



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

505 13th St. S. Hudson, WI 54016

MAY 2016

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is my first spring in my new house and I'm in over my head! You see, our house comes with many complicated gardens filled with all sorts of unidentifiable plants that I don't know how to care for. According to my friends and family, I don't have a green thumb—I have a black thumb! I kill everything I come into contact with.

I toured my gardens the other day and mostly felt full of confusion and fear. There are vines growing all over the house. Is that bad? I know I need to dead-head the hydrangeas but how far down do I clip them? Is this green thing a weed or a plant? These violets have spread like a rash all over the yard! I have no idea what is coming up and what will eventually grow!

This month we are celebrating another New Member Sunday and welcoming many more saints into our family of faith! We've had a lot of growth lately and just like I'm unsure what is going to pop up in my garden as it continues to grow, we don't know how Mt. Zion will be changed as we continue to grow!

Growth is wonderful! We've seen more use of our building, new people with new ideas, new ministries, new friends and new programs. Growth can also be hard as we see familiar and dear ways of doing and being changed. But for us to continue to minister and serve God in our changing world, we have to be open to change and growth as well.

I read an article the other day about a church in San Pedro, CA called The Garden Church. This is a worshipping community that meets in and takes care of a community garden. The congregation worships in the middle of the growing vegetables and grows the food to give to many different outreach and missions in the city. The neatest thing about this church is it is a pop up church. It pops up in a city for one growing season. One stretch of time to change, inspire, serve and minister to God's people and then it moves on. But what is left behind is God's reinvigorated servants, ready to go out and share what they have learned.

As our church grows, I hope Mt. Zion also becomes known as a growing place. A place where we can feed, inspire, and energize God's people and most importantly, send them out to continue the growth!

As for my garden, I called my dad's best friend, who is known as a master gardener. He came over and gave me some tips, told me what to do. Then he said, "Don't change anything this year, Erin. For this first year, just wait, and see what comes up."

Blessings,

Pastor Erin Nelson

MT. ZION'S YOUTH

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.

SUNDAY – MAY 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH SING AT THE
10:30 SERVICE

SUNDAY – MAY 8



BLESSING BOWL MILESTONE

Milestone Blessing Bowls are designed to remind us of those meaningful moments that make up our lives. Our 1st Graders and their parents are brought together to have a conversation about how God has blessed them on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00a. These blessings take many forms and can be viewed in many ways. Each child (with their parents) then paints stones for their bowls that will remind them of ways to look for God's Blessings.

This year our 1st Grade Students celebrating the Blessing Bowl Milestone are:

**Ella Adams, Ivy Campana, Claire Hoier,
Madilyn Jakubek, Dylan Nitti, Maya
O'Keefe, Alexander Solberg & Stella
Stanton**

END OF YEAR JR. CHOIR



Wednesday, May 13

5:00 pm at the Church

**Be READY, WILLING and
ABLE to have a**

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**LAST DAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL
MAY 8**

Join us during the Sunday school hour in the lower level of church for games, prizes and other surprises! You won't want to miss it!

MT. ZION'S YOUTH

1st COMMUNION



Students receiving their 1st Communion took instruction on April 3 and 10. During that time they learned about the sacraments, made the Bread for Communion and personalized their communion cups.



Mt. Zion Youth Receiving their 1st Communion on APRIL 19, 2015 were:



Back Row: (Left to Right) Art Okerlund, Pastor Erin, Danny Brown

Front Row: (Left to Right) Aiden Tepper-Engel, Henry Nemitz, Lily Romzek, Kaitlyn Prawalsky, Tara Sanders & Nora Beard O'Connell.

CONFIRMATION 2016



Left to Right: William Mahler, Riley Becker, Pastor Erin, Ellie Johnson & Cody Hines



MT. ZION'S YOUTH

BAKERS NEEDED



This is your time to shine!
We are asking you to bring a dessert of your choice for fellowship on May 15.

