



Zion Lutheran Church + Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
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Sunday School + 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship + 10:15 am

**Above:** Skiing across the Great Meadow with Mt. McLoughlin in the background.

## Orienteering

When I first entered the Army, GPS systems were still relatively new and so the Army placed a lot of emphasis on navigation by good old-fashioned map and compass. In the Army we call this practice, “land navigation”; in the civilian world or in the Boy Scouts you might hear it called “orienteering.”

Well the first thing you do when you get a map, you have to orient yourself to the map. North may be at the top of the page, but it’s not true that “north is always in front of you!” Which way you’re *oriented* matters... You have to be properly oriented

between the map and the ground or you’ll find it impossible to get where you’re going.

For us as Christians, this is what you might call a “First Commandment issue.” We are all called to “fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” And Luther says: “*Anything* on which your heart relies and depends... that is really your God.” (*Large Catechism*) It’s like Jesus said in Matthew: “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (6:21).”

The believer’s heart is fixed upon Christ – upon the life that He gives and the treasure in heaven that He promises to

those who follow Him. When our hearts are oriented on Christ and His promises and His Word, then our priorities change and we receive what really matters – the treasure in heaven (Matt. 6:20) – eternal life. A rich man once asked Jesus what he needed to do to have eternal life (Matt. 19:16-22).

Luther said that Jesus tells us



essentially the same thing He told the rich man:

“Whatever good thing you lack, look to me for it and seek it from me, and whenever you suffer misfortune and distress, crawl to me and cling to me. I, I myself, will give you what you need and help you out of every danger. Only do not let your heart cling to or rest in anyone else.” (*Large Catechism*)

As long as we are in this life, we will struggle with things that would disorient us and turn us away from Christ. There will always be the need for us to examine our priorities, discern again how we have fallen short of the Lord Jesus’ calling for our lives, and turn to Him and be forgiven. So God’s Word comes to us again and again and again. That’s where we as Christians get the right orientation: from the Word – that two-edged sword that cuts to the heart (Hebrews 4:12). God’s Law shows us where we’ve been oriented on ourselves and it reorients us by pointing us to Christ.

We become re-oriented on Christ when we daily remember

that we are baptized. We become re-oriented on Christ by spending time with Him in His Word at home or in Bible study... We can orient all our days on Christ by beginning and ending with personal or family devotions... And we can become re-oriented on Christ each week here in worship. The whole liturgy is oriented on Christ and orients us on Him in the Word, in preaching and in the Sacraments, where we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *That* will get you where you need to go!

+ Peace to you +  
Pastor Scott

volume on *Hebrews*.) The following is an excerpt from Kleinig’s book, *Grace upon Grace: Spirituality for Today* (CPH, 2008); in the introduction he talks about “receptive piety”:

“[Receptive piety] builds upon Luther’s teaching on the work of God’s Word in the Divine Service, on praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit as the teacher of eternal life, on meditating on God’s Word for the reception of the Holy Spirit, and on experiencing God’s grace in spiritual warfare. It assumes that in our spiritual journey we rely on Christ from first to last and borrow everything from Him.

When I speak about spirituality, I do not envisage something extraordinary--a superior way of being a Christian that is open only to a religious elite or a more advanced stage in the spiritual life. I have in mind what is given to every faithful person. Christian spirituality is, quite simply, following Jesus. It is the ordinary life of faith in which we receive Baptism, attend the Divine Service, participate in the Holy Supper, read the Scriptures, pray for ourselves and others, resist temptation,

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## WISDOM FROM WITTENBERG

*This regular feature shares a quote or short piece by a theologian from the Lutheran tradition.*

### Rev. Dr. John Kleinig

Dr. Kleinig serves as lecturer and dean of chapel at Australian Lutheran College in North Adelaide, South Australia. He is author of *Leviticus* in the Concordia Commentary Series. (He is currently working on the



Read: Luke 9:18-24



## + OUR MISSION +

Zion Lutheran Church, led  
by God, has been  
established to sow God's  
Word, nurture the believer,  
and foster growth in Christ.

