



The Messenger

Newsletter of St. Jacobi and Zion

Lent/Easter

March/April 2010

Truth and Love

Our theme for our midweek Lenten ~~MEMORIALS~~

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ultimate truth, the ultimate love: the love of God for sinners, for you and me.

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unity. That involved working with their called workers, supporting and encouraging each other, growing in the ~~MEMORIALS~~

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around by every wild idea and false teaching that comes our way. ~~MEMORIALS~~ ~~MEMORIALS~~ speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part ~~MEMORIALS~~

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compromised to try to satiate the ~~MEMORIALS~~

Neither situation will work out well at all. In fact, both will completely defeat the purpose God has given to us. In the former, the person will probably never listen to what we have to say; in the latter, we will have distorted ~~MEMORIALS~~

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-given power.

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, not ours. And we never have

any doubt about the love God has for us, because we are certain in our salvation, certain in the forgiveness God has freely given to us, certain in Christ crucified for us.

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God-forsaken man nailed to a cross. But it also proclaims the glorious truth that God took care of the problem ~~MEMORIALS~~

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~~MEMORIALS~~ umph for us.

May God give us all the strength to preach Christ Crucified, the glorious truth, with the love that he has shown ~~MEMORIALS~~

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your own. And we all enjoy his undeserved love for us, his grace, shown to us so very clearly during this Lenten season and in the days and years to come.

Pastor Shrimpton

1st Annual Parish Chili Cook-off a Spicy Success

The first annual parish chili cook-off, held in the gym at Zion last Sunday evening, was a tremendous success. 13 submissions were evaluated by the budding epicureans of our Young People. Up to ten points could be earned in each of five categories:

- 🌶️ Appearance
- 🌶️ Flavor/Spiciness
- 🌶️ Ingredient balance
- 🌶️ Originality
- 🌶️ Is It Rick's?

Due to the tremendous participation, fifth through second place chilis were recognized before the awarding of the Golden Spoon trophy. The runners-up were:

- 🏆 Fifth place – Sheila Frey
- 🏆 Fourth Place – Stuart and Tiffany Schlomer
- 🏆 Third Place – Mary Gonzales and Colleen Schlomer
- 🏆 Second Place – Quintin and Raquel Schlomer

Top honors went to Annette Filler and her high-scoring creation. She has generously agreed to share her recipe with us. While the judges evaluated her chili to be the best, all of the chilis submitted were delicious. The real winners of the evening were the crowd who came to support our Young People and feasted on chili and all the fixin's provided.

A big thank-you to our Young People for organizing and hosting the event. Thank you to those who brought chili, toppings, sides, and desserts, and to everyone who came to support our Young People and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. Keep working on your chili recipes, and prepare for a rematch next winter!



Annette's Golden Spoon-Winning Chili

2 lbs. Hamburger
 1 small onion
 1 small green pepper
 46 oz. Tomato juice
 2-30 oz. Cans chili beans
 14.5 oz. Can of diced tomatoes
 10 oz. Can of Rotelle diced
 tomatoes with green chilies
 2 packages of McCormick original
 chili seasoning

Brown the hamburger with the onion and green pepper. Drain the grease. Combine all of the ingredients in a large pot and bring to a boil. Cover and turn stove down to a simmer. The longer it simmers the better it gets.

Younger Elder report

Greetings Members:

Just a few items to report on from the Elders and Pastors. With the icy roads and snowfall in January, we made our monthly visits to some of our older members.

We continue to encourage those members we have not seen in church recently to join us again for encouragement and spiritual growth.

As we are now into the Lenten season it also means that Confirmation classes are winding down. We have invited our upcoming Confirmands to consider joining the Young Peoples' Usher group.

That's the highlights from the Elders. Please keep the above mentioned in your prayers that the Lord would guide their decisions.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Tom Fried

CW Supplements Purchased

Both Zion and St. Jacobi have recently purchased new editions of *Christian Worship: Supplement* for congregational use, made possible through gifts to both churches.

