

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUGUST 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hopefully you all know by now that 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. This October 31st will mark 500 years since Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenburg, Germany. We have lots planned for this fall to celebrate this event!

Join us in the month of August for a half hour Bible study in the fellowship hall every Sunday after worship to learn about the major tenets of Lutheran theology. If you can't tell me what Lutherans believe differently from our neighbors at the Methodist or Presbyterian churches, then you should come to this study!

We will be talking about subjects like "Law and Gospel", "The Theology of the Cross", "The Priesthood of All Believers", "The Means of Grace" and more.

In September and October, we will be having a Bible study in-between our two services. I'm calling this Bible study "Confirmation for Grown Ups". Every year when I teach confirmation, many of our mentors comment on how much they learn and how much they didn't know!

We will be meeting Sundays at 9:30-10:15 at Fellowship Hall. Join us for all the sessions or just drop in for one or two subjects you want to learn more about. We will be talking about reading the Bible as a Lutheran, the Small Catechism, the sacraments and the Reformation.

Join these studies and study up hard because we are having a big celebration on October 29th to celebrate Reformation Sunday. It will be our third annual "Are You Smarter Than A Confirmation Student: Reformation Edition" game.

The questions will be tougher than ever!

Thanks for celebrating our Lutheran-hood with me!

Blessings, Pastor Erin

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Erin Nelson".

Pastor Erin

OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST

August 1-3	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Aug. 7, 8 & 11	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
	Closed Aug. 9 & 10
August 16-17	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
	Closed Aug. 15
August 22-24	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
August 29-30	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
	Closed Aug. 31

YOUTH & FAMILY

WATCH YOUR MAIL



At the end of July, we will be mailing out a large folder to all youth 3-years old – 12th Grade.

In there you will find ...

- ✓ 2017-18 Sunday School Information and sign-up forms
- ✓ 2017-18 4th – 12th Grade Confirmation Information, schedule and requirements.
- ✓ Milestone Ministry Dates for the 2017-18 School Year.
- ✓ Invitations to Jr. Choir and Tone Chimes for the year.

If you do NOT receive this packet – please contact the church office. Extra forms and Information are located at the Information Center. Feel free to share them with friends or family if you would like to join in any of the activities.



NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Someone to play the piano during music time

(Sundays 9:20 – 9:35a).

JR. CHOIR

Beginning September 6

Calling all third graders and above! Singing, friends, puppets, games, musical instruments, parties and an occasional project. What could be a more fun way to spend your Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jr. Choir will begin Wednesday, September 6th in the lower level music room.

If interested or have any questions, please contact MaryKay Mahler.

STONE CHIMES

Beginning Monday, September 11



We are looking for people with a passion and an ear for music to join us on Monday Evenings at TONE CHIMES at 7:00pm in the lower level!

We practice weekly (taking breaks for Christmas and Easter) and add our music to Sunday worship one a month.

We are in need to 3 people to fill the spots of members who will not be able to rejoin us this fall!

If this is something that you have an interest in or would like to know more about, please contact MaryKay Mahler.

pmmahler@presenter.com

and/or 715-386-8702.

Thank You!

Dear Mt. Zion,

On behalf of The Salvation Army and the families that pass-through Grace Place,

we wish to thank you for your generous donation! We want you to know that your gift will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate in your community.

- *The Women of the ELCA at Mt. Zion hosted the June CCH Birthday Party and the entertainment they booked (The Attendants) asked that instead of paying them, they would like a donation in their name to be given to Grace Place in New Richmond.*

In Christ,
Lori Scheder
Shelter Manager

"THE WATER OF LIFE" THE THEME OF VBS



We had a wonderful week of VBS at Mt. Zion, July 10-14.

Kids from 1st Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal and Hill City joined us for a week of fun, Bible Study and service with the counselors of Luther Point. We talked about water and the various ways water is used in the Bible and what it means to be a baptized child of God. The kids had fun doing crafts, playing games, worshipping & studying the Bible

VBS was led by **Aaron and Angie Adams** and under their leadership, we spent afternoons doing some awesome community projects!



For most of the kids their favorite part of VBS was serving the Hudson area in various ways!

On Monday, we participated in The Sandwich Project—a Twin Cities organization where people make many sandwiches that get distributed to the hungry in the cities. We also did a road side cleanup to keep the area around our church clear of litter!

On Tuesday, we partnered with Coco's Heart, a Hudson dog rescue. The kids got to make lots of dog toys and blankets and Coco's Heart brought puppies for the kids to play with! We also had a talk on Habitat for Humanity and made cards for the residents at CCH.



