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Zion, Borgund and MN Valley

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

March 2023

Zion President:

Ritchie Voorhees

Vice-President:

Matt Tollefson

Secretary:

Tim Ehrenberg

Treasurer:

Leslie Ehrenberg

Council Members:

Dan Smith, Lisa Johnson, Kenzie Givold, Kathy Tweten, Tim Beyer

Borgund President:

Ron Sigdahl

Vice President:

Dane Prestholdt

Secretary:

Marcia Kells

Treasurer:

Tamie & Brian Bremseth

Worship/Property Director:

Pat Redepenning

Education & Activity Director:

Dorothy Anderson

Minnesota Valley President:

Dale Lien

Vice President:

Kami Schoenfeld

Secretary:

Dawn Olson

Financial Secretary:

Scott Omland

Treasurer:

Karin Moen

Education & Activity Director:

Amanda Lowry

All Are Welcome!

10:30am Borgund, 8:30am MN Valley, and 10:30am Zion

Access: www.appletonzion.com for blogs, newsletters, and to download weekly bulletins & announcements. (Under the "Join Us" tab)

Zion Broadcasts:

KQLP 92.1FM Radio: 1:00 pm Sunday's

Channel 8: 3:00 pm Sunday's

YouTube: Zion Lutheran Appleton

Borgund, MN Valley Broadcasts:

Madison Radio 92.1: 7pm Sunday's

MN Valley Lutheran YouTube site: MN Valley

Lutheran Church

Media Com: 2pm Sunday's Channel 8

*Give Thanks for All
God's Wonderful Blessings!!*

Grace and peace to you from our triune God! I am excited to have been called as your new pastor here at Borgund, Minnesota Valley and Zion. I'm happy to return to southwestern Minnesota, my home synod, and an area I've lived in before. Born and raised in Edmonton, Canada, where I still have family, I moved to the United States in order to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. Later I spent a year as faculty at the University of Minnesota—Morris before accepting faculty positions in the Massachusetts state college system and later in Marshall at what is now Southwest Minnesota State University. I began the candidacy process for ordained ministry in the Southwestern Minnesota synod when I was a member of Sillerud Lutheran Church in northern Murray County. I attended seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. I served my internship at a detached parish in western North Carolina. My first call was to a three point parish in the Western North Dakota synod.

I am very much looking forward to beginning my call here. Throughout the call process that brought me here, I had a sense of being Spirit-led. I trust that "the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). I am grateful that Vicar Sara will be my partner in ministry for the next several months. I'm also thankful to begin ministry with you at the time the Tri-Church agreement has formally become permanent. I am very thankful for the help and hospitality I've experienced in moving to and starting to get settled in Appleton. I look forward to getting to know you and the community, and exploring together the possibilities for ministry and mission God has in mind for us here and now, and going forward. God bless and guide our ministry together.

In Christ, Pastor Linda



When I agreed to be Zion's Treasurer I would have never thought it would be for this long. It was a big commitment and I put my all into it. I enjoyed the work so one year led to another and before I knew it, 30 years had passed. We have had some tough times over the years at Zion but we always pulled through. Thank you to all Zion members that have placed their trust in me. Special thanks to Office Managers, Pati, Sarah and Demi for all the help, Larry and Diane for the friendship and to all the Pastors and Council members that I have worked with, thank you all so much! Cheryl Strand and I will continue to count and deposit the offering and maintain the giving records. Leslie Ehrenberg has agreed to handle all the other duties. She will do a great Job! Please give her the same respect that has been shown to me. Thanks also to my family for all the support over the years. From the bottom of my heart, thank you and God's Blessings to All!

-Brenda Oyen



Special Upcoming Dates:

Wed. March 1st: 7pm Tri-Church Lenten service @ Borgund Lutheran

Wed. March 8th: 9am Zion Quilting/ NO ZLCW / 7pm Tri-Church Lenten Service @ MN Valley Lutheran

Sun. March 12th: **10:30am Tri-Church Service @ Zion and the Installation of Pastor Linda Wimmer/POTLUCK DINNER TO FOLLOW!!**

Wed. March 15th: 1pm Zion Prayer Shawl mtg./7pm Tri-Church Lenten Service @ Zion/ Tri-Church Council mtg. @ Zion

Sunday, March 19th: 5pm Agape Singers @ Zion

Wed. March 22nd: 7pm Tri-Church Lenten Service @ Borgund Lutheran

Mon. March 27th: 8pm Confirmation Parent Zoom mtg.

