



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

May 2019



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Friends in Christ:

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Psalm 66:1

I think it was during my first summer as a camp counselor that I learned to love this verse.

I worked in the traveling day camp unit. We took the experience of a stay-away-from-home residential camp and brought it into congregations and communities. With a small team of just four or maybe five staff at each site, we didn't have the luxury of having only the staff who were the best musicians lead the music. (We didn't even always have someone who could play the guitar.) We had to work with whatever skills and abilities the team happened to have.

So whenever a new staff member—like me!—would express concern about their musical ability, someone would always quote Psalm 66:1. It doesn't say "make a beautiful noise" or "make an in-tune noise" or even "make a musical noise". The Psalm says, "make a *joyful* noise to God". And that's what we did!

Those three summers did as much to form me as a worship leader as four years of seminary. One of the things they taught me is that *singing is for everyone*. If you can make any noise at all, you can participate—and enjoy it! You can use your voice. You can also clap your hands or stomp your feet or even just move your head along with the music.

Most of the worship that you'll encounter in a Lutheran Christian worship service has this idea behind it. We value the gifts and efforts of skilled musicians, but our music is *for everyone*. So we include lots of opportunities for everyone to sing along. Combining music with words reinforces the words—plus it can be so much more fun!

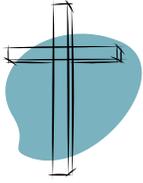
So a central part of a worship service is often the **Hymn of the Day**, the song that immediately follows the sermon. This hymn provides a chance to respond to the good news you've heard in the sermon. But it's also a chance to practice announcing good news yourself!

The song is usually chosen to either complement or correspond with the message you've just heard, but it isn't secondary to it. It's part of the main event! It's every bit as important as the sermon. That means that your part, as a person singing along, is just as important as the preacher's part.

So the next time you're in worship and we get to the hymn of the day, sing along! Don't worry about how musical your voice is—just aim for joyful! And if for whatever reason you can't sing right now, pay attention to the words, and see if you can tell how they relate to the good news for that day. Because the good news about Jesus is *definitely* for everyone.

So we sing, and say, and dance: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Sarah Taylor



Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

March 17th 10 \$505.00

March 20th Wed worship 32
\$106.00

March 24th 10 \$781.00

March 31st Joint worship at Zion

April 7th 19 \$1,140.00

April 14th 25 \$271.00

Zion

March 17th 48 \$1,872.00

March 24th 40 \$1,316.00

March 27th Wed worship 40

March 31st Joint worship at Zion
58 \$748.00

Noisy Offering \$172.11

April 7th 34 \$1,317.00

April 14th 45 \$1,659.00

Sunday Worship Schedule for May

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska

10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

Confirmation May 12th at Zion at 10:30a.m.
(Mother's Day)



Happy Syttende Mai

Friday May 17, 2019

All activities are in the park on Saturday May 18, 2019

No Sunday Worship in the park

Happy Mother's Day

Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.

Proverbs 31:28



LOOKING AHEAD

Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School

Jesus Saves The World

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

at Zion Lutheran Church



National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 2, 2019



Funeral in the PLLP

Walter "Spud" Ellanson - February 28, 2019 at Zion Church



Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Pam Kjelshus and
Jane Ahlness

May 1st - 9:30a.m. Quilting, 10:30a.m.
Coffee - All Lake Hanska Women welcome
to join

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sharon Miller

Communion: Brenda Blackstad
and Ingrid Bode

Flowers: Mary Circle

No Bible Study



Confirmation Sunday is Sunday May 12, 2019 - 10:30a.m. at Zion Church

Aging, Dementia, Caregiving OH MY!!

We got you covered!! Krisie Barron, Caregiver Educator with Embrace, will answer questions that you don't know how to ask when it comes to Aging, Dementia and Caregiving. • Do you lose your keys and think, "holy cow I got the Dementia"? • Are you someone who knows or is supporting someone with Dementia and find it all very frustrating, unpredictable and at times heartbreaking? • Are you a Caregiver and having feelings that don't feel normal and thoughts that continue to make you feel vulnerable, angry and guilty? Join us for a journey that will give you some understanding of the aging process, some "why" behind what dementia brings to the table, and some Caregiver clarity that will sustain even the most burned out Caregivers.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY WELLSRING Faith In Action

Thursday, May 30th, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. First Lutheran
Church Social Hall, St. James Light Dinner Provided

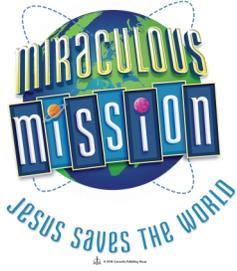
R.S.V.P. 507-375-1276

A Mother's Prayer: Thank you, Lord for bringing my children into my life. Help me guide them and teach them through example to lead lives of wisdom and strong, loving faith. Please let them learn to serve you always in thought word and deed. And remind me, Lord to always be there for my family as you are always there for me.



Amen

Is anyone interested in the piano in the basement of Zion Church or know of someplace that needs a piano? Please talk to a member of Zion council if you have any questions.



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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 Community 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

The Zion Board of Ed will be having a free will donation **Bake Sale** from **11:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Saturday May 18th** at the City Park during the Hanska Syttendi Mai celebration. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods can bring them to the Zion Church basement Friday the 17th from 7-8p.m. All proceeds will go towards **Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School 2019.**

Thank you for your support!

VBS is June 10- 14 8:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. at Zion Church

**Thank you to all who helped
pack food on April 14th
We Did It!!**

**We collected over \$1,600 so Pastor Sarah got a pie or three in the face!
(Watch the video on Facebook)**

We had 21 people pack 55 boxes, 1,980 bags = 11,880 meals. Thank you to Kay and Don Grams for making food for the group before we packed food and those that helped serve and clean up. Thank you to all that helped set up and pack food. Thank you to the Hanska Firemen for letting us use the fire station to pack the food!

God Is Good!



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