



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

May 2018 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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 to Deb, Craig and Mary Kay! Thank you also to our custodian, Gary, and our Kids' 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 who directed and Kristen Johnson for volunteering to be the narrator. 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.

Thank you to the Altar Guild for the extra time and energy you all put in.

Thank you to our Habitat team for putting on an amazing Easter Breakfast (We served over 120 people!!). 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

thank you

YOUTH & MILESTONES

HIGH SCHOOL MUFFIN BUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 6 – END OF YEAR PARTY!

9:15am

Not Justa Cafe in New Richmond

Meet at 9:15 at church. RSVP to Karen Gigure if you are planning on attending and/or bringing a friend



1ST GRADE BLESSING BOWLS

Sunday, May 6 10:30 Service

On May 6, the 1st Graders will be given their Blessing Bowls

during the 10:30 am service.

Making of the Blessing Bowls will take place on Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall with a parent. [You will need to attend Saturday to receive your bowl on Sunday.]

Sophia Adams, Cariana Hurt, Jackson Lockwood, Wyatt Matzek, Liam Mulfort, Sven O'Connell Beard, Kasen Schletz, Lydia Spence, Nadia Yarrington & Olivia Yarrington



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

SAINTS GAME

Sunday, June 10

5:00 pm

\$14/person

*Sign up by May 13 with Pastor

VALLEYFAIR

Saturday, July 21

ALL DAY

\$30/person

Let Pastor know if you are interested.

MINI MISSION TRIP

Students finishing 8-12 Grade this year (2018)

July 31-Aug. 2

Information and signup sheets were mailed out in March. If you need one or would like one for a friend, pick them up at the information center or send Anna a request and she can email you one.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

When: Sunday, May 6

Where: Lower level

What: A celebration to end a great year of Sunday school!

Please bring your family and friends! We're having a party! Piñata, carnival games, food, prizes and oh yea, we almost forgot - throw a pie in the Pastor Erin's face to raise money for VBS!

You won't want to miss the fun!



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

OUTREACH



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION TRIP NEWS

Plans are well under way for the 2018 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 Barron, Wisconsin area this year. We will be leaving the afternoon of Sunday, June 24 and working at building a new home for a family in need. We will return home on Friday, June 29 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 or Robin Arneson. Or you can attend our next meeting on Sunday, May 20 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 Thursday, June 7 in the west lot – all ages are welcome to come and help!

UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday, May 9 – Fundraiser at Bayport BBQ 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.

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

Sunday, May 20 – 10:30 Planning meeting

Thursday, June 7 – 5:00 pm in the West Parking lot of the Church

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

A special Thank you to Pizza Hut and to those who attended the Pizza Hut Fundraiser. \$687.66 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 120 people and raised \$755.50. 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 support us and our mission.



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

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MEN OF MT. ZION

Our May meeting will be
Saturday, May 12

8:30 – 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited! We would be happy to have you join us for breakfast and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please see Jim Letourneau



HUDSON AREA LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE

The 26th annual Letter Carriers'

Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on **Saturday, May 12.**

Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 12, 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.

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Please join us at Church in the Fellowship

Hall from 9-10:30 on Thursday, May 3 for updates on programming, discussion on how we can 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 if you would like more information.

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

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN UPDATE

Together we feed 53,568 people who were hungry



We had 50+ Members and Friends gather together in Egan, MN on April 7 to pack meals for the Starving Children of the World.

Together they packed
248 Boxes
(248 Boxes of Food will feed 146 Kids for a YEAR!)
GOD IS GOOD!



With our Gift of \$131.50, we ensured that an additional 597 Meals will reach those in need!

Our next Feed My Starving Children date will be
Sat. Nov. 3 11:30a – 1:30p.

"He *upholds* the cause of the oppressed and *gives food* to the hungry."

Psalms 146:7

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OUR MISSION & PURPOSE

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, May 1 *SPRING TEA*

7:01 pm

Hosted by Katie J.

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, May 10 *Hosted by Sally N.

9:15 am at Church

WELCA TREASURER

We send out a big thank you to Barb Walczak who has offered to take over the treasurer job for Mt. Zion's WELCA. Thank you to Carol Kriegl, who has been the WELCA treasurer for many years.