In the foreward, the goal of the Supplement is stated as “build[ing] on the theology, resources, and practice of our history.” It offers additional orders of service and two alternate beginnings, Gathering Rites on Baptism and on the Word, which we have already used. Additional Psalms are included, as well as 88 hymns, building on the variety of styles in our *Christian Worship* hymnal. Some of the tunes are familiar, and those that are less so will be introduced in ways to help our people learn them. Most of all, the Supplement hymns build on the rich doctrinal content of our hymnal. Even if music isn’t your strength, reading the hymn verses will remind you of the truths of God’s word.

The choir at Zion has introduced some hymns from the Supplement, most recently “Draw Near” on Ash Wednesday. There are opportunities for choir and congregational singing as well as the use of organ, piano, and other instruments which can enhance our worship.

The Supplement is not intended to replace our hymnal, but to enhance our worship. Listen to the Psalms, hymns, and orders of service, and see if you don’t find something to appreciate in them!

Member Profiles

We continue our series of member profiles by the Young People of our parish. If you are contacted by one of our Young People, please take a few minutes to chat with them. They’re excited to learn a little bit about you!

Gwen Ringler is a member at Zion. She moved to Mobridge a year and a half ago to live with her daughter Cindy and great-granddaughter Sam Mabrey. Before she moved to Mobridge she lived a number of different places – Canada, California,

Miami, and many other places in the U.S. We are very happy that she lives here now!

Gwen has four sisters and one brother. In her free time she enjoys walking, reading, and crocheting, and her favorite book of the Bible is Romans.

– interviewed by Erin Rabenberg

Carol Bockman is a member at Zion. She and her husband Harold ranched near Faith for many years before moving to Mobridge 11 years ago.

Carol grew up in a family of seven children, and three of her siblings are still living. She and Harold have three children (two daughters and one son), several grandchildren, and will soon have eleven great-grandchildren!

In her free time Carol likes to garden. She is looking forward to warmer weather to get seeds and plants in the ground. She also used to oil paint.

Carol says that her favorite sections of the Bible are Psalms 46 & 130.

– interviewed by Erin Rabenberg

Classroom Update: Mrs. Altman’s Preschool

Since we daily discuss Jesus’ love for all people, February provided many opportunities to show our love for others. We enjoyed many heart-related activities and projects.

We have worked our way from the shepherds to the letter “S” and counting to 30, while also honing our observation skills to better learn about God’s beautiful world.

We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to the pet store.

– Mrs. Altman

Classroom Update: Mrs. Schlomer's Classroom

One of my favorite skills to watch develop in my classroom is how confident little children can become in their prayer lives. You might be surprised by what kindergarteners and third graders pray about here at Zion. My students take turns daily saying the closing prayer at the end of our school day. We have made a mobile listing the people for whom we want to pray. Here is a sample of our prayers:

- 🕊 Please send enough food to feed the people of Malawi
- 🕊 Please help Joey's broken leg heal
- 🕊 Please protect our teachers in China
- 🕊 Help President Obama be a good leader
- 🕊 Please help the people in Haiti get better
- 🕊 Help us work on our Rockets (math drill)
- 🕊 Please watch over Terri as she works as a nurse in Malawi
- 🕊 Help Mr. Jensen be a good mayor for Mobridge
- 🕊 Help the people of Pakistan learn more about you
- 🕊 Please watch over the Zimmer family while they are in Indonesia
- 🕊 Help Mrs. Schlomer get all of her correcting done
- 🕊 Please help Mr. Bockman get better
- 🕊 We pray that God blesses our school with more students

On behalf of my students, I ask you to keep our school in your prayers!

– Mrs. Schlomer

Classroom Update: Mrs. Naumann's Classroom

In our classroom of grades 5-8 it is very busy. Every afternoon a few people leave for band or chorus at the Mobridge-Pollock Middle School so we have to fit in our classes before they leave.

