

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I studied at the Tumaini University Seminary in Iringa, Tanzania, the other American students and I joked that there was "American Time" and "African Time". In our country everything runs on timed schedules. We have a set time we start school or work. We make appointments to see doctors and dentists and if either side is late, someone is crabby! Our football games start at an appointed time, our trains and planes and buses run at appointed times and certainly church starts at a certain time!

The culture in Africa is different. Relationships are valued over schedules. In Africa, if you are on your way to meet with someone and meet another friend in need, well, of course you will stop and talk! In my classes students would trickle in slowly and start to talk about the subject at hand. There was no real start to class, just a slow, organic beginning. The rhythm of life in Tanzania was slower, unhurried, and unconcerned with the productivity that rules America. Instead, I found that the folks I met were concerned with each other's hearts and minds and families.



I found some of the biggest differences in church services. If church is supposed to start at 10am—it might start at 9:15 or it might start at 12:30. Church starts whenever everyone gets there! And church services don't last an hour! They last until they are done! In Tanzania I attended a 30-minute service, 2 hour services, a 4-hour service and on one memorable occasion, an 11-hour service. That service was an ordination that started at noon. At 7pm the Bishop sent everyone home and told us to come back the next morning for the service to finish up!

Every Capital Campaign for our congregation's new addition has been about timing.

Our first campaign was "It's Time", our next was "Time to Prosper" and our new campaign, kicking off this fall is "The Time is Now! Investing in faith... family...future". Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that "there is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven." When our congregation decided to build the new addition it was because it was finally time, after long last, to have a functional building that could welcome all.

When our congregation began our last campaign it was time to rejoice the many ways the new building and the work of the congregation allowed the church to prosper. And today, it's time to look to the future.

We choose the theme "The Time is Now! Investing in faith... family...future" to remind our congregation when we invest in Mt. Zion we are investing in the future of faith, the future of our children and the future of the amazing work Mt. Zion does in the community and the world on God's behalf. We are reminding ourselves of how important the gospel message is and how if we want our church to remain strong, we need to work together.

We hope that you are as excited as we are for this November drive and agree that the time is now to support the future of lives of faith at Mt. Zion.

Thank You for Your Support!

This month we are kicking-off Mt. Zion's **The Time is Now - Investing in Our Faith...Family...Future** Capital Campaign and the Annual Stewardship Drive. As pledges and contributions are collected, Mt. Zion's leadership would like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers who participated in this important effort. We would also like to thank members who have made a gift and those who plan on giving. This campaign's purpose is to reduce the mortgage, as well as fund other initiatives, but more importantly to ensure that Mt. Zion has a strong future in welcoming all people to join us as we rejoice in God's blessings.

Updates will continue throughout the next couple of months. Thank you for your interest!

Blessings, Pastor Erin

OUTREACH



THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Luther Point, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

We were blessed with a glorious day for our 28th Annual Luther Point

Quilt and Craft Auction on Sunday, August 7. The silent auction, store and live auction items were well received by the participants that came to support the camp. We are extremely thankful to the donors and patrons who raised a preliminary total of \$15,662 for the camp, in the following categories:

- Live auction \$9,980
- Silent auction \$456
- Store \$431
- Refrigeration debt \$2070
- Swing Replacement \$2500
- Acoustic treatment for Shalom \$125

This vital fundraising event for the camp was a success because of giving, talent and thoughtful people like you. Through your efforts the spirit-filled joy that comes to those who experience Luther Point will be strengthened as the needs of the camp will be addressed.

Your generous donation realized \$200, and for this we are extremely grateful! Celebrating you, our meaningful summer and our mission "Forming Faith-Pointing to Christ."

Thank you for the donation of the beautiful rustic starburst quilt. It was a popular item in the auction. Your support of Luther Point is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

The Luther Point Bible Camp Auction Committee Diane Carlson, Chair Mark Peters, Executive Director

Dear Prayer Shawl Group,

I was honored to receive the lovely shawl you made especially for me. Thank you so much! The prayers are much needed and I am grateful that you thought of me, someone not even affiliated with your congregation! Again, Thank you! Sincerely,

Zandra Jezior Stillwater

NEEDED

It's that time of year 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.

