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## July 4th Freedom Day Praise Service - 7:00 PM

### Brats, Burgers, and Dogs *at Zoar Church\**

*\$4 Brats*

*\$4 Burgers*

*\$2 Beef Franks*

*\$1 Chips - \$1 Pop*

Served from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM by the Fire Hall and  
from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Zoar Parking Lot

\*Proceeds support Zoar's Missions and Ministries



We are excited to celebrate Independence Day again this year with a few changes. Enjoy a grilled 100% beef burger, a Tofte General Store signature brat, or a beef frank before the parade or come on over later for some grill food and a **7:00 PM outdoor Praise Service** featuring contemporary Christian music led by Dave Gustafson on Guitar with a short message by Pastor Daren Blanck. Stay to enjoy the fireworks from the front lawn and avoid the crowds in Tofte Park. **Help Needed:** If you are willing to help out with the Brats, Burgers, and Dogs, or you have a BGCC Bible Club kid who'd like to participate in the parade,

please let Emily know at the church office:

**218-663-7925.**



Zoar's classic truck entry in the Tofte July 4 parade from a few years ago. Thanks again, Jim and Judy!

**9:30 AM services are in-person, streamed on Facebook, and over 107.9 FM in our parking lot.**

# The Beacon

## ZOAR CHURCH PARISH NEWS

*A Beacon of Hope on the North Shore*



### Summer Messages

*By Pastor Daren Blanck*



The recent volcanic eruption in Iceland blocked one of the roads Michelle and I drove just a couple of years ago. Some famous preachers have threatened fire and brimstone on unrepentant sinners and predicted the coming fiery destruction of the world in the end times. But what does the Bible actually say?

### The End:

**We will all meet it. How then shall we live?**

~ Ends Sunday June 13 ~

This continuing series of messages examines the end - our own, our planet's, and Biblical end times. Different Christians approach these topics quite differently, our approach will be to see what the Bible says (and doesn't) and ask some challenging questions about mortality, prophecy, and eternity.

### Weekly Small Groups

#### *Digging Deeper*

Join us for morning Bible study each week on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. Enjoy coffee and a treat in the Gathering Room or Fellowship Hall while we look more closely at the texts for the week. How is God speaking to us through them? How can we apply this new understanding to our daily lives? **Begins June 1.**

#### *Discipleship*

Grab a pizza at the Birch Grove School brick oven and join us at 6:00 PM at Zoar as we explore what it means to be a disciple. For this study we'll be reading together "*Becoming a Disciple*" by Greg Ogden. Meet in the Gathering Room, Fellowship Hall or on the Parsonage Deck! **Begins Wednesday, June 30.**



The Sea of Galilee from near Capernaum. Jesus likely preached his most famous message, what we call *The Sermon on the Mount* near here. I like to read this text from Matthew or Luke sitting up on Carlton Peak imagining that the disciple's view of the Galilee was somewhat like mine across Superior.

### True Happiness and Sinking Sand:

**Reflections on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**

~ Sundays June 20 - Labor Day Weekend ~

As Jesus gathered His growing followers together, He taught a simple yet thorough overview of how God created us to live. "The Sermon on the Mount" is the heart of Jesus' teaching. He begins with the beatitudes (reflections on true happiness) and continues with much more for us to ponder in the world of 2021. Jesus closes his sermon by saying that those who hear his words and practice them are like those who build their homes on solid rock, and ignoring them is like building your house on shifting sand. For those who wake up every day and dedicate themselves to following "The Way," Christianity isn't a collection of rules - it's serving an awesome God and finding new life in His Kingdom here and now.

#### *Messages This Summer*

<i>June 13 - A Misunderstood Book</i>	<i>July 25 - (Guest Preacher)</i>
<i>June 20 - True Happiness 1</i>	<i>Aug 1 - Your Word, Your Bond</i>
<i>June 27 - True Happiness 2</i>	<i>Aug 8 - Love Your Enemies</i>
<i>July 4 - Salt and Light</i>	<i>Aug 15 - Pray and Give</i>
<i>July 11 - Anger and Forgiveness</i>	<i>Aug 22 - Heed Not Riches</i>
<i>July 18 - (Guest Preacher)</i>	<i>Aug 29 - Judging Others</i>

Except July 4, in-door worship is at 9:30 AM.

## Lutheran Indian Ministries

### ~May Mission Project~

Less than 5 percent of the more than 5 million Native American people in North America know that they are accepted by God and forgiven in Christ.



Lutheran Indian Ministries proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native American peoples, disciples Native leaders to share the Gospel with their brothers and sisters, addresses social sufferings in a way that values Native cultures, and envisions a day when all nations walk together in Christian fellowship. Lutheran Indian Ministries serves Native American communities in the Alaskan interior, Hawaii, the Pacific northwest, and the southwestern US. Zoar supported Lutheran Indian Ministries during the month of May.

## Wycliffe Ministries

### ~June Mission Project~



This June Zoar supports Wycliffe Ministries. Zoar has a number of connections with Wycliffe. One is Galen Johnson who recently retired from his work with the *Seed Company*. His wife, Jill, is the daughter of Paul and Helen Olfelt who owned a cabin in Schroeder for decades. *The Seed Company* is associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Their goal is to help native people in Africa to be able to translate the Bible themselves into their own native languages. Another connection is John Leverington, Pastor Daren's second cousin and his wife Becky. John and Becky founded *Olive Tree Counseling Center* in Turkey to assist workers in the Middle East with the stresses of work for the Kingdom of God there.

