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Sunday School
Sunday, 9:00am
Weekly Worship
Sunday, 10:15am



The Northwest District of the LCMS: “Walking Toward Oneness”

The 63rd Northwest District Convention, held every three years, met from June 21-23, at the Portland Convention Center. The theme was, “Walking Toward Oneness” based on Ephesians 4.11-13:

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4.11–13 ESV)

Here at Zion, we’re part of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (www.lcms.org). That word, “synod” comes from a Greek word meaning “assembly” or “meeting.” (Actually, it’s from two

words, a prefix meaning “with” and the word for “road.”)

The fundamental unit of organization in our Church body is

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Open Letter on Religious Freedom

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), authored and issued “Free Exercise of Religion: Putting Beliefs into Practice,” an open letter to all Americans voicing opposition to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) contraceptive mandate and pleading for its retraction. Twenty-four religious leaders joined President Harrison in signing the letter, which was issued June 21, 2012. Read the letter here: www.lcms.org/president.

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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the congregation. It's here that God's Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments God gave us are celebrated.

The LCMS was formed with the intent that we can do more together as a gathering of congregations than we can accomplish separately. One of the main reasons the Synod was formed was so that churches could train pastors and missionaries. As we walk together in the Missouri Synod and the Northwest District, we converse with each other and express unity in doctrine, order, and life. The Synod and the District seek influence, rather than authority. At the end of the day, C. F. W. Walther, first president of the LCMS, noted all we have is the Word of God and the power of persuasion. The Word of God is the sole rule and norm for our faith and our lives. All the decisions we make as a Church body and as a congregation must keep the Word of God in view.

The unity that we have as a Church is only possible because of the unity that we all share in

Christ. This unity precedes any semblance of unity on earth.

I enjoy conventions and conferences and any gathering of pastors and Church leaders. It's a joy to see how God is working in different contexts throughout the Northwest, the United States, and the world! (There are 267 congregations in the Northwest District, which includes Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon.) We fellowship, share ideas, offer encouragement. It is a great reminder of the "bigness" of the Church--and Jesus Christ is our Head!

At the convention, we re-elected President Paul Linnemann. (He was elected with approximately 80% of the vote--one indication of the cohesiveness of the District!) We also voted to establish a Task Force, or "think tank," on Campus Ministry--Pastor Tim Cartwright from Grace Lutheran Church in Ashland, our sister congregation in the Southern Oregon Circuit, is one of the main influences in this area. We also voted to re-affirm the District's Disability Awareness Task Force. We discussed

resolutions on the District's Lay Ministry program, communion practices, distance learning programs leading to ordination, and others. We were treated to a Q&A session with our Synod President, Pastor Matthew Harrison. Finally, the Northwest District adopted the expansion of ethnic ministry as its special mission emphasis for the next triennium (2012-2015).

As we ask God to guide us in unity here at Zion and in the Church at large, I would encourage you to pray for all our sister congregations, our District leaders, such as President Linnemann, and our Circuit Counselor, Pastor Tom Hirsch of St. Paul's Lutheran in Grants Pass, and for our Synodical Leadership, especially President Matthew Harrison. If you have any questions about the District Convention, please ask!

+ Peace to you +
Pastor Scott

Thrivent Picnic

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites all Lutherans, family & friends to a FREE BBQ PICNIC at Wiard Park on **Saturday, July 14**, 11am – 3pm. All food and drinks will be provided! You need not be a Thrivent member to join us! There will be a jump house, all sorts of games and prizes.



Extra! Extra! Are you on any of Zion's boards or committees? Got any "good news stories" to report to the congregation? Have any pictures of Zion "in action"? Send in something for your newsletter! Email articles or a short "blurb" to Pastor Scott!
pastor@zionklamathfalls.org
Newsletter submissions are due

no later than the third Sunday each month. Thanks!



Malaria kills nearly 1 million people every year. One child dies every 60 seconds. It is completely preventable and treatable.

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by a parasite, transmitted from person to person by the bite of an infected mosquito. It takes just one mosquito to destroy the livelihoods, health and hope of entire families and communities. Approximately half of the world's population is at risk for malaria. Most malaria cases and deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa.



The most effective methods currently being used to control malaria include proper diagnosis and prompt medical treatment, proper use of insecticide-treated bed nets and indoor residual spraying. To be successful, these strategies require education about malaria and how to prevent and treat it. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative works through local partners to educate families on malaria, increase access to treatment, and provide prevention tools such as bed nets.

Already, the work of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative is making an impact. To date, LMI has reached 2.4 million people through malaria projects in Tanzania, Mali, Uganda, and Kenya. With increased funding, LMI will expand to Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Nigeria, Guinea, Niger and Ghana.

Through a generous grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation, 100% of your donations goes directly to the fight to eradicate malaria.

For more information or to make a donation, visit lutheranmalaria.org.

Altar Guild Notes

The next Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for **July**

15th after worship. Altar service for July is provided by **Eleanore Beets**.

WISDOM FROM WITTENBERG

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

In December 1530, a group of theologians gathered in Wittenberg to help an ailing Martin Luther write a summary statement of the Evangelical confession. John Frederick, the Saxon elector, had long wanted Luther to compose a doctrinal “last will and testament,” a clear statement of

his positions on the critical issues of the time. This composition became “The Smalcald Articles,” which is part of the *Book of Concord*, published in 1580 (the *Book of Concord* is the confessional standard for the LCMS). Luther wrote:

“Here is the first and chief article:

That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, ‘was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification’ (Rom. 4:25); and he alone is ‘the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world’ (John 1:29); and ‘the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all’ (Is. 53:6); furthermore, ‘All have sinned,’ and ‘they are now justified without merit by his grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ... by his blood’ (Rom. 3.23-25).



