



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
505 13th St. S, Hudson, WI 54016
FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, we did it! We finally moved to Hudson! After a year of serving Mt. Zion, we have finally completed our transition and moved into our new home! It feels great to finally be done with the selling of our old house, be done with living in a condo and to finally settle in our new home which we hope to live in for a long time.

What was hardest for me was living in transition. We packed up our old house and put our belongings in storage and lived in that condo for months with the same amount of stuff that you would bring on vacation. I missed a lot of my things—my cookie cutters at Christmas time, my favorite mug, books, my winter boots. It was great to unpack my boxes and finally get my food processor back!

I also learned how much stuff I have that I don't really need. When we opened up our storage unit I saw all sorts of stuff that I forgot I owned and didn't really miss. It was a humbling thought to realize how much a part of the consumer culture I am.

All of these moving transitions have been against the backdrop of the work we are doing at Mt. Zion. We are spending a lot of time this winter helping people who don't have a home or who are missing other necessities. The need for help at the service organizations in our communities is greater than ever and I can't tell you how many calls the church gets every week from people who are in need.

I've been frustrated with my living situation this past year and I'm very relieved to be settled, but I've been reflecting this month on how lucky I am to have shelter and a place to live, no matter what it is like. So many people in our community are not as lucky.

In John 15 Jesus reminds us that our true home is in his love. Jesus says, "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at **home** in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at **home** in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at **home** in his love."

Whatever your situation is; settled, transitional, in a dorm, in a house, in assisted living, in a nursing home, with family, alone and whatever else, let us remember that we always have a true home with Christ.

And let the community of Mt. Zion remember the words of Jesus from Matthew 25, "Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?' He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.'"

Let us thank God for the gift of home and let us serve God by helping others find a home, both here on earth and with God.

Blessings, Pastor Erin

Thank you for the Christmas Package. It was so nice to get something in the mail during finals. I loved the goodies and all the stuff!

Thank You

Megan Gelina

I wanted to say thank you to Mt Zion for sending me that nice package during my finals week. It had been a hard semester with classes and flying around for dental school interviews, so I was very appreciative to receive the package. Hope you all had a great New Year's Eve.

Thank you,
Jen Johnson

Thank you very much for the care package. I appreciate you guy thinking of me. I have also thrown the slingshot frogs at my roommates. They loved (hated) it!

God Bless you all-
Alex Arneson

Thank you very much for the care package and the gas card! The things in my care package have been put to good use already! I have eaten a lot of Mac and Cheese!

Thanks again
Michaela Arneson

Thank you very much for the wonderful care package. It helped me destress during finals week at UW LaCrosse. Thank you also for the gas card. It was extremely appreciated! I'm so thankful to be a part of such a wonderful church community.

Lauren Steinhoff

I wanted to thank everyone for many prayers and cards these past months. Your concern and love are so appreciated. My Joy Circle gals are the best.

I really felt your love and care.

Thank you so much.
Donna Revoir

We are very thankful for the care packages we received before Christmas. There was a lot of thought put into each package and we utilized everything that was in there! It was very fun and exciting to get!! Also, thank you so much for the Gas/Visa gift cards we received. Those are always appreciated! We are very blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive church family. We don't know what we would do without each and every one of you! Thank you so much for everything Mt. Zion has done for us! We could never express how thankful we are!

With love,
Jessie and Kelsie Hines

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for the gift of a gas card! That truly helped me get home! I GREATLY APPRIECATE IT!

Also, thank you very much secret santa for the care package! It was such a great surprise and so thoughtful!

Sabrina Keyes

Hi There!

We wanted to thank you for bringing gifts by for the residents of Exodus House. It was wonderful to see items under the tree for them. We are grateful to be in your thoughts during the holiday season.

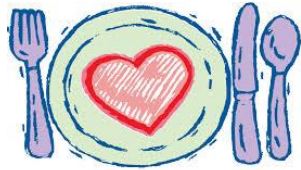
Thanks again -
Personally signed by the Program
Supervisor/Case Manager and the Men of
Exodus House

Thank you for your support of Wild River Habitat for Humanity in 2015! We could not do it without your help!

