

November 2019

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hello, dear people of Mt. Zion!

Some of you have asked recently where these wild Gospel readings are coming from!! I am definitely not picking them, so I thought I'd take a moment to tell you how they were chosen, and why we're using them.

For the readings in our worship services, I am following what's called the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is a rotating, three-year cycle of readings, with one gospel highlighted in each year - Year A is Matthew, Year B is Mark, Year C is Luke (and John is thrown in here and there throughout each of the three years, poor John!). We work through the gospel from beginning to end over the course of its year, and supporting readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Psalms are assigned for each week as well.

Some form of lectionary has been around since ancient times, and the practice of specific readings on specific days seems to be inherited from our Jewish forebears. The first Christian lectionary that was written down is thought to have come from a French bishop in the fifth century. The RCL, as we know it now, was created from a predecessor lectionary by leaders of most mainline Christian churches in North America and Europe in the 1980s and has been standardized in its current form since 1994.

The RCL is followed by a wide range of Christian churches around the world, including the Roman Catholic Church, most mainline Lutheran churches, Anglican and Presbyterian traditions, and many others. This is why the RCL is special and important - reading the same texts and worshipping the same living God as our Christian siblings around the world lifts us up as a whole body of Christ. We are in fellowship with this powerful communion of saints, and having the living Word revealed to us all, in various times and places, helps us to lift up God's kingdom throughout our created world. Since I don't pick the texts, the work of the Spirit is highlighted in the way she works through them.

That communion of churches globally is important to remember for several reasons. We have so much more in common with our global Christian siblings than we do in difference. We are even reading the same Scripture as them as we worship every week! And as we head into our November events, with the Chili Feed to support Second Mile Haiti, our support of World Hunger initiatives, and even our backpack, Basics for Local Kids, Food Shelf support, and other local ministries, we know that the faithful people we serve near and far are also being fed by the same spiritual food that we are, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The texts also remind us that while we can certainly always find comfort in God's presence and in the living Word revealed to us, a life of faith is oftentimes challenging too. None of us are without our own challenges, questions, and struggles, and these texts remind us that not everything is easy and peaceful. Jesus did not shy away from naming these challenges and provided parables to help teach us. The important thing to remember is that no matter what challenge, struggle, or joy we may be facing, God is always with us. We can lean on the power and strength of the risen Christ and his unending grace to help us through whatever we face. And we are all together one body of Christ in this world, called to serve and care for one another in community, and joined by our humanity and the God who created us. Thanks be to God!

Peace be with you,
Pr. Carolyn

**CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET
MEETING
November 17
9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**

REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS



STUFF-A-TRUCK OCTOBER 21 – NOVEMBER 1

The Hudson Area Food Cupboard will be conducting a food drive from October 21 – November 1.

Donation boxes are available at County Market, Family Fresh, all the local schools (County Market tote boxes are in classrooms) and Mt. Zion commons area.

Top 10 Items needed

1. Coffee
2. Mayo/Miracle Whip
3. Kleenex
4. Gravy
5. Jell-O
6. Peanut Butter
7. Toilet Paper
8. Paper Towels
9. Hot Chocolate
10. Canned Fruit



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Family Traditions

Food, Faith & Family

As many of you know, November is Mt. Zion's month to man the **ST. CROIX VALLEY FOOD SHELF**. We, as a church family, have taken on the responsibility for volunteering to operate the Food Shelf, and many members step forward to make this possible! Our Giving does NOT stop there.

STUFF-A-TRUCK

From Oct. 21 - Nov. 1, the Hudson Community takes donations for the Food Shelf and delivers them to St. Pat's Church. On November 1, Mt. Zion will send MANY hands to help unload and organize the donations our community graciously donates.

CHILI COOK-OFF

On November 6, Mt. Zion will host its fifth Chili Cook-off during the Wednesday Evening Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The goodwill donation will be taken, and money raised will be donated to 2nd Mile Haiti

BACKPACK MINISTRY

On Wednesday, November 6, our Backpack Ministry will be delivering backpacks to E.P. ROCK. The food in the backpacks is distributed that weekend to families in need in the Hudson community. With the redistricting of the school, Mt. Zion doesn't need to fill as many as in the past, but the need is still great!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men of Mt. Zion will gather on November 9 and share a meal and fellowship together. Please feel free to come – the doors are always open!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A group of 40 people representing Mt. Zion will be going to Eagan, MN on November 9 to pack food that will be delivered all around the world, feeding God's Children who might otherwise go without.

