

JUNE - JULY 2013

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



Above: Ernie Brace and Doug Hullman on the men's group fishing outing, May 19th

What does the LCMS National Convention mean for us?

Have you ever tried to explain to someone that Zion is part of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod only to be asked, "What's a 'synod'?" Synod is another word for a council. It is an old Greek word, sunodos

(here's what it looks like in Greek: $\sigma\upsilon\ \nu\omicron\delta\omicron\varsigma$), that means an "assembly or meeting." (Literally, the word comes from two words that mean "walking together.") In ancient times synods of the Christian Church were usually gatherings of bishops to discuss

issues of doctrine, administration or ministry.

In our Church today, we understand the Missouri Synod to be the congregations and clergy that publicly subscribe to what we believe, teach, and confess. The "confessional standard" for the Synod and for our congregation (see

paragraph III in our constitution) is the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions. All that we preach and teach must flow out of these.

The LCMS today has more than 2.2 million members in over 6,100 congregations across the country.

Each circuit, made up of roughly 7-12 congregations, sends one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate. The Missouri Synod has long worked to ensure that the affairs of the Synod are not dominated by one particular voice, lay or clergy, over the other. In all things, we seek to be faithful to God's Word as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and explained in the Lutheran Confessions. These delegates, chosen last year at the circuit convocation, will vote on matters set before the Synod in convention.

One new development in how we conduct the official business of the Missouri Synod is the way in which we select our synodical president. Previously,

the President was elected by the delegates in convention. This year, each congregation has two votes, one pastor and one lay vote. In order to vote in the election for Synod President, a delegate must have attended their district convention. Last summer, I attended the Northwest District Convention in Portland. Due to unforeseen circumstances, neither our elected lay delegate or alternate lay delegate were able to attend. This vote will take place online in late June. (I will have limited access and should be able to participate in this historic vote.)

It's been said that the primary purpose of the Synod is to train pastors and missionaries. At the center of all our work is the Good News of what God has done for each of us, the whole world, in Christ Jesus. We are able to do far more together than we could ever do alone.

Back to the original question: What does the Synod meeting in convention mean for us here at Zion Lutheran Church on the

corner of 11th and High Streets in Klamath Falls? First, it is an opportunity to reflect on our place within the larger Christian Church as a part of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. It's a chance for us to remember our brother and sister congregations and all our leaders in prayer. Especially, we pray that we would continue to use all our "time, talents and treasures" faithfully until our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, returns in glory.

Read more on the Synod convention below...

+ Peace to you +
Pastor Scott



Read: Luke 7:11-17



+ 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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“Baptized for This Moment.” That life-giving freedom is the theme for the upcoming 65th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. “But,” as Synod President, Pastor Matthew Harrison explains, “that theme and that joy aren’t just for those who will travel to St. Louis in July 2013. They’re ours, all of us, each one who has been baptized into Christ. In those waters, the ones combined with God’s Word, we are saved, forgiven, confident and sure.”

This theme, we pray, will help prepare us all to go forth together, confident in our bold *Witness* to the Gospel, certain in our works of *Mercy* and joyful in our *Life Together*.

The 65th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will convene at the America’s Center in St. Louis on Saturday, July 20, 2013.

It is the principal legislative assembly, which amends the Constitution and Bylaws, considers and takes action on reports and overtures, and handles appropriate appeals. It

establishes general positions and policies of the Synod, provides overall program direction and priorities, and evaluates all such positions, programs, policies, directions, and priorities in order to provide responsible service for and on behalf of its members. Only a national convention of the Synod can authorize affiliation or association and the discontinuance of such affiliation or association of the Synod with other church bodies, synods or federations.

Learn more, download the convention workbook, and track the proceedings at: lcms.org/convention.

