



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

505 13th St. S. Hudson, WI 54016

JULY 2016

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently read an article by Presbyterian pastor J.C. Austin on discipleship and he wrote this; "Being a follower is not something we encourage in America. No college commencement speaker has ever congratulated the graduates on becoming the "followers of tomorrow." Nobody makes sweeping biographical history films about great world followers. Nobody gives awards to recognize the contributions of community followers. Nobody frames their résumé to highlight where they exercised strong "followership" in their work. Nobody's heart swells with pride when a fellow parent comes up to them and says, "You know, your kid is a real follower."

Instead, we focus on leadership. Every year when I fill out recommendations for kids to get into National Honors Society, I'm asked about their leadership qualities. Kids learn leadership skills in church and scouts and sports. As adults we are asked to be leaders in the workplace. I just went to a week-long convention on Business Administration and Leadership in Congregations!

So where in our world are we encouraged to follow? The only place J.C. Austin could think of was on social media. We follow each other on Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and Snapchat and all the rest. And we as Christians, we follow Jesus. But following Jesus is a whole lot harder than just clicking a button.

This summer, we at Mt. Zion are talking about discipleship and what it means to be followers of Jesus. The word "disciple" means "follower". By definition, a disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Christian discipleship is the process by which we as disciples grow in our faith in Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, to serve God and the world God made and become more and more Christ-like. Discipleship refers to a person's transformational move to practicing Christianity in their daily life. A disciple is not just someone who knows about God or reads the Bible but someone who in response to God's work in him or her seeks to serve and glorify Jesus in every act, every day and in everything they do.

Here at Mt. Zion we are been trying to change our culture a little bit. We are trying to use the word "disciple" instead of "member", because this church isn't a social club that you join. Instead, it's a group of people who follow Christ, joining together in worship and service. We are trying to use the word "disciple" instead of "volunteer" because we don't volunteer because it's a nice thing to do or because we love it—we volunteer because we serve and love God.

We are disciples because we are seeking to re-orient our entire lives. Because we are trying to glorify God in every act we do, here at Mt. Zion and in our daily lives. As We are to look first to God. And in Philippians Paul reminds us "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Join us this summer in assessing what it means to you to be a disciple of Christ and what you can do to fully and wholly serve God.

Blessings, Pastor Erin

YOUTH & FAMILY



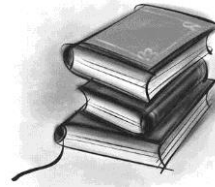
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for Vacation Bible School! July 11-15; Monday through Friday from 9 to 4 we will be having tons of fun with games, water day, Bible Studies, Crafts, Worship and lots more! Led by counselors from Luther Point Bible Camp. Walk ins welcome! Feel free to sign up even if you can't make it every day! Kids should come with sunscreen, water bottles and bagged lunches. Bring swim suits and towels on Tuesday.

Sunday July 10 we will have a "Get to Know the Counselors" time and a volunteer orientation at our Ice Cream Sundae Social! Join us at Mt. Zion's fellowship hall at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, July 13th families are invited to say late for a grill out picnic dinner right after VBS and S'more worship at 6pm.

Hope you can join us! Any questions, contact Pastor Erin.



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.

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Shelley Hallen

COMO ZOO!!!!

Join us on Sunday, July 31 for a FREE family event!

We will be meeting at noon at the Como Zoo West Picnic ground by the big playground for a picnic lunch (families bring your own food!).

Then, in families or groups of kids, you can join in a Zoo Bible Scavenger Hunt with prizes for the winners.

After that, just stay and hang out at your leisure! Hope you can join us!

OUTREACH



AUGUST BOOK CLUB

“Lilac Girls”

By Marth Hall Kelly

Monday, August 8

6:00 pm at Hudson Bagel

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Erin.



A big THANK-YOU goes out to everyone who donated food to the backpack program this year. E. P. Rock School has the greatest need of all the schools in Hudson. We are fortunate to partner with the United Methodist Church to be able to fill the needs of the students at Rock. We do the first delivery of the month and the Methodist Church provides the second delivery of the month.

On another note, if you are getting new backpacks for your kids for the upcoming school year, we would be very grateful if you donated your old ones to us. We do tend to lose about 50 through-out the school year. Some through wear and tear and others are not returned.

Again, thank you to each and every one of you who participated in our programs.

Eileen, Jane, Carolyn, Sharon, Carol & Jon.

SUNSET & STARLIGHT ST. CROIX RIVER CRUISE

CCH SUNSET AND STARLIGHT CRUISE

Wednesday, July 27

The Christian Community Campus Foundation's annual river cruise will be on Wednesday, July 27.

Cost:

\$40/person by July 20

\$50/person after July 20.

There will be music, a delicious dinner with dessert, a no-host bar, and fabulous silent auction and on-going raffles throughout the evening. Proceeds will assist the foundation in continuing their mission to improve the quality of living for all residents of their campus.

