

The Mountain Top *Zion Lutheran Church*

Messenger

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Welcome to summer, I know I have said this before, but it just amazes me how fast the time seems to move by. Here we are entering the midpoint of the year. A time for getting out, getting some sun, refilling our vitamin D, taking the family on vacation, relaxing, and unwinding. As a matter of fact as I type this I am in Green Bay with June, doing a bit of relaxing and unwinding myself. Well I am, June is attending a conference, I am unwinding. I just completed SMP-111 my class on Old Testament Theology, which I completed successfully. Now I am getting ready for SMP-112 New Testament Theology, which I will be going down to St. Louis to complete at the end of the month. And just to help point out there is light at the end of the tunnel; next year at this time I will be starting SMP 116 my final class for the SMP program, it hardly seems possible it has been three years already. I do want to take a moment to thank all of you for your help, support, and understanding while I have been attending school, I would not have been able to do without all of your help.

I just received word that Pastor Shawn Andersen from Mellen has accepted a call to become Pastor in Dorchester, Wisconsin, Pastor Anderson will be moving in August.

I wanted to mention a little project I am trying to put together. I have asked the Evangelism Committee for some help on this one. I am proposing a "retro Sunday"; on that Sunday, which I believe will be in August, I am going to have a service based on the old TLH (red book) Hymnal. What I would also like to do is have the congregation dress as you would have in the 60's, now I am talking early 60's. In those days when I was young, men wore suits, women wore dresses, hats and gloves, and the children dressed in their Sunday best. That is the picture I am shooting for, then, following the service, we will take a break, change clothes and meet at a park for a 60's themed church picnic, with all the things that go along with that. If anyone is interested in helping please let me know and if anyone has any helps or ideas also please let me know.

The only other thing I would like to say is this, in the summer our attendance tends to take a dip, I know people take this opportunity to travel with family and to "get away", I simply ask that you don't "get away" too far. In all that you do remember God, your Father, remember all He has given you so that you can "get away" and if you are unable to attend church here at Zion (remember our Wednesday night service), maybe find another LCMS where you might worship, or at the very least, take time to thank God for all that He has done for you, especially for sending His Son to die on the cross for you and for taking away all your sin so that you would be called sons and daughters of God.

The Lord's blessings to you all this summer, be safe, and be thankful.
Pastor Rick



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(Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor Williams as he may be visiting shut-in's, at a conference, etc.)

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LFOJ Administrator: Karyn Leino 715-682-6075



Be watching for it!

Mowing Schedule

The sign-up sheet is on the table next to the office door.

Sign-up for one or more times. Make it a family project!



Retro-Sunday in August

The early 60's

We will be using the service from the old red, The Lutheran Hymnal. We are hoping people will dress as they did in those days - men in suits, women in dresses with hats and gloves, etc. Then bring a change of clothes or a trip home and join us for the church picnic at Prentice Park at noon. It will be a fun day for all. We will let you know of the date as soon as it is finalized.



ZION FINANCIAL REPORT— Jan.-April 2016

Giving	\$50,873.93
Actual Expenses	\$51,947.35
	(\$ 1,073.45)
Loan Balance	(\$85,233.55)

He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [2 Corinthians 9:6]

Our Prayer Concerns JUNE

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center LWML
Jordan Kroll Mission in China Zion Sewing Circle Monthly Missions

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Larry Korbein, Katie Stipetich, Diane Hyvonen, Bob Heggie, Kevin Heggie, Linda Stolarzyk, Sandi (Sorenson) Fletcher, Sheryl Hildebrandt, Wendy Meierotto, Joni Frisco, Brad Prill, Patsy Kontny, Dorothy Rusch, Dean Jansheski, Larry Kaspar, Ingrid Pocernich, Jean Wickman, Fran Fleig, Jean Ekholm, Emily Hagstrom, Eddie Brown, Roger Peters, Johnny Galligan, Robert Douglas, Alice Balmer, Herb Ellis, Mary Bullis, Jim Fletcher, Ray Kudick

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Gordon & Mariann Vyskocil, Walt Schutte, Dorothy Rusch*



PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

Aaron Esala, David Wright, Johanna Pearce

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.



