

*Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges  
of understanding and peace, to reach out  
with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.*

# THE ZUMBRO Current

JANUARY 2018

Zumbro Lutheran Church | A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Support Zumbro's Library in one or two ways.

# Community Potluck

**As you probably know,** our focus for the 2017-18 program year is to build bridges of understanding and peace. One of the initiatives to help us do this is to have a series of community potlucks. The goal of these potlucks is to gather around food and conversation in an effort to better understand the experiences of different groups in our community.

We have scheduled our first potluck for Sunday, Jan. 28, at 5pm. The theme of our conversation will be, "How to be safe in an unsafe world." We are inviting the Dinkas to join us. We have also extended an invitation to the folks at Good Shepherd Lutheran, and to two of the worshipping communities that use their facility. As of this moment, we haven't yet heard back from Good Shepherd, but we are hopeful they can join us.

The main purpose of these potlucks, of course, is to build bridges of understanding and

peace. Food is a great way to do that. Be sure to bring a tasty dish to share. But we also can build bridges by having in-depth conversations about various issues we face in our community.

The idea for these potlucks comes from a book by Parker Palmer, *Healing the Heart of Democracy*. In the book, Palmer tells the story of an African-American congregation in Washington, D.C. that has strengthened its presence in the community by inviting groups from a wide variety of venues: the local school system, veterans' organizations, law enforcement, and other worshipping communities. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. In almost every case, the conversations have been rewarding and stimulating.

I hope you will join us on January 28 for the first of our potlucks. If you're wondering, there are no football games scheduled for that day, if in



fact the Vikings are still in the playoff hunt. I trust that we will go home from the dinner with a deeper appreciation of those who are on the journey with us in Rochester, and perhaps also a better sense of how all of us can work to be safe in a world that often feels anything but safe.

See you in church,

*Pastor Veen*

## Save the Date: Annual Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, 9:15-10:15am

# Worship Details

## Come and See

### JANUARY SERMON SERIES

With the start of a new year, we begin digging into the gospel of John.

Early in the gospel, Jesus invites some potential followers to “come and see” where Jesus is from and what he has to offer. And shortly thereafter, Philip says the same thing to his friend, Nathaniel. We invite you to “Come and See” as we explore the story of Jesus this winter, and learn more about the life and hope that he offers.

### JOHN IS A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

#### John 1:19-34

SUNDAY, DEC. 31 | 8:30am and 10:30am

Preaching: Pastor Shelley Cunningham

Music: Ralph Schornack, soloist

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3 | 6:15pm

Preaching: Pastor Shelley Cunningham

### JESUS SAYS, “COME AND SEE”

#### John 1:35-51

SUNDAY, JAN. 7 | 8:30am and 10:30am

Holy Communion

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

Music: Zumbro Woodwind Quintet

(8:30am and 10:30am); Zumbro

Lutheran Choir (10:30am)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10 | 6:15pm

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

### JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

#### John 2:1-11

SUNDAY, JAN. 14 | 8:30am and 10:30am

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Kipp

Music: Kelsey O’Leary, vocalist, Zumbro

Handbell Quartet (8:30am and 10:30am)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17 | 6:15pm

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Kipp

### JESUS HAS A HOLY TANTRUM

#### John 2:13-25

SUNDAY, JAN. 21 | 8:30am and 10:30am

Holy Communion

Prayers for Healing

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

Music: Zumbro Lutheran Choir (8:30am);

Zumbro Choristers (10:30am)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 | 6:15pm

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

### NICODEMUS COMES UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS

#### John 3:1-21

SUNDAY, JAN. 28 | 8:30am and 10:30am

Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

Music: Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bel Canto

Handbell Choir (8:30am and 10:30am)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31 | 6:15pm

Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

## Nursery Hours

SUNDAYS | 8:15am-11:45am

WEDNESDAYS | 6pm-8:15pm

## Faith Formation

High School: Wednesdays

Youth Room | 7pm-8pm

## Planning a Baptism

### SUGGESTED DATES AND TIMES

SUNDAY | 8:30am & 10:30am

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 11, 25

WEDNESDAY | 6:15pm

January 3, 17, 31

February 28

March 14

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 31 | 7pm

### BUILDING BLOCKS OF BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, Feb. 11 | 9:35am,

Kairos Room

Contact the church office to  
schedule a baptism.

