

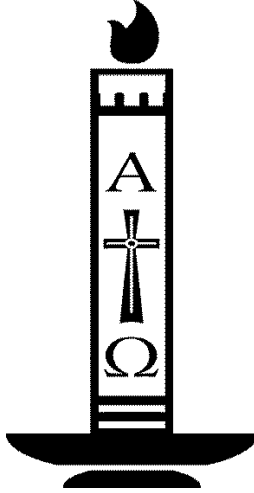
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The Candle



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Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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“From the Pastor”

As this issue of the Candle comes out the big excitement is about Halloween which will quickly be supplanted by Christmas. More and more the more important holiday of Thanksgiving is being suppressed and I fear someday forgotten. It's barely more than a one-day reprieve from the Christmas frenzy.

Eighty-eight years ago, Dr. Walter A. Maier delivered a sermon on the then most popular radio broadcast of the Lutheran Hour entitled “Why Thanksgiving?” on Thanksgiving weekend. In 1931 things were not going so well, especially as compared to our lives today. The Great Depression had taken hold, extreme weather conditions of drought and blizzards were common. Unemployment and closing of factories were almost expected. With this Dr. Maier begins his sermon asking, “Can we really give thanks this year?” His answer to his question was 1 Thessalonians 5:18, **“In everything give thanks.”** He quickly points out that in spite of difficulty the United States was still a *“country in which the horn of divine plenty has been poured out in a truly unparalleled degree.”* There was no other time in history that one country was so blessed with opportunities. But ultimately Dr. Maier pointed out that the nation could *“thank God for the blessings of the soul and for the free course of the holy Gospel”*, that we can worship freely unlike so many in other nations.

The last part of Dr. Maier's sermon was about how ingratitude is a dangerous and deadly sin. It was almost a prophetic commentary on our world today. This is what he said on the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 1931: *“Tonight, then, since by the very law of proportion there must be some listening in to whom Thanksgiving Day has meant just another holiday characterized chiefly by turkey and football, it may be well to send out two thoughts. First, this ungrateful, take-everything-for-granted, thoughtless spirit is a philosophy of life which drags men down to the level of the beast, yes, to an even lower level. For dumb, irrational creatures, as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, seem to be guided by a certain sense of animal gratitude, while there are men who, though laying claim to intelligence, go on day after day, year after year, and accept the unnumbered outpourings of*

divine beneficence without pausing even for a fleeting moment to raise their hearts to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.”.... The other thought is this: the road to the happiness of a productive life is the thanksgiving road. Anyone whose heart goes out to God in daily prayer, at meal-time, at the beginning and at the close of day, and at other appropriate times; anyone who in the name of Jesus Christ translates thanksgiving into thanks-living and realizes that, as he has received these bounties from God, so he must be ready to share them with less fortunate brothers; anyone who finds in Jesus Christ...the Savior through whom we may obtain full and free remission of all our sins...have found the divine key to the joy and happiness of a spiritually enriched life.”

Consider the blessings we have today and may you see a much greater reason to give thanks to God for all His blessings abundantly poured upon us all. See you Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 for our Thanksgiving Day worship!

Pastor Queck



We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Ruby Geisinger who died on Monday, October 7, 2019 at

Country Manor Campus in Sartell, Minnesota. A funeral service was held at our church on Friday, October 11, 2019 with Pastor Queck officiating. Ruby was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church, where she was a part of the LWML, fellowship club, and sang in the choir. Ruby enjoyed fishing, hunting, documenting family genealogy, and traveling the world with her husband. In her retirement years, she and Arthur would spend their winters in Arizona. Ruby loved her boys and truly enjoyed time spent with all her family and friends.

July: 207 August: 220 September: 336

ii. Care Center: July: 11 August: 13 September: 11

iii. Private: July: 9 August: 5 September: 6

D. Administrative

a. Zion Meetings

i. July: 5 August: 6 September: 6

b. Circuit/ District Meetings

i. July: 0 August: 1 September: 1

c. Pastor Vacation Days: 16 of 35 used for year.

III. Board Reports:

A. Elders: No Report

B. Trustees:

1. Sealcoat and stripe parking lots is complete.

2. Hand rail by the back-parking lot entrance is complete.

3. Still working on the spotlights in front of church.

C. Education: 30 children in Sunday School. Using the new Concordia Curriculum. December 22nd will be the children's Christmas program. Practice for program on the 21st.

D. Stewardship: No Report

E. Evangelism: No Report

IV. Old Business: None

V. New Business:

Office Elections for 2020:

Chairman: (1st 2-yr term) open

Secretary: (2-yr term) Gail Schwartz

M/S Ken Truenow/Mike Hemminger. Motion carried.

Stewardship: (2-yr term) 1. Shelley Josephson

2. Ann Truenow

M/S Mike Hemminger/Barb Peterson. Motion carried.

Trustee: (2-yr term) 1. Keith Fischer

2.

M/S Dan Fischer/Mike Hemminger. Motion carried.

Education: (3-yr term) Chrystal Fischer

Elders: 1. (3-yr term) Dean Thurk

2. (3-yr term) Dan Fischer

3. (2-yr term) Michael Hemminger

4. (1-yr term)

Notes of Thanks

- A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for Meals on Wheels for the month of September: Mike Schmidt, Dub Ferrell, Dwane & Mae Schmidt, Donna Fox, Harlan & Sandy Dalbec, Cheryl Provo, Judy Lusti, Chuck & Pat Stoppelman, Dean & Cheryl Bruns, Melanie & Faye Klein, Gus & Cheryl Sellheim, Cheri Antl, Don Gadow, Pastor & Kathy Queck, Ellis & Linda Knute, Matt Glinski, Myra Steere, Hannah Adams, and Dennis & Nadine Jopp. Your willingness to volunteer is much appreciated! - Shelly Josephson
- Pastor Queck and Congregation, thanks so much for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards. Also for you stopping in to visit and for the prayers. I really appreciate all the support. Feel really blessed. Thank you, Joey Pribyl
- We would like to thank our Zion family for all their thoughts and prayers and cards following the loss of our brother, Gene, and to Pastor Queck for his visit and prayers. Your kindness is so appreciated.
- Ed & Kathy Vinkemeier and family
- Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food. Thank you also to Pastor Queck for his visits. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated to aid my recovery from my back surgery. - Donna Fox
- A huge thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, craft items, white elephant items, and produce for the bazaar. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to mark and display items, assist with selling, serving the lunch, and kitchen clean up. A big thank you to Pastor Queck and Chuck & Pat Stoppelman for setting up tables and to Pastor Queck, Amanda Berndt, Heather Bursch, and Dennis Jopp for breaking tables down. The success of the bazaar is due to everyone's willingness to volunteer their time and talents. Thank you! Shelley Josephson, President LWML

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