

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the time I spent in Tanzania, my favorite part of worship services was... the offering! I know what you are thinking. What a strange part of the service to enjoy! Offering? Who likes offering best? Well, in Tanzania, they do offering a little differently than we do.

When offering is taken in churches in Tanzania, instead of passing a plate or a basket, the basket is placed up front, on the altar. The pastor and the church elders stand by the basket. Then the music starts! The entire congregation starts singing. As they sing, everyone stands up and begins to dance in the aisles. We all dance our way up front and place our offering in the basket and then dance our way back to our seats. It felt like a big dance party in the middle of worship!

I remember talking to my Tanzanian friend, Elizabeth, about this practice. "We dance because we don't have much to give, but what we do have, we give with much joy! What a privilege to give back to God!" she said.

This October we are celebrating our annual stewardship season and our annual pledge drive for our 2018 operating budget. Our theme this year is "Abundant J.O.Y. Jesus First, Others Second, Yourself Last".

We want to celebrate Mt. Zion this October and celebrate all the ways that Mt. Zion gives to our members, our community and the world.



This stewardship season let us link the offering of our gifts to the attitudes of our hearts. As God has given so much to us, especially through his son, Jesus Christ, surely we can give back to God from glad and joyful hearts! For the people I met in Tanzania, offering is first and foremost a matter of having a genuine heart for God. Let us all celebrate this month the love

God has for us and the world! Let us celebrate the ways God has blessed us! And let us joyfully give back!

Blessings,

Erin Nelson

Pastor Erin

J.O.Y. Jesus First, Others Second, Yourself Last



ABUNDANT J.O.Y.- JESUS FIRST. OTHERS SECOND. YOURSELF LAST.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

By Now you have heard about our 2018 Stewardship Campaign during worship and by a mailing to you home. We will continue to focus on stewardship during the month of October.

We hope to celebrate with JOY the many blessings we share as a congregation with special worship and fellowship this month. Consider all that God had done for you and for Mt. Zion. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you will respond in thanks and how you can contribute to our future by increasing your financial commitment for 2018.

A fellow member will contact you to provide you with a letter and pledge card and to determine how you would like to receive these materials. Fellow members will also share their personal thoughts about giving via Temple Talks during worship.

Pledge cards should be returned to church by October 22 when we will hold a JOY celebration between services that Sunday.

We know that giving feels good and that God loves a cheerful giver. Thank you for all you give to Mt. Zion and its Mission.

The Stewardship Committee can answer any questions you have.
They are Carl Meincke, Nicole Gelina, Jim Letourneau & Karen McConville.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On 09/17/2017 a motion was made and approved at the congregational meeting to discontinue our funding and membership with the NETworks Youth Ministry. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended this meeting. Here are a few items to keep in mind as we transition.

- We are continuing to fund NETworks through our 2017 Commitment via funds from the Capital Campaign.
- The Youth of Mt. Zion can still attend the NETworks program even without our commitment financially.

We as a congregation are committed to continue to support our in-house youth programs and their leaders. We want to encourage our youth to talk with those program leaders or the church leaders about additional ideas to grow these programs or create new programs



OUTREACH

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF



Above: Judy Meincke with the donated items from Mt. Zion.

Hudson Resident and Business owner, Paul Rode, packed a truck and trailer to head to Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey.

Along with the diapers, formula, and many other needed items collected, Judy & Carl Meincke delivered our Blessing bags made by our VBS students to be added to the supplies! Each bag has a pair of socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste (donated by New Richmond Dental) shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, lotion and other personal hygiene items! Angie Adams and family also dropped off kids' bags full of color books, crayons, picture books and stickers.



Our items, along with other donations for SCV residents, that were delivered to Houston, TX in the relief effort for Hurricane Harvey.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Christian Fellowship on Sunday after worship service is a long-standing tradition at Mt. Zion. It's a time for us to come together in Christian friendship, have a cup of coffee (maybe a treat) and talk about what's happening in our lives. There always seems to be a lot of laughter and joy during this time. We would like to thank all the individuals who provide the Sunday morning fellowship treats.

If you are interested in providing for Fellowship you would find that it's easy and very much appreciated by everyone who attends Sunday services.