We are looking forward to 2016, filled with home preservation projects, placing two more families in homes and the continued success of our ReStores.

Sincerely,
The Wild River Habitat for Humanity Staff

MT. ZION'S YOUTH



COMMUNITY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00 pm

Hosted by Judy Meincke & Nicole Gelina

9th-12th GRADE CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, February 3

Meal & Conversation 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Confirmation Class 6:30 – 7:30 pm

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Dates to have on your calendar!

Wednesday, February 17 –

5:30p Making the Sr. Blankets

6:30p Dinner

7:00p Worship as a Group

Sunday, February 28 –

11:45a Making the Grace Place Meal

Saturday, March 19 –

1:00p Feed My Starving Children

*Parents/Mentors/Congregation are all invited.

Don't forget!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

February 21 –

Youth Sing at the 10:30 worship

March 6 –

No Sunday school



NETWORKS

Monday, February 8--
Culver's Night for NETworks. 5:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9 5:00-6:30 pm
Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at
St. Paul's Episcopal (502 County UU)

Free will offering

Menu: pancakes with toppings, eggs,
sausage, milk, and coffee.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to
support the NETworks Breakout trip.

JAN – MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO: BRICK BY BRICK FOR TANZANIA!

**So far, our Sunday School Youth have
had a part in raising \$879.00!!**

Every \$1.25 in offering will buy a brick to
build a school!

BRICKS TO DATE = 703
as of January 22, 2016

To learn more about Brick by Brick you can
visit their website at –

<http://www.brickconcert.com/index.html>



The
Following
Students
were

selected by the Post-Secondary Education
(Youth) Grant Selection Committee to
receive Youth Grant Scholarships for spring
of 2016.

Each student received \$484.50

Alex Arneson – St. Cloud State

Michaela Arneson – McNally- Smith School
of Music

Kelsie Hines – Globe University

Jessica Hines – WITC

OUTREACH



UP, UP AND AWAY 5K SATURDAY – FEB 7

7th Annual Up, Up & Away 5K
Saturday, February 7, 2015

9:00 – 9:45 am – Registration
10:00 am – 5K Run/Walk

Please pick up your registration form at the Information Center at the church!
Register before Feb. 1 and the cost is \$20.
After Feb. 1 the cost is \$25.

If you have any questions, please see Katie Jones.



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 at (715) 749-3408 and we will make sure to add that person to our list!

How Mt. Zion's prayer chain works: We have A PHONE CALL and an EMAIL prayer chain. Joyce or Anna receives the request and will call the leads of the "CALL" chain and email the lead of the "EMAIL" chain. Prayers are sent from there. The "CALL" tree lead will call you with the prayer concern and ask you to pray throughout your day. If you are on the "EMAIL" tree, the lead will email the prayer request to you and again, we ask you to pray for the person[s] in the prayer request.

W.E.L.C.A. WELCOMES YOU!

All women are invited to join one or more of the groups at Mt. Zion.

JOY Circle meets in the morning. Usually the 2nd Thursday of the Month at the church

HOPE Circle meets in the afternoon both with Bible studies and outreach projects such as Lutheran World Relief.

DEBORAH Circle interest is High School and College-Age youth.

DINAH Circle is a DVD/Book study group that concentrates on Church & Community Outreach supporting the Outreach ministry of Mt. Zion.



DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 3

7:01 pm

Hosted by Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, February 11

9:15 am at the Church

Hosted by Sally Nuebel

DINAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 16

6:30 pm at the Church

Hosted by Melody Wahlberg

HOPE CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 16

1:30 pm

Hosted by Kay Montgomery

WORSHIP & MUSIC



SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY

February
7 - Sr. Choir both
10 - Ash Wed./Sr. Choir
14 - Jr. Choir both

21 - Sr. Choir both
28 - Tone Chimes



Mt. Zion's annual meeting will take place
Sunday, February 7 between services.

