

# ZION CALLS

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March, 2010

Zion Lutheran Church

Worship Service and Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

*"Growing in Faith to Share Christ's Love"*

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## **Congregation Votes 'Yes' for Dave Kylo to be Our New Pastor!**

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**Midweek Lenten ✝ Services**

***Evening Prayer in the Atrium***

*Every Wednesday at 7 PM*

*Join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge at 6:40 PM*

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**Palm Sunday**

**Service**

with palm procession

March 28 -- 9:30 AM

including

Children and Adult Choirs

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***Maundy Thursday Worship  
with Communion***



*April 1 – 7:00 PM*

## **Important News from the Call Committee**

Dear Members of the Zion Community:

We rejoice to announce that our congregation voted, by large majority, to extend a call to Pastor David Kylo. On Sunday, February 21, the congregation held a meeting during which the call committee presented its rationale for choosing Pastor Kylo as its recommended candidate. Call committee members highlighted Pastor Kylo's engaging and colorful preaching style, his spirit of reverence during worship, his personal warmth and approachability, his collaborative leadership style, and his rich understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran in a diverse religious community. Above all, the committee believes Pastor Kylo is a sincere servant of Christ who will wisely guide us in our mission of sharing Christ's love.

Now that the church council and congregation have approved extending a call to Pastor Kylo, Matt Wylie, our council president, will soon send Pastor Kylo a formal letter of call. If Pastor Kylo accepts that call, he will likely be installed sometime in April. We look forward to this happy occasion and give thanks for the many gifts this pastor promises to bring to Zion!

Yours in Christ,

Zion Call Committee  
Neil Dahlmann, Chair  
Carla Arnell  
Sue Monsen  
John Motzko  
Ted Repsholdt, Sr.  
Juanita Weckerlin

### **A Message from Pastor Dave Kylo**

I am excited at the possibilities that lie ahead. While becoming Zion's pastor represents a return to congregational life to a greater extent than in recent years, the parish church is a place where I have felt that I have specific gifts. One message I have shared with other chaplains is that we should never stray from work in and with congregations, for it is there that we find growth, support, and a sense of community within our Lutheran family. Nan and I have enjoyed our work in congregational life because through that life we can work together, enjoy God's family, and worship where we feel rooted. As we move towards this exciting and challenging stage of our lives, we recognize the support, the prayers, and the love of others who have known of this yearning to return to parish ministry. I want to thank the Call Committee of Zion for the thorough, complete, and prayerful manner in which inquiries and interviews took place.

One of my favorite verses in Scripture is Jesus saying, "I have come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). In those words Jesus reflects on the abundant life that we enjoy individually and collectively as God's children. There are many twists and turns in life and throughout those changes God continues to be faithful with love, support, and care. It is my fervent prayer that we enjoy abundant life together. God bless you in the days ahead! You will be in my thoughts and prayers!

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

### **F.I.S.H. News**

Our next event for Zion and CUMC will be a “lock-in” for grades 6 through 12 at Zion with games, movies and food.

When: Friday, March 5 at 8:00pm to Saturday, March 6 at 8:00am (If you can come for just Friday night but not the overnight, that's fine, too.)

Please bring:

\$10 to cover cost of late-night dinner and breakfast

Drink and snack to share

Games and Appropriate movies

Sleeping bag and pillow

Please let Julia Arbaugh know if you are able to attend by Tuesday, March 2nd at 8:00pm. (Phone: 847-940-7264 or Email: [arbaugh4@juno.com](mailto:arbaugh4@juno.com)).

Other upcoming activities for Zion youth include:

- Sunday School for Pre-K through 3rd grade – Sundays, March 7, 14 and 21 (please note, there will be no lesson on March 28<sup>th</sup> due to spring break schedules)
- Activity for grades 4 through 6 – Wednesday, March 3rd 6-6:45pm

### **Confirmation Class**

*Thank  
You*

Shrove Tuesday was quite a memorable evening with wonderful fellowship and having the opportunity to meet Pastor Dave and Nan Kylo. Thank you to all the shoppers, cooks, servers, dishwashers and kitchen helpers. And of course those of you who attended Shrove Tuesday with an appetite. It was a huge success!

A day of celebration is quickly approaching for the confirmands, as confirmation will be on Sunday, April 11. This is a busy and exciting time for our confirmands: Jonathon Arbaugh, Kate Kamin, Kaya Monsen, Lyndsay Monsen and Danny Rosborough.