Prayer Requests

Stewardship Thoughts

The theme for this month's stewardship meditation is going to focus on generosity. We, as Christ followers, guided by the Holy Spirit, will be generous as Christ was gracious and generous. After all, He gave His life on our behalf, so that we could have life through His resurrection and ascension.

The text comes from 1 Chronicles, chapter 29 in the ESV Bible. In this chapter we see King David nearing the end of his reign in Israel and preparing for the kingship of Solomon, his son. Solomon has been appointed by God to build His temple. David has provided the materials for the temple. Because of David's devotion to the house of God, he gives out of his own personal treasure. Gold and silver he personally provides, 200 talents (a talent was about 75 pounds) of gold and 7,000 talents of refined silver. Gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. After David's willing and generous (proportionate giving) offering, he offers a challenge to the people of Israel: "Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?"

It is stated the leaders of the Father's houses made their freewill offerings as did the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. Given was 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics (a coin weighing about 1/4 ounce) of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the Lord's house. After the people had given willingly, they rejoiced for they gave willingly with a whole heart freely to the Lord. King David also rejoiced greatly.

The lesson to be gained is not the amount of material given to construct the temple, but that the Lord provides for His people. The people trusted in God with their whole heart and gave freely and abundantly.

The parallel in the New Testament and 2 Corinthians, chapter 9:6-7, Paul states, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (Greek word for cheerful in this context is hilarious. Reference-Pastor Bahn)

BIBLE STUDY

Monday morning Bible Study will take a short break in the middle of summer. They will meet through June 20th, then off and returning August 7th.

Sunday morning class will continue at 10:15am.





Sunday, May 15, is Pentecost- the coming of the Holy Spirit. We have known His presence for many years and still there is so much more to learn and experience on our journey of faith. These are some of my thoughts-under-construction:

Living on the south shore of Lake Superior, wind is a familiar force to us. We have the bitter winter wind from the north. The kind that stings your toes and bites your nose. And with a slight shift, this windy-bite becomes a nor'ester. A howling wind that carries lake effect blizzard snows. An easterly wind is not so common, but follows a counter-clockwise spin on the flow of air. A southerly wind can carry the whisper of summer breath or tsunami slam of a tornado. Wind sweeps up autumn leaves, snaps barren trees, shakes green leaves of spring, and fans the refreshment of summer lemonade.

Is it no wonder that the Bible refers to the Holy Spirit as the wind? For the Holy Spirit blows where it wills and humans are invited to "go with the flow." For God's ways are higher than ours, putting a new spin on life, often shaking us to the bone, and sweeping us off our feet. Pentecost ushers in a force to set hearts on fire with holy hope and great grace. Let us be ready to the workings of His Spirit and set our sails to the "winds of faith." The journey promises to be nothing less than amazing. Blow ye' winds blow.... Thanks be to God.



**THANKS TO ALL WHO DO THOSE
EXTRA THINGS FOR THE LORD
AND ZION. THE LIST IS END-
LESS BUT HERE ARE SOME:**

Counters, flower beds, repairs, cleaning, announcements, prayers, phone calls, organizing, Altar prep, greeters, ushers, elders, acolytes, board members, planners, accounting, data input, singing, talking, preaching, mowing, replenishing and everything else.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP



We would appreciate prayers from everyone while we fill the position of Sunday School Superintendent. This can be a shared position. Please consider trying it out for a year. The children, parents, and church thank those who have served and those considering to serve.

We also need a "VBS Lead" to help run this summer's VBS, August 8-11th. Camp Luther will be running the day's activities, but we still need someone to oversee the event. Please contact Lynn in the office.

Thanks to this past year's teachers and others who provided music, crafts, etc. Chad and Jaimie Lipske, Tiffany Houle, Sydney Vyskocil, Lexie Warren, Kathryn Draeger, Renee Bolz, Michelle Vyskocil, Peggy Draeger, Laurie Bauer, Katie Colgrove, Heather Gust, Jodi Truchon, Ben Ginnow, Luke Barker



Graduating from Ashland High School—June 5, 2016

Ben Cashman in the fall will be attending the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa. Majoring in Commercial Aviation. Parents are Mike and Diane Cashman.

