

# SOUTH ZUMBRO NEWS

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*But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. - James 1:6*

Dear South Zumbro,

A few weeks ago, I was driving with one of my farmer friends and we were discussing the need for rain and how it was affecting the crops. Like a good farmer, he is always willing to teach me more about the vocation. He said “look out in that field...do you see the corn ‘flagging’ its top leaf?”. Indeed, I could see that the top leaf was stretching out high. He said this happens just before tasseling. He indicated that corn is “made” in July and if we don’t get some rain, the germination process may be affected and in the end, the yield too will be affected.

As Pastor Jeff and I always say “there are SO MANY SERMONS in farming”! I immediately thought of how much that is like us in our faith life. There are absolutely times of abundance! We are sufficiently provided with all we need to be successful, filled with the Spirit, opportunities to share God’s love. Yet, there are certainly times in which it seems we are lacking the needed provisions to feel “good” about ourselves or that our faith is growing. We distance ourselves from church and/or fellow Christians. We spend time doing things that are not fruitful or reflect the image of Christ. We find ourselves in a “slump” and it seems our faith is dry and desperately in need of quenching rains. It is in these moments that no matter how dry it is, just like the corn that is in dire need of rain, we reach up as high as we can to seek the Son and pray for that which we need to feed our faith.

The verses that come before James 1:6 are familiar to us “*Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds*”. James goes on to talk about the fact that in this “testing” our faith produces perseverance. However, I love what he says in verse 6 that “YOU MUST BELIEVE AND NOT DOUBT”. I know our farmer friends have such a deep faith. Though this has been one of those years that is certainly testing them, they BELIEVE and never DOUBT that The Father will provide and the crop will produce as best it can. You too, in your faith, no matter how dry it is, MUST BELIEVE He will provide quenching rains.

Reach up, my brothers and sisters and BELIEVE that Our Father will answer your request according to His will.

Love you always and forever,

*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!
- Please join us for an outdoor concert at the parsonage on Thursday, August 17, at 7 pm.
- Please sign up for Fall Prevention Class: Matter of Balance (60+). Registration online at yourjuniper.org or on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Cindy Bernards @ 507-273-9045. Class will be held in the fellowship hall on Thursdays from 9 to 11 am beginning on August 31 and going through October 5. Cost is \$10; please bring your medical insurance card.
- SERVE Day will be Saturday, October 7. More information to come in the September newsletter.
- This year Advent By Candlelight is Sunday, December 3, 2023. Planning committee meetings will begin on Wednesday, September 6.



Thank you to my church ladies for the thoughtful cards. I'm doing the best I can.  
*Joan Phelps*

Dear Church of South Zumbro,  
On behalf of our Kasson-Mantorville graduating class, thank you! The program/service, food, and words of advice given was outstanding! Hosting an event such as baccalaureate can be overwhelming and lots of work, but thank you! Prayers and blessings to you all. God bless you in your highs and lows.  
Sincerely,  
*David Oolman*

Dear Church of South Zumbro,  
Thank you so much for hosting the K-M class of 2023 Baccalaureate. The work you put in is greatly appreciated, especially in the ways you went out of your way. Those treats were amazing! Again, thank you!  
Sincerely,  
*Olivia*

Pastor Pete,  
I want to personally thank you for allowing us to present the ministry of Adult & Teen Challenge to you and your congregation. It was awesome to be with you, to feel the love of your people, and to see what God is doing at South Zumbro Lutheran Church. We had an amazing experience! We do not take lightly the opportunity you gave us to stand on your platform and proclaim the amazing grace and goodness of God, thank you!

I have included copies of our rack cards, which give quick information about us. If anyone in your congregation should ever need help for themselves or a loved one, please do not hesitate to pass this information along to them. Once again, it was an honor and a privilege for our clients to join your service and worship with you. Thank you for allowing them to share the freedom from addiction they have found in Christ. If there is any way we can ever assist or bless you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,  
*David Hunter II*  
Center Director  
MN Adult and Teen Challenge - Rochester

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ  
Karen and I thank you for participating in ministry with us. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. We had our first Sunday worship and it was great. Recently the Methodist Church was closed. All five of the remaining members came to worship. They were overjoyed to worship in their town. Your support means the world to us. I'll keep you posted on how things go. Our next meeting is August 13th. People are spreading the word. Please keep us in your prayers. May God bless and keep you.