June 13, 2012. Little Lambs celebrated the completion of another school year with a graduation ceremony for the students moving on to kindergarten. We pray God’s blessing to them all!

BIBLE STUDIES @ ZION

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM
The Gospel of Mark
Location: Basement

WEDNESDAYS, 1:00 PM
Adult Bible Study
Location: Family Room

LUTHERANISM 101

This class is for anyone who has never been through adult instruction or confirmation in the Lutheran Church... or wants a refresher! This class will begin in July and run 10-12 weeks.

We will meet in Pastor Scott's office on Sundays after worship for about 45 minutes. See Pastor for more information!



Now because this must be believed and may not be obtained or grasped otherwise with any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says in Romans 3: 'For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law'; and also, 'that God alone is righteous and justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.'

Nothing in this article can be conceded or given up, even if heaven and earth or whatever is transitory passed away. As St. Peter says in Acts 4:25: 'There is no other name... given among mortals by which we must be saved.' 'And by his bruises we are healed' (Is. 53.5).

On this article stands all that we teach and practice against the pope, the devil, and the

world. Therefore we must be quite certain and have no doubt about it. Otherwise everything is lost, and the pope and the devil and whatever opposes us will gain victory and proved right."

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Ladies Friendship Night

19 July, 6:00pm

Join in the "Time Machine" Ladies Friendship Night with the women of Faith Lutheran Church, Rogue River, Oregon. The theme this year is "1912." Wear your best attire from 1912! There will be food, fellowship, and lots of fun! Questions? Call: (541) 582-0457; Faith Lutheran

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School!

20-24 August 2012
9:00am - 11:00am

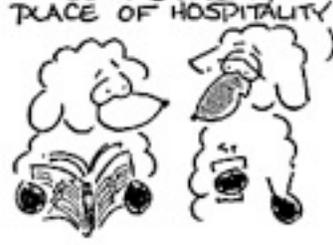
Bring your children and grandchildren! Invite your neighborhood children! If you have questions or would like to donate or support VBS with your time or talents, contact Joe Hartley at hartleyjoedeb@yahoo.com.



I REALLY LOVE THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED.



'CAUSE IT MAKES YOU THINK OF HOW GOD'S KINGDOM STARTS WITH A TINY WORD AND GROWS TO BE A STRONG PLACE OF HOSPITALITY?



NAW—'CAUSE IT MAKES ME THINK OF HOT DOGS! AND I LOVE HOTDOGS!



Outreach & Stewardship

The Outreach & Stewardship Committee needs your time, enthusiasm, and ideas! Pastor Scott and James Huntsman, congregational president, will meet with anyone interested in serving the Outreach & Stewardship Committee on **Tuesday, July 10th, at 7:00 pm** in the Family Room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Scott!

LCMS President Issues Statement in Response to U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Health Care Reform Legislation

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on 28 June that largely let stand the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, LCMS President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, issued the following statement on behalf of the church:

<http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=1486&erid=1494613&trid=830ee7ffb9d3-4f57-9ccc-75aa9ed5b8d4>

Have you met...? The Casson Family

With this segment, we'd like to introduce members of our Zion family. If you'd like to write an article for this segment, please let Pastor Scott know!

Chris, Annaliesa, McKinley, and Paul Casson have been attending Zion for nearly 3 years. They believe the Holy Spirit brought them to hear the true Word of God being preached.

Chris is from Tacoma, Washington. He attended the University of Oregon and Washington, where he majored in English and pole vaulted. After college, he became a pilot with the Montana Air National Guard flying F-16s. This brought him to Klamath Falls to train others and where he met Annaliesa. They were married in 1999. Their first year of marriage was long distance while Chris was in Florida learning to fly F-15s. He enjoys writing and coaching McKinley's soccer team. He designed the house in which they live. Chris also helps organize events for Camp Patriot, which is a yearly program for disabled Veterans held at Mt. Rainier.

Annaliesa is from Tulelake. She stays busy with home schooling McKinley and Paul as well as working part time as a dental hygienist. During college at OIT, she taught swimming lessons and was a lifeguard. Although she doesn't like to cook, she makes a great Kaluah cake

and has eaten rattlesnake, squirrel, and bear meat. She enjoys organizing and crafts, particularly scrapbooking and stamping and is also a *Stampin' Up* Demonstrator. She likes to run and has participated in the Lake of the Woods Run 4 times. Annaliesa has also taken Medical Mission Trips to Africa, Mexico and Central America.

McKinley is in 4th grade. She is very creative and likes to cook, paint, draw, color, and make cards with her mom. She has entered and won in various categories at the Tulelake Fair and is ready to enter again this year. McKinley is not a fan of chocolate but loves tomatoes!

Paul is in kindergarten. He enjoys playing with Lego's, dinosaurs, Imaginext, and soccer with McKinley. Some of his favorite foods are Top Ramen and burritos. He just learned to ride his bike without training wheels.

The Cassons have a Maltese Poodle named Buster. He's a year and a half old and loves to run around and sit on the back of the couch in the sun watching the birds outside like a cat.

