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He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. - Luke 10:2 April Greetings South Zumbro!

Lately, we have been blessed with many baptisms at South Zumbro. It is always such a blessing to see a young family come before the congregation to have their children baptized. Oftentimes, we discuss with these families, the reality that a "seed has been planted". In other words, your child has been baptized, but now as parents, sponsors and a congregation we all have a part in fostering the growth of a child's faith in Christ Jesus. The work of the Holy Spirit is powerful and when children are surrounded by loved ones that help to encourage them in their relationship with Jesus we witness the beautiful work of God's love.

As we move through life and the different seasons it brings, we see the words that Jesus shares from Luke 10. He tells the disciples that "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". There is so much to reap and benefit from. Much of life's seasons have different blessings and in all of

them we have an opportunity to harvest and plant for The Lord. We need more workers! Raising children to become a field worker and to share their love for Jesus with others is part of the harvest. In our house, we have a sign above our front door as you EXIT that says "You are now entering your mission field". It is a reminder for our family that every time we exit our homes, we have an opportunity to share the harvest with others and to tell others about a Wonderful Savior!

As Spring approaches, and as the seeds are planted, we pray for sunshine, rain and an overall favorable growing season. So much of that is out of our control. Yet, in our mission fields, we have opportunities to modify the "growing season" in our relationship with others. Our prayer is that you would seek where God would have you work today. As Jesus says, "ASK the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field". Jesus is telling us to ASK God to point us toward the other workers so that TOGETHER we experience the harvest that is ready.

So, my brothers and sisters, be reminded that you are not alone in the field. The harvest is not all up to you. Your children are part of the field, your spouse, church family and others are in this field as well. Let's prepare and get ready for the harvest! In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Pete

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.



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South Zumbro Bulletin Board

- Please have all items for the newsletter to Michele by the 20th of the month. Thank you! Michele has a new email address—mstromme1964@gmail.com. Please use this for all correspondence.
- If you have an extra South Zumbro Redwing crock that you would be willing to donate to church, please bring to Michele for use in the kitchen. Thank you!
- If you would like to have an announcement placed in the weekly bulletin, please have to Michele by the Wednesday before.
- Please notify our FCN, Cindy Bernards, if you are willing to help with visitation of those homebound, NH, hospice, or needing transportation so that she can build a list of volunteers of both men and women.
- Matter of Balance: April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17 from 1-3pm at Mayo Family NE Clinic in Rochester. This is a free course in fall prevention. Please register today!
- SAVE THE DATE! SZ VBS is June 24-28, 2024!

thankyou

Dear S. Z. Family,

I don't even know where to begin.

Although I have a long road ahead of me in the healing process, I have already come a long way. I can't thank the Pastors and my entire church family, especially for your prayers. The morning of my upcoming big back surgery I didn't have even "one nerve". That was only possible through prayer and no one will ever convince me otherwise. Thank you also for all of the food, dozens of cards and numerous visits. I am eternally grateful!

God Bless You All,

Brenda Currier

I want to thank both Michael Short and Ryan Ledebuhr for making Financial Peace University available at church!! It was extremely informative on so many levels, and they kept it interesting, as well. It has made us rethink many things, wishing we would have taken the class 30 years ago, but we're here now and looking to the future!! And it's Christian based-even better!! I also want to thank whomever the anonymous donor was that made this class FREE for all of us!! What a way to demonstrate "Outrageous Generosity!" Thank you! In Christ, Lu

South Zumbro, family and friends, The family of Marvin Viker would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for the love you have shown to our dad, grandpa, great grandpa and great great grandpa. Our family cannot tell you how much we appreciated all of the visits to see our dad while he was on hospice at home, the food you brought to the house, the help you provided at the farm, the many prayers and hugs! Our dad truly loved his South Zumbro family. Thank you to Pastor Pete and Pastor Jeff and everyone who assisted with the visitation and the funeral service. There are so many that we can't possibly name each of you! We just want you to know that we are keeping all of you close to our hearts, and in our prayers.

"Keep looking Up" and "The Lord loves you, and so do WE".

