



## MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 505 13<sup>th</sup> St. S, Hudson, WI 54016 March 2016

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I found this funny little illustration written by Brett Younger and had to share it with you! Enjoy. Hemingway's "For sale: baby shoes, never worn" is the most famous six-word story, but others have also tried to tell an entire story in just six words:

"Hmm, that's new," the doctor said.  
Python eats porcupine. Regrets it later.  
Convicted hacker escapes using hidden file.  
Only child, but never the favorite.  
My headstone was a participation trophy.

What if we tried to tell the stories in the Bible with only six words?

God makes good stuff really fast. (*Genesis 1*)  
Sly snake. Sneaky woman. Stupid man. (*Genesis 2-3*)  
Should have created more brotherly love. (*Genesis 4*)  
Rain. Boat. Animals. Noah gets drunk. (*Genesis 6-8*)  
Tall tower falls. No United Nations. (*Genesis 11*)  
Abraham leaves for God knows where. (*Genesis 12*)  
Isaac starts to hate Father's Day. (*Genesis 22*)  
Momma's boy tricks slow big brother. (*Genesis 27*)  
Climbing Jacob's ladder makes great song. (*Genesis 28*)  
Jacob is, surprisingly, a big-time wrestler. (*Genesis 32*)  
Joseph dreams, tells brothers, road trip. (*Genesis 37*)  
Potiphar's wife acts like desperate housewife. (*Genesis 39*)  
Pharaoh's dream gets Joseph early parole. (*Genesis 41*)  
Baby in boat. Questionable parenting decision. (*Exodus 2*)  
Blood. Frogs. Gnats. Flies. Six more. (*Exodus 7-12*)  
Charlton Heston parts the Red Sea. (*Exodus 14*)  
Ten things you should not do. (*Exodus 20*)  
Aaron learns to make golden calf. (*Exodus 32*)  
Ikea style instructions for a tabernacle. (*Exodus 35-40*)  
Ten cowardly spies. Two James Bonds. (*Numbers 13-14*)  
Poisonous serpents. Bronze pole. Confused commentators. (*Numbers 21*)  
Talking donkey smarter than the preacher. (*Numbers 22-24*)  
How'd they know where Rahab lived? (*Joshua 2*)  
Jericho's thin walls can't handle trumpets. (*Joshua 6*)  
Sun stands still. Explain that, Copernicus. (*Joshua 10*)  
Samson becomes argument for long hair. (*Judges 13-16*)  
Cute foreigner seduces rich old farmer. (*Ruth*)  
King Saul is candidate for recall. (*1 Samuel 16*)  
David doesn't need a ten-foot pole. (*1 Samuel 17*)  
David and Jonathan, Batman and Robin. (*1 Samuel 18*)  
King David dances in his skivvies. (*2 Samuel 6*)  
Absalom's hair gets him hung up. (*2 Samuel 18*)  
Solomon passes on cash, chooses wisdom. (*1 Kings 3*)