STUFF A TRUCK FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 11:00 am – 3:00 pm



During the month of November, St. Croix Valley Area residents and businesses take donations for the Hudson Area Food Shelf and deliver them to St. Pat's on that day. Feel free to come any time during the drop-off time above to help!

Every month, the food shelf identifies some items that they are in need of, and they ask the managing church for donations – During the month of November there will be a brown laundry basket in the Commons to collect - **COFFEE & CLEANING SUPPLIES**



November 5 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm Eagan, MN

A group of 30 adults and youth from Mt. Zion will be heading to Eagan on Saturday, November 5 from 2:00-4:00pm 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.

secretary@mtzionhudson.com

CHILI COOK-OFF



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Mt. Zion will host its <u>4th CHILI COOK-OFF</u> during the Wednesday Evening Dinner in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 pm.

Come try that best Chili Mt. Zion has to offer and vote for YOUR FAVORITE!

A goodwill donation will be taken and money raised at the cook off and the silent auction will be donated to **MT. ZION SOLE TO SOUL (Relay For Life Team).**

The Relay Team will also have themed baskets for you to purchase tickets for a chance of winning one of them. Tickets will be for sale:

Sunday November 6 & 13

Wednesday, November 9

Drawings will be at 9:30 am in the Commons.

SIGN UP SOON... CABIN IN THE PINES Saturday, December 3 – 11:30 am



SPONSORED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL –

Tracy Berglund



Mt. Zion will have the opportunity to paint with Audrey Martin!

This event is for anyone 18 and over. The first 15 people to sign up be able to get the THRIVENT FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP. They have offered to pay \$25 of the \$45 cost! Your cost will be \$20.00!!!



As many of you know, November is Mt. Zion's month to work

the <u>ST. CROIX VALLEY FOOD SHELF.</u> We, as a church family, have taken on the responsibility for volunteering and operating the Food Shelf, and many members step forward to make this possible! Our giving does NOT stop there...

GRACE PLACE

The Youth of Mt. Zion (K-8th Grade) will meet on Sunday, October 30 and make the Monday night meal for Grace Place on <u>October 31</u>. Mt. Zion provides the evening meal to Grace Place in New Richmond the 5th Monday of every month.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

On Thursday, <u>November 3</u>, our Backpack Ministry will be delivering backpacks to E.P. ROCK. The food in the backpacks is distributed that week-end to families in need in the Hudson community. This year the need has risen to nearly 60 families per week.

STUFF A TRUCK

During the month of November, the Hudson Community takes donations for the Food Shelf and delivers them to St. Pat's Church. On <u>November 4</u>, Mt. Zion will send MANY hands to help unload and organize the donations our community graciously donates.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A group of 30 people representing Mt. Zion will be going to Eagan, MN on <u>November 5</u> to pack food that will be delivered all around the world, feeding God's Children who might otherwise go without.

CHILI COOK-OFF

On <u>November 9</u>, Mt. Zion will host its fourth Chili Cookoff during the Wednesday Evening Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The goodwill donation will be taken and money raised will be donated to Mt. Zion's Relay For Life Team!

THANKSGIVING IS NOVEMBER 24.

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.

OUTREACH

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH DURING WORSHIP, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING SOME OF THE WONDERFUL OUTREACH MINISTRIES MT. ZION IS A PART OF!

SECOND MILE HAITI

Second Mile Haiti began almost four years ago. Jen and Amy, young women with big hearts, went to Haiti at the time of the earthquake and worked in an orphanage. They returned to the US and felt called to return to Haiti to make a difference. With many Haitian children being placed in orphanages, Second Mile Haiti is committed to educating parents to be able to care for their children and keep families together. At Jen and Amy's request small quilts and cloth bags have been mailed to them since they opened. Additional items have been added over time. A small group of women have made over 300 quilts, 450 bags, 300 receiving blankets, 175 hats, 180 sweaters, and 400 toy bears. Harley has made over 100 wooden cars that are loved by the children. Jen and Amy have listened to the people and culture of Haiti and found a way to create a successful project in a very challenged part of the world. We are fortunate to be a part of this ministry.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry grew out of compassion for others and the love of knitting and crocheting. They are combined with a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as celebration & joy! Blessings are "prayed" into every stitch.