The June-July issue of The Lutheran Witness is a special edition devoted to the convention.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that Pastor Scott will be gone beginning on Friday, June 7th. He will be serving his annual training requirement with the Oregon Army National Guard from June 8th - 30th. Then, he and

June Birthdays

- 5 LEO WALLENBURN
- 6 DELORES GILCRIST
- 8 SHIRLEY BANION
- 14 MACY HULLMAN
- 18 BECKY WUNDER
- 18 STEVE BEETS
- 19 DOUG YOUNGBERG
- 22 FAITH JOHNSON
- 22 KEVIN POWER
- 27 STACI NICKELSON
- 28 KARIE BENTSEN
- 29 BONNIE FIELDS

June Anniversaries

- 2 BILLY & KAY COX
- 2 PAUL & KARI WATKINS
- 2 HERMAN & LEOTA WESTLUND
- 6 GENE & BENITA MILLER
- 14 WAYNE & JANINE WESTLUND
- 15 PAUL & BECKY WUNDER
- 19 CHARLIE & JALIN KELLY

BIBLE STUDIES @ ZION

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM

Baptized for This Moment
Location: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAYS, 1:00 PM

Our midweek class meets in the family room. We are studying *Leviticus*. **Note:** We will break while Pastor is gone (June 8 - July 14).



Christine will travel to Minnesota for vacation from July 2nd - 12th. Pastor Scott will have his monthly National Guard training from July 13th - 14th. He will be back in the office Monday, July 15th. He will have limited email and cell phone reception while he is away.

Please call Sasha at the Church Office, Monday through Friday, 9am - noon if you have any questions: 541-884-6793, or office@zionklamathfalls.org. If it is an emergency after hours, please call your elder, or our head elder, Paul Wunder.

Prayer Chain

During Pastor Scott's absence, please submit prayer requests to Karen Reynolds, at kkreynolds7256@charter.net.

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THE PSALMS &
LIFE IN GOD'S CREATION

A five-part video Bible Study Series Coming Soon!

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Chuck Arand and Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

The authors of this Bible study are interested in shaping the way fellow Christians think about God, His creation, the place of human creatures in God's creation, and even what it means to be human creatures living in this world. We want to provide a context for groups of Christians gathered around God's Word to rethink their answers to some big questions. Questions like: What is God's interest in His creation? How is He involved in it? What use does He make of it? What is our relationship to the rest of the created world? What use do we —should we/should we not make of it? What does it mean to live as a human in this world? What practices have perhaps de-humanized us? In our life together in the created world, what kind of

July Birthdays

- 3 KARI WATKINS
- 5 BEN HUNTSMAN
- 9 DUKE LEWIS
- 11 LU LEWIS
- 11 TERI WARD
- 11 DAMON GILCRIST
- 16 STEVE WARD
- 16 CHRIS CASSON
- 20 MCKINLEY CASSON
- 21 DOROTHY WALLENBURN
- 25 ROBBIE OSMUNDSON

July Anniversaries

- 2 PASTOR & CHRISTINE SCOTT
- 9 KURT & CHRISTY BROWN
- 24 STEVE & ELEANORE BEETS
- 24 CHRIS & ANNALIESE CASSON
- 29 JOHN & ARDELL PETERSON

practices ought God's people be engaging in?

In the Psalms (as well as in other parts of the Scriptures), there are voices that offer reflection on questions such as these. Our hope is that through our mutual meditation on this Word of God, the Holy Spirit would enrich our understanding of our identity—who we are as God's redeemed people—and that in our varied vocations He would give us the strength to live lives of praise to Him, even when that looks completely counter-cultural.

We will begin this Study on Sunday mornings as soon as we finish the current study, "Baptized for This Moment." Stay tuned for more info!



NEWS & NOTES

Common Bond Vote. The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans vote on the common bond extension that was conducted from March 1 to April 30 is now closed. The common bond vote will decide whether Christian friends and family of Thrivent members who may not be

Lutheran will be allowed to join the organization.

A record number of Thrivent members voted on whether to amend the Articles of Incorporation to extend the common bond from Lutheran to Christian. Paper ballots mailed by April 30 continue to arrive. However, they've already seen double the participation of an average member vote.

