

# *The Mountain Top* **Zion Lutheran Church**

## Messenger

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He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! Welcome to the May Newsletter. On May 4<sup>th</sup> we be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord. Oh to have been with the disciples and to watch our Lord ascend to his position of power and Glory at God's right hand. <sup>10</sup> *And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."* (Acts 1 10-11) And now that he has been taken up, we are charged with the task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the world until he returns. Oh to be there, to see the day when the Lord returns, what glorious day it will be.

Besides the Ascension of our Lord we also will be celebrating Confirmation on May 1<sup>st</sup> for six of our young people; Kyle Sapper, Taylor Vyskocil, Tia Warren, Justin Esala, Heather Dickrell, and Ashlee Moreland, will be confirmed and will become our newest members. An exciting day and the culmination of three years of confirmation class. Please take time to congratulate them and welcome them as confirmed members of Zion Lutheran Church.

Things are going well in the fund raising for the trip to the National Youth Gathering, with recent events including the Palm Sunday breakfast, Bakes Sales, Culvers, and the book sale. They also have several more events planned in the near future outside the church, including running the concession stand at the ABC raceway. Your continued support with this project is greatly appreciated, this is an amazing, faith building event in the lives of those who will be attending.

A big thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to contribute to the directory either through having your photos taken or a picture submission. I would also like to take a moment to give a special thank you to the committee, especially Lisa and Joanne for putting the whole thing together. This directory will give us the opportunity to get to know each other a bit more and to put names to the faces that we sometimes only see on a weekly basis and the opportunity to get to know the families of our church family. It also allows us to share a bit about ourselves with new members as they come in to God's church and are introduced to us through the directory. The whole point of the directory is to get to know our church family on a more personal and familiar basis. So please take the time to look it through it when they arrive and spend some time refreshing your memory with those names and faces that we sometimes forget. Thank you again to everyone involved in making this directory happen.

That's enough for now, I have chosen to close with the Apostle Paul's prayer for Spiritual Strength: *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Eph 3:14-20)

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Rick



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**Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479 Office Hours: M/W/Th 8-5, Tues. 1-5, Fri. 8-12**

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

**Church Office Hours - Mon-Thurs. 7:30-12:00 [changes frequently]**

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**Head Elder:** Darryl Warren 715-492-0488

**Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center:** 715-682-5185

**LFOJ Administrator:** Karyn Leino 715-682-6075



## May Mission

### Nothing But Nets

Malaria is a disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Each year, an estimated 219 million people are infected with malaria, causing approximately 600,000

deaths – mostly children under the age of five. Malaria is particularly devastating in Africa, where it is a leading killer of children. In fact, there are 10 new cases of malaria every second. Every 60 seconds, a child in Africa dies from a malaria infection and 90% of all malaria deaths occur in the region.



Treated bed nets are working. For \$10, you may select a handmade Mother's Day corsage. Each corsage purchased will provide one bed net for a family. Wear your corsages on Mothers' Day and throughout the year!

## Our Prayer Concerns MAY

### 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, Janesa James, Jean Wickman, Fran Fleig, Jean Ekholm, Emily Hagstrom, Eddie Brown, Roger Peters, Darr Wade, Johnny Galligan, Robert Douglas, Alice Balmer, Jean Ylitalo, Herb Ellis, Mary Bullis*

### 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*



### GRADUATES:

**High School, Trade  
Schools,  
College**



If we  
could  
please get  
student's

name, school graduating from, and future plans to report in our June newsletter that would be great. Hand into the office now through May 17th.