On Wednesday, we made Blessing Bags—bags filled with toiletries and socks. The bags will be distributed to our Free Little Food Pantry, to the Hudson Food Pantry and possibly to a few other organizations.

On Thursday, the kids made a meal for Grace Place and made Kids' Bags for the Hudson Hospital. The Kids' Bags are filled with coloring books, crayons, stickers & books to be

given to kids staying in the hospital.

On Friday, the kids walked over to CCH and sang and performed skits for the residents.

Our preschool VBS was led by **Maggie & Carol Gustafson**. Our little kids had a great time doing all sorts of fun games, crafts and listening to a lot of Bible Stories.

Thank you to our volunteers. So many of you donated your time and energy to keeping an eye on our youth & keeping them safe.

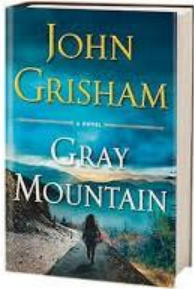
We appreciate all you do.

Thank you to all of you who donated items or helped facilitate these community outreach events for our youth. We are working hard at teaching our children that leading a Christian life means serving others in the same way Christ did. We hope that the kids of Mt. Zion learned a lot about what it means to love their neighbors.



Thanks to our Mt. Zion family for your continued support of ministries that support our children.

OUTREACH & WORSHIP



BOOK CLUB FOR AUGUST

Monday, August 14
"Gray Mountain"
By John Grisham

Looking ahead to September:

Monday, September 11
"The Hiding Place" By Corrie TenBoom

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We need 1 or 2 people to deliver our filled backpacks to EP Rock once a month during the School Year.

You can deliver together OR switch monthly. If you have any questions or would like more information, see Carol Gustafson or call/email the church for her contact information.



PRAYER REQUESTS


"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." *Galatians 6:2*

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 prayer list.


If you would like to join the prayer chain – please email the church office at secretary@mtzionhudson.com and let us know if you would prefer to be called or emailed with the prayer concerns.

S'MORE WORSHIP

 **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**
August 2, 9, 16 & 23
Worship will be an outdoor, campfire style, half-hour service with yummy s'mores!
If weather is bad, the service will be indoors.

BEER & BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 7:00 pm
August 6, 13, 20 & 27

Join us for a casual, weekly Bible Study at Stone Tap in Hudson.  for a discussion style study, conversation and fun.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA ST. CROIX VALLEY CONFERENCE

Thursday, August 10, 2017
Zion Lutheran Church
221 N. Lockwood Street, Woodville, WI
Registration from 8:15—8:45a,
Program 9:00a to noon
Cost is \$5 at the door

In this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation come and meet the fascinating woman Katharina Von Bora Luther through the eyes of storyteller Pati Kachel who will be presenting her program titled *Katie Luther: Here I Stand*.



Co-hosted by Zion and Wilson women, the morning will include news from the Triennial, election of conference officers and more.

Be Bold! Be Strong!

DINNER GROUPS and NETWORKS LISTENING SESSION

It's that Time again! Sign up for Adult and Family Dinner Groups Join us!

For many years, Mt. Zion members have enjoyed getting to know each other through our two dinner groups.

We'd like to add a THIRD!



Sinners' Dinners (Potlucks in homes)

- 6-8 people are put in a group, choosing a time that works for all.
- People take turns hosting.
- Hosts make the main meal, beverages, and sometimes bread/potatoes.
- Other group members bring a dish to share: appetizer, dessert, salad.
- **KEEP IT SIMPLE.**



Disciple Dining-- eating out

- 5-6 adults are grouped together.
- They eat out once a month or whenever they want!
- People take turns choosing a place to meet for lunch or dinner.
- Each participant pays for his/her own meal.

(NEW!) Family Dinner Group (We hope to start this group)

We'd like to start a group for parents with young children (any age).

*Good Friends, Good
Food, Good Times*

- Families could get together for dinner at homes or church for a simple meal--grilling, a potluck, etc.
- Families each bring food to share.

For information, contact Coordinator: **Judy Meincke***

*Contact Church for her contact information

**In August, we'll have sign-up sheets at church. Sign up by Sept. 1.



NETWORKS LISTENING SESSION

**FOR THE CONGREGATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
10 am**

This will be the final NETworks listening session. President Aaron Adams will facilitate the discussion. Come and hear from Judy Meincke and Robin Arneson about the history of NETworks and our current relationship with NETworks. In the fall, the congregation will be deciding about our continued relationship with NETworks.

