

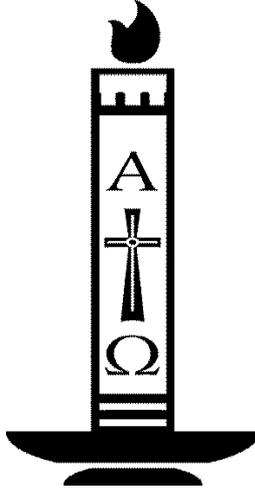
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Candle



June 2019

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“From the Pastor”

All Are Precious in the Sight of the Lord

As I write this article for the June Candle the country is taking time to honor those who gave their lives for our country this Memorial Day weekend. The traditional place that most celebrations take place is within cemeteries where those who have died are given a place of honor. As we especially honor those who served our nation, we also take time to honor our family members who served faithfully their vocations given them by God; especially as our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and also as our children. There is always a story at each gravesite. Some are stories are filled with volumes of information while a grave of a child's is so brief. But it does not mean that their story is any less important.

Sadly, those with the shortest stories of all are those who died before they even saw the light of this world, whose remains never enter a cemetery. We cannot understand the will of God in ending a pregnancy by miscarriage but we must know that that life has a story in heaven. Saddest and most tragic of all are the millions of children that not only died before being born, but whose life was taken intentionally by abortion. Since it was legalized in our nation figures run to the tragic number of over 60 million babies whose lives were murdered.

Abortion is defined as the intentional taking of a human life prior to its natural birth. The only way that it was legalized by our court system was to consider the unborn child not a human being. But now that science has proven that the child has a heartbeat when only weeks old, can feel pain, reacts to stimulus and is human in every way, those who believe abortion is a viable option now place their argument in the realm of morality or rights. As one southern Congressman stated, it is a moral obligation to abort a child before that child is killed by racial discrimination. How sad that one can even think in those terms. But is it any worse than claiming a right to

take another life, one who has its own soul, physical markers, and God just because you believe you have a right to do so?

The Christian church has always confessed and protected life from conception as proclaimed in the Bible. Our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod believes that “abortion is contrary to God’s Word and “is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable byproduct of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, viz., the mother.” As our catechism likewise states, “The living but unborn are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception. Since abortion takes a human life, it is not a moral option except to prevent the death of another person, the mother”. Jeremiah 1:5.

Finally, as we gather to honor our loved ones who have departed this world and who by faith have entered their eternal rest in heaven, may we take time to pray for the lives of all unborn children that they not suffer from the sinful desires of those who consider them not human or morally unacceptable but who are precious in the sight of the Lord from conception on.

Pastor Queck



Parking Lot Project

The trustees have determined a list of projects to be undertaken in steps to maintain the property.

First on the schedule is to patch, sealcoat, and stripe the parking lots. The estimated cost to do this is around \$10,000. We would like to have this done this year.

To help in covering the cost we are asking if you would contribute above your regular offering towards the “Parking Lot Project”. – The Church Council

May 15, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Peter Minear, at 7:03pm with 7 members present. Pastor opened with devotion.

II. Reports:

A. Secretary, Gail Schwartz, read the minutes to the March 2019 council meeting held on March 11, 2019.

M/S Dan Fischer/Gene Stueven. Motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report: Gail Schwartz read the Treasurer's Report for April 2019.

M/S Merle Marohn/Dan Fischer. Motion carried.

C. Pastor's Report:

A. Attendance for April 2019

Date	Attendance	Lenten/Holy Week
4/7	136	4/3 66
4/14	188	4/10 29
4/21	158 + 109	Easter 4/18 92 M. Thu
4/28	146	4/19 90 G. Fri
Total	737	Tot/Lenten 620
Average	147.4	Ave/Lenten 77.5

B. The Word April 2019

a. Sunday Worship Services: 4

b. Lenten Services: 4

c. Care Center Services: 3

d. Weddings: 0

e. Funerals: 1 (Carol M. Neumann)

f. Confirmation Classes: 2

g. Bible Classes: 5

C. The Sacraments

a. Baptisms: 0

b. Communions

- i. Sunday Worship: 318
- ii. M. Thursday: 82
- iii. Care Center: 15
- iv. Private: 11

- D. Administrative
 - a. Zion Meetings: 5
 - b. Circuit/District: 1
 - c. Annandale Expo on 4/13

III. Board Reports:

- A. Elders: Don and Sue Mueller requested transfer to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Silver Creek, MN. M/S Merle Marohn/Dan Fischer. Motion carried. David Mansk has decided not to return to MN from Florida. This leaves two elder positions open at Zion.
- B. Trustees: The Church Bell ringing problem was due to ice. Not an issue any longer. The parsonage and Sanctuary water leak this winter were from roof ice dams. Jon Ferrell estimated to patch cracks in the parking lot at \$1,000. Total estimate to patch, seal coat and stripe the parking lot \$10,125.64. M/S to patch parking lot cracks for \$1,000 - Dan Fischer/Merle Marohn. Motion carried. Waiting to hear from electrician on front lights.
- C. Education: Sunday May 19, is the last day of SS until Fall. Sheet cake will be served to honor SS children and graduates.
- D. Evangelism: No report
- E. Stewardship: No Report

IV. Old Business:

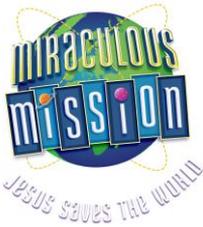
The pictures are done. Krista will proof and finalize the picture directory.

Received a letter from Wright Hennepin about no one answering the phone number W/H has on file for the Security System. Still need to check with John Truenow about contact list and phone number to call.

- V. New Business: Correction: Fred Jude built the two new hymn boards for the Sanctuary. To help in covering the cost of the Parking Lot we are asking if anyone would contribute above your regular offering towards the project.
- VI. Adjournment at 7:38 pm.
M/S Merle Marohn/Dan Fischer. Motion carried.

Pastor closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Schwartz, Secretary



Save the Date!
Miraculous Mission Vacation
Bible School coming
next month!
Sunday – Wednesday
July 28 – 31

What is *Miraculous Mission* VBS? At *Miraculous Mission* VBS, your children look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover God's miraculous mission to save you, me, and the whole world! The Bible accounts of God's mission for us share how God made the universe; His promise of a Savior to Abram; the birth of Jesus, our Savior; Jesus' death and resurrection; and Jesus' ascension.

Registration forms will be in the July newsletter or online at our website, zionannandale.org.



We express our heartfelt sympathy to
the family and friends of:

Carol Neumann who died on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at the St. Cloud Hospital. A funeral service was held at our church on Saturday, April 20, 2019 with Pastor Queck officiating. Carol was a longtime member of our church. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and a friend to many.



Notes of Thanks

- I'd like to thank my church family for your prayers and cards following my car accident in Arizona. Your prayers are working, as I am well on the road to recovering from my injuries. Thank You All!
- Patty Marohn
- Thank you to ALL the families who participated in getting our directory updated. We had a wonderful turnout. I also wanted to say thank you to the following individuals for volunteering their time in assisting with this project to make it a success: Peter & Dorothy Minear, Chrystal Fischer, Pastor Queck, Cheryl Provo, Pat Peterson, Pat Stoppleman, Judy Eckhoff, Myra Steele, Sandy Miller, and Shelley Josephson. Without you we wouldn't have been able to do it! - Krista Stier

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