



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time, I am about a month away from welcoming my second child. Thank you all for the support and love you gave me and my family during this pregnancy. I am overwhelmed by the excitement and care you gave me during the past months. I'd also like to thank you for the gift of maternity leave. I know the time I have off to spend with my newborn son will cause some hardships for Mt. Zion and I am so grateful for the gift of that time.

I am due in early June. My contract with Mt. Zion gives me 6 weeks of maternity leave. During those 6 weeks Sunday services will be led by members of Mt. Zion. Thank you to Rich Claybaker, Linda Yde, David Miller, Jack Johnson and Chris Gelina for stepping up and being willing to preach and lead you all in worship! During those 6-weeks many of our normal weekly activities will either be taking a break or will be led by members of the congregation. Things like VBS, the Habitat Mission Trip, and Relay for Life will be happening as normal, just without a pastoral presence. If you have any questions about any specific events or activities this summer, don't hesitate to call the church office to ask!

During the 6-weeks I am on maternity leave, don't expect to see me. Once the new baby is ready to get out and about, my family is planning on taking the opportunity to worship at some of our neighboring congregations. Hopefully we can bring back some new ideas! If you have an emergency or some need for a pastoral presence, the Mt. Zion office will have some neighboring pastors who will be on call for our congregation during my maternity leave.

I will be back to work sometime in mid-July. For the first 6 weeks I am back, I will be using some vacation and sick leave so that I can come back at half time. During these 6 weeks that I am working half time I will be leading Sunday Worship services, we will get back to many of our weekly events, and I will be on call and available for any emergencies and pastoral care needs. If you have any questions about these weeks that I will be working half time, let me know.

I'll be back to work full time in late August. Everything then will be back to normal, just in time for our congregation to busy up for the fall. Again, thank you for the gift of time that you are allowing me to spend with my new family and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about this summer.

Blessings,

Pastor Erin



OUTREACH



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, May 19
Noon – 6:00 pm

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

To help with the event, please contact Anna Peterson at 715-386-5409 for more information.

GERTENS FLOWER PICK UP **SATURDAY, MAY 7**

The flowers ordered from Gertens Greenhouse will be delivered to the Church on May 13.

Time has yet to be determined so please watch email on May 12-13 for pick-up times.

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.

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Please join us at Hudson Bagel from 9-10:30 on Thursday May 4 for updates on programming, discussion on how we further support their important work and general discussion about social justice issues.

We have stitched and knitted items to send to Second Mile, but you need not be a crafter to join the group.

Contact Karen McConville at 612-581-4226 if you would like more information.

As always, please keep Second Mile Haiti in your prayers.

HUDSON AREA LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 13 letter carriers throughout Hudson will participate in their Annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger."



Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 13, and the carrier will do the rest.

For individuals interested in volunteering for the collection and unloading/loading, please go to St. Pat's church between the hours of 11:00 am – 4:00 pm on the collection day. Even an hour of time will be appreciated.



BOOK CLUB BOOKS **May – August 2017**

All Book Discussions take place on below dates at 6:00 pm at Hudson Bagel

Monday, May 8

"The Cuckoo's Calling"
By Robert Galbraith

Monday, June 12

"The Girl in Disguise"
By Greer Macallister

Monday, July 10

"A Casual Vacancy"
By J.K. Rowling

Monday, August 14

"Gray Mountain"
By John Grisham



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION TRIP NEWS

Plans are well under way for the 2017 Habitat for Humanity Mission trip. It's not too late to sign up if you are still interested. Anyone who is 14 years of age or older is welcome to join us.

Our group will be heading to the Rice Lake, Wisconsin area this year. We will be leaving the afternoon of July 30th and working at building a new home for a family in need. We will return home on August 4th sometime in the afternoon. We have some who are staying the whole week and a few just for part of the week. Please consider joining us.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Gary Baribeau (715-386-9231) or Robin Arneson (715-386-7429). Or you can attend our next meeting on May 21 at 10:30 at the church.

Our group will also be raising funds and planning a wall build in the parking lot again this year. If you can't come on the trip, but would like to help build the walls, come join us on July 18th in the back parking lot – all ages are welcome to come and help!

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday May 3 – Fundraiser at Bayport BBQ –

5pm-7pm. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Habitat team member or they are available at the door that night.

Sunday May 21st – 10:30 Planning meeting

July 18th – Wall Build

July 30th- Depart for our week of work, returning August 4th.

A special Thank you to Pizza Hut and to those who attended the Pizza Hut Fundraiser. \$1293.09 in tips was raised, and we also will receive a \$500 match from Pizza Hut.

Thank you to all who donated food, worked, or maybe you came and enjoyed some delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday. We served around 140 people and raised \$814.

We truly could not do this trip without the support of our church – so THANK YOU to all who so graciously help us with fundraising and supporting us and our mission.