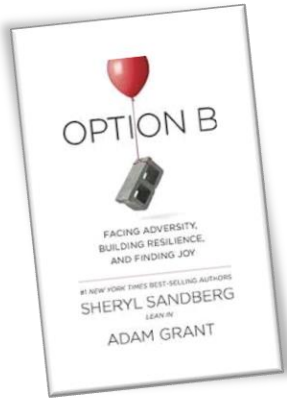
Here are some thoughts for serving:

- *Keep it simple. A small item that can be held on a napkin is all that is needed.*
- *Provide a juice.*
- *Fruit and cheese are great healthy choices.*
- *Cups, napkins, creamer and sugar are provided. There is also a supply of plastic silverware and paper plates if needed.*
- *The coffee machine always has coffee ready.*

For more information on this ministry, please get in touch with Kathy Opland (Fellowship Coordinator) or Olive Olson (Chair of Mt. Zion's Outreach Committee).

Please contact the church at (715) 386-5409 or secretary@mtzionhudson.com if you need Kathy or Olive's contact information.





BOOK CLUB for OCTOBER 9

6:00p Hudson Bagel

OPTION B

by Sheryl Sandberg

After the sudden death of her husband, Sheryl Sandberg felt certain that she and her

children would never feel pure joy again. Her friend Adam Grant, a psychologist at Wharton, told her there are concrete steps people can take to recover and rebound.

Option B combines Sheryl's personal insights with Adam's eye-opening research on finding strength in the face of adversity. It explores the stories of a broad range of people who have overcome challenges in their lives, identifies how we can best talk to and help others in crisis, and offers practical tips for creating resilient families, communities, and workplaces.

Two weeks after losing her husband, Sheryl was preparing for a father-child activity. "I want Dave," she cried. A friend said to her, "Option A is not available. So, let's just kick the heck out of Option B."



THE POWER OF PRAYER

One of the privileges of being part of the body of Christ is the opportunity to share in the joy and the sorrow of others.

If you have a special prayer request or would like to place someone on the prayer chain, please call the church office at (715) 386-5409 or the prayer chain coordinator, Joyce Johnson, and we will make sure to add that person to our prayer list.

We have two prayer chains at Mt. Zion,

- 1) You receive a phone call with the prayer concern.
- 2) You receive an email with the prayer concern.

If you would like to be a part of either of these "chains", please call the office and indicate which would be your preference.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 6
12:00 – 6:00pm



CHILI COOK-OFF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

This year's Chili Cook-off will benefit 2nd Mile Haiti

If you would like to enter your chili in the cook-off– please contact Anna Peterson at (715) 386-5409 or email her at secretary@mtzionhudson.com.

For appointments/information – please call

1-800-733-2767 or log onto www.redcrossblood.org and search by Sponsor Code Mt. Zion.

If you would like to help by checking people in or serving a snack after donations – please see Anna Peterson or call the church office at (715) 386-5409.

Noon – 2:00p - Covered! Thank you!

2:00- 4:00p

4:00- 6:00p – Covered! Thank you!

HUDSON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Hudson Christian Community Food Shelf – (Hudson food shelf) operates out of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. It is run by a group of 12 churches

in the Hudson area, with each church taking one month a year to operate the shelf. Mt. Zion’s month to operate the food shelf is November. During that month, we need many helping hands to help clients and run the shelf. The rest of the year, we help as needed, sometimes helping with food drives, or donating needed items to the shelf.

The food shelf is open to anyone with a need; the only requirement is that the client lives within the Hudson School District. Clients can come in one time per month, and “shop” the shelves and choose items that their family will eat. Last month, 229 individuals/95 households were served, and 16,950 pounds of food were given away. On average, the food shelf serves 156 adults, 114 children, 38 seniors and distributes more than 16,000 pounds of food a month.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to work with this ministry there will be a signup sheet at church for sign up in October or you can contact Nicole Gelina (Food Shelf Coordinator) or Olive Olson (Chair of Mt. Zion’s Outreach Committee).

Please contact the church at 715-386-5409 or secretary@mtzionhudson.com if you need Nicole or Olive’s contact information.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Hudson Backpack program is designed to meet the needs of hungry school children at times when school



meals are not enough. All Hudson’s private and public elementary schools participate in the program which distributes food to families in need, every other week.

