

The Mountain Top **Messenger**

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Wow, it appears that Spring may finally be here. As I look out at the spring showers (and hope they don't turn white) I am reminded of the newness of spring. The flowers are starting to pop up around the church, my tulips at home are already sending up stems. I just scheduled the May chapel for the LFOJ pre-schoolers and came to the realization that I have had them for two years now and next year some will be heading off to kindergarten, I will miss them and their wonderful questions. While it is a bit sad, it also means that a new group of little faces will be joining us in the Fall. The cycle continues.

Just as that cycle continues so does the circle of the church year. I want to thank all of you for your help and participation in making this a truly wonderful Easter season. The effort put in by all those who helped with the Wednesday night dramas and everyone that attended really helped make the meaning of the season special. The Holy Week services I felt were moving and faith inspiring as well, and again thanks to those who participated and attended. All of this helped bring out the joy of knowing our crucified and risen Savior and that through our faith in Him we are assured eternal life.

As I look at my calendar I see the coming months filling up; Pastor's Conference, Mother's Day, Confirmation, Ascension, Pentecost, and a whole bunch more. I see a vibrant and living church and I can't thank you all enough for your being a part of that. Starting Wednesday April 28th I am beginning an 8-week series on the principal parts of the Lord's Prayer according to Luther's small catechism.

So as I close to you, I will mention part of our readings for this coming Sunday, the first is from Acts 5:42; "And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." My charge to you, never stop, never stop, teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. And as Peter says; "*Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*" (1Peter 1:8-9). The salvation of yours souls what a beautiful thought, blessings to all of you this Easter season.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
Vicar Rick

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 am **Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm**

Sunday School 10:15am (last Sunday is May 18th until September)

Bible Studies: Sundays 10:15am Mondays 10:00am

Stewardship Thoughts

The new life we have in Jesus is a new life lived in community with others. We are assembled by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ. Because this community is a gift from the Lord, it is something that we are called by the Lord to faithfully steward. The Spirit uses human beings, fallen and forgiven, in the talks of keeping this community outward from the place where the Lord meets us in Word and Sacrament and fills our whole existence. When we teach stewardship our members are directed outward to meet the needs of others.

NEED A PRAYER?

Zion Lutheran Church has two active prayer chains—a daytime and an evening chain. If you would like to have the chain activated to pray for a specific need, please call Marge Douglas at 682-2160. If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message, but then call the church office at 682-6075 and give the request to the church secretary and the chain will be activated. The

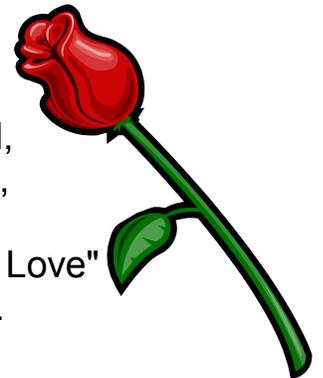
Prayer Chain members are asked to keep all prayer requests confidential and not discuss them with others, but caller discretion is advised.



To My Mother

For all the times you gently picked me up,
When I fell down,
For all the times you tied my shoes
And tucked me into bed,
Or needed something
But put me first instead.
For everything we shared,
The dreams, the laughter,
And the tears,
I love you with a "Special Love"
That deepens every year.

Author Unknown



Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday, May 5th 7:45am



List of Veterans at Zion Lutheran Church 2014

THANK YOU AND GOD'S BLESSING to the known, living, active and veteran members of our nation's armed forces at Zion:

(Please let the office know of anyone that has been missed.)

- Kristina [Ladd] Aschenbrenner**
- James Bullis**
- David Buss**
- Charles Chronis**
- Warren Draeger**
- Herb Ellis**
- Gerald Frisco**
- Nick Frisco**
- Wendell Friske**
- Thomas Halvorson**
- Robert Heggie, Sr.**
- Clarence Houle, Sr.**
- Nick Jarvela**
- James Johnson**
- Lloyd Koosmann**
- David Kuester**
- Traci [Colgrove] Meller**
- David Olby**
- Clarence Osmak**
- James M. Pearce**
- Donald Pocernich**
- Lester Pufall**
- Ron Schwiesow**
- Eric Sickich**
- David R. Sorenson**
- Steve Sorenson**
- Willy Sunie**
- Scott Thimm**
- William Truchon**
- Gordon Vyskocil**
- Timothy Vyskocil**
- Rick Williams**
- Duane Ylitalo**



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

The 100% attendance for March was: Emma Meller, Sophie Truchon, Daniel Truchon, John Meller and Lily Truchon. Each were given a certificate of attendance and then picked out a prize.

