



2018

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent is all about our preparation for the yearly celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter. Lent is 40 days long, counting from Ash Wednesday to Easter (and minus the six Sundays, which are little celebrations of the resurrection). Those 40 days identify with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness as he prepared for his ministry; with Moses' 40 days of fasting and prayer on Mt. Sinai as he waited to receive the Law from God; and with Elijah's 40 days of fasting and prayer on his way to Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God. During Lent we spend time considering our own sinfulness and engage in spiritual disciplines or spiritual practices as preparation for Easter.

This Lent, during our midweek Wednesday worship services, we will be learning about the reasons why we need Christ, why Christ and his gift of salvation is so central to our lives as human beings. We will be focusing on Christ as our cornerstone, our foundation, that which our lives are built upon. We will be meditating on **1 Peter 2:4-7** ("Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner.") and **Matthew 21:42** ("Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"").

We will also be engaging in a fundraiser for our companion synod of Malawi. One of the major problems in Malawi right now is deforestation. This problem is enhanced by Malawi's building techniques. Many structures are built out of wood and others are built out of bricks fired in a wood fire. These add to deforestation. Right now, our synod is raising money for brick makers for Malawi. These brick makers use compression instead of wood fires to strengthen the bricks and do not add to deforestation. Each brick maker costs \$250. While we are learning about Christ as our foundation, we will be raising money to help Malawians with their literal foundations.

Join us after the Wednesday evening services for a half hour bible study as well. Hope to see you this Lent!

Blessings, Pastor Erin

YOUTH

milestone MOMENTS

OUR NEXT MILESTONES ARE:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4 yr. old Bibles

Milly Jungbauer, Levi Lockwood,
Rosie Nelson, Sullivan Nelson &
Keelan Tepper-Eng

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6th Grade Prayers

Nora Beard O'Connell

Prayer prep will be Sunday, February 4
9:20a with Parents & Pastor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

3 yr. old Prayer Pillows

James Gerbozy

*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



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.



I just wanted to thank you and the congregation for the Christmas gift! It was really nice!

Regards,
Collin Rayome

Mt. Zion Family,
Kelsie and I, both want to say Thank you all very much for the Christmas card and monetary visa! We appreciate you guys thinking of us and helping us out. We sincerely appreciate our Mt. Zion family. We wish you all Happy Holidays and a great new year! We hope to see you guys soon enough:)

With love,
Kelsie and Jessie Hines

Mt. Zion,
Thank you so much for the Christmas gift! It was very kind and unnecessary. I love my Mt. Zion family so much and it was so much fun to see everyone while I've been on break.

I can't wait to see everyone again soon!
Thank you all once again.
Love, Jack Johnson

Dear Mt. Zion,
Thank you for the care package while I was at school. I appreciate to know my church family is thinking of me back in Hudson, WI. I can't wait until I can make it back to seeing everyone in person. The package really helped me get through finals week, and I'd like to thank you in person once I get the chance.

Thanks again,
Chris Gelina

Mt. Zion,
I want to thank you for the Visa Gift Card and express my appreciation.

Keenan Becker

OUTREACH

Thank you for your gift of \$1,404.75 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for joining with the whole church in this season of unprecedented generosity as, together, we support hard-hit by hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response help provide supplies needed immediately, such as water and generators, and support for long-term recovery; disaster case management, volunteer team placement, community development and professional care for daily and continuing challenges.

Thank you for your trust in this work we do as churches here and around the world. Through your generosity, you are sharing with neighbors near and far, revealing God's holy promises of peace and hope, shelter and safety, restoration and abundance.

In the light of life in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Rift

The Quilters of Mt. Zion would like to thank and recognize Floyd Foslien in his support of our outreach ministry. Floyd provided boxes to ship our Quilts to Lutheran World Relief and delivered the quilts in time for shipment. Thank you, Floyd!

A BIG Thank you goes to the High School Confirmation Students who packed backpacks for E.P. Rock School in January! Thank you, Jack, Laura, Maggie, Brooke, Callie, Ava, Ellie, Nathan, Danny, Sam & Riley. You were great!



