



The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI SEPTEMBER 2019

September, Labor Day, back to school, fall colors starting, and cooler temps. All of these things are or will be happening in the next week or two. It hardly seems possible. It feels as if I just wrote the August news letter a week or two ago. But in the time that has flown by a great many things have happened. I am not going to delve into all of them, but a couple are fresh in my mind. First and foremost, I want to publicly praise God and thank Him for watching over June and all of those caring for her before, during, and after her surgery. The surgeon said we could not have asked for a better scenario when he went in to take care of her problems, I thank God continually for watching over her. Secondly, I want to thank all of you for your prayers, your support, and help over the last few weeks. Every step of the way we could feel for power of your prayers, your love, and your concerns as we traveled through this experience. It helped bring a feeling of peace and tranquility throughout the entire process. Your cards, texts, emails, and calls have helped us both through this time with confidence in the Lord and our church family. We love you all and cannot thank you enough.

With that being said, I wanted to mention something I experienced during our stay at U of M Hospital in Minneapolis. The place is quite large, people always on the go. You see people from all over the world there and many different ethnic and religious backgrounds. The day of surgery I had a bit of free time so I looked on the hospital directory so I could find the chapel. I could not find it listed. I asked several people who worked there and they said they weren't sure. Finally a day or two later I asked again and this time one of staff said, "oh, you mean the meditation center, it is on the 7th floor." I traveled up to the seventh floor and found the "meditation center" rather plain and rather generic, with a semi comfortable seating area. It was indeed a "meditation center" because there was nothing there, at least for me that would indicate a chapel. It seems, religion is not really emphasized there and while they did ask us on several occasions if June would like a visit from the chaplain we never did see one. In their defense June did say that was ok as I was with her ☐. The day after June's surgery I decided I needed to make a statement in regards to my faith, I would say based on attire that probably one-third of the hospital staff were followers of Islam. So starting on day two of June's inpatient stay I began wearing my Jesus collection of T-Shirts which I generally tend to pack when I go anywhere. Day one I wore my Star Wars themed "May the Lord be with you" t-shirt. I found the responses that I received very interesting. The first response I received was from a nurse in the elevator on the way up, she looked at my shirt, smiled, and said "Thank You". I received a number of positive comments, along with smiles, nods, and even one thumbs up. I am pleased to say no one said anything negative, I did have one or two that kind of just rolled their eyes, but no one complained or said that I offended them. I wore a different shirt every day. My COFFEE shirt "Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere", my "My world revolves around the Son" and of course my super hero shirt that has all of the avengers sitting around Jesus and the caption bubble over Jesus that says, "And that is how I saved the world".

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School 10:15am (Sept.-May)
Bible Studies
Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am

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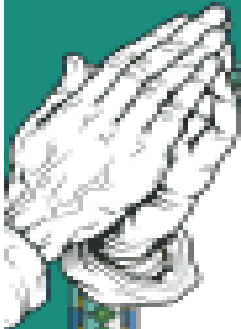
And that was my little part in trying to share the Word of the Lord. I would be lying if I didn't think at least a little, that someone might complain and ask me to change my shirts. I had pre-thought what I might say or do if they did, but no one did, and I feel confident in saying that anyone who saw me knew where I stood in regards to my faith. Overall it was an amazing experience and I thank God for the opportunity to show and share my faith.

Now one other note, I had talked last spring about starting the Red Letter Challenge in September, however with all the distractions I have been unable to prepare so I am looking at starting that program and Bible study in October, so look for more to come in the next newsletter.

God bless you all.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
(Hebrew 12:1-2)*





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

<i>Linda Larson-Nelson</i>	<i>Tim Smith</i>	<i>Bob Heggie</i>
<i>Kevin Heggie</i>	<i>Kate Smith</i>	<i>Alice Balmer</i>
<i>Brad Prill</i>	<i>Johnny Galligan</i>	<i>David Kaarre</i>
<i>Mary Bullis</i>	<i>Jim Bullis</i>	<i>Mike Dimich</i>
<i>Lloyd Koosmann</i>	<i>Theresa Koosmann</i>	<i>Jim Johnson</i>
<i>Marty Kaarre</i>	<i>Rachel Juoni</i>	<i>Ally Gumz</i>
<i>Rebecca Gurske</i>	<i>David Gustafson</i>	<i>Mary Siefers</i>
<i>Penny Mattson</i>	<i>Vi Basina</i>	<i>Penny Larson</i>
<i>June Williams</i>	<i>Janice Clements</i>	

and those in our hearts.

