SOUTH ZUNBRO NEWS

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Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.- Proverbs 13:20 Harvest Greetings South Zumbro,

Last week, the cornfield around our farm was harvested. The sounds and smells of the gathering brings me such joy. The hum of the combine in the distance, the warbling of the tractor accompanying it and the sibilance of the grain pouring into the wagon. Witnessing the harvest is a true blessing and has many symbolic meanings for our life.

Something else you might see in a cornfield is the evidence of the yield. Oftentimes, there will be corn kernels left behind for the birds, deer and other beings of God's creation to enjoy. Us, being one of them! To my fortune, a pile of corn was left behind that had escaped the clutches of the grain wagon. Like a good farmer, I sent my son to the field to gather the corn so we could use it to feed our chickens. After scooping it up, we poured it into plastic bins in our chicken coop. To my chagrin, I realized that the corn was still quite wet. I hadn't thought of that. I imagine that this corn will not last long before beginning to spoil.

You see, most of you know the importance of the drying period for grain. You can't just store it without it being brought to a certain moisture. In my case, this corn is really wet. In fact, it may have gotten rained on while waiting for our collection. I best feed it quickly, or it will begin to mold and will be of no use after too long. What does this have to do with our faith? What might I glean from this story?

In Proverbs 13:20, the writer explains that surrounding ourselves with fools might cause harm. How? Because who we surround ourselves with is a critical, social understanding that we usually partake in and/or become that which we are consumed with. If we surround ourselves with unbelievers and engage in immoral activities, we lose touch with our relationship with Jesus. Similarly, in 1 Corinthians 5:6 says "...a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough". Spoilage in our relationship with Jesus and others can certainly take place if we aren't careful. I will try to quickly use the corn that Rowan gathered for me. Hopefully it will be fine and it won't spoil. That is something we can't do in our relationships..."hope" that everything will be fine. This does not mean you must exclude all people from your life that have poor moral values, but we should guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and be used by Him to bring goodness and love into our relationships.

As you "walk with the wise", I pray that you look for opportunities to minister to those that need to be "gathered" and introduced to the saving grace of Jesus. Love you always,

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 addressmstromme1964@gmail.com Please use this for all correspondence.
- Please pray for our Confirmation students and their spiritual growth Kalin Anderson, Brady Bohle, David Hansen, Maia Hansen, Luke Ingram, Ian Kruckeberg, Raya Olson, Tyler Schoenrock, Aiden Thoen, Adelyn Wohlenhaus, Garrett Aarsvold, Keymoni Bent, Josie Finley, Walker Fjerstad, Tim Gillis, Sam Heaser, Nolan Hodgeman, Brody Hulst, Jackie Inman, Nolan Lee, Nessa Santjer, Anissa Schoenrock, Noah Shubert, Gavin Ledebuhr.
- On Sunday, October 22 at 9:45 am, there will be a fire drill at the conclusion of Sunday School for all adults and children.
- "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" 90 minutes for 6 weeks: Virtual Tuesdays, October 10 November 21, 6-7:30 pm; In person Wednesdays, October 11 November 15, 1-2:30 pm @ Elder Network Office, 1130 1/2 7th St NW, Suite 205, Rochester.



Dear South Zumbro,

Thank you for your loving prayers to our Holy Heavenly Father as we enter this "new journey". Our hearts are comforted and encouraged knowing your arms of love by prayer hold us. It's really a blessing to feel your love. And I/we confidently say, "Praise God always and in all things praise God. He is totally and completely trustworthy and loving–worthy of ALL our praise and love." In His love, Sara Johnson

South Zumbro Lutheran Church family, Thank you so very much for your generous donation of \$531 to our Faith in Action organization. We are truly grateful for your generosity to our community. We are blessed. Donations such as yours make it possible for our organization to continue our volunteers to help serve the seniors in Dodge County to stay in their own homes longer.