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,
We really appreciate you thinking of the residents at Exodus House during the holidays. Your kindness is appreciated more than words can express. Thank you merry Christmas with you
David Stiles
Thank You
Jacob

Abbe Stoll
Program Supervisor

Thank you

Thank you for thinking of my family

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you for everything
Kerry

Thank you
So Very Much
For Everything!
Jesse

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you very much for the wonderful donation to Basics for Local Kids. We appreciate your support and have already put the funds to important use purchasing snow pants and boots on year-end Clearance!

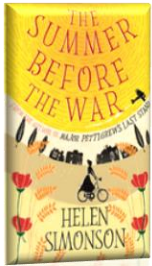
Thank you so much
Kim Johnson
Coordinator

*note from Mt. Zion,
If you would like to learn more about Basics for Local Kids, visit www.BasicsforLocalKids.org
You can also find them on facebook.

ANNUAL REPORTS can be picked up prior to the meeting at the information center.

OUTREACH

MT. ZION BOOK CLUB!



Our February Book Club book is: The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

Discussion:
Monday, February 12
Hudson Bagel 6:00 pm

March Book is:

The Subtle Art of Not Giving a Darn
By Mark Manson

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



The Second Mile Haiti group will meet Feb 1 at 9:00 am at church.
We will get updates from Haiti and discuss ways to continue to support their work.
If you have any questions, please see Karen McConville

WELCA CIRCLES

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 6
7:00 pm
Hosted by Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, February 8
9:15 am at the Church
Hosted by Sandy Gillis



In 2017, Mt. Zion collected 90 pints which helped save 270 lives!

Our next Drive will be Tuesday, February 20.

Let's start saving more lives in 2018!



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!

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.

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain - please call the church office and indicate which you would prefer to be added to.

WORSHIP



LENT IS UPON US! ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

7:00pm Worship

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

A Community Soup & Sandwich will be served at 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall prior to each Lenten Worship.

Wed. Feb. 14 - Sr. Choir

*Craig Gustafson

Wed. Feb. 21 - Feed My Starving Children

*Anna Peterson

Wed. Feb. 28 - Sunday School

*Aaron Adams

Wed. March 7 - 2nd Mile Haiti

*Karen McConville

Wed. March 14 - Jr. Choir & Tone Chimes

*MaryKay Mahler

Wed. March 21 - Malawi Brick Makers

*Anna Peterson & Pastor Erin

*If you would like to help by donating food for the Wednesday Night Meals - Please contact the church office at 715-386-5409 or email secretary@mtzionhudson.com



the Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mt. Zion's annual meeting will take place Sunday, February 11 between services in

Installation of New Council Members
February 18 at the 10:30 worship

Outgoing & Incoming Council Lunch will be at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 4

8:15a Sr. Choir

10:30a Sr. Choir

Sunday, February 11

8:15a Jr. Choir

10:30a Sr. Choir

Sunday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00p Sr. Choir

Sunday, February 18

8:15a Tone Chimes

10:30a Tone Chimes

Sunday, February 25

8:15a Sr. Choir

10:30a Jr. Choir

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday nights 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Feb. 21, 28

March 7, 14 & 21

"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.

THIS AND THAT

Report from a 1st Grade Sunday School
Student:

ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

By Nadia Yarrington

On Sunday I went to a play. I was in the play. The play was called The Grinch Christmas Story. My part was Cindy Lou. My sister's part was Mary. Olivia, my sister, got to hold a real alive baby. His name was Peter. Peter fell asleep when the play started. Olivia tickled Peter. Do you think he woke up? He did NOT! I was so happy. First, four kids walked down the aisle. I was the last one to speak for the four kids. Then the other kids came down the aisle. They added another part to my script because that kid did not want to do the play with us. I felt a little nervous, but I know I did a good job. When the play was over I went to my parents to pick out an ornament. I picked out a wagon with two teddy bears, one was sitting next to a Christmas tree. The other had a flute behind him.



HABITAT DEDICATION

On Sunday, January 14th, four members of Mt. Zion's 2017 Habitat mission trip traveled back to the home site in Superior, Wisconsin, for the dedication. Ed and Anne Dombrock, Joel Palmquist and Judy Meincke (plus Judy's sister, Barb, from Duluth) attended the ceremony and received a tour of Jessica and Brandon VanHolbeck's beautiful new home. All were welcomed back to Plymouth Lutheran Church (where our Habitat group lived during the summer trip) as Pastor Will Mowchan provided a celebratory meal. The couple and their two children moved into their home before Christmas. They expressed their gratitude to all but thanked our group especially for all our work to give them a home.