The project for the month the students each decorated an Easter egg with "He is Risen", a cross and then a heart. The colors of the projects were done in all the Spring colors and were hung just before Palm Sunday and the youth breakfast and the following weekend for Easter-hope all who come downstairs will enjoy all the youth's art work. The decorations will still be hung for the Mother/Daughter gathering on April 28th.

We are looking at a little over a month left of Sunday School then summer time. Please remember to keep in the back of your mind Vacation Bible School in August, when Zion will be hosting Camp Luther "Day Camp".

Even though Sunday School will be coming to a close for the summer months, I would like to keep in contact with the Sunday School Teachers, Education Board and anyone else interested to get some feed back for next Fall's classes.



Sincerely, Katie Colgrove
SS Superintendent

Mowing Schedule

To be posted soon - that is as soon as we get grass and it starts growing. Watch for sign-up in the Narthex. We need everyone's help!



Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes: April 2014

The April 21, 2014 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis. Vicar Rick opened with devotions and prayer.

ROLL CALL: Chuck Chronis (President/Elders), Mary Koosman (Financial Secretary), Lynn Ladd (Education), Todd Vyskocil (Treasurer), Lori Hebert (Evangelism), Nick Jarvela (Trustee), Cheri Tamke (LFOJ), Penny Mattson (Stewardship), Rick Williams (Vicar)

MINUTES: Motion by Warren, second by Hebert, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

VICAR'S REPORT: Request for acknowledgement and/or well wishes to Pastor Thomas Evans, a former Vicar of Zion, who is celebrating 25 years in his pastoral career. Details will be published in the May newsletter. Confirmation classes are going well. Holy Week concluded with services on Easter Sunday. Home visits for April are scheduled to be completed this week. Regular Wednesday services will resume next week, April 30. Zion will be hosting its first Ashland Area Ministerial Association meeting on May 1st.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Warren, second by Jarvela, to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Jarvela, second by Mattson, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS: Motion by Jarvela, second by Ladd, to accept the Board Reports as given. Motion carried.

Elders: Second interview with confirmands complete with the final scheduled for this Sunday, April 27.

Trustees: Soup and Sandwich went well. Currently receiving bids for furnace upgrade. A few options currently available for Trustees to finalize details and make selection.

Evangelism: Currently planning outdoor service and picnic for June.

Education: Daughters in Christ scheduled for April 28. Currently have 47 signed up to attend. Planning underway for Café Chocolat to be held May 4.

OLD BUSINESS: Circuit Counselor title was voted on and change approved to Circuit Visitor. Defibrillator has now been received and paid for.

ADJORN: Motion by Jarvela, second by Hebert to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

LFOJ HAPPENINGS

Yes, it was April 17th when we got

the last "big" snow. It still



"Café Chocolat" is a women's ministry event scheduled for Sunday, May 4th, 12:00-5:00pm. It is open to the public, so ask a friend to join you. Call the office (715-682-6075) by April 30th to register. You won't want to miss it. There is no cost for this event.

Red Light-Green Light

Picture this: March 2, 2005 at 6:45 a.m.

It is sunrise. Mt. Rainier's glaciers spread the first rays of dawn like a syrupy-glaze poured over pale pink ice cream. I am in my 4 x 4 heading south on Highway 99. I have no problem shifting into the center lane on the Aurora Bridge. I am awake and right on schedule. All is well. I anticipate my arrival at the traffic light on Denny Way so I can reach for my travel mug and treat myself to a sturdy swallow of hot morning coffee.

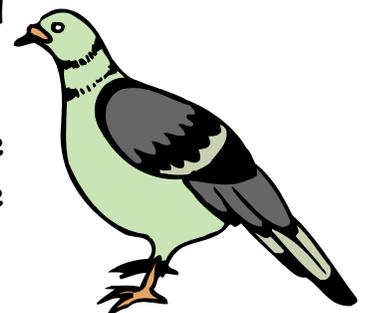
But as I approach the light, I can see far enough ahead to realize "one of them" is there. A homeless person is setting up camp at the stoplight. As my truck slows down, I see the middle-aged man has a gray knit cap, a thick mustache, a plaid jacket and well-worn laced shoes. Each morning I hope that I am not the first vehicle stopped at the light, so I am not in the direct line of the beggar's hungry look. I don't want my reach for the coffee cup to be interpreted as a reach for a purse. I know this game.