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle, Donna Graves Violet Basina*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *David Wright, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha Jordan Thimm*



Food Shelf



FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

Last Sunday of each Month

The BRICK appreciates your food donations each and every month. It truly helps our community giving those are need of food to sustain their life. It's hard to believe that these days that are still some who are

surprised by a layoff, lose their home, have a dysfunctional family, can't cope with things. They need a helping hand and Zion tries to provide some help every month to The BRICK. Thank you Ron for bringing the basket of goods to The BRICK each month.

2019 Zion's VBS August 5th-7th 9am-3pm

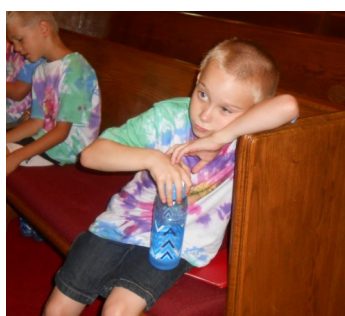


Camp Luther Counselors
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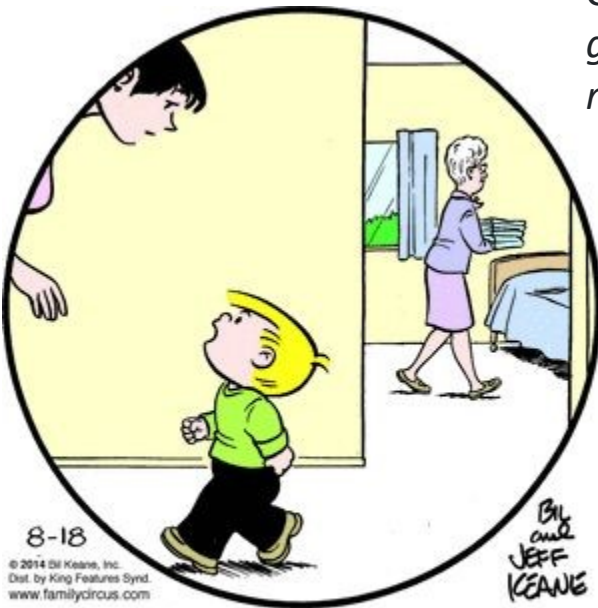
John 16:33 ³³"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



Camp was a great time, even with the hot temperatures. There were 24 children, just the right size for 3 counselors. Seven were from Zion and the rest created a wonderful opportunity for outreach to the community. I would like to thank Ellie and Loren for hosting the counselors, Adeline and Katrina as counselor aides, Sandy Nutt and Amy Maslan helping with lunches/snacktime for the campers, Pruss', Munson's, Pastor, Jule Jarvela, Lynn Ladd with breakfast/supper for the counselors. The help is always needed and appreciated. Thank you all and God Bless You! Lisa



Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.



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"Grandma says she's seen it all, done it all, and heard it all. She just can't remember it all."



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"Grandma is pretty old-fashioned. She only uses her phone to TALK on."

SEPTEMBER

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"Our other grandfather is in heaven, but I'm glad we have a grandfather who art on earth."