MILESTONES



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

August 1 - Emily Holman
Mitch Nelson
Dana Okerlund

August 2 - Joan Christopher
August 3 - Hannah Adams
August 5 - Ken Holman
Jerry Lindquist
August 6 - Jennifer Johnson
Angie O'Keefe
Gina Rosenquist
August 7 - Don Matzek
August 9 - Bill Runck
August 10 - Norm Lust
August 11 - Wyatt Matzek
August 13 - Kristen Johnson
August 16 - Arabella Campana
August 17 - Elliana Lardinois
August 19 - Michaela Arneson
Jodi Becker
Judy O'Connell
August 21 - Andrew Gustafson
August 23 - Liam Mulfort
August 24 - Tomi Lynn Kuehne
Kasen Schletz
August 25 - Michelle Hanson
Stan Margl
Stacie Nelson

If we have missed your Milestone, or have incorrect information, please contact the church office.



BAPTIZED IN AUGUST

August 1 - Tim Dreier
Jane Mlinar
August 5 - James Meincke
August 7 - Ellie Johnson
August 8 - Ron Miller
August 10 - Eric Berg
August 11 - Karen Gustafson
Sandy Huppert
August 12 - Jessica Egan
August 23 - Lydia Saathoff
August 25 - Chelsea Walczak
August 27 - Nick Pilarski



MARRIED IN AUGUST

August 5 - Diwaine & Nancy Larson
Josh & Samantha Lockwood
Corey & Angie O'Keefe
August 8 - Holly O'Connell & Peter Beard
James & Ana Meincke
August 10 - Peter & Peggy Skinner
August 11 - Gary & Kathy Baribeau
August 12 - Bob & Martha Solfest
August 13 - Einar & Michelle Hanson
August 17 - Steve & Gail Gerdts
August 25 - Jon & Janet Schneewind
August 27 - Rudy & Rida Kohler
August 29 - Scott & Lynell Nemitz

Kindergarten Backpack Blessing

Will be September 10 at the 10:30 am Worship. If you have a student beginning School this year, please contact the church office and let us know.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 3

MISSION: *To provide a welcoming experience for all who walk through our doors*

**Schedule can be subject to change*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00a – Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier

Hospitality Team:

Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier

Greeters: Don Kriegl & Dave & Deb Miller

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Prawalsky

Reader: David Miller

Basket Holder: Ella Adams

Communion: Joan Christopher

Robin Arneson

Mark Arneson

Special Music: Mark Romzek

Fellowship: The Adams Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00a – Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Hospitality Team:

Ushers: Mike & Linda Yde

Greeters: Donna Revoir & The Prawalsky's

Acolyte: Avery Anderson

Reader: Randy Prawalsky

Basket Holder: Rosie Nelson

Communion: Beverly Schletz

Bob Beckman

Cindy Beckman

Special Music: Psalmodikons

Fellowship: Nicole Gelina

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00a – Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Hospitality Team:

Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff

Greeters: R. Claybaker & Judi Klingsick

Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell

Reader: Judi Klingsick

Basket Holder: Ella Adams

Communion: Jim Eral

Joan Christopher

Don Kriegl

Special Music: Chris Gustafson

Fellowship: Holly O'Connell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00a – Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

Hospitality Team:

Ushers: Kendra Margl & Bob Beckman

Greeters: Lucy Larson & Lynne Baker

Acolyte: Nathan Becker

Reader: David Miller

Basket Holder: Rosie Nelson

Communion: Karen McConville

Nora Flavin

Joan Christopher

Special Music: Einar Hanson & Paul Huff

Fellowship: Linda Yde

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00a – Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

Hospitality Team:

Ushers: ___ **OPEN** ___ & ___ **OPEN** ___

Greeters: Don Kriegl & Sandy Huppert

Acolyte: Danny Brown

Reader: Kathy Hunter

Basket Holder: Rosie Nelson

Communion: Ellie Johnson

Bob Beckman

Cindy Beckman

Special Music: Sofia Gigure

Fellowship: Carol Gustafson

If you can fill any OPEN spots –
Please contact the church office.

If you see a conflict –
please contact your Hospitality Team Leader.

THANK YOU!

Confirmation

ON APRIL 30, 2017
WE CELEBRATED THE
CONFIRMATION OF OUR
9TH GRADE CLASS!



Back Row:

Left to Right:
Pastor Erin
Nelson, Oscar
Nemitz, Maggie
Gustafson,
Mason Keyes,
Brooke Dreier &
Noah Gerdts

Front Row:

Left to Right:
Ailee Neumann,
Emily Gerdts, Cali
Steingraber, Sofia
Gigure & Ava
Anderson

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Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Treasurer ~ Robin Arneson

Financial Secretary ~ Joan Christopher

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

Kids' Club Coordinator ~ Amanda Stojan

Custodian ~ Gary Johnson

President ~ Aaron Adams