Wed. March 29th: 7pm Tri-Church Lenten Service @ MN Valley Lutheran

- 1 Lent – Faithfulness
- 2 Lent – Mercy
- 3 Lent – Compassion
- 4 Lent – Forgiveness

Borgund March Ushers & Communion Servers

+ + Dane & Heidi Prestholdt
+ + Charlie Prestholdt

March Zion Altar Guild

Flower Committee

-Cheryl Schmidt

Communion Committee

-April Ehrenberg

Parament Committee

-Kathy Skjei

HOURS

Working from Home:

Monday & Tuesday 1pm-4pm

Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday CLOSED

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In Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 8am-12pm

Wednesday's 8am – 4pm

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FOOD SELF HOURS:

Closed Monday

Closed Tuesday

Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Closed Thursday & Friday

Zion Lectors, Ushers, Video Taping & Communion March Schedule

March Ushers: Dan & Kristin Smith

Lector - Communion - Video

- 5th: Matt T. – Tim Beyer – Scott Mithun
- 12th: Laura P. – Steve Schirm – Tim E.
- 19th: Kevin S. – Al Oyen – Scott Mithun
- 26th: Dan Arnold – **Need Filled** – Tim E.

MN Valley March Schedule

Greeters – Communion – Lector - Acolytes

- 5th: Jon & LuAnn H. – Don T. – Kelly L. – Rory
- 12th: Mark & Kelly J. – Jason L. – Mark J. – Colton
- 19th: Dale Lien – Glad H. – P & A Lowry – Brantley
- 26th: Jason & Kelly L. – Don T. – Jo N. – Taylynn

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Schedule: Food & Fellowship, 7pm Service, Tri-church choir practice.

February 22- Ash Wednesday online video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBTv5ynD24s>

March 1- Lent 1- Borgund Lutheran- The Prodigal Son (Jake Sieg)-Food & Fellowship after service

March 8- Lent 2- MN Valley Lutheran- The Elder Son (Gabe Lowry)-6pm Soup Supper

March 15- Lent 3- Zion Lutheran- The Father (Andrew Schmidt)-6:30pm meal

March 22- Lent 4- Borgund Lutheran- The Mother (Tami Bremseth)-Food & Fellowship after service

March 29- Lent 5- MN Valley Lutheran- The Servant (Scott Omland)-6pm Soup Supper

April 6- Maundy Thursday- Zion Lutheran- Tri-church Choir will perform. - 6:30pm meal

April 7- Good Friday- Borgund Lutheran

April 8- Easter Vigil- MN Valley Lutheran

April 9- Easter- 6:30am Zion Lutheran

8:30am MN Valley Lutheran

10:30am Borgund Lutheran

10:30am Zion Lutheran (9:30am light breakfast)



LENT

MN Valley Directions

Take 119 South, turn right on 34 (Louisburg Hwy) Go 3 miles and turn left on 67.

Borgund Directions

119 South for 9 miles, Continue onto MN 40W for 2.9 miles.

Turn right onto 260th St. 1.5 miles.

Agape Singers!!

Join us at Zion Lutheran Church Sunday, March 19th at 5pm.



A Special Thank you to Brenda Oyen for the many years of dedication to the Treasurer position at Zion Lutheran. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for our church.

Swift County Fair: August 17th thru August 20th. If you love all the great food at the Church Fair Stand, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to keep it going. Watch for future information in Newsletters and Bulletins.

MN Valley will be having their **Klub Supper** on March 26th. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins!!



Installation of Pastor Linda Wimmer

Sunday, March 12th at 10:30am we will be having a Tri-Church Service at Zion Lutheran for the Installation of Pastor Linda Wimmer.

We will be having a **POTLUCK** dinner to follow. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

ZION QUILTING, ZLCW AND PRAYER SHAWL

Zion Quilting will be at 9am Wednesday, March 8th with a ZLCW light noon lunch to follow. Zion Prayer Shawl will be gathering at Zion on Wednesday, March 15th at 1pm.



A special thank you for all those that have been working SO hard to remove the significant snow this year! For Borgund that is Dane Prestholdt, Ron Sigdahl and Bruce Vaala. For MN Valley that is Jason Lund, Stan Bjorgan, and Paul Baldwin. For Zion it is Tygan Allpress and Zak Graves.

Without their dedication we could not gather! Members let them know you appreciate them.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

All of the family of believers at Zion's Lutheran Congregation wish to congratulate all those who have birthdays and anniversaries this month. Remember them in prayer on their special day.

