ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AS WE GATHER: "What does this mean?" This question might sound familiar to anyone who has spent time studying Luther's Small Catechism. As the catechism covers each of the Six Chief Parts, the question is asked again and again: "What does this mean?" And then explanation follows. This same question was asked by many in the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2. As the people hear and see these miraculous events, they are amazed and perplexed, asking one another, "What does this mean?" In the verses that follow, Peter gives explanation from the Old Testament. He proclaims that God has fulfilled His promise to "pour out His Spirit on all flesh." The gift of the Holy Spirit has been given for all nations. As you celebrate the Day of Pentecost today, reflect on these events by asking yourself, "What does this mean—for me?"

THE LEAD ELDER TODAY is Shannon

Johnson Please contact him if you have any questions about Zion Lutheran and he will be glad to help you out. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 127:3.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today to go over the results of the Self-Survey that was filled out as part of the call process. The meeting will be in the Atrium between services.

THE NEW PORTALS of PRAYER for July - Sentember are available this morning

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WALK HOME FROM JERUSALEM

UPDATE We have made it home! Thanks to everyone who submitted miles. We have walked 12,854 miles as a congregation to get to Jerusalem by Good Friday and then return home.

COME CELEBRATE Emily Lafrentz's retirement from teaching on Sunday, June 22 starting at 4:00. It will be held "in the garage" at 5620 S Megan Avenue. Lots of food, fun, and fellowship. BYOL (lawn chair) and stay as long as you want. No gifts, please.

THE LWML has boxed and individual cards for sale in the Atrium, including for Father's Day. The payment box is on the wall next to the card rack.

THE FLOWERS on the Altar this morning are given by Randy and Lori Brunick in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary they are celebrating today. We congratulate Randy and Lori on their special day and thank them for providing the flowers for our services today.

BEING BAPTIZED during our 8:00 service today is Hazel Stevie, infant daughter of Barrett and Megan Herrig. We pray God's blessings upon Hazel and her family.

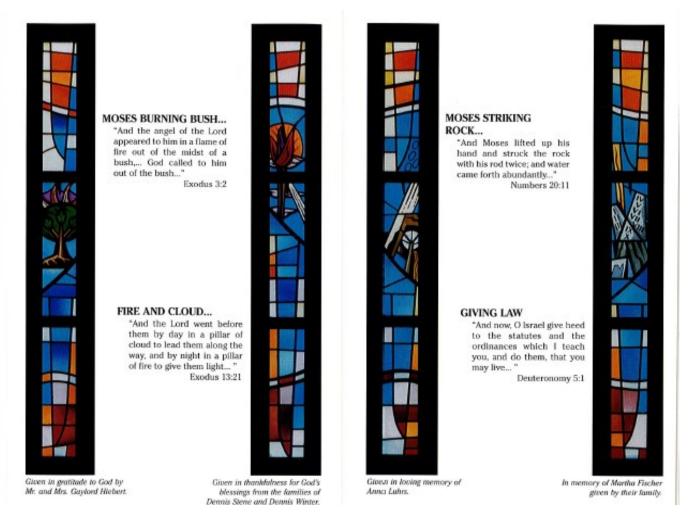
BEING BAPTIZED during our 10:30 service today is Caleb Daniel, infant son of Daniel and Caitlyn Pinn. We pray God's blessings upon Daniel and his family.

DONATE DIAPERS The Ruth Guild is collecting diapers through Father's Day. Our total so far is **3,772** diapers. This year all the donations are going to The Teddy Bear Den. There will be a Tea Party/Baby Shower to wrap up the Diaper Derby on June 21st at 11am. A representative from The Teddy Bear Den will be the guest speaker.

<u>MEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY</u> is every Tuesday at noon in the conference room. The men are studying the "Timeline of Jesus' Ministry."

<u>PACK YOUR BACKPACK</u> and get ready for camp! Camp Minneboji runs from June 15-June 21st. Zion is sending 13 campers and 14 adults to the shores of beautiful Lake Okoboji.

<u>YOU SEE THEM EVERY SUNDAY</u> but how closely do you really look at Zion's stained glass windows? This summer we will be taking a closer look at the panels. We start on the North side of the Sanctuary with the Old Testament.



Window #5—Moses Burning Bush God's children were led to Egypt to survive famine. While there, they became captives. God called Moses in a burning bush to lead his people to the promised land of Canaan. Moses never got to the promised land because of his disobedience to God, but was a mighty figure in leading God's people out of bondage.

Window #6—Fire and Cloud God took care of His people in the desert for 40 years as they were waiting to enter Canaan. He led them by day with a cloud protecting them and at night with a pillar of fire.

Window #7—Moses Striking A Rock Often, the children of Israel wished they could return to Egypt. They felt they were going to starve in the desert. God said He would cause food to rain down from heaven, thus they had manna and quail to eat. Yet they had no water to drink. "Give us water," they demanded. God told Moses to strike a rock with a staff and water came out for the people to drink.

Window #8—Giving the Law Moses was also called to ascend Mt. Sinai to receive God's Ten Commandments. There He made a promise to be their God, and the Commandments were intended to show us how to live as God's children. The Ten Commandments still stand today. Christ tells us that He came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. Thus, Christ fulfilled the Law for all mankind. God's perfect Command was met, as Christ kept the Law and died to pay for the sins of all of us.