Backpacks are filled with non-perishable, child-friendly, food items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Also included is a voucher for free milk, eggs and bread from Hudson County Market or Family Fresh.

Mt. Zion partners with the United Methodist Church to provide the backpacks to the children of E.P. Rock.

Green bags are placed in the church commons area one Sunday morning each month. Members and friends of Mt. Zion are encouraged to take home a bag or two, and fill them with the specified groceries and return the filled bags by the following Sunday. If you wish to return the bags early, you may drop them off at the church and put them in the Food Closet in the Nursery.



HERE IS WHAT EACH BAG INCLUDES:

1 Small Box of Cereal

1 Large Can of Meat

[12 oz. Tuna, Chicken, Spam]

2 Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese

1 Side - Choose from:

[box of potatoes, Cheesy, scalloped, etc.]

[box of instant minute rice]

1 Fruit -15 oz. can of fruit

1 Vegetable - Choose from:

[1 can of vegetables]

[1 small can of baked beans]

[1 small can of pork and beans]

YOUTH

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT MT. ZION

3:30 pm KIDS' CLUB

5:00 pm JUNIOR CHOIR

6:00 pm DINNER AND CONVERSATION FOR EVERYONE!

6:30 pm CONFIRMATION (*See schedule for dates and who is involved)



KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club's goal is to provide a physically and emotionally safe place for Mt. Zion youth and neighborhood kids to

experience the love of God. Each Wednesday after school has been dismissed, the kids will be walked from E.P. Rock to Mt. Zion by an adult member of the church. KIDS' CLUB MEMBERS will enjoy snacks, games, bible story, music, and lots of laughs.

Parents will need to pick up their kids before 6:00 pm.

If you would like to enroll your child, or know of a neighborhood child that would like to be included, they will need to fill out a permission slip and return it to the office or Amanda Stojan before their child can attend.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Open to all 3rd through 8th graders.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the lower level music room.



NETWORKS

We meet each Wednesday night at the Crossing Point - 4:30 -5:50 for Middle High and

6:00-9:30 for High School.

UPCOMING NETWORKS EVENTS

Friday, October 20

Senior High NETWORKS

Movie and Game Night 1:00 pm -Midnight

Friday November 10 – 2:00-10:30 pm

Middle School NETWORKS

Moonlight Mystery Madness

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS ARE FOR EVERYONE

6:00 pm in the fellowship hall for Dinner and Conversation with your friends at Mt. Zion.

October 4

October 11

October 25

Confirmation

6TH, 7TH& 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Middle school aged youth meet for five weeks in September and October. Parents and mentors alternate taking turns attending classes with students. The material taught is on a three-year rotation.

The focus this year will be on THE LORD'S PRAYER

Confirmation Class 6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 5 [Mentors] October 12 [Parents]

4TH AND 5TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Upper Elementary aged youth meet for four weeks in October and November, with an additional night for Bible Late Night. Parents and mentors alternate taking turns attending classes with students. The material taught is on a two--year rotation. **The focus this time around is on the Sacraments**

Confirmation Class 6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 25 [Parents and Mentors]

November 1 [Mentors]

November 8 [Parents]

November 15 [Mentors]



HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION GROUP

This is a new peer-led ministry group for our high school students! Join us for a monthly conversation and fellowship time led by Ellie Johnson on topics that matter to high schoolers and young adults today. We will also be meeting every month or so for mission project opportunities. Come and spend more time with your Mt. Zion high school friends and serve your community!

Join us on Sundays at Mt. Zion

October 8

6:00p "School, Education and our Future"
7:00p Service Project for Grace Place

November 12

6:00p "Depression and Mental Health and How We Can Help Our Peers"

December 10

6:00p "Poverty and Homelessness"

NETWORKS SNACKS NEEDED

For Middle School Youth

Mt. Zion oversees providing a snack to roughly 15 Middle School youth during the month of November.

