



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH July 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first time I attended Bible Camp, I was 7. My friend Lori asked me in gym class if I wanted to go with her that summer. I shrugged and said, "Sure". What I remember most from that week was that my counselor French braided my hair one day and I thought it looked so nice. We had so much fun that Lori and I attended camp together every year until we were in high school.

Lori and I both started working at camp as junior counselors when we were 16. The relationships I formed with the college-age staff helped me decide where to go to college, what to major in, to join the Christian groups on campus. When I arrived at Luther Seminary, I even already had a couple friends from camp who were also students.

That first year at Luther Point, all I really got out of it was that French braids and swimming were cool. But because I went every year, because the people I met influenced me so much, I made very different choices than I might have otherwise. I can honestly say that Bible camp was the biggest influence in my faith life as I was growing up.

This summer we will send many of our youth to Bible Camp. There are so many awesome camp programs for kids of all ages. There is even a family camp and a grandparent and grandchild camp. It's not too late to send your child! Contact the church office if you have questions.

Luther Point will also be with us this month to lead Vacation Bible School. VBS is a time where our kids gather together for a week of fun, fellowship, worship and just getting to know God. A member asked me last winter what I hoped kids got out of VBS. My answer was that our kids leave the week feeling like Mt. Zion is their church, they belong here and church is fun. We have Sunday School and Confirmation to teach our kids the ins and outs of Christianity and the Bible. VBS is about making them feel like they belong here.

Every summer we have a bunch of non-member kids who join us for VBS. A few months ago, I took Rosie to Cold Stone Creamery for ice cream. As we were paying, I heard a little voice say "Look, there is my pastor!" I turned around. The child who spoke up was not a member of Mt. Zion. Instead, it was a little girl whose only involvement with our congregation was going to VBS last summer. She and her family had never even worshipped with our congregation but because she went to VBS at Mt. Zion months ago, I am her pastor and she knew me (luckily, I remembered her name too!)

We will be celebrating our youth in all sorts of ways this summer; through camp, VBS, Mishpack, the Habitat trip and others. I hope all the kids in our congregation have a fun and faith-filled July!

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

YOUTH & FAMILY



JULY 10-14 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Pre-K – 5th Grade THIS ONE IS FOR YOU!

Attention families of elementary school children (entering grades 1 -6) and pre-school children (ages 3-5-year-old).

Mt. Zion is again sponsoring a week of day camp July 10-14. Trained camp counselors from Luther Point Camp will be at Mt. Zion to work with our young people. There will be Bible stories, games, songs, and other fun activities.

Afternoons will be filled with service projects and community projects!

Elementary camp will be 9am-4pm.

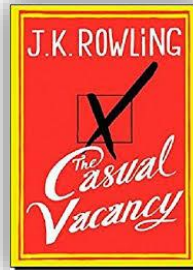
Pre-school camp will be from 9 am to 11am and will be led by our own Carol & Maggie Gustafson!

Sign up to help with this event by checking our website under "TRENDING"

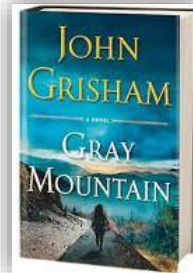
SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB

July – September 2017

Meeting at Hudson Bagel at 6:00 for discussion each month



Monday, July 10
"A Casual Vacancy"
By J.K. Rowling



Monday, August 14
"Gray Mountain"
By John Grisham



Monday, September 11
"The Handmaid's Tale"
By Margaret Atwood



S'MORE WORSHIP **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm** **August 2, 9, 16 & 23**

Worship will be an outdoor, campfire style, half-hour service with yummy s'mores! If weather is bad, the service will be indoors.

BEER & BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 7:00 pm

August 6, 13, 20 & 27

Join us for a casual, weekly Bible Study at Stone Tap in Hudson for a discussion-style study, conversation and fun!

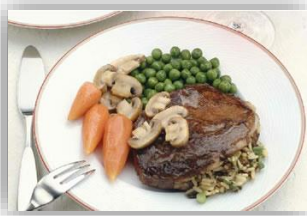


OUTREACH

DINNER GROUPS FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

It's that Time again! **Sign up for Adult and Family Dinner Groups** **Join us!**

For many years, Mt. Zion members have enjoyed getting to know each other through two dinner groups--now we'd like to have THREE!!



Sinners' Dinners (Potlucks in homes)

- 6-8 people are put in a group, choosing a time that works for all.
- People take turns hosting.
- Hosts make the main meal, beverages, and sometimes bread/potatoes.
- Other group members bring a dish to share: appetizer, dessert, salad.

- **KEEP IT SIMPLE.**



Disciple Dining--eating out

- 5-6 adults are grouped together.
- They eat out once a month or whenever they want!
- People take turns choosing a place to meet for lunch or dinner.
- Each participant pays for his/her own meal.

(NEW!) Family Dinner Group

(We hope to start this group)

We'd like to start a group for parents with young children (any age).

- Families could get together for dinner at homes or church for a simple meal--grilling, a potluck, etc.
- Families each bring food to share.



