

*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

OCTOBER 2016

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



## 4 INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Small groups have been a part of Zumbro's ministry formally for five years. And for five years faith and community have grown.

## 2 SHARING HOPE

Pastor Vern shares the focus for the program year and eleven ways Zumbro can live out the focus.

## 8 A BIG YELLOW TRUCK

Celebrate and bless the food truck that the Open Table ministry will use to serve hot meals to the Rochester community.

## 10 FACILITIES CHAT

You are invited to share a meal and discuss wishes for Zumbro's platform for ministry.

# Sharing the Hope of Jesus

As you know, our mission statement at Zumbro says: *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.* We speak these words each Sunday at the close of worship. Hopefully, they send us out with work to do serving God and making a difference in the world.

During each of the last two program years (September–August), we have focused on one phrase of the statement at a time in an effort to more fully live into it. So, for example, in 2014-15 *building bridges of understanding and peace* inspired us to begin our Open Table ministry. In 2015-16 *reaching out with compassion* helped us expand the work of our care ministers at Zumbro.

That brings us to the current program year. The last leg of our mission statement is *sharing the hope of Jesus.* To help us prepare for it, the council and staff had a retreat over the summer. They prayed and dreamed about what God might be calling us to do in the coming months. This resulted in 11 initiatives, ranging from the practical to the bold, to guide our efforts. These initiatives are not meant to limit what we will do, of course, but only to point us in the right direction.

Here is a list of our initiatives for the coming program year:

1. We will encourage people to explore what the hope of Jesus means to them, helping them to articulate their own faith story in the process.
2. We will provide opportunities at worship for Zumbro members to give testimony as to why faith matters to them—the “so what” of faith.
3. We will help people develop their own “elevator speech” for Zumbro so they have some idea of how to invite people to events and to share in our ministry.
4. We will continue to promote small groups to give people an opportunity to discuss their faith throughout the week.
5. We will work on a facilities plan that enables all people to better access our building. We will kick off this work through the Facilities Discernment Night on October 11.
6. We will broaden our communication, updating Zumbro’s web presence and encouraging people to use social media, all in an effort to share the hope of Jesus.
7. We will lift up the 2016 Lessons and Carols at St. Marys Hospital which is centered on the theme of hope.
8. We will explore additional ways to take worship to where the people are, not only on the radio and in senior facilities, but also by using live streaming on the computer. And if we’re feeling bold, we might even begin having a conversation about starting a satellite ministry.
9. We will send a mission team to Tanzania to build on our relationship with lambi Hospital.
10. We will continue to nurture our ties with the Dinka, and to prayerfully support the new church being built in South Sudan.
11. We will continue our work with Open Table, using our new food truck to expand the important outreach we do in southeast Rochester.



Pastor Veen



## WORSHIP Nursery Hours

Sundays 8:15am-12:15pm

Wednesdays 5:45-7:15pm

# Worship Details

## Stories about God and Us

*Why the Old Testament God Might Not Be So Bad After All*

### GOD REMEMBERS US AND WE REMEMBER GOD

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

Holy Communion

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Kipp

Music: Zumbro Lutheran Choir

(8:30am); Rhett and Judi Ketterling

Family (11am); Bel Canto Handbell Choir

(830am and 11am)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Kipp

### GOD IS PATIENT WITH US EVEN WHEN WE'RE NOT

Exodus 32:1-14

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

Preaching: Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

Music: Ralph Schornack, soloist (8:30am

and 11am); Zumbro Choristers (11am);

Corey Henke, horn, and Susan Henke,

piano (8:30am and 11am)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

Preaching: Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

## A God Who Answers Us

### GOD'S ANSWER FOR HANNAH

1 Samuel 1:3-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

Holy Communion with Prayers for

Healing

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Kipp

Music: Pam Hammond, soloist (8:30am);

Zumbro Lutheran Choir (11am); Zumbro

Baroque Ensemble (8:30am and 11am)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

Holy Communion

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Kipp

### GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

2 Samuel 7:1-17

SUNDAY, OCT. 23

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

Music: Janette Reeves, Ralph

Schornack, Bob Giere (8:30am);

Zumbro Lutheran Choir (11am)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

### GOD'S CALL TO ISAIAH

Isaiah 6:1-8

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Reformation Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

Music: Zumbro Lutheran Choir (8:30am

and 11am); Zumbro Choristers (11am);

Bel Canto Handbell Choir (8:30am);

Zumbro Brass Ensemble (8:30am and

11am)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

Preaching: Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

## A God Who Answers Us

We will begin a new sermon series on October 16 called "A God Who Answers Us." Throughout this series we will encounter memorable characters of the Old Testament and explore the ways that God was faithful to them. The pastors will present these characters through character monologues and creative Biblical storytelling.