Solomon says, "Cut the baby!" "No!" *(1 Kings 3)*  
 Ahab marries Jezebel, should've dated more. *(1 Kings 16-22)*  
 Elijah sets off big fireworks display. *(1 Kings 18)*  
 Dogs lick up Ahab's blood, yuck. *(1 Kings 22)*  
 Elijah takes fast and furious chariot. *(2 Kings 2)*  
 Naaman bathes in muddy river, spotless! *(2 Kings 5)*  
 Beauty pageant winner takes down anti-semite. *(Esther)*  
 Job's wife gets raw deal, too. *(Job)*  
 Daniel refuses meat. Lions refuse Daniel. *(Daniel 1-6)*  
 Whale eats upsetting prophet, throws up. *(Jonah)*  
 Christmas: only cold day in Bible. *(Luke 2)*  
 King Herod has no Christmas spirit. *(Matthew 2)*  
 Simeon stops looking for blue blankets. *(Luke 2)*  
 Twelve-year-old Jesus gets lost at church. *(Luke 2)*  
 John the Baptist, Willie Nelson's haircut. *(Matthew 3)*  
 Jesus gets baptized. Father attends ceremony. *(Matthew 3)*  
 Satan tempts Jesus with temple bungee-jump. *(Matthew 4)*  
 Jesus calls, Zebedee loses free labor. *(Matthew 4)*  
 Jesus heals mother-in-law, son-in-law mostly relieved. *(Matthew 4)*  
 Nazareth congregation unhappy with the preacher. *(Luke 4)*  
 Blessed are the who? For sure? *(Matthew 5)*  
 Jesus suggests fasting, church potlucks nonetheless. *(Matthew 6)*  
 Jesus tells storm to shut up. *(Mark 4)*  
 Jesus brings Sauvignon Blanc to party. *(John 2)*  
 Nic at Night, prominent minister flummoxed. *(John 3)*  
 Jesus takes a little boy's lunch. *(John 6)*  
 Adulterous woman caught, where's the man? *(John 8)*  
 Jesus walks on water. Don't try. *(Matthew 14)*  
 Good Samaritan makes priest look bad. *(Luke 10)*  
 Fatted calf wishes prodigal stayed away. *(Luke 15)*  
 Lazarus waves at wealthy weenie in hell. *(Luke 16)*  
 Leper comes back, provides Thanksgiving text. *(Luke 17)*  
 Sycamore tree in Jericho becomes famous. *(Luke 19)*  
 Jesus misses Lazarus' funeral, makes amends. *(John 11)*  
 Jesus rides donkey, but crowds cheer. *(Luke 19)*  
 Jesus curses defenseless fig tree, huh? *(Mark 11)*  
 Jesus ruins stewardship day at temple. *(Matthew 21)*  
 Widow's two pennies, stewardship day saved. *(Matthew 23)*  
 Jesus washes feet, doesn't catch on. *(John 13)*  
 Peter promises to be brave, fails. *(Matthew 26)*  
 Jesus promises the cross, then delivers. *(Matthew 27)*  
 Men hide, women go to tomb. *(Luke 24)*  
 Christ is risen, is risen indeed! *(Luke 24)*  
 Spirit interrupts first church business meeting. *(Acts 2)*  
 Stephen should have rotated off diaconate. *(Acts 6-7)*  
 Fire-breathing Saul knocked off high horse. *(Acts 9)*  
 Paul in prison: favorite hymn night. *(Acts 16)*  
 Old Jerusalem done, New Jerusalem upgrade. *(Revelation 21-22)*  
 What if we try to sum up the whole Bible in six words?

**We mess up. God loves anyway.**

Blessings, Pastor Erin

# MT. ZION'S YOUTH

## OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCIPLE TO OUR YOUTH

We are currently looking for adult disciples in two areas:

- 1) Extra adult for Kids' Club. We want to be sure we keep proper adult/child ratio, and it is always special for the children to see adults who want to spend time with them. Amanda runs the Kids' Club, and has every Wednesday planned out. All that is required is to be there and enjoy the time with the children. Do you have any Wednesday late afternoon/night free? You can choose just once a month, or more.
- 2) 2) Sunday School superintendent. The current superintendent said she will be as helpful as you want—split the duties, or just be there for questions. Supplies are already ordered through 2016, and the rest of this school year is planned. We have a list of what this person does if you would like to look it over.

To find out what the younger generation does at church, contact Shelley Hallen.

*Thank You!*

To my Mt. Zion family,  
I just wanted to say thanks for the care package that I received before Christmas. I enjoyed the treats and gift items. The person(s) who put together the items in my box know me well! My favorite treat was the Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and my favorite item was the guitar pick! I have already put the gas card to good use. I feel blessed to be part of a caring and supportive church family.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness!  
Nick Pilarski

## KIDS CLUB

"Did you know" trivia:

Did you know that Kids Club is for ALL elementary aged kids, no matter what school they attend? All of the schools are released at slightly different times. So, we'll just see you when you arrive, no problem! If you are coming from another school and have extra space to carpool another kid, let Amanda know.

Did you know that you can come to Kids Club as it fits your schedule? It does not need to be ~~an~~—all or nothing. Let Amanda know your availability.

Did you know Kids Club could use your help by volunteering once a month? That's right, just ONCE A MONTH. Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults are all welcome. Duties include; helping youth prep snack, clean up snack, and provide accountability during programming. Wednesday 3:30-6. If you can't stay for the full time, that's ok. Let Amanda know your availability.

Did you know we've got kids jumping at the chance to vacuum? Come be a part of the fun.

## KIDS CLUB SENDING HUGS!

The kids who attend Kids Club made HUGS to mail to loved ones!