If you would like to help, please contact the church office and let them know which week you could help with:

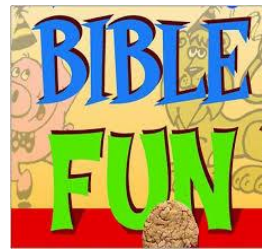
November 1

November 8

November 15

November 29

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



4TH – 6TH GRADE – BIBLE LATE NIGHT

Friday, October 20
6:00 – 10:00 pm

Friends are welcome to attend also!

Bring your Spark Bible for Pizza and Fun Games!



MT. ZION CHRISTMAS PLANT SALE

During October, Mt. Zion traditionally has its Christmas Flower Sale jointly sponsored through Gertens'.

This year, we are offering Poinsettias in 6.5" and 8.5" pots and Cyclamens in 6.5" pots in assorted colors.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 15, 2017. The plants are scheduled to arrive at Mt. Zion on Saturday, December 10, so those ordered for home use only may be picked up the morning of Sunday, December 11, 2017.

Those plants designated for church use may be taken home after Christmas Eve services.

Money generated by the plant sale this year will be used to purchase decorations for the Commons.

Forms can be download from our website
Under Trending.

Extra Forms can be found in the Church Commons.

Please make as many copies as you may need.

FUNDRAISERS FOR LILLIE PRAWALSKY



Meet Lillie!

Hi! My name is Lillie Deborah Prawalsky!

I am 4 years old but almost 5!

I live with my mom, my dad, my big sister Kaitlyn and our pet chinchilla Zoomer.

I like to paint and do Minecraft with my dad.

I really enjoy playing with Monster High dolls and American Girl dolls too!

I love to be in the water whether it is at the beach or in the bath tub at home.

My favorite color is aqua. I like this color because it is so light and pretty.

My favorite animal is a giraffe because I like their long necks and how they eat!

My mom & dad say my best qualities are that I am really goofy and

determined!

This Fall I start preschool! I am so excited!

I got a Palace Pets backpack for school!

As you can see, I am a pretty special girl (and I am pretty cute too)!

Oh! I forgot to mention, I also have Cystic Fibrosis.

I have Cystic Fibrosis but IT does not have ME!!



Please help support Lillie & her family with medical expenses.

A benefit for Lillie will be held at the Bayport BBQ on October 15 from 5pm -7pm.

Dinner tickets are \$10 each. A silent auction & bake sale will also be held. Donations are accepted & appreciated.

Checks can be made to: Lillie Prawalsky Fund.

An account for Lillie has been set up at the Westconsin Credit Union.

To purchase tickets or for questions please see Angie Adams, Pastor Erin or contact the church office at (715) 386-5409

PAINTING FOR LILLIE

We will be hosting a painting party at Mt. Zion on Oct. 14

The Class is led by Audrey Martin and the cost is \$45 of which Audrey has graciously offered to give a portion of each participants cost to the Lillie P. Fund!

The Great Pumpkin will be painted on a 16" x 20" canvas and will be using brush and palette knife to paint.

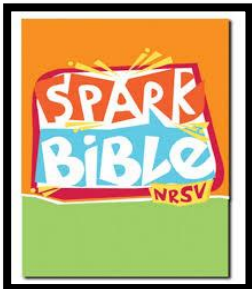


MILESTONES



BORN IN OCTOBER

- 1 - Floyd Foslien
3 - Norm Maser
4 - Shannon Melzer
5 - Ella Adams, Roger Christopher,
Sandy Gillis, Linda Letourneau,
Lillie Prawalsky
7 - Robert Baker
10 - Amelia Spence, Jackie Steinhoff
11 - Ivy Campana
12 - Carol Kriegl, June McLaughlin,
Jerry Mlinar, Sally Nuebel,
Dennis O'Connell, Marla Powers
13 - Reece Sundeen
14 - Lucy Adams
16 - Don Kriegl
22 - E.J. Pilarski
23 - Ryan Johnson, Carolyn Jonason
24 - Kristin Solberg, Barb Walczak
25 - James Gerbozy, Camille McConville,
Courtney Peterson, Scott Revoir
26 - Florence Hopp, John McConville
27 - Andrea Dreier
28 - Melissa Hines, Kylee Jungbauer
31 - Ken Revoir, Gina Runck



4th Grade Bible Milestone

On Sunday, October 15 at the 10:30 Service we will be presenting our 4th Graders with their Spark Bibles. Please join:

**Henry Gigure
Nova Griffin
Isabelle Oswald
Anna Runck
Grant Stojan**

as they celebrate this Milestone and begin their Confirmation journey.