An Ark for Today's Work

The confirmands are overwhelmed by donations towards their Heifer Project. The bake sale donations totaled \$1,410 with \$745 from Shrove Tuesday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please be sure to check out the ark near pastor's office, as it depicts how many animals the confirmands are able to purchase. They are requesting additional funds to fill the ark for Heifer International. Make your checks out to Zion Lutheran Church with a note that it is for the Heifer Project. Your generosity will help hundreds of people feed their families. Furthermore, as each participating family passes on the gift of one of more of their animal's offspring to another in need, the chain of giving continues for years!

**ZCSI**

## **Family Service Senior Latino Dinner THANK YOU!!!**

The Senior Latino Dinner held at Zion with Family Service on January 30 was a success! 50 people attended the dinner and half were Senior Latinos. The others attending were Zion, Family Service and Christ United Methodist members. Everyone enjoyed the authentic Mexican food and entertainment. We were told that the Senior Latinos were asking when the next event will be held. And, the response of the Zion members that attended was very positive.

We received a letter from Robert Wolf, Executive Director at Family Service:  
*I am writing to send along our most sincere thanks to Zion's members for the generous support and partnership to celebrate with the Latino Seniors from Highwood. Thank you! We are most grateful. We've had enthusiastic and positive feedback from your guests and others in the community. You should be very proud of the impact you made in the community.*

THANK YOU to all the Zion members that helped with this event! And, a special thanks goes to Jane McCarthy, Zion member and Family Service Development Director, for suggesting this event and all she did to make it happen!

### **Zion Quilters**

## **Quilts for Project Lydia**

The Zion Quilting Group is making quilts for the Lydia Project. Lydia was adopted from a Russian orphanage, and she lives in our community now. Last fall, she and her family came to Zion and made a presentation about the children and living conditions in the orphanage. To brighten the lives of these children in the orphanage, we are making colorful quilts.

Would you like to help? We need people to pin, cut fabric, and iron, and of course, sew. But knowing how to sew is not a requirement.

During March, we will be meeting on Tuesday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 23 from 9am-12 noon in the church basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julia Arbaugh, Janet Friedman, Marilyn Sanner or Joyce Wiegmann.



### **Boy Scout Troop 150**

## **Digital Picture Slide Show**

Please spend the time to look at the pictures in the **Boy Scout Wall of Honor** downstairs. These are the Eagle Scouts of Troop 150. Your Eagle Scout's picture needs to be there to complete the collection!

If you cannot find it (the presentation of pictures is randomized, so it takes a bit longer) please talk to Nancy or Jeff and we will submit the Scout picture to Rick Ryan to be included.

## CELEBRATIONS

### **March Birthdays**

03/05 Kirstin Juhl

03/12 Debbie Hanson

03/13 Gerry Jensen

03/17 Tessa Andreasen **and** Pat Remdt

03/19 Eric Graepp

03/21 John Beckman, Jr.

03/22 Alice Roth

03/23 Lauren Schwarz **and** Patrick Wylie

03/24 Wilmer Carlson

03/25 Juanita Weckerlin

03/26 Mary Ann Parker

03/27 Betty Helgoe **and** Sandy Weiler

03/29 Judy Speckmann



### **March Anniversaries**

03/23/1977 Pat & Karen Dessent

03/25/1978 Jay & Elaine Howe



### **Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 14, 2010**

#### **Attendance:**

Matt Wylie

Pastor Martha Halls

Barb Rosborough

Neil Dahlmann

Karl Arbaugh

Sue Monsen

**Absent:** Claudia Ann Morehead, John Wick

#### **Agenda:**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Approval of December 21 Council Meeting Minutes:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the December 21, 2009 meeting minutes.
4. **Committee Reports and Related Council Discussion:**

**Christian Education** – No issues reported.

**Finance** – See discussion of 2010 Budget Draft under New Business below.

**Mission Support Group** – See ZCSI Update under Old Business below.

**Mutual Ministry** – No issues reported.

**Property**– No issues reported.

**Stewardship** – No issues reported.

**Memorial** – No issues reported.

**Social Ministry** – No issues reported.

**Worship & Music** – No issues reported.

5. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Martha was busy this past month with planning for the Christmas service. Other activities included hospital calls and home visits, confirmation classes, and ongoing worship planning.

