



## 2018 NEWSLETTER MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2018: A MONTH OF GRATITUDE

Giving gratefully is only possible when you are genuinely thankful for what God has done for you.

There is a story about a man who has a nice cabin on a lake. One Saturday morning he has his coffee on his dock, overlooking the water. Then he decides to go on a boat ride. He walks over to his boat lift and starts turning the crank to lower his fishing boat to the water. Crank, crack, crank... He turns the crank repeatedly and starts to get tired. As

*gratitude  
changes  
everything*

he works at turning the crank, his neighbor comes down to his own dock and waves. The man waves back and then, watches as the neighbor approaches his own boat lift, pushes a button and the neighbor's boat magically descends into the water. The neighbor hops in and is off. The neighbor has an electric boat lift! As the man cranks he thinks about how much he wishes he had an electric boat lift. But it's expensive. He starts to calculate about how he can shift funds around to get one... he could give up his gym membership for a month or two or give less at

church or buy cheaper groceries for a while. Oh, he wished he had an electric boat lift! Everything would be better with an electric boat lift!

Then the man stopped and looked around him. He looked at the beautiful lake. He looked at his cabin, he looked at his dock and he looked at his boat. How could he complain and lament what he didn't have, when really, he was blessed beyond all imagination?

Jesus promises to give us what we need. Most of us have far more.

This fall, our Stewardship season will be centered around the theme "A month of Gratitude". We will kick off Stewardship Sunday on September 30 and we hope that you will spend the month of October in reflection of all that Jesus has given you.

We are all blessed far more than we deserve. Let's spend some time celebrating all that God has given us. As we consider our pledges for 2019, instead of asking how much does God want me to give, let us ask ourselves

how does God want me to use everything he has given me? Giving gratefully is only possible when you are genuinely thankful for what God has done for you.

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### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

God has a very special plan for Mt. Zion!

I know for sure that God has a plan for our congregation. What that plan is exactly, is better explained in hindsight. Change, even when it is good, can feel uncertain. We have been very blessed these past four years in having Pastor Erin lead our congregation. It is very bittersweet to have her leave us as our Pastor, but we will still be able to interact with her in her new position as assistant to the bishop. What a great opportunity for her and we are all very excited for her, but her presence will surely be missed.

Rest assured, our church council has already been working hard to make this a very smooth transition. With the support of our Synod we are in the process of securing an interim pastor to carry us through until we can call a new pastor to Mt. Zion. I have complete faith in the process and that this will be a smooth transition.

We have a wonderful congregation which I often describe as my other family. We have wonderful, caring members and strong ministries. Our church is very secure financially and in a great location. We should not have any problem finding a new pastor for Mt. Zion. Any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to anyone on our council.

Paula Saunders  
Council President



## UPCOMING BOOK CLUB BOOKS

Mon. Sept. 10 6:00p  
Tuesday Night Miracles  
by Kris Radish

Mon. Oct. 8 6:00p  
Hope Never Dies  
by Andrew Shaffer



## 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.



My sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and good wishes during my various hospital stays and transitional care. I am

blessed in having such a caring family like the people at Mt. Zion.

Gods' Blessings to all!  
Roger Christopher

The Mt. Zion Congregation would like to the Don & Carol Kriegl for all the beautiful flowers they brought in each Sunday for everyone's enjoyment during the summer services.



## FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### Heating / Cooling Zones

(Keep the doors closed)

Our church has several heating / cooling zones in it, such as the Fellowship Hall, Commons, Sanctuary, basement and several others. All these areas have separate thermostats to control the areas individually with some being warmer or cooler than others. However, what has been happening is that the doors such as going into the Fellowship Hall and basement are being left open. This causes air from one area to flow into the other area causing one room to lose its cooling or heating, so the HVAC units run a lot more to attempt to maintain the temperature in that zone. So please keep the doors shut when we can, to control the temperatures and our utility bills. It's fine to leave the doors going into the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary and the basement open during Sunday mornings, but other times help us control our utility bills and keep them closed.

### Thermostats

Due to the thermostats being manipulated (intentionally or unintentionally), covers have now been put on all the thermostats and they are now locked. We had a recent incident where the thermostat for the Commons had been changed from cooling to heat and it was trying to heat the Commons to 80 degrees over a weekend. The heater by the back door had also been turned to high. This obviously causes our utility bills to be much higher and the church to be uncomfortable. The timed settings to cool or heat areas have also been cleaned up. If you are in a specific area in the church each week, we can certainly adjust