Thank you again!  
*Pastor Elden and Karen*

Thank you to the congregation for supporting our mission trip group! We appreciate the prayers and your support of our fundraising efforts. It was an impactful experience and we are so grateful for your encouragement and assistance. Thank you to WOW for the delicious breakfast the morning that we left and the snacks that you sent along with us. They kept us going all week! Thank you to Pastor Jeff for the meaningful send off and Cindy for the cookies. We felt so much love and support from all of you throughout this entire experience. It is greatly appreciated.

*The Mission Group*



## Protection: Safe and Sound

August 7-13 is OSHA's (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) "Safe and Sound Week". This is important not only for our workplaces but also for our homes. We will choose to wear seatbelts in the car and car seats for our children and grandchildren. Baseball, football, and hockey players wear helmets to protect their heads from injury. We will choose to wear personal protective equipment like gloves in the kitchen at South Zumbro to protect us from germs. We wear goggles to protect our eyes and ear protection when we are cutting the grass or cutting down an old dead ash tree. We choose to wear helmets to protect our heads when riding bikes or motorcycles or horses.

Augustus is also the month when Dodge County has our Relay for Life at the Fairgrounds (August 4, 2023, 6-12 pm). Community members take turns walking around the track lined with luminaria bags. We have the chance to honor local survivors of cancer, remember those we have lost, raising money for the American Cancer Society.

We can all protect ourselves by participating in cancer screening. Women aged 21 and older need a Pap smear every three years, checking for cervical cancer. Women aged 40 need mammograms every two years, checking for breast cancer. Men aged 50 need a yearly exam for prostate cancer (age 45 if high risk). Both men and women aged 45-75 need a colonoscopy every 10 years, checking for colorectal cancer. Those who have a history of smoking, environmental exposure to radon, asbestos, secondhand smoke, or with a family history need to be screened for lung cancer once a year at age 50-80.

The Bible tells us about spiritual protection in Ephesians 6:13-18. "Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth (against the world and Satan's deception), having put on the breastplate of (Christ's) righteousness, and having peace (ready to share the message of grace), above all taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows (emotions, habits, lies, thoughts) of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation (which protects our mind and thoughts), and the (fighting) sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

God takes the devil seriously and has equipped us to withstand the powerful enemy who regularly attacks us, to stand firm and live in its victory. He will keep us safe and sound.

Your Faith Community Nurse,  
*Cindy Bernardts*

(Thanks to resources from Stormie Omartian: Prayer Warrior)



## Curious about South Zumbro's history?

The fellowship hall's history cabinet (to your left as you enter) holds a treasure trove of documents and records relating to the story of our church and its members. Baptism and death records, obituaries, and minutes of various organizations dating from our church's inception can be found there. Various items of donated paper memorabilia and ephemera are all organized within binders, as well as confirmation pictures and photos of the pastors who served here. These resources are available to anyone. Please handle them respectfully and do not remove items from the church building.

Also please be aware anyone attending services via video in the fellowship hall is welcome to use Bibles and hymnals located in the bottom left door of the cabinet.



## Mission Support Update

As of July 2023, South Zumbro Lutheran Church has separated ties with long term mission partner, Latin American Lutheran Missions (LALM). This was a difficult decision as South Zumbro has partnered with LALM for many years. This is due to the fact of not receiving information from LALM even when contacted multiple times via multiple avenues over the last several months. When an LALM board member did return a call, it seems that LALM has taken a different direction with the organization. This is the reason why we are no longer partnering with them. For July 2023, our mission donation that would have gone to LALM has been sent to The Mustard Seed in Eagle Butte, SD. The Mustard Seed provides shelter for homeless people in tiny houses, with a main house where they may do laundry, cook, eat, and socialize. They also provide emergency food to very low income households, delivering to those without transportation. The Mustard Seed is an organization that our Luther League worked with while in Eagle Butte. For more information see the July 2023 council minutes.



# July 2023

## South Zumbro Council Minutes

Attendees: C. Herbst, C. Carlson, V. Bohle, B. Stromme, K. Johnson, N. Jurrens, M. Aarsvold, J. Larsen, L. Knutson, D. Nemechek, D. Powers, Pastor P. Wyttenbach

Absent: Pastor J Bernards, R. Lee

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

Book Study: Discuss Chapters eleven and twelve of "What's so Amazing about Grace"

Secretary's Report- M/S/A

Treasurer's Report- M/S/A

Trustees updates- Emergency light for the kitchen basement has been ordered and the extra handicap signs have been installed. The state inspector checked the wheelchair lift and passed inspection. Tri-County completed their inspection, and the air conditioner at the parsonage is working well. Waiting update on when Custom Alarm can assess the fire alarm notification to the church basement.