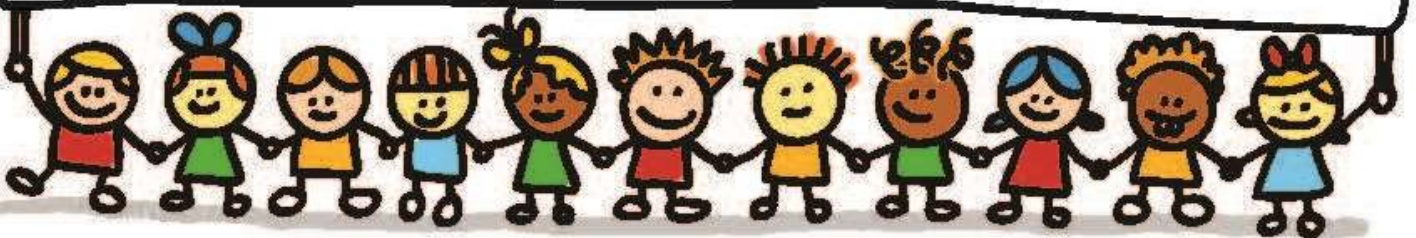
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"I can't come out — my grandma and granddad just got here and I get to play with THEM."

Grandparents' Day





8 "T"s of Stewardship



By John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor 2011-2015
(Previously published in the Treasured News Jan.-July 2013)
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TIME
TREASURE
TOUCH
TRASH

TALENT
TESTIMONY
TISSUE
TECHNOLOGY

TRASH

TRASH refers to our care of God's creation. God created all things in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, all created things and beings belong to Him. He also made the first man and woman in His image and said to them, *"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."* (Genesis 1:28)

According to Genesis 2:15 God put Adam into the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. He was the first manager of something that belonged to God, and he was to manage it according to God's wishes. Unfortunately, he and Eve disobeyed God and desired to do things their own way. Through this act of disobedience sin entered into the world and the earth and everything on it was cursed because of that sin. And yet, this is a marvelous earth with all its beauty and bounty, and we are still God's caretakers and managers.

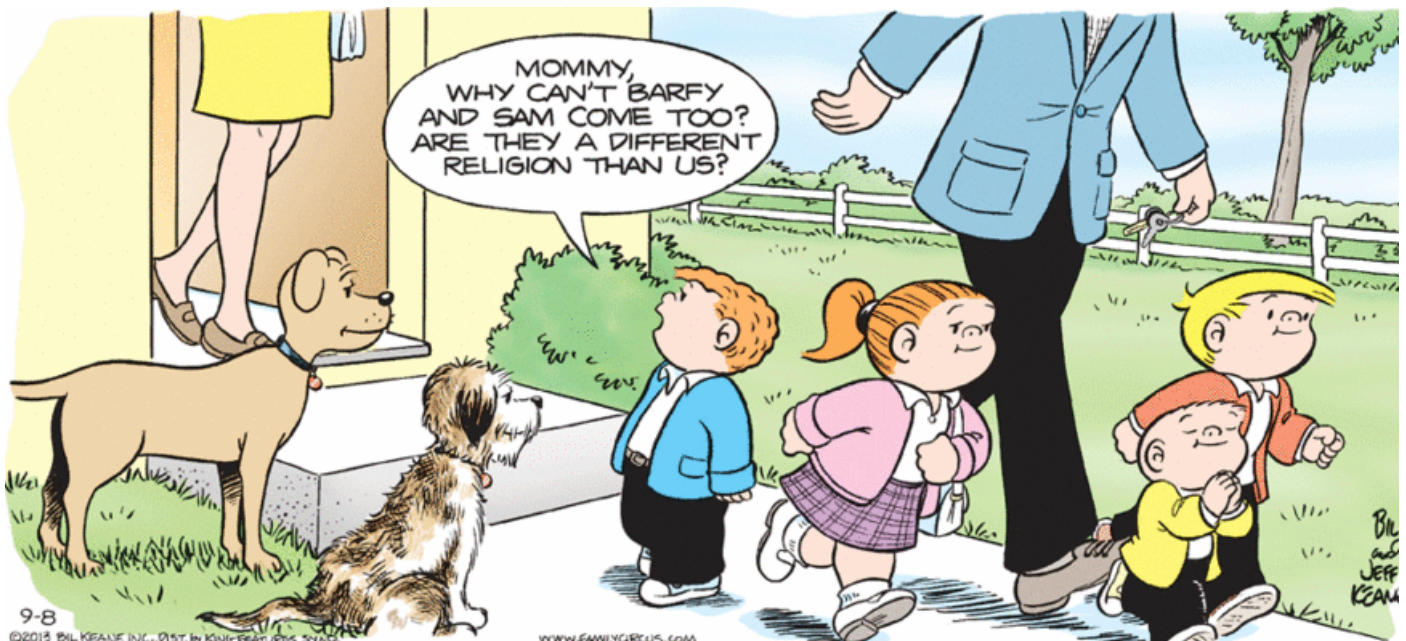
It is hard to fathom that more than seven billion people now live on planet earth. According to God's design there are ample resources on earth to satisfy the needs of all living creatures. The truth is that God provides but man divides. Our stewardship of the air, earth, water, crops, livestock and other resources on earth is of critical importance. Polluted air and water, world hunger and trashy environments give evidence to the need for improved stewardship of God's creation.



