

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2016

505 13th St. S. Hudson, WI 54016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is an old saying that goes like this; “Some folks make you feel like you are home. And some folks make you wish you were there!”

Last fall, when we were welcoming some of our new members I had feedback from a couple people that they didn’t have a very welcoming experience in their first few times visiting Mt. Zion. This feedback was shared with the council and most of us were surprised. We thought Mt. Zion to be a very friendly congregation. We wondered what was going on. Is Mt. Zion welcoming, friendly and hospitable to visitors or do we have some work to do?

We decided to implement what I like to call “The Secret Special Spy Project”! This project has been going on since January and we chose to just let the church council and the hospitality leads know about it. The premise is simple; we invited eight individuals or groups to visit Mt. Zion for the first time between January and May. They filled out a little survey about their experience of hospitality while they were with us and returned the survey to me.

We hoped that the responses to the survey would give us some information about how hospitable we really are and help us make some changes in the future.

The first couple groups that came didn’t have great reports. One person wrote, “Only one person greeted me the entire time I was there. I watched as the members of Mt. Zion talked and laughed and had fun with each other. This looks like a church that is really social, connected and friendly with each other, but they didn’t reach out to me as a visitor.”

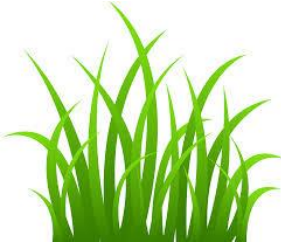
Once those first reports were shared with the council and hospitality team, we started trying harder and encouraging our fellow members to reach out more. We found that people are afraid of greeting visitors because they are worried they are simply members they don’t know. We practiced saying “Hi, I don’t think I’ve met you before” instead of just asking if someone is a new member. We worked on taking things to the next level—instead of just greeting visitors, we invited them to sit with us during worship, or took them on a tour of the building or gave them a visitor packet.

Our last 5 responses to our project had glowing reports! People appreciated being welcomed, and greeted and made to feel like they belong in an unfamiliar place. When we had our new member class this Spring, one member told me the reason they were joining is because Mt. Zion was so welcoming!

Thanks for participating in our hospitality project (even if you didn’t know you were!) And now that the project is over, let’s keep it up! Let’s keep welcoming visitors or even members we just don’t know yet!

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

PROPERTY



Tim Dreier has graciously volunteered to take care of cutting the lawn at the church this summer but is looking to put a list together of people willing to help him when needed. He would call you to see if you are available. You do not have to sign up for a particular week – just to be someone he can call to see if you are free.

Please contact the church office or Tim if you would consider helping in this way.

The Property Committee would like to thank the following people who helped during the Clean-Up week in May –

Bev Schletz, The Kids Club, Andrea Goetz, Angie, Ella, Lucy & Sofia Adams, Lynell & Henry Nemitz, Anne Dombrock, Katie Jones, Amanda Stojan, Lola Scott, Nora Flavin, Kathy Opland, Noah & Rachel Flattum, Pastor Erin, Anna Peterson, Eileen Wymer, Mary Ellefson, Jim Eral, Mary & Lucy Stanton, Sonja Johnson, Carl Meincke, Karen McConville, Linda Yde and Jane Mlinar.

For all the work you did to make the church sparkle again!

If we forgot anyone – we are very sorry! The work done was unbelievable!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

S'MORE WORSHIP

Join us this summer for Wednesday worship at Mt. Zion! Starting Wednesday, June 1 through Wednesday, July 13, we will be worshipping every Wednesday at 6pm.

Worship will be an outdoor, campfire style, half-hour service with yummy s'mores!

If weather is bad, the service will be indoors. Pastor Erin is looking for donations of graham crackers, marshmallows and chocolate for the s'mores. If you can help, drop your donations off in the church kitchen. Thanks!

HE-BREWS

BEER & BIBLE STUDY

Join us this summer for a casual, weekly Bible Study at Pitchfork Brewery. We will meet every Wednesday at 7:00 pm for a discussion style study, conversation and fun!

Our first night will be Thursday, June 8. Watch for further details!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office will be open
Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Church is **CLOSED** on Fridays

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Going to one service during the summer offers you the opportunity to worship with friends who might worship at a different time during the rest of the year.