The shawls begin with prayers and blessings for the recipient. They are delivered with a special message for healing and comfort.

Anyone interested in creating prayer shawls can contact Karen McConville or Pastor Erin.

QUILTS

Every month, women of Mt. Zion gather together and make quilts for missions.

This year they donated a quilt to Luther Point for their Silent Auction and raised \$200 for LPBC.

Quilts were also given to Relay For Life & Habitat for Humanity.

In total – 73 quilts were made this year!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Simple Definition of fellowship

- : a friendly relationship among people
- the relationship of people who share interests or feelings

Every Sunday we have the wonderful opportunity of visiting with others over coffee, tea and a simple treat. This important time is made possible by volunteers who provide the treat. It is an easy, simple way to serve fellow members and guests.

Are you hesitant to volunteer? Here are a few points to know.

- Our great coffee machine is always ready with regular, decaf, and hot water. You don't have to make it!
- A treat should be simple, such as a mini muffin, cookie, maybe some cheese and crackers and/or fruit.
- How much to provide? Usually 6-7 dozen of something is enough.
- Napkins, cups, plates, silverware, cream, sugar, and tea are all available in the cabinets surrounding the coffee machine. You don't need to bring these!
- A basket is put on the serving table for donations. The proceeds can be used to help defray your costs or donated to a Mt. Zion project or group.
- You can sign up on the clipboard passed at church or on line at <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a48acaf</u> <u>23a13-summer</u>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I'd be happy to help you serve.

Kathy Opland

OUTREACH



RED CROSS

On October 7 Mt. Zion hosted the Red Cross with a Blood Drive.

I would like to thank Sandy Gillis, Linda Norelius, Laura Gerdts, Kylee Jungbauer, Tor Okerlund, Henry Okerlund & Art Okerlund for volunteering your time during the event!

Thank you to Erin Prawalsky and Laurie Johnson for providing cookies for the donors!

We were able to collect 10 pints of blood which will help up to 30 people. We did have 3 people that came and were unable to give at the time and there were some "no-shows" but over-all we had a successful drive. 1st Time donor recognition – Bill Peterson

Our next Blood Drive will be Friday, December 16.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Because of the difficulty in scheduling one day that works for everyone – we encourage those of you who would like to ring bells for the Salvation Army to visit their website and pick a day and time that works best for you or your family – please go to <u>http://www.ringbells.org/</u> and find the time that you like!!! Or you can call (715) 246-1222

BOOK CLUB BOOK FOR NOVEMBER

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks By Rebecca Skloot November, 6:00p Hudson Bagel



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A sewer who can finish the edges. *Can be done at home



2016 GIVING TREE

Please check out the Giving Tree for items for the Men spending Christmas at Exodus House in Hudson. Please watch for details to come

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES



CHRISTMAS BOX ITEMS Post High-School Youth

It's about time to get those "SHOEBOX ITEMS" ready to send to our special "MEMBERS" of the congregation in time for "<u>Study Breaks</u>" or <u>"Pick me ups"</u>

EVERYONE CAN GET INVOLVED!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE this year we will have boxes in the Commons (17 of them) that will say "BOY" or "GIRL" and ALL members for Mt. Zion are welcome to help fill them with anything you find fun, silly, entertaining or something that can be a keepsake. Each box is for one of our Post High School Students. There will be "idea" sheet in the Information Center to give you an idea of what we are looking for. You DO NOT have to buy the same thing for each box.

If you would like to purchase any of the items and return them to church before November 20, we will then separate the donated items between the 17 boxes and give to the person who is "in charge" of that particular youth.

We do need 17 people to be in charge of personalizing each box, meaning – you would be assigned a Girl or Boy (and would know which box was theirs) and placing a personal item or two in their box. To be one of these people – please see Anna Peterson (secretary@mtzionhudson.com) to let her know what youth you would like or if you would like a boy or girl.

Mt. Zion has 17 Post High School Youth [11 Girls and 6 Boys].

