

# SOUTH ZUMBRO NEWS

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He is risen! He is risen indeed! wAlleluia! Happy Easter to you and yours. This is one of the most important days in the Church year. There is a bit of Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter in every day that we live! It is in the music we sing, it is in the prayers we say, and it is in the life we live. Happy Easter to you!

As you read the note from this month's council meeting, you will see a change coming in my days off! This change will start in May after Karen and I return from our vacation. My days off will change from Monday and Tuesday to Friday and Saturday. Rest assured that weddings and funerals will always have priority and will come first.

One of the big reasons for this change is how fast people are discharged from the hospital. If I find out on Sunday that someone is in the hospital and I wait till Wednesday to see them, they are usually at home already. So I will be out and about visiting on Monday and Tuesday. Office

hours will be Monday – Friday. Michele will still be here on Friday!

See you in Church

*Pastor Elden*



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# South Zumbro Bulletin Board

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna Schott and the family of Allan Carlson who passed away on March 1. Blessed be his memory!
- May God comfort the family of Reverend James Peterson who passed away on March 7.
- The family of Gordon Gunderson is also in our thoughts and prayers.
- Our thoughts are with Patty Boyum as she continues with her chemotherapy. Patty has been in and out of the hospital a couple of times and needs our prayers.
- Thoughts are also with Jordan and Alyssa Swanson as their daughter, Kinley, recovers from being hospitalized with a respiratory illness.



Thanks to my South Zumbro friends for all the cards, memorials, kind words and hugs in memory of Al Carlson's passing. Thanks also to Pastor Elden for his great memorial service. It is of great comfort knowing Al is now in God's hands with no more hurting. I also want to thank Sandy Ness and Mike Madery for doing Al's favorite music and also the ladies that provided the fantastic lunch. I will cherish these forever. God Bless.

*Donna Schott*

Dear South Zumbro Family,

I would like to thank you for all of the cards, visits, food, and prayers over the past couple of months during my hip surgery and through my recovery. I would especially like to thank Pastor Simonson for his visit and sermons that he emailed to our home.

Sincerely,

*Ike Carrier*



A belated thank you to everyone who came to help me when I fell. Thanks to Bill Stromme, Cindy Bernards, Mary Knutson, Dorene Ness, Pastor Elden and any others who came to help. After being checked at the ER, they found no injuries, and I was sent home. Thanks to all for your prayers and to a Lord who watches over us.

God's Blessing!

*Mavis Berge*



It's never too early to mark your calendar for a very special event. South Zumbro WOW in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary celebration will have a Mother's Day Mother/Daughter Tea and Vintage Style Show on Saturday, May 12th at 1:30. Now while it is still winter in our area, it would be a great time for all of our ladies to think about if they have any vintage garments that might be put away in trunks, chest of drawers, or closets in their homes. We are looking for clothing that could be modeled or put on display for this program. Items that we're looking for are baby clothes, Christening gowns, children's clothing, youth and adult dresses, coats, hats, shoes, nighties, wedding gowns, veils, and various men's clothing if available. Remember these can be very old or up until fairly recent year, (2010). Also looking for young girls and ladies to be models for this fun event. More information will follow in weekly bulletins and the April newsletter. Contact Julie at # 507-272-7623 if you have questions or when you find some of those garments that could be displayed or modeled.



# Celebrate Our Heritage

## South Zumbro—Then and Now

The South Zumbro church building was built within one year after the initial organizational meeting in 1868. A.S. Berge, the first pastor, later remembered “the church was built with only one thickness of boards. The seats were common boards nailed to board-legs.” According to the March minutes of 1874, the church was “to be painted yellow and the trustees were to hire the cheapest one (painter) they could find.” This was to be for only the main church building and not the steeple or tower. Research on the internet defines the style of the original South Zumbro church as Rural Carpenter Gothic.

Rural Carpenter Gothic houses and small churches became common in North America in the late nineteenth century. These structures adapted Gothic elements such as pointed arches, steep gables, and towers to traditional American light-frame construction. In most cases, Carpenter Gothic buildings were relatively unadorned, retaining only the basic elements of pointed-arch windows and steep gables.