# Anna and Josie Come and See (and Do)!

Ruth Monson, Congregational Life Minister

If you have not already met Anna and Josie, you will not have to look far to find them. You might see them at Wednesday worship, or eating Chinese food before the service. You might see them serving pizza and salad on a Wednesday evening. Or you may have met them at one of the recent Intergenerational Advent events or at the November Volunteer Expo. They may have sat next to you at a Sunday morning service. You might have run into them wrapping presents at a 6:30am Rebecca Circle meeting.

Anna Beam and Josie Telstad are first-year students at the University of Minnesota Rochester and two of Zumbro's newest friends. They found Zumbro by Googling churches near their downtown apartment. Anna, from Royalton, MN, plans to study nuclear medicine or to become a physician's assistant. Josie grew up in Woodbury and wants to study radiography.

Both of these young women found Zumbro a friendly place and were impressed by Zumbro's mission statement. Josie says, "even though Zumbro is a big church, it feels like my church back home—very welcoming." Anna loves to see so many families and says she "looks up to these parents as role models" when she sees them interacting with their children and worshiping together.

Anna and Josie are eager to get involved in still new ways—they hope to volunteer in the church nursery and they look forward to helping with Open Table in the spring. Recently, when Congregational Life Minister Ruth Monson invited them to serve communion at a Wednesday worship service, Josie immediately responded with, "Sure, I have served communion lots of times in my home church!" When Anna hesitated, Josie quickly replied, "Come on, Anna, it's easy—we can do it!"

Be sure to give these two a warm Zumbro welcome—if you can catch them between serving opportunities!



Left Josie Telstad, Right Anna Beam

# January Luncheon

SATURDAY, JAN. 20 | 11AM-1PM

## ZUMBRO KAIROS ROOM

**SPEAKER:** Nick Mezacapa, local inspirational speaker, will help us start the new year with a positive perspective on life. A catered brunch will be served. The cost is \$6.50/person. Watch for a sign-up opportunity in *Life at Zumbro*. Everyone is welcome to this event sponsored by the Zumbro Women of the ELCA.

Nick is an ordained Episcopal priest and recently retired after having served for almost thirty years as the rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester. Before coming to Minnesota, he served churches in Iowa, Michigan, and New York. A graduate of Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, he was trained as a teacher and athletics coach and worked in the academic field for seven years. It was after his teaching career that he attended Colgate/Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York, to receive his Master's in Divinity Degree and subsequent ordination to the priesthood.



**Nick Mezacapa**

## Kate Campbell Update

Zumbro Member Kate Campbell, daughter of Pat and Karen Campbell, is teaching kindergarten abroad at the Abu Dhabi, American International School, UAE. We commissioned Kate in worship this past August for this exciting opportunity. Kate says, "The beginning of the year was a challenge, because of all things new (new country, new school, new curriculum, new people, new expectations). I feel as though I am now settling in." Kate is grateful for the many well wishes and prayers from members of Zumbro. She is serving a two-year commitment.



**Kate and her kindergarten class celebrating UAE National Day, Dec. 2**

Save the Date:

## **STEP UP Leadership Development Event for High School students**

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 | 2018

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE  
ST. PETER, MN

STEP UP is a leadership development event open for all high school students. This day-long experience will introduce youth to college level concepts of leadership and will help them develop a stronger personal plan for continuing to grow as a leader. If interested in this FREE event, please contact Kris Oppegard at [krisoppegard@zumbrolutheran.org](mailto:krisoppegard@zumbrolutheran.org) or call her at Zumbro, 288-2649.

## **Healing Grief in the new year**

THURSDAY, JAN. 25 | 2pm or 6:30pm

Once January arrives, you will have crossed one of the most difficult times after loss: a holiday without a loved one. You are invited to attend one of two grief groups held at Zumbro on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 2pm or 6:30pm. The group will be facilitated by Pastor Audrey Lukasak, Bereavement Coordinator at Heartland Hospice, and will explore healthy ways to heal and grieve after the death of someone who has blessed your life. Invite a friend or family member as you wish. To register, please call the Zumbro church office at 288-2649, or watch for the upcoming sign-up opportunity.

# Christmas Bazaar Update

## Library Book Sale

SATURDAY, JAN. 20 | 10am-2pm  
 SUNDAY, JAN. 21 | 8am-10:30am  
 The annual used book sale will be held on two days again this year. Items (books, DVDs, CDs) that you'd like to donate to the sale can be dropped off in the library from Monday, Jan. 15 until 10am on Friday, Jan. 19. Money made during the sale will be used to purchase new materials for the library.

