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“Being Part of the Body”

Congregations are often given various names. There is the name of the congregation that is on their by-laws, and official documents. Then there are the nick names given to the congregation within the community (some names are positive, while others are negative). There are also general names given to congregations based on Biblical concepts like, “The Body of Believers,” or “the Bride of Christ.” All these names have significance, or reasons behind the name.

The name, “Body of Believers” refers to the concept of each individual congregational member having a specific spiritual gift, and that when the individuals come together, they make up the body. This is clearly explained in 1st Corinthians chapter 12. One person never makes up a congregation. A healthy congregation needs a variety of people, with varied spiritual gifts, that come together to not just worship, but to live lives together in order to function as a healthy congregation. The pinnacle of congregational life is the gathering together to worship and grow in our faith on Sundays, but just as important, we also live life in an interconnected way throughout the week living out our faith in our separate lives.

We at Zion are greatly blessed to walk in the footsteps of men, women, youth, and children who have given sacrificially of their time, talent, and money to advance the Kingdom of God as well as build the congregation we know as Zion. One only has to look at our church history to read of stories of the various ladies groups who have worked for years to strengthen other women and families in Tioga, as well as mission work across the globe. Our congregation has also been a rich training ground for many of the leaders and missionaries connected with the AFLC. It never ceases to amaze me as I talk with people connected with the AFLC who now or have previously served in leadership positions, mention their love of their time at Zion. We have much to be thankful!

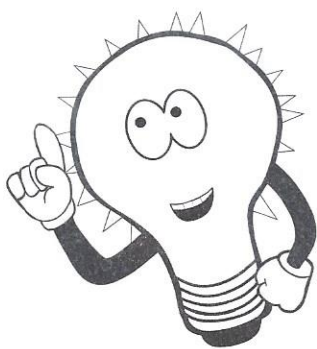
I also have noticed in my more than 6 ½ years of serving Zion that there have been many changes in the lives of congregation members. There have been many funerals marking the earthly end of a life well lived. Children have grown and been confirmed by me, and then later married. Some children I baptized as young babies I now see full of energy and spunk running around and taking on awesome personalities. I have also seen the pillars of the congregation who have supported our various ministries for many years grow older, marking a shift of abilities, energy, and even desire.

I believe that many of us have always expected certain necessary duties and functions of our congregation to be fulfilled simply because they always have been. But the reality is that life happens, we are all growing older, and some areas of the ministry need “new blood.” Sunday School teachers, adult VBS help, funeral helpers, youth group volunteers, sound system volunteers, as well as leadership positions within the congregation all need additional help. I am extremely grateful to the countless hours so many volunteers have invested in these areas

currently and in the past. But if we want continue our current ministries, as well as reach out in new ways, we need more people willing to help in different ways. I also want to remind us all that just as the weather changes seasons, so too do congregational members have different seasons in life. Just because we have always had a certain person heavily invested in a specific area of ministry in the past, doesn't mean that person needs to do that ministry until God calls them home.

I recently preached a sermon about the call of Jeremiah. I would like to remind all of us to search out the call that God has for us now, in our current position in life. Just as Jeremiah answered God's call for his life, ask the question, "What is my life's work in God's Kingdom now?" Perhaps it is to pursue a different path than the one you are fulfilling currently. Maybe it is to take a bold step into ministry in the Kingdom of God that has never even been seen in Tioga, let alone Zion. Maybe it is to hold fast, and continue with the work you have been doing. The last thing I ever want to do is guilt people into performing a needed task for our congregation regardless of desire, skill, or gifting. The best way to burn a person out is to try and take them and force them to do something God has not custom tailored them to do. However, I do feel compelled to remind us all that our lives are not our own, that we were bought with a price, and God expects us as His children to heed the calling He has placed on our life. We all need to be pitching in and helping in some areas of congregational life. Our congregation is not based on a pastor, Sunday school teacher, influential family, or even a group of people. We are an ever-changing body of believers that needs to continually be training and equipping the next generation for the kingdom work of Zion. May we be faithful in the calling that God has for our lives.