The light is red. Good, my truck is second in line. Strangely, the guy's cardboard sign is face down. It doesn't matter. The message has been branded on the sidewalls of my brain: *Homeless Please Help. God Bless.* But this guy doesn't even look up. He is crouched on his haunches and is ripping a crust of bread into measured pieces and placing them on a heavy paper square. He works like a craftsman... deliberate and skillful. I notice the cluster of pigeons close by are suspended with patience. This guy wants to be sure that there will be at least one scrap of bread for each bird.

Funny how the wash of dawn can recast the landscape. Many mornings I have performed this red-light drama of how to avoid a homeless-player looking in the windows of my world. And now this intruder isn't playing his part. He is too busy breaking bread for outcast-birds. The soft light renders his features. He looks gentle. He is at work and he is free.

The light turns green. I hesitate... and look one more time just to be sure. I step on the gas. I am not the same. A new prayer has dawned.

By Alice J. Ellis





CAMP LUTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

WORKBEE WEEKEND AT CAMP LUTHER (May 16-18) Volunteers have always played a major role in keeping Camp Luther clean, beautiful, and in good condition. Today, Camp Luther continues to be blessed by hundreds of individuals who faithfully participate in Workbee Weekends. Individuals or entire families can help get Camp Luther ready for the summer by participating in various work projects. The weekend is FREE and camp provides all meals, as well as time for fellowship and devotions. Projects vary, but there is something for everyone. Check out our workbees under the "Get Involved" tab at www.campluther.com.

WHAT IS "EVERY KID TO CAMP?" "Every Kid to Camp" is a ministry that sends kids to a week of summer camp at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI, at no expense to their parents. Kids in grades 3-8, who have never attended a summer camp at Camp Luther, qualify to attend. The ministry goal is that every child in our district, and beyond, attends a week of summer camp before they reach the ninth grade. Please consider giving so more children have the opportunity to experience Christ through Camp Luther. You can help send kids to summer camp through your gifts. Check out "Every Kid to Camp" under the "Get Involved" tab at www.campluther.com.

READY FOR THE CAMP LUTHER EXPERIENCE? Is your child interested in the camp but not quite ready to attend a whole week? "Discovery Camp" is an excellent introductory camp for your 3rd-5th grader. It is all the fun of youth camp packed into four days instead of six! Campers also get to experience housing in one of our awesome villages. Visit our website at www.campluther.com to get more information and register today.

MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER **May 23-26** Start a new Memorial day tradition and bring your family to Camp Luther this year. Join in on any or all of the staff-lead favorite summer activities or do your own thing as a family in this very flexible schedule. A guest pastor leads the Adult Bible Study while staff teach the kids in age appropriate groups. More information can be found on our website at www.campluther.com.

IT'S TIME FOR CAMP LUTHER'S "HAPPY CAMPER 5K" **Saturday, May 24, 2014** This event is a 5K Trail Run, 1 Mile Walk, & Kids Fun Run. It is a beautiful and challenging course through the trails of Camp Luther, just north of Three Lakes. All proceeds after event costs will benefit the Camp Luther Campership Fund, established to provide financial aid so that every child can have the opportunity to experience camp. For more information check under the "get involved" tab at www.campluther.com.

2014 CAMP LUTHER GOLF CHALLENGE **June 6, 2014** Gather your team for the 2014 Camp Luther Golf Challenge at Rhineland-er's Northwood Golf Club. This is an outstanding event with great prizes, great food, and great fellowship. Our goal is to raise funds each year to pay down the mortgage on the Camp Luther Retreat Center. We look forward to another great event and hope to see you there! Check out the "Get Involved" tab at www.campluther.com.

Camp Luther Offers Several NEW Camps This Summer...

"GUITAR CAMP" AT CAMP LUTHER (July 13-18) New in 2014...Camp Luther is adding a camp geared for the guitar enthusiast. Each day campers will spend 3-4 hours in instruction, practice, and group jamming. A special performance will be planned for the entire camp at the Thursday night variety show. Guitar camp participants will participate in the Trailblazer program during the remainder of each day. Grades 5-8.