Election America, the independent firm conducting this vote, is counting your votes. The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Board of Directors will then ratify the results. Early this summer, Thrivent will share the results with members in a variety of ways. This webpage (Thrivent.com/vote) will be among the places you can learn the results.

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Annual Thrivent Appreciation BBQ, Saturday, July 20th, 11-3, Crest Park. Food and games are provided!

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Hope Lutheran Church is hosting a Thrivent Financial educational workshop geared toward women called, "**Real Money Talks for Women**," Saturday, August 17th, 11-1 at Hope Lutheran, 2314 Homedale Road (on the corner of Homedale and South 6th). Lunch is provided.

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The *Klamath Lake Thrivent Chapter Board* needs a **Congregational Advocate** for our congregation. The Klamath Lake Thrivent Chapter Board is also seeking members to serve as officers. No experience necessary. Joe Hartley has been serving as our Congregational Advocate; he is currently an officer on the Board. Please see Joe if you have any questions!

Altar Guild Notes

Altar service for **June** will be provided by **Eleanore Beets**.

Altar service for **July** will be provided by **Sarah Parsons**.

The next Altar Guild meeting will be Sunday, June 2nd, after our worship service. If you want to know more about who the altar guild is and what they do, please feel free to join us!

DEACON CHUCK GODFREY **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, GRANTS PASS**

Please welcome Deacon Chuck Godfrey, who will be serving us on Sunday June 9th and 23rd. Chuck served as a Financial Representative for AAL/Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Montana and Oregon from 1982-2011. Chuck is retired; he recently completed Deacon training program

through the Northwest District LCMS Mission Training Center. He and his wife, Kay, have four grown children and six grandchildren. They call Grants Pass and our sister congregation, St. Paul's, home. Chuck enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, taking road trips with wife, and crewing for hot air balloons. He has held most offices and participated on most boards in the congregations where his family have been members. We thank God for Chuck and his service!

WISDOM FROM WITTENBERG

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

C. F. W. Walther (1483-1546)

C. F. W. Walther was a pastor, the first president of the LCMS, the first president and professor of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, and is generally renowned as one of the most prominent American Lutheran theologians of the 19th century. The following is from his introduction to a sermon on John 3.1-15, preached on Trinity Sunday, 1847:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

God has great things in store for man. He did not create us like the irrational creatures for this short life-span and for this passing world. He gave us an immortal soul which not only will

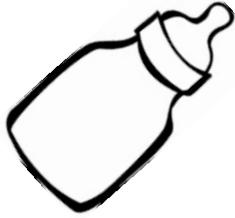
always exist, but which also is capable of consciousness of God and of the knowledge of God. An unquenchable longing for a perfect and blessed state, unattainable in this world, dwells in our soul. And God, who Himself instilled this longing in us, will also fulfill it. God wills that all men shall one day see Him face to face [see 1 Tim. 2.4]. His mysterious essence will there be revealed. His will, His decrees, His ways and guidance--in short, all that was puzzling about God--will there be cleared up for us. For God desires that we all come to full salvation which is to be enjoyed without interruption throughout eternity wherein we shall love, praise, adore, and serve Him continually...

How great and glorious is the destiny that we people have! Even here God permits us to enjoy so much that is good. But all of this is only a foretaste, a drop in the sea of joy in which we shall be immersed in et eternity. Here we are delighted by a lovely, earthly spring but this is only a shadow of the eternal spring that there will envelop the heavenly meadows. Here we are enchanted by the sight of the visible creation with its mountains and valleys, seas and rivers, and with the star-studded sky arching over them. Even so, all of this is just a poor, drab picture of the new heaven and the new earth upon which the golden city, the new

Jerusalem, as a bride adorned for her husband, will come down from God out of heaven [see Rev. 21.9-27]. Here will flow the crystal stream of living water on whose shores blossoms the tree of life. No man, not even the most miserable,--no matter how poor, sad or despised in this world--has reason to complain. For we shall all one day become immensely rich. All will be clad with more than royal glory. All will experience unspeakable bliss. All splendor, which the happiest on earth enjoy, is wretchedness compared to the glory that will surround the lowliest and least in heaven. There we shall be brothers with the holy and blessed angels. Yes, the entire, immense throng of all perfected, God-confessing creatures will finally gather there, and in the kingdom of divine glory celebrate together the eternal festival of salvation.