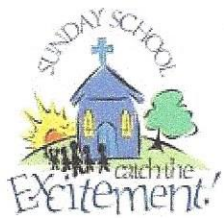
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Ideas welcome!
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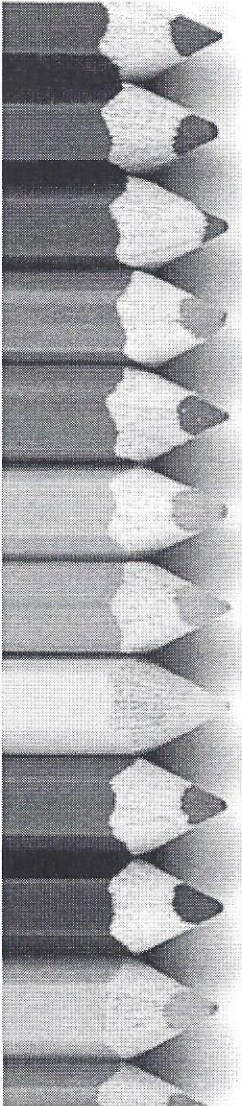
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. *Psalm 119:11 (NIV)*
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalm 139: 23-24 (NIV)*
Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. *Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)*
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. *Matthew 5:8 (NIV)*
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Luke 12:34 (NIV)*
Jesus said: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony and slander. These are what make a man unclean." *Matthew 15:19, 20a (NIV)*
That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. *Romans 10:10 (NIV)*



Vacation Bible School is over till next year, but another great opportunity to grow in your knowledge and experience of the Lord is just around the corner! While we are currently offering Adult Sunday school classes during the summer, **Zion will begin the Fall Sunday School Program each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. starting September 22nd. Classes are for ages 3 years through Adult.** Tioga Community Youth Group continues to meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Join us for our Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. We offer a blended style of worship with a mix of contemporary praise music and traditional hymns along with a focus on God's Word, the Bible. We are in the midst of a sermon series where each Sunday a sermon is preached on one book of the Bible, Genesis through Revelation. We are on the book of Ezekiel for Sunday, August 11th. If you have any questions about your faith, or would like a visit from Pastor Rich Carr, please give him a call at 701-641-1736.



Back to School Prayer



*We thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons, Lord,
The rainbow in each perfect row;
Thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper,
Awaiting fresh possibilities.
May they remind us that you make all things new and bless us with abundance.
Thank you for this ruler; for every eraser that tops every pencil.
May they help us remember to measure our blessings ,
But never your boundless love for us;
To allow for the making of mistakes as a normal part of human learning.
As we lay out our new clothes for these first days of school,
Help us remember to put on Christ each day, too,
And to "clothe the naked" as He asked us.
But mostly, God, help us remember
that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher—
That we never outgrow all his lessons on how you want us to live and to love.*

By HomeFaith editor Mary Lynn Hendrickson

What's the difference between...

REPUTATION & CHARACTER

Character is the one thing we make in this world we take with us into the next. The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.

Reputation is what you are supposed to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is the photograph; character is the face.

Reputation comes over one from without; character grows up from within.

Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime. Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character doesn't come to light for a year.

Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like the oak.

A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what angels say about you before the throne of God.

~ William Hersey Davis

Rewarding Moment

I had a very harsh moment with my daughter one morning. She was trembling as I dropped her off at the high school. This really bothered me, so I called the school and said, "I must see my daughter this noon." I met her with a smile, took her hand, and said, "Sheila, I certainly am not proud of the way I handled the situation. I don't think I acted like a Christian. There was no excuse for your behavior, but neither was there an excuse for mine. Let's go out and have lunch." I picked out a fine place. Before lunch was served, we held hands and had prayer. I asked God to forgive me and He did. I forgave myself, and my daughter forgave me. Sheila has told many people that she and I both felt this was one of the most rewarding moments in our lives.

~ Dr. Robert Schuller

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, My Savior
Has ransomed me*

*And like a flood
His mercy rains
Unending love
Amazing Grace*

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched!

August Facts

The 8th month the year brings us National Aviation Day, and the last full month of the Summer.

Below are some fun facts about August:

1. The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx.
2. The zodiac signs for August are Leo (July 23 - August 22) and Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
3. The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and the poppy.
4. On August 1, 1876, Colorado, also known as the Centennial State, became the 38th state of the United States.
5. On August 2, 1909, the Lincoln penny was issued.
6. On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage across the Atlantic.
7. During the Civil War on August 5, 1864, the Battle of Mobile Bay was won by the Union forces.
8. On August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle successfully swam the English Channel.
9. On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was used in warfare on Hiroshima, Japan.
10. On August 7, 1942, the U.S. troops landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands during World War II.
11. On August 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon resigned from office, making him the first United States president to ever resign from office.
12. On August 12, 1877, the phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison.
13. On August 12, 1898, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.
14. National Family Fun Month
15. National Peach Month
16. National Golf Month
17. National Picnic Month
18. Romance Awareness Month
19. Friendship Day - first Sunday of August
20. August 26 - Women's Equality Day

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Enduring Faith

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true,
I've seen them vanish at dawn,
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,
To make me to want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came
Though I waited patient and long,
But answers have come to enough of my prayers
To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend that failed,
And left me to weep alone,
But I've found enough of my friends true blue,
To make me keep trusting on.
I've sown many a seed that fell by the way
For the birds to feed upon,
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands
To make me keep sowing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain
And gone many days without song,
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life
To make me want to live on.