Help Us Help Others

On July 30, we will head to Barron County 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)

General Sponsor _____
(check here)

Amount _____

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN **UPDATE** **38, 084 CHILDREN FED!**

We had 23 Members and Friends gather together in Eagan, MN on April 8 to pack meals for the Starving Children of the World.

Together they packed 170 Boxes
Which will feed 36,720 Children!!

Mt. Zion also presented FMSC with a check for \$300 which will feed an extra 1,364 Starving Children!

So, in a two-hour time span Mt. Zion helped provided enough food to feed 38,084 children!

GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU WHO
DONATED THROUGH FELLOWSHIP
OFFERINGS, WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS,
SPECIAL OFFERING ON SUNDAY AND
LENDING YOUR TIME TO MAKE THIS
POSSIBLE

Our next Feed My Starving Children date will
be November 18 11:30a – 1:30p



MAY OUTREACH DRIVE

TURNINGPOINT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- Baking soda
- Bathroom tissue
- Dish Soap (hand washing)
- Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox or Lysol wipes)
 - Deodorant
 - Kleenex
 - Paper towels
 - Pillow protectors
 - Vinegar (white)
- Women's and Children's underwear

WORSHIP

BISHOP HOYME, LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & BAPTISM

Sunday, May 7
8:15 & 10:30 am

Please join us on this special day. Bishop Hoyme will be here for both services to worship with us.

During the Sunday school hour there will be many fun activities for the kids, including prizes and build your own sundaes.

At our 10:30 service we will be welcoming Claire Hoier into our Faith Family through Baptism and the voices of the Sunday School Students.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Sunday, May 14
8:15 & 10:30 am

MUSIC MINISTRY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21
9:00 am Worship

On May 21 Mt. Zion's Music Ministry will present their annual Music Ministry Celebration 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 Chimes and Sr. Choir 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



We will also be presenting our Graduating Seniors, Chris Gelina & Jack Johnson, with their Blankets during worship.

RIGHT after the worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for....

THE 3RD ANNUAL MT. ZION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BAKE-OFF



May 21 10:00 am

This is your time to shine!

We are asking you to bring a dessert of your choice for fellowship on May 21.

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!

BAPTISM OF OLIVIA LOCKWOOD

Sunday, May 28
9:00 am

Josh & Samantha Lockwood will be presenting Olivia Lockwood to be baptized into our Faith Community

Please join us as Olivia reaches her 1st Faith Milestone together with her parents, her Godparents, Jon & Amber Foslien and family and friends.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4
9:00 am

Our youth will lead our worship service on this day.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY TEAMS

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

8:15 am

Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina
Greeters: Jim and Sonja Johnson
Ushers: Jim and Nicole Gelina
Reader: Jim Johnson
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Prawalsky
Communion: Renee Eickstadt

Serving Fellowship: Mary Ellefson & OPEN

10:30 am

Hospitality Lead: Olive Olson
Ushers: Jim & Gwen Paulson
Greeters: Bill & Olive Olson
Reader: Mitch Nelson
Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell
Communion: Jon Schneewind

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

8:15 am

Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Harley Saathoff & Jim Eral
Greeters: Don & Linda Flatt
Reader: Mary Ellefson
Acolyte: Avery Anderson
Communion: Sara Yarrington

Fellowship: Linda Yde & Nicole Gelina

10:30 am

Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Earl Monson & Colin McConville
Greeters: Lucy Larson & Deb Sanders
Reader: Chris Gustafson
Acolyte: Noah Flattum
Communion: Carol Gustafson

Summer Worship Begins – ONE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson
Greeters: Katie Jones & Carol Gustafson
Acolyte: Nathan Becker

Fellowship: VBS Bake Off

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: OPEN
Greeters: Lola Scott & Katie Jones
Donna Revoir & Open
Reader: Katie Jones
Acolyte: Danny Brown
Communion: Linda Yde, Don Kriegl & Mike Yde
Special Music: OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

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.

If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact your Hospitality Lead and let them know, or find a replacement and let the Church office know.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with Holy Week!

Another successful Holy Week and Easter is behind us at Mt. Zion. It was a

wonderful celebration with wonderful worship that would not have been possible without the many, many people who put in time and effort! Thank you to all who helped in any way during Holy Week!

Thank you to our staff! Anna worked long and extra hours to get bulletins ready, sort out flowers, wrangle volunteers and many other things! Joan and Robin put in extra time managing all the extra services and expenses. Our music staff provided so much beautiful music! Thank you Deb, Craig and Mary Kay! Thank you also to our custodian, Gary, and our Kid's Club coordinator, Amanda!

Thank you to all the many musicians who participated in the services! Thank you to members of the Sr. Choir, Jr. Choir and Tone Chimes. Thank you to our Holden musicians. Thank you to our brass players and especially to Carl Meincke, who directed our wonderful brass choir!