March

ZION (birthdays)

Ashlynn Wolle	1
Marrin Wolle	1
Briggs Perry	2
Roney Espinoza	4
Deb Henneberg	6
Alaysia Freetly	7
Kristin Smith	9
Laura Perry	10
Tammie Borstad	11
Eean Allpress	13
Sidney Gerdes	13
Shane Kack	13
Cael Benson	15
Laura Thomson	15
Sue VanderVelde	16
Austin Domeier	20
Pat Swenson	20
Selena Morales	21
Shelby Arnold	24

Al Johnson	25
Riggs Smith	25
Leah Brustuen	26
R.J. Koosmann	26
April Ehrenberg	26
Dave Fust	27
Michael Stock	27
Kendall Wolle	27
Dennis Beyer	7
Dean Beyer	14
Paul Beyer	15
Oaklee Gisvold	15
Travis Beyer	22
Doris Beyer	26
Joshua Lee Arnold	27
Shelby Beyer	29

ZION (anniversaries)


Ron & Marie Ronning	15
Tabor & Kathy Hoppe	16
Larry & Diane Kepner	18



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Joy A new year of God's Grace*

March 2023 Borgund, MN Valley & Zion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Announcements Due by 8am every Wednesday morning</p>	<p>In Office Monday & Tuesday's 8am-12pm, work from home 1pm-4pm Wednesdays: 8a-4pm</p>	<p>Thursdays: work from home 8a-4pm</p>	<p>1 *Confirmation 3:15p-4:55pm 7pm Lenten Service @ Borgund/ Meal after</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 2 Lent 8:30am MN Valley 10:30am Borgund 10:30am Zion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9am Quilting/NO ZLCW *Confirmation 6:0pm Soup/7pm Lenten Service @ MN Valley</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 3 Lent 10:30am Tri-Church Service/Installation of Pastor Linda Wimmer POTLUCK DINNER TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Restorative Justice Mtg</p>	<p>15 1pm Prayer Shawl *Confirmation 6:30pm meal/ 7pm Lenten Service @ Zion Tri-Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 4 Lent 8:30am MN Valley 10:30am Borgund 10:30am Zion 5pm Agape Singers @ Zion</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Newsletter Info. Due 12pm</p>	<p>22 *Confirmation 7pm Lenten Service @ Borgund/Meal after</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 5 Lent 8:30am MN Valley 10:30am Borgund 10:30am Zion</p>	<p>27 8pm Confirmation Parent Zoom Mtg.</p>	<p>28 Restorative Justice Mtg</p>	<p>29 *Confirmation 6:00pm Soup/ 7pm Lenten Service @ MN Valley</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