Again, "thank you"! Faith in Action Secretary, Diane Dear South Zumbro church family! How can we begin to thank you for the way you've prayed and loved us through the last couple years, and especially the last few weeks as we now have laid Mama to rest. Oh how she loved you all as we do!! The food brought in, the prayers, the calls, the visits and kind words are so appreciated. For all that helped and worked in the kitchen, parked cars, ushered, thank you. To Sandy for playing those beautiful hymns, for Pastors Peter and Jeff, words cannot express our gratitude. Mama is smiling and loving being whole again, and being with Jesus, and her "sweetie", Davis!!! We love you South Zumbro!!

The Colleen Ness Family Karen and Ron Kyllo Dale and Marla Ness Jeanie and Walt Wyttenbach Many thanks to our south Zumbro Church family, Thank you for all the prayers, cards and spiritual support given us since Rick's Glioblastoma brain tumor diagnosis. Thanks Pastor Pete for your visit and Holy Communion and to the South Zumbro WOW for the hot dishes. We love and appreciate everyone at South Zumbro. Please continue your prayers for Rick, Sally and our family as we continue on this day to day journey. We feel your love and we know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ hears every prayer. We are so grateful for each of you. With love and Blessings, Rick and Sally Boyum Kendall & Julie Boyum

Friends of South Zumbro Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$650 to Camp Victory. Your support helps keep this ministry going. This summer we served over 1800 campers and staff from June to August. I had a counselor tell me that not only did she have an incredible experience working at camp, but her stepsister who came on a scholarship found "the people at camp to be real. They really love Jesus." She said she wants to find a church where she can continue learning about God. Thank you for helping us in our ministry. Paul Nelson



Ladies, it's never too early to mark your calendar for a very special event! South Zumbro WOW will hold its 11th annual Advent by Candlelight on Sunday evening, December 3rd, at 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering will be taken with all money going to a local charity. This is an evening filled with beautiful music, the Word, and wonderful fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. All women of South Zumbro Lutheran are invited to attend. Reservations (sign-ups) will begin the last Sunday in October. Volunteers are again needed for ladies to host a table for 6 to 8 ladies, provide a holiday centerpiece, table setting and a dessert. You may partner with another lady to host a table. It is lots of fun and only requires a few hours of your time. Information sheets are available or for more info call Paula Carlson, 507-254-9176, or carlson.paulaj@gmail.com. Other volunteers will be needed and announcements will be made in the coming weeks with more information. Please, mark your calendars now.

Plow Day

On Saturday, October 28 at 9 am, we will host a "Plow Day" right here at church in the field east of the cemetery. If you have a tractor and/or plow, please join us. If you don't have one, come anyway! There will be coffee, treats, and good fellowship. Please spread the word!





On Saturday, October 28, at 9:30 am, South Zumbro Sunday School will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event in the parking lot at church. Anyone from church is invited to decorate your trunk or vehicle and share a short story, magic trick, treat, etc. All children are invited to dress up and attend. The "Plow Day" begins at 9 am, so come early to see the tractors/plows and stay for the trunk or treat event!



10-DAY TOUR OF ISRAEL

JOURNEY THROUGHOUT THE HOLY LAND

January 6-15, 2025 Hosted by Pastor Jeff and Cindy

Old City Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, City of David including Hezekiah's Tunnel, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Bethlehem, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Gideon's Spring, Jaffa, and so much more. Optional three day extension to Jordan to see Petra

Brochures are on the table in the hallway at church with info. Imagine Tours website is ittworld.com Pastor Jeff and Cindy would be happy to answer questions.



Attendance 103, 115 (barn service), 220, 191

Offerings

9-3-23

\$6007, home budget; \$302.69, Building Vision fund; \$50, Gathering Place; \$30, Cemetery fund.

9-10-23

\$2571.38, home budget; \$125.69, Building Vision fund; \$20, Sunday School; \$30, Cemetery fund; \$60, Good Samaritan fund.

9-17-23

\$6034, home budget; \$100.69, Building Vision fund; \$460, Good Samaritan fund; \$81.38, Cemetery fund; \$150, Luther League; \$60, Memorial fund in memory of Mary Jo Estes.

