



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

June 2019



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Friends in Christ:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo”, “I believe”. A creed is any statement of beliefs, not necessarily just one that is read in worship. For example, you could interpret the Augsburg Confession as the creed of the early Lutheran Church.

In fact, historically, creeds have been more about education than worship. The historic ecumenical creeds were written to correct certain false beliefs (called “heresies”). (In this case, “ecumenical” means something like “universal” or “worldwide”. These creeds date from a time in history when it was still possible to gather together representatives of more or less all Christians in the world.)

You can think of these historic creeds as a sort of ancient faith FAQ. They were written to address the specific questions and controversies of their time. For example, there was a lot of confusion about how to talk about the relationship between Jesus and God the Father, so the Nicene Creed provides an example. It isn't so much “these are the only things you can say” as “when you talk about this, talk like this”.

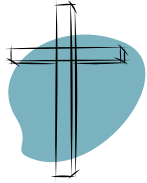
Just like the Frequently Asked Questions page on a website, the creeds only answer the questions that people around that time were actually asking. They don't answer every question that anyone might ever have, so sometimes details are left out which we might want to have included. So, for instance, there is not a lot of detail about Jesus' ministry between his birth and his death. That doesn't mean nothing that happened during Jesus' life matters—it just means that wasn't the part people had the most questions about.

Over time, some Christians started using creeds in worship, as a means of both proclaiming and teaching the faith. The two primary creeds used for this purpose are the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. (Lutherans also consider the Athanasian Creed among the historic ecumenical creeds, but it's much longer and therefore less suited for use in worship.)

When we recite the creeds together in worship, several things are happening at once, combining both educational and worship purposes. When we say the creed, we are worshiping by proclaiming the gospel, the good news about what God has done for us in Jesus. We are also learning, rehearsing both the content of our faith and how we can talk about it with others. And we are connecting to the history of our church, to Christians around the world and to all those who have gone before us and confessed more or less this same faith. We are witnessing with the “great cloud of witnesses”.

By the way, have you noticed that sometimes the words of the creeds change? That happens because both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were originally written in Greek. Over time, as the English language changes, we must go back to the Greek and re-translate. (For example, if you said “he will come again to judge the quick and the dead” today, most people would not realize that “the quick” means “the living”. So now we say “the living”.)

Pastor Sarah Taylor



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Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

April 21	92	\$3,875.00
April 28	17	\$330.00
May 5	16	\$805.00
May 12	18	\$628.00

Zion

April 21	73	\$1,246.00
April 28	37	\$1,061.00
May 5	33	\$1,818.00
May 12	84	\$1,013.06

Sunday June Worship Schedule

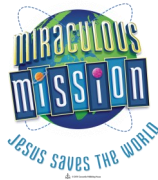
9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska

10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

Senior Recognition Sunday - June 2, 2019

Sunday June 30th - Joint 10:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska

Noisy Offering - Goes to Food for Kids



LOOKING AHEAD

Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School

Jesus Saves The World

June 10-14 from 8:00-11:30am

at Zion Lutheran Church

Calling all students ages 4-13!

At VBS children will learn that Jesus saves the world! They'll look into the Bible and explore five Bible accounts where they will get to learn about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us.

Pick up a registration form at Zion Church or at the Hanska Library.

You can also register online at vbsmate.com/ZIONVBSHANSKA

Can't wait to see you there!!

**Also, we are looking for volunteers,
without you VBS won't be a success!**

-Zion Board of Ed

Questions? Please contact Sarah Mosenden at slomo@live.com or leave a message at (507)240-0134

Synod Assembly

June 7-8, 2019

Redwood Area Community Center (RACC), Redwood Falls, MN

This is my command-be strong and courageous!

Do not be afraid or discouraged.

For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 NLT

We will be opening our assembly on Friday morning with learning opportunities and a chance for us to do several service projects together as a community. **Everyone is welcome!**

Happy
Father's
Day

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sue Stoesz and Lanna Raatz

Wednesday June 5th

9:30a.m. Quilting - 10:30a.m. Coffee for all the women of Lake Hanska Church

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Darlene Nelson

Communion: Ingrid Bode and Darla Colebank

Flowers: Mary Circle

The friends of Linden Lutheran church invite you to attend the 160th anniversary of the founding of the church. A worship service will be held on Saturday June 22. The church will open at noon with a worship service at 2 pm and a time of fellowship following the service in the dining hall. All are invited to attend and celebrate with us.

We look forward to you celebrating the day with us.



Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday June 2, 2019
Seniors in our Parish

Brady Ahlness and Lexi Nelson



Those Confirmed Sunday May 12, 2019

At Zion Church

Abby Fortwengler, Jaden Miller
and Sayla Tauer
God's Blessings

If you have a change in address please email
Jill your new address at

pllsecretary@gmail.com

“ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION”



150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKE HANSKA LUTHERAN CHURCH

17923 – 115th Street, Hanska

**Sunday, August 18, 2019
Celebration Service at 1:00 PM**

Everyone is welcome

Reminiscing, Fellowship and Lunch following the service

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