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and work with Jesus in our given location here on earth. By our practice of spirituality we are not raised to a higher plane above the normal, everyday, bodily life, but we receive the Holy Spirit from Christ so that we can live in God's presence each day of our lives as we deal with people and work, sin and abuse, inconvenience and heartbreak, trouble and tragedy. We are not called to become more spiritual by disengaging from our earthly life, but simply to rely on Jesus as we do what is given for us to do, experience what is given for us to experience, and enjoy what is given for us to enjoy...

This book [*Grace upon Grace*] is meant to encourage mature Christians to persevere and grow in the practice of receptive piety that is evangelical, biblical, trinitarian, and liturgical. Receptive piety is evangelical because we who are justified by faith in Christ rely on God's grace in our journey through life [Rom. 3:24, 28]. It is biblical because we depend on God's Word for our reception of the Holy Spirit and involvement in the mystery of Christ [1 Thess. 1:5a]. It is trinitarian because through it we participate by faith in the life and work of the Holy

Trinity. It is liturgical because we are shaped by the enactment of God's Word in the Divine Service."



*Send, Preach, Believe!*  
*Carrying God's Word to Latinos*

## MISSION FIELDS: Lutheran Latino Ministries

At the 2012 Northwest District Convention, we adopted **Lutheran Latino Ministries** (LLM) as our mission project for the next triennium. Based in Mt. Angel, Oregon, LLM fosters, encourages, and supports the spread of the Gospel among the growing Latino population through outreach ministries in congregations of the

## February Birthdays

- 1 IDA MERRIGAN
- 7 CHRISTY BROWN
- 11 BEV YOUNGBERG
- 18 WARREN WAGGONER
- 21 BILL ALEXANDER
- 26 LISA WAITE

## February Anniversaries

- 9 STEVE & TERI WARD
- 14 HUGH & BLYTHE TOVREA
- 24 DON & IDA MERRIGAN



# BIBLE STUDIES @ ZION

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM

*The Gospel of Mark*

Location: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAYS, 1:00 PM

*Adult Bible Study*

Location: Family Room

*Note: We will break during Lent and resume on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013.*



Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. LLM is a nonprofit corporation and a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

LLM's mission is to provide for the preaching of the gospel of Christ, train church leaders, encourage congregations to engage in human care outreach, and connect people and resources for gospel outreach.

Here's why: (1) People need Jesus. 98% of Latino people living in the Pacific Northwest are not actively connected with any church. (2) The Hispanic growth rate (24.3%) was more than three times the growth rate of the total population (6.1%). In 2011, Hispanic people made up 10.9% of the population of Klamath County. (3) Jesus commissioned us to, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). God has brought "all nations" to us, giving us the

unprecedented opportunity to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. We are compelled to actively share the Gospel of Christ with our Latino neighbors... or to support those who are.

To learn more, visit: [www.lutheranlatinoministries.org](http://www.lutheranlatinoministries.org) g. ***Cristo para todos!*** (Christ for all!)

And for everyone, a fun winter worship service! This year, the worship service will feature the praise band from St. John Lutheran Church in Eagle Point. Pastor Scott will deliver the message. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information!

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## Altar Guild Notes

Altar service for February is provided by **Eleanore Beets**. The next Altar Guild meeting will be Sunday, **March 3rd**, after service.

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## ◆ Diamond Lake ◆ Winter Recreational Worship Outing 23 February 2013

This day of fun and fellowship has something for everyone! If you like to play in the snow, there is sledding, tubing and snowballs. For those who would like to enjoy the winter scenery from the lodge, there are games and fellowship.

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## 350-plus Lutherans participate in March for Life

More than 350 people from across the nation donned neon-green hats reading "March for Life with the LCMS," braving snow and freezing temperatures for the national "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on January 25th. A record 500,000 are estimated to have participated in the annual march -- in a line stretching from the National Mall to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court building -- for the 40th anniversary protest of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion for any reason. Read more at <http://reporter.lcms.org/pages/rpage.asp?NavID=20803>