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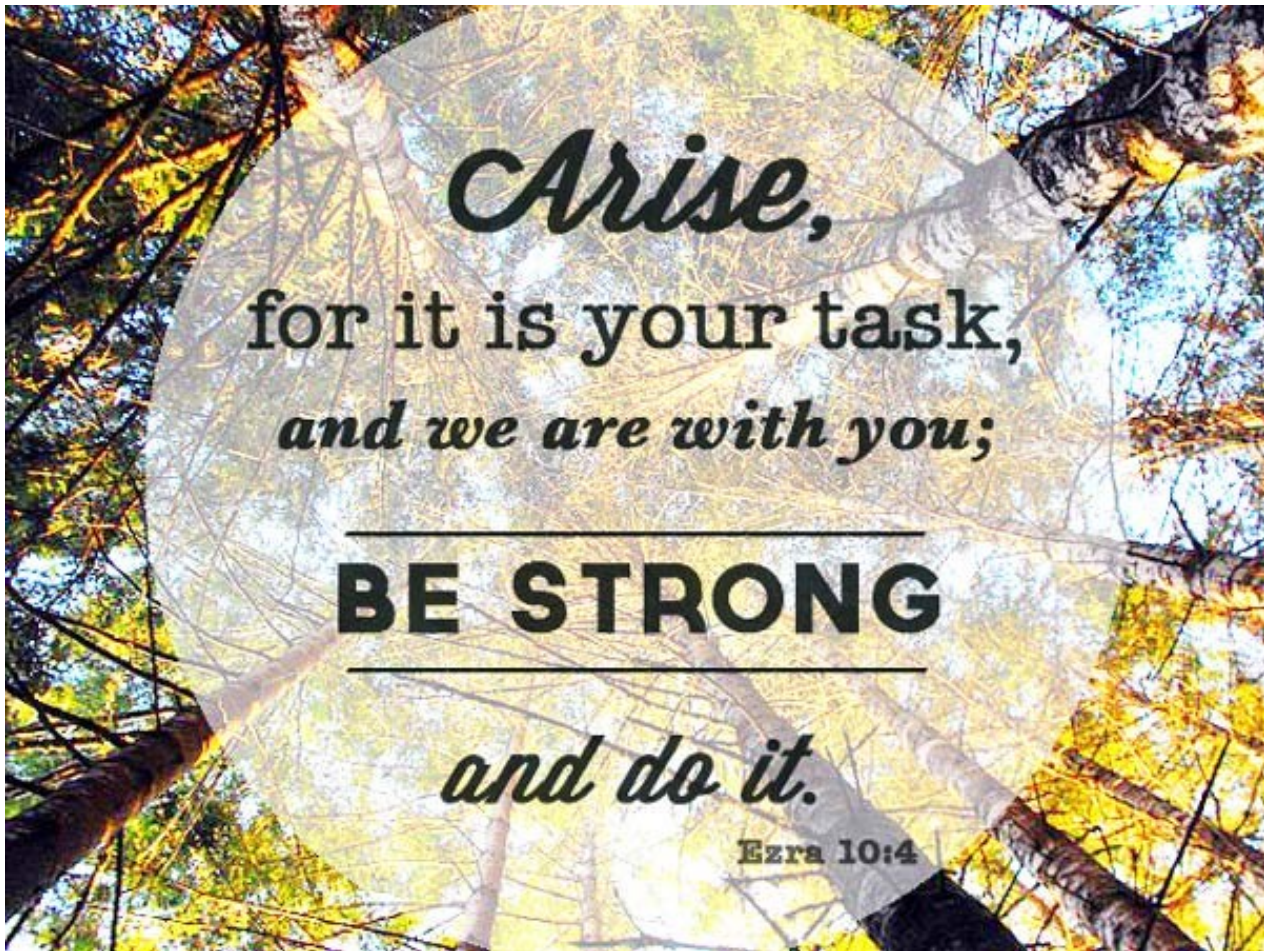
### NEED A PRAYER?

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*





**Proverbs 22:6** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

**Romans 12:6-7** "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;"

**Deuteronomy 11:18-19** "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along

**Psalms 32:8** "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Sunday School classes will be meeting through May 22nd. The Education Board would like to thank Renee for taking on as interim Superintendent these last five months. At this point, Renee will not be able to continue on as Superintendent. So we need someone to take the reigns. Please contact Renee, Pastor or the office if you are interested. Someone has spoken up that they may consider doing it as a co-superintendent if someone else would like to share the position. We would like to fill the position by the end of May.

## Stewardship Thoughts

The stewardship thoughts for this month came from Psalm 148 in the English Standard Bible. It definitely expresses who is in charge. Yes. There is a higher power!

*Praise  
the  
Lord*

- 1) Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens:  
Praise him in the heights!
- 2) Praise him, all his angels;  
Praise him, all his hosts!
- 3) Praise him, sun and moon,  
Praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4) Praise him, you highest heavens,  
And you waters above the heavens!
- 5) Let them praise the name of the  
LORD!  
For he commanded and they were  
created.
- 6) And he established them forever  
and ever;  
He gave a decree, and it shall not  
pass away.
- 7) Praise the Lord from the earth,  
You great sea creatures and all  
deeps,
- 8) Fire and hail, snow and mist,  
Stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- 9) Mountains and all hills,  
Fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10) Beasts and all livestock,  
Creeping things and flying birds!
- 11) Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
Princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12) Young men and maidens together,  
Old men and children!
- 13) Let them praise the name of the  
Lord,  
For his name alone is exalted:  
His majesty is above earth and  
heaven
- 14) He has raised up a horn for his  
people,  
Praise for all his saints, for the  
people of Israel who are near to  
him.