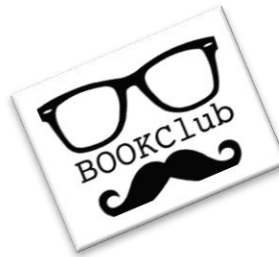
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 21

Noon – 6:00 pm

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

To help with the event or if you need help scheduling an appointment time, please contact Anna Peterson at 715-386-5409 for more information.



MT. ZION BOOK CLUB

May Book "The Martian"

By Andy Weir

Monday, May 14

June Book "Into the Beautiful North"

By Luis Alberto Urrea

Monday, June 11

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



MAY OUTREACH

DRIVE

TURNINGPOINT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- Hygiene Supplies (new and unopened only)
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Body wash
- Diapers (especially sizes 4 and 5)
- Deodorant
- Hair conditioner
- Liquid hand soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Body and hand lotion
- Kleenex
- Razors and shaving cream
- Tampons (regular) and pads
- Toothpaste and mouthwash

All donations can be placed in the WHITE Laundry Basket by the Information Center.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:15 & 10:30 am Worship

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY
1ST GRADE MILESTONE – BLESSING BOWLS
LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, MAY 13

9:00 am Worship

***ONE SERVICE STARTS THIS WEEK**

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY
YOUTH SUNDAY



We will also be presenting our Graduating Seniors, Jack Flattum, Laura Gerdts, Cameron Jahns, Sierra Keyes & Henry Okerlund with their Blankets during worship.

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

Bake Off



THE 4th ANNUAL MT. ZION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BAKE-OFF

This is your time to shine!

We are asking you to bring a dessert of your choice for fellowship on May 13.

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 at church/email Anna or Pastor/call the church at (715) 386-5409

SUNDAY, MAY 20

9:00 am Worship

MUSIC MINISTRY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 20 Mt. Zion's Music Ministry will present their annual Music Ministry Celebration Sunday.

Make sure to take a moment and offer a word of thanks to all 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

SUNDAY, MAY 27

9:00 am Worship

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

We are looking for members who would like to join one of our Hospitality teams as: Ushers, Greeters, Readers or Communion Helpers (We especially need people willing to help at the 10:30 worships, roughly once every other month).



SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 13

On May 13, we will be returning to our Summer Schedule & Worship Times

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am – Worship w/Communion
10:00 am - Fellowship

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Church Office will be open
Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Church is **CLOSED** on Fridays
Office will be closed – May 28 & 29

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY



“THE LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY”

What is it?

<http://nswi.org/lay-school-of-ministry>

I attended a synod workshop in March about “The Lay School of Ministry.” I decided to sign up for the 2-year program starting in September. I would love to have someone else attend with me as well. Read on for more information.

(Pastor Erin can answer questions, too.)

Judy Meincke

The Lay School of Ministry (LSM) is an educational ministry of our own NW Synod of WI (ELCA), which assists lay people to a deeper Christian identity and participation in the mission of the whole church.

The curriculum and educational objectives of the Lay School of Ministry emphasize the baptismal vocation of all Christians. Courses are designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, Worship, Spirituality, Christian History and Lutheran Theology.

This is a 2-year program that begins each September. It is a pioneering effort of our NW Synod of Wisconsin Synod which began in 1993.

Sessions are held:

- Friday evening and Saturday morning on the 2nd Saturday, Sept-May, for 2 years.
- Location: Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls

The faculty members work with “students” in the following areas: Old and New Testament studies, Systematic Theology, the creeds and confessions of the church; worship, the ministry of all the baptized and the mission of the Church.

If you are curious to know more about cost and requirements, check out the detailed information on the synod website (at the top of this article) or talk to Pastor Erin.



Dear Mt. Zion congregation,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I appreciate the love and support that I have received from all of you over the years. I hope to continue to have a great

college experience and go on to do things to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,
Parker Jahns

With Sincere Thanks –

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the Mt. Zion Youth Grant. I appreciate it greatly, and it will help greatly with school.