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS

5:45 pm Wednesdays During Lent

Join us for Dinner prior to the Lent
worships on Wednesdays in the Fellowship
Hall.

February 10 – Senior Choir

February 17 – Sunday School – Brick by
Brick

February 24 – Second Mile Haiti

March 2 – Jr. Choir & Tone Chimes

March 9 – FMSC

March 16 – Card Ministry

*If you would like to provide any of the
following, please contact Anna Peterson

*Soup, Sandwiches, Chips/Dip, Fruit or
Veggies, Beverage, Dessert

OFFICE HOURS

The Secretary's Office hours are Tuesday –
Friday 10a – 3p from now until May 13.



Lent is upon us! Ash Wednesday is February 10.

This Lenten Season, join us on Wednesday evenings at Mt. Zion at 7pm for
Holden Evening Service Worship.

This year we will be joined by the congregation of First Presbyterian! We are
excited to welcome our brothers and sisters to worship with us! Pastor Erin
and Pastor Stephanie have put together a preaching theme for our Midweek Lent services
entitled "Journey to Jerusalem".

We will be talking about journey and travel stories in the Bible. We will also challenge our
members to track the miles they walk and run during the season of Lent and submit them to
the box on the welcome desk. We are hoping that between the two congregations we can
walk the same number of miles it takes to travel from Hudson to Jerusalem.

We look forward to seeing you during Lent!



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We invite members and friends of Mt. Zion to provide Flowers to grace our **EASTER ALTAR** in celebration of our Risen Lord!

If you would like to purchase a flowering plant (which is yours to take home after the 2nd Easter Service) please indicate the flower of your choice and mail back to the church.

Please make checks payable to:

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
MEMO: Easter Flowers

DEADLINE for ORDERING is FEBRUARY 28

\$15 plants are:

Single Easter Lily
Cyclamen
Begonia
Kalanchoe
Tulip

\$25 plants are:

Double Easter Lily
Hydrangea [Blue]
Hydrangea [Pink]
Azalea
Mixed Bulb Garden

\$35 plant is:

Triple Easter Lily

Please print

(please indicate "in honor or in memory")

YOUR NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Type of Plant _____ Cost \$ _____

In Honor or Memory of _____

Type of Plant _____ Cost \$ _____

In Honor or Memory of _____

Type of Plant _____ Cost \$ _____

In Honor or Memory of _____

Total \$ _____

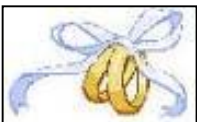
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MILESTONES AT MT. ZION



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- February 3 – Cindy Saathoff
Beverly Schletz
- February 5 – Henry Nemitz
Peggy Skinner
- February 6 – Jared Arneson
Jackson Lockwood
- February 7 – Travis Bungum
Gail Gerdts
- February 8 – Sophie Adams
Sandra Berg
Chris Gelina
Todd Page
- February 9 – Parker Jahns
Walter Weeks
- February 10 – Gloria Pearson
Donna Revoir
- February 11 – Peter Skinner
- February 12 – Craig Gustafson
- February 13 – Les Rayome
- February 15 – Martin Halversen
- February 18 – Ariana Krochalk
- February 19 – Amber Saathoff
- February 22 – Scott Nemitz
Grant Stojan
- February 23 – Shanda Campana
Paula Saunders
- February 24 – Laura Gerdts
Chris Johnson
- February 25 – Rosemary Nelson
- February 26 – Larry Veenendall
- February 27 – Nathan Matzek
- February 28 – Fran Foslien
Kaitlyn Sanders
- February 29 – Noah Flattum



MARRIED IN FEBRUARY

- February 12 – Dave & Lisa Anderson
- February 14 – Jim & Sonja Johnson
Todd & Kristin Solberg
- February 27 – Bill & Anna Peterson