Who would not desire that he might one day enter the kingdom of God and be included among the guests at this festival [see Matt. 22.1-14]?

My dear friends, God does not want to exclude anyone. In His Word He has opened for us all, also for us, the entrance to His kingdom. And Christ shows us what this entrance is in the festal Gospel for today. Let us now in spirit sit at His feet...”



Pregnancy Hope Center Baby Bottle Campaign

The box of baby bottles in the narthex is for the Klamath Falls Pregnancy Hope Center annual "Baby Bottle Campaign." The Campaign began on Mothers Day and concludes on Fathers Day. This is the Center's major fundraiser for the year. Take them home, fill them up, and place your bottles on the table in the narthex or in offering plate. We will give them to the Hope Center after Father's Day. If you have any questions, please see Sasha.



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National Offering

Every three years LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited to

participate in a synodwide gathering of financial gifts called the National Offering. Leading with a collection received in worship services during the 2013 Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in St. Louis, this triennium's National Offering gives participants five choices through which they can share Christ's forgiveness and mercy both at home and abroad. It also affords LCMS congregations and their members an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to our life together as the world's leading confessional Lutheran body.

For the 2013-16 triennium, five gift designations cover a range of Witness, Mercy, Life Together efforts, all of which happen only with broad support from LCMS congregations and households. Baptized for this moment, you are free to join with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in sharing His forgiveness and mercy in a world desperately in need of it. Please join with others in support of this triennium's National Offering.

Your five choices are:

- Together as Synod
- Global Mission



Trevor Eichelkraut Baptism. We were privileged to welcome Trevor into the Holy Christian Church through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 2nd. Pictured with Trevor are, from left, his mother, Tammy, sponsor, Casey, Trevor, and his father, Tom. That's Trevor's brother, Robert, in front! (Not pictured: Brianna, his sister, and Ron and Barbara Eichelkraut, proud grandparents!)

- Lutheran Malaria Initiative
- The Joint Seminary Fund
- Global Seminary Initiative

A bulletin insert on June 9th will provide you with more information on this giving opportunity. Or, visit: <http://lcms.org/nationalfofering>.



The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

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LCEF provides low-cost funding to build Lutheran congregations, schools, camps, child- and elder-care facilities, as well as rostered church workers for homes and

debt consolidation. It is also a respected leader in LCMS-oriented vision planning, capital fundraising, stewardship programs and facility construction and maintenance. Together, LCEF and your organization are empowered now and for the future.

Your investments and LCEF's professional staff help make these funds available.

Contact LCEF at 800-843-5233 or visit lcef.org for rates and information.



Tables of 8

We are looking for leaders to put together groups for "Tables of 8." This is a fun way to meet other members of our church in a relaxed, social setting. Each group will consist of eight adults and will try to meet at least quarterly. Everyone will take turns hosting a dinner in their home and provide the entree, and the other members in the group will bring a part of the meal, and perhaps a bottle of wine. This is NOT a gourmet group, just a way to make new

friends in the church. Please consider this fun activity and make some new friends! If you are interested in assembling a group, or have questions, please contact Sasha in the church office!



FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Sunday, June 16th

Bring a dish to share in fellowship with your brothers and sisters here at Zion! This is the first of what we hope will be monthly potlucks every third Sunday! The next potluck will be Sunday, July 21st.



LLLC Graduation

June 13th, 6:30pm

Join us in celebrating the close of another school year!