At recess we are all having fun playing in the snow. Right now we are all missing Mr. Frey, our computer teacher, and are anxious for him to return.

We welcomed two new students to our room. MaKayla Hardcastle is a 7th grader and Ashleigh Matson is our only 6th grader. That makes a total of eight students in our room

– Ellie Rabenberg

Moms' Group

Our Mom's Group continues to meet at Zion. We regularly meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:15 in the fellowship room for a Jesus story, art project, snack, and lots of free time. The moms enjoy plenty of social time as well! We usually meet for about an hour and a half, or until the kids are ready to go home.

During the colder months we also have a gym day for about an hour, typically on the third Tuesday of the month in the gym at Zion. It's a good opportunity for everyone to run off a little energy! We'll hope to switch to a park day as the weather warms up.

We're always happy to have new faces, and kids from birth to school age are welcome. If you or anyone you know is interested, we'd love to have you join us! You can also call Melissa Berg at 649-7792 or Karen Shrimpton at 845-2038 for more information.

Our schedule for the remainder of the school year looks like this:

Tuesday, March 2 – Moms' Group at Zion, 10:15am
Tuesday, March 16 – Gym Day at Zion, 11:00am

Tuesday, April 6 – Moms' Group at Zion, 10:15am
Tuesday, April 20 – Park Day

Tuesday, May 4 – Moms' Group at Zion, 10:15am
Tuesday, May 18 – Park Day

Newsletter Submissions

Items may be submitted for consideration for inclusion in the May/June newsletter. We welcome **any** news items of interest to members of our parish. Items can be dropped off in the church office, or may be emailed to kjshrimpt@gmail.com. **The submission deadline for all newsletter content is Tuesday, April 20.**



March Birthdays

3	Lindsay Kramer	15	Vanessa Starks
	Lyle Larson	17	Ione Allerdings
6	Paul Arndt		Sharon Cripe
	Ralph Rabenberg		Pat Prusha
7	Brittany Schlomer	20	Lyle Walth
8	Anette Hollenbeck	21	Curtis Reichert
9	Steve Landis	27	Jeri Fiedler
10	Hulda Badure		Tara Kramer
	Brandon Carlson		Aaron Sackreiter
	Hilda Landis		Marlys Starks
13	Peggy Jackson	28	Vivian Neumiller
	Virgil Lenling		

April Birthdays

1	Charlotte Walth	22	Alice Maas
3	Brooke Frey	23	Alpha Liedle
4	Karen Godkin	24	Skyler Bieber
11	Maria Schlomer	25	Kayliena Budeau
	Victor Walth		Morgan Ducheneaux
13	Kelli Landis	26	Memorie Carlson
17	Derek Gosch		Debra Hafey
18	Larry Hieb		Dwane Moser
20	Alexis Frey	30	Janice Thies
	Garret Pfitzer		
	Tom Volk		

March Ushers

St. Jacobi – Marvin Schlomer, Jonathan Schlomer

Zion – Tom Fried, Roger Frey, Glen Landis, Alan Landis, Ron Pourier, Jason Rabenberg, Helmuth Eisenbeisz, Tom Volk

March Cleaners

Zion – Alan Landis, Nard and Chas Spiry, Alice Maas, Dennis Naasz, Twyla Pfitzer, Mark Landis, Steve Landis, Mitch and Sheila Struxness

April Ushers

St. Jacobi – Mike Schlomer, Everett Fowler

Zion – Marion Schlomer, Lyle Walth, Ralph Rabenberg, Ron Landis, Jeff Frey, Ron Hepper, Evan Salverson, Tim Pfitzer, Bob Ernst

April Cleaners

Zion – Glen and Rhonda Landis, Ron and Mary Lou Landis, Lyle and Jennifer Larson, Debra Hafey, Karen Godkin, Peggy Jackson, Pat and Dawn Prusha