



## MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

505 13<sup>th</sup> St. S. Hudson, WI 54016

**August 2016**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer as part of our Sunday Morning Prayer Bible Study, we are beginning and ending each week with the same two prayers; The Prayer of St. Francis and The Prayer of St. Patrick. These are two of my favorite prayers and I've enjoyed praying them each week with others. I thought I would highlight and share some of my favorite prayers this month.

The Prayer of St. Francis is also known as the Peace Prayer. It is wrongly thought to have been written by St. Francis of Assisi, however, that misconception was started when the prayer was printed in 1927 under the title "A Prayer of St. Francis". Really, the prayer was first published in a French magazine in 1912 and the author remains unknown. This is a prayer that I started praying when I became a pastor. It reminds me of the great responsibility in my role as a Christian and as a representative of Christ. I have this prayer taped to my computer at work so I can pray it daily in my role as your pastor.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leogaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. More recent scholarship suggests its author was anonymous. I'm including here the traditional version of the prayer, but when I pray I prefer a reworked version of the prayer.

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Psalm 51 is one of my favorite prayers in the Bible, when David asks God for forgiveness and pardon.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

I first heard the prayer of St. Richard in the movie when it was sort of prayed by the character Greg in the movie "Meet the Parents". Greg, although Jewish, is asked to pray at the dinner with his girlfriend's Christian parents. A stranger version of this prayer is all he can come up with. Even though I had a funny introduction to this prayer, I love this petition to God, also known as the Day by Day prayer.

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
For all the benefits thou hast won for me,  
For all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother,  
May I know thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
And follow thee more nearly:  
Day by Day.

And lastly, I want to share this prayer from St. Teresa of Avila, who was a Spanish mystic, nun and writer in the 1500s.

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.

Blessings on your prayer life!

*Erin Nelson*

Pastor Erin



## WATCH YOUR MAIL

At the end of July, we mailed out a large folder to all youth 3-years old – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. In their you will find ...

- ✓ 2016-17 Sunday School Information and sign up forms
- ✓ 2016-17 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Information, schedule and requirements.
- ✓ Milestone Ministry Dates for the 2016-17 School Year.
- ✓ Invitations to Jr. Choir and Tone Chimes for the year.

If you did 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 (Sunday's 9:20 – 9:35a).

Andrea Dreier will lead but we will need someone to play the piano for her.

## • JR. CHOIR

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 14th in the lower level music room.

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



## NEWS FOR SENIOR & MIDDLE HIGH

**Bible Study and Worship Music  
Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm -  
At the Crossing Point  
across the street from First Baptist  
Church--go around to the back.**

This is a weekly (through August 24) student lead Bible study with worship music that is open to those from middle school through high school and college and beyond.

**Invite your friends - Come join us!**



## LIBRARY NEWS

We are in the process of finding a way to have our church adult library be as functional as possible and would appreciate

your input.

If you have any thoughts, please feel free to email them to me.

If you would rather keep your thoughts anonymous you can just leave a note and place it in my mailbox in the workroom, just outside the nursery, without leaving your name.

We appreciate all comments.

For those of you who are unaware, we have a library in the lower level and with a few books on the rolling cart upstairs.

We are wondering things like:

- How much do you use it?
- What, if anything, would make you use it more?
- Did you stop using it recently, and if so, why?
- What types of books do you look for in our library?
- Do you think the sign-out system works; if not, what do you suggest?

Any other comments.

Thank you for your time.

[hallensh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallensh@hotmail.com) Shelley Hall

## **"THE JESUS WAY" THE THEME OF VBS**



We had a wonderful week of VBS (June 11-15) at Mt. Zion. This year's VBS was a joint effort with two of our fellow NETworks churches: First Presbyterian and St. Paul's Episcopal.

The pre-school day camp was from 9-11 am and led by Angie Adams and Carol Gustafson. The VBS day camp for older kids

(entering grades 1-6) ran from 9-4 pm each day and was led by 5 counselors from Luther Point Camp with Pastor Erin overseeing the entire camp week.

More students attended VBS this year than ever before--a total of 67 students (22 in pre-school and 45 in the older group).

Students who attended were from the three churches, and many were visitors from the community.

We had a record number of adult helpers.

Over 75 adults participated by assisting during the week or supporting VBS with meals, snacks, lodging for the counselors, and other things.