All desserts will be served to the congregation and will be voted on for "favorite".

Each dessert will have a mason jar by it – people will then 'vote' for their top choices by placing money in your jar. The jar with the most money will win bragging rights for a year!

Do you deserve the bragging rights?
Enter yours and find out!

Sign up today on Sign-Up sheet!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Pre K – 5th Grade THIS ONE IS FOR YOU!

We are in the midst of planning our 2016 Vacation Bible School for all youth and their friends' ages from Pre – K to 5th Grade.

SAVE THE DATES – JULY 11-15

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

YOUTH SUNDAY & SUNDAE SUNDAY, MAY 22 9:00 am



Youth Sunday and Sundae Sunday will be celebrated on May 22

Our youth will lead our worship service on this day. It is also the day that our High School Seniors:

**KEENAN BECKER, KATIE MAHLER,
ISABEL NEMITZ & LYDIA SAATHOFF**

Will receive blankets that were made by the 9th grade confirmation students for them.

After worship, we will celebrate youth of all ages with ice cream sundaes. Please join us on this special day to celebrate this exciting milestone in the lives of our younger congregation members.



LUTHER POINT SUMMER CAMP

LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP

We still have openings in many program offerings for the summer. Simply go to

www.LutherPoint.org and either register online or download a registration form and send it ASAP.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Sunday
May 15,
9:00 am Worship

On May 15 Mt. Zion's Music Ministry will present its annual spring singing Sunday. On this day there will be one worship service at 9:00 am. Make sure to take a moment and offer a word of thanks to all of our choir members. The Jr. Choir, Tone Chime and Sr. Choirs bless us with their gifts in worship throughout the year.

Thank you to Craig Gustafson, MaryKay Mahler, and Deb Tonsager for your leadership in our Music Ministry at Mt. Zion



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!



On May 15, we will be returning to our:

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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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 27 AND
TUESDAY, MAY 31
IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY

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.



SUNDAYS

9:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

June 1-July 15
6:00 pm

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY TEAMS

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

Sunday, May 1 –

8:15a – Nicole Gelina

Greeters: Jim & Sonja Johnson

Ushers: Nicole Gelina & Abigail & Lily Romzek

Reader: Robin Arneson

Acolyte: Mason Keyes

Communion: Renee Eickstadt

Fellowship – Linda Yde

LUCY & STELLA STANTON'S BAPTISMS NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS

10:30a – TBA

Greeters: OPEN & Carolyn Jonason

Ushers: Tor & Dana Okerlund

Reader: Jon Stojan

Acolyte: Emily Gerdts

Communion: Jon Schneewind

Sunday, May 8– MOTHERS' DAY

1st GRADE MILESTONE

Last Day of Sunday School

8:15a – Jim Eral

Greeters: Norm & Cheryl Maser

Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff

Reader: Mary Hallen

Acolyte: Ava Anderson

Communion: Gail Gerdts

Fellowship – Anna Peterson

10:30a – Karen McConville

Greeters: Katie Mahler & Deb Sanders

Ushers: Earl Monson & **OPEN**

Reader: Karen McConville

Acolyte: Noah Flattum

Communion: Sandy Gillis

SUMMMER WORSHIP BEGINS MAY 15

9:00 am worship

Sunday, May 15 9:00 am – Melody & Anna

Greeters: Ella & Sophia Adams &

Jim & Gwen Paulson

Ushers: Scott & Lynell Nemitz

Acolyte: Sam Johnson

Fellowship – VBS Bake Off

Sunday, May 22 9:00 am – Chris G. & Jack J.

