



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
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JANUARY 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I found this poem entitled "New Year's Resolutions" on the internet;

My New Year's resolutions,
What a pleasure to describe:
To be more neat, watch what I eat,
Less frequently imbibe;

To be benign and patient,
Ever caring and polite,
With full aplomb serenely calm
And nevermore uptight;

To suffer all fools gladly,
Cast aside pretense and pride,
In all I wear look debonair,
Genteel and dignified.

My New Year's resolutions,
How inspiring to review...
Spectacular!...Too bad they are
Impossible to do!

Mitch has a book of "Calvin and Hobbes" cartoons left over from his childhood. In the first comic in the book, Hobbes, Calvin's stuffed tiger, asks him, "Did you make any resolutions for the New Year?"

Calvin becomes angry and shouts, "NO! I'm fine just the way I am! Why should I change?"

In fact, I think it's high time the world started to change to suit ME! I don't see why I should do all the changing around here. If the New Year requires resolutions, I say it's up to everybody else, not me! I don't need to improve! Everyone ELSE does!" Calvin then takes a breath and asks, "How about you? Did you make any resolutions?"

Hobbes has this flabbergasted look on his face and says, "Well, I had resolved to be less offended by human nature, but I think I blew it already."

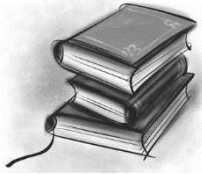
What about you? Have you made any New Year's resolutions for the next year? I read somewhere that the top five resolutions are to get personal finances in order, lose weight, stop smoking, become more physically fit, and improve personal relationships. Some people even decide to attend church more faithfully. I think they're going to start next week. But the reality of resolutions is that after only one week, almost a quarter of us have bailed out on whatever it was that we had resolved to do; after a month, almost half have given up; after two years, only about one in five still hang in.

With results like that, it almost makes me want to stop making any at all. But the reason I keep making a resolution each year is because there is something in me that looks forward to a new beginning each year, something about starting fresh and starting over and being given a new chance.

But the truth is, a new start, a new beginning isn't something that we have to wait for until New Year's Day. The truth is, every day our Lord grants us a new start, a new beginning in the gift of forgiveness.

I pray that you will experience 365 Days of new beginnings in 2016 and remember that our God grants us forgiveness and a fresh start each day.

Blessings, Pastor Erin



THE BOOK NOOK

by Kathy Hunter

Our church library offers many options to aid in maintaining a daily quiet time with God, in the form of devotionals and read-through-the-Bible books. Some have very short daily meditations; some longer. Some writings remind us of truths we already know; others give new insights. Daily With the King is a good example of the latter.

Authors include familiar names like Max Lucado and Billy Graham. Faith Alone is taken from Martin Luther's own writings, in "updated English," with a topical index.

A less familiar author, but with a unique approach, is Ruth Youngdahl Nelson, who, in God's Song in My Heart, bases her devotions on some of the old, familiar hymns and Scriptures relating to them.

The One Year Bible, instead of directing the reader straight through the Scriptures, includes readings from both Old and New Testaments each day.

Each Day with Jesus is available in large print. Look for a sampling of these books on the cart in the Commons and more in the lower-level library, in the middle of the right-hand shelves.

* A big thank you goes out to Kathy Hunter who has served Mt. Zion well as our church librarian. She has organized the books and developed an effective system for checking out and returning books. She has also very faithfully promoted our church library through her monthly column, The Book Nook. Thank you, Kathy, for all the time and effort you have put into organizing and promoting our church library.

Angie Adams and Amanda Stojan have offered to take over the library duties. Thank you, Angie and Amanda.

FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

COME TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 AND SING MT. ZION'S FAVORITE HYMNS AS CHOSEN BY YOU!

Voting on your Favorite Hymns will take place Jan. 17 & 24



6:00 PM WEDNESDAY'S IN JANUARY

6 – Hosted by

MaryKay Mahler

13 – Hosted by Anna Peterson

20 – Hosted by OPEN

27 – Hosted by Kristen Johnson

Confirmation Class



9-12 GRADE CONFIRMATION

High School aged youth meet for five weeks in January and February. The material taught is on a four-year rotation. The focus this time around is on the Pentateuch

Meal & Conversation 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Confirmation Class 6:30 – 7:30 pm

January 6

January 13

January 20

January 27

February 3

Dear Mt. Zion Church,
Mt. Zion family – First, I would like to thank you for the cards, phone calls and gifts I received for my Birthday. It always surprises me what a supportive and loving church I belong to! Second, thank you for the sympathy cards and to those who came to my grandma's visitation and funeral service. It was especially meaningful to see people from Mt. Zion there!