Numerous additional Mt. Zion members supported VBS through Change for Change and the other fundraisers that supported VBS.

The students had a full week:

- VBS events began Sunday evening with a sundae bar to welcome counselors and an orientation for volunteers.

Other activities included:

- Tie-dying their own camp shirts
- Bible stories, games, songs, and skits
- Making cookies for Grace Place
- A day of water games
- A cook-out and S'more worship led by the students
- A walk to CCH to lead songs and skits for the residents

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



### AUGUST BOOK CLUB

Book: "The Rumor"  
by Elin Hilderbrand.  
Aug. 8 6:00p at Hudson  
Bagel

### GRACE PLACE MEAL

Mt. Zion will be serving the Grace Place Evening Meal on **August 29**. KPs Kitchen will be catering the main dish. (Thank you Kristen Johnson)

We are looking for cash donations to cover the main dish and side dishes. Dessert is being provided by the 2016 VBS Youth!

If you would like to help – please make your check out to Mt. Zion Lutheran, place in the offering plate from now until Aug. 21 or mail your donation to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Hudson, WI 54016.

Any extra donations will be held over for our Grace Place Meal on Oct. 31



### AUGUST OUTREACH MEETING

The committee will be meeting Monday, August 1 at 6:30 pm at Dunn Brothers in Hudson. If Outreach is something you are interested in learning more about or would like to become involved with – please join us at the Aug. Meeting. There is something for EVERYONE!



We would like to thank all the people who kept Ken and his brother in their prayers and sent cards when Ken's Brother died. They were much appreciated.

God Bless each of you!  
Ken & Donna Revoir

Thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers who came to Frederic Wisconsin last week to build on the Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity home. Your group is always great to work with and they are so skilled and personable. Real Shepherds of the flock. Love to see them each year. Thanks so much for all that you and they do for the community.

Pat

Dear VBS team,  
Just wanted to say thank you for the amazing VBS you had!  
Our Children had a super time learning about doing good things for others and the love of Jesus.  
So if you receive a reward for even giving a child a drink of water in Jesus name...just imagine what you've been earning this week!

Thanks Again –  
The Duffy Family  
Jim, Pam, J.J., Angelina & Sammy

*\* The Duffy Family came to VBS this year – not affiliated with any of the 3 churches!  
We wanted to share with you how VBS touched this family!*



## **CALLING ALL ADULTS (SINGLES OR COUPLES) WHO LIKE TO EAT!**

(Ha ha--I got your attention!)

**Sign up by Sept. 30**

Mt. Zion currently has two low key dinner groups for adults, but we would like to start a third one! Keep reading!



### **Sinners' Dinners**

- Adults are put into groups of 6-8 people and meet 3-4 times yearly
- People take turns hosting in their homes or at our church.
- The group chooses a time: Fri/Sat evening, Sun. afternoon, or any time.
- If it is your turn to host, you serve the main course, beverages, and anything else you would like (bread or rolls, potatoes?)
- Others group members bring a dish to share: appetizer, dessert, salad, etc.
- Most importantly, Keep it simple.

### **Disciple Dining**

- Disciple Dining is an adult dinner group of 5-6 people who go out to eat once a month or every other month or whenever they want!
- People take turns choosing a place to meet for dinner.
- Each participant pays for his/her own meal



## **NEW THIS YEAR: DINNER GROUP FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN**

We'd like to start a group for parents with young children (any age). Families could get together for dinner, either at homes or at the church for a simple meal--grilling, a potluck, or anything else. If you are interested in helping to get this group started, contact Judy below.

\*\*To sign up for any of the dinner groups or for information, contact

**Judy Meincke**

[judykmeincke@gmail.com](mailto:judykmeincke@gmail.com)

*If you would like to call Judy – see your church directory or contact the church office for phone number.*

## MT. ZION'S MISSION TRIP TO FREDERIC, WI



Twenty-six people traveled to Frederic, Wisconsin to participate in Mt. Zion's mission trip July 11-15. There were 17 adults and 9 high school students. Here is what Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity had to say about our visit in their recent newsletter:



*"Monday morning July 11th the house consisted of a concrete slab. Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Hudson, arrived and by Friday July 15th the walls were up, the rafters in place, the roof sheathing on and the interior walls were built. What an awesome group of dedicated individuals. They had 20 to 27 individuals working on a daily basis." (Windows and doors were also installed.)*



It was a wonderful week of living and working together. It consisted of building during the day, and living together during the evening: bible studies, preparing and eating food together, building friendships, playing games, and getting better acquainted with our Mt. Zion family.