The same year as the church building was constructed, the railroad from Winona was completed as far West as Kasson “1868”. With the railroad available, finished lumber would have been used for the construction. Before this time construction using wood was accomplished using logs. Pine logs from Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin made their way down rivers to sawmills in Southern Minnesota. Winona had these sawmills and provided the needed finished pine boards for building in the southeast corner of the state. Prior to the railroad, the lumber would have been carried by ox drawn wagons from Winona.

There is mention of a balcony in the 1878 minutes. How this was accessed is unknown as the bell tower containing the stairs to the balcony was not built until 1885. The bell is dated 1899 and was cast specifically for South Zumbro by the J.G. Stuckstede Foundry in Saint Louis, Missouri. It is stated in the minutes that the bell was given by the congregation’s Young Peoples League.

The top portion of the altar (imported from Norway) was given by Gutorm Bungum who emigrated from Vik Sogn Norway about 1860. Gutorm was the great, great, Grandfather of Severt Fikson. A number of the early South Zumbro immigrants are also from the Vik area.

The source of the lower portion of the altar is unknown.

More detail concerning the altar and the painting will be in a later article.

In 1899 it was decided to get a new pulpit. This is the one still in use today. The first one was higher and likely centered in the front of the church.

The church was heated with a wood stove located on the main floor until a furnace was installed in 1920 when a basement was dug under the church.

Submitted by,

*Don Ness*



Confirmation Sunday will be April 15. There will be two services that day—the regular service at 8 am and the confirmation service at 10 am. Communion will be served at both services. There will be no Sunday School.



*There's a Place for You!*

## Change agents

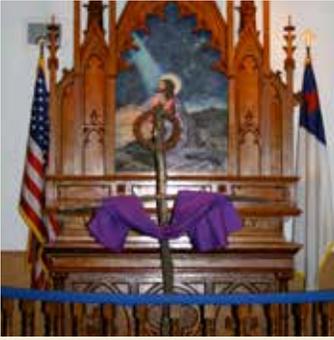
A cartoon depicts a man at a podium firing up a crowd. “Who wants change?” he shouts. You can almost hear the excitement and urgency. “We do!” the listeners cry, all raising their hands.

But the next frame features a follow-up question: “Who wants to change?” The audience is silent and somber, with their hands down.

The gospel Jesus announced and lived out promises monumental change: life instead of death, healing from sickness, hope to replace despair, peace and justice instead of war and oppression. Although God could wave his hand and make the world perfect, he chooses to work through humans. That means we must be willing to change too.

Change can be scary, but God’s newness will so transform the world — and us — that we’ll never miss our old, broken reality.

—Heidi Mann



# March 2018

## South Zumbro Council Minutes

### March Attendance

159, 48, 9, 136, 56, 166, 71, 181

### Offerings

3-4-18

\$6820.19, home budget; \$35, building vision fund; \$250, Good Samaritan fund; \$25, cemetery fund; \$40, WOW.

3-7-18

\$229.50, soup supper.

3-11-18

\$3315.25, home budget; \$105, missions; \$1050, Good Samaritan fund; \$150, cemetery fund.

3-14-18

\$290, soup supper.

3-18-18

\$4812, home budget; \$300, building vision fund; \$50, Good Samaritan fund; \$80, Mountain Movers; \$50, piano tuning; \$170, missionary scooter; \$60, cemetery fund; \$15, WOW; \$20, memorial fund in memory of Pastor Jim Peterson.

3-21-18

\$121.50, soup supper.

3-25-18

\$3300.50, home budget; \$40, Mountain Movers; \$60, cemetery fund; \$50, piano tuning; \$100, Good Samaritan fund; \$20, memorial fund in memory of Pastor Jim Peterson and Al Carlson; \$1759.50, missionary scooter.