~ *Writer Unknown*

God's Promises

My Savior's grace is promised me,
His tender love and care,
His deep concern in every grief
Each burden He will share.

My Father's care is promised me,
His faithful, guiding hand
To lead me on and bear me up
To Heaven's golden strand.
My Father's wealth is promised me,
Supplying all my need;
He is a King, and I, His own,
Am rich, yes, rich indeed.

The Holy Spirit is promised me,
To in my heart abide,
To hold me steady, pray for me,
And keep me sanctified.

~ *George Talbert*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A HAPPY HOME

1. God first.
2. Join a church and worship regularly.
3. Have a blessing at meals and family worship.
4. Be loyal to your family always.
5. Don't air family differences to neighbors: tell God.
He understands.
6. Educate yourself to your job. Be the best father or mother possible.
7. Let your family know you love them.
8. Don't be afraid of sacrifice; there is joy in so doing.
9. Talk over all business together; understand one another.
10. Be ready to forgive and always close the days as friends.

Thanks and Gratitude

Be thankful if your job is a little harder than you like. A razor cannot be sharpened on a piece of velvet.

Be grateful for the doors of opportunity – and for friends who oil the hinges.

If you cannot be content with what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped.

If you can't think of anything to be thankful for, then you have a poor memory.

Don't forget in your thanks for gifts not to forget the Giver of all life.

IT IS NOT EASY

TO APOLOGIZE,
TO BEGIN OVER,
TO ADMIT ERROR,
TO BE UNSELFISH,
TO TAKE ADVICE,
TO BE CHARITABLE,
TO BE CONSIDERATE,
TO ENDURE SUCCESS,
TO KEEP ON TRYING,
TO FORGIVE AND FORGET
TO KEEP OUT OF THE RUT,
TO MAKE THE MOST OF A LITTLE,
TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD,
TO RECOGNIZE THE SILVER LINING,
TO SHOULDER A DESERVED BLAME.

BUT THEY ARE SAID TO BE THE BEST!!!

As the Day Ends

As the day ends and the sun goes down
And the sun sheds its last rays of light
I think to myself as I look around,
"Have I spent my day living right?"

As the day ends and the sun goes down
I thank the Lord for this day I have owned
And as the night steals in without a sound
I feel His presence and know I am not alone

As the day ends and the sun goes down
I count my many shares and blessings
And recall what's right can be found
In His wonderful teachings and lessons

~ *Ellen Bailey*

Riddles

What time of day was Adam created?
Just a little before Eve.

Who was the fastest runner in the race?
Adam. He was first in the human race.

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
Because Noah was always standing on the deck.



Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?
He only had two worms.

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?
Nope – just an apple.

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?
He just knew there was something fishy about it.

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
Absolutely ruthless.

Did the good Lord create anything without a purpose?
No – mosquitoes come close, though.

What excuse did Adam give his children about why he no longer lived in Eden?
Your mother ate us out of house and home!

Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.



Who was the first tennis player in the Bible?
Joseph because he served in Pharaoh's court.

Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?
David – he rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

How do groups of angels greet each other?
Halo, halo, halo!

Some final thoughts

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember: Moses started out as a basket case.

We don't change the message; the message changes us.

Prayer is more powerful than any level of education, wealth or status.

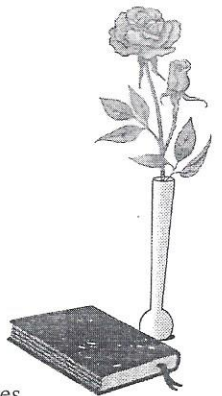
Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

There is a corner somewhere that I alone can fill,
If I should fail to take my place, no other ever will.
It's all a part of His great plan that each a worker be,
And somewhere in His vineyard wide, my Lord needs me!

Ignorance is Bliss

It was not fine, my childhood home;
We had no car or telephone.
The light was shed from coal-oil lamps;
We never heard of watts or amps.
A hard-coal burner gave us heat.
Our home was small but very neat.
It had a heap of love and cheer;
Also a "chick sales" in the rear.
Electric blankets were unknown,
And mothers "comforts" were hand sewn.
We had no washer-dryer fine;
We rubbed and hung out on a line.
We never saw a TV show;
There was no such thing as radio.
Our luxuries were few indeed;
Yet, somehow, we filled every need.
A happier home you'd never find.
But now a thought just crossed my mind;
How did we manage to exist?
Think of the handouts that we missed;
We had no food stamps - yet we ate;
There never was an empty plate.
No welfare checks were then doled out;
We paid our way or did without.
And we lived happily as can be
In what is now called poverty.
We were content, you may be sure,
And never knew that we were poor!