The Family of Marvin Viker

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to say a huge THANK YOU for the gift you sent to The Navigators for us in December. God continues to provide all that we need and we're really grateful for generous partners like you! I've healed up well from another surgery and ministry on campus has been strong this spring. Thanks!

Much Love,

Trev and Cass Long

Dear Friends at South Zumbro Lutheran Church.

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous recent donation to New Life Family Services! What an incredible blessing you are to us and the mothers, fathers, and children we serve. We will always be grateful for the ways that your generosity and partnership truly touches and transforms lives as clients not only choose life but find abundant life in Christ, by the grace of God. Thank you for sustaining this ministry and being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community! As always, we are here to serve you and be a resource in any way that we can. With gratitude,

Leah Hergeson

Many thanks to the WOW gals, Mary Sue Sandeno and Mary Lou McClamroch, for the beautiful poinsettia and the bag of goodies that they brought to me in person. It is nice to be remembered when I am so far away and unable to attend church. I watch the service every Sunday morning on the computer.

In Christ's love,

Darlene Kyllo

Thank you to our South Zumbro Church family for the cards, telephone calls, and visits after Frank's accident and hospitalization. Most of all, we felt your prayers and love. We are thankful to be a part of such a great church family. God is good!

Frank & Sandy Ness



The last full week (22-26) in April is "Every Kid Healthy Week", an annual celebration of health and wellness achievements. Each day shines a spotlight on actions that families are taking to improve the health and wellness of their kids—and grandkids! We highlight the link between nutrition, physical activity, mental health and learning.

How can we at South Zumbro get involved? Everyone can take action by promoting emotional wellness on Mindful Monday. We can practice mindfulness skills like play based yoga—use our imagination to tell a story as we stretch and awaken our bodies with Son Salutation. Or perhaps the Sea Captains Pose standing up tall to the clouds, place your left hand on the outside of the boat to the right "far off in the deep blue sea" and then repeat with your right hand on the left side of the boat, or try the Toy Soldier March with straight legs out to the front. There can be quite a variety of animals or characters with Frog Pose or Starfish Pose or Rainbow Pose. Stretching can help children to recenter their attention on the present moment.

Tasty Tuesday focuses on nutrition education like "anti-bribing strategies" for picky eaters. It is important to encourage our child to stay at the table for meal time. Many times if we include kids in preparing the meal, setting the table, cleaning up afterwards or selecting nutritious foods together at the grocery store, this can help. Sometimes it means talking about the color, shape, aroma or taste. Or it may be explaining why a less popular food is good. We can offer meals and snacks with a variety of foods at regular times throughout the day so even if they don't choose to eat much at meal time, they have had adequate nutrition throughout the day. When everyone is calm and comfortable at the table (TV and electronics are off), children may be more open to new foods. Make food fun - create food art, cut food into shapes or smoothies. Or it may be time to "build a better breakfast" with vogurt parfaits.

Wellness Wednesday includes physical activities perhaps to share with friends or as a family. We could create a fun run or a walk-a-thon. We could create the "12 days of fitness" during the holidays. We could create an obstacle course in the backyard. We could go on a nature walk to Oxbow Park. Have fun and explore feelings and emotions through movement and dance. Is it cold or rainy? Create an active "indoor recess" at home. Plan a summer adventure by camping in your own backyard. Pretend to be the zoo in the backyard - stretching tall like a giraffe, lumbering on all fours like an elephant, climbing a tree like a monkey, jumping like a kangaroo.

Thoughtful Thursday - thinking about today, this week or this month, name one "Rose". A rose is something that happened that we feel good about, are proud of or are excited about. Now name one "Bud". A bud is something that is coming up or something we are looking forward to. Name one "Thorn". A thorn is a challenge or something we have been working on. Sometimes a thorn is something we ask for help on. How can we turn a thorn into a rose? Think about what might help us turn a thorn into a rose. What small steps can we take to get there? Maybe we share a similar thorn with a friend, family member or classmate, or someone we work with, or maybe we found inspiration in someone else's rose.

Family Friday is perhaps the day to cook a healthy meal together as a family. Perhaps this is the day to have a family bike ride. Perhaps it may be the start of a family olympics competition for the month. Perhaps we could plant the garden together. Perhaps it's time for a game night - which child gets to choose this week? Perhaps we could volunteer at a soup kitchen or visit a nursing home. Perhaps we can memorize scripture together as a family. Perhaps we can reward our kids with recognition by a note or special dinner. Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command you this day shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way."