Attendance: Todd Aarsvold, Jeff Bernards, Corey Carlson, Sara Johnson, Dale Ness, Don Ness, Don Rosenberg, Mary Sue Sandeno, Pastor Elden Simonson, Sandy Tjaden, and Pete Wyttenbach. Guests: Dawn Nemechek, Michele Stromme. Absent: Lynn Knutson

Prayer and Bible Study: (Lead Like Jesus – Part VI: Chapters 25-30): Deacons

Secretary's Report: Correct the minutes: Pete preached on 2/11 rather than 4/11; Mot/sec/approved minutes with the date change as noted

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed; Mot/sec/approved as of 2/28/18. Money was withheld from carpet installation payment due to damage that occurred to the trim.

Pastor's Report (Feb 7 – Mar 11):

- Baptisms: 1; Marriages: 0; Funerals: 0
- 19 visitation calls: 641 miles
- Classic Brass will perform Easter Sunday
- Led services at Prairie Meadows; Visited the Dodge Center Nursing home
- Mot/sec/approved changing Pastor's days off from Monday and Tuesday to Friday and Saturday starting in May
- Vacation:
  - o April 22nd
  - o April 29th
  - o May 6th
  - o Pastor Simonson will check with Pastor Schwartz to cover emergencies during vacation
- New Member Sunday was Feb 18th. The Larson and Miller families joined – Welcome!
- Council Members were installed during the 3/11 service
- Grief Support sessions have concluded
- Mot/sec/approved special offering for Cambodia Missionary / teacher (Abbey StClair) on Palm Sunday to go towards a scooter and helmets
- Special Worship Services:
  - o Holy Week is the last week in March
  - o Healing service on Maundy Thursday
  - o Easter Sunday (4/1): 8am and 10am Services. Communion will only be at the late service.
  - o Blessing of the soil/water/seed will be during the 4/8 service
  - o Confirmation Sunday is April 15th: Services at 8am and 10am

- o Pete and Jefferson will continue preaching every other month: Jeff 3/18; Pete 4/22; Jeff 4/29
- o Pastor Reinschmidt will be guest pastor on May 6th

Committee Reports:

- Health and Wellness: Cindy B (conveyed by President Tjaden) provided an update of activities during the past and future months. 8/30 will be the Red Cross Blood Drive

Old Business:

- Benevolence Assignment: Mot/sec/approved for Dodge County Food Shelf
- Discussed closure of the previously convened Annual Meeting along with the Spring Meeting on April 8. The primary topic will be the Financial Assistant position.
- Besides the north Sanctuary door, the Trustees will also look into replacing the outside door in the stairway near the basement kitchen.

New Business:

- Discussed using the Remind mobile application to get messages to congregation members who wish them
- Computer and Copy machine in Michele's office are getting old. Trustees will get information on replacements.

Meeting adjourned and closed with prayers from council members.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Corey Carlson*



## South Zumbro Vision & Mission Statements

VISION STATEMENT:

South Zumbro is a welcoming, spiritually alive family of God, caring for one another and reaching out to encourage others to know Christ and His love.

MISSION STATEMENT

South Zumbro is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved, and a sanctuary where you can seek healing. We desire to become servants of Christ by serving each other, our church, our community, and those beyond our borders. We are committed to equipping Christians through Biblical preaching and investigation of God's Word. We rely on prayer for direction in our personal lives and in the life of the Church.

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## Office Hours

### Pastor

Pastor Elden's office hours are Wednesday thru Saturday 9 am to noon.



### Secretary

Our church secretary, Michele Stromme's office hours are Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon.



## Passover Fulfilled in Easter

We have been reading through the Bible this year at South Zumbro. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 talks about how we as adults need to be talking about our faith with our children and grandchildren, “when you walk along the way, when you lay down and when you rise up.” We need to make sure our children and grandchildren really understand Christ, the cross where Jesus died and purchased our salvation. There are some Old Testament clues that pointed to and were fulfilled in Jesus.