Summer is also a time when many of us travel. Remember to worship at a local congregation wherever your travels take you.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY TEAMS

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

June 5 9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Greeters:

The Romzek's (West Side)
Craig & Karen Gustafson (East Side)

Ushers: Jim & Megan Gelina

Communion: Robin Arneson,
Mark Arneson & Renee Eickstadt

Basket Holder: Lily Romzek

Reader: Craig Gustafson

Acolyte: Maggie Gustafson

Special Music: Deb Fristad

Fellowship: Abigail Romzek

June 19 9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

Greeters:

Carol Gustafson (West Side)
Sandy Gillis (East Side)

Ushers: Einar & Mic Hanson

Communion: Carol Gustafson,
Sandy Gillis, Karen McConville

Basket Holder: Lily Romzek

Reader: Chris Gustafson

Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Special Music: Laurie Wyland

Fellowship: Linda Yde & Mason Keyes

June 12 9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Greeters:

Don & Linda Flatt (West Side)
Norm & Cheryl Maser (East Side)

Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff

Communion: Jim Eral, Joan Christopher
& Sarah Yarrington

Basket Holder: Kaitlyn Prawalsky

Reader: Mary Ellefson

Acolyte: Oscar Nemitz

Special Music: John McConville

Fellowship: David & Deb Miller

June 26 9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

Greeters:

David & Deb Miller (West Side)
Don Kriegl (East Side)

Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson

Communion: Judy Meincke,
Karen Gigure & Sofia Gigure

Reader: Katie Jones

Basket Holder: Henry Gigure

Acolyte: Ailee Neumann

Special Music:

Fellowship: The Gigure Family

JOIN A HOSPITALITY TEAM TODAY!

We are always looking for members to help with worship. If this is something you might be interested in doing, please contact Pastor Erin or Kristen Johnson to let them know you are interested or if you have any questions.

YOUTH & FAMILY



Join Us
this Summer

JULY 11-15
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 olds)!

Mt. Zion is again sponsoring a week of day camp July 11-15. 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 Angie Adams.

Sign up to help with this event by checking our website under "TRENDING"
See you there!

***Remember we encourage you to invite your friends!



CONGRADULATIONS CLASS OF
2016

Keenan Becker
Katie Mahler
Isabel Nemitz
Lydia Saathoff

Valleyfair

On Saturday, June 11 Mt. Zion is going to ValleyFair!

The cost will be \$27.50 (if we have 15 or more going) for a ticket plus additional money for parking and food.

We will leave from Mt. Zion at 9:00am and return by 8:00pm. All ages are welcome! (However, child supervision is not available, so parents will need to accompany their children.

Talk to Pastor Erin if you have questions.)

Please sign up before June 5, so we ensure that we have enough people to get the reduced rate.

OUTREACH

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



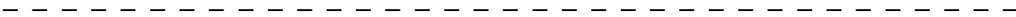
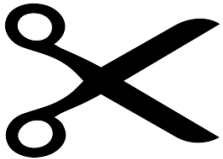
The group is gearing up for our mission trip to Frederic which is only a little more than a month away! Our next step is building the walls for the new home we will be working on. We will be getting together on Thursday, June 23 at 5:00 in the West parking lot of the church to build the walls. The walls will then be placed on Ed Dombrock's trailer and stored until we leave for Frederic on July 10.

We invite young and old, big and small to come out and help us that night. We'll have something for everyone to help with. There will be food served as well.

If the build is not for you, please consider being a part of our mission by supporting one of the participants:

Ed Dombrock, Mark and Robin Arneson, Mason Keyes, Henry, Tor, and Dana Okerlund, Kendra Margl, Floyd Foslien, Gail, Emily, Laura, and Noah Gerdts, Jack and Ellie Johnson, Carl, Judy, and Dominic Meincke, Jeff Peil, Keith Larson, Ryan and Jack Flattum, Pastor Erin Nelson, Jim Johnson, Nicole and Chris Gelina, Karen and Colin McConville, Branden Gilbert, and Gary Baribeau.

The next Mission Trip Habitat meeting will be on Sunday, June 12, at 10:00 am following the 9:00 service at Mt. Zion for those interested in more information about this years trip.



HELP US HELP OTHERS

On July 10 we will be heading to Frederic, 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, Wild Rivers Habitat.

You can help by sponsoring someone who will be attending the 2016 Mission Trip OR by being a General Sponsor.

Your Name _____

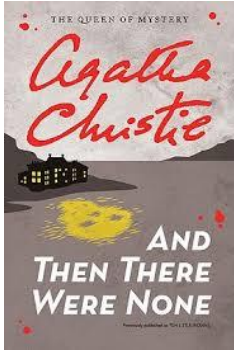
Address: _____

I would like to Sponsor _____ in the amount of \$ _____
Name of Participant

OR

I would like to be a General Sponsor in the amount of \$ _____

OUTREACH



JUNE BOOK CLUB

“And Then There Were None”

By Agatha Christie

Monday, June 13
6:00 pm at Hudson Bagel

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Erin.

