



JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! There is something so satisfying to me about a New Year! I know New Year's Day is just another day but for some reason it feels like a new beginning, a new start, a new chance every year. It just seems such a great time to start something new and to look ahead!

Back on Reformation Sunday, we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by doing Mt. Zion's version of nailing the 95 Theses to a door. We wrote on post it notes our hopes for the church in the future and then we put those notes on our door. As I was reading through your hopes, I was so struck by the lovely words and sentiments you all shared. Because January is a month we look ahead and venture into the future, I thought I'd share your hopes for the future here.

Just a note... when I asked you to write your hopes for the church in the future, some of you wrote hopes for Mt. Zion specifically and some of you wrote hopes for the entire church on earth. Here are your hopes for the church in the future:

"The people of the church become what God created them to be."

"I hope our church will continue to grow and seek outreach to others outside our church, like 2nd Mile Haiti."

"Mt. Zion continues to grow and thrive."

"That we be a church of acceptance, kindness and love for all."

"A growing family."

"Have doors open to ALL."

"That the church will continue to grow in membership and explode in numbers."

"Like Luther, let's get closer to God."

"That Mt. Zion have a Wednesday church program for kids with fun activities, worship and prayer."

"Remain strong and relevant."

"To grow in love and acceptance for all who love God."

"That we open our hearts and doors to people who are different from us (especially all sexual orientations) and that we support the oppressed in our country (especially the poor and minorities who are hurt by racism)."

"The church in Jesus, we are in Jesus, Jesus in us."

"That we do what Jesus did... love EVERYONE, do not judge and serve the poor and outcast."

"Churches of all faiths working together to work in the world."

“Hope that the church continues to grow.”

“My hope is that we can get younger people involved at Mt. Zion.”

“All faiths respect each other.”

“Reach out to non-believers and invite them in.”

“Be always ready.”

“That we can reach every corner of the earth with God’s word.”

“Support and encourage our youth.”

“More stuff with the community.”

“Kitties at the church.” (from a young kid ☺)

“Recruit more young families.”

“That we will grow in members.”

“Hope all people really see what God wants and to accept all people no matter color, race or sexual orientation.”

“To be faithful to God and the word, to fall deeper in love with Jesus and share that love with everyone, that our hopes be God’s hopes.”

“Re-unify the church.”

“Unity among Christians.”

“Teach to all learning types.”

“Reach out to the poor and protect those in crisis.”

“Do more service work in the community.”

“All Christian denominations must work together.”

“To have a kind congregation.”

“The hate and pain and crime and terrible deeds may be overcome by our faith and love for God.”

“Kid’s Club every day.”

“Peace for everyone—and for Mt. Zion, a new sanctuary in 20 years.”

“Jesus, Others, Yourself.”

“The church will grow with believers.”

“For the church to have tons of candy every day!!” (from a young kid ☺)

“Extinguish hate!”

“Encourage youth and young adults to be a part of the action!”

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and hopes! Now let’s strive to put these into action in 2018!

Happy New Year!
Pastor Erin

**A CHRISTMAS REPORT FROM
NADIA YARRINGTON
(1st Grade)**

On Sunday I went to church with my family. First, I sat down. Then I sang some songs and ate pizza at church. After I was done I sang. Finally, I went to a nursing home. I sang a song. I felt a little nervous, but I liked it so much. Next, we went to the kitchen in the nursing home. Second, we went to the living room in the nursing home and sang carols. The first song we sang was “Away in a Manger”. I sang kind of quiet, but I got louder. The older people clapped and cheered. I felt so happy. When it was time to leave I felt sad. But we should feel happy that we sang to other people. Also, I felt happy that I was spreading the birth of Jesus. Sadly, we had to go home. I love to sing.

YOUTH

Confirmation Class



9th - 12th
GRADE

High School aged youth meet for five weeks in January.

The material taught is on a four-year rotation and is part of Mt. Zion's Confirmation Program.

Meal & Conversation 6:00 - 6:30 pm

* Open to the entire Congregation

Confirmation Class 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 3

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS ARE BACK!



The entire congregation is invited to come to our community meals on Wednesday Nights in January.

Dinner is served buffet style from 6:00 - 6:45 pm so come when it is convenient for you! If you would like to help with any of the meals - please see Pastor Erin or Anna Peterson in the office for what is needed.

- Open invitation to all:

See sign-up sheet if you would like to help supply part of the meal for any of the above dates.

GRACE PLACE 9th GRADE OUTREACH

Sunday, January 28

Meeting in the Kitchen after the 10:30 worship to make the Monday, Jan. 29 Grace Place Meal as a group. We need one adult driver that would be able to deliver the meal on Monday between 2-4p

MUFFIN BUNCH DATES FOR JANUARY



Sunday, January 7 and 21

We will meet in the commons at the church after the 8:15 Service and travel to Keys Café in Hudson for some fun!



MILESTONE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Driver's License Ministry -
10:30 Worship

*Youth that have received or will be receiving their Permit or Driver's License this past year or in 2018

Maggie Gustafson, Sam Johnson, Sofia Gigure - *if your child should be added to this list, please contact the church office.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

3rd Grade Milestone - Bible Story Stones

We will meet as a group on Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall with parents to prepare for this Milestone.

On Sunday, January 21 at the 10:30 am service, the 3rd Grade Class will be honored during worship and show everyone their Bible Stones!

Marla Powers, Ella Adams, Ivy Campana, Claire Hoier, Madilyn Jakubek, Dylan Nitti, Maya O'Keefe, Alex Solberg & Stella Stanton.



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.

OUTREACH

WELCA CIRCLES

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Wednesday, January 3
7:00 pm
Hosted by Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, January 11
9:15 am at the Church
Hosted by Joan Christopher



I wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and well wishes. I am doing better every day. My big hurdle now is to learn to live without thinking every ache is an attack. The SCAD I had is a form of heart attack for healthy people.