## 6. **Old Business**

### **Update of Call Committee Process**

**Exciting news!** The Call Committee decided last night to proceed with one of the pastoral candidates. Matt, Neil, and Claudia Ann will work on the compensation offer, which Neil will present to the candidate next week. If agreement is reached, the candidate's Profile will be distributed to Council. Council will then vote on whether to recommend the candidate to the congregation and will set a date for the congregational meeting. Further details regarding the process are outlined in Neil's January 14, 2010 Call Committee report.

### **Family Service Senior Dinner update**

Zion will host this event on January 30th. Julia Arbaugh is working with Jane McCarthy on logistics, and lining up Zion members to help with driving, drinks, desserts, set-up and clean-up. Everything is falling into place and we expect this to be a great event.

### **Zion Community Service Initiative (ZCSI) Update**

The ZCSI group has continued to interview community leaders, and intends to finish the interviewing phase of the project by the end of January. After the interviews are completed and summarized, the next step will be to invite the congregation to a meeting to discuss what we've learned about community needs, and how we can serve our community.

### **Nominating committee**

We have not been able to recruit any volunteers yet, despite announcements during church services and conversations with members.

## 7. **New Business**

### **Discussion of 2010 Budget Draft**

Sandy Weiler and Jeff Andreasen joined us to discuss the 2010 budget draft. Council made one change, which was to increase the amount we budget for "God's work in the world" to 10% (\$21,660) of prior year pledges and other receipts (\$216,603). This category includes synod

benevolence and giving to charitable organizations (e.g., World Hunger). The budget will be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting on January 31.

The budget will contain a balancing item of \$42,532. This is additional income required (beyond pledges and a conservative estimate of unpledged giving) in order to meet planned expenditures. We'll need to monitor income and expenditures monthly, and if necessary challenge the congregation to step up its support.

### **Jazz Festival/Oktoberfest Fundraiser in Fall?**

Jeff Juhl discussed with Council an idea for a fund raiser. He is thinking of a jazz festival to be held at Zion, perhaps in September. Area jazz groups would be invited, including high school and other groups. It would be held outside. We would sell raffle tickets and food (and perhaps beer, in a cordoned off area for adults). Some of the proceeds raised could go to a good cause outside our walls. We think this idea has lots of potential, as a way to raise our visibility in the community, provide a fun event for area residents, and raise money for worthy causes. We encouraged Jeff to keep exploring the idea.

8. **Adjournment:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

## **Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 24, 2010**

### **Attendance**

Matt Wylie	Claudia Ann Morehead
Barb Rosborough	Neil Dahlman
Karl Arbaugh	Sue Monsen

**Absent:** Pastor Martha, John Wick

### **Agenda: Discuss pastoral candidate and vote on whether to recommend to congregation**

This was a special meeting held solely to discuss the pastoral candidate (David Kylo).

The following Call Committee members attended the meeting and shared their thoughts with Council: Neil Dahlmann, Sue Monsen, John Motzko, Ted Repsholdt Sr., and Juanita Weckerlin. Carla Arnell was absent due to family illness, but shared her thoughts in writing.

The Call Committee distributed Pastor Kylo's Profile to Council members in advance of the meeting. They described the extensive search process they went through (including considering 9 candidates), and shared their thoughts regarding why Pastor Kylo is the best fit for Zion.

After due deliberation, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to recommend Pastor Kylo to the congregation. We praise God for bringing us such a qualified and faithful candidate, and for his desire to work with us to further God's mission in our congregation and the world.

Next steps are as follows:

- The congregation will be notified in writing regarding the upcoming congregational vote, and it will also be announced at the next two Sunday worship services (February 7 and February 14).
- A "meet and greet" will be held to give congregation members an opportunity to meet Pastor Kylo; this will be at the Shrove Tuesday dinner (February 16)

- The congregational meeting will be scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>, at which time the congregation will vote whether to approve Pastor Kylo as Zion's new pastor
- Assuming the congregation approves, Pastor Kylo's installation will likely occur in late April or early May (after Easter and confirmation)