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 6, 13 & 20 9:20 -10:15 am in the lower level! No Sunday School on November 27

7th grade TOOLBOX MILESTONE



NOVEMBER 9

5:30 pm Gather for the Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Milestone Event

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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 13.</u>

At this time, the toolboxes made by the 7th grade students will be dedicated for use. Please join us in celebrating with

Avery Anderson Noah Flattum Abigail Romzek

and their families on this day. Keep them in your prayers as they add to their "spiritual toolboxes" during their confirmation journey.



6:00 – 6:30 pm Conversation and Meal in Fellowship Hall 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Confirmation Class

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES

DONUTS AND DISCUSSION

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH & FRIENDS!

Join us for donuts and discussion this fall during the Sunday school hour 9:20-10:15 am in lower level of the church.

There will be new exciting games, activities and discussions coming this fall including food!



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUFFIN BUNCH

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

We haven't forgotten about you! Muffin Bunch will continue this fall.

We will gather in the Commons at 9:10, and as a group, we will travel to Hudson Bagel for some Bonding and Bagels.

November 6 & 20



YOUTH GRANTS

Please go to the Mt. Zion webpage at <u>www.mtzionhudson.com</u> and download your application.

Applications are found under TRENDING.

http://www.mtzionhudson.com/trending.html

The deadline for applications is Sunday, December

<u>25</u> with recipients being presented their educational grants in late January 2017. If you need an extra copy, please pick one up in the Commons, or call the church office to have one mailed to you.



SAVE THE DATE December 3 10:00-11:00 am

The Youth of Mt. Zion will have the opportunity to paint with Audrey Martin – who has designed a Christmas Angel painting for Mt. Zion!!! All Mt. Zion grants are for persons currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program and are to be used to finance second term expenses in the year received. Selection criteria are outlined on the application form.

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 25, 2016 deadline

The Cost of the event will be \$18.

There are scholarships available for anyone who would like to attend!

And, as with every event at Mt. Zion, your friends are invited! Space is limited so reserve your spot today!



WANTED:

As you are getting ready to set up your Christmas decorations, please

set aside any ornaments that you no longer want. We continue to collect ornaments to give out to our Sunday School kids after the Christmas program either this year or next year. They can be placed on the piano downstairs. Thank you!



NETWORKS "NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER"

With all the new stuff happening in and around NETworks, we're planning an entire month of fun, to make sure you and your

friends experience a November to Remember. Each Wednesday night of November will follow the same schedule.

5:00-6:15 – Middle School AND High School large group Activity / Extravaganza

6:30 - Dinner 7:15 - Worship and Message 8:15 - 9:00 - Pick up / Hang out Time

Want to know what we're planning? You'll want to watch our new social media platform to see as we reveal different clues and activities in the coming days and weeks! Like us on Facebook (NETworks Youth Ministries Page), follow us on Twitter (@networksyouth), snapchat (@networksyouth), and Instagram (@networksyouth) - and join in on the fun.

**November 2nd and 9th we will meet at the Crossing Point (brown building on the corner of 3rd and Vine). **November 16th will include the annual NETworks Thanksgiving dinner, and the entire evening will happen at St. Paul's Episcopal. Please feel free to email <u>networksyouth@gmail.com</u> or call Aaron 715-386-1446, with any questions.



ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God,

living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape around us, the reading and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table, we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem

If you have a name you would like included on this list – please send the information to secretary@mtzionhudson.com.



HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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!

CARPETS HAVE BEEN CLEANED

On Friday, October 7 we had the carpets on the Main Level of the Church professional cleaned. If you or your child accidently spill something, we would appreciate you notifying someone as soon as you can to help us keep them looking nice as long as we can.

Special Thank you to those who moved all the items from the Commons and Fellowship Hall: Bill Peterson, Mitch Nelson, Arabella Campana, Karen McConville, Avery Anderson, Shanda Campana and Dave Anderson

And Thank you to the Saturday "put back in its place" crew:

Randy, Erin, Kaitlyn & Lillie Prawalsky David & Danny Brown and Andrea Goetz Jon Schneewind, Tim Dreier, Karen McConville

Dennis O'Connell and Jason Gigure – Property Chair and Co. Chair



Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at Faith Community Church in Hudson. Pastor Erin Nelson will be preaching.

