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**Prayer Concerns**: Selena Morales, Zander Uluestad (Diane Jensen’s niece's grandson), Lynn Henkelman, Kami Schoenfeld, Nory Hegland, Mary Aasland, Marlys Van Winkle, Harvey Schwarz, (brother of Elaine Rau), Bob Roggatz, Kari Brown (Molly Erickson’s daughter), Tabe & Kathy Hoppe, Joe Espinoza, Jennifer Gibson (daughter of Barb Gens), Christopher Kepner, Kari Brustuen Paulson (sister of Barb Gens), Christal (Stotesbery) Spah, Chuck Tatge, Stanley Wilts, Barb Gens, and Jody Longman. SW Diocese Africa Companion Synod, and all of those that we hold silently in our hearts.

**BORGUND, MN VALLEY & ZION LUTHERAN**

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Sunday, January 7th, 2024

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**GATHERING HYMN ELW 423 *“Shall We Gather at the River”***

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**MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

 (Zion SS children dismissed)

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**PSALM 29**

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**GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

**SERMON**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Borgund/Zion)

**BLESSING & SENDING**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**SENDING HYMN ELW 456 *“Baptized in Water”***

**DISMISSAL**

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Lector: Mike & DeAnna Borstad

Acolytes: Tyler

Videotaping: Mark Schoenfeld

**Borgund-January**

Ben & Kelly Vaala

Charlie Presthold

Lector: Tamie Bremseth

**Zion**

Lector: Ted & Cathy Albers

Communion: Ted & Cathy Albers

Videotaping: Tim Ehrenberg

January Ushers:Roger Boraas

**Zion Altar Guild**

Flowers: Alyce Fust

Communion: Diane Kepner

Paraments: Need Volunteer

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today, January 7: Baptism of Our Lord**

-8:30am Zion Worship

  **-10:30am Borgund Worship/Annual Meeting today**

 -10:30am MN Valley Worship

**Wednesday, January 10**

 -9am Zion Quilting/ZLCW lunch to follow.

 -3:45pm Tri-Church Confirmation @ Zion

 -7pm Tri-Church Council mtg. @ MN Valley

**Thursday, January 11**

 -1pm Women’s Bible Study @ Zion Lutheran Church

**Sunday, January 14: 2 Epiphany**

 -8:30am Zion Worship

 -10:30am Borgund Worship

 -10:30am MN Valley Worship

**Today, Sunday, January 7:** Borgund’s Annual meeting following today’s worship service.

**Wednesday, January 10:**

- 9am Zion Quilting gathering with a ZLCW lunch to follow.

- 3:45pm Tri-Church Confirmation Class at Zion.

- 7pm Tri-Church Council meeting at MN Valley Lutheran.

**Thursday, January 11:** 1pm Women’s Bible Study held at Zion Lutheran. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

**Annual Meeting Dates**

Sunday, January 21st – MN Valley’s Annual mtg. **- Deadline for reports: Wednesday, January 17th by 8am.**

Sunday, January 28th – Zion Lutheran’s Annual mtg. **- Deadline for reports: Wednesday, January 24th by 8am.**

*Remember that the work of the church council is an essential function of discipleship. The council’s work is designed to encourage and support the formation of Christian faith and discipleship in your congregation.* Zion Lutheran has 3 open spots on Council. If you are interested please contact the office, 320-289-2216.

*Thank you* to all who contributed to the free-will offering for the

supper on Sunday night, December 17 at MN Valley Lutheran. The Sunday School received $415! The Sunday School is very appreciative of your generosity.

**Zion:** The year-end quarterlies are on the table in the commons. Please remember to grab yours. Thank you.

Sara Shingledecker (aka Sara Larson and Sara Dahl) will be ordained as a Pastor of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America on January 21 at 3:30pm at First Lutheran Church in Marshall, MN.

(In the case of inclement weather this event will be held on Feb. 3)

Just as in the Kingdom of God, ALL are welcome to join in this celebration of what God can do!

Rachel Kurtz will lead singing with other talented musicians from SW MN and Rev. Meta Herrick Carlson will be preaching. Bishop Dee Pedersen will preside. Lingen’s Food Truck will provide refreshments and a mighty tasty sandwich.

This event will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FirstLutheranChurchMarshall>

All attendees in person or from a distance are encouraged to bring or donate an in-kind offering of feminine hygiene supplies, large-sized diapers, or pull-ups which can be distributed locally.

The color of the day is RED!

Sara has been called to serve Grace and Trinity in Westbrook, MN. Let us pack the house!