Isabel Nemitz

REPORTS ON THE PASSION PLAY

On Sunday I went to church and there was a passion play. First, I walked down the aisle to the front. The pastor told us a sermon. Then gave us a bag with eggs inside. The eggs have little papers inside that tell a story. Finally, it was time for the passion play. I was a bad guy. It was about when Jesus died on the cross. I was very sad. I learned that it is Holy Week. I was happy. The play was long. In a few weeks we will write a sermon. I love church.

By Nadia Yarrington

Today there is going to be a passion play at church. I am the woman at the gate. Nadia is Caiaphas. We are both bad guys. All the people there have to yell at him. We all have to yell “Away with Him!” I am so excited for the passion play. I am supposed to guard the gate. Caiaphas struck him.

By Olivia Yarrington

HERE AND THERE

JAPAN & THAILAND MISSION UPDATE

Dear friends and family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our mission trip to Japan and Thailand. We had an amazing time in Asia, and The Lord used us and spoke to us in many ways.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We would not have been able to go without you.

Below are a few highlights and pictures from the trip:

THE JESUS MARCH

- Matsumoto, Japan



Because it's winter in Japan, it's difficult to do ministry outside. There weren't many public places besides a few shopping malls, and people don't spend too much time outside because of the cold.

But the church in Matsumoto that we stayed with started doing something called a "Jesus March." We created signs that say things like "Jesus Loves You" and "We Serve a Powerful God" in Japanese. We also printed fliers to hand out for our outreach events.

We spent hours, walking around the busy part of town holding our signs, singing, dancing, etc. Many people saw us, and we got a lot of positive responses.

The church has many stories of how people have arrived at the church due to these marches, so we pray that God used our efforts to reach Japanese people.

TRAINING AND TEACHING

- Shiojiri, Japan

During our time in Japan, our main priority was to spend time with the churches and help them in any way they needed. One of those ways was to offer them trainings and seminars.

We held various sessions on everything from biblical discipleship to honoring God in your marriage.

Below you'll see me (James) sharing the word during a youth service and Ana sharing a testimony of how God changed her life.



JAPAN & THAILAND MISSION UPDATE

Continued

OUTREACH EVENTS



- Shiojiri, Japan

On top of the trainings we did, we also held open events where we invited people from the community to join us for a fun event, which gave us an opportunity to share Christ with them and explain why we were there.

During our final days in Japan, we held our very own "Culture Night." People from 7 different countries shared about their culture and shared typical foods.

I (James) emceed the night, and Ana shared about Uruguayan culture.

At the end of the night, **we shared how Jesus unites the nations**, and that though we come from different backgrounds, we were all created to know Him.

PAKISTANI CHRISTIAN REFUGEES

- Bangkok, Thailand

In Thailand, one of the main things we did was to spend time with refugees, to encourage them and to help them with anything they needed.

Many Christians who face persecution in Muslim countries come to Thailand, but most of them run into trouble later as it's difficult to get legal status.

We spent time with a few of the Christian ministries that help refugees, and we were able to visit an underground church and worship with them.

We even were able to go to the jail and visit undocumented Christian refugees, and we were able to pray for them and bring them food.

Meeting these people was an incredible, eye-opening experience.

Below is a picture of some of the refugee children who attend a Christian school run by missionaries from the Philippines.

We spent a lot of time with one family, encouraging them with the bible, and praying with them. None of them are in Thailand legally, so they essentially must hide. This family of 5 was living in a one-room apartment, where they all basically share a bed. They fled Pakistan when their house was literally set on fire by radical Muslims.

Yet we were so encouraged by their faith. Their 14-year old daughter said this to us:

"BACK IN PAKISTAN WE HAD A NICE HOUSE AND MULTIPLE CARS, WE LIVED A GOOD LIFE. BUT LIFE IS BETTER NOW, EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE MUCH, BECAUSE WE CAN PRAISE THE LORD FREELY."

Please continue to pray for them, that they would find a permanent place to live

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

During our time in Thailand, we had contact with nearly 50 refugee families. Unfortunately, while they wait for their legal immigrant status, it's illegal for them to work.

