



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have to admit; I am tired.

I am really tired.

While Petey is the most delightful baby in most aspects, he is a terrible sleeper! At almost 9 months he is still getting up about 5 times a night. This means Mitch and I are getting up 5 times a night, too. We have not had a full night's sleep since last June! I am tired.

The Bible verse circulating around my head during this time has been of course Matthew 11:28; "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." That sounds so delicious to me: rest! There is no word in the world that sounds so good right now. I will give you rest.

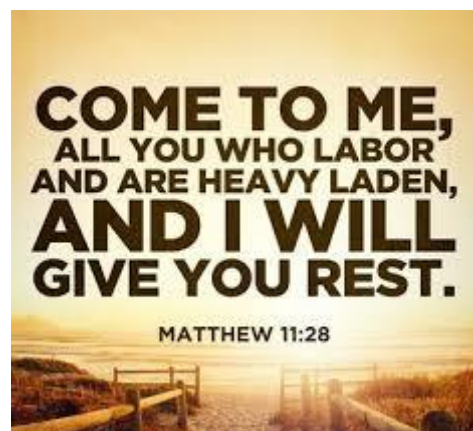
Obviously, I need some sleep but what about the rest of you? What kind of rest do you need? In what ways are you burdened? In what ways are you weary? What does this rest that Christ offers look like to you?

Lent is a time of renewing of ourselves and our faith lives, to be prepared for the resurrection of our Lord. If you are weary or heavy laden, if you need rest of some sort, remember that our true rest lies within Christ. In Exodus the Lord tells us "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest." And in Mark, Jesus says to his disciples "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

I haven't gotten any sleep yet, but I have gotten rest. For me, I love our Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Each Wednesday I rest in Christ as I listen to the beautiful music. It may not be the sleep I need but I feel refreshed anyway! I hope you get the rest you need.

Blessings,

Pastor Erin





BOX TOPS – KEEP COLLECTING!

Mt. Zion is continuing to collect the following items for E.P. Rock:

Box Tops, Family Fresh receipts, Campbell soup labels, and MARKED "milk moola" caps. Plain caps are no longer collected.

New this year, we will be collecting them as a special offering when Change for Change missions switch. You can also turn them in to the Kids' Club coordinator's mailbox at your convenience.



Dear Mt. Zion Family,
Thank you very much for the Christmas gift. I enjoyed seeing Mt. Zion while I was back for break and seeing how much the congregation and church have grown and prospered. Hope everyone is enjoying a beautiful start to the new year.

Warmest wishes,
Parker Jahns

Thank you for the Visa Gift card. It will be well used, probably for gas money as I travel from work to school a lot. It was very nice to be thought of.

Thank You,
Katie Mahler

MUFFIN BUNCH FOR MARCH

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -
Muffin Bunch will meet on March 18 at 9:10 am!
As always – friends are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 4 or 11 (Hudson's Spring Break)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 1 (Easter Sunday) No Sunday School

April 29, 10:30 Service - Sunday School Sings

May 6 – Last Day of Sunday School



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH
YOU ASKED – WE
PROVIDE!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAINTS GAME

Sunday, June 10

5:00 pm

\$14/person

*Sign up by May 13 with Pastor

VALLEYFAIR

Saturday, July 21

ALL DAY

\$30/person

Let Pastor know if you are interested.

MINI MISSION TRIP*

*Students finishing 8-12 Grade this year (2018)

July 31-Aug. 2

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

THANK YOU!

Dear Mt. Zion,

Thank you so much for your gift toward our mission work in Asia. We are so thankful for what you've done to help God's work in Japan and Thailand.

We just recently finished the trip and returned to Uruguay. Over the course of those 4 weeks, we saw God do amazing things in people's lives, and we met some truly incredible people. Please pray The Lord would continue to work in the lives of the people we encountered in Asia

We truly believe Mt Zion's investments of prayer and financial support will result in people coming to know God. We also believe God will honor his promise and bless your congregation for your faithfulness in giving toward God's Kingdom.

We'll send a larger update in the coming weeks with some stories and testimonies from the trip.

Thanks again for supporting God's work in Asia.

God Bless.
Ana & James Meincke

To All Of You,

Somehow, just saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. But I hope you know how much your kindness has meant to me.

Thank you for your warm thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies regarding the recent loss of my sister. It is nice to be assured that I am not alone during this time of loss.

In Christ,
MaryKay

Mt. Zion Friends,

Thank you for all the lovely cards, the calls and uplifting me in prayer. I can't tell you how much it meant I had the support of my friends at Mt. Zion.