**Praise the LORD!**

## VBS 2016 - August 8-11 Camp Luther Counselors

"Start a Fire" Luke 24:32 is this year's theme. It is open to children 1st-6th grade. We are looking for someone to be our organizer for VBS. We have a good outline of what needs to be done and help is available. Please contact the Pastor or office if you could help us out this summer. We would like to have this filled by the end of May.



## Our grandson in Mumbai learned at his preschool: Sharing is Caring.

The Sharanam Center is a permanent home in Mumbai, India, for girls who were formerly destitute, neglected or abandoned. This center is located in Dharavi Slum and supports thirty-six girls and young women. I was introduced to this center through my daughter-in-law, Roya, and decided to volunteer there the fall of 2014. The girls want to improve their English to support their education; so five days a week I tutored Mary, Maria, and Sabera to help them prepare for grade level exams.



We read stories and answered questions, we wrote stories about real life scenarios, we wrote folk tales, we shared our own stories, and we laughed and worked together. These girls would greet me each day with enthusiastic joy and end our sessions with expressions of gratitude; it was easy to love Mary, Maria, Sabera, and all their sisters. When I mentioned my return to India and shared information about the Center with the Evangelism Committee, Lisa Sunie and JoAnne Honkala offered to organize Zion's high school youth group to donate stickers and colored pens to the Center; the girls love stickers and pens. The Zion youth group would also write notes to the girls. Zion was eager to send a message to India: Sharing is caring.

A few days before we left, I tucked these precious stickers, pens, and notes into our suitcase. Although I could not volunteer at the Center this time, I made arrangements



to visit the girls and bring the Zion gifts. The day before I was inspired to bake two loaves of banana bread for the girls and order a chocolate cake that said: *Greetings with Love*. Herb also wanted to visit the Center and meet everyone.

So the driver brought us to Matunga Labor Camp-neighborhood where the center is.

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We entered the four story no-frills concrete building and navigated the dark hallway to find the “old cage” elevator in the back corner. We took the creaky elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and then had to walk up one set of stairs to the fourth level. The girls could hear us coming and were so excited... laughing and shouting words of welcome. They even helped Herb up the uneven steps. Once we arrived inside the center’s secure entrance, hellos and hugs were plentiful. After introductions, we gave out the stickers; the girls were thrilled. I gave the colored pens to the house mother (Sharda) to be shared as needed. The girls also took turns reading the notes; they love to read English. Then it was time to cut the cake (chocolate is always a hit) and eat banana bread... a first for them. A bonus treat was to see Ananda, the center cook. She was very sick in 2014 with breast cancer treatment; now she has a full head of curly hair and wears an amazing smile of recovery.



Before we knew it, it was time to go. Some girls also had to leave. Each girl has a daily schedule to include: school, sports, exercise, travel, dance, camp, shopping; the Sharanam Center is family. In fact, the Center recently celebrated their first two college graduates.

If and when you have the opportunity to travel to Mumbai, you will want to visit the Sharanam Center and meet these special friends. Each girl has a story of hope and the Sharanam Center opens doors to make this happen. Sharanam leans on volunteers visiting Mumbai to help these girls identify their talents, fine-tune their skills, and achieve their dreams. You might even offer to volunteer. May God bless and keep our young people at Zion, and the staff and beautiful sisters at Sharanam Center. Thank you, Zion youth, for sending the message: **Sharing is Caring.** Alice Ellis



***Prayer List Bulletin Board*** – Sandy Nutt has graciously volunteered to put together the area on the bulletin board for those on our prayer list. We would like to include a picture and some background and update information on people listed on the board. If you submitted a name, could you please write something up or call (682-6075) the office it would be appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the office or E-mail to [secretary@zionlutheranashland.com](mailto:secretary@zionlutheranashland.com)

*We get many questions on who people are and what’s wrong. This will give everyone some insight on who they are praying for.*



## Zion Lutheran Council Minutes: April 18, 2016

The April 18, 2016, Church Council Meeting was called to order by President, Nick Jarvela.

**Pastor Rick** opened with devotions and prayer: He referred to the Old Testament and reminded us that we are God's chosen people. And God wants to be with us because He loves us.

**Roll Call:** Nick Jarvela (President/Trustees), Lynn Ladd (Education), Chuck Chronis (Stewardship), Lori Landry (Evangelism), Carol Key (Co-treasurer), Lisa Guski (Co-treasurer/LFOJ), Alice Ellis (Secretary), Pastor Rick Williams.