Briana Klobucher, valedictorian, plans on attending UW-Whitewater this fall to study accounting. Parents are Brian and Linda Klobucher

Alexis Warren will be attending UW-Eau Claire in the fall, going into nursing. Parents are Doug and Brenda Warren

Jacob Pruss will be attending WITC, in the field as a network specialist.

Jordan Pearce will be attending WITC, New Richmond to study Ag Power and Equipment Tech. Parents are John and Kim Pearce.

Maggie Kay Reardon a valedictorian (4.0 grade point average throughout high school.) She will be attending UW-Eau Claire in the fall to study math and science. Parents are Dawn and John Reardon.

Kaitlyn Thimm plans to attend Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Ashland for two years to get her Associates Degree in Nursing. After WITC, she plans to pursue her Bachelors Degree in Nursing at a four-year college. Parents are Scott and Tami Thimm

LWML Spring Rally

On April 23, the ladies at Zion hosted the LWML Zone 1 Spring Rally. The theme this year was "This is My Story, This is My Song" and our Christian Growth topic focused on favorite hymns and the history of LWML. We had an informative presentation from Ashland Cares about the work they do in our communities.



Pastor Williams led our opening and closing devotions and Lynn Ladd provided our organ accompaniments. The rally was attended by 44 LWML members, three Pastors and four guests. After lunch the beautiful centerpieces were given out as prizes to those in at-

tendance. Ashland Cares received the Gifts of the Heart donation (lower right picture) and were very appreciative of this

gift. Their brochure is on the bulletin board with information on this group. Starting in September we will be meeting once again usually on Saturday mornings and all women of the Church are welcome to come. We hope to see you then.

Check out the bulletin Board for other updates.





SEWING CIRCLE

The Zion Sewing Circle ended its year with twenty quilts and thirty blankets completed and ready for the Orphan Grain Train. The Orphan Grain Train will be delivering these quilts and blanket to needy countries. One of our ladies will be delivering these items to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wausau; from there they are picked up and taken to a larger facility

and delivered to different countries around the world.

The Sewing Circle has three blankets made up and ready for any local disasters or needs over the summer.

The Sewing Circle also has someone in our group that has been very diligent about making Baby blankets for every infant Baptism at Zion.

We will be meeting again the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month starting in September and invite anyone that would like to be a part of this mission to join us.

Many thanks to all the ladies that have joined the Sewing Circle and are so willing to share their God given time and talents for those in need. A mission that Zion has always had. Thank you ladies. May the Lord Bless you.



LFOJ HAPPENINGS

Dutch Mills Bulb Fundraiser A special thank you to Chad and Jaimee Lipske for organizing the Dutch Mills Fundraiser. The total sales were \$1,152 giving LFOJ a profit of \$636.32. This money will go into our project fund for exterior painting and new decking. Thanks to all the children and families contributing to our fundraising! So far \$2053.32 has been raised.

Children Openings

LFOJ will have the following upcoming openings:

Learner Room ~ Ages 2 1/2—5 years

2016 Fall Preschool (Tues/Thurs)~ 3 years (Must be 3 by 9-1-16)

2016 Fall Preschool (Mon/Wed/Fri)~ 4 years (Must be 4 by 9-1-16)

Summer School-Age ~K through 12 years of age (summer only)

In the past, our parents have always been the best source of referral for our center. If you know of anyone looking for child care or preschool, please have them call Karlyn or Amy at the church office. 715-682-6075.



Zion Lutheran Council Minutes: May 16, 2016

The May 16, 2016, Church Council Meeting was called to order by President, Nick Jarvela. Daryl Warren opened with prayer.

Roll Call: Nick Jarvela- President/Trustees, Alice Ellis -Secretary, Mary Koosmann - Financial Secretary, Carol Key- Co-Treasurer, Lisa Guski - LFOJ, Lynn Ladd – Education, Chuck Chronis- Stewardship, Daryl Warren- Elders, Pastor Rick Williams.