Your Faith Community Nurse,

Cindy Bernards

(Thanks for resources from: actionforhealthykids.org)



June 24-28, 2024 SZ VBS



Attendance

223, 170, 236, 148

Offerings

3-3-24

\$6427.95, home budget; \$100.69, Building Vision fund; \$30, Cemetery fund; \$771, WOW Potato Bake fundraiser.

3-10-24

\$5124.41, home budget; \$125.69, Building Vision fund; \$280, Cemetery fund; \$40, Mountain Movers.

3-17-24

\$5962.28, home budget; \$100.69, Building Vision fund; \$105, Cemetery fund; \$40, Sunday School; \$60, Memorial fund in memory of Jim Smith; \$50, Memorial fund in memory of Marvin Viker.

3-24-24

\$3393.02, home budget; \$50, Junior League; \$70, Mountain Movers; \$40, Luther League; \$40, WOW; \$25.69, Building Vision fund; \$30, Cemetery fund.

March 2024

South Zumbro Council Minutes

Attendees: M. Aarsvold, C. Carlson, K. Johnson, N. Jurrens, K. Kruckeberg, R. Lee, R.

Ness, D. Powers, B. Stromme, Pastor Pete, Pastor Jeff.

Absent: C. Herbst, L. Knutson, D. Nemechek Visitors: Lu Clifford, Mary Sue Sandeno, Val Bohle

Corey called the meeting to order and Pastor Pete opened with prayer.

Devotion: Discussion of Chp. 4-6 of "Looking for the One"

Mission coordinators: Mary Sue Sandeno will replace Bill Stromme to team with Lu. They desire to create a team (committee) and seeking approval, if required. No issues in terms of bylaws. 5 additional volunteers have expressed interest so far.

Val Bohle shared potential options that could be pursued for camps for youth not going on the rainbow trail trip since coordinating a Lake Geneva camp with CCC this year is not possible. After discussion, Camp Victory will be pursued (6-9th grade).

Secretary's Report: M/S/A

Treasurer's Report: M/S/A

Trustees updates:

- Tree at the corner of the cemetery was taken down.
- Furnace in the parsonage had another failure and this time the issue turned out to be a circuit board, which was replaced and is working well now.
- Gerhard site well capped, septic next to be decommissioned.

Pastor's Report:

- Mileage: Pastor Pete: 335 miles Pastor Jeff: 247 miles
- Total Visits: 18
- Baptisms: 0
- Weddings: 0
- Funerals/Memorials: 2 Jim Smith (2/16/24), Ellis Walker (2/26/24)
- Pastor Jeff vacation March 16-20
- DCI Ad already requested
- Signage (see new business)
- Thank you for allowing us to attend the funerals for the fallen officers and the first responder. An incredible experience with many emotions. Please continue to pray for all Law Enforcement and Emergency/Public Service.
- Educating/informing congregation about phone and email scams...perhaps ask Sheriff Rose and/or other deputies to share the dangers and warning signs of scams?
- Looking ahead:

Feb. 21-March 20 - Lenten Service/Lenten suppers (Pastors Rotation)

March 29 - 18-Hour Prayer Vigil

March 31 - Easter - 2 services and Brass Quartet

April 6 - Farmer's Breakfast

April 28 - Compassion Sunday

May 5 - Confirmation - Regular Service at 8:30 and Confirmation at 11:00

Benevolence Suggestion (Deacons):

 \$650 to Grace incorporated (Christian non-profit) that provides respite and care for kids with special needs. M/S/A

Mission:

• YWAM. 11 leaders in Tanzania lost their lives in auto accident (8 injured). M/S/A

Old Business:

 Spring congregation meeting to elect members of the Nominating Committee on 4/28/24. M/S/A

New Business:

- Purchasing a TV for the Parsonage to be used for meetings and educational gatherings - M/S/A
- Roadway/Right of way Signage for the church: discussion related to both present (e.g. 150 yr Anniversary) and the need for new (on the corner Cty. 17 or other crossroads). Pastor Pete will call the county to get rules to start with.