THANK YOUS

Thank you for letting us use your wonderful church for our girl scout event.

We really appreciate your generosity and kindness!

KinniCroix Valley Girl Scouts
Signed by the entire troop

On May 15, Mt. Zion had their second Luther Point Bake-Off during fellowship to raise Funds for our Youth and Luther Point Day Camp!

We had 10 entries and everyone at church that morning sampled them all and voted by placing their “fellowship donation” into the jar of the dessert they deemed “The Best Dessert”

Note: This was Mt. Zion’s FIRST LOCK-IN!

Thank you for opening Mt. Zion Church to outside groups. Our members were quite pleased with the facility when we had our annual meeting there on May 2

Kathy Hunter
Secretary & Acting President
German Settlement
Cemetery Association



WE RAISED \$281.31

1st Place went to
Ella, Sophia & Lucy Adams
2nd Place went to Florence
Hopp
3rd Place went to Kids Club

It was a privilege to serve Mt. Zion for so many years. Thank you for the gift certificate from The Postmark Grill.

Harley & Joan Saathoff

PRAYER REQUESTS:

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil 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.

MILESTONES



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 - Aaron Adams &
Kellie Feyereisen
Lucy Stanton
- June 2 - Rida Kohler
- June 4 - Phillip Eng & Eileen Sempf
- June 5 - Rudy Kohler
- June 6 - Todd Dombrock, Allie Jahubek &
Bill Johnson
- June 7 - Chelsea Walczak
- June 8 - Brian Berg & Roger Leen
- June 11 - Emily Gerdts, Noah Gerdts &
Ron Miller
- June 12 - Maria Mulfort
- June 15 - Nils Dreier
- June 16 - Rachel Flattum
- June 19 - Karen McConville
- June 21 - Jim Paulson
- June 23 - Carl Meincke
- June 24 - Aubrey Flattum
- June 25 - Ryan Flattum
- June 26 - Rose Holman, Laurie Johnson,
Vincent Nitti & Eileen Wymer
- June 27 - Sharon Tepper
- June 28 - Robert Solfest
- June 29 - Art Okerlund
- June 30 - Tyler Anderson

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



MARRIED IN JUNE

- June 1 - Jim & Gwen Paulson
- June 3 - Todd & Debra Page
Greg & Melody Wahlberg
- June 6 - Richard Claybaker & Judi Klingsick
Dennis & Kathy Opland
- June 11 - Dan & Jessica Egan
Dennis & Cindy Saathoff
- June 12 - Daryl & Katie Jones
- June 13 - Craig & Karen Gustafson
- June 14 - Michael & Judy O'Connell
- June 21 - Bill & Olive Olson
- June 23 - Jerry & Jane Mlinar
Tim & Jackie Steinhoff
- June 28 - Ron & Audrey Miller
Paul & Nickki Dombrock
Chris & Molly Matzek



BAPTIZED IN JUNE

- June 1 - Michelle Hanson, Amanda Olson, Debra Page, Todd Page & Grant Stojan
- June 4 - Sandra Berg &
Nancy Weeks
- June 5 - Andrea Sempf & Lydia Spence
- June 6 - Karen Gigure & Greg Wahlberg
- June 7 - Jerry Mlinar & Earl Monson
- June 8 - Steven Eickstadt &
Isabelle Oswald
- June 9 - Martha Solfest
- June 10 - Aylah Tepper-Eng & Walt Weeks
- June 12 - Tony Meincke
- June 13 - Christopher Gustafson
- June 14 - Deb Matzek
- June 17 - Kevin Anderson
- June 19 - Rudy Kohler
- June 21 - Dominic Meincke
- June 28 - Krista Spence

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Worship Schedule for JUNE

Sunday's
9:00 am

S'More Worship
Wednesday's
6:00 pm

CONTACTING US

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Secretary ~ Anna Peterson

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Visit us on the web:

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Organist ~ Deb Tonsager

Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir ~

MaryKay Mahler

Milestone Coordinator ~ MaryKay Mahler

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

Kids Club ~ Amanda Stojan

President ~ Carl Meincke

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



SUNDAY,
JUNE 5
10:15 am

Purpose: To vote on hiring Mark
Davy & Associates to handle our
upcoming
Capital Campaign