**Zion Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2010**

**Agenda:**

1. **Call to Order:** Matt Wylie called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.
2. **Quorum Established** – 48 voting members were present, which constitutes a quorum.
3. **Opening Prayer** - Pastor Martha
4. **Opening Address** – Matt Wylie, Council President  
Matt touched on the themes in his excellent letter to the congregation, which can be found at the front of the annual report. He challenged the congregation to continue to be open to change, and to try some things outside our comfort zones.
5. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Martha  
Pastor Martha immediately answered Matt's challenge by asking the congregation do the hokey-pokey, and the congregation rose to the challenge. She made three main points in her talk:
  - If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem,
  - The greatest enemy is within yourself, and
  - Everything is about God (not the hokey-pokey).
6. **Committee Reports**  
Matt asked for questions regarding the committee reports in the annual report. There were none.
7. **Call Committee Update**  
Matt shared the news that Council has unanimously approved a pastoral candidate recommended by the Call Committee. The congregation will have an opportunity to meet the candidate at the Shrove Tuesday dinner on February 16. There will be a congregational meeting after worship on February 21 to vote on whether to accept him as Zion's next pastor. Assuming the congregation approves, he will probably be installed sometime in late April or early May.
8. **Report from Zion Community Service Initiative**  
Karl Arbaugh gave a status update. The ZCSI team has interviewed over 20 community leaders and will wrap up interviews later this month. The team will then meet with the congregation, to discuss community needs and generate ideas regarding how we can help address them.
9. **Nominating Committee Report**  
No one volunteered to join council, and there were no nominations from the floor. Matt and Claudia Ann graciously offered to remain on council another year. A motion was made, seconded, and approved (by voice vote) to permit them to remain on council another year. Council still could use a couple more members, so interested members were encouraged to contact a Council member.
10. **2010 Budget**  
Matt presented the 2010 budget shown in the annual report. He brought to the congregation's attention the "balancing item", which is essentially a shortfall which we hope will be covered by

additional contributions from members. We also discussed that \$21,660 (10% of prior year contributions) has been budgeted towards “God’s work in the world”, which includes synod benevolence and other charitable giving by the congregation (e.g., to World Hunger). Matt said the budget has not yet been adjusted to reflect the pastoral candidate’s compensation package, as it is premature to do so before the congregation has voted to approve him.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved (by show of hands) to approve the budget.

#### 11. **Memorial Garden officers**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved (by voice vote) to approve the slate of officers for the Memorial Garden.

12. **Adjournment** - a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting around 11:30 am.

## **Zion Congregational Council**

Matt Wylie (President)  
John Wick (Vice President)  
Karl Arbaugh (Secretary)  
Neil Dahlmann  
Barb Rosborough  
Sue Monsen

## **Standing Committees**

Contact Person is in **bold type**

Council Liaison is *in italics*

### Christian Education Committee

**Sue Juhl** *Barb Rosborough*

### Mutual Ministry Committee

*Sue Monsen*

### E-Team (Evangelism) Committee

### Property Committee

**John Berg** *Matt Wylie*

### Finance Committee

**Sandy Weiler** *Matt Wylie*

### Social Ministry Committee

### Memorial Garden Committee

**John Berg**

### Stewardship Committee

*Matt Wylie*

### Mission Support Group

*Karl Arbaugh / John Wick*

### Worship and Music Committee

**Taru Berg** *Neil Dahlmann*

## **STAFF**

Martha Halls, Interim Pastor  
Leslie Ward, Administrative Assistant

Rae-Myra Hilliard, Music Director  
Leslie Ward, Children's Choir Director



## Worship Assistants for March



<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Counters</b>
<b>03/07</b>	Matt Wylie	Devin Zilligen	Jane McCarthy	The Arbaugh Family	Michele Fairbanks	Vicki Remdt Kevin Fairbanks	Sandy Weiler Bill Northup
<b>03/14</b>	Juanita Weckerlin	Gena Andreasen	Mary Dahlmann	The Remdt Family	Joni & Mark Croll	Dan Rosborough Devin Zilligen	Kevin Fairbanks Karl Arbaugh
<b>03/21</b>	Bill Northup	John Berg	Karen Dessent	Dick & Juanita Weckerlin	Vicki Repsholdt	Claire Repsholdt Meredith Krifka	John Berg Nancy Johnson
<b>03/28</b>	Vicki Repsholdt	Sue Juhl	Mark Croll	Neil & Mary Dahlmann	Juanita Weckerlin	Jonathon & Elaine Arbaugh	Dave & Devin Zilligen

*Altar Guild: Carla Arnell, Mary Dahlmann, Sandy Weiler*

**\*Note to Acolytes:** You are to move the recycle material into the recycling cart near the garage after the service. The recycle bins are in the office, outside the sanctuary doors, and under the counter in the kitchen. Please return the bins to their original locations when you're done.

\*\* If you are unable to make the date assigned, please arrange an alternate and notify the church office. Thank you for your help.