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

November 2012



**Above:** Women from the Southern Zone of the Oregon LWML listen to a presentation on the Klamath County Food Bank at their Fall Rally, October 20th.

## On The Election

*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. **Romans 13:1***

### **Read: Romans 13:1-7**

The national election is right around the corner. (It seems it's been "right around the corner" for the last year!) You might have seen the ads!

The Lutheran Church has never been about the business of endorsing or promoting particular candidates or parties. We always endeavor to clearly preach the Word of God regarding particular *issues*, but not candidates or parties. Then

we encourage you to prayerfully consider how your faith compels you to vote. Your faith is not removed from your life as a citizen of this country. Rather, your life as a child of God influences how you live in relation to your neighbors in every way, including your involvement in the political process of this country. In all things, public and private, we live our lives in the shadow of the cross. We do our best and pray God's mercy and forgiveness.

Often, we think that our problems will be fixed if one

candidate or party wins the next election. The truth of the matter is that we face significant challenges that no single candidate or party will be able to solve by themselves. So we must remember that we as Christians are called to pray for our leaders no matter who they are and what party they represent. We are called to help and serve our neighbor no matter who is office. Our country needs us, as Christians, to do these things.

With this in mind I'd like to share with you a letter from our Synodical President, Rev.



Matthew Harrison and a new resource that is offered from the LCMS called, "[Free to be Faithful](#)." This resource is not an endorsement of one candidate or party over the other.

It is simply meant to build awareness of the growing challenges that the Church in America will face (as President Harrison says in one video, "no matter who is elected"). It is also designed to give you resources that are intended to help you think through how you live out your faith in the civil realm. As Christians you and I are called to be engaged in the welfare of our neighbors. As Americans we are afforded the opportunities to help our neighbors as we engage in the political process. May we take seriously the responsibilities that we have toward our neighbors, not only as we cast a vote but also as we

look for ways to serve them in our daily lives.

Peace to you,  
Pastor Scott

## WISDOM FROM WITTENBERG

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

### Norman E. Nagel

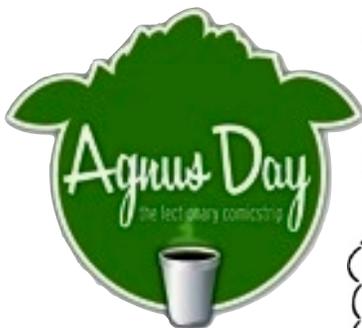
The Rev. Dr. Norman E. Nagel is Professor Emeritus at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Previously, he served Valparaiso University (Indiana) as a professor of theology and as dean of the Chapel of the Resurrection. He also served congregations in England, most notably at Westfield House at Cambridge. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Adelaide (Australia), a master's degree from Concordia Seminary, and a doctorate from the University of Cambridge (England). On the "rhythm" of the Divine Service, he wrote:

"Our Lord speaks and we listen. His Word bestows what it

says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts received with eager thankfulness and praise. Music is drawn into this thankfulness and praise, enlarging and elevating the adoration of our gracious giver God.

Saying back to Him what He has said to us, we repeat what is most true and sure. Most true and sure is His name, which He put upon us with the water of our Baptism. We are His. This we acknowledge at the beginning of the Divine Service [in the invocation]. Where His name is, there is He. Before Him we acknowledge that we are sinners, and we plead for forgiveness. His forgiveness is given us, and we, freed and forgiven, acclaim Him as our great and gracious God as we apply to ourselves the words He has used to make Himself known to us.

The rhythm of our worship is from Him to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them. We build one another up as we speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs [Eph. 5.19; cf. Col. 3.16]. Our Lord gives us His



Mark 9:30-37



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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body to eat and His blood to drink. Finally His blessing moves us out into our calling, where His gifts have their fruition. How best to do this we may learn from His Word and from the way His Word has prompted His worship through the centuries. We are heirs of an astonishingly rich tradition. Each generation receives from those who went before and, in making that tradition of the Divine Service its own, adds what best may serve in its own day--the living heritage and something new."