Blessing on you all!
Don Krieg

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

SPRING EVENT

You are invited to attend our next outing

Saturday, April 7

2:00- 4:00 pm Eagan, MN

A group of 50 adults and youth from Mt. Zion will be heading to Eagan on April 8 to pack meals to be shipped to starving children all over the world!

Want an EASY way to help donate to FMSC AND get rid of old prescription bottles?



**FILL THEM WITH
QUARTERS AND
RETURN THEM TO
CHURCH ON OR
BEFORE MARCH 25!**

It only takes 22 cents to give a child a life-saving meal. Your quarters along with donations raised through special offerings and Lent Meals will also be donated to FMSC that afternoon.



MEN OF MT. ZION

We have our meetings at 8:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month currently at Club 304. We

are a relatively new group but have had some good successes in following our mission "To Do Good" for the Church, Congregation and Community. Everyone is invited, there are no secret handshakes, initiation fees or dues. We would be happy to have you join us for breakfast and fellowship. If you send me your email address I can include you in our meeting notices before each meeting. Jimlinda5@sbcglobal.net

MARCH BOOK CLUB BOOK

The Subtle Art of Not Giving a Darn
By Mark Manson

Discussion:
Monday, March 12
Hudson Pizza Hut 6:00 pm

April's Book
The Moth
by Catherine Burns & Others
May's Book
The Martian By Andy Weir

WELCA CIRCLES

DEBORAH CIRCLE
Thursday, March 15 *
* Note Change of date
7:00 pm
Hosted by Katie J.

JOY CIRCLE
Thursday, March 9
9:15 am at the Church
Hosted by Kathy O.



One of the privileges of being part of the body of Christ is the opportunity to share in the joy and the sorrow of others. If you have a special prayer request or would like to place someone on the prayer chain, please call the church office at (715) 386-5409 or the Prayer Chain Leader: Joyce Johnson and we will make sure to add that person to our list



MT. ZION BLOOD DRIVES FOR THE RED CROSS

We had our first blood drive of 2018 on February 22. I would like to thank the following people for making this Blood Drive Possible!

Set-up Crew:
Erin Nelson & Robin Arneson

Event Workers:
David Miller, Andrea Goetz, Eileen Wymer, Pastor Erin, Robin Arneson & Kendra Margl

Clean-Up Crew:
Kendra Margl, MaryKay Mahler & William Mahler

Without your help, these events wouldn't be possible! We had some people cancelling due to the weather but still managed to collect 13 units. We had 4 Members of Mt. Zion give at this event

WALKING TOGETHER-UW-EAU CLAIRE, DAVIES CENTER

Saturday, March 17, 2018
7:00 am – 3:00 pm

See Pastor Erin if you would like to register to attend or you can register online at:
<http://nswi.org/home/calendar-of-events>

QUILTERS THANK THRIVENT!

The Mt Zion quilters would like to thank Thrivent for the money for quilt making.



SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE for SUNDAYS & HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 4

8:15 am Sr. Choir
10:30 am Sr. Choir

Sunday, March 11

8:15 am Tone Chimes
10:30 am Tone Chimes

Sunday, March 18

8:15 am Sr. Choir
10:30 am Sr. Choir

Sunday, March 25

PALM SUNDAY

8:15 am Sr. Choir & Jr. Choir
10:30 am Sr. Choir & Jr. Choir

Thursday, March 29

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Sr. Choir

Sunday, April 1

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am & 9:30 am Sr. Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 am - Noon

Easter Flowers Delivered

10:00 am Worship Committee

Easter Set up

10:00 am Easter Brass Rehearsal

10:00 am Easter Breakfast Set up

HYMN PICKER TEAM

Did you know that a team of Mt. Zion members picks the hymns for each Sunday? We are looking for more people to join the rotation! Just a love of worship and music is needed! You will be asked to pick hymns about 4-6 times a year and will be given a Bible reading, the church season and a theme. If you are interested, please see Pastor Erin.



MIDWEEK LENT SCHEDULE

SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL

5:45p – 6:45p

Wed. March 7

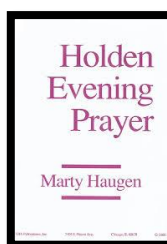
Supporting 2nd Mile Haiti

Wed. March 14

Supporting Jr. Choir & Tone Chimes

Wed. March 21

Supporting Malawi Brick Makers



MARCH 7, 14 & 21

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
SERVICE 7:00P**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY following Service in the Fellowship Hall 7:30p

“Foundations of Faith: Why we do the things we do”
In worship have you ever wondered what the Kyrie is? How come you and your neighbor can read the same Bible passage and come up with different conclusions? Why do we pray that addition at the end of the Lord’s Prayer that isn’t in the Bible?