Thank you and God Bless
each and every one of you!
Anna Peterson

Thank you BAYPORT BBQ
(Chris & Kristen Johnson)

Thank you so much for once again opening your doors on one of your "family" days for the Women of Mt. Zion for their Christmas Party –

We enjoyed fun laughter – great food – and a joyous evening thanks to your hospitality. Thank you for making it such a wonderful night

Barb Walczak, Kim Pilarski, Robin Arneson, Melody Wahlberg, Mary Ellefson, Linda Yde, Jackie Anderson, Nancy Weeks, Roxanne Studelska, Bev Schletz, Karen McConville, Deb Tonsager, Erin Nelson, Anna Peterson, Sandy Huppert, Joan Christopher, Sally Nuebel, Erin Prawalsky, Judy Meincke, Carolyn Jonason and Samantha Keyes

Mt. Zion Family,
Thank you, thank you, thank you for the lovely and thoughtful Christmas presents! I wasn't expecting a present and certainly not something so grand! I set up my PURPLE Keurig and started making tea as soon as the service was over! I'm also looking forward to going to Urban Olive and Vine a lot this winter! Thank you for your generosity, your prayers and love and support! You all make my job so much fun and so rewarding!

Have a Merry Christmas celebrating
Christ's birth!
Pastor Erin

Thank You!
😊

A big thank you goes out to all who helped make the Sunday School Christmas program such a success.

Thank you to:

Angie Adams, our Sunday School superintendent, who organized the program and saw to every detail!

Our amazing middle school class who wrote the program and helped organize the young children. They also sang and acted in the play as well as helping with sound and directing.

Our Sunday School teachers, Carol Gustafson, Deb Sanders, Aaron Adams, and Angie Adams for helping with the practices and the performance, and for setting up (and taking down) the chairs for the program.

Our music leader, Andrea Dreier, for helping to teach the songs and leading the music practices

Deb Sanders and Beverly Schletz for matching each student up with a costume.

Craig Gustafson for setting up the sound system and making sure the microphones were set for maximum sound!

Amanda Stojan and the Mt. Zion Kids' Club for setting up the Christmas tree and hanging the ornaments (which were a gift to the children from the Mt. Zion families.)

To Aaron Adams, Holly O'Connell, Jodi Becker, and Riley Becker for cooking and serving a pancake breakfast to the children and families before the Saturday morning practice.

If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize. It really does take a village, and we have a wonderful village at Mt. Zion! Thank you!

Judy Meincke



DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, January 5
7:01 pm
Hosted by Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, January 14
9:15 am at the Church
Hosted by Joan Christopher

DINAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, January 19
6:30p at the Church

ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2016
9:25 am

Fellowship Hall between services

- *REPORTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT
NEED TO BE TO THE OFFICE ON OR
BEFORE JAN. 18 AT NOON.*

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY!

Even though the snow WILL be falling, Mt. Zion is already thinking about the summer camping season at Luther Point.

Registration for summer 2016 opens at 9 am on Tuesday, January 5. You can find a current list of dates for each different camp on the www.lutherpoint.org home page. The first week of camp begins on June 12!

Please contact our office at (715) 386-5409 if you have questions regarding registration.

IT PAYS TO PLAN AHEAD WHEN THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP

Anyone who registers for camp before April 1 will automatically receive a \$15 Early Bird discount that will be applied to your registration fee. This can also be combined with either the \$20 Invite A Friend discount if you bring someone who has never been to camp before OR the \$20 Sibling discount.

WANTED: USED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS THAT YOU NO LONGER WANT

There were many beautiful Christmas ornaments donated by



Mt. Zion members and friends for the Holidays for Haiti Sale in September.

This year, instead of purchasing small gifts to give out after the Christmas program, we tried something different. We collected many of the unsold ornaments from the Holidays for Haiti sale and saved them to give out to the participants (and young visitors) after the Christmas program. Kids' Club Coordinator, Amanda Stojan, had the Kids' Club kids decorate the tree in the lower level, and children/teens were invited to choose their own ornament, knowing that it had once belonged to one of Mt. Zion's members.

As you are putting away your holiday decorations, please save any ornaments that you no longer want, and bring them to church. We'll have a collection box downstairs near the piano and we'll save the ornaments for next December's Christmas program. We have started a new tradition!

