
Zion, Worms News and Notes

July 25, 2021

Calendar

Sunday, July 25

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service—St. John's, Palmer
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service—Zion, Worms
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Office Hours—St John's Palmer

Sunday, August 1

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service—St. John's, Palmer
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service—Zion, Worms

Prayers of the Church

+**Marriage**+ Jesse Meyer & Hailey Spellbrink (July 31) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Shirley Peter's granddaughter, Katie (heart surgery); Jill Meyer, wife of Dave and daughter-in-law of Irene (advanced stages of cancer); Kim Bader's friend, Danielle and baby (pre-eclampsia, to Omaha for special care); Naomi Schipman (rehab at Tiffany, GI) +**Military**+ Kurt Morthole (Germany); Joseph Markvicka, Alex Larsen + **Missions, Outreach, and Christian Education**+ Global ministry and missions—Ukraine; Nebraska ministry and missions—Mt. Calvary, Fullerton, NE; Rev. John Doolittle of CA who has accepted the Call to serve the dual parish of Christ Lutheran, St. Paul, NE and St. John's Lutheran, Palmer, NE; Heartland Lutheran High School; Concordia, Seward and all our Concordias; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (staff and students)



We ask that you would include these people in the prayers during your home devotions. Please call 687-6314 or email cnjem@kdsi.net if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

Bible Sale: Concordia Publishing House has some great prices on excellent Bible study and devotional resources. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Orders *with checks written out to Zion Lutheran Church* are due **TODAY**. “*Lord, to whom else shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life.*” (John 6:68)

Exploring Ephesians: For the next few months of our Sunday morning time together, the appointed epistle will be from Ephesians. Our lectionary (schedule of appointed readings) will take us through most of this glorious letter in successive weeks. You are invited to take a closer look. At our 9:15 a.m. Bible study, we will study the appointed lesson in detail. During our 10:15 a.m. Divine Service, the sermon will focus on Christ's grace as contained in that same reading, and we will sing the themes of the reading in various hymns. You are encouraged to "round out" the experience by incorporating Ephesians into your personal devotions at your family altar.

- **July 25— Ephesians 3:14-21)** The Holy Spirit of the risen Christ at work in baptized believers.
 - Lutheran Confessions: *"For...we could never come to recognize the Father's favor and grace were it not for the Lord Christ, who is a mirror of the Father's heart. Apart from Him we see nothing but an angry and terrible judge. But neither could we know anything of Christ, had it not been revealed by the Holy Spirit."* (Large Catechism, Creed. Kolb ed. 440.65)
- **August 1 (on deck)— Ephesians 4:1-16)** The ascended Jesus builds His church on the rock-solid foundation of His apostolic, prophetic, cross-centered Word.

New Address: Rosella Hiegel has moved from an apartment to a room in the Crane Meadows complex at Good Samaritan in Grand Island. Those wishing to contact her with a card, letter, or note of encouragement can send it to her new address: 4071 Timberline St., Apt. #117, Grand Island, NE 68803.

Education and Edification: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Envy, Lutheran Composer Johann Sebastian Bach, 16th Century Lutheran Martyr Robert Barnes, Old Testament Prophet Isaiah and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Sanctity of Human Life: "We need to keep fueled up through Christian fellowship in worship and in the sacraments. We need to pray without ceasing and receive the peace in that special relationship with God. And then, we need to stand strong and boldly declare God's plan for life. We can't be timid, afraid to speak up or be noticed. If we don't share the truth, who will?" *Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship Sentences: *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ..."* (Ephesians 3:20) We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