**March 2016 Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes by Chronis, second by Guski. MMC.

**Pastor's Report:** Spring Class is continuing. Pastor accepted for Summer Intensive Course: June 26- July 1. LFOJ Chapel, April 5 and 6. 11 Worship Services, 4 Bible studies, 9 visitations. Pastor attended Elder's meeting, and working on LWML Spring Rally. Will conduct Memorial Service for Howard Fuhrman in Iron River, June 11. Spring Pastors Conference May 2-3 in Wausau. Conducted services at Ashland Health Care and Golden Manor.

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

**Meeting Agenda:** Motion accept agenda with "signs" added to new business by Chronis, second by Ladd. MMC.

### Board Reports:

**Trustees:** Jarvela reported Rick Nutt met with salesman to get an estimate for purchase of aluminum clad/straight windows. After purchase, someone will be hired to install new windows. Sink hole (east side of church) will be filled.

**LFOJ:** Raised over \$600 from sale of light bulbs towards new deck. Open House for LFOJ is Monday, April 25; congregation is encouraged to attend. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Trike-A-Thon will be week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. 19 "Neighborhood Watch" letters sent to neighbors.

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

**Official Acts:**      **Baptism:** one

### New Business:

**Signs:** Jarvela counselled with Ashland Police about posting signs to state: Property of Zion Lutheran Church. This is designed to address situations that put us at risk for injury, vandalism, and inappropriate behavior. It was noted again that LFOJ sent out 19 "Neighborhood Watch" letters.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Chronis, second by Landry. MMC.

**The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer. Next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully, Alice J. Ellis



*"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isaiah 40:29*

**"Daughters of Christ"  
"Superwoman"**

**Sunday, May 22nd 3:00-4:30pm**

You may not be Superwoman but with Christ you have abilities that are way beyond what you would have without Him. Thank the Lord, no tights involved. We are to be clothed in righteousness and holiness.

Refreshments, short devotion, and greeting and meeting will fill our afternoon with laughs and fun. We hope that you can make it. All girls and ladies are invited to attend. Please sign up in the Narthex [starting May 8th] so we have some idea of how many might attend. Any questions, please contact Lynn, 292-



## 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!! 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

May 1 Doug Warren & Scott Thimm  
May 4 Randy Spangle  
May 8 Scott Thimm & Darryl Warren  
May 11 Doug Warren  
May 15 John Pruss & Scott Thimm  
May 18 Andy Pruss  
May 22 Scott Thimm & Darryl Warren  
May 25 Randy Spangle  
May 29 John Pruss & Andy Pruss  
June 1 Darryl Warren

### Acolytes

May 1 Ella Bauer & Abbi Moreland  
May 8 Logan Esala  
May 15 Trista Bolz  
May 22 Terrel Butterfield  
May 29 Emily Dickrell  
June 5 Ella Bauer

### Ushers

May 1 Jerry Frisco & Henry Truchon  
May 8 Ben Cashman & Chuck Chronis  
May 15 Jim Hebert & Scott Sapper  
May 22 Carson Honkala & Loren Munson  
May 29 Patrick Colgrove & Ron Schwiesow  
June 5 Alan Sunie & Cody Sunie

### GREETERS

May 1 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow  
May 8 Wickman Family  
May 15 Brian & Linda Klobucher  
May 22 Adam Hinch  
May 29 Lipske Family  
June 5 Pat & Katie Colgrove

### OFFICIAL ACTS

**Baptism:** NB 4-17-2016



Eleanor Munson 682-8155  
Irene Piff 682-6237  
Sydney Vyskocil 682-2498



Contact Linda  
Klobucher about  
flowers.  
715-746-2064

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*Mother's Day*

*Altar  
Flowers*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Mite Sunday <b>Worship 9:00am</b> <b>Confirmation</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Pastor Rick at Pastor's Conference—Wausau	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Mother's Day</b> <b>Elders Mtg. 7:45am</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Trustees Mtg. 10:15am	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>10</b> Sewing Circle 1:00pm	<b>11</b>  <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	<b>16</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Church Council Mtg. 5:30pm	<b>17</b> LFOJ Chapel 11:00am	<b>18</b> LFOJ Chapel 11:00am  <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	<b>21</b> LWML Mtg. 10:00am
<b>22</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am  <b>Daughters of Christ Event 3:00pm</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>24</b> Sewing Circle 1:00pm	<b>25</b>  <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Food Shelf Sunday <b>Worship 9:00am</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b>	Be watching for an upcoming special Sunday service. It's going to be fun. That's the only hint for now. More info next month.			