## All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 6

We will remember those who have gone before us in faith on All Saints Sunday. The Zumbro Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Bob Giere, will sing music from the Brahms' Requiem as well as other anthems of hope in the promise of eternal life. Photos of those who have died this past year will be included in a video montage along with a special choir anthem, "Then We'll Sing Hosanna."

# Community and Intentional Relationships

On any given day of the week and at varying times of the day, people are gathered enjoying each other's company and sharing faith and life with one another at a small group gathering. Small groups have been a ministry available at Zumbro for five years.

Small groups began as an experience called 40-Day Adventures five years ago. They were a once a year, six week group that followed a particular sermon series. Over time, people started asking if they could be offered more often. A year later, a second 40-Day Adventure was added.

Last year, Zumbro launched a first full year of small groups, with most groups meeting for six- to seven-weeks in a row, three times a year. This change offered people a chance to get to know one another more deeply and has helped people deepen their faith as they pray for one another, dig into the weekly Big Idea from worship, and have conversation about what the Big Idea means for their lives.

One of the newest small groups consisting of young families, hosted by Megan and Joe Beatty. This group started in August 2015 with three families around a dinner table and has grown to 11 families. There is something to be said about this growth—people crave community and

support. People want to know that they are not alone in their struggles.

Megan explains that her small group has become one of her cherished friend bases. “We ask each other questions about the stage in life that we’re in. Without shame, we can go to these friends for advice, companionship, complaining and bragging, and be there for each other.”

Joining a small group can be intimidating. It’s understandable that one would feel ill-equipped in discussing theology and even their own faith. Small groups do come together to discuss that week’s Big Idea and Bible text, but the conversation goes further than that.

Mary and Terry Schneekloth have hosted a small group for four years. “Being part of a small group has helped us connect with people we may not have had an opportunity to meet in a large church. We value the deeper friendships we have made as we share about our lives and pray for each other. We also laugh a lot, and I believe everyone really looks forward to getting together.”

Small groups will formally begin in October. Consider joining one if you haven’t yet. Megan offers a tip, “Choose a group that fits your needs and go at least three times before deciding if it’s for you.”



**Small groups can volunteer together. This group prepared and served lunch for Project Community Connect. Pictured left to right: Tim Melin, Joyce Stacy, Jan Vetter, and Dorey Johnson**

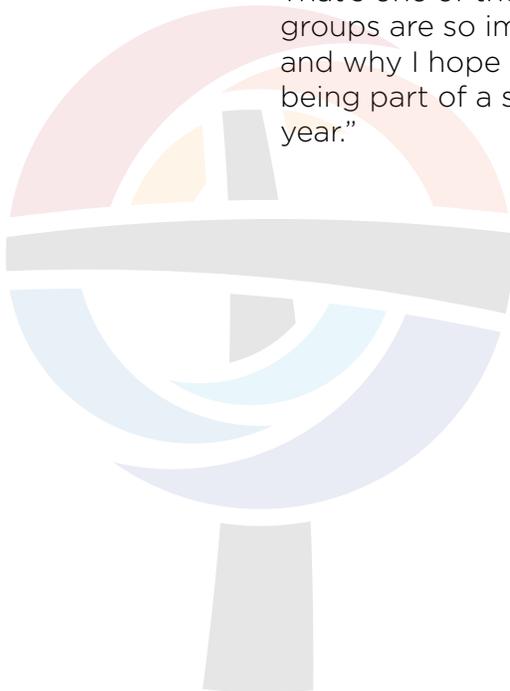


The Parents of Young Children small group meets monthly for a meal, conversation around The Big Idea, and God. Pictured left to right: (front) Megan Beatty, Ryan Beatty, Bennett Passon, Allison Passon, Michaela Sandness, Nora Groen, Kaylan Groen, Jed Groen, Anne Clarkson, Laura Clarkson, Ben Clarkson, Marcia Riggs; (back) Joe Beatty, Brandon Passon, Cassie Meyer, Estelle Meyer, David Sandness, Esther Sandness, Chad Larson, Connor Larson, Caitlyn Larson, Cameron Larson, Isaac Rostvold, Anthony Rostvold, Sarah Rostvold, Ian Rostvold, Owen Riggs, Scott Riggs.