BAPTIZED IN FEBRUARY



- February 1 – Sylvia Albers
- February 4 – Jim Hallen
- February 8 – Ella Adams
- February 9 – Mark Saunders
- February 13 – Linda Flatt
- February 14 – William "Billy" Johnson
- February 15 – Alexander Solberg
- February 17 – Harley Saathoff
- February 18 – Lois Tervo
- February 19 – Jacob Walczak
- February 23 – Natalie Horsman
Judy Meincke
Greg Veenendall
- February 24 – Carolyn Jonason
- February 26 – Mark McConville
Evan Page
- February 28 – Renee Eickstadt



CELEBRATING MILESTONES!

On Sunday, January 17 we celebrated our Drivers' License Milestone by blessing the newly [or nearly new] drivers!

Andrew Gustafson, Cameron Jahns, Laura Gerdts, Henry Okerlund, Jack Flattum were honored as they reached this Milestone!

Our next Milestones are
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

4 yr. old Bibles

Henry Horsman, Cariana Hurt, Jackson Lockwood, Wyatt Matzek, Lydia Spence, Amelia Stojan & Aylah Tepper-Eng

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

3 yr. old Prayer Pillows

Lucy Adams, Ariana Krochalk, Vincent Nitti, Lillie Prawalsky, Amelia Spence, Andrew Stanek & Lucy Stanton

6th Grade Prayers

Avery Anderson, Noah Flattum, Abigail Romzek
*If we have incorrect information OR your child is missing from this list and should be included, please contact the church office at

715-386-5409

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday, February 7

8:15a – Lead: Nicole Gelina
Greeters:
Ushers:
Reader:
Communion:
Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Fellowship: Melody Wahlberg

10:30a – Lead: Olive Olson
Greeters: Bill & Olive Olson
Ushers: Bill Peterson & Art Okerlund
Reader: Jon Stojan
Communion: Olive Olson
Acolyte: Nathan Becker

Wednesday, February 10

(ASH WEDNESDAY) 7:00p

Ushers: _____
Acolyte: Ava Anderson

Sunday, February 14

8:15a – Lead: Jim Eral
Greeters: Norm & Cheryl Maser
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Reader: Randy Prawalsky
Communion: Gail Gerdts
Acolyte: Avery Anderson

Fellowship: Katie Jones & Lola Scott

10:30a – Lead: Karen McConville
Greeters: Sandy Gillis & Carolyn Jonason
Ushers: Colin McConville & Earl Monson
Reader: Chris Gustafson
Communion: Carol Gustafson
Acolyte: Riley Becker

Wednesday, February 17 7:00p

Ushers: _____
Acolyte: Brooke Dreier

Sunday, February 21

8:15a – Lead: Kristen Johnson
Greeters: Carol Gustafson & Don Kriegl
Ushers: Mike & Linda Yde
Reader: Judy Meincke
Communion: Karen Gigure
Acolyte: Emily Gerdts

Fellowship: MaryKay & William Mahler

10:30a – Lead: AVAILABLE
Greeters: Dave & Jackie Anderson
Ella & Sophia Adams
Ushers: Scott & Lynell Nemitz
Reader: Isabel Nemitz
Communion: Jon Schneewind
Acolyte: Noah Flattum

Wednesday, February 24 7:00p

Ushers:
Acolyte: Noah Gerdts

Sunday, February 28

8:15a – Leads: Chris Gelina & Jack Johnson
Greeters: Sandy Huppert & Sharon Tepper
Ushers: Chris Gelina & Jack Johnson
Reader: Mitch Nelson
Communion: Florence Hopp
Acolyte: Sofia Gigure

Fellowship: OPEN

10:30a – Lead: Andrea Dreier
Greeters:
Ushers:
Reader:
Communion:
Acolyte: Maggie Gustafson

Schedule is Subject to Change

CONTACTING US

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Organist ~ Deb Tonsager

Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir ~ MaryKay Mahler

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

President ~ Carl Meincke – Beginning Feb. 6