12TH GRADE MILESTONE – SR. BLANKETS

Preacher: Isabel Nemitz

Children's Message: Oscar Nemitz

Assisting Ministers: Henry Nemitz, Olivia &

Nadia Yarrington & Ella Adams

Greeters: Noah & Ian Flattum, Aubrey Flattum & Artie Okerlund

Ushers: Brooke & Nils Dreier and Emily & Noah

Reader: Ellie Johnson & Henry Okerlund

Acolyte: Avery Anderson

Communion: Kaitlyn Prawalsky, Laura Gerdts, Jack Johnson & OPEN

Basket Holder: Ian Flattum

Fellowship – SUNDAY SUNDAY

Serving: Noah Flattum, Artie Okerlund,

Ava Anderson, Sophia Adams & Lucy Adams

Sunday, May 29 9:00 am – Andrea Dreier

Greeters: John & Nora Flavin

Ushers: The Jahns Family

Reader: Brooke Dreier

Acolyte: Noah Gerdts

Communion: Nora Flavin

Fellowship – Christine Jahns

If you would like to be added to a Hospitality Team – or have questions on what you would need to do, please see Kristen Johnson or contact the church for further information.

OUTREACH



GERTENS FLOWER PICK UP

SATURDAY, MAY 7

The flowers ordered from Gertens Greenhouse will be available for pick up from 2:00 -4:00 pm on Saturday, May 7 in the Church's east parking lot. If you have friends or family members who ordered this year, please remind them of the date and time.

We are also looking for volunteers willing to come help sort orders. Please sign up in the Commons or talk to Carol, Christopher or Craig Gustafson.



QUARTER BOXES

Quarter boxes are used as a fun vehicle to collect funds that are later donated to the Synod at the Synod Assembly.

Boxes will be available to the congregation in the Commons now until our final collection date – May 15.

H.O.M.E. MEAL – THURSDAY, MAY 5

We need 4 people to bring a dozen cookies or bars.

We also need 4 people to work 4:30-6:30
If you can help – please call the church office at (715) 386-5409 or email the church at secretary@mtzionhudson.com

MT. ZION'S SOLE TO SOUL RELAY FOR LIFE

*Friday, June 24
6:00 pm – Midnight*



Plans are being put into place so please watch emails and bulletins on Sunday for all the fun ways you can become involved!

Thank you to David Miller and Mary Stanton for taking the lead on this year's team!

This is Mt. Zion's 10th Year of being a part of the Hudson Relay For Life! LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR YET!

WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?

May 15 – June 12

Here's a simple way to help us in the fight to end cancer!

In the Commons you will find a NUMBERS BOARD.

To make a donation to your Mt. Zion Sole to Soul Relay For Life team, simply choose the amount you would like to give and take that RIBBON off the board.

OR

You can call the church office and tell Anna what number you would like and she will make sure to remove your square!

So the question is "What's your Number?"

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

May 9-13

Please see Sign-up sheets at the church for areas that we are cleaning. Pick a project and let us know when during the week you can come help spruce up the church for the Summer.

OUTREACH



WELCA FOR MAY

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, May 3 – 7:00 pm at
Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, May 12 – 9:15 am at the Church
Hosted by Nancy Weeks

HOPE CIRCLE

Tuesday, May 17 – 1:30 pm
Hosted by Florence Hopp

DINAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, May 17 – 6:30 pm at the Church
Hosted by Melody Wahlberg



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, MAY 1

Our next New
Member Sunday will
be Sunday, May 1st at
the 10:30 am service.

If you would like to become a member of Mt. Zion,
you are invited to talk to Pastor Erin about being a
part of our next New Member Sunday.

Even if you aren't sure about joining, talk to Pastor
Erin. Associate memberships are available and she
is always willing to answer any questions!

We are welcoming to Mt. Zion –

Lola Scott
Bill, Gina & Anna Runck
Sarah Schletz, Reese Sundeen & Gracie Schletz
Jacob, Kylee, Milly & Harrison Jungbauer
James & Linda Letourneau
Kara & Claire Hoier
Scott & Sandy Johnson
Paul, Shannon, Emily & Hugo Melzer



Looking for a quick read,
good story line, easy to
get lost in book?

Try one of Janette Oke's
books!

