

Sion's Vineyard



December 2017

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Each Sunday
Varies

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ANNUAL MEETING

Sion's Annual Meeting will be on January 28 following church service. We are in need of 3 council members! Lorelei Peterson, Matt Przekwas, and Todd Nelson all have completed their terms. Please let one of them know if you are interested in serving!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS WANTED:

If you have any info for the newsletter, please send to mkpeterson@wiktel.com. Our newsletter is in need of more news!!!

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Sion Church

Jenny Iverson Klein
(friend of Janet Swenson)

Sarah Olsonawski Nissen

Andi Olsonawski
(Cousin of Joe Olsonawski),

Galen Schultz
(Brother of Eileen Bernstrom)

Lois Winters

Merlyn Winters

Bob Eastman
(uncle of Matt and Mark P.)

Kristin Erickson

Audrey Hartje

Oren Swart

Jake Kruger

Jake Vig

Ben Christopherson

Danny Goldstrand

Richard Wilwant

Matt Zander

Harvey Strege

Cheryl Engstrom

Owen Swenson

Ronald Hanson

Neil Sandahl

Guy Gustafson

the family of Bruce
Engstrom

Armed Forces.

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CALL COMMITTEE

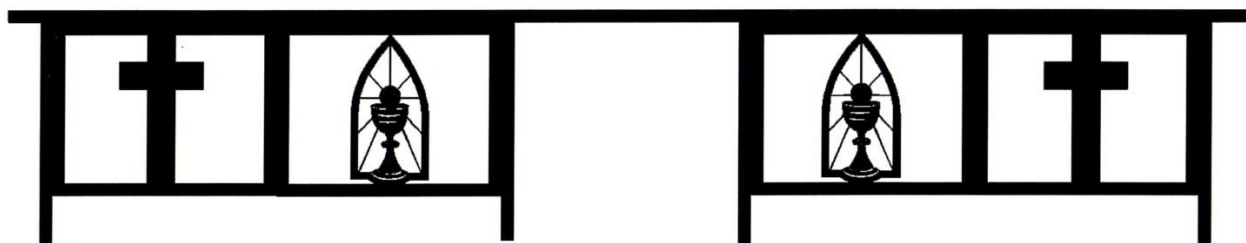
Call committee has been in contact with 2 possible candidates! One has agreed to come up and visit us! We are excited to see how things move forward! Keep our committee in your prayers as we try to find our future pastor!

~Mike Olson~

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Proposed altar rail

- * Hanson Manufacturing would make it.
- * PoDCo would powder coat it.
- * Mike and Tim Peterson would finish the top rail and the front to cover the pockets with some sort of oak.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

December 10th is the Sunday School Christmas program during church. After that, Sunday School will be off until February 2018.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve Service will be held at 4:30pm on Sunday, December 24. There will not be a regular morning service that Sunday.

Sion Lutheran Church Council - Meeting Minutes for November 08, 2017

Present: Lorelei, Pat, Mendy, Shirley, Todd, Gary, Greg, Tim

Mendy called the meeting to order and Tim opened with devotions. Approval of bills and treasurer's report – Todd made a motion to accept, 2nd by Greg, motion carried.

Proposed Budget was reviewed. Lorelei made a motion for a 3% raise for financial, janitor, music, and etc. second by Pat, motion carried. Greg made a motion, second by Todd to approve the preliminary budget, motion carried.

Call committee – Greg gave us an update and they will have a skype

meeting with another pastoral candidate. .

Camera is here, Hanson is making a bracket to hang on wall. Todd is working on it.

Blinds are here. Gary will install.

Discussion was held on worship and council felt it was going good and are thankful for all the people who pitch in and help out.

Colors were discussed for alter rail and Mendy will get estimate.

Ballot was reviewed and a few changes made to make it less confusing. If the vote for contracting with Kathy Levenhagen fails to go thru, we will need to look into pulpit supply.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Lorelei Peterson, Secretary

NOTES FROM KATHY

Good morning Maria, Sion and Zion,

I would like to address some facts for the upcoming vote on December 3rd.

Why: This seems like a good time to try a new way of worshipping in our communities. Sion is currently without a pastor so as a faith community, how can we (Maria and Zion) reach out and help them.

The councils got together and did their best to reach a workable solution for the present time. It was decided that there would be a month to have discussions each in our own church congregations. We would all vote on the same day.

The Plan: The current plan is that the first two Sundays in the month we would continue worship as we have done in the past. The third Sunday will become a rotation Sunday. In January, all three churches will worship at Sion at a 10:00 am service. The month of February, Maria will host the worship service, same time. March will have everyone driving to Zion in Lake Bronson for the 10 o'clock worship service. The fourth Sunday I (Kathy) will be holding service at Sion. Zion of Lake Bronson has not confirmed yet if they will join Sion or do something on their own. There will be no change for Maria on the fourth Sunday. In the case of a 5th Sunday, we will worship in our normal places.