*From the Introduction to Lutheran Worship (1982)*

## WANTED:

### Fall Cleanup Coordinator

Are you an "organizer"? We are looking for someone to head the **Fall Cleanup** effort here at Zion. We are planning a workday on **Saturday, November 10**. We need someone to put together a list of tasks and help coordinate the cleanup effort! We have been blessed with a wonderful facility, but it is 65 years-old and there is always something that needs to be

done! Please consider how you might help and watch for more information. Questions? See Pastor Scott.

## Sporting, Scoring, Soaring

### Free Soccer Clinic & Servant Event

Ascension Lutheran Church in Portland is looking for youth and adult volunteers to help with their annual community soccer camp from 15 - 23 June, 2013.

Since 2003, Ascension Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon, has organized and facilitated an LCMS National Servant Event each summer. This missional service opportunity gives high school youth a chance to go and share Jesus Christ, serve children from the low-income Rockwood community, homeless teens in downtown Portland, disabled adults, and other organizations in need.

Kids have an opportunity to spend a week playing soccer and

## November Birthdays

- 1 RICHARD PARR
- 1 SHELLEY JOHNSON
- 5 HUBERT MARSH
- 6 CHRISTINE SCOTT
- 13 KAY COX
- 14 ELISABETH HUNTSMAN
- 15 DALE SUITER
- 16 BLYTHE TOVREA
- 18 ADELAIDE BLAIR
- 18 JANINE WESTLUND
- 18 RHONDA GOVENOR
- 20 PAUL CASSON
- 26 LARRY MONTAGNER
- 26 JOANN MITAL

## November Anniversaries

- 8 DUKE & LU LEWIS
- 10 JACK & SARAH TAYLOR
- 17 MARK & BECKY HERTEL
- 19 PAT & MARIE GREGORY

# 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 take a break during Advent.*

# 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 began in August 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!



learning about Jesus! There are also opportunities for youth and adults to participate in service projects throughout the Portland area each evening. In the past, Ascension has had volunteers come from as far away as St. Louis, Missouri and New Mexico!

Learn more online at: <http://www.alcportland.org/ministries/outreach/soccer-clinic-servant-event/> If you have any questions, see Pastor Scott!

Klamath Falls

## Gospel Mission

Klamath Falls Gospel Mission has been serving the vulnerable hungry, homeless and at-risk citizens of Klamath County since 1958. That is more than 50 years of meeting the most basic of human needs. They have served over eight million nourishing meals or provided more than two million warm beds for men, women and children in our hometown.

The Gospel Mission, like many other organizations, depends upon the generosity of caring, committed people like you to carry on our vital ministry to the needy. They recently began a capital campaign to help reach their goal to raise \$1.6 million for the construction of the new Women's Emergency Shelter and Dining Hall/ Kitchen. To make a donation, visit them at **823 Walnut Avenue**, or online at: [www.kfallsgospelmission.org](http://www.kfallsgospelmission.org)

## Altar Guild Notes

Altar service for November is provided by **Sarah Parsons**. The next Altar Guild meeting is Sunday, **November 4th**, after worship!

## Thank You!

Kay Cox expresses her gratitude, "once again, with a thankful heart! To each of you who respond to my call by saying, 'What do you need?' 'How much?' and 'When?'" Thank you!

## Thank You!

Thank you all so much for the love, support, prayers, cards, and well wishes you sent our way before, during, and after my cancer surgery. It means so much to us to have such a caring church family.