Small group hosts are listed to the right—get in touch with one of them or a staff member to talk about their experiences.

There is a Small Group Preview Night Sunday, Oct. 9, where people can meet small group hosts and others, get a feel for small groups, and share a meal together.

Pastor Jason is passionate about small group involvement and you can see why. “One of my mentors in college always said, ‘Faith is formed through personal trusted relationships.’ I’ve come to believe this with all my heart. It doesn’t matter if you’re 3 or 43 or 93, our faith in God grows when we have others to experience it with. That’s one of the reasons small groups are so important to me, and why I hope you’ll consider being part of a small group this year.”



## Small Group Preview Night

OCTOBER 9 | 5-7pm

If you’re still looking for a group, or want to know more before joining one, check out Preview Night.

We’ll help you connect through stories, conversation, and a meal.

A main course will be provided and everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share. RSVP via the *Life at Zumbro* or myZLC at [www.zumbrolutheran.org/myzlc](http://www.zumbrolutheran.org/myzlc)

## Small Group Hosts

- Pat Campbell
- Patricia Hewitt
- Jenni and Emma Horman
- Rebecca and Rob Nesse
- Connie Saunders
- Ruth and John Stoeckel
- Ann and Chuck Beatty
- Sarah Clark
- Erica and Jason Bryan-Wegner
- Nicole Pittenger
- Megan and Joe Beatty
- Alisha Nelson

### High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS | 7-8:15pm

Come when you can. Leave when you need. Wednesday nights are drop-in times for high school youth to connect, have a treat, and discuss The Big Idea.

NOTE: The group will not meet on October 19 due to MEA break.

### Book Study

OCTOBER 27 & NOVEMBER 9

9:30am and/or 6:30pm

Pastor Vern Christopherson invites you to finish up a study of the book *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. The class only made it through the first lesson when his medical leave began. Now we're going to return to the book, but in a shortened format. On Thursday Oct. 27, at both 9:30am and 6:30pm, we will cover chapters 1-9. Two weeks later, on Thursday, Nov. 10, we will cover chapter 10-15. Look for sign-ups in *Life at Zumbro*. And start reading now.

### Planning a Baptism

SUGGESTED DATES AND TIMES

8:30 and 11am Sunday

October 9, 23, 30

November 13, 27

December 11

10am Sunday

December 25

6pm Wednesday

October 12, 26

November 2, 16, 30

December 14, 28

## Youth Mission Trips

### HIGH SCHOOL

JULY 4-11, 2017 | MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

Ages: Grades 9-12

Approximate cost: \$1,200 | Deposit: \$300 (non-refundable, non-transferable)

Sign-up Deadline: November 5

*The sign-up deadline for this trip will be firm as airfare needs to be purchased after the deadline. A trip informational meeting will be held late October. Watch for details. A fundraising meeting will be held in November after all the registrations have been received.*

Zumbro has a history of international youth mission trips to Jamaica. Zumbro high school youth have served at Robin's Nest in Montego Bay in 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2014. Next summer, Zumbro will be partnering with Mission Jamaica. Mission Jamaica is an outreach ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Mahtomedi, MN. During the day, the group will serve at Robin's Nest and other nearby organizations, lead VBS, and do a variety of needed work projects. During the evenings, the group will learn more about the Jamaican culture and talk about our day and faith through evening devotions. Mission Jamaica blends service projects with a time for reflection and rest. At the end of the trip, the group will enjoy the beauty of Jamaica through special sight-seeing excursions. This trip provides a medium through which the group will be immersed in the Jamaican culture and provide an opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with others. Contact Family Minister Kris Oppegard with your questions.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

JULY 9-14, 2017 | LAKE TRAVERSE, SD

Ages: Grades 6-8

Anticipated Cost: \$400 | Deposit: \$150 (non-refundable, non-transferable)