# OUTREACH

## **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 list!

How Mt. Zion's prayer chain works: We have a PHONE CALL and an EMAIL prayer chain. Joyce or Anna receives the request and will call the leads of the "CALL" chain and email the lead of the "EMAIL" chain. Prayers are sent from there. The "CALL" tree lead will call you with the prayer concern and ask you to pray throughout



## **DEBORAH CIRCLE**

Tuesday, March 1  
7:00 pm  
Hosted by Katie Jones

## **JOY CIRCLE**

Thursday, March 10  
9:15 am @ Church Hosted by Lucy Larson

## **DINAH CIRCLE**

Tuesday, March 22  
6:30 pm @Church Hosted by Melody Wahlberg

## **HOPE CIRCLE**

Tuesday, March 22  
1:30 pm Hosted by Joan Saathoff

**NEEDED** – Nancy Weeks and Carol Kriegl are both looking to pass on the needs of WELCA to the next generation! Nancy is in charge of promoting and collecting Synod event information for the Congregation and keeping you informed on how you can become involved.

Carol is the treasurer and takes care of everything financial. Both will continue through May but beginning in June will be stepping down. We would like to get people set up in the positions and trained before they pass the tasks to the next person.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

2016 Mt. Zion Habitat for Humanity Trip  
Where: Frederic, Wisconsin  
When: July 10 – 15



Plans for our 2016 trip are just beginning. Anyone 14 years and older is invited to join us for a week of working to help build a home for a family in need and enjoy fun fellowship with other members of the congregation. Our first fundraiser will be the Easter Breakfast on March 27th between the services. Look for sign-up sheets in early March to donate food or to help with the breakfast in early March. Watch for more information to come – upcoming meetings, additional fund raisers and many other ways to help us complete our mission.



## **RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING –**

Sunday, March 13 – after the 10:30 worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Anyone who is interested in helping, walking, fundraising, promoting – please attend. If you have questions – this would be the meeting to attend! There is something for everyone!



Want an EASY way to help donate to FMSC AND get rid of old prescription

bottles? FILL THEM WITH QUARTERS AND RETURN THEM TO CHURCH ON OR BEFORE MARCH 13!

It only takes 22 cents to give a child a life-saving meal. Your quarters along with donations raised at Fellowship and Lent Meals will also be donated to FMSC that afternoon.

A group of 30 adults and youth from Mt. Zion will be heading to Eagan on March 19 to pack meals to be shipped to starving children all over the world! There are a few spots remaining if you would like to attend.



**SPRING PLANT SALE**  
**NOW UNTIL**  
**MARCH 27**  
(EASTER SUNDAY)

Spring is on the way, so it's time to kick-off Mt. Zion's Annual Plant Sale. Orders will be accepted up until Sunday, March 27, 2016.

Order forms are available on the church website:

(<http://www.mtzionhudson.com/trending>).

Additional hard copies of the order forms will be in the information station at church. Please feel free to print or photocopy as needed or pick up more forms from the information station at church so you can offer the opportunity to order plants to neighbors, co-workers or relatives.

For plant pictures, check the information station in the commons, the church website or visit [www.gertens.com](http://www.gertens.com) for more plant information.

Proceeds from this year's sale will be used to increase the principal fund for the Mt. Zion Post-Secondary Education Grant and to increase the amount to be awarded in grants next year. Half will be added to the fund's principal with the other half going into the grant fund's 2016-2017 awards to supplement the amounts earned from interest and provided through the annual budget.

We will be purchasing plants from Gertens' Greenhouse again this year.

Saturday, May 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm is pick-up time for plants ~ just in time for Mother's Day!

Sign-up sheets for volunteer sorters will be placed in the church entry during late April, or talk to Carol or Chris Gustafson. The sorting will begin once the flowers arrive in order to be finished by 2:00 PM. If you wish to help sort orders that Saturday morning but can only come for an hour or two, that's fine too.

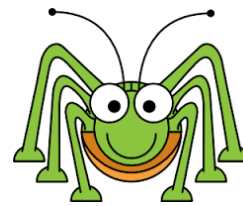
**SPRING HANGING BASKET SALE**

For those of you who have purchased plants from Katie Jones' Spring Plant Sale, they have changed the ordering again this year and Katie has decided not to participate with that company this year.

Please make sure you purchase your orders through the Gertens Fundraiser!!

Thanks to all who have participated over the many years!

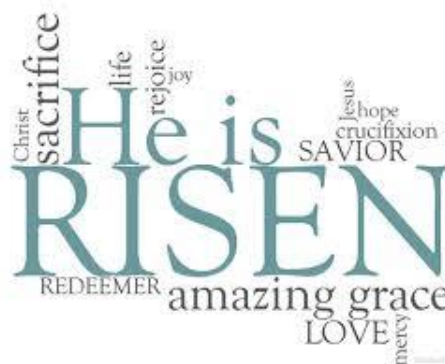
**EASTER BUG CHALLENGE**



Remember last year when we raised enough money for VBS that Pastor ate SPAM for the first time – Well, we've upped the 'ant'e!!