9-24-23

\$2005, home budget; \$25.69, Building
Vision fund; \$80, Good Samaritan fund;
\$40, Sunday School; \$150, Luther League;
\$130, Cemetery fund; \$2845, Memorial
fund in memory of Colleen Ness; \$1000,
Cemetery fund in memory of Colleen
Ness.

September 2023 South Zumbro Council Minutes

Attendees: C. Carlson, V. Bohle, B. Stromme, R. Lee, N. Jurrens, M. Aarsvold, J. Larsen, L. Knutson, D. Nemechek, Pastor J. Bernards Absent: C. Herbst, K. Johnson, Pastor Pete, and D. Powers

Corey called the meeting to order and Pastor Jeff opened with prayer. Book Study: Discuss chapters fifteen and sixteen of "What's so Amazing about Grace"

Secretary's Report: Correction to August old business- Well capping estimates from Thein Well Company and the grounds committee will report to council to discuss. -M/S/A

Treasurer's Report: M/S/A

Trustees updates: People's Co-op did an assessment and they recommend 3 light poles for the parking lot area south of the church costing- \$6,760. Currently the bulbs are 100 watt and they recommend the 250 watt LED bulbs. If the church members want the parking lot brightness adjusted, they will change the bulbs at no cost.

Exit light has been changed and the West automatic doors to the church entrance had the batteries changed in both switches and furnace filters have been changed. Custom Alarm is awaiting the parts for installing the smoke detectors in the basement. Installation date will be scheduled after the parts arrive.

Pastor's Report-August 2023

Mileage:

Pastor Pete: 380 miles Pastor Jeff: 80 miles

Total Visits: 18

Baptisms: 2 -- Samuel James Herbst, Levi Dohrman

Weddings: 1 -- Ben and Maddy Tate

Funerals/Memorials: 0

Stuff:

- Hayfield Nursing Home church service- Aug.1
 - Worship
 - Communion
 - Visited SZ members while there
- Directory update- editing almost finished
- One day designated for "visiting"
 - Morning people are more apt to a visit-
 - No designated office hours that day
 - Trial for a period of time
- Confirmation begins. We currently have 10 new students joining the 10 returning students. Confirmation Sunday tentatively set for May 5.

• Reminder that earlier this year the council approved services for Christmas as Sunday, December 24 at 10:00am and 3:30pm. The plan is for these to be similar "Christmas

Celebration" services. No services on Christmas Day as has been the practice in the past.

• Preaching at other churches- the council discussed once every three months.

Looking ahead:

- September 13 Confirmation meeting with families
- September 17 -- Rally Day -- Start of Sunday School
- September 20 Confirmation begins

• October 1-4 -- LCMC Annual Gathering - St Louis (Bill and Michele are our delegates and Pastor Jeff and Cindy will be attending as well)

- October 7– Service day
- October 28 -- Plow Day
- December 3 -- Advent begins!

Benevolence Suggestion/Vote (Deacons)-

• KM & Byron backpack and pantry program- M/S/A

• Mission support (in place of LALM)- Wycliffe Bible Translators (they help translate scripture for people around the world)- M/S/A

Old Business:

• Matt Clock- Tree removed from the west parking lot and gravel added to the West parking lot and drive around the cemetery. Trees were removed from the South parking lot and the lot was extended. Matt recommends adding more rock next year to both parking lots to keep up with maintenance- estimated cost \$3,500.

• Grounds committee-

- \circ Billy Glawe came forward and will remove the metal from homestead.
- Committee asked Matt Clock for an estimate for home removal and the committee will report back to the council.

New Business:

Memorial Committee: scholarships

• There have been seminary funds donated and set aside in an account. There are legal implications to work through and the committee is asking for a small group to be formed and discuss the distribution of these funds. Would like the small group to prepare a presentation that they can present to the congregation at the annual meeting.