MN Valley WELCA Birthdays



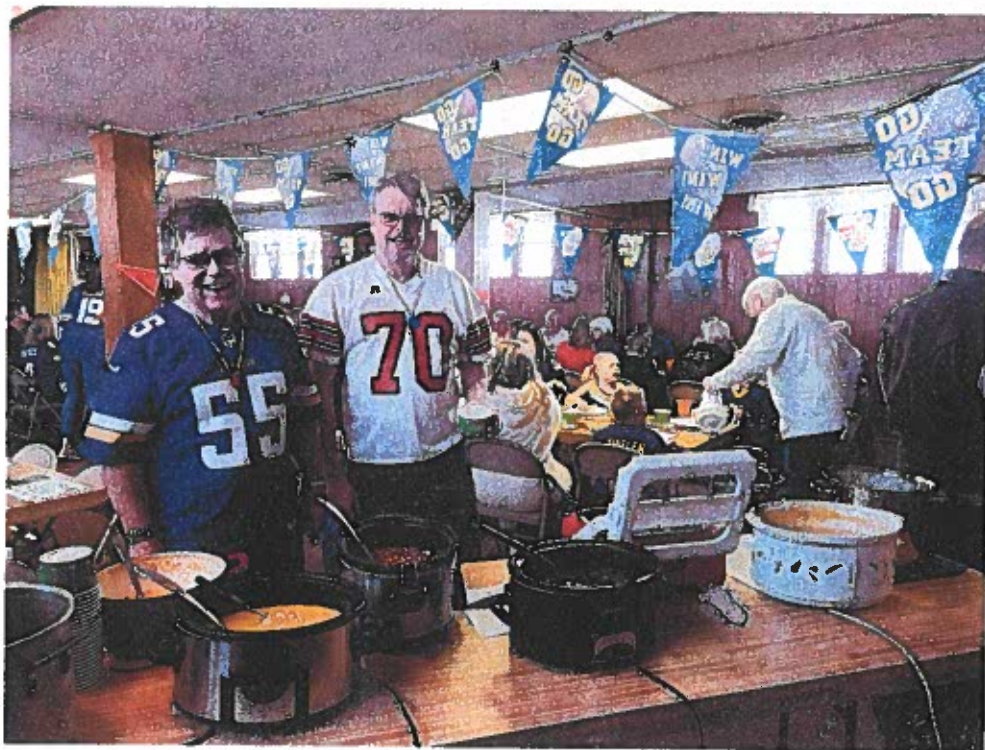
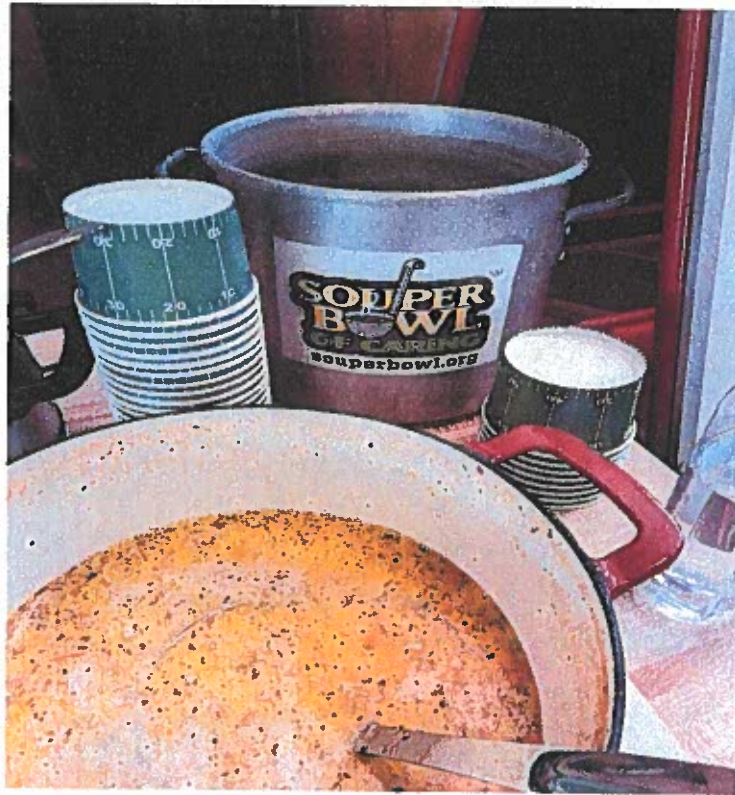
Danica Tweet	20
Tina Baldwin	25

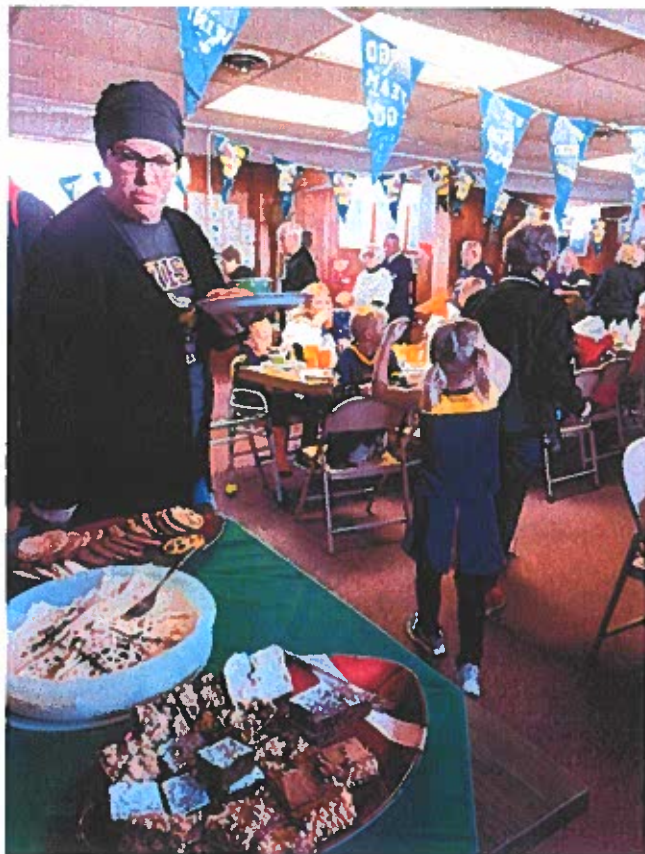


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Souper Bowl 2023





Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church

11:30am, February 26, 2023

Members Present: Ritchie Voorhees, Matt Tollefson, Dan Smith, Brenda Oyen, Kathy Tweten, Tim Beyer, Lisa Johson, Leslie Ehrenberg, Tim Ehrenberg

