



Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

In the interest of brevity, it has been requested that we keep the Prayer List in the Bulletin, and mentioned during services, for people who are experiencing immediate health issues and not those with chronic health issues. However, we want to continue to remember all who are experiencing health problems in their lives in our prayers. Therefore, we are now going to list everyone to remember in your prayers on the website and newsletter. **If you have asked for someone to be on the prayer list and they are doing better or can even be removed, please Geri know so she can keep the list updated.**

Please pray for † Kathy Phelps † Scott Quiner † Gary Burton † Peter Dahl † Dick Hilman † Mary Forfang † Bob & Susan Christenson † Kayla Sjostrand Thompson † Wyatt Brusseau † Tom Swanson † Terri Christopherson † Sandy Alper † Eddie Weleski † Dale Van Dale † Jessie Muir † Tom Brownrigg † Erich Hartwig † Virginia Coffield † Owen & Janet Swenson † Owen Swenson † Galen Schultz † Ann Lasky † Audrey Hartje † Landon Labine † Armed Forces † our Law Enforcement † our First Responders †

Let's also pray for wisdom for all world leaders in the time of this world-wide health pandemic and for all who have contracted the Corona Virus that God lays healing hands upon them and they are able to make a successful recovery.

IN MEMORY: Please keep families and friends of the following in your prayers:

† Danny Langehaug † Bob Cameron † Jeff Christenson † Raymond Masloski † Kenny Waller † Connie Bergeson Homstad † Charles Anderson † Ronald Hanson †

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The Pastor's Corner: A message from Pastor Andy

“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands...” (Isaiah 43: 19-21; The Message)

Over the past couple of weeks, I’ve been digging through the storage rooms in the basement of the church. Needless to say, I’ve found many “church treasures” that are reminders of how things used to be: old chalk boards, old trinkets, old financial statements, historic documents just laying around, dead Christmas lights, you name it, it’s probably still down there somewhere. This is not to be taken as disparaging, not in the least. Stories are important, memories are vital, and the ability to remember while still looking forward is what keeps us going day after day!

I love seeing remnants of how the church used to operate: the decorations, the outputs, the designs, and everything else. However, I also know that it is very easy to get stuck there. We get reminiscing about the “good ole days,” and start to lose track of what God is up to here and now. It is like we forget that God is still actively creating things new, reconciling things back to God, using our gifts and talents to make the world a better place. It’s still happening, right before our very eyes, and some of it is happening in this place!

My history here is short, as of October 19 we hit the 3-month mark. Yes, I’ve only been the pastor here at Sion Lutheran for 3 short months, and yet it feels like we’ve been doing this for much longer. There is an energy here that is pleasantly surprising! It might not seem like we’ve done a whole lot, but the list is substantial considering our time together is so short. However, my fear is that we will get stuck looking back. I want to remember fondly our first months, and at the same time I want to keep dreaming with you about the possibilities for what comes next... where do we go from here? What else should we be doing for our community? Where is God pulling us? Where is the Spirit of God pushing us?

These are all very important questions to continue to ponder as we continue this journey together. I know I mention the list of activities from Matthew a lot: the feeding, clothing, visiting, healing, etc. However, in the Gospel of John Jesus tells his disciples something very powerful:

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)

As disciples of Christ, we are called to do everything Jesus did and then even greater works than those. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, directed by the will of God, we can change the world. It might not be the entire world, right away, but if we continue to make incremental changes, small differences in the lives of our community, there is no telling how far that will ripple out. The possibilities are endless, we just have to take the first step!

We’re in this together, so let’s make something powerful happen here and beyond!

Lutefisk Meal: A MESSAGE FROM CANDY –

“THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED MAKE OUR “LUTEFISK DINNER” A SUCCESS, FROM PLANNING, PREPARING, SERVING AND CLEAN-UP. WE COULDN’T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL THE GREAT HELP FROM EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD. 312 PEOPLE ENJOYED OUR MEAL; THERE WERE 72 TAKEOUTS. JOANN BERTILRUD WON THE QUILT.”

[2022 Youth Gathering Permission and Deposit Form](#)



Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

As you probably know we are always looking for ways to get you involved in the ministry we’re doing here at Sion. So, for your reference here is a short list of all of the things we have going on here at the church (which means ways you can get involved if the Spirit so moves!)

- Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Coffee @ Senior Housing
- Reading/Lectors
- Greeters/Ushers
- Fellowship Snacks
- Quilting (coming soon!)
- Lawn Mowing/Property Care
- Family Fun Nights (coming soon!)
- Member Visits
- Phone Call Check-Ins
- Lutefisk Dinner (coming soon!)
- Church Council
- Worship Planning Committee
- Funeral Planning Committee
- Youth Group (coming soon!)
- National Youth Gathering Group
- Meals on Wheels Deliveries

As you can see there is, almost, always something going on here at Sion! If there is a particular area of passion that you have that is not represented in the list above, let us know! We can turn anything into a ministry opportunity given a person’s interest and willingness to think outside of the box!

Directory Updates

We are looking to update our directory, so we know how to get a hold of you for all the reasons: phone calls, snail mail, email, and random visits. If you could reach out to the church office and let us know how best to get a hold of you that would be a great help! All we really need is the basics:

Name(s):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

You can send all this information to the church email: sionlutheran@gmail.com or leave it on a note for either Geri or Pastor Andy!

If you prefer to complete the link that was sent out via email, here is that link:

<https://sionlutheran.churchcenter.com/people/forms/316981>.

P.S. If you would like to be removed from the list, we would like to know that as well!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

DECEMBER 12TH IS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

A look ahead...

CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH -

Services at both 4:30pm and at 10 pm.

THE SNOW HAS ARRIVED!!!

Keep in mind the snow is here. We are going to need volunteers to shovel the sidewalks around the church.

Centennial Glassware Available!



Glass Ornament



Decorative Plate

Sometimes it's hard to believe that organizations live as long as they do and believe it or not Sion Lutheran Church has been around for about 112 years now. All of this was lived prior to my time, but I know that there was a celebration in 2009 to mark the 100th year of existence. This is evidenced by the commemorative glassware that was found in the church basement. If you missed out on a piece of Sion history, somebody you know missed out, or you want another one please let us know and we can arrange something with you. There are still plenty to go around, so don't be shy!

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DONATIONS VIA VENMO

Sion Lutheran now has Venmo! For those of you who don't know what Venmo is, it's an app that allows one to transfer money from one person/entity to another. Very handy in our distance living, as well as sending funds to college students, buying stuff online, etc. Now you can make your donations to Sion Lutheran through this app as well. The account name is attached below in a screenshot. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. This goes directly to Sion's Bank Account.



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ALL SERVICES ARE IN PERSON OR YOU MAY WATCH LIVE [HERE](#)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1)	2)	3) 10AM Coffee @ Sr Housing 4PM Confirmation 6PM Family Fun Night	4)	5)	6)
7) Coffee: ABCDE 9:30AM Worship-All Saints Sunday 10:30AM Sunday School PK-6	8)	9)	10) NO Confirmation 5:30PM Council Mtg	11)	12)	13)
14) Coffee: FGHIJ Reader: Cindy Christopherson 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Christmas Program Practice	15)	16)	17) 10AM Coffee @ Sr Housing 4PM Confirmation	18)	19)	20)
21) Coffee: KLMN Reader: Crystal Peterson 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Christmas Program Practice	22)	23) Newsletter Items Due	24) 7PM Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Covenant Church	25) Thanksgiving	26)	27)
28) Coffee: OQR Reader: Tim Peterson 9:30AM Worship (Advent 1) 10:30AM Christmas Program Practice	29)	30)				