April 2016 Minutes: Motion to accept minutes by Ladd, second by Chronis. MMC.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Rick reported that spring class is continuing, 6 young adults were confirmed, and new opportunity for jail visitations. He will attend Summer Intensive Course June 26-July 1, and Pastors Conference, May 2-3. National Youth Gathering dates are July 14-21.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept report by Warren, second by Ladd. MMC.

Meeting Agenda: Motion to accept proposed agenda by Chronis, second by Guski. MMC.

Board Reports:

Elders: update from Warren.

Trustees: Jarvela reported LFOJ phone emergency number changed to 911, and will also change church. Someone is needed to make Zion Property signs.

Education: Ladd reported we need a Sunday School Superintendent and someone to lead summer VBS program.

LFOJ: Guski reported that open house April 25th went well. St. Jude Trike-A-Thon raised \$1687.00. Preschool graduation will be Thursday, May 27, at Prentice Park. Jarvela suggested new deck and fence be composite material. More expensive but much better wear.

Evangelism: The church picnic will be in August with a retro-Sunday worship service at the church, and noon picnic at Prentice Park

Stewardship: Chronis reported it was necessary to get rid of the adding machine and a new machine will be secured.

Motion to accept board reports by Key, second by Ladd. MMC.

Official Acts:

Youth Confirmation: 05-01-2016: Heather Dickrell, Justin Esala, Ashlee Moreland, Kyle Sapper, Taylor Vyskocil, Tia Warren.

Old Business:

Sink Hole: the sump pump pipe was cracked, pulled out 20 feet to clean out, and replace with 8-inch PVC pipe. Bill is yet to be received. A bigger project that anticipated.

Window Replacement: KV Tech will get new window bid (fiber glass windows plus installation) to trustees.

New Business:

Cost of windows and additional funds needed: When bid comes in, will plan funding. Also a need to upgrade front door.

Summer Hiatus: June, July, and August Council will recess unless a need for meeting arises. Next scheduled meeting in September.

Adjourn: Motion by Guski, second by Ladd. MMC.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer. Next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully, Alice J. Ellis

JUNE 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!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists please contact the office. Greeters and Ushers should arrive 20 minutes before services start. Thank-you to all who serve.

ELDERS

June 1 Darryl Warren
 June 5 Randy Spangle & John Pruss
 June 8 Scott Thimm
 June 12 Doug Warren & Andy Pruss
 June 15 John Pruss
 June 19 Darrell Warren & Doug Warren
 June 22 Scott Thimm
 June 26 John Pruss & Randy Spangle
 June 29 Doug Warren
 July 3 Andy Pruss & Darrel Warren

Worship Sunday 9:00am
 Wednesday 6:30pm
 Bible Study Sunday 10:30am
 Monday 10:00am (off)



The flower calendar is looking rather empty. You can sign up for flowers throughout the year, one or two vases. They can be for a special occasion—birthday, anniversary, etc.—in memory of a

loved one's birthday, etc.—or just to adorn the altar. Since we have the refrigerator, flowers can last 2-4 weeks. Garden flowers are especially beautiful at this time of the year. Please contact Linda Klobucher at 746-2064 or sign-up on the calendar on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you.



Acolytes

June 5 Ella Bauer
 June 12 Abbi Moreland
 June 19 Emily Dickrell
 June 26 Logan Esala
 July 3 Trista Bolz

GREETERS

June 5 Pat & Katie Colgrove
 June 12 Honkala Family
 June 19 Linda Stenroos
 June 26 Clarence & Kathy Osmak
 July 3 Janet & Tiffany Houle

Ushers

June 5 Alan Sunie & Cody Sunie
 June 12 Terrel Bolz & Mike Bochler
 June 19 Curt Harpster & Mike Cashman
 June 26 Larry Hildebrandt & Brian Klobucher

Jule Jarvela
 682-0385
 Janet & Tiffany Houle
 682-2387

