



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

June 2018 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At a recent continuing education event, I participated in a strengths-based leadership lecture. I'm sure many of you have heard of strengths-based leadership. This is the idea that leaders should find out what they are good at and focus attention on building on areas that are already strengths, rather than focusing lots of time and energy on areas that you aren't naturally inclined. As analogy is if you get all as in high school science and Cs in high school English, you aren't going to major in journalism in college, you are going to major in biology! Strengths-based leadership is the idea that you should lean into what you are already good at!

As I was listening to this lecture I wondered about applying this idea to our congregation. What are the strengths of Mt. Zion? What are the things that we already do well? And should we focus on leaning into those areas, becoming experts in the areas we are already strong?

What are the strengths of our congregation? I don't know about you, but the answer is obvious to me! Mt. Zion is strong in outreach and service to the neighbor. Just think about it... we have so many ministries in service: the backpack program, 2nd Mile Haiti, Grace Place Meals, Feed My Starving Children events, Food Giveaway, Free Little Food Pantry and the Hudson Food Pantry, Quilters, Relay for Life and more! Our Habitat mission trip has nearly 40 people participating this summer! Our Vacation Bible School has 9 service projects lined up! Our Men's Group is tackling project after project. There is so much service to our neighbor going on it can't even be quantified!

In the book of Luke, Jesus tells a crowd the story of the Good Samaritan, a man who helped another man who was beaten and left on the roadside."

I think the strength of Mt. Zion is being neighborly! Our strength is going and doing likewise. We show care and mercy. So, if that is our strength, how do we lean in? How do we build upon that strength? How do we turn being neighborly from a strength into a superpower?

I think we do this by remembering that our identity as children of God is all tied up in this command to go and do likewise. We remember that God has sent us out to serve our neighbors with love and care. We remember that the mission we are given is to be neighborly in Jesus' name.

Let us go and do likewise!

Blessings, Pastor Erin

...Jesus said to him,
"Go
and do likewise."
Luke 10:37

YOUTH & ADULT ACTIVITIES



MT. ZION HIGH SCHOOL **MINI MISSION TRIP**

Join us for Mt. Zion's first HS Mini Mission Trip in the Twin Cities from July 31 – Aug. 2.

We will sleep in a Minneapolis Church, be doing 2-3 service projects in the Twin Cities each day and learning more about our relationship with each other, our church and God.

We will be within driving distance, so if you have a work shift, sports practice or anything else, you can leave and return!

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE!

July 31 – Aug. 2
Students graduating from HS 2018 – 2022
Cost is \$85

VALLEYFAIR

Saturday, July 21
ALL DAY
\$30/person



VBS IS NOW OPEN **FOR REGISTRATION!**

Vacation Bible School will be held at
Mt. Zion July 9 – 13
PreK – K 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Grade 1-6 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration Forms can be found at the
Information Center and online
www.mtzionhudson.com



June Book

"Into the Beautiful North"

By Luis Alberto Urrea
Monday, June 11 6:00 pm

July Book

"The Great Alone" By Kristin Hannah

PAINTING PARTY

Thursday June 7

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

You will be able to pick either the Summer, Fall or Winter Birch Tree.

The fee is \$45 per person.

This painting is on a 10"x 30" stretched canvas and will be painted using a brush and palette knife.



Summer



Fall



Winter

YOUTH & ADULT ACTIVITIES



Lauren Steinhoff

Major: Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Minor: Nutrition and At-Risk Youth.

Post-grad plans: Taking a year off to work and hopefully attend grad school the following year.

Riley Ferguson

Major: Religion (pre-seminary)

Minor: Greek for New Testament studies

Post-grad plans: Attend Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., to obtain a Master of Divinity. This degree will serve as part of his candidacy process through the North West Synod of Wisconsin. His long-term goal is to be ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Nick Pilarski

Major: Radiographic Technology

Drew Tonsager

Masters: Biochemistry

Post-grad plans: Fall of 2018 beginning to work on his PhD at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO

Sabrina Keyes

Future: LSC in Duluth for Dental Hygiene

Megan Gelina

Major: Elementary education.

Post-grad plans: Taking a year off to travel the country with her fiancé, then settle down and teach in eastern Iowa!

Jack Flattum

Future: Junior Hockey for the Granite City Lumberjacks in Sauk Rapids, MN

Laura Gerdtz

Attending: St. Catherine's University

Studying: Occupational Therapy

Cameron Jahns

Attending: U of M – Mankato

Studying: Engineering

Sierra Keyes

Attending: Hibbing community college in the fall

Studying: Dental Hygiene

Henry Okerlund

Attending: UW- Wisconsin- Stout

Future: This summer he will be working at the Sailing School as an instructor.

“For I know the PLANS
I have for you”
declares the LORD
“plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11

YOUTH & MILESTONES



Our High School Muffin bunch wrapped up the school year with a Breakfast date at the Bungalow! As with school, Muffin Bunch will take the summers off but watch for "FALL START UP DATE" in the August Newsletter!