Pastor's Report- June 2023

Mileage: Pastor Pete: 395 miles Pastor Jeff: 59 miles

Total Visits: 13

Baptisms: 1 -- Carson Cook

Weddings: 0

Funerals/Memorials: 1- Carl Beckstrom (graveside service...funeral was at St. John's last year)

Stuff:

- Fyi We are hosting a Memorial Service for Mary Estes on July 15. Mary is Dennis A's aunt.
- Pastor Jeff requests permission to advertise a trip to Israel in January of 2025 that is open to anybody interested in joining him and Cindy.
- Shirley Fette requested membership transfer from St. John Lutheran in Waseca, to South Zumbro. Shirley is the mother of a friend who is in the Stewartville nursing home.- M/S/A
- Pastor Pete gone the rest of the week for fair (July 11-16)

Looking ahead

- July 20 -- Summer Concert -- Brasher Family
- August 12 -- Tate/Bendickson Wedding
- August 13 -- Festival in the Park Service
- August 17 -- Summer Concert -- Community Celebration Worship Band
- July 31 -- August 4 -- Youth to Camp (Lake Geneva)
- September 10 -- Barn Service
- September 17 -- Rally Day -- Start of Sunday School

Benevolence Suggestion/Vote (Deacons) - Ironwood Springs Ranch-M/S/A

### Attendance

116, 187, 129, 118

### Offerings

#### 7-2-23

\$5213.65, home budget; \$227.69, Building Vision fund; \$40, WOW; \$30, VBS; \$20, Baby bottle fundraiser; \$50, Luther League; \$300, Camper fee; \$30, Cemetery fund.

#### 7-9-23

\$5042.75, home budget; \$100.69, Building Vision fund; \$81.38, Cemetery fund; \$225, Luther League; \$100, Sunday School; \$301.50, Junior League/coffee fellowship.

#### 7-16-23

\$3641, home budget; \$202.75, Building Vision fund; \$77.06, Luther League; \$40, WOW; \$40, Sunday School; \$75, Good Samaritan fund; \$30, Cemetery fund; \$300, Pastor Elden & The Gathering Place; \$10, Mary Jo Estes memorial; \$125, Missy Bolles memorial.

#### 7-23-23

\$5194.19, home budget; \$100.69, Building Vision fund; \$400, Good Samaritan fund; \$100, Mountain Movers; \$30, Cemetery fund; \$100, The Gathering Place; \$50, Memorial fund in memory of Mary Jo Estes; \$273, Advent by Candlelight coffee.

Old Business:

- Mission Support for LALM-

Support will be suspended for the rest of 2023 as Bill made several attempts to find out what has happened to LALM. Several red flags came up in his research. He still has not heard back from anyone in the organization. Therefore, support will be suspended and future support will be voted on at the annual meeting.

In replacement of the monthly LALM we will support a variety of missions and this month, we will be supporting The Mustard Seed in Eagle Butte, SD. South Zumbro members helped provide services at The Mustard Seed during their mission trip. The Mustard Seed shelters the homeless and provides services to low income households to dignify the lives of these individuals or families. M/S/A

- LCMC Pastor Liena is starting a Retreat Center in Latvian, called Lumen Fidei, One time mission donation to help Pastor Liena's efforts with the Retreat Center. A few things the center provides are: training for Christian leaders and pastors, spiritual direction and pastoral counseling, community space for church parish to come together for fellowship, bible study and days of prayer. We will be giving \$2000 out of the \$10,000 giving fund voted on at the annual meeting. M/S/A
- Grounds Committee and Trustee Report regarding parking lot, etc.

July 9th information meeting had great discussion and Matt Clock was able to help answer member questions about the upcoming parking lot changes.

Lynn verified our insurance coverage with Stevenson Insurance (we would be covered and premiums likely will not increase much).

Probate is going slow (complete possibly around end of Aug?).

- FIRES Survey Comments to review and prioritize-

List shared and the Fires committee will prioritize and report back. One item that stood out that will be acted on is contacting Sound Media for lighting recommendations for the front pews.

FIRES Committee will check with the decorating committee about signs for the basement bathrooms.

- Church Directory Status-

The status of the directory was discussed briefly and an update will be provided at the next council meeting.

New Business:

Service day- October 7th

Meeting Adjourned- M/S/A

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted-

*Val Bohle*

**SZ 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.

**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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A special invitation to all South Zumbro ladies to attend our WOW Picnic and assembling of our Stewardship Projects on Thursday evening, August 24th at 6 pm. A salad and dessert supper will be served by the Esther Circle. We will have a short meeting and then will assemble our stewardship kits. Start to purchase and gather your contributions to the three types of kits that are listed on the first few pages of our WOW booklet and in this newsletter. Please bring your kits or items to church by August 20. This is always a fun evening of food, fellowship, and stewardship. Hope you can come!