THANKSGIVING IS NOVEMBER 28

As you prepare for your family gathering, look within your community and see if there is someone you could invite who otherwise would be alone this holiday. Consider bringing a warm meal to a special neighbor.

This month we encourage you to look more closely at some of the ways our congregation reaches out to FEED others. As a family, discuss these traditions, and how you can get involved. Mt. Zion helps us feed one another, body and soul.



CHILI COOK-OFF/SILENT AUCTION/BROWNIE BAKE-OFF *Supporting 2nd Mile Haiti* **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Mt. Zion will host its

7th CHILI COOK-OFF during the Wednesday Evening Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Cost: A Good Will Donation will be taken.

Money raised at the chili cook-off, basket Auction and brownie bake-off will go to 2nd Mile Haiti.

WE will also be offering Jewelry and a unique Christmas ornament for 2019!



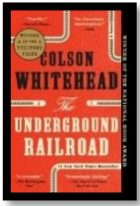
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**Saturday, November 9 from 11:30a – 1:30p
Eagan, MN**

A group of 40 adults and youth from Mt. Zion will be heading to Eagan on Saturday, November 9 from 11:30a -1:30p to pack meals to be shipped to starving children all over the world! If you would like to join the group – please sign up at church or contact Anna Peterson and reserve your spot today.

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES and HAPPENINGS



BOOK CLUB BOOK FOR NOVEMBER **The Underground Railroad** By Colson Whitehead

Thursday, November 7
6:00 at Hudson Bagel

December's Book is **Becoming** by Michelle Obama

PRAYER SHAWLS AND QUILTS FOR THOSE IN NEED OF COMFORT

Prayer shawls and quilts are available for those in need. If you know someone in need of one – please let Pastor Carolyn know.

NEEDED

It's that time of year when we look to restock our Kleenex supply. If you would help stock our "TISSUE SHELF" please feel free to drop your donations of in the Workroom whenever is convenient for you.

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

Wednesday, November 13 7:00 pm
At the home of Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, November 14 9:15 am
At the Church
Hosted by Sally Nuebel

HOPE CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 19 1:30 pm
At the Home of June McLaughlin



THE POWER OF PRAYER

The purpose of this ministry is to provide a means for those with an immediate or pressing concern to engage fellow Christians in corporate prayer for their situation.

We invite your requests for prayers ... for yourself ... for your family ... for your friends. Your prayer requests can be for times of concern, times of celebration, times of thanksgiving, or anything you wish.

You can call our Prayer Chain Coordinator: Joyce Johnson or contact the church office by email or phone.

We welcome you to join our prayer chain so you can pray for the requests that we receive. We have two active prayer chains: A phone chain and an email chain.

Please see Joyce Johnson or Anna Peterson if you are interested in learning more.

"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24



MEN'S GROUP Saturday, November 9

Mt. Zion's Men's group meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 - 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

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

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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS



“PICK ME UPS”

We will be doing things a little differently this year. This year we will have boxes available for you to fill. You won't know which College-Age Student you are sending to, but you will

know if it is a BOY or a GIRL.

Idea sheets will be in each box, but these will just be IDEAS! You can pick and choose what you wish to send!

If you would like one of these boxes, please contact Anna Peterson, Robin Arneson or call the church at (715) 386-5409.

Mt. Zion has 13 College-Age Youth [6 Girls and 7 Boys] so if you want to “team up” with another family to help fill a box for these special members that would be WONDERFUL!

They will also be available the beginning of November at worship and need to be returned by December 1, 2020.



7th grade TOOLBOX MILESTONE

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 6**
6:00 pm

Gather for the Wednesday Night Meal

5:30 pm

Milestone Event – Lower Level Classroom

The youth will meet with their parents and mentors to build their “TOOLBOXES” and learn how we can take that “TOOLBOX” into the community to help others.

*If we have missed your child's name, please contact the church office.

A Milestone celebration will be held on **Sunday, November 17.** At this time, the toolboxes made by the 7th grade students will be dedicated for use. Please join us in celebrating with

Derek Bogusz, Luke Bogusz, David Brown, Nils Dreier, Ian Flattum, Hunter Oswald & Kaitlyn Sanders and their families on this day. Keep them in your prayers as they add to their “spiritual toolboxes” during their confirmation journey.



WRAP IT UP AND COOKIE DECORATING MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT!