Stop in the library to check out our new materials. We have *Hidden Figures* on DVD and the books *A Man Called Ove* (Backman) and *Same Kind of Different as Me* (Hall and Moore). Both books have been made into movies. We have the popular book *Wonder* (Palacio); the movie is currently being shown in Rochester. We also have the new children's version of *Wonder* called *We're All Wonders* (Palacio). Of special interest, we have the recently released book, *In My Own Skin*, written by Kirsten Schowalter. The Schowalter family are former members of Zumbro.

The annual Christmas Bazaar on December 2 was a festive and exciting start to the holiday season! We gathered for a traditional meatball luncheon; ate Scandinavian treats at the Coffee House; purchased lefse, crafts, baked goods, attic treasures, Fair Trade goods, and holiday cookbooks; and shared conversation and fellowship. Equally as important, we generated funds that will be disbursed to Zumbro and to local missions in the coming days. Disbursements resulting from the 2017 Bazaar totaled \$16,000 and have been allocated as follows:

<b>Good Earth Village Scholarships</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>
<b>Family Promise</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>
<b>Lutheran Campus Ministry-Mankato</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Lutheran Campus Ministry-Winona</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>LSS (LINK and Ways to Give)</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Women's Shelter</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Open Table</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Samaritan Bethany</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Zumbro Mission Sewing</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Zumbro Youth Mission Trips</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

Many thanks to the many volunteers who shared their time and talents in the days prior to and at the Bazaar. The event was a success because of you! Thanks also to all who attended the Bazaar. It was truly exciting to see so many Zumbro and community members sharing the holiday spirit and participating in the event.

Note that there are cookbooks still available for sale! This collection of more than 100 favorite sweet and savory holiday recipes is a great addition to your own cookbook collection. Still need to finish your Christmas shopping? The cookbook is also a fantastic gift choice for your friends and family. Cookbooks are priced at \$12 and can be purchased at the Fair Trade sales table or from the church office. All proceeds from cookbook sales will be disbursed to Zumbro and local mission projects.

## Thank you!

We appreciate your donations to Attic Treasures for the ZWELCA Christmas Bazaar! We had three rooms full of treasures. The middle and high school youth and families had fun working at Attic Treasures, as well as talking to many of you as you shopped in Attic Treasures. We deeply appreciate your support of our 2018 summer youth trips to Duluth, MN, and Houston, TX!

—Kris Oppegard and Doris Hansen, co-chairs

# Action Project

## BENEFICIARY: ZUMBRO MISSION SEWING

Women (members and nonmembers) meet at Zumbro every Tuesday morning at 8am. They gather to cut, sew, and tie various fabrics that are transformed into beautiful and useful quilts. They are given locally and internationally to many needy agencies: Lutheran World Relief, Good Earth Village, Francis House, Lutheran Social Service, and more! All are welcome to join in on the fun and fellowship!

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Fabric
- Bed sheets, pillowcases, duvets
- Draperies, linings, curtains
- Light-weight blankets
- Tablecloths
- Large spools of thread, yarn
- Financial support for needed supplies

## BENEFICIARY: FAMILIES FIRST

Formerly Crisis Nursery, Families First is a local family support program to provide temporary, short-term care for children while families address crisis situations. They also supply crisis counseling and support, parent education, and in-home counseling.

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers and wipes (especially sizes 4, 5, 6, and Pull-Ups)
- Baby formula and baby food
- Cleaning supplies (dish soap, laundry soap, Lysol, etc.)
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- Financial donations for needed supplies

All donated items are appreciated and may be placed in the Action Box outside the lounge.

## On Going Projects

The following items may be left in the drawers at the ushers' stand (unless noted):

- Layette items for Lutheran World Relief
- Beverage tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Campbell Soup labels and greeting cards for the Rainbow School
- Eyeglasses for Lion's Club  
(Note: Deposit eyeglasses in container near the coat room.)

## December Pastoral Acts

### BAPTISM

Margaret Jean Passon  
Mya Mary Root

### WEDDING

Meghan Peterson & Scott Doebler

### SAINTS GONE BEFORE US

Joyce Ann Boyum

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## Newletter Deadline

Wednesday Faith Formation for K to grade 9 | 7pm

Wednesday Worship | 6:15pm

Supper served | 4:45pm-6pm

### WEDNESDAYS

Sunday Morning Broadcast | KOLM-AM 1520 | 8:30am

Faith Formation for all ages | 9:35am

Sunday Worship | 8:30am and 10:30am

### SUNDAY

## Worship Times