Her stories take place on the prairie. The characters
are easy to get to know. They face many joys and
hardships but through it all they keep their faith in
God.

Mt. Zion has many of Janette Oke's books,
including a few series! Look for them in the lower
level library as well as the library cart in the
fellowship hall! Enjoy!

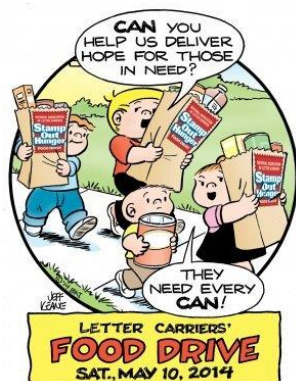
BOOK CLUB

May's Book Club Book is "Zealot" by Reza Aslan.
Aslan is a Muslim religion professor and his book,
"Zealot" is a non-fiction account of the historical
Jesus that uncovers what we can learn about Jesus
from the non-Christian historical writings and
culture of the time. A new look at the person of
Jesus of Nazareth.



To the
Congregation,
You are helping us
give people the
tools they need to support themselves rather than
depend on hand-outs or temporary assistance.
You are helping caregivers overcome stigma,
poverty, malnutrition, illiteracy and so much more!
Thank you!
Becky Nolan
2nd Mile Haiti Board of Directors

OUTREACH



HUDSON AREA LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday,

May 14 letter carriers throughout Hudson will participate in the 24rd Annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger."

This annual effort has become the largest one-day food drive in the nation's history, resulting in more than a half billion pounds of food to local food banks, pantries and shelters in all 50 states.

Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 9, and the carrier will do the rest. Collection barrels will also be set up at all Post Office branches to accommodate those with Post Office Boxes.

If you would like to bring your donations to church, we will put them out by our mailbox on Saturday for you!

Because of the extreme generosity of the St. Croix Community, the Hudson Area Food Shelf (at St. Pat's church) are looking for volunteers to help receive the donations on Saturday, May 14.

They will have 2 shifts for you to volunteer for:

11:30 to 3:00

3:00 to 6:00

If you can help – please see Nicole Gelina.

Dear Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,



You are essential! Because of your selfless giving, the survival of children all around the world is ensured. Your gift of \$224 made on March 21 to Feed My Starving Children will provide 1,018 meals for those who need it most. This is an incredible and precious blessing.

Onward for Him –
Mark Crea
Executive Director FMSC

**Note: Our Next FMSC event will happen on Saturday, November 5 2:00 – 4:00pm*

We have reserved 50 Spots – the most we have EVER reserved! We are hoping that everyone who has volunteered at a FMSC event will bring someone that hasn't! Each time we go, Mt. Zion brings a check of money raised by the church. If you do fellowship and are looking for a Mission to donate to – this is also a good one!



Thank you to everyone who helped work, gave blood or donated cookies for our Blood Drive on April 22.

Together we collected 14 pints, which will be helping up to 42 patients!

Our Next Blood Drive will be **July 28**

OUTREACH



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2015

Plans for our 2016 trip to Frederic, Wisconsin are well under way, but it is not too late to participate. Whether you come on the trip for the entire week or a few days, help with the wall build or just participate in a fundraiser, anyone and everyone's help is needed to make this year's trip a successful one!

This year we will be working on a home in Frederic, WI. We plan to leave the church later in the afternoon on Sunday, July 10 and return in the afternoon of Friday, July 15. Anyone 14 years of age and older may attend. Can't stay the whole week? NO PROBLEM! We have many who will only be coming a few days and some who will even just come up for the day. Since the worksite is so close, the options are endless!! Please consider joining us.

FUNDRAISING!

Starting in May we will be selling 2x4's, to be used to build the walls of the home, which you can purchase with a free will donation to write a message on to the family. Whether it's a Bible passage, or words of encouragement – it's up to YOU! It's a great way to help fund our trip and send a special message to the family. We also encourage anyone interested in helping to support someone who is attending the trip. Sponsorship forms can be found in the newsletter and in future bulletins as well.