Thank you! Judy Meincke,
Christian Education Committee



PRAYER CHAIN

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

*Together, we can multiply the joy
and divide the sorrow!*

Leader: Joyce Johnson and we will make sure to add that person to our prayer list.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2 - Angie Fellrath
January 3 - Jim Eral
Billy Johnson
Sullivan Nelson

January 4 - Margie Bungum
Dominic Meincke
Debra Page
January 5 - William Oswald
January 6 - Greg Veenendall
January 7 - Krista Hallen * married
January 8 - Angela Adams
Kathy Hunter
January 10 - Robin Arneson
William Mahler
January 12 - Tara Sanders
January 16 - Sylvia Albers
January 18 - Rachael Saathoff
January 19 - Natalie Horsman
Susan Johnson
Corey O'Keefe
January 20 - Howard Schletz
January 22 - Lee Halberg
Andrew Tonsager
January 26 - Todd Johnson
Lily Romzek
Mark Romzek
Nadia Yarrington
Olivia Yarrington
January 28 - Rosa Gigure
Deb Matzek
January 29 - Joan Saathoff
January 30 - Katie Mahler
Harley Saathoff
Melody Wahlberg
January 31 - Tracy Fredrickson

MARRIED IN JANUARY



January 9 - Todd & Laurie Johnson
January 16 - Jon & Barb Walczak



BAPTIZED IN JANUARY

Aaron Adams, Robert Baker, Nora Beard-O'Connell, Mary Ellefson, Nicole Gelina, Einar Hanson, Melissa Hines, Kathy Hunter, Kristen Johnson, Roger Leen, Jenny Neumann, Sally Nuebel, Olive Olson, Gwen Paulson, Jim Paulson, Les Rayome, Todd Solberg, Marcia Teschner, Terry Teschner and Deb Tonsager.
**If you know your exact date, please contact the church office.*

Jan. 3 - Carol Gustafson
Audrey Miller
Jan. 6 - Samantha Keyes
Jan. 9 - Anna Peterson
Jan. 10 - Jim Eral
Jan. 15 - Samantha Lockwood
Jan. 20 - Dan Hallen
Amelia Spence
Jan. 26 - Paul Dombrock
Keelan Tepper - Engh
Jan. 30 - Kasen Schletz



**MILESTONES
JANUARY 17 –**

10th Gr. Milestone – Driver's License
10:30 service

JANUARY 31 –

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF SULLIVAN NELSON
10:30

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR JANUARY 2016

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:15 Worship Nicole Gelina
Greeters: The Romzek Family
Ushers: The Todd Solberg Family
Reader: Jim Johnson
Deacon: Renee Eickstadt
Acolyte: Riley Becker

Fellowship: The Romzek Family

10:30 Worship Olive Olson
Greeters: Dave & Deb Miller
Ushers: Dana & Tor Okerlund
Reader: Dave Miller
Deacon: MaryKay Mahler
Acolyte: Noah Flattum

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15 Worship Jim Eral
Greeters: The Yarrington Family
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Reader: Mary Ellefson
Deacon: Jim Eral
Acolyte: Emily Gerdts

Fellowship: Kathy Opland

10:30 Worship Karen McConville
Greeters: Carolyn Jonson & Debra Sanders
Ushers: Einar & Mic Hanson
Reader: Mitch Nelson
Deacon: Chris Gustafson
Acolyte: Maggie Gustafson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:15 Worship Kristen Johnson
Greeters: Judy Meincke & Samantha Keyes
Ushers: Ed Dombrock & Mason Keyes
Reader: Katie Jones
Deacon: Karen Gigure
Acolyte: Sofia Gigure

Fellowship: **OPEN**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

10:30 Worship **OPEN**
Greeters: Jim & Gwen Paulson
Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier
Reader: Jon Schneewind
Deacon: Jon Schneewind
Acolyte: Noah Gerdts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:15 Worship Jack Johnson & Chris Gelina
Greeters: Jodi & Riley Becker
Ushers: Dennis & Cindy Saathoff
Reader: Floyd Foslien
Deacon: Floyd Foslien
Acolyte: Ellie Johnson

Fellowship: Anna & Courtney Peterson

10:30 Worship Andrea Dreier
Greeters: Judy O'Connell & Kendra Margl
Ushers: John & Nora Flavin
Reader: Brooke Dreier
Deacon: Mic Hanson
Acolyte: Mason Keyes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:15 Worship Kristen Johnson
Greeters: Judy Meincke & Kristen Johnson
Ushers: The Nemitz Family
Reader: Judy Meincke
Deacon: Melody Wahlberg
Acolyte: Oscar Nemitz

Fellowship: Kristen Johnson

10:30 Worship **OPEN**
Greeters: Dave & Jackie Anderson
Ushers: Jim & Gwen Paulson
Reader: Isabel Nemitz
Deacon: Carol Gustafson
Acolyte: Ailee Neumann

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Sunday Worship in January

8:15 am w/Communion

10:30 am w/Communion

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir ~

MaryKay Mahler

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

President ~ Nicole Gelina

Sunday, January 3

No Sunday School

Sunday, January 10

9:20 Sunday School Returns

Sunday, January 17

10th Grade Milestone 10:30a

Sunday, January 31

Favorite Hymn Sunday

Baptism of Sullivan Nelson – 10:30a