

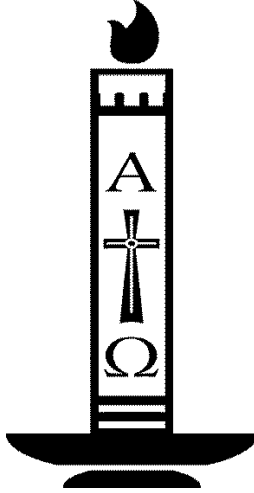
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“From the Pastor”

^{ESV} **1 Chronicles 29:17** I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.

What Is Sacrifice?

The word *SACRIFICE* conjures up many images. We might think of Old Testament days when God’s people burned the best of their harvest to honor and worship Him. We may shudder at the Passover celebration when rivers of blood flowed from thousands of lambs slaughtered and cooked for the festival. And yes, we also remember God, who sacrificed His Son, Jesus, to pay for our sins. We rightly associate the word *SACRIFICE* with loss.

Christ’s sacrifice mercifully ended the requirement for all other sacrifices. Yet how else can we thank Jesus for His extraordinary sacrifice on the cross except by making a few sacrifices of our own? We see an example of generous sacrifice in the above text from 1 Chronicles 29, which was part of King David’s prayer after he collected special contributions for the temple. The people responded unselfishly to God’s love. They gave until it hurt – and they were happy about it!

Such satisfaction has been noted by studies of those who work to provide, grow and prosper compared to those who only strove to have everything given to them. To work hard and sacrifice time and ability and assets in accomplishing a goal brings tremendous satisfaction. To want or expect everything

to be free or provided apart from anything you do results in dissatisfaction, anxiety and hopelessness.

Giving until it hurts really isn't a true measure of generosity. Some people have a very low tolerance for pain! True giving comes from a happy heart.

Modern Christians still thank God with sacrifices. Sometimes we give our time to manage or maintain our church or to visit the sick and lonely. Sometimes we sacrifice a generous portion our income for missions or charities. Sometimes we offer our voices to sing praises or tell others what Jesus did for us. Prayer qualifies as a sacrifice too – especially when we talk to God about the needs of others. If someone commented about our sacrifices, we would probably respond, “What sacrifice? I was glad to do it.” And that’s the whole point of sacrifices.

Pastor Queck



Sunday, May 19 ~
“Recognition Sunday”

Sunday, May 19 will be when we acknowledge our Sunday School children and staff for the past year. This Sunday will also be our last Sunday School until next September (8th). The congregation especially thanks Shelley Josephson, Mike Schmidt, Melanie Klein, Shelley Hermes, Kelly Provo, Elizabeth Beck, Hannah Manuel, and Ann Truenow.

April 14, 2019 Quarterly Voters Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Minear at 10:15 a.m. with 43 members present. Pastor opened with prayer.
- II. Reports:
 - A. Secretary, Gail Schwartz, read the minutes from the January 13, 2019.

One correction to minutes – In Pastors report under item 5 – “Bible Classes” stated 91 classes on Sunday’s. Should be for both Sunday and Thursday Bible Classes.
M/S Ken Truenow/Dan Fischer. Motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer, Gloria Ulrich, read the first Quarter Treasurer’s Report.

M/S Doug Triplett/Chris Geldert. Motion carried.
 - C. Pastor’s Report for 1st Quarter 2019 summary:
 - A. Attendance
 - a. January 2019. Total: 506 Ave:126.5
 - b. February 2019. Total: 469 Ave:117.25
 - c. March 2019. Total:532 Ave: 106.4
 - d. Lenten Services: 3/6: 84
3/13: 48
3/20: 69
3/27: 63
 - B. The Word
 - a. Worship Services: 13
January: 4 February: 4 March: 5
 - b. Care Center Services: 8
January: 3 February: 3 March: 2
 - c. Weddings: 0
 - d. Funerals: 2
January: 1February: 1 March: 0
 - e. Bible Classes: 22
January: 7 February: 6 March: 9
 - f. Confirmation/Instruction Classes: 22
January: 7 February: 8 March: 7
 - C. The Sacraments
 - a. Baptisms: 1 (Clayton Joseph Couette 3/1/19)