Wishing you all a fun and memorable Summer! See you in September!

On Sunday, May 20 members of Mt. Zion's Music Ministry presented their gifts to the congregation during Sunday's Worship. Mt. Zion is blessed to have so many talented musicians in our midst and here are some of your youngest who sang "100% Chance of Rain".

2017-18 Junior Choir



Claire H., Ella A. & Stella S.



Left to Right: Pastor Erin Nelson, Sam Johnson, Daniel Brown & Nathan Becker

Three Mt. Zion Members confirmed their Faith as they publicly affirmed their baptism on April 8.

Blessing to all of you as you continue your Faith Journey that started on the day you were baptized.

On May 13, 2018 we celebrated our Graduating High School Seniors as we presented them with their Blankets made for them by our 9th Grade Confirmation Class.

Jack Flattum, Laura Gerdts, Cameron Jahns, Sierra Keyes & Henry Okerlund.



As they wrap themselves in these blankets, let them feel the love they have from their church family and from our Lord.

OUTREACH



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION TRIP NEWS

Our group will be heading to Barron, Wisconsin this year. We will be leaving the afternoon of June 24 and working at building a new home for a family in need. We will return home on June 29 sometime in the afternoon. We have some who are staying the whole week and a few just for part of the week.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 3 in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 am worship service.

Plans for the wall build in the parking lot are set for Thursday, June 7 starting at 5:00 pm. If you can't come on the trip, but would like to help build the walls, come join us on June 7 in the west parking lot – all ages are welcome to come and help!

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, June 3 – Habitat Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 7 – Wall Build

Sunday, June 24 – Sending Blessing at the 9:00 am Service

Sunday, June 24 – Depart for our week of work, returning June 29

A special Thank you to Bayport BBQ for letting us host the Wednesday night fundraiser.



Together with tickets & desserts sold we raised \$530.00!!! Once again, our church family has come through by coming to the events and bringing their families and friends! Thank you!

HELP US HELP OTHERS

On June 24, we will be heading to Barron, 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 who will be attending the 2018 Mission Trip

OR by being a General Sponsor.

Your Name _____

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

Name of Participant

OUTREACH

men's
group

MEN OF MT. ZION

Men's Group will be taking a break for the summer (except for ongoing projects). We will restart on

Saturday, September 8.

8:30 – 9:30 am

Men's Group Goals – "To Do Good" for our congregation, our church, and our community.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BAKE-OFF

On Sunday, May 20, Mt. Zion held their "4th Annual Vacation Bible School Bake-Off" during fellowship to raise funds for our Youth and Luther Point Day Camp!

We had 10 entries and 82 members, friends and guests sampled them all and voted by placing their "fellowship donation" into the jar of the dessert they deemed "The Best Dessert"

WE RAISED \$214.00

1st Place Robin Arneson (Entry #9)

2nd Place Anna Peterson (Entry #8)

3rd Place Mary Stanton (Entry #3)

*Only \$1.15 separated 2nd and 3rd Place! Thank you ALL who made delicious baked goods, those who sampled and voted!

Watch for the winning recipes in the July Newsletter!



CARS FOR HAITI

Harley Saathoff led the charge to make a fleet of 27 toy trucks for the children in Haiti. Harley

was joined in his effort by Jim Eral, Ed Dombrock, and an anonymous contributor, with vast quantities of moral support from the rest of the Men's Group. This is an ongoing project that Harley initiated. We hope that we will be able to send more of these trucks as materials and time allows. The freight to ship this vast fleet to Haiti was paid for by a collection from the Men's Group.

Thank you so much Harley!

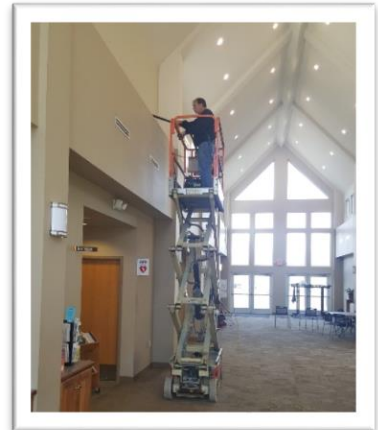
PRAYER REQUESTS

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.



Jim Letourneau was up on the lift cleaning the ductwork and the dust off the ledges in the church after the Fire Alarm inspections. We thank you Jim for your continued dedication to making our church home shine (and we hear you're not a fan of heights!)



Congregation of
Mt. Zion

Thank you oh so Much!

A huge thank you to Mt. Zion Lutheran for accommodating HSD Preschool Screening this year! We are very appreciative for the wonderful space to serve our families.