Christmas is a busy time of year! This Holiday season let our own Mt. Zion Middle School help you wrap your gifts!

Simply sign up for a time slot, drop your gifts off at church, and pick your gifts up the same day!

WRAPPED AND READY TO GO!

If you have special paper, boxes or bows you would like used- please provide at the time you drop your gifts off. Please be sure to clearly label who each gift is for and who it is from - so they are packaged correctly.

This event will be held at church on
Saturday, December 15!

NOTE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH:

Middle school! Please sign up to help with this event! You will earn a service point for confirmation for your hard work!

You will also be decorating Christmas cookies for fellowship the next day!

It will be a Holly Jolly Time! You won't want to miss it!



FALL FAMILY EVENT!

You are invited to a family fun event!

Who: All are invited! Invite your friends!

What: Hayride at the Dombrocks'

When: Saturday November 2.

Meet at the Dombrocks' land at 2pm. *St. Croix Falls
Dress for the weather.

Come and enjoy the Fall with food, friends, family and a hayride!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

New Members W·E·L·C·O·M·E

Zack & Marial, Alice, Thomas & Autumn Coulter
Jim, Jeanna & Jimmy Hayes
Bryan, Jackie & Sydney Thorson
Pastor Carolyn Staats



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Stewardship and Capital Campaign pledge cards and materials were made available on Sunday, October 20 and mailed out to those who were not at church.

We are asking members to return your pledge cards by Sunday, November 3. Please seal your pledge cards in the envelope provided in the packet and place them in the offering plate at services or you can mail them to Mt. Zion in the envelope provided.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LOGO



As many of you know, Judi Klingsick, at the request of the Capital Campaign committee, was asked to design our campaign logo. Judi was kind enough to explain her thoughts on the logo design:

Each week in worship, we gather around Word and Sacraments to celebrate the life-giving love of our Savior Jesus Christ. And after the meal, we are sent into the world to share that love through prayer and acts of mercy, forgiveness, grace, welcome and hospitality. Gathered & sent, gathered & sent ... the church — that's us! — is always on the move, always on a journey — walking a path to the cross for strength and support, and walking out from the cross with overflowing hearts of love, empowered to support each other and our neighbors, near and far.

The logo design's curves and diagonals suggest movement and energy. The campaign's tagline fuels that movement — our faith, gifted at baptism, affirmed with the sign of the cross made on our forehead and nurtured in the fellowship of congregational life; our foundation, built and supported by Word and Sacraments, prayer and study; and our future, blessed by the ever-present, radiating love and light of Christ. The design's colors are bright, joyful, and optimistic; the cross stands boldly at the center of our mission and ministry. And throughout our journey together at Mt. Zion—with sun rising or sun setting, in walking to the cross or from the cross—always, always we walk in the light of Christ and reflect that loving light into the lives of others—the journey continues!



YOUTH GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

*Please go to the Mt. Zion
webpage and download your
application.*

<http://www.mtzionhudson.com/youth/grants.html>

The Post-Secondary Education Grant Committee will be accepting applications from now until December 29, 2019 at 9:00 am

If you have completed one term/semester of Post High School Education and have enrolled in the 2020 Spring term, you are eligible.

Mail completed form to:

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church c/o Youth Grant
505 13th St. S Hudson, WI 54016
or drop it off at church before the
December 29, 2019 deadline



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - Saturday morning Christmas program practice!! 10am -11am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!
During Sunday school hour.
Please dress nicely! Invite your friends and family!

We are making an iMovie this year for our Christmas program! Our middle school students will be filming the scenes throughout October and the November (before the snow comes!) If your child would like to be in the movie - please try to be at Sunday school over the next few weeks! So that they can have a part in the movie!

Throughout November the children will be learning Christmas songs to sing during the Christmas program as well!

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON
DECEMBER 15, 22, 29**

Classes resume on Sunday January 5!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie Adams.



HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

TIME: 11:30 am

Meet in the Commons area at Church!

We will be *"Decking the Halls"* at Mt. Zion for our Christmas celebrations.

All ages are welcome!
There is something for EVERYONE to do!



4th – 6th Grade Bible late night!
October 18, 2019



Annual Fall Youth Painting Party
October 19, 2019
GREAT JOB EVERYONE!