"U.P. KAYAK AND HIKE CAMP" AT CAMP LUTHER (June 15-18) This is a new camp for children in grades 3-6 and their parents. Campers will travel via bus to Watersmeet, MI for a 4-5 hour Kayak on the Ontonagon River. Next we travel to the Porcupine Mountain State Park for camping. The group will hike a beautiful path along the Presque Isle River concluding on the shores of Lake Superior.

***NEW* 4TH OF JULY FAMILY WEEKEND AT CAMP LUTHER** Looking for a fun way to spend the holiday weekend this summer? Join us for a new family event at Camp Luther. This weekend will begin with registration on Friday afternoon followed by supper, activities, and devotions before you to head to a local fireworks display. Saturday will be filled with fun at camp, as well as family Bible Study, and an evening campfire. The retreat concludes with worship and our Sunday Picnic Lunch. Register at www.campluther.com.

STAY CONNECTED WITH CAMP LUTHER Keep up to date on everything that is happening at Camp Luther. You can connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Vimeo and Linked In. Find links at the bottom of our homepage at www.campluther.com. While you are there, sign up for our newsletters under the "Info. and Resources" tab. If you have been a camper you can also join our "I Was a Camp Luther Camper" group on Facebook.

WHAT IS KEWEENAW BASE CAMP? Keweenaw Base Camp (KBC), located six miles west of Houghton, MI, is Camp Luther's newest effort to provide exciting opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in faith, service, leadership and outreach. Participants grow through intentional group activities, adventures, and service in the local community. Eleven youth groups will visit KBC this summer and other youth will participate a camp for individuals called "The Edge." Learn more at www.campluther.com/kbc or email our Base Camp Director Blaine Welch at beemer@campluther.com.

**Camp Luther is a subsidiary ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS.
Our mission is to build up believers in Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.**



MAY Servers for Worship Services

Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!!

Our Prayer Concerns

MAY

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church
Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center
Jordan Kroll Mission in China

Thanksgiving

To all of you who have worked faithfully and joyfully to serve our Lord by serving others and often go unnoticed by all but our Heavenly Father.

Illnesses Otto & Dorothy Rusch, Dale Houle, Riley Bretting, Clarence Houle Jim Fletcher, Matt Raspotnik, Bob Wolfgram, Carl Sapper, Beau Muhs, Larry Korbein, Marlene Parkhurst, Katie Stipetich, Mary Louko, Ken Lindquist, Jim Morzenti, Larry Olerking, Cailey O'Connor

Nursing Home & Assisted Living Resident

Corrine Tolliver Sharon Johnson
Otto & Dorothy Rusch

Shut-in's

Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil Walt Schutte
Clarence & Madge Houle Arlene Zimmerman

Military Aaron Esala - Navy

ELDERS

May 4 Chuck Chronis & John Pruss
May 7 Mike Cashman
May 11 Don Pocernich & Doug Warren
May 14 John Pruss
May 18 Mike Cashman & Chuck Chronis
May 21 Doug Warren
May 25 Darryl Warren & Don Pocernich
May 28 Mike Cashman



GREETERS FOR MAY

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am

May 4 Ingrid Pocernich & Lou Pearce
May 11 Karen Wahl & Stephanie Wagener
May 18 Janet & Tiffany Houle
May 25 Draeger Family

MAY Acolytes

May 4 Carolyn Gurske & Annie Ylitalo
May 11 Kaitlyn Dickrell & David Ovaska
May 18 Jacob Graves & Ashlee Moreland
May 25 Kyle Sapper & Taylor Vyskocil

MAY Ushers

Ushers should arrive by 8:40am

May 4 Luke Barker & Herb Ellis
May 11 Brian Klobucher & Don Moreland
May 18 Clarence Osmak & Scott Thimm
May 25 Henry Truchon & Ron Schwiesow

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Sue Spangle 682-8015
Kathy Osmak 746-2346



2014 Zion's Confirmation Class Sunday, May 18, 2014

Eric Bochler
Kathryn Dickrell
Carolyn Gurske
David Ovaska
Brooke Sapper
Cooper Tamke
Jordan Thimm
Sydney Vyskocil
Angela Ylitalo