The Jews who went to the temple for their annual pilgrimages such as Passover were familiar with the concept of light. In the temple there were two enormous gold candelabras that were 70 feet high. It is said that when they were lit they were so bright the light spilled outside of the temple and into the surrounding neighborhoods all around the temple like a street light. Those candelabras were symbolic of God being the light of the world. Jesus then stood there at the temple and said, “I am the Light of the world,” and basically, “I am God.” Jesus tied himself verbally and visually to something the Jewish people understood. These Jewish believers knew the Old Testament, the prophecy of Isaiah that said, “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” (Isaiah 9:2) Jesus is saying, I am that light. I am God who spoke and said, “let there be light.” (Genesis 1:3)

When the Jews would celebrate as a family the Passover meal, the lighting of the candle was a significant part of that observance. The mother of the house is the one who has the privilege of lighting that candle because the Jewish tradition said that the light of the world came through the woman. It is true because Mary gave birth to Jesus who was the light of the world. Women, moms, and grandmas can be the ones who help share the light of Christ in your family.

The Passover meal has bread. It reminds us of manna in the wilderness, the bread that God provided for His people, the bread that comes down from heaven. During Passover the father, after he says the blessing will break the bread into three pieces. He takes the middle piece and wraps it in a cloth napkin. Then he gets up from the table and goes and hides it. The middle portion is symbolic of Jesus, the second member of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). It is wrapped in a napkin which is symbolic of Jesus being wrapped in linen cloths when he was buried. Then later on

during the meal, the children get to go find it. Whoever finds it brings it to the father, and the father gives him some coins to “but it back,” which is a symbol of redemption at Easter.

When Jesus had the Passover meal with His disciples before He went to the cross, He broke the bread and said, “this is my body which is broken for you.” (1 Corinthians 11:24) Jesus said, “I am the bread of life,” once again declaring Himself to be God, the promised Messiah, the one who feeds and sustains our souls. The Passover that the Jews celebrated for thousands of years before the coming of Christ, always had 4 cups of wine that they shared around the table. During the Passover feast that Jesus had with his disciples, they passed the cup around and Jesus said, “This is my blood that is spilled for you.” Then he talked about drinking His blood. That’s a picture of how we have to take Him in, take Jesus into our lives.

In the book of Leviticus, it was all about those many sacrifices. All that spilled blood, all those sheep and goats and bulls being killed as sacrifices, were all pointing to Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God who would spill His life blood because the life is in the blood, the Old Testament tells us. He gave His life for us so that we could be given His eternal life. There is no forgiveness of sins the scriptures tell us, both Old and New Testament, apart from the shedding of blood.

During the Passover celebration that was taking place on the very day when Jesus was crucified, as Jesus was being led to the hill carrying His cross, the fathers of the families were bringing their lambs into the city of Jerusalem to take them to the temple. The lambs were raised in Bethlehem very near Jerusalem. On the hills where the shepherds heard the angels announcing Jesus’ birth, the shepherds were raising lambs for sacrifice. So those very lambs that came from Bethlehem were being led into the city as Jesus, the Lamb of God, was being led through the city to the hill to be nailed to the cross. As he was nailed to the cross, the lambs were being slaughtered in the temple, thousands and thousands of them.

At 3 o’clock that afternoon when Jesus breathed his last and gave up his spirit, the soldier came to Jesus and pierced his right side, and blood and water spilled to the ground. At the same time, the priests in the temple were taking big pitchers of water, and they would pour it on the altar which was dripping with blood. Out the side of the temple flowed water and blood mixed together just like the water and blood coming out of Jesus’ side. For centuries, God has been telling His people through the Passover meal, “Look for someone who is going to do this so that you don’t have to do it over and over again. His sacrifice would be once, for all.”

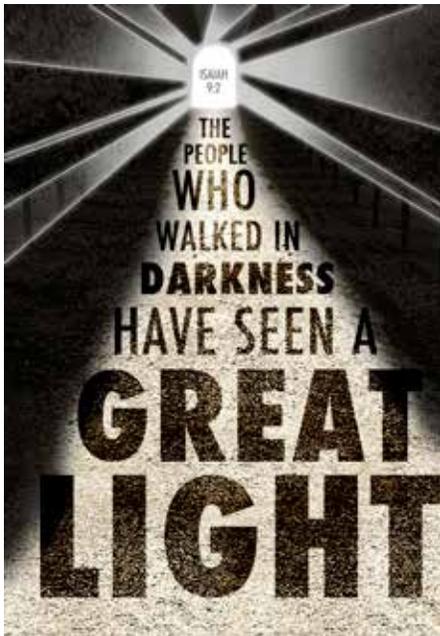
Another miracle that happened on Good Friday was about the tapestry in the temple that separated the holiest place from the rest of the temple. (Thanks Jeff, for the object lesson!) This curtain was very, very thick, even several inches thick. It was 30 feet high, like a huge wall hanging there. Only one person (High Priest) was allowed to go behind that curtain and only one time a year. At the