Happy New Year,
Shelley Hallen



FEBRUARY 11,
2018 9:30 am
Fellowship Hall
between services

9th Annual Up,
Up & Away
5k Run/Walk



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work or donate blood at the Dec. Blood Drive.



We collect 19 pints on December 15!

Mt. Zion collected 90 pints in 2017 which saved 270 lives!
Our next Drive will be Tuesday Feb 20. If you want to help with the event - please see Anna Peterson.

Mt Zion Lutheran
Church, 505 13th St S,
Hudson, WI

Saturday, January 27, 2018
9:00 -9:45am -Registration and Packet
pick-up
10:00 am 5k Run/Walk

Entry Fee:

\$20 Received by January 21, 2018

\$25 After January 21, 2018

Door Prizes: Prizes awarded to participants and refreshments after the race at Mt. Zion.

Registration: On-line registration at
www.midwestevents.com.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council minutes will no longer be posted on the website. If anyone wants an emailed copy of the minutes they can contact Paula Saunders at mrs.hoppy@yahoo.com and she will add them to the distribution list. Hard copies of Council minutes are still available in the information center.

Mail completed form and check payable to "Hudson Hot Air Affair" to Katie Jones, 1708 Laurel Ave, Hudson, WI 54016 Questions call 715-386-1729

For information on other Hot Air Affair events go to www.hudsonhotairaffair.com.

MILESTONES



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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 - 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 27 - Emily Melzer

January 28 - Rosa Gigure

Deb Matzek

Hugo Melzer

January 29 - Joan Saathoff

January 30 - Katie Mahler

Harley Saathoff

Melody Wahlberg



MARRIED IN JANUARY

January 7 - Paul & Shannon Melzer

January 9 - Todd & Laurie Johnson

January 16 - Jon & Barb Walczak

January 29 - David & Debra Miller



BAPTIZED IN JANUARY

Aaron Adams

Robert Baker

Nora Beard-O'Connell

Mary Ellefson

Nicole Gelina

Einar Hanson

Melissa Hines

Kathy Hunter

Kristen Johnson

Nancy Larson

Roger Leen

Paul Melzer

Jenny Neumann

Sally Nuebel

Olive Olson

Gwen Paulson

Jim Paulson

Les Rayome

Gina Runck

Todd Solberg

Marcia Teschner

Terry Teschner

Deb Tonsager

*If you know your exact date, please contact the church office.

Jan. 3 - Carol Gustafson

Audrey Miller

Jan. 6 - Samantha Keyes

Jan. 8 - Brantley Feyereisen

Mason Matzek

Jan. 9 - Anna Peterson

Jan. 10 - Jim Eral

Matthew Lardinois

Jan. 12 - Milly Jungbauer

Jan. 15 - Elliana Lardinois

Samantha Lockwood

Jan. 20 - Dan Hallen

Amelia Spence

Jan. 22 - Hannah Adams

Jan. 26 - Paul Dombrock

Keelan Tepper - Engh

Jan. 30 - Kasen Schletz

Jan. 31 - Sullivan Nelson

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR JANUARY 2018

MISSION:

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

JANUARY 7 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Nicole Gelina
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Greeters: Florence Hopp & Mary Ellefson
Reader: Judy Meincke
Communion: Lily Romzek
Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Fellowship: OPEN

JANUARY 7 - 10:30 AM

Lead: Olive Olson
Ushers: Scott & Christine Jahns
Greeters: Kendra Margl & Donna Revoir
Reader: Nora Beard O'Connell
Communion: Paula Saunders
Acolyte: Tara Sanders

JANUARY 14 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Greeters: Carol Gustafson & Don Kriegl
Reader: Jim Johnson
Communion: Robin Arneson
Acolyte: Lily Romzek

Fellowship: OPEN

JANUARY 14 - 10:30 AM

Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: John & Nora Flavin
Greeters: Lucy Larson &
Mitch & Rosie Nelson
Reader: Chris Gustafson
Communion: Mary Stanton
Acolyte: Reece Sundeen

JANUARY 21 - 8:15 AM

Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Mark Arneson & Mike Yde
Greeters: Janel Heifort & Gene Stahnke
Reader: Kristen Johnson
Communion: Sofia Gigure
Acolyte: OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

JANUARY 21 - 10:30 AM

Lead: OPEN
Ushers: Bill & Olive Olson
Greeters: Sandy Gillis & Bev Schletz
Reader: Claire Hoier
Communion: Art Okerlund
Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell

JANUARY 28- 8:15 AM

Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Dave & Deb Miller
Greeters: Jim & Nicole Gelina
Reader: Jim Letourneau
Communion: Norm Maser
Acolyte: Nathan Becker

Fellowship: OPEN

JANUARY 28 - 10:30 AM

Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier
Greeters: Mark & Paula Saunders
Reader: Brooke Dreier
Communion: Noah Flattum
Acolyte: Danny Brown



JANUARY 28
FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY
Voting 1/14 & 1/21

CONFLICT WITH SCHEDULE?

If you have a conflict with the schedule,
please let the office know at
(715) 386-5409.

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Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer
Kid's Club Coordinator ~ Amanda Stojan
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Council President ~ Aaron Adams

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

JANUARY 7

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:00 am Muffin Bunch
10:30 am Worship with Communion
Baptism of Rilynn Matzek

JANUARY 14

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

JANUARY 21

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:00 am Muffin Bunch
10:30 am Worship with Communion
Baptism of Zoe Lydia Runck
3^r Gr. Bible Story Stones

JANUARY 28

Favorite Hymn Sunday
8:15 am Worship with Communion
10:30 am Worship with Communion