MILESTONES



February 3 -
Cindy Saathoff
Beverly Schletz

February 5 - Henry Nemitz
Peggy Skinner
February 6 - Jared Arneson
Jackson Lockwood
February 7 - Travis Bungum
Gail Gerdts
Mike Stanton
February 8 - Sophie Adams
Sandra Berg
Chris Gelina
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 19 - Amber Saathoff
February 22 - Scott Nemitz
Grant Stojan
February 23 - Shanda Campana
Paula Saunders
February 24 - Laura Gerdts
Chris Johnson
February 25 - Scott Johnson
Rosemary Nelson
February 26 - Brian Ferguson
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
February 28 - Mike & Sarah Schletz



BAPTIZED IN FEBRUARY

February 1 - Sylvia Albers
Bill Runck
February 2 - Kylee Jungbauer
February 4 - Jim Hallen
February 6 - David Miller
February 7 - Lauren Spreemann
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 - Judy Meincke
Greg Veenendall
February 24 - Carolyn Jonason
February 26 - Mark McConville
February 28 - Renee Eickstadt

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HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

MISSION:

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Nicole Gelina
Ushers: Einar & Mic Hanson
Greeters: Katie Jones & Lola Scott
Reader: Nicole Gelina
Communion: Mike Yde
Acolyte: Arabella Campana

Fellowship: Nicole Gelina

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 10:30 AM

Lead: OPEN
Ushers: Deb & Tara Sanders
Greeters: The Mahler Family
Reader: Tara Sanders
Communion: Nora Flavin
Acolyte: Noah Flattum

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson
Greeters: The Prawalsky Family
Reader: Jim Eral
Communion: Joan Christopher
Acolyte: Sam Johnson

Fellowship: Karen McConville

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 10:30 AM

Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Earl Monson & Colin McConville
Greeters: Lucy Larson & Lori Rayome
Reader: Barb Walczak
Communion: Jack Flattum
Acolyte: Henry Nemitz

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - 7:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY

Lead: Robin Arneson
Ushers: Tim & Andrea Dreier
Greeters: Carol Gustafson & Joan Christopher
Communion: Jim Eral
Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Dennis & Cindy Saathoff
Greeters: The Romzek Family
Reader: Mic Hanson
Communion: Mic Hanson
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Prawalsky

Fellowship: The Adams Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 10:30 AM

Lead: OPEN
Ushers: John & Nora Flavin
Greeters: The Adams Family
Reader: Ella Adams
Communion: Kendra Margl
Acolyte: Tara Sanders

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - 7:00PM

Lead: OPEN
Ushers: OPEN
Acolyte: Nathan Becker

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Greeters: The Yarrington Family
Reader: Sarah Yarrington
Communion: Renee Eickstadt
Acolyte: Lily Romzek

Fellowship: Tracy Berglund - Thrivent Financial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 10:30 AM

Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier
Greeters: Andrea Goetz & Boys
Reader: Andrea Dreier
Communion: Florence Hopp
Acolyte: Reece Sundeen

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28- 7:00PM

Lead: OPEN
Ushers: OPEN
Acolyte: Avery Anderson

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Organist ~ Deb Tonsager
Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir ~
MaryKay Mahler
Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson
Treasurer ~ Robin Arneson
Financial Secretary ~ Joan Christopher
Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer
Kid's Club Coordinator ~ Amanda Stojan
Custodian ~ Gary Johnson
Council President ~ Aaron Adams/Paula
Saunders

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 4

8:15 am Worship with Communion
10:30 am Worship with Communion
4 Yr. Old Milestone

FEBRUARY 11

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am ANNUAL MEETING
10:30 am Worship with Communion
3 Yr. Old Milestone
6th Gr. Milestone

FEBRUARY 14

7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

8:15 am Worship with Communion
10:30 am Worship with Communion
*Installation of New Council

FEBRUARY 14

7:00 pm Lent Service
Holden Evening Prayer

FEBRUARY 18

8:15 am Worship with Communion
10:30 am Worship with Communion