.O. Box 245,
 Lowden, Iowa 5255
 October 18 **Donna Jensen**, 102 Roosevelt
 Street, Lowden, Iowa 52255
 October 30 **Fred Klavemann**, 608 Lynn Street
 Tipton, Iowa 52772

We are now accepting bids for this winter's snow removal. If you are interested, please submit a bid to Linda in the office. The church council will review the bids during their next meeting. Thank you.



**COUNCIL MEETING
ZION CHURCH OF CHRIST**

August 21, 2014

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 5:30 p.m. on August 21, 2014. Those present were Donavon Freese, LeRoy Luepker, Tanya Steward, Kevin Kahl, Mark McElaney, Renate Port and Pastor Steve. Linda Behrens was in attendance through the Treasurer Report. Meeting opened with a reading by Pastor Steve.

Joys and concerns were discussed.

The minutes were read from July 22 meeting and approved by LeRoy and 2nd by Tanya.

Treasure reports were read and approved by LeRoy and 2nd the Kevin. Memorial Fund was read by LeRoy and Improvement Fund was reported by Kevin Kahl

Calendar for upcoming months was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cement work at east entry
- Sidewalk
- Water leak in Basement
- Spraying the Lawn

NEW BUSINESS:

- Insurance check for basement is in.
- Boiler Inspection checked out okay but someone should come in and clean it.
- \$51.50 for 8 bell polish clothes came out of Memorial Fund

- Janice put in new bushes for cost of \$262.00 to be paid by improvement Fund
- Discussed catch basin in sidewalks.
- Discussed sump pumps.
- Commercial Club to put up new signs on each end of town at a cost of \$120.00. Mission voted to pay for it, Aaron will design.
- Committee reports read
- Bill for Swartz Concretes will be paid by Improvement Fund approved by LeRoy and 2nd by Mark

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- ❖ Chimes not used until repaired.
- ❖ Received several transfers.
- ❖ Church Road Signs
- ❖ 53 in attendance at Vacation Bible School
- ❖ Red Roots tickets are on sale.

Pastor's report was approved with a motion from Leroy and 2nd by Tanya.

THOUGHT: Who do you talk with about your faith in Jesus Christ?

Next Meeting will be September 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor gave a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting the council members and spouses sat down to a dinner prepared by Jean and friends. We enjoyed a great meal, much conversation and challenging games. This was a delightful evening.

Renate Port, Secretary

Lost 'n' Found Items

The box with the lost and found items is getting quite full. Please check the box to see if anything in there belongs to you or your child. A quite a few items remained after the VBS sleep over. Please claim your item as soon as possible. Thank You.



ZION EVENING CIRCLE
September 15, 2014

On Monday evening, Sept. 15, Zion Evening Circle gathered together at Fox's pond to begin their new year.

Linda Freese gave an inspirational devotion entitled "A Recipe for Friendship". The special food items she used made it very meaningful. A bountiful salad and sandwich supper was enjoyed by all.

President Linda opened the business meeting with 13 members and Pastor Steve answering roll call. The following guests were present: Jaynice Hamdorf, Sandy Esbaum, Millie Muhs, Annette Behrens, Carolee Lohman, Jane Drewelow, Diane Esbaum and Jody Yutesler. Two of the guests have joined our group. We welcome anyone who would like to join. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Bills were presented. Motion was made by Julie, 2nd by Jean to pay bills. Discussion was held on Emmaus Home. Marlene W. made a motion, 2^d by Janice S. to donate \$100 to Emmaus.

Correspondence was read from Seth Hamilton. Linda thanked those who served the church and ministry committee the past several months.

Pastor Steve informed us the church and ministry committee will possibly be changing days to either Monday or Wednesday. We suggested Wednesday.

We were reminded dues are now payable.

Pastor Steve conducted an installation service for the officers for the coming year.

The new program books for the year were passed out and Sharon went over the projects for our meetings.

Pastor Steve informed us the Crop Walk is Oct. 5. It will begin at 3 p.m. and takes about 45 minutes. Several Evening Circle members volunteered to bring bars and serve. Our group will donate \$200 for the walk.

Pastor discussed the special towels presented for baptisms. Our group will continue to purchase them.

Our courtesy lady, Marlene, presented gifts to Roland and Marlene Fox for sharing their beautiful pond and surroundings for our meeting. It is greatly appreciated.

Meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting a rousing game of Bunco was played. Judging by the whooping and hollering at times everyone must have had a good time. The lucky winners were Jean, Terry, Marlene F., Jody, Phyllis and Diane.

October devotions – Phyllis
Project – speaker, Jill Tresslar

Refreshments – Marlene F. and Julie.

The Sept. church and ministry meal was served by Phyllis and Joy.

Marilyn Klahn, Secretary



The Mission Committee decided to have an Ice Cream Social Picnic in conjunction with the Christian Education Kick-Off. We had a beautiful day for our event. It was also a great time for people to come and enjoy a relaxing time of food, music and fellowship.

The fare for the event was maid rites, chips and baked beans, but the best item was the ice cream sundaes you got to make. We decided to collect a free will donation which we will be presenting to the Church's Food Pantry.

The committee hopes everyone who attended had a good time. We want to say "Thank You" for supporting us with your donations. See you next year.

The Mission Committee, Terry Lasack, Mary Huffman, Tanya Stewart, and Linda Behrens.



Mission of Hope

Featuring Country Christian Band

red roots

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 | 7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Complimentary Dessert Reception with Band to Follow.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit local food missions.

Zion United Church of Christ

402 Main St. | Lowden, Iowa

ADULTS: \$10 (\$8 advance)

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER: \$5

Call (563) 941-5476 to order tickets or
download order form at www.zionuclowden.org

SEATING IS LIMITED, ORDER EARLY!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Lowden Fire Department Belgian Waffle
Breakfast - October 19, 2014

Our Sunday School students will be stepping out of church for our FIFTH YEAR to attend the annual Lowden Fire Department Belgian Waffle Breakfast. Our October offerings will be donated to our local Fire Department as our mission of giving. We will then present the fire department with our donation. Our donation will make a difference in there project to buy new equipment for the fire station to help save lives' of God's people.

Let's plan to meet at the main entrance of church at 8:30AM on October 27th all walk down for breakfast at the fire station! ALL FAMILY and CHURCH members and friends are welcome to join us! We plan to be back at ~9AM for classes! Thank you! If you have any questions please call me!

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