2-year old Prayer Bear Blessing October 6, 2019



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1 – Alex Arneson
 November 1 – Bill Olson
 November 1 – Linda Yde
 November 3 – Evan Page
 November 5 – Jim Hallen
 November 5 – Milly Jungbauer
 November 5 – Hunter Oswald
 November 6 – Gene Stahnke
 November 7 – Nora Beard O'Connell
 November 7 – Sabrina Keyes
 November 9 – Keelan Tepper - Engh
 November 10 – Cindy Beckman
 November 10 – Jon Walczak
 November 11 – Jonathan Jahubek
 November 11 – Lucy Larson
 November 11 – Chelsea Spreeman
 November 12 – Mary Ellefson
 November 14 – Anna Runck
 November 14 – Aiden Tepper-Engh
 November 15 – Kevin Anderson
 November 15 – Nova Griffin
 November 15 – Jack Johnson
 November 15 – Mark McConville
 November 18 – Lillian Ahren
 November 18 – Dan Hallen
 November 19 – Nathan Becker
 November 20 – David Brown
 November 21 – Audrey Miller
 November 21 – Jake Walczak
 November 23 – Peter Beard
 November 23 – Hank Matzek
 November 24 – Nancy Weeks
 November 25 – Jackie Anderson
 November 25 – Madilyn Jahubek
 November 25 – Scott Pechacek
 November 27 – Mark Arneson
 November 27 – Paul Dombrock
 November 27 – Jessica Hines
 November 27 – Kelsie Hines
 November 27 – Terry Teschner
 November 29 – Erin Prawalsky
 November 30 – Sarah Schletz



BAPTIZED IN NOVEMBER

November 3 – Michaela Arneson
 November 3 – Don Kriegl
 November 4 – Debra Miller
 November 7 – Travis Bungum

November 10 – Florence Hopp
 November 10 – Levi Lockwood
 November 11 – Andrew Stanek
 November 12 – David McLaughlin
 November 12 – Hunter Oswald
 November 13 – Alex Meincke
 November 15 – Nova Griffin
 November 16 – Cory Spence
 November 17 – Alyssa Tonsager
 November 20 – Kathy Halberg
 November 24 – June McLaughlin
 November 27 – Andrea Dreier
 November 27 – Sandra Gillis
 November 27 – Linda Yde
 November 28 – Aiden Tepper-Engh
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MARRIED IN NOVEMBER

November 9 – Scott & Christine Jahns
 November 12 – Martin & Diane Halvorsen
 November 25 – Ken & Rose Holman
 November 26 – Dave & Jackie Anderson
 November 28 – Dennis & Dusty O'Connell

If we have missed your milestone, or have incorrect information, please contact the church office.

NOVEMBER HOSPITALITY TEAMS

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

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:15 Lead: Nicole Gelina
Ushers: Jim and Linda Letourneau
Greeters: Mary Ellefson and Sandy Huppert
Reader: Mary Ellefson
Communion: Robin Arneson
Acolyte: Hunter Oswald

Fellowship: Erin Prawalsky

10:30 Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Mary Stanton, Deb Sanders
Greeters: Andrea Goetz and sons
Donna Revoir
Reader: Karen McConville
Communion: Florence Hopp
Acolyte: Ian Flattum
Fellowship:

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:15 Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Harley and Joan Saathoff
Greeters: Jim and Sonja Johnson
Reader: Jim Eral
Communion: Floyd Foslien
Acolyte: Isabelle Oswald

Fellowship: Sandy Huppert

10:30 Lead: Scott and Sandy Johnson
Ushers: Earl Monson, Colin McConville
Greeters: Adams Family
Reader: Dana Okerlund
Communion: Paula Saunders
Acolyte: Art Okerlund

Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:15 Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Einar and Mic Hanson
Greeters: Katie Jones, Lola Scott
Dennis and Kathy Opland
Reader: Kristen Johnson
Communion: Nicole Gelina
Acolyte: Lily Romzek

Fellowship: Karen McConville

10:30 Lead: Olive Olson
Ushers: Mark and Paula Saunders
Greeters: Lori Rayome and Florence Hopp
Reader: Barb Walczak
Communion: Paula Saunders
Acolyte: Anna Runck

Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:15 Lead: Jim and Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Scott and Sandy Johnson
Greeters: Mike and Linda Yde
Reader: Randy Prawalsky
Communion: Katie Jones
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Sanders

Fellowship: Linda Yde

10:30 Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier
Greeters: Beverly Schletz
Reader: Paul Melzer
Communion: Mary Stanton
Acolyte: Nils Dreier

- THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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