If you'd like to help support these refugee families, you can [give via PayPal](#) to this email: elijahmjuarez777@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR MAY/JUNE

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:15 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau

Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau

Greeters: David & Deb Miller

Reader: Mary Ellefson

Communion: Mark Arneson

Acolyte: Kaitlin Prawalsky

Fellowship: Anna Peterson

10:30 am – Hospitality Lead: Olive Olson

Ushers: Scott & Christine Jahns

Greeters: Paul & MaryKay Mahler

Reader: Karen McConville

Communion: MaryKay Mahler

Acolyte: Avery Anderson

SUNDAY, MAY 13

9:00 am YOUTH SUNDAY Lead: OPEN

Ushers: Emily & Noah Gerdts

Greeters: Sven O'Connell Beard, Lillie Prawalsky, Elsie Ahrens, Theo Ahrens, Lillian Ahrens, Sully Nelson, Milly Jungbauer

Readers: Kaitlyn Sanders & Arabella Campana

Offering Helpers: Emily Melzer & Sully Nelson

Communion: Laura Gerdts, Kaitlyn Sanders,

Abigail Romzek & Lily Romzek

Basket Holder During Communion:

Lucy Adams & Sophia Adams

Acolyte: Art Okerlund

Assisting the Minister: Olivia & Nadia Yarrington; Ellie & Sam Johnson, Claire Hoier, Ella Adams, Rosemary Nelson, Anna Runck, Kaitlyn Sanders, Izzi Oswald

Fellowship: Grace Romzek, Lily Romzek, Abigail Romzek

Special Music: TBA

SUNDAY, MAY 20

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Ushers: Dennis & Cindy Saathoff

Greeters: Andrea Goetz, Danny & David Brown

Reader: Ellie Johnson

Communion: Tara Sanders

Acolyte: David Brown

Fellowship: VBS Bake-Off

SUNDAY, MAY 27

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

Ushers: Einar & Mic Hanson

Greeters: Lucy Larson & Donna Revoir

Reader: Deb Tonsager

Communion: Andrea Dreier

Acolyte: Nils Dreier

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

Ushers: Mike & Linda Yde

Greeters: Bev Schletz & OPEN

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: OPEN

Acolyte: Lily Romzek

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier

Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff

Greeters: Mitch & Rosemary Nelson

Reader: Claire Hoier

Communion: Floyd Foslien

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Sanders

Fellowship: OPEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 *Habitat Sending

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Ushers: Jim & Nicole Gelina

Greeters: Gary & Deb Hauschildt

Reader: Nicole Gelina

Communion: Sofia Gigue

Acolyte: Avery Anderson

Fellowship: Anna Peterson

CELEBRATING MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

May 1 – Ed Dombrock
May 7 – Sandy Huppert
Jim Letourneau
May 8 – Oskar Poling

May 11 – Earl Monson, Gracie Romzek
Lydia Saathoff & Michael Schletz
May 12 – Ailee Neumann
May 14 – Cameron Jahns
May 16 – Kara Hoier, Bernie Huppert &
Lauren Steinhoff
May 17 – Jamie Johnson
May 18 – Avery Anderson
May 19 – Riley Becker
May 22 – Logan Lockwood
May 23 – Jenny Neumann
May 24 – Kaitlyn Prawalsky, Brooke Dreier &
Ian Flattum
May 25 – Eric Berg, Jacob Jungbauer &
Cheryl Maser
May 26 – Nickolas Pilarski
May 28 – Mary Stanton
May 29 – Scott Jahns & Todd Solberg
May 30 – Christine Jahns



MARRIED IN MAY

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 &
Rosemary Nelson
May 5 – Vincent Nitti
May 6 – Carl Sandberg, Cali Steingraber &
Wyatt Wilcoxson
May 7 – Claire Hoier
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 28 – Olivia Lockwood
May 29 – Hugo Melzer
May 30 – Lee Halberg



UPCOMING MAY MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS!

Sunday, May 6

1st Grade Blessing Bowls (10:30 am service)

Sunday, May 13

12th Grade – Senior Blankets (9:00 am)

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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Financial Secretary ~ Joan Christopher

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

Council President ~ Paula Saunders