Meeting Adjourned - M/S/A Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted Kent Kruckeberg



South Zumbro's Rotating Monthly Mission Support

In a world where communities face unforeseen challenges, the spirit of unity and support often shines brightest. South Zumbro made a decision to extend our March mission support to Youth With a Mission (YWAM) Tanzania. This comes as a response to an accident on February 24, 2024 that claimed the lives of 11 members of YWAM including leadership and students that were attending a YWAM leadership program in Tanzania. Another 8 were injured and hospitalized. One of the minibuses they were in, was struck by a truck that had lost its brakes. South Zumbro's support will help provide assistance to those who are affected, but also continue the mission of YWAM Tanzania. Please continue to pray for those individuals and the families affected. Please pray for YWAM as they continue their mission in Tanzania and across the world as they continue to serve others and spread the message of faith, love, and hope to the farthest reaches of the globe.



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SZ 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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COMPASSION SUNDAY

South Zumbro will celebrate Compassion Sunday on April 28 during adult Sunday School and during our morning worship. Not surprisingly, our church is already sponsoring an above normal percentage of Compassion kids for a church this size. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love and care for so many needy children around the world. Keep up the good work.

We do not keep a list of our Compassion child sponsors, but we would love to hear from you. Would you please call or text Suecarol Schuler at 602-677-0642 to share your sponsorship experience: What are you hearing from your Compassion child(ren)? How has sponsorship changed your family? What impact has it had on your own children? Also, on April 28, please stop at our Compassion table with your child(ren)'s photos. We will "zip them up" for you to wear during Sunday School and Worship. You will be able to introduce your child(ren) so we can all pray for them.

The table we will have set up will showcase photos of children currently in need of your support and love. When you sponsor a child for less than \$40 a month, your child will be connected to a local church where they will receive physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual care that will empower them to break the cycle of poverty. For example, our sponsored "son", whom we have had since he was 8, will be attending college this year! How exciting! Compassion works with over 8,000 evangelical churches around the world, delivering services and ministry to more than two million children and youth in poverty.

I can't wait to hear from our current sponsors and to introduce the rest of you to this wonderful opportunity to bring one child at a time out of poverty...in the name of Jesus.

Succarol

(for the entire missions board)

(ABC 6 News) – A service project for one Rochester Eagle Scout ended with a heart-warming friendship after a kind gesture to Mayo Clinic hospice patients. Lars Ingram got the idea to help out hospice patients for his Eagle Scout project from his father, a Mayo Clinic hospice physician. "We came up with the idea of some tie blankets cause it was during the winter season, and so it's kinda cold outside, and what's better than being warm and comfortable?" said Ingram. After the blankets were delivered to 100 patients, Ingram received word one of them was also a former Eagle Scout. "Pleasantly surprised that I got something like this, and I use it every night," said Mayo Clinic hospice patient Fred Fiberger. When Fiberger was a scout, he never completed a project like Ingram's, so he's glad to see young people today give back to those in need in the community. "I can see where Dad and Mom can be especially proud of you," said Fiberger to Ingram. It makes Ingram feel good to see the impact his project has on Fiberger, and all the hospice patients who received one of his blankets. "It's just a very nice warming that shows that there's still good in the world and people appreciate these things," said Ingram.

Lars is a member of South Zumbro and completed his project here in the fellowship hall. He invited friends, family, and members of SZ to help in creating the blankets.



A prayer for roots

O God, we thirst for you, as dry tree roots thirst for water in hot, dusty soil. Help us send spiritual roots down deep into the grace and knowledge of the One who is the same yesterday and today and forever, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gives us stability when the earth shakes and the storms of life swirl about us.

Rooted and grounded in your love, and strengthened and comforted by your grace and your Spirit who gives us hope, may we be steadfast and immovable in the work Christ gives us to do, until he comes again. Amen.