#### **Lutheran World Relief**

##### **School kit**

One sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag; four 70-sheet notebooks; one 16 or 24 ct crayons; one pencil sharpener; one 30 cm ruler; one pair blunt scissors; five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; five black or blue pens; one 2.5" eraser

#### **Global Health Ministries**

##### **Newborn kits**

1 regular size bath towel (approx. 52" long); 1 washcloth (not microfiber); 1 bath size bar white Ivory soap (in orig. pkg); 1 cotton t-shirt or onesie, sz 0-3 mo or newborn; 1 newborn stocking hat; 1 bay receiving blanket (approx 30"x30") cotton or light flannel, knit or crocheted; 2 cloth diapers; 2 diaper pins. Lay items on the towel and fold the towel to enclose everything inside. Tie your bundle securely with twine, ribbon, even a rolled bandage. Then insert in a pillowcase.

##### **Hospice kits**

1 regular size bath towel (approx 52" long); 1 washcloth (not microfiber); 1 bath size bar unscented soap (in orig pkg); 1 toothbrush (in original, individual pkg); 1 pick style comb; 1 nail clipper (larger size preferred); 6 bandaids, rubber banded together; 1 jar or tube of pure petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline (approx 4 oz, lid taped); 1 pair heavy duty household gloves (kitchen type, size medium). Lay items on the towel and fold the towel to enclose everything inside. Tie your bundle securely with twine, ribbon, even a rolled bandage. Then insert in a pillowcase.



## **South Zumbro is going on a Bus Trip! Friday, October 6, 2023 Barn Quilt Tour in Carver County, MN 7:30 am - 5:30 pm**

Join us for a fun day touring barn Quilts in the Waconia, MN area. Men are welcome to join us. You may invite guests on a first come basis. We will be doing The Applique Loop Tour with a trip guide joining us on the bus. We will be traveling by coach bus starting from the parking lot across from the Kwik Trip in Kasson. Our trip includes lunch at

Unhinged Pizza (similar to a Pizza Ranch). There will be opportunities to shop. Bring cash also as not all accept credit cards. We have set the cost at \$50/person. This includes the bus and bus driver gratuity, fee for our trip guide, and the meal. Flyers and signup will start on July 2nd. A \$25 fee is due at the time of signing up, with the balance due on September 3rd. You may also pay in full when signing up. One of the committee will be at the signup each Sunday, to collect payment when you sign up. Cash or a check is required.

The cost of this trip has been set at a reasonable amount because we are doing a couple fundraisers to help with the cost of the bus, which is about \$3,000.00. So August 20th will be a Bake Sale. We ask everyone to bring something for the bake sale. September 3rd the Bus Trip Committee will be serving at coffee hour. Any money from the fundraisers over the cost of our trip will go to WOW for their mission distribution at the end of the year. Sign up early! We have a 45 passenger bus.

# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Esther Circle has duties this month.	Family Service Group Leaders: Bill & Brook Santjer  Youth leave for camp @ Lake Geneva Christian Center	<b>1</b>  1:30 pm Faith Circle @ Church  7 pm Naomi Circle @ Church	<b>2</b>  7 pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b> <i>Be devoted to one another in love.</i> <small>ROMANS 12:10, 13-17</small> 	<b>4</b>  Youth return from camp.	<b>5</b>  7 am MOB @ Church
<b>6</b>  9 am Worship with Holy Communion  10 am Coffee fellowship	<b>7</b>  7 pm Bible Study @ Church	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>  7 pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Tate/Bendickson Wedding
<b>13</b>  9 am Festival in the Park Worship 10 am Coffee fellowship  	<b>14</b>  7 pm Council meeting @ Church	<b>15</b>  7 pm Health & Wellness meeting @ Church	<b>16</b>  7 pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>17</b>  7 pm Music at the Parsonage	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>  7 am MOB @ Church
<b>20</b>  8:30 am Bus Trip Bake Sale 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee fellowship	<b>21</b>  7 pm Bible Study @ Church	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  7 pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>24</b>  6 pm WOW Picnic and Stewardship Projects @ Church	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 
<b>27</b>  9 am Worship 10 am Coffee fellowship 7 pm Prayer Meeting @ Church	<b>28</b>  7 pm Worship Space Committee meeting @ Church	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  7 pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>31</b>  9 am Fall Prevention Class @ Church		

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