- b. Communion
 - i. Sundays: January: 221 February: 214 March: 397
 - ii. Care Center: January: 20 February: 19 March: 19
 - iii. Private: January: 8 February: 9 March 8
 - D. Administrative
 - a. Zion Meetings
 - i. January: 4 February: 3 March: 5
 - b. Circuit/ District Meetings
 - i. January: 2 February: 2 March: 2
 - c. Pastor Vacation Days: 6 of 35 used.
- III. Board Reports:
- A. Elders: Membership Changes:
 - 1. Adult Confirmation:
 - a. Gavin Nelson
 - b. Mariah Jackson
 - c. Morrie, Rose, Josh and Joseph Pribyl
 - 2. Transfers into Zion:
 - a. John & Jane Kothrade from St. John Lutheran [LCMS] – Corcoran, MN.
 - b. Kaila Lindsay from River Heights Lutheran – East Grand Forks, MN.
 - B. Trustees: Plans for 2019:
 - 1. Repair and stripe parking lot. No estimates to date.
 - 2. Replace outside lighting with LED lights.
 - 3. Replace Zion Sign in front of Church. Need input from anyone. Discussed purchasing electronic sign but beginning costs running \$14,000 - \$20,000.
 - C. Education: May 19th will be the last day of Sunday School until fall. Zion will be serving cake in honor of graduates. VBS is scheduled for July 28-31. September 8th Sunday School resumes. Will be gathering old SS materials to be recycled.
 - D. Stewardship: No Report
 - E. Evangelism: No Report

- IV. Old Business: Financial Audit of Zion's books has been completed. Everything is in order. Please sign-up for pictures for the new directory. Picture will be open to extended families.
- V. New Business: New Hymnal Boards were built and installed.
- VI. Adjournment – 10:40 am M/S Chris Geldert/Dan Fischer.
Motion carried.
- VII. Pastor concluded with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Schwartz, Secretary



A special program commemorating

Armed Forces Day will be held at our church on Saturday, May 18, 2019, featuring guest speaker, Chaplain Army Captain Chad Czischke.

A complementary continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. This event is sponsored by the LWML. Everyone is invited! A collection of the following items for the St. Cloud VA Hospital will also be received:

- Monetary gifts (no gift cards)
- New clothing and underclothing for men or women, larger sizes preferred
- Reading glasses
- Flip-flops
- Winter clothing
- Mouthwash
- Chap stick
- Aftershave



Notes of Thanks

- A special thanks to those who served treats following the Lenten Services. Those who served were the LWML, Doug & Shirley Triplett, Melanie Klein, LuAnn Schutte, Barb Reitmeier, and Cheryl Uecker. Your service was much appreciated.
- We would like to send a huge THANK YOU out to everyone who helped with the Easter Breakfast. Setting up on Saturday, Sunday morning help with serving & clean up, baking the delicious muffins, breads or bars that we all enjoyed. Displaying the beautiful flowers, they certainly adorned the church. Due to the generous donations of the food we needed, we had a clear profit of \$362! Thank you again; we are blessed with a generous, helping congregation.
- The Easter Breakfast Committee
- Thank you very much to everyone who volunteered their time for Meals on Wheels this past month: Donna Fox, Dub Ferrell, Mike Schmidt, Faye & Melanie Klein, Cheryl Provo, Dwane & Mae Schmidt, Dean & Cheryl Bruns, Pete & Dorothy Minear, Chuck & Pat Stoppelman, Kathy Queck, Dennis & Nadine Jopp, Ellis & Linda Knute, Gus & Cheryl Sellheim, Hannah Adams, and Matt Glinski. Your willingness to volunteer is much appreciated. – Shelly Josephson

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