We, Mary Sue and Lu, are so blessed by the fact that the council approved the Mission Coordinators be expanded to a Mission Team! AND we already have 5 people who are interested in helping on the team. We had our 1st Team Meeting on March 19. So far our team is Lu Clifford, Mary Sue Sandeno, Wayne Hendrickson, Patti Boyum and Chris, her fiance, Norma Braun and Brian Herbst. If anyone

else would like to get involved, or bring ideas to the team, please know you're always welcome. There are so many needs in our surrounding area, that with more people helping with organization and implementation of help, we will be able to reach many more people for the Glory of our Lord!

With great disappointment, we have decided to postpone our mission trip to Kentucky that was supposed to be Fall of 2024. When looking into the logistics, we would have needed 4 days of travel time and 2 nights in a hotel, for 5 days of working there. Some people were unable to be gone from home for 9 days, and the added cost of the hotel made it unfeasible for others. We will look into a Mission Trip closer to home. If anyone has ideas, we'd all love to hear them!

There are new members, and people's lives change, so we are looking for more people to deliver Meals on Wheels! Ask about it anytime! Right now, we each deliver every 6 or 12 weeks. A few more volunteers, and then we'd each only have to deliver once every 12 weeks for sure. It takes about 1 ½ hours each day, we do it in pairs, and we have some people whose spouses can't help or people who are single. There's always someone willing to pair up with you! You get to share a smile, hot meal and friendly face to those who don't usually get visitors. It's a wonderful local ministry, and everyone is so appreciative!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 16th, 7pm at Lu's home. Dates coming up:

- Compassion Sunday, April 28
- Baby Bottle Campaign, May 12-June 16
- SERVE Day-??? Keep checking the Newsletter and announcements for a date

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Please let us know if you want to join us, have a mission/outreach idea or any other thoughts! As we move forward, we are all anticipating the wonderful things we can do for God's Glory!

Lu Clifford, 507-951-9322, bobandlu321@gmail.com Mary Sue Sandeno, 507-208-8672, rbmsand@gmail.com



WOW MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 7 pm

New members, old members – all women of South Zumbro: Consider yourself invited! We'd love to have you join our WOW meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

Naomi Circle is in charge, and we will have our secret prayer sister reveal program, along with a short business meeting, time to visit and have refreshments. Come with your new ideas -- what would you like to see WOW do this year? We will also have an election of officers – if you are interested in being on the Executive Board, please let us know. This is an ideal time to get to know your South Zumbro sisters in Christ better. If you have any questions please feel free to ask us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cindy B & Marilyn, Co-Presidents





April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Naomi Circle has duties this month.	1 1pm Matter of Balance @ NE Clinic	2 1:30pm Faith Circle @ Church	3 1pm Matter of Balance @ NE Clinic	4 9am Quilting; bring sack lunch	5	6 7am MOB
Service Group Leaders:	7pm Bible Study	7pm Naomi Circle @ Church	6:30pm Confirmation			9am Farmers Breakfast
Ken & Ann Johnson	7pm Young Adult Bible Study	7pm FIRES @ Parsonage	6:30pm Jr Choir 7pm Sr Choir			11am Otterbein Baptism & lunch
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7 9am Sunday School	1pm Matter of Balance @ NE Clinic	9	1pm Matter of Balance @ NE Clinic	9am Quilting; bring sack lunch	12	9am Esther Circle @ Church
10am Worship with Holy Communion	7pm Council meeting	* L	6:30pm Confirmation			9am Family Bridal shower for Annika
11:10am Mtn Movers	7pm Young Adult Bible Study		6:30pm Jr Choir 7pm Sr Choir			Carlson in fellowship hall
14 9am Sunday School	15 Tax Day 1pm Matter of Balance @ NE Clinic	16 7pm Health & Wellness meeting @ Church	17 1pm Matter of Balance @ NE Clinic	18 9am Quilting; bring sack lunch	19	20 7am MOB
10am Worship with baptism	7pm Young Adult Bible Study	30	6:30pm Confirmation	Spring		
11:05am Mtn Movers	7pm Bible Study		6:30pm Jr Choir	⁶ Event		
11am Ripley lunch in fellowship hall			7pm Sr Choir	7pm WOW Secret Prayer Sister Reveal & meeting		
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 Arbor Day	27
9am Sunday School		7pm Property & Grounds Committee	6:30pm Sr Confirmation	9am Quilting; bring sack lunch	20 Alboi Day	
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