Sign-up Deadline: November 5

*A fundraising meeting will be held in November after all the registrations have been received.*

Zumbro has a long history of participating in meaningful youth mission trips with YouthWorks, based in Minneapolis, MN. Next summer, Zumbro's middle schoolers will head to Lake Traverse, SD. The prairies, hills, and valleys of the Lake Traverse Reservation in northeastern South Dakota offer opportunities to camp, hunt and fish. Aside from being an area of great natural beauty, this is home to the people of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Oyate (the word 'oyate' is Dakota for 'family'). Sisseton is right beside the north/south continental divide and is also completely surrounded by glacial melt lakes, making it look distinct from the rest of South Dakota. During the mission trip week, the group will serve through painting, cleaning, yard work or other simple work projects. They will also plan and lead kids' programming for children in the community, including Bible lessons, games, crafts, and reading. Contact Family Minister Kris Oppegard with your questions.



# Adult Forum

SUNDAYS | 9:45-10:45am | FIRESIDE ROOM

Zumbro's Adult Forum stimulates the mind, engages the heart, and challenges people to grow in their understanding of important topics in our lives and the life of faith. This month, we will have a three-week series focused on faith and the political process, as we lead up to the elections on November 8.

**OCTOBER 2** ANCIENT EGYPT: EXPLORING THE WORLD FROM MOSES TO KING TUT

Presenter: Dale Blanshan, local storyteller, musician, and historian

Politics and principle, professional rivalry, and personalities clashed in the glare of gold and the dust of history in the days of the Pharaohs. Mr. Blanshan will help us see how the power and personal privilege of the Pharaohs set the scene the for the exodus of God's people.

**OCTOBER 9** WATCH YOUR WORDS: TALKING WITH OTHERS ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER

Presenter: Dr. David Lapakko, Professor of Communications, Augsburg College

Name calling and making caricatures of those we disagree with have become common practice, not only of politicians, but of those who follow them. Dr. Lapakko will help us unpack how language shapes our ability or inability to see good in those with whom we disagree and help us communicate our principles in ways that build bridges.

**OCTOBER 16** CIVILITY IN THE HALLS OF GOVERNMENT

Presenter: Outgoing MN Representative Kim Norton

Making government work requires an ability to work with all kinds of people, who have many different interests. In addition to her work in the Minnesota State Legislature representing District 25B, Rep. Norton is a trained facilitator and volunteer for the National Institute on Civil Discourse.

**OCTOBER 23** EVANGELICALS AND THE VOTE

Presenter: Dr. Sarah Ruble-Johnson, Professor of Religion, Gustavus Adolphus College

Over the past few decades, the "evangelical vote" has become a significant issue in U.S. politics. We will look at the history of that vote—who the evangelicals are, what formed them politically, and what "the evangelical vote" really means.

**OCTOBER 30** OPEN TABLE CELEBRATION

Presenters: Pastor Lisa Kipp and Open Table volunteers

Last year Zumbro and People of Hope Lutheran Church began a joint mobile food ministry together called Open Table. As our congregation celebrated our 150th anniversary last year, we raised \$90,000 to purchase a food truck for this ministry. On this day, we will bless the food truck and enjoy breakfast burritos (see page 8). Come to this special forum in the sanctuary at 10am to hear stories from Open Table's first year, and to learn about how this food truck will help us reach out into the community.

## Holden Village

JULY 29-AUGUST 5, 2017

Zumbro is planning an all ages trip to the Retreat village of Holden Village, WA. We will worship, learn, and enjoy the splendor of God's creation for a week in the Cascade Mountains. An information meeting will be held November 6, at 12pm.

## New Member Event

OCTOBER 9 | 12-2pm

If you're ready to take the next step and become part of Zumbro, join us for lunch and learning about Zumbro's mission and ministry. New members will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 11am.

## Zumbro Hosts ELCA Event

STRONG CENTER—OPEN DOOR: ENGAGING LUTHERAN WORSHIP TODAY

OCTOBER 14 & 15

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the hymnal found in Zumbro's pews, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). Plenary sessions, workshops, and worship all come together for this celebration event. Zumbro members interested in worship and our ELW resource are welcome to attend this two-day event. For more information and to register, visit [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

# Food Truck Celebration and Blessing

Join us as we celebrate and bless our Open Table food truck on Sunday, Oct. 30, and Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Following each worship service we will proceed out to the parking lot to bless the truck and the many meals we will serve to our neighbors.