Thank you to volunteers who ushered, greeted, read, helped with communion, served as an acolyte, and to our hospitality leads. We needed every one of you to help! Thank you to our Palm Sunday Passion readers! Thank you to our Tableau participants and especially to Karen McConville and John McConville who directed. Thank you to our Good Friday readers. Thank you all for stepping up!

Thank you to the worship committee for extra work planning and decorating the

church (especially Linda Yde and Erin Prawalsky)! Thank you to the Altar Guild for the extra time and energy you all put in (especially to our Altar Guild chair, Mike Yde)!

Thank you to our Habitat team for putting on an amazing Easter Breakfast (We served over 150 people!!). Thank you to all who worked on our beautiful Free Little Food Pantry! We are so excited to get it installed and start using it! Thank you to all who bought flowers for the church, who donated food to the Easter Breakfast, and who ate at the Easter Breakfast!

Most of all, thank you for worshipping with us during Holy Week. It is the busiest week of the year for Mt. Zion but also one of the best. It warms my heart to see so many members get involved and serve and work together to provide lovely, uplifting and meaningful worship experiences for Mt. Zion and our community.

Blessings! Pastor Erin

Dear Mt. Zion,
Thank you very much for the scholarship that you generously awarded me as well as the continued support the congregation has shown me. I'm very fortunate to have a congregation that cares this much about me while I'm off at college.

Thank you sincerely,
Parker Jahns

Thank you to my Mt. Zion family for all the prayers, cards and well wishes.
Prayer is powerful!

Bless you all!
Jo-an Saathoff



Begins May 21

On May 21, we will be returning to our Summer Schedule & Worship Times

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 am

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 26 AND TUESDAY, MAY 30 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.

1ST GRADE BLESSING BOWL MILESTONE

On April 23, our 1st Grade Students blessed the Blessing bowls they created on April 22: Aubrey Flattum and Grace Romzek.



NETWORKS!

Youth Ministry for Youth – 6th – 12th Gr.

The NETworks 'after church extravaganza' will be happening on Sunday, May 21st!

If you're a student of NETworks age (grades 6-12) you can be picked up after church around 12 noon.

We will then participate in 'mystery' activities a la Moonlight Mystery Madness, and we will return to St. Paul's Episcopal Church by 5PM for you to be picked up!

If you're interested please look for a sign-up packet "coming soon" to a church near you!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Baccalaureate - May 28th - 7PM

Last Day of NETworks - June 7th

MISHPACK –

July Sunday July 9- Friday July 21 –

Boulder, CO.

Mishpack 2017 is up and on its way. We are working with the St. Vrain Habitat for Humanity and Restore programs.

During the second part of the trip, we will travel to Northern CO, and hike.

Registration is 125\$ and is due before or on June 7th. If you or someone you know is wanting to come with or needing more information, please fill out a registration packet or email Aaron at networksyouth@gmail.com Thanks!

THERE ARE SPONSORSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION CENTER IF YOU WISH TO HELP WITH THE COST OF OUR YOUTH AND THEIR MISSION TO HELP OTHERS.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



1 – Ed Dombrock
7 – Sandy Huppert
Jim Letourneau
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 – Logan Lockwood
23 – Jenny Neumann
24 – Kaitlyn Prawalsky
Brooke Dreier
Ian Flattum
25 – Eric Berg
Jacob Jungbauer
Cheryl Maser
26 – Betty Fyksen
Nickolas Pilarski
28 – Mary Stanton
29 – Scott Jahns
Todd Solberg
30 – Christine Jahns



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 3 – Jim & Linda Letourneau
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
May 30 – Mark & Robin Arneson



BAPTIZED IN MAY

May 1 – Donna Revoir
Beverly Schletz
Lucy Stanton
Stella Stanton

May 4 – Henry Gigure
Jacob Jungbauer
Rosie Nelson
May 5 – Vincent Nitti
May 6 – Carl Sandberg
Cali Steingraber
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 29 – Hugo Melzer
May 30 – Lee Halberg

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





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Milestone Coordinator ~ MaryKay
Mahler

Organist ~ Deb Tonsager
Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir
~MaryKay Mahler

Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

Kid's Club Coordinator ~ Amanda
Stojan

President ~ Aaron Adams
Custodian: Gary Johnson

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

MAY 7

Bishop Hoyme will be here
8:15 am Worship w/ Communion
9:20 am Sunday School Last Day
Celebration
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion
Baptism of Claire Hoier

MAY 14

Mother's Day
8:15 am Worship w/ Communion
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

MAY 21

9:00 pm Worship w/ Communion
Spring Music Ministry Service
Sr. Blanket Milestone

MAY 28

9:00 pm Worship w/ Communion
Baptism of Olivia Lockwood