Cost: You have only to come to a worship service and notice that our numbers are really down. So for those of you who like numbers, this is how the money will work. Maria will hold 50% of my time, Zion has 30% and Sion will now contribute 20%. This will result in a savings for both Maria and Zion but will give Sion two Sundays with a pastor.

Duties: The arrangement will be much the same for Maria and Zion. Where Sion will see additional help is two Sundays, teaching Confirmation, visits to the nursing home, and coverage for weddings and funerals.

One more: There are still lots of little details to work out, but first we have to know if the congregations agree to this different way of being church. So the vote on Sunday, December 3rd, will be a yes, if you think this will work for the foreseeable future or a no you don't think this will work at all. This worship schedule will be in place for a year or until Sion calls a pastor of its own or it is not working out and needs to be revalidated by council members.

What happens: If the vote should fail we will go back to the councils and try again. We

are excited and confident that the people will enjoy worship and will find a rhythm to the Sundays.

What you can do until the vote: Pray. Pray for guidance, wisdom and courage to step out in faith. God will be present in whichever worship we attend. God cares deeply for his people and their worship lives. My prayer is that you seek God's wisdom with open minds and hearts. We could be an excellent example of how we can work together for the good of God.

Blessings, Kathy Levenhagen

DECEMBER 3RD CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Voting members are asked to attend the December 3rd Congregational meeting. This meeting will be to discuss contracting with Kathy Levenhagen (Maria and Zion churches) for 20% of her time. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.

The vote will take place following church on December 3rd.

Ballot Language:

Sion Lutheran Church members are asked if they wish to contract with Kathy Levenhagen for 20% of her time. This would equate to one Sunday at Lancaster, and one Sunday a month which would rotate between Kennedy, Lancaster and Lake Bronson - all worshiping together.

This contract would be in effect for one year - January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018. Sion Lutheran can cancel this contract with a one-month notice if a Pastor is called.

___ YES I vote to contract for 20% of Kathy's time.

___ NO I vote NOT to contract for 20% of Kathy's time.

The church service schedule would be as follows:

The 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month, Sion would worship on our own.

The 3rd Sunday would be a rotational "county" service. We would rotate services each month from Kennedy to Lancaster to Lake Bronson and would begin at 10:00am. We would need to consider a rideshare schedule. Offerings for the 3rd Sunday should be marked with your wishes.

The 4th Sunday, Pastor Kathy would come to Lancaster for a 9:30am service.

The months there are 5 Sundays, Sion would worship on their own.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational meeting is set for Sunday, December 3rd following church. Please read Pastor Kathy Levenhagen's letter in the November newsletter for more details. Contact Tim, Todd or Mendy for more information.

Favorite Hymns

We want to know what your favorite hymns are. Through the years, each of us have identified hymns that have a special meaning to us. It may bring back memories or we like the melody, or the words mean a lot to us. We would like to include your favorite hymns to our list. We also would like to know why that hymn is one of your favorites. (If you don't want to include that, it's fine.)

Please hand it in by December 10th. There will be a basket on the table under the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Name _____

Favorite Hymn/Song and why it is your favorite

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated to or attended our Fall Youth Fundraiser! The lunch, bake sale, and auction were well attended, and the support was awesome. A special thank you to Mrs. Mavis Hoenke who donated her beautiful furniture to our auction. Because of all of you, we raised \$5,213.75!



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Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
					1	2 3pm Santa Claus Day 4:30 BBQ in Bethlehem
3 Usher: Todd & Cindy Nelson 9:45AM Worship/WELCA Reader: Jeanna Kjuva Coffee: S 11am: SS (Practice Program)	4	5	6 4PM Confirmation 6PM WELCA Christmas Party	7	8	9 10am Baby Shower: Mason & Rhett Swenson
10 Usher: Mendy & Shirley 9:45AM SS Program (cookies to follow) Reader: Lorelei Peterson Coffee: TUVWXYZ	11	12	13 10AM Esther/Elizabeth Cir 4PM Confirmation @ LB 5:30PM Council 6:30PM Youth Group Christmas Partv	14	15	16
17 Usher: Gary Rice 9:45AM Worship (Cindy C) Reader: Owen Swenson Coffee: ABCDEF	18	19	20 4PM Confirmation	21	22	23
24 Usher: Laverne Isaacson 4:30PM Christmas Eve Worship (Tim)	25	26 NEWSLETTER ITFMS DIIF	27 4PM Confirmation @LB	28	29	30
31 Usher: Tim & Jaime 9:45AM Worship (Hymn Sing) Reader: Women Coffee: GHIJ						

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Sion's Mission together: To GROW in faith by....

God's Rich Opportunities with Sion

**Quilting Meals Youth
Serving the Community**

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Word Sacraments Service

God Reaching Our Word!