Free breakfast burritos will be served from the truck immediately following the Sunday services (9:30-10am and 12-12:30pm). Free burritos will be served for the Wednesday evening meal from 4:45-6pm.

The Adult Forum on Sunday, Oct. 30, will be held in the sanctuary from 10-10:45am and feature Open Table stories and more information about the food truck.

Last year we raised over \$90,000 as a part of our 150th anniversary "Following in Faith" campaign for Open Table. Because of your generosity Zumbro will continue to share the hope of Jesus with our neighbors in Rochester. Thank you for making this possible.



**This bright, yellow truck was purchased in July from a St. Cloud truck dealer. It is a 2009 Chevy Workhorse, previously used as a delivery vehicle.**



**This summer we have continued to serve over 200 burritos every Thursday night to our neighbors in the Oak Terrace and Parkside Mobile Home neighborhood.**



**The truck is currently at Chameleon Concessions in Minneapolis being converted into a food truck. This food truck is being custom designed to meet the needs of Open Table's ministry.**



**Volunteers from Zumbro and People of Hope work together every Thursday afternoon and evening to make this ministry possible. From food prep to serving to dishes, it takes about 20 volunteers to make Open Table happen every week.**

# Family Promise

HOST WEEK: OCTOBER 23-30

Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Group) provides food and shelter to families with children under age 16 who find themselves homeless. Families are housed in area churches, moving to a new church each Sunday. Being part of Family Promise gives them the support they need to regroup, rejuvenate, and get back on their feet with dignity. These families will share meals together and spend the nights at Zumbro during this week.

There are various ways to volunteer. More information will be in the *Life at Zumbro*. In order to start volunteering with Family Promise, training is required. The next training is Monday, Oct. 10, in the Kairos Room at 6:30pm. Contact Betty Schmalz at (507) 285-1057 or Vicki Erikson at erickson.vah@gmail.com with your questions.

Special Note: New coordinators are needed in order for this important ministry to continue at Zumbro. Please contact Pastor Lisa this month if you are interested.

## ZWELCA Action Projects

Beneficiary: Global Health Ministries

These ministries enhance the health care programs of Lutheran churches in other countries. Please help by donating common household items. Any of the following items are appreciated. It is not necessary to put an entire kit together.

### AIDS/HOSPICE KIT

- Bath towel, washcloth, wrapped bath-size bar hand soap, tooth brush, toothpaste
- "Pick" comb, nail clipper, six band-aids, jar or tube of petroleum jelly (sealed)
- Household gloves (medium, heavy duty)
- Small devotional booklet (i.e. *Portals of Prayer, Christ In Our Home*)

### NEWBORN KIT

- Two cloth diapers, two large safety pins
- Bath towel, washcloth (thin)
- Bath-size bar of Ivory Soap
- Newborn stocking cap
- Small cotton-blend or flannel shirt (to waist only, no onesies)
- Receiving blanket

Any donated items are appreciated. All items for the above projects may be placed in the Action Box outside the lounge.

Our ongoing projects: layette items for Lutheran World Relief, eyeglasses for Lions Club, beverage tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and Campbell Soup labels and greeting cards for the Rainbow School. These items may be left in the drawers at the ushers' stand.

## SENT TO SERVE PICN Training

OCTOBER 16 | 12pm

Protected In Christ's Name (PICN) is one-hour long training that is necessary for everyone who works with children and youth at Zumbro. Training covers guidelines for leaders, signs of abuse/neglect, when and how to report, and self-care. A new Minnesota background check will be completed, so please bring your driver's license. This training is required every five years. Please register with Family Minister Kris Oppegard at [krisoppegard@zumbrolutheran.org](mailto:krisoppegard@zumbrolutheran.org)

## Pack Meals for Food for Kidz

OCTOBER 29

9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
ROCHESTER

The mission of Food for Kidz is to provide the opportunity to anyone to package a specially designed, fully nutritious meal that will be distributed to hungry children and their families. The goal this year is to package 100,000 meals. Visit <http://bit.ly/1MrDvOW> to register.