**Sunday School Rally Day
September 8, 2019**

10:15am (after worship service)

**The theme for this year is “Let Your Light Shine”.
Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments
and a craft for the kids.**



August 24, 2010

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round, round and round.
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All through the town.



When I think of this song I hear our son Jon singing to his two daughters. And now these words have taken on a whole new importance as granddaughter Sophie (age 5) heads for kindergarten. Hard to believe this beautiful Seattle girl is ready to strap on a backpack, carry a lunch, and “hit the books.” If I thought life was on the fast-track before, now it feels like the faster-forward button has been activated.

Yes, the back-to-school bird has landed. The ads are full of shopping tips for kids’ clothes, school supplies, classroom tools, and so much more. Since we have the luxury of mass media, marketers target teachers and families so shoppers can more efficiently load up backpacks for the classroom adventure.

As a former teacher, I still remember the urgency in August to set up bulletin boards, go over class lists, attend meetings and training sessions, organize computer files, organize desks, organize books, organize craft supplies, organize life at home, and organize me. We knew it was important to be fresh and smiling from day one.

Dear Readers, please pray for students, teachers, and staff heading back to school. Remember the bus drivers that students may travel back and forth safely. Remember students that they may show-up eager and ready to learn and practice respect for their peers and others. Remember to pray for teachers. Almost all the teachers that I ever worked with were dedicated people who worked hard to teach because they truly cared about students. Remember the support staff: lunchroom, playground aides, instructional assistants, custodians, and so many more. It takes an army to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students and every person’s contribution makes a difference.

So, folks, be watching for the **“Wheels on the bus going round and round.”** The back-to-school pitch and pace are picking up. Let us greet students with smiles of welcome, praise the good work of families and staff members, and pray for the safety and needs of all who come together in our schools. Remember our youth is our most precious cargo, and we are invited to participate in their formation and growth through our words, our actions, and our prayers. **“All through the town.”**

It Matters What We Believe: A Study of Different Religions

LWML FALL RALLY Zion, Ashland

September 28, 2019

Registration 10:00am

(coffee and muffins served)

Rally Begins 10:30am (\$5.00 fee)

**Gifts of the Heart:
New Day Shelter**



We sent the proceeds from the past Soup & Suppers to Pastor Kaarre. Here is a thank you from him.

Dear Members of Zion,

Part of the calling of a Pastor is to be always ready with an appropriate word. But, on this occasion, I'm struggling to express my gratitude for your unbelievable thoughtfulness and generosity. I appreciate the financial help more than you know, but the Christ-like love that moved you to help means just as much.

The Lord bless all of you, and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In Christ,

Marty Kaarre



Fun Facts about September

- It is the first month of the Autumn or Fall season.
- September in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to March in the Southern Hemisphere.
- American college and professional football begins during the month of September. (*Talking about football, see below*)
- Many kids begin the school year during this month.
- Teacher's Day is celebrated in India on September 5.