• Worship Space Committee:

Looking at short- term and long- term worship goals at South Zumbro.
Overflow of congregation in the fellowship hall- the committee will put chairs in a row with bibles and hymnals. Suggested trying communion in the fellowship hall as well. Service group leaders will need to have greeters for the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. Discussed having a "worship" leader to organize songs and lead songs in the fellowship hall. This committee is working on updating and creating more kids activity bags for families to use. At this time the fellowship hall changes are a short term fix and there has been a lot of discussion about long term worship change at South Zumbro.

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

Respectfully submitted Val Bohle

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Check Your Meds Day

I think we've all been sick enough to take a prescription medication. Haveyou ever had strep throat? Needed surgery for a broken bone? Had a sinus infection? It makes me thankful that we live in this day and age with antibiotics, antivirals and many other medications. Nation "Check Your Meds Day" is October 21. Itis sponsored by the National Community Pharmacists Association. It prompts us to bring our medications to our local pharmacist for review. Pharmacists can remove any prescriptions that have expired, update prescriptions as necessary and answer any questions we may have. If nothing else, it's a rare chance for us to get free medical advice.

Historically there has always been a distinction between those who directly work with ill patients and those who create pharmaceutical remedies. Pharmacists originally went by the title of "Apothecaries". In ancient Egypt the medical profession was split into two classes - the ones who visited the sick and those who prepared antidotes. I wonder if Doctor Luke visited the sick with Jesus? Matthew 4:23 and Matthew 9:35, "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing all kinds of sicknesses and all kinds of disease among the people." Luke himself says, "When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on everyone of them and healed them." (Luke 4:40)

After WWI and II there were big pharmaceutical discoveries with new and highly effective medications. Pharmacists were no longer the makers of the remedies but were still knowledgeable in all medicines prescribed to patients. In 1951 a law mandated that all drugs be defined as prescription or "Over the Counter" (OTC). Today pharmacists have a more hands-on role consulting with patients in the hospital, offering advice, medical directions and correct dosage instructions.

Individuals who take prescription medications should take the opportunity on Saturday, October 21, 2023 (or any day this month!) to get their medications checked, develop a closer relationship with our local pharmacists and become better educated about the drugs we are taking.

Do we know: the 5 rights? The right person? Right medication? Right dosage? Right route? Right time? Safety comes first.

- The Name of my prescribed medication (or the generic equivalent)?
- What the medication does? (not "the yellow one is my water pill")
- How it affects me specifically? Do I have any side effects?
- Am I taking it correctly? Full stomach or empty stomach? Is the timing correctly coordinated with my other medications? Is it once, twice, three times a day?
- Is there a more cost effective alternative to what is being prescribed?
- Are all my medications safe to take together?

Often when I sent a patient out of the ICU, I sent them with a table of their medications with a daily chart.

But what if I don't take any medications?! Perhaps we may have a spouse or children, a parent or grandparent who does. We can take the opportunity on October 21, 2023, to round up friends or family, especially those with elderly family members who rely on prescriptions - we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, giving someone a ride to the local pharmacist. They will be reassured about their prescriptions (often a source of anxiety) and be more confident. Thank you for showing your faith in action.

Your faith community nurse, Cindy Bernards



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.



4th Annual South Zumbro Day to SERVE October 7, 2023

South Zumbro Family,

Once again the Mission Coordinators are planning the 4th Annual South Zumbro Day to SERVE. Last year we had a great turn out and had some great projects to work on. This year the date will be Saturday, October 7. Members of all skill levels are needed! Some ideas on what may be asked of us are weeding, planting, painting, minor carpentry, trimming trees, picking up branches, washing windows, helping people get ready for winter, etc. October 7 is about 1 week away. If you have some OUTDOOR projects that you may need / would like help with, please let your Mission Coordinators know. If you know of someone who may have a need please let us know that as well.