- CCH Sunset and Starlight Cruise on the *Majestic Star*
- Wednesday, July 27
- Cost-\$40
- 6:30 pm Boarding in downtown Stillwater at the St. Croix Boat and Packet Company
- 7:00 pm departure
- 9:30 pm Docking

A round-trip trolley ride is available from Wintergreen at 5:30 pm for \$10.

See Carl Meincke for tickets. You may also order online at

www.cch-hudson.org/events

MILESTONES



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 - Colleen Fellrath

July 2 - Mike Yde

July 5 - Ellie Johnson

July 8 - Haiden Matzek

July 9 - Raylynn Blue

July 10 - Jessica Egan

Nicole Sempf

July 11 - Jason Griffin

Stella Stanton

July 12 - Maggie Gustafson

Deb Miller

July 13 - David Anderson

July 14 - Maya O'Keefe

July 15 - Judi Klingsick

July 16 - Paula Tiede

July 18 - Amanda Stojan

July 19 - Tim Dreier

Mark Saunders

July 20 - David McLaughlin

Jane Mlinar

July 22 - Kathy Opland

July 23 - Shelley Hallen

Lori Rayome

Erin Nelson

July 25 - Levi Lockwood

July 26 - Karen Gustafson

July 27 - Tor Okerlund

Amelia Stojan

July 28 - Christopher Matzek,

Steve McCarthy

Alex Meincke

July 29 - Sam Johnson

July 30 - Steven Eickstadt

Lynell Nemitz

July 31 - Olive Olson

Matthew Pilarski



MARRIED IN JULY

July 1 - Larry & Diane Veenendall

July 3 - Brian & Sandra Berg

July 13 - Mitch & Erin Nelson

July 22 - Bill & Gina Runck

July 28 - Tim & Andrea Dreier

July 31 - Walter & Nancy Weeks



BAPTIZED IN JULY

July 1 - Cameron Jahns

Parker Jahns

July 3 - Ed Dombrock

Phillip Eng

July 5 - Brian Berg

July 13 - Eileen Sempf

July 14 - Riley Ferguson

July 16 - Florence Hopp

Jon Schneewind

July 17 - Henry Horsman

Gracie Romzek

July 24 - Lori Rayome

July 27 - Michael Schletz

July 28 - Brooke Dreier

Nils Dreier

July 30 - Jamie Johnson,

Logan Lockwood

Eileen Wymer

If we have forgotten your special day or have incorrect information, please contact the church office at 715-386-5409 and let us know.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR JULY

JULY 3 **9:00 AM**

Hospitality Leads: Jack J. & Chris G.

Ushers: Mike & Linda Yde

Greeters:

Dennis & Kathy Opland

Sandy Huppert & Sharon Tepper

Reader: Mike Yde

Communion Help: Mic Hanson,

Jon Schneewind, Florence Hopp

Basket Holder: **OPEN**

Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell

Fellowship: Holly O'Connell & Nora

Special Music: Einar & Mic Hanson

JULY 10 **9:00 AM**

MISSION TRIP SENDING

Opener: Robin Arneson

Closer: **OPEN**

Ushers: Jim & Gwen Paulson

Greeters: Lynne Baker

The Adams Family

Reader: Robin Arneson

Communion Help: Nora Flavin,

Kendra Margl, Gene Stahnke

Basket Holder: **OPEN**

Acolyte: Oscar Nemitz

Fellowship: Robin Arneson

Special Music: Robin Arneson

July 17 **9:00 AM**

Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Ushers: The Jim Johnson Family

Greeters: The Romzeks

The Gelinas

Reader: Mitch Nelson

Communion Help: **OPEN**, Isabel Nemitz,

MaryKay Mahler

Basket Holder: **OPEN**

Acolyte: Henry Nemitz

Fellowship: Sonja Johnson

Special Music: Psalmodikons

July 24 **9:00 AM**

Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Ushers: Noah & Emily Gerdts

Greeters: Harley & Joan Saathoff

Don & Linda Flatt

Reader: Randy Prawalsky

Communion Help: Cheryl Maser,

Eileen Wymer, Sarah Yarrington

Basket Holder: Kaitlyn Prawalsky

Acolyte: Art Okerlund

Fellowship: Kathy Opland

Special Music: Steve Gerdts

July 31 **9:00 AM**

Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

Ushers: Bill Peterson & Art Okerlund

Greeters:

Anna Peterson & Carol Gustafson

Lucy Larson & Sally Nuebel

Reader: Jon Stojan

Communion Help: Chris Gustafson,

Sandy Gillis, Carol Gustafson

Basket Holder: Grant Stojan

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Prawalsky

Fellowship: Anna Peterson

Special Music: Einar Hanson &

Paul Hoff

Schedule is Subject to Change

*If you have conflicts - please contact your
Hospitality Lead.*

*If you can fill any of the "OPEN" Spots -
Please contact the Hospitality Lead for that
Sunday - or the church office.*

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Milestone Coordinator - MaryKay Mahler
President - Carl Meincke

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July 3
9:00 am Worship

July 10
9:00 am Worship
**Mission Trip Sending*

July 17
9:00 am Worship

July 24
9:00 am Worship

July 31
9:00 am Worship
**Habitat Temple Talk*