Can't go on the trip? Maybe helping with the wall build would be something you could do instead. We will be building the walls for the home in the west parking lot of the church on Thursday, June 23 (rain dates will be determined if necessary). Save the date and watch for more details to come.

JOIN US!

Please consider joining us in helping a family in need. Sign up today! There is a sign-up sheet in the Commons at the Church at the Information Center. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 15 at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am service. Contact Gary Baribeau or Robin Arneson if you have any questions.

Our Mission Trip has many goals: to help construct a Habitat house, to provide a place for our youth to learn the ministry of helping others, to build relationships through fellowship and to have fun along the way. Come on, give it a try! We promise a fun and enjoyable experience and you'll be GLAD you came!

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

Your Name _____

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

Name of Participant

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

MILESTONES



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Ed Dombrock
7 - Sandy Huppert
11 - Earl Monson
Gracie Romzek
Lydia Saathoff
Michael Schletz
12 - Ailee Neumann
14 - Cameron Jahns
16 - Kara Hoier
Bernie Huppert
Lauren Steinhoff
17 - Jamie Johnson
18 - Avery Anderson
19 - Riley Becker
22 - Katie Hayes
Mark Hayes
Logan Lockwood
23 - Jenny Neumann
24 - Kaitlyn Prawalsky
Brooke Dreier
Ian Flattum
25 - Eric Berg
Cheryl Maser
26 - Betty Fyksen
Nickolas Pilarski
29 - Scott Jahns
Todd Solberg
30 - Christine Jahns



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- May 5 - Mike & Linda Yde
May 9 - Ryan & Rachel Flattum
May 10 - Mark & Paula Saunders
May 18 - Jim & Shelley Hallen
May 21 - Jon & Amanda Stojan
May 24 - Nate & Maria Mulfort
May 27 - Robert & Lynne Baker
Ed & Anne Dombrock
May 28 - Chuck & Roxanne Studelska



BAPTIZED IN MAY

- May 1 - Donna Revoir
Beverly Schletz
May 3 - Katie Hayes
Mark Hayes
May 4 - Henry Gigure
May 5 - Vincent Nitti
May 6 - Carl Sandberg
Jim Stolzenburg
Wyatt Wilcoxson
May 8 - Jackson Lockwood
Sven O'Connell-Beard
May 9 - Matthew Pilarski
May 12 - Lynne Baker
May 22 - Sophia Adams
Nadia Yarrington
Olivia Yarrington
May 23 - Amber Saathoff
May 25 - Collin Rayome
Diane Veenendall
May 26 - Shelley Hallen
May 30 - Lee Halberg



UPCOMING MILESTONE **1st Grade Blessing Bowls** **Sunday, May 10**

Saturday, May 9 at 11:00am
w/Parents
Lunch is served

Ella Adams
Ivy Campana
Claire Hoier
Madilyn Jakubek
Dylan Nitti
Maya O'Keefe
Alexander Solberg
Stella Stanton

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Sunday Worship in MAY

May 1 & 8

8:15 am & 10:30 am

w/Communion

May 15, 22 & 29

9:00 am w/Communion

OFFICE HOURS beginning 5/15

Tuesday – Thursday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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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

Worship Schedule in May

May 1 ~ Worship 8:15 am & 10:30 am

New Member Service 10:30

Sunday School Sings 10:30

Stanton's Baptism's

May 8 ~ Worship 8:15 am & 10:30 am

1st Grade Blessing Bowl Sunday 10:30

Last Day of Sunday School

May 15 ~ Summer Schedule Begins

Spring Music Service

ONE SERVICE 9:00 am

VBS BAKE-OFF during Fellowship at 10:00a

May 22 ~ Worship 9:00 am

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sr. Blankets and Sundae Sunday

May 29 ~ Worship 9:00 am

Hugo Metzger's Baptism