To volunteer for Day to SERVE on October 7, sign-up HERE: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449ACAE28A3FE3-4thannual

Please sign up all family members that will be volunteering so we can get a number of people volunteering for the day. Children younger than 13 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children 13 years old and older will need to have a permission slip singed by the parent or guardian. The day will look like this:

8:30 – Check in, Instructions

8:45 am - Devotions

9:00 am – 3:00 pm SERVE (bring your own lunch/beverages) 3:00 pm – Meal and Fellowship at church

S = Service

E = Enriching (enriching lives of others but also enriching your own life in the process)

R = Rewarding (rewarding for those that are volunteering and for the person/s receiving assistance)

- V = Volunteering
- E = Everyday

Please contact the South Zumbro Mission Coordinators with questions and/or project ideas.

Lu Clifford (bobandlu321@gmail.com or 507.951.9322) Bill Stromme (stromme4@kmtel.com or 507.279.1534)

Pray for our Sunday School teachers

We are blessed with a great group of people who have volunteered their time to teach the children at South Zumbro. We have classes available for ages 3 through 105! Please pray for them as they plan and prepare for their time with your children and that all will experience spiritual growth this year. Preschool & Kindergarten: Suecarol Shuler and Shanna Wohlenhaus

1st & 2nd: Annika Carlson, John Tate, Duane and Emilly Hansen3rd & 4th: Erica Gillis and Bill Santjer5th & 6th: Patty Boyum and Bill Stromme

7th - 9th: Heather Holum, Tim Moenning and Warren Kerkhoff 10th - 12th: Cindy Herbst and Mason Koehler Adults: Pastor Jeff Bernards

Superintendents: Meghan Culverson and Michele Stromme Board of Education: Corey Carlson, Lu Clifford, Erica Gillis and Jenny Wyttenbach



I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV



Lefse Bake Saturday, October 7 @ 10 am Bring your griddle & lefse ready to roll Sign up in the Narthex



Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

Encourage your pastor by assuring him or her of your prayers and love.



Once again South Zumbro will take part in collecting items to place in shoeboxes to be sent to children around the world. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will be collecting items until Sunday, **November 12**. That day our Junior League (5th – 7th graders) will pack the shoeboxes following worship.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps, ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, etc. OTHER: t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlight (with extra batteries) DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans; toothpaste; mints or hard candies.



6th Annual South Zumbro ATV Extravaganza Saturday, October 14, 2023 Meet at Church @ 9 am All are welcome so bring a friend!

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 am ABC planning mtg	2 7 pm Bible Study @ Church	3 1:30 pm Faith Circle @ Church 7 pm Naomi Circle @ Church 7 pm FIRES @ Church	4 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Junior Choir 7 pm Young Adult Bible Study	5 9 am Quilting; bring sack lunch 9 am Fall Prevention Class @ Church	6 7:30 am WOW Bus Trip	7 7 am MOB @ Church 8 am SERVE Day 10 am Lefse Bake
8 9 am Sunday School 9 am Norwegian Bake Sale 10 am Worship 11 am Mtn Movers	9 Columbus Day 4:30 - 7 pm FIA Soup & Pie Supper @ Kasson Methodist Church 7 pm Council meeting @ Church	10	11 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Junior Choir 7 pm Young Adult Bible Study 7 pm Senior Choir	12 9 am Quilting; bring sack lunch 9 am Fall Prevention Class @ Church	13	14 9 am Esther Circle @ Church 9 am ATV Extravaganza
15 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Mtn Movers 11 am ABC planning mtg	16 7 pm Bible Study @ Church	17 7 pm Health & Wellness meeting @ Church	18 7 pm Young Adult Bible Study 7 pm Senior Choir	19 9 am Quilting; bring sack lunch 9 am Fall Prevention Class @ Church 1 pm Harold Meyer funeral @ Church	20	21 7 am MOB @ Church
22 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Mtn Movers	23 7 pm Worship Space Committee mtg @ Church	24 7 pm SZ Property & Grounds mtg @ Church		26 9 am Quilting; bring sack lunch	27	28 9 am Plow Day 9:30 am Trunk or Treat
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