## Past Action Projects

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Your donations made it possible to create seven personal care kits; 20 additional school kits that were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you.

## BELONGING

### Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

July 13-16, 2017

MINNEAPOLIS

The theme for the gathering is "all anew." Participants will explore ways in which the Holy Spirit changes us, acknowledging that reformation and transformation have happened and will continue to happen within the Women of the ELCA Community.

ZWELCA will pay \$100 toward the registration of any Zumbro member. Early-bird discounted registrations are now open, through January 6, after that, full price. To receive reimbursement, notify the ZWELCA treasurer via Administrative Assistant Connie Saunders. Information and registration are available at [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org)

### Zumbro Travelers

Detailed itineraries are available at the ushers' stand and in the church office. Reservations can be made in the church office with cash or check. The Best of Eastern Canada trip can be reserved with a credit card. Contact Carol Wilkinson at [dwcw2916@aol.com](mailto:dwcw2916@aol.com) with your questions. Upcoming trip opportunities:

NOVEMBER 3: U.S. BANK STADIUM TOUR AND MARTIN LUTHER EXHIBIT AT THE MINNESOTA INSTITUTE OF ART

JUNE 18-25, 2017: THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

Trip presentation and meeting October 3, at 6:30pm.

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## Facilities Discernment Night

OCTOBER 11 | 6pm

The congregation is invited to gather to discuss our facility needs on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 6pm. At the congregational annual meeting on February 7, we formally began a conversation as a congregation regarding improving and maintaining our platform for ministry...our building and grounds. We discussed various strengths and challenges and input has continued since.

As we have gathered more input, the basic themes have remained fairly consistent:

Strengths – our downtown location, extensive use of our facility by the community, our organ and acoustics in the Sanctuary, the symbolic architecture throughout the building but particularly in the sanctuary.

Challenges – poor accessibility, unclear signage inside and outside the building, dated and unwelcoming finishes, inefficient and aging heating and air handling systems.

In June, the congregation voted to move ahead with the heating and air handling system upgrades and work on that began in August.

The goals for the evening are to further clarify the congregation's wishes regarding facility improvements and develop consensus on next steps.

The facilities discernment night will begin at 6pm with a light dinner (\$6 per person) with the discussion beginning at 6:30pm. If you plan on coming for the meal, please RSVP in the church office or through myZLC at [www.zumbrolutheran.org/myzlc.html](http://www.zumbrolutheran.org/myzlc.html)

If you are unable to attend and would like to provide input, please contact Parish Administrator Bob Giere.

## Ending Well Workshop

OCTOBER 8 | 9-11:30am

Do you ever think about making plans for your funeral and then not get around to it? It's a common story in our culture. Many of us are not prepared for the end of life decisions that we will inevitably face. Pastor Vern Christopherson and several others will be leading an Ending Well Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 8, 9-11:30am. We will cover everything from planning our funerals to cremation to writing about the legacy we hope to leave. Anyone is welcome to attend, though we want to extend a special invitation to those getting up in years and to their families.

# Social Media Sunday & Wednesday

OCTOBER 9 and 12

Often you are asked to put away your devices during worship, but you won't hear that on Social Media Sunday and Wednesday! The Southeastern Minnesota Synod has set aside October 9 and 12 for congregations to use social media to share the hope of Jesus and his love for us. Social media platforms provide digital spaces for building community and connections. Congregations throughout our synod are joining together to celebrate the wonder of social media Sunday, Oct. 9, and Wednesday, Oct. 12.

In a blog post on the Northeastern Iowa Synod blog it was said, "Martin Luther was all about using the technology of his day to spread the good news of God's love for all people. The printing press made it possible for him to get his message out across Europe. Social media increases the opportunities for spreading the Gospel exponentially."

You are asked to use your phone to tweet interesting lines from the sermon. Or share a video of the music ensemble that day performing something meaningful to you on Facebook. Take a selfie of yourself and someone you just met on Snapchat. The ideas are endless.



## BELONGING Save the Date: ZWELCA Thankoffering Brunch

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 | 9-11am

Details to come in the *Life at Zumbro*.

## September Pastoral Acts

BAPTISM

Kirsten Marie Endemark Madsen

WEDDING

Jimmy Martenson and Maria Bachman  
Tina Morse and Tony Nierman  
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