Money placed in the "BUG BOX" located in the Commons at Church, will remain in the box until Easter Sunday. **IF** there is \$500 in donations, Pastor Erin will eat a Chocolate Covered Cricket during the Easter Breakfast!  
**GAME ON!**

**EVERY PENNY COUNTS!**



**JOIN US  
FOR  
EASTER  
SUNDAY  
SERVICES**

**SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00 am**  
**EASTER MORNING SERVICE 9:30 am**

*Easter Breakfast Served by the Mt. Zion 2016  
Mission Trip Participants will be between Easter  
Services in the Fellowship Hall*

# WORSHIP & MUSIC



## SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 6 – Mark Romzek Both Services  
March 13 – 8:15 Jr. Choir/10:30 Sr. Choir  
March 20 – Sr. & Jr. Choir Both Services  
March 27 – Sr. Choir/Easter Brass Both Services

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 am

Easter Brass Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

11:00 am

Easter Sunday Breakfast Set up and Flower Decorating

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## MIDWEEK LENT SCHEDULE

Soup & Sandwich Meal 5:45p

March 2 – Jr. Choir & Tone Chimes

March 9 – FMSC

March 16 – Card Ministry



**Holden Evening  
Prayer Service  
7:00p**

Lenten Bible Study  
7:35p

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## MARCH OFFICE HOURS

Secretary's Office hours

Tuesday – Friday 10a – 3p until May 13.

**Offices are closed – March 23 – 25**



**MARCH 20 –  
MARCH 27**

## HOLY WEEK

As we now practice it, Holy Week is the last week of the 40-day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter. In Holy Week we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His passion and resurrection.

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## **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20 8:15 & 10:30a**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**, the first Sunday of Holy Week within the Lenten Season, commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding his passion. As he entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their king, saying "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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## **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24 7:00p**

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in **Maundy Thursday** refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

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## **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25 7:00p**

**Good Friday** is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The biblical account of Jesus' death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; and John 19:16-20:30.

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## **EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27 7:00 & 9:30a**

On **Easter Sunday**, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe according to Scripture, that Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

# MILESTONES AT MT. ZION



## March 4

Laurie Johnson  
Amanda Olson  
Andrea Sempf  
Lydia Spence

## March 5

Oscar Nemitz  
Henry Okerlund

## March 8

Dave Anderson  
Gwen Paulson

## March 9

Keenan Becker

## March 11

Don Flatt

## March 17

Laura Romzek

## March 19

Holly O'Connell

## March 20

Martha Solfest

## March 26

Claire Hoier

## March 27

Riley Ferguson

## March 28

Sam Horsman  
Jim Stolzenburg

## March 29

Henry Gigure

## March 30

Jennifer Engh  
Krista Spreeman

## March 31

George Pavel

## March 21

Terry & Marcia Teschner

## March 28

Jason & Karen Gigure



## March 1

Chris Johnson  
Kim Pilarski

## March 7

Krista Hallen

## March 8

Cindy DiGidio  
Carl Meincke

## March 10

Lucy Adams

## March 11

Martin Halvorsen

## March 12

Andrew Tonsager

## March 16

Craig Gustafson  
John McConville

## March 20

Joan Saathoff

## March 21

Lauren Dombrock

## March 22

Dylan Nitti

## March 24

Rachael Saathoff

## March 25

Gail Gerdts  
Scott Veenendall

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

**3 yr. old Prayer Pillows**

**Lucy Adams  
Ariana Krochalk  
Vincent Nitti  
Lillie Prawalsky  
Amelia Spence  
Andrew Stanek**

**Lucy Stanton**

\*Please contact the church office if you will be able to attend the 10:30 worship on 3/13

**Sunday, April 17**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayers for the People

**Sunday, April 24**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

*\*If we have incorrect information OR your child is missing from this list and should be included, please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409*

*If you have missed your special date, or have the wrong information, please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409*

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**Organist** ~ Deb Tonsager

**Sr. Choir Director** ~ Craig Gustafson

**Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir** ~ MaryKay Mahler

**Parish Nurse** ~ Eileen Wymer

**Council President** ~ Carl Meincke