BAPTIZED IN OCTOBER

- 1 - David Anderson,
Jim Gelina, Daryl Jones
2 - Gracie Schletz,
Amanda Stojan
3 - Aubrey Flattum,
Sierra Keyes
5 - Rida Kohler
6 - Mason Keyes
8 - Floyd Johnson
12 - Diwaine Larson
16 - Dennis Saathoff
17 - Kellie Feyereisen
20 - Maggie Gustafson, Jacqueline Johnson
25 - Nicole Sempf
26 - Norm Lust
27 - Ava Anderson
29 - Andrew Gustafson, Cody Hines,
Pastor Erin



MARRIED IN OCTOBER

- October 2 - Howard & Beverly Schletz
October 6 - Todd & Wendee Dombrock
October 7 - Art & Karen Alger
Don & Linda Flatt
October 8 - Aaron & Angie Adams
Floyd & Fran Foslien
October 10 - Harley & Joan Saathoff
October 15 - Roger & Joan Christopher
David & June McLaughlin
October 27 - Bernie & Sandy Huppert

- *If we have the wrong information, please contact the office and let us know.*

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR OCTOBER

MISSION: *To provide a welcoming experience for all who walk through our door*
Schedule is subject to change

October 1
8:15a – Lead: Nicole Gelina
Greeters: Florence Hopp & Sandy Huppert
Ushers: Todd, Kristin & Alex Solberg
Reader: Judy Meincke
Communion Helper: Sofia Gigure
Acolyte: Abigail Romzek
Fellowship – Lisa Anderson

October 1
10:30a – Lead: Olive Olson
Greeters: John & Nora Flavin
Ushers: Mary Stanton & Kendra Margl
Reader: Brooke Dreier
Communion Helper: Beverly Schletz
Acolyte: Tara Sanders

October 8
8:15a – Lead: Jim Eral
Greeters: Renee Eickstadt & Carol Gustafson
Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson
Reader: David Miller
Communion Helper: Floyd Foslien
Acolyte: Lily Romzek
Fellowship – Linda Yde

October 8
10:30a – Lead: Karen McConville
Greeters: The Andrea Goetz Family
Ushers: Tor & Art Okerlund
Reader: Mitch Nelson
Communion Helper: Dana Okerlund
Acolyte: Reece Sundeen

October 15
8:15a – Lead: Kristen Johnson
Greeters: Jim & Sonja Johnson
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Reader: Mic Hanson
Communion Helper: Mike Yde
Acolyte: Avery Anderson
Fellowship – **OPEN**

October 15
10:30a – Lead: **OPEN**
Greeters: Judy O'Connell & Sandy Gillis
Ushers: **OPEN**
Reader: Oscar Nemitz
Communion Helper: MaryKay Mahler
Acolyte: **OPEN**

October 22
8:15a – Leads: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Greeters: Sandy Huppert & Don Kriegl
Ushers: Mark Arneson & Kaitlyn Prawalsky
Reader: Robin Arneson
Communion Helper: Ellie Johnson
Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell
Fellowship – Nicole Gelina

October 22
10:30a – Lead: Andrea Dreier
Greeters: Lori Rayome
Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier
Reader: Paul Melzer
Communion Helper: Paula Saunders
Acolyte: Nathan Becker

October 29
8:15a – Lead: Kristen Johnson
Greeters: The Dave & Lisa Anderson Family
Ushers: Dennis & Cindy Saathoff
Reader: Randy Prawalsky
Communion Helper: Avery Anderson
Acolyte: Danny Brown
Fellowship – Erin Nelson
** Still need a server*

October 29
10:30a – Lead: **OPEN**
Greeters: Florence Hopp & Lucy Larson
Ushers: John & Nora Flavin
Reader: John Flavin
Communion Helper: Tara Sanders
Acolyte: Arabella Campana

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:15 & 10:30 Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:15 & 10:30 Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:15 & 10:30 Worship

4th Gr. Milestone at 10:30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:15 & 10:30 Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:15 & 10:30 Worship