The [Anglo-Saxons](#) also called this month Gerst Monath meaning barley month. This is because

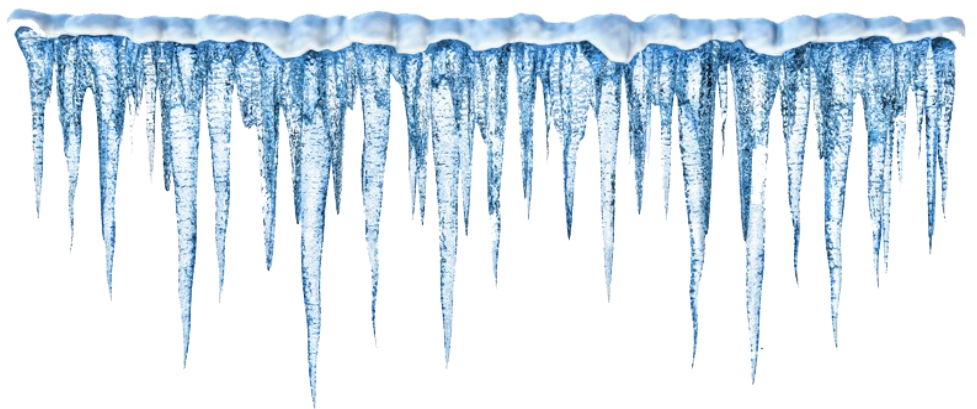
Ole & Sven died and went to hell. The devil walked by and they were sitting there with



their winter coats still on. The devil asked, "Aren't you hot?" Ole replied, "Nah, you need to remember dat ve is from Minnesota where it is very cold, this feels very gute

to us." This infuriated the devil and he turned the heat up 200 degrees! The next day the devil again passed by and there were Ole and Sven with their winter coats still on! The devil again asked, "Aren't you hot?" Sven replied, "Nah, you need to remember dat ve is from Minnesota where it is very, very cold, the heat is good for our muscles and soothes da aches and pains." This infuriated the devil even more and he turned the heat up to the maximum temperature! When the devil walked past Ole and Sven the next day, there they were, their winter coats were now unzipped, but still on! The devil screamed at them, "Aren't you hot with your winter coats on?" Both Ole and Sven replied, "Nah, you need to remember dat ve is from Minnesota where it is always very cold, this is very nice for us." The devil was determined to make them suffer. He decided to punish Ole

and Sven by making hell colder than Minnesota. He turned the furnaces of hell completely off and it became very, very cold. Ice hung from the caverns of hell, frost was everywhere. When the devil approached Ole and



Sven they could be seen jumping up and down and cheering and giving each other high five's. The devil could not believe this. He asked them, "Now it is colder than Minnesota - how can you be happy? Ole and Sven replied, "Ve were always told dat when hell freezes over, da Vikings would win da super bowl!"



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.

September	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Sun. 1	Doug Warren John Pruss		Pat Colgrove	Loren & Ellie Munson
Wed. 4	Andy Pruss			
Sun. 8	Randy Spangle Darryl Warren	Adeline	Todd Vyskocil	Lipske Family
Wed. 11	Scott Thimm			
Sun. 15	John Pruss Doug Warren	Austin	Bruce Honkala	Rick & Sandy Nutt
Wed. 18	Darryl Warren			
Sun. 22	Scott Thimm Andy Pruss	Faith	Kyle Sapper	Kathy & Clarence Osmak
Wed 25	Randy Spangle			
Sun. 29	Darryl Warren Doug Warren	Adeline	Larry Hildebrandt	Warren & Peggy Draeger
Oct. Wed. 2	John Pruss			



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Lori Landry 715-292-2122

PLEASE CONSIDER joining the Quilters' Group – they meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, now through April at 1:00pm. You don't need to know how to sew or even thread a needle, there are people to guide you through the process.



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1 Mite Sunday Worship 9:00am	2 Offices Closed	3	4 Court Manor 10:15am AHRC 1:45pm Worship 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School Rally Day 10:15am	9 10:00am Bible Study	10 Sewing Circle 1pm Evangelism Mtg. 5:30pm	11 Worship 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am	16 10:00am Bible Study Council Mtg. 5:30pm	17	18 Confirmation 3:30-5:00pm Worship 6:30pm	19	20 <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	21
22 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	23 10:00am Bible Study Pastor at Pastors' Conference → →	24 Sewing Circle 1pm	25 Worship 6:30pm	26	27	28 LWML Fall Rally Ashland 10:00am
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