Love,  
Jim & Bonnie Fields

## Give Thanks!

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

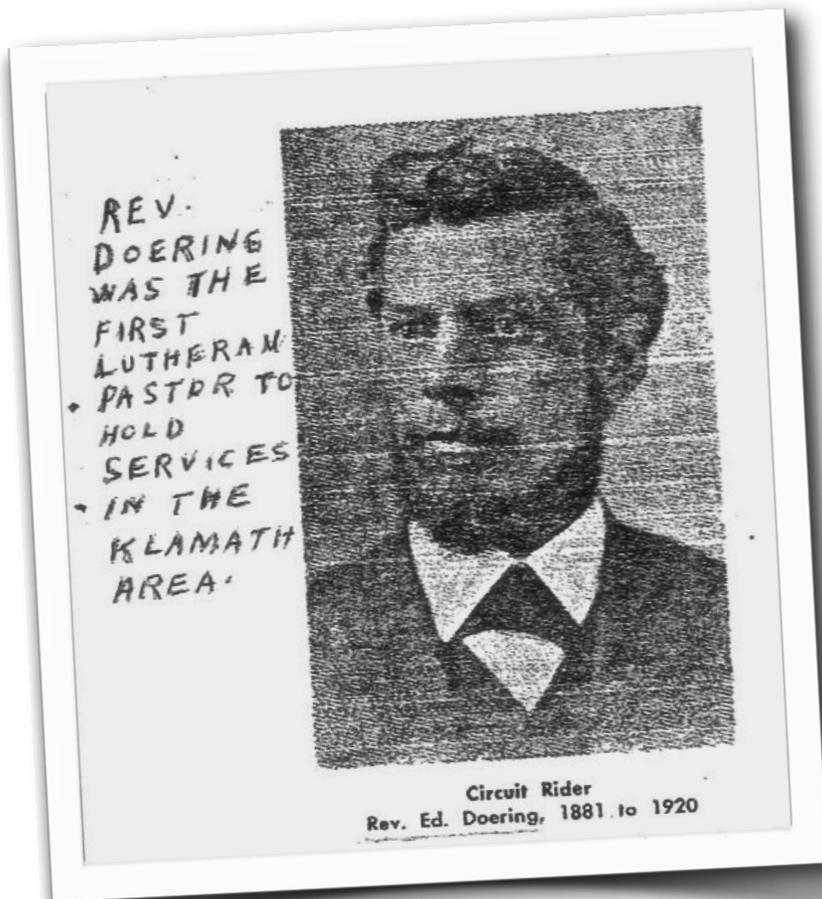
Wednesday, November 21st

**7:00 P.M.**

Watch for "invitations" to be given out the Sundays leading up to Thanksgiving. Use this opportunity to invite friends, loved ones and neighbors to join us in giving thanks to God, who has blessed us in body and soul by His gracious provision!

# History Corner

In 1893 the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod sent a Circuit Rider into the Klamath Basin to seek out Lutherans who might be living here. He was the Rev. Ed Doering. Twice each year he ranged from southern Washington, all of western Oregon down to northern California holding services in homes, schools, wherever he might find "two or three gathered." He was the first Lutheran Pastor in the Klamath Basin. Here is a translation of one of his letters:



Dairy, Klamath Co., Ore.

October 27, 1902

My dear Reverend Behrens:

I am spending these days in Klamath County. No German preacher has ever been around here before. I preached in Antelope last Friday, in Dairy yesterday, where divine service will be held again next Sunday. During the course of this week I shall continue to look up people, and will likely also preach in Klamath Falls. Next week I plan to reach the railroad again via Fort Klamath. The people here are mostly Wuertemberger [Germans from Württemberg] and cattle breeders. There are about 20 families here, who might build a church and have their own pastor. It is about 100 miles from the railroad. Since the territory is so expansive and the people are scattered afar, living all around, I have had no time to write my mission report. That should be done immediately.

... If it can be arranged I should like to preach again at Grants Pass again on Sunday the 9th of November... Please address a few lines to me at Grants Pass. I should also like to request you to send a "Fiebel" [German primer] to Gottfried Neubert, Klamath Falls, Oregon. Don't forget! All in all I am quite well.

With cordial greeting,

Ed. Doering.