For information, contact Coordinator: **Judy Meincke***

*Contact Church for her contact information

**In August, we'll have sign-up sheets at church. Sign up by Sept. 1.

OUTREACH



**American
Red Cross**

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Monday, July 31
Noon – 6:00 pm

To sign up to donate, go to www.redcross.org and enter zip code 54016.

To help with the event, or if you need help scheduling an appointment you can sign up on line at www.mtzionhudson.com – under Mission & Community (Volunteer) or contact Anna Peterson at 715-386-5409.



PRAYER REQUESTS

“Bear one another’s burdens,
and in this way, you will
fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2

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 prayer list.

If you would like to join the prayer chain – please email the church office at secretary@mtzionhudson.com and let us know if you would prefer to be called or emailed with the prayer concerns.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

The 2017 Habitat for Humanity Mission trip group has been working hard planning our summer trip.

But, sometimes best laid plans don't always work as you hope. A couple of weeks ago we were informed from the Barron County chapter that a family had not been selected and therefore the site would not be ready for us at the end of July.

So, we have been looking for a Plan B and will now be heading to Superior WI to work on a new home with construction starting soon. This is where the help of the congregation is needed.

Because of the change of where we are going we also had to change the wall build that took place on June 21

If you can't make it this year, you can still participate by sponsoring a member who is attending.



Help Us Help Others

On July 30, we will head to Superior, Wisconsin to help Habitat for Humanity help those in need. Funds will be used for travel and food expenses as well as the donation given to the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. You can help by sponsoring someone going on the trip or by being a general sponsor.

Your Name _____

I would like to sponsor _____
(Name)

Or I wish to be a General Sponsor _____

Amount _____

MILESTONES



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 - Mike Yde
July 5 - Ellie Johnson
July 7 - Jocelyn Hauble
July 8 - Haiden Matzek

July 9 - Raylynn Blue
Mason Matzek
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 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,
Alex Meincke
July 29 - Sam Johnson
July 30 - Steven Eickstadt
Lynell Nemitz
July 31 - Tyler O'Keefe
Olive Olson
Matthew Pilarski



MARRIED IN JULY

July 1 - Larry & Diane Veenendall
July 3 - Brian & Sandra Berg
July 9 - Winter & Jennifer Jorgensen
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
July 5 - Brian Berg
July 13 - Eileen Sempf
July 14 - Riley Ferguson
July 16 - Florence Hopp
Jon Schneewind
July 17 - 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

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

SUNDAY, JULY 2 9:00 AM

Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Mic & Einar Hanson
Greeters: The Prawalsky Family
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Prawalsky
Reader: Mary Ellefson
Basket Holder: Ella Adams
Communion: Mike Yde, Joan Christopher &
Linda Yde
Special Music: Trombone Trio –
Linda Yde, Sean Maysack & Carl Meincke

Fellowship: Linda Yde

SUNDAY, JULY 9 9:00 AM

Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina
Ushers: The Okerlund Family
Greeters: The Adams Family
Acolyte: Sam Johnson
Reader: Kristen Johnson
Basket Holder: Open
Communion: Robin Arneson, Mark Arneson &
OPEN
Special Music: Michaela Arneson

Fellowship: Robin Arneson

SUNDAY, JULY 16 9:00 AM

Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Greeters: Jim & Gwen Paulson
Acolyte: Lily Romzek
Reader: Barb Walczak or Jim Paulson
Basket Holder: Abigail Romzek
Communion: Jim Paulson, Gwen Paulson &
Jim Eral
Special Music: John McConville

Fellowship: Karen McConville

SUNDAY, JULY 23 9:00 AM

Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers:
Greeters: Deb Sanders & Carol Gustafson
Acolyte: Tara Sanders
Reader: Cindy Beckman
Basket Holder: Kaitlin Sanders
Communion: Cindy Beckman, Bob Beckman &
Chris Gustafson
Special Music: Steve Gerdts

Fellowship: Anna Peterson

SUNDAY, JULY 30 9:00 AM

Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson
Greeters: Katie Jones & Lynne Baker
Acolyte: Reece Sundeen
Reader: Judy Meincke
Basket Holder: Henry Gigure
Communion: Don Kriegl, Sofia Gigure &
Karen Gigure
Special Music: Robin Arneson

Fellowship: Deb & David Miller

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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Custodian ~ Gary Johnson

President ~ Aaron Adams

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 2
9:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
LED BY CHRIS GELINA & RICHARD CLAYBAKER
Special Music provided by
Linda Yde, Sean Maysack & Carl Meincke

SUNDAY, JULY 9
9:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
LED BY RICHARD CLAYBAKER
Special Music provided by Michaela Arneson

SUNDAY, JULY 16
9:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
LED BY RICHARD CLAYBAKER
Special Music provided by Michaela Arneson

SUNDAY, JULY 23
9:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
LED BY LINDA YDE & JOHN SUTHERLUND
Special Music provided by Steve Gerdts

SUNDAY, JULY 30
9:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
Special Music provided by Robin Arneson