WORSHIP

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR OCTOBER 2016

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:15 – Nicole Gelina Greeters: Romzek family Ushers: Jim and Nicole Gelina Reader: Robin Arneson Communion Deacon: Renee Eickstadt Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Fellowship: Capital Campaign Committee

10:30 – Olive Olson Greeters: Tor & Dana Okerlund Ushers: OPEN Reader: Mitch Nelson Communion Deacon: Olive Olson Acolyte: Art Okerlund

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:15 – Jim Eral Greeters: Don & Linda Flatt Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff Reader: Randy Prawalsky Communion Deacon: Joan Christopher Acolyte: Kaitlin Prawalsky

Fellowship: Karen McConville

10:30 – Karen McConville Greeters: Sandy Gillis & Deb Sanders Ushers: Colin McConville & Chris Gustafson Reader: Mic Hanson Communion Deacon: Carol Gustafson Acolyte: Reece Sundeen

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:15 – Kristen Johnson Greeters: David & Debra Miller Ushers: Ed Dombrock & Mason Keyes Reader: Katie Jones Communion Deacon: Karen Gigure Acolyte: Tara Sanders

Fellowship: Karen Gigure

10:30 – LEAD IS OPEN Greeters: The Adams Family Ushers: Scott & Lynell Nemitz Reader: Jon Schneewind Communion Deacon: Jon Schneewind Acolyte: Nathan Becker

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:15 – Chris Gelina & Jack Johnson Greeters: Dennis & Kathy Opland Ushers: Dennis & Cindy Saathoff Reader: Floyd Foslien Communion Deacon: Linda Yde Acolyte: Ava Anderson

Fellowship: The Anderson Family

10:30 – Andrea Dreier Greeters: John & Nora Flavin Ushers: Tim & Andrea Dreier Reader: John Flavin Communion Deacon: Nora Flavin Acolyte: Danny Brown

MILESTONES



BORN IN NOVEMBER

- 1 Alex Arneson Bill Olson Linda Yde
- 3 Evan Page



BAPTIZED IN NOVEMBER

- 1 Kristin Solberg
- 3 Michaela Arneson Don Kriegl
- 4 Debra Miller
- 7 Travis Bungum
- 10 Florence Hopp Levi Lockwood
- 11 Andrew Stanek
- 12 David McLaughlin Hunter Oswald
- 13 Alex Meincke
- 15 Nova Griffin
- 16 Cory Spence
- 17 Alyssa Tonsager
- 19 Roger Christopher
- 20 Kathy Halberg
- 24 June McLaughlin
- 26 Rachel McCarthy
- 27 Andrea Dreier Sandra Gillis
 - Linda Yde
- 28 Aiden Tepper-Engh



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



WELCOME GRACIE

On October 2 we welcomed Gracie Jane Schletz as the newest member of Mt. Zion. Gracie was baptized in Christ during the 10:30 worship.

Gracie is the daughter of Mike & Sarah Schletz and sister to Kasen & Reece.

GOD BLESS YOU, GRACIE

5 – Jim Hallen Rod Hoier Milly Jungbauer Hunter Oswald Neil Wilcoxson

- 6 Gene Stahnke
- 7 Nora Beard O'Connell Sabrina Keyes
- 9 Keelan Tepper Engh
- 10 Cindy Beckman Jon Walczak
- 11 Jonathan Jahubek
- 12 Mary Ellefson
- 14 Anna Runck Aiden Tepper-Engh
- 15 Kevin Anderson Nova Griffin Jack Johnson Mark McConville
- 18 Dan Hallen Jon Schneewind
- 19 Nathan Becker 20 – David Brown MaryKay Mahler
- 21 Audrey Miller Jake Walczak
- 22 Wyatt Wilcoxson
- 23 Peter Beard
- 24 Nancy Weeks
- 25 Jackie Anderson Madilyn Jahubek Scott Pechacek
- 27 Mark Arneson Paul Dombrock Jessica Hines Kelsie Hines Terry Teschner
- 29 Erin Prawalsky
- 30 Samantha Lockwood Sarah Schletz

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