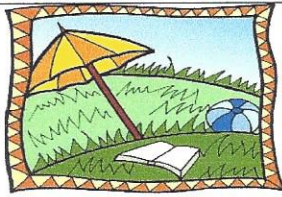
~ *Writer Unknown*



HIS CONCERN

The Lord, in His wisdom, only gives
One day at a time, for us to live.
One page, at a time, for us to read
In the Book of Life, leaf after leaf.
But what does He hear?
Only complaints, born out of fear
Because humans are always afraid
Of whatever unknown follows this day.
Wanting to be in control of their lives
But stirring up so much more trouble and strife.
"Trust" is the word that I need to learn
When God makes my worry His concern.





Barbara Brown



AUGUST



AUGUST 2019 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Earl & Susan Syverson Rodger Auen Regina Lalim	2 Alysa Christofferson Sarah Remington	3 Bob & Sue Odegaard Neal & Elaine Nelson Skyler Weisz
4 Brodie & Bridgette Odegaard	5 James Dobrovlny Kristi Knudson Kathy Meland Sandra Nelson Shawn Postovit Jacob & Naomi Smithberg Pete & Jen Wonser	6 Thor & Eileen Strand Danny Houim Jasmine Houim	7 Joel & Kim Landsverk	8 Jesse Thull Derek Blestrud	9 Madelyn Carr Ardella Kerbaugh	10 Mitchell Jorstad
11 Wilmer & Mary Ellen Roloff Rick & Annette Haakenson	12 Lyle Braun Jody & Amy Schroeder	13 Briana Wonser	14 Alan & Sally Iverson David Lalim Donna Haustveit	15 Suzi Anderson Richard Hurley	16 Stacey Sundhagen Sue Odegaard Stephanie Sabinash	17 Linda Aisenbrey Pat Sillerud Paul Eraas
18 Nikki Davidson D'Wayne Johnston		20 Arnold Postovit	21 Georgia Blestrud	22 Evelyn Copes	23 Colton Moore Mark Schmidt Jay & Susan Wolla Tim & Brandy Coughlin	24 
25 Larry Lambert	26	27 Llew & Joyce Pederson	28 Chance Holt Scott Davis Meghan Olson	29 	30 Jared Moberg Gavin Davidson	31 Dantae Knudson Randy & Karen Pederson



AUGUST ZION 2019 ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Nothing is opened more by mistake than the mouth."</i></p>		<p>VBS July 29 thru August 2th</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>VBS Program 12 noon</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <i>Mission Offering Sunday</i> 9 am Family Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 2 pm Ministerial Picnic in the Park All invited!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Zion WMF Circles Meet: Circle 1-9:30 am Circle 3 - 7 pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9-10 a.m. 130th Anniversary Celebration at Beaver Creek</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9 am Family Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm Deacon/Deaconess Meeting 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting 8 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Zion WMF Circle 2 will meet today at 2 p.m. at TMC-LTC-Apt. Dining Room</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <i>Building Project Sunday Offering</i></p> <p>9 am Family Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tioga School Starts!</p> <p>Back To School!</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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RADIO MINISTRY

Anyone who would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast or contribute to the radio fund in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, thank you! The radio broadcast is \$100 per Sunday. Our radio broadcast can be heard on Sundays at noon on AM Radio Station KTGO 1090.



AUGUST - Watch the Sunday bulletin for upcoming August activities!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday School starts September 22nd at 9 a.m., ages 3 years thru adult.



WMF District Fall Rally – Saturday, October 12th at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, Ray, ND – 9:30 a.m. Theme: “Thinking Globally, Working Locally”

USHERS THIS MONTH

AUGUST HEAD USHER: Craig Postovit

~Special Offering Baskets~

FIRST SUNDAY of each month is Mission Sunday.
THIRD SUNDAY of each month is New Building Project. We will have a basket in the back of the church on these two Sundays for special offering.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our Newsletter and you would like to be included, please call the church office

~CLOTHES CLOSET~

SUMMER HOURS TO SHOP ARE:
MONDAY 2 - 7 P.M.

IF YOU HAVE NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE (PREFERABLY THAT GO WITH THE SEASON WE ARE IN) PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU! VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!



~New Building Update~



We are getting closer! Much progress has been made on the new church building, thanks to an ambitious sheet-rocking crew from Crosby. The look inside the building is totally different from when we had our Open House on Sunday June 2nd! We would love to give a tour to anyone who would like to see the progress on the new building! We praise God for the work that has been done so far. Thank you to everyone who gives of their time, talents, and gifts to the building project.

“Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.” Psalm 65:1-4