Devotions:

Vicar's Report:

- Back to classes- final semester- 5 courses- Listening, Reading and Leading, Preaching Matthew, Apocalyptic Imagination, & International Biblical Hermeneutics- Graduation May 14, 2023
- All First Call paperwork completed- Met with Bishop to discuss future plans- I will stay with Tri-church through June of 2023.
- Many pastoral visits- many people ill and struggling with life situations
- Much work and preplanning for Lenten series, worship schedule, confirmation, and Tri-church events.
- Updating membership lists and correcting annual reports and submitting congregational information to the synod
- Preparing information for and meeting with Pastor Linda
- Led Worship meetings, Confirmation gatherings, and Parent meetings
- MN Valley quilting
- Madison Health Care Service annual meeting
- Prepared and uploaded Ash Wed service
- Communicated with Presidents to help set agendas, deal with issues, and arrange for weather-related changes.
- Oversight of secretaries' work

Pastor's Report:

- Working on phone and internet services. Currently has AT&T for cell phone which doesn't have good service here. Mediacom contract was bought out at the Parrish so no phone/internet/TV.
- Office computer has needed a lot of updates.
- Looking at Mondays as weekly day off as Vicar Sara is away at the end of the week.
- Continuing education—Would like to attend the Festival of Homeletics May 15-18 in Minneapolis
- Family vacation planned for June 27th-July 4th.

Joint Council Issues:

- Wanting to get back to Easter sunrise service and breakfast at Zion. Will discuss worship times at the next Tri Church meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

- MSP to approve (Tim B./Matt)

Secretary Report:

- MSP to approve (Tim B./Matt)

Treasurer Report/Approval:

- MSP to approve (Tim B./Lisa)

WECLA Update:

- No Report

Old Business:

- Addendum to Annual report – to include missing and corrected information.

New Business:

- Agape Singers at Zion March 19th at 5pm
- Discussion about updating membership list for the congregation, had been done last year.
- Election of Officers
 - President: Ritchie Voorhees
 - Vice President: Matt Tollefson
 - Treasurer: Leslie Ehrenberg
 - Secretary: Tim Ehrenberg

President's Report:

- No Report

Committee Reports:

- Youth Ministries
- Evangelism
 - Food Shelf
 - Prayer Shawl
 - Quilting
 - IT
 - Property Use Stewardship
- Music & Worship
- Property & Finance

Adjournment:

- MSP (Dan/Matt)

Zion Lutheran Church - January 31, 2023

CURRENT FUND

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,945.25
Envelope Offering	\$8,737.61
ZLCW Donation	\$2,000.00
MN Valley Lutheran	\$2,809.24
Borgund Lutheran	\$1,858.08
Loose Offering	\$104.00
Bulletin Sponsor	\$40.00
Initial Envelope Offering	\$45.00
NOW Interest	<u>\$1.82</u>

Total Receipts..... \$18,541.00

Disbursements:

Salaries and Allowances	\$8,104.03
Utilities	\$2,662.16
Parsonage Utilities	\$288.44
Office Supplies	\$731.37
Worship Supplies	\$308.19
Grinnell Mutual (Work Comp)	\$620.00
Grinnell Mutual Ins. (Property)	\$180.00
Tubbs of Soft Water	<u>\$19.50</u>

Total Disbursements..... \$12,913.69

CURRENT FUND BALANCE \$5,627.31

ZION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

General Savings	\$1,755.38
Lutefisk Supper	\$4,000.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$4,475.82
Peterson Gift	\$5,220.32
Thrivent Endowment	<u>\$7,473.53</u>
SAVINGS BALANCE	\$22,925.05

MISSION FUND

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$0.00
Envelope Offering	\$110.00
ZLCW Mission Memorials	<u>\$170.00</u>

Total Receipts..... \$280.00

Disbursements:

Total Disbursements..... \$0.00

BUILDING FUND

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$92.11
Envelope Offering	<u>\$145.00</u>

Total Receipts..... \$237.11

Disbursements:

Tygan Allpress	\$560.00
Dawson Coop Credit Union	\$147.46
Zerox Corporation	\$131.12
Apleton Power Equipment	<u>\$19.99</u>

Total Disbursements..... \$858.57

MISSION FUND BALANCE \$280.00

BUILDING FUND BALANCE (\$621.46)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE \$5,285.85