These questions and others about the foundations of faith will be answered and discussed.

ALTAR GUILD TEAM

We are looking for new people to join the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is the team of people who set up and clean up the altar area each Sunday. Altar Guild members set up communion, refill the candles, set up for special services and help with the banners when needed. Training will be available in March/April. You sign up to help based on your schedule and your availability. If you are interested or want more information, please see Pastor Erin

MARCH OFFICE HOURS

Secretary’s Office hours

Tuesday – Friday 10a – 3p until May 13.

Closed March 26-30

2018 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The planning for the 2018 Habitat is underway.

Dates and location have been selected – now all we need is YOU!!

Anyone who is 14 years of age or older is welcome to join us.

This year the group will be going to Barron, Wisconsin. The family is a Grandmother and her 17-year old granddaughter, who is in a wheel chair, so the house will need to be handicap accessible. We will be leaving on Sunday June 24th and returning the afternoon of Friday June 29th.

We have some that stay the whole week and there are always a few volunteers that attend for just a part of the week. Please consider joining us, whether it's for the entire week or just a few days!

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Gary Baribeau (715-386-9231) or Robin Arneson (612-718-7597). Or you can plan to attend our next meeting on April 8th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn more about the trip!

Our group will also be doing some fund raising the next couple of months and planning a wall build in the parking lot. If you can't join us in Barron, we encourage you to come help build the walls on June 7th. Watch for more information to come. All ages are welcome to come help, no experience necessary.

UPCOMING DATES:

MARCH 12 – Pizza Hut Fundraiser 5-8pm
Contact Katie Jones if you can help,
if not just come and eat pizza!

APRIL 1 – Easter Breakfast fundraiser
Watch for donation & volunteer list

APRIL 8 – NEXT MEETING
9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

MAY 9 – Bayport BBQ Fundraiser
more information to come.

JUNE 7 – Wall Build
(rain dates if needed June 13 or 14)
More information to come.

JUNE 24 – Leave for Barron, WI





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

As we now practice it, Holy Week is the last week of the 40-day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter. In Holy Week we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His passion and resurrection.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:15 & 10:30 am

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the first Sunday of Holy Week within the Lenten Season, commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding his passion. As he entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their king, saying "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Join us in the Commons as we together walk into the Sanctuary, singing All Glory, Laud, and Honor in celebration of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 pm

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in **Maundy Thursday** refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. Come hear about each of the disciples and listen to their story as they recreate the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 pm

Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ. What were the Last Words of Jesus? Come find out!

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1

7:00 am & 9:30 am

On **Easter Sunday**, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe according to Scripture, that Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus. Our Beautiful Brass bring these services to life! Come Celebrate His Resurrection!



*Easter
Breakfast*

Easter Breakfast will be served between Services by the 2018 Habitat Mission Group.



March 4

Laurie Johnson
Amanda Olson
Andrea Sempf
Lydia Spence

March 5

Oscar Nemitz
Henry Okerlund

March 8

Dave Anderson
Gwen Paulson

March 9

Keenan Becker
Valerie Lardinois

March 11

Don Flatt

March 17

Laura Romzek

March 19

Harrison Jungbauer
Holly O'Connell

March 20

Martha Solfest

March 26

Claire Hoier

March 27

Riley Ferguson

March 29

Henry Gigure

March 30

Jennifer Engh
Krista Spreeman

March 31

George Pavel



**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
IN MARCH**

March 21

Terry & Marcia Teschner

March 27

Bob & Cindy Beckman

March 28

Jason & Karen Gigure

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS IN MARCH!



March 1

Chris Johnson
Kim Pilarski
Anna Runck

March 6

Raylynn Blue

March 7

Krista Hallen

March 8

Cindy DiGidio
Carl Meincke

March 9

Brandon Matzek

March 10

Lucy Adams

March 11

Martin Halvorsen

March 12

Andrew Tonsager

March 16

Craig Gustafson
John McConville

March 20

Joan Saathoff

March 21

Lauren Dombrock

March 22

Dylan Nitti

March 24

Rachael Saathoff

March 25

Gail Gerdts
Scott Veenendall

If you have missed your special date, or have the wrong information, please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409

MILESTONE MINISTRIES



**Baptism of Rilynn Matzek
January 14, 2018**



**4-year Old Story Bible Milestone
Rosemary Nelson & Sullivan Nelson
January 21, 2018**



**10th Grade Driver's License
Milestone
January 14, 2018 - Sofia Gigure**



**Baptism of Zoey Runck
January 21, 2018**

UPCOMING MILESTONES:

- 1st Communion Sunday – April 22
- Confirmation Sunday (TBT)
- New Member Sunday – (TBT)
- 1st Grade Blessing Bowls – May 6 10:30 am

SPRING PLANT SALE NOW UNTIL APRIL 1 (EASTER SUNDAY)

Spring is on the way, so it's time to kick-off Mt. Zion's Annual Plant Sale.
Orders will be accepted up until Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Order forms are available on the church website (www.mtzionhudson.com). Additional hard copies of the order forms will be in the information station at church. Please feel free to print or photocopy as needed or pick up more forms from the information station at church, so you can offer the opportunity to order plants to neighbors, co-workers or relatives.



For plant pictures, check the information station in the commons or the church website for more plant information.

Proceeds from this year's sale will be used to increase the principal fund for the Mt. Zion Post-Secondary Education Grant and to increase the amount to be awarded in grants next year. Half will be added to the fund's principal with the other half going into the grant fund's 2018-2019 awards to supplement the amounts earned from interest and provided through the annual budget.

We will be purchasing plants from Gertens' Greenhouse again this year.

Saturday, May 12th from 2:00PM to 4:00 PM is pick-up time for plants ~ just in time for Mother's Day!

Sign-up sheets for volunteer sorters will be placed in the church entry during late April or talk to Carol or Chris Gustafson. The sorting will begin once the flowers arrive to be finished by 2:00 PM. If you wish to help sort orders that Saturday morning but can only come for an hour or two, that's fine too.



SUNDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 – Lead: Nicole Gelina
Ushers: Jim & Nicole Gelina
Greeters: Renee Eickstadt
Reader: Randy Prawalsky
Communion: Kaitlyn Prawalsky
Acolyte: OPEN
 Fellowship: MaryKay Mahler

10:30 – Lead: **OPEN**
Ushers: Paul & MaryKay Mahler
Greeters: Samantha Keyes & Sandy Gillis
Reader: Mitch Nelson
Communion: MaryKay Mahler
Acolyte: Henry Nemitz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 pm
Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Acolyte: Danny Brown

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

8:15 – Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Greeters: Dennis & Kathy Opland
Reader: Mary Ellefson
Communion: Nicole Gelina
Acolyte: Arabella Campana
 Fellowship: Carol Gustafson
 10:30 – Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Lynell & Henry Nemitz
Greeters: Florence Hopp & Lucy Larson
Reader: Deb Tonsager
Communion: Tara Sanders
Acolyte: Danny Brown

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 pm
Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Dana & Art Okerlund
Acolyte: Sam Johnson

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:15 – Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Lily & Abigail Romzek
Greeters: Jim & Sonja Johnson
Reader: Dave Miller
Communion: Ellie Johnson
Acolyte: Avery Anderson

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 cont.

Fellowship: Katie Jones & Lola Scott

10:30 – Lead: **OPEN**
Ushers: Kendra Margl & Mary Stanton
Greeters: John & Nora Flavin
Reader: Stella Stanton
Communion: Bev Schletz
Acolyte: Reece Sundeen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 pm
Lead: **OPEN**
Ushers: **OPEN**
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Prawalsky

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:15 – Leads: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Greeters: Don & Linda Flatt
Readers: Jim Letourneau, Floyd Foslien, Bill Fristad
Communion: Jim Eral
Acolyte: Abigail Romzek
 Fellowship: Anna Peterson
 10:30 – Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Noah & Jack Flattum
Greeters: Tim, Nils & Brooke Dreier
Readers: Henry Nemitz, Oscar Nemitz, Brooke Dreier, Nils Dreier, Art Okerlund, Henry Okerlund, Rosemary Nelson, Ella Adams, Sophia Adams & Lucy Adams
Communion: Dana Okerlund
Acolyte: **OPEN**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 pm
Lead: Kristen Johnson
Reader: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Joan Christopher & Carol Gustafson
Tableau Participants: Aaron Adams, Jim Eral, Mike Yde, Noah Gerdts, Sam Johnson, Art Okerlund, Henry Okerlund, Bill Peterson, Mark Arneson, Oscar Nemitz, Henry Nemitz, Noah Flattum & Jack Flattum
Acolyte: Tara Sanders

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 pm
Lead: **OPEN**
Ushers: Bill Peterson & Mark Arneson
Readers: Karen McConville, Linda Yde, Robin Arneson, Mary Ellefson, Andrea Dreier, Dana Okerlund
Acolyte: Art Okerlund



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