Thank you! Early Childhood Team

WORSHIP



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

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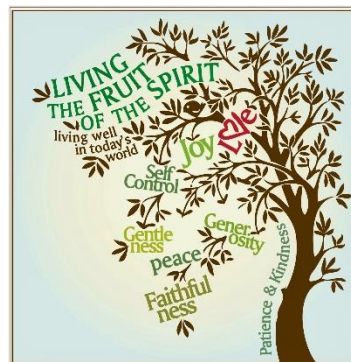
OFFICE HOURS

Church Office will be open
Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Church is **CLOSED** on Fridays
**Office will be closed June 14*

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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



SUNDAY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sundays right after the Sunday morning service for a short time of Bible study and prayer.

We will be having 15-minute Lectio Divina prayer studies on the Fruits of the Spirit each Sunday, starting June 10 and ending August 19.

Sundays June 10 – August 10

10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Hope you can make it!

BAPTISM

Join us on June 10, as we welcome Faith E. Shorts into the Family of God's!

We celebrate with Faith's Parents,
Casey Shorts & Casey Johnson
Along with Faith's Grandparents,
Scott & Sandy Johnson

Sunday, June 10

9:00 am Service



S'MORE WORSHIP

Join us Wednesdays in June and worship at Mt. Zion! Starting Wednesday June 6 through Wednesday, June 27, we will be worshipping every Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

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!

Wednesdays June 6, 13, 20 & 27
6:00 pm



HABITAT BLESSING SERVICE

During the 9:00 am worship on June 24, we will be blessing the Habitat Group as we send them off to build a home for someone in need. This year, we have over 30 people dedicating their time for a week or part of a week to do God's Work!

If you are attending the Habitat build in Barron, WI June 24-29 we invite you to come to the June 24 service for this special Sending Blessing.

Sunday, June 24

9:00 am Service

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR JUNE/JULY

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

Ushers: Mike & Linda Yde

Greeters: Bev Schletz & Don Kriegl

Reader: Henry Nemitz

Communion: Jack Flattum

Acolyte: Ian Flattum

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau

Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau

Greeters: The Adams Family

Reader: Dave Miller

Communion: Don Kriegl

Acolyte: Lily Romzek

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier

Ushers: OPEN

Greeters: Mitch & Rosemary Nelson

Reader: Claire Hoier

Communion: Floyd Foslien

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Sanders

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Ushers: Jim & Nicole Gelina

Greeters: Gary & Deb Hauschildt

Reader: Nicole Gelina

Communion: Sofia Gigure

Acolyte: Avery Anderson

Fellowship: Anna Peterson

If the scheduled time does not work for you or your family, please see if you can find someone to switch with you and inform the church office. If you need help in filling the spot, let Anna know at secretary@mtzionhudson.com

SUNDAY, JULY 1

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Ushers: Dana & Henry Okerlund

Greeters: John & Nora Flavin

Reader: Tara Sanders

Communion: Art Okerlund

Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JULY 8

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

Ushers: Earl Monson & Colin McConville

Greeters: Judi Klingsick & Richard Claybaker

Reader: Karen McConville

Communion: Cheryl Maser

Acolyte: David Brown

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JULY 15

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

Ushers: David & Deb Miller

Greeters: Dennis & Kathy Opland

Reader: Kristen Johnson

Communion: Carol Gustafson

Acolyte: Nils Dreier

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JULY 22

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Ushers: Jack & Noah Flattum

Greeters: Katie Jones & Lola Scott

Reader: Katie Jones

Communion: Linda Letourneau

Acolyte: Ian Flattum

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JULY 29

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier

Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier

Greeters: The Yarrington Family

Reader: Brooke Dreier

Communion: Einar Hanson

Acolyte: Henry Nemitz

Fellowship: OPEN

CELEBRATING MILESTONES



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 – Aaron Adams
Kellie Feyereisen
Lucy Stanton
June 2 - Rida Kohler
June 4 - 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 - Bob Beckman
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 29 - Sandy Johnson
Art Okerlund
June 30 - Tyler Anderson

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



June 1 – Jim & Gwen Paulson
June 3 – Todd & Debra Page
Greg & Melody Wahlberg
June 6 - Richard Claybaker & Judi Klingsick
Dennis & Kathy Opland
June 11 - 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 26 - Mike & Mary Stanton
June 28 - Paul & Nickki Dombrock
Chris & Molly Matzek
Ron & Audrey Miller



JUNE BAPTISMS

June 1 –
Michelle Hanson,
Amanda Olson
Grant Stojan
June 4 - Sandra Berg
Nancy Weeks
June 5 – Harrison Jungbauer
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 - Camille McConville
June 13 - Christopher Gustafson
June 14 - Deb Matzek
June 17 - Kevin Anderson
June 19 - Rudy Kohler
June 21 - Dominic Meincke
June 28 - Krista Spreeman

If we have missed your milestone or have the incorrect information, please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409.

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Kid's Club Coordinator ~ Amanda Stojan

Organist ~ Deb Tonsager

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Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Treasurer ~ Robin Arneson

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Council President ~ Paula Saunders

Custodian: Andrea Goetz