Day 1 – Raising the Walls

Those who made the trip to Frederic were:

Mark Arneson, Robin Arneson, Gary Baribeau, Ed Dombrock, Jack Flattum, Ryan Flattum, Floyd Foslien, Gail Gerdts, Emily Gerdts, Laura Gerdts, Noah Gerdts, Brandon Gilbert, Ellie Johnson, Jack Johnson, Jim Johnson, Mason Keyes, Keith Larson, Kendra Margl, Colin McConville, Karen McConville, Carl Meincke, Judy Meincke, Dominic Meincke, Henry Okerlund, Jeff Peil, and Joe Palmquist.

(Jessie Hines, an honorary member of the group, was unable to attend due to her military deployment, but was definitely in our hearts.)

Day 5 –  
Praise Be to God!



## MILESTONES

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### **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST**

- August 1 - Emily Holman  
Mitch Nelson  
Dana Okerlund  
August 2 - Joan Christopher
- August 5 - Ken Holman  
Jerry Lindquist
- August 6 - Jennifer Johnson  
Gina Rosenquist
- August 7 - Don Matzek
- August 9 - Bill Runck
- August 10 - Norm Lust
- August 11 - Wyatt Matzek
- August 12 - Kathy Halberg
- August 13 - Kristen Johnson
- August 16 - Arabella Campana
- 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 - Todd Dombrock
- August 11 - Karen Gustafson  
Sandy Huppert
- August 12 - Jessica Egan
- August 23 - Lydia Saathoff
- August 25 - Chelsea Walczak
- August 27 - Nick Pilarski
- August 28 - Steve McCarthy
- August 30 - Neil Wilcoxson



### **MARRIED IN AUGUST**

- August 5 - 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



# HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR AUGUST

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

*\*Schedule can be subject to change*

**AUGUST 7** **9:00 AM**

**Hospitality Lead:** Kristen Johnson

**Ushers**

**OPEN**

**Greeters**

Samantha Keyes

Katie Jones

**Reader**

Katie Jones

**Communion Help**

Don Kriegl

Judy Meincke

Mike Yde

**Basket Holder**

Mason Keyes

**Acolyte**

Art Okerlund

**Fellowship**

Mic & Einar Hanson

**Special Music**

Dennis Opland & Sofia Gigure

**AUGUST 21** **9:00 AM**

**Hospitality Lead:** Andrea Dreier

**Ushers**

The Jahns Family

**Greeters**

Judy O'Connell &

Kendra Margl

**Reader**

Mike Yde

**Communion Help**

Kendra Margl

Mic Hanson

Chris Gustafson

**Basket Holder**

**OPEN**

**Acolyte**

Aiden Tepper-Engl

**Fellowship**

**OPEN**

**Special Music**

Chris Gustafson

**AUGUST 14** **9:00 AM**

**Hospitality Leads:** Chris G. & Jack J.

**Ushers:**

Jim & Gwen Paulson

**Greeters:**

Gary & Debra Hauschildt

**Reader:**

Barb Walczak

**Communion Help:**

Gary Hauschildt

Craig Gustafson

Floyd Foslien

**Basket Holder:**

Maggie Gustafson

**Acolyte:**

Tara Sanders

**Fellowship:**

**OPEN**

**Special Music:**

Craig Gustafson

**AUGUST 28** **9:00 AM**

**Hospitality Lead:** Nicole Gelina

**Ushers**

Scott & Sandy Johnson

**Greeters**

The Solberg Family

**Reader**

**OPEN**

**Communion Help**

Robin Arneson

Jim Johnson

Abigail Romzek

**Basket Holder**

Lily Romzek

**Acolyte**

Mason Keyes

**Fellowship**

**OPEN**

**Special Music**

Sean Maysac & Carl Meincke

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

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**Sr. Choir Director** ~ Craig Gustafson

**Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir** ~ MaryKay Mahler

**Parish Nurse** ~ Eileen Wymer

**President** ~ Carl Meincke