exact moment when Jesus breathed his last, God's invisible hands took hold of that tapestry wall at the top and ripped it in half. It must have been a thunderous sound. I imagine the priests were shocked. The broken body of Jesus opened the way into the Holy of Holies, into a relationship with God Almighty. The symbolic ripping of the curtain signaled the end to the sacrifices and the old covenant and the old way of approaching God—it opened the door to a new way. He opened the door so that we could have a relationship with God the Father without fear of death. In Hebrews it says that we can boldly approach the throne of grace. There is one other miracle. A great earthquake that took place as a signal from God that this was an important event—pay attention! So the earth shook and people were terrified. That earthquake resulted in the tombs in Jerusalem, shaped like boxes with lids on them, being opened. The lids came off. Jesus started a resurrection so that the loved one you buried is walking around the city of Jerusalem! The message was that Jesus had defeated death. Not only was Jesus going to be raised on Easter Sunday, but He will raise us with Him as well. We will celebrate the marriage supper of the Lamb with Him and be forever with Christ.

(Thanks to resources from Barbara Rainey)

Your Faith Community Nurse,

*Cindy Bernards*



## Hospital Policy

If you are hospitalized in Rochester or know of someone from South Zumbro who is, please contact the church and let us know about the hospitalization. Mayo Clinic no longer supplies patient lists for pastors to view and we are dependent upon hearing from our members about their hospitalization. We want to be a support for you, so let us know if you need care at the hospital.



Dear members of South Zumbro Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for the many prayers and words of encouragement you have shared with me as I step into the position of Church Council President. Marilyn Aarsvold and Steve Jurens left the church council in wonderful shape after their many years of dedicated service. Our church has greatly benefited from their faithful leadership. God has certainly blessed our congregation with many talents.

On April 8th following our worship service we plan to reconvene the annual meeting held on January 28th, 2018. We will be voting to add a position of Financial Assistant to the church council. The role of this assistant is to support the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer positions as deemed necessary. If the vote is made to add this position to our church council we will again vote at the annual meeting in January 2019 as per the bylaws of our congregation.

Another item to bring to the attention of the congregation is that our office computer and copy machine are aging and sometimes balking. At this time the trustees are looking into replacement options. Watch the council meeting minutes for more information on the replacement of these items as the cost can be surprisingly high for these essential tools.

I pray that you and your family found the Holy Week services here at South Zumbro to be a blessing to your spiritual walk with Christ and that the joy of our risen Savior fills your heart each and every day.

*Sandy Tjaden.*

Council President



# Stepping On



## Building Confidence, Reducing Falls

### Registration Information

To register, please contact

**Cindy Bernards, RN, FCN**

<http://szlc.org>

507-365-8110

### Location

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### Dates and Times

Wednesdays, 9:30am-11:30am

April 4<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

April 25<sup>th</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup>

May 16<sup>th</sup>

### Cost

There is a \$10 fee for the entire workshop that will be used to provide snacks and refreshments at each session. Scholarships may be available for the class fee.

Join this 7-week workshop where you'll learn exercises and strategies to help prevent you from falling.

### Topics include:

- Simple and fun balance and strength training
- The role vision plays in keeping your balance
- How medications can contribute to falls
- Ways to keep from falling when out in your community
- What to look for in safe footwear
- How to eliminate falls hazards from your home



### Did you know?

- \* More than one-fourth of people age 65 or older fall each year.
- \* Falls are the leading cause of injury and hospitalization for trauma and death among older adults.
- \* 40% of people who enter a nursing home had a fall in the prior 30 days.

This program is sponsored, in part, by a Live Well at Home grant from Minnesota Department of Human Services.

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