## Starfish Fund

### ~July Mission Project~

In addition to the support that we provide to national and international missions, we also strive to support the needs of our local community. During the month of July, we will be collecting funds for our Starfish Fund. The Starfish Fund is used to support community members in times of need.



## Out-Door Worship

### ~ At Father Baraga's Cross ~



Summer outdoor worship services on the rocks near Father Baraga's Cross in Schroeder will once again resume on **June 20th**. Weather permitting, worship will take place at **8 am** each Sunday through **Labor Day Weekend**. Live music will be provided by Zoar's worship team. Pastor Daren will provide the message. Come as you are.

Bring along a cushion or chair to help make the rock seating more comfortable if you'd like. Worship the Lord of all creation with us in the splendor of His workmanship - and invite your guests to join you.

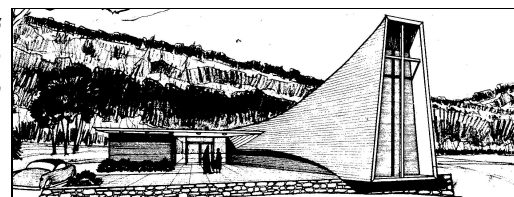
## In-Door Worship

### ~ From Zoar's Leadership Team ~

Beginning June 6th, 2021 we no longer require masks during worship. Please continue to take voluntary precautions. These include hand sanitizing, avoiding hand shaking, social distancing unless otherwise invited, and making the choice to worship in your car, online, or outdoors at Fr. Baraga's Cross if you have a health condition that may make you vulnerable or you have a possible symptom of Covid-19. Fellowshiping is encouraged outside following worship during the summer months. If you feel more comfortable continuing to wear a mask during worship, please feel free to do so. If others are wearing masks, please respect this choice.

We encourage members of our congregation and our community to be vaccinated for your own protection and the protection of others.

An artist's rendering of the "upside down boat" design from 1961.



## Mid-Century Modern Legacy

In 1961 Zoar congregation embarked on a new building program to replace their aging white clapboard church. When they hired Morgenstern & Stanius Architects, Zoar Church became a part of the legacy of the mid-century modern movement. We are excited that our building has been selected to be a part of an upcoming survey of historic architecture on the North Shore.



## Summer Blood Drive



The Memorial Bloodmobile will be at Zoar on **Tuesday July 19th** from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. All blood types help save lives. Nearly 100% of the blood used by patients in northland hospitals is donated by northland blood donors with Memorial Blood Centers. Contact Karen at 612-819-4053 to sign up.

## GoodNews@Home

GoodNews@Home is a ministry of Zoar Church intended to meet the needs of people in long-term care residences. One of the people we've been serving over the past 15 months is a young woman who suffered a terrible car accident when she was in her early 20s. She lives in a long-term care home and has become very dear to us. She is able to use an iPad and watches the YouTube videos regularly. She likes them so well, she often sends them on to her pastor and family.



If you know someone in a care center or homebound who might enjoy Bible lessons and encouragement, please share our YouTube channel (search Linda Alexander - GoodNews at Home) or contact us and we can provide a link to the latest video or send a DVD directly to the residence where your loved one lives. This is a free service and will never ask anyone for money (though we welcome prayers!). You can reach us at [lsalexand@gmail.com](mailto:lsalexand@gmail.com) or through Zoar Church.

## Joyce Krueger Memorial

The Krueger family wishes to invite the Zoar faith community to participate in Joyce's memorial service on Friday, June 25 at 11:00 AM. A CD recording, *Beyond the Sunset*, featuring Joyce playing her favorite hymns at the keyboard is available for a free will offering.

## Global Health Ministries

### Hands on Project Volunteers Needed

One of the more unique resources we have available here on the north shore are used sheets discarded from local resorts and hotels...but these cast-offs from the hospitality industry here are potentially valuable commodities for hospitals and clinics in the African communities served by Global Health Ministries. GHM requires twin sized sheets which can be easily cut down and hemmed from queen sized discards, face masks sewn using the pattern approved by Cook County Health that many of you became adept at, and ripped and wound bandages also made from old sheets. If you would be interested in helping supply these badly needed items to our mission partner, GHM, or to organize a sewing day to work together in the cool of the church basement with some friends, call the church office at 218-663-7925



## Solar Project Update

Last August Zoar installed 18 Heliene photovoltaic panels manufactured in Mountain Iron, MN. The project was financed through a partnership with the Tofte General Store and installed by All Energy Solar. Thus far the solar array has reduced Zoar's energy bills by over \$900 and cut our carbon footprint at the same time. We expect to have made far more power than the church will use over the summer months. Pastor Daren is happy to talk to you or your group about solar energy, electric cars, and creation care. Give him a call at 218-387-4688.

## Summer Kid's Bible Club 2021

After a great school year with our elders and then our youngers, we are looking forward to seeing Bible Club kids again this summer. Summer Kid's Bible Club for ages 6-10 will be held in early August. The theme this year will be "Great Big Beautiful World" and will focus on caring for God's creation. If your child participated in Bible Club at BGCC, look for more information coming soon. If you know of someone new who might be interested, please give the church a call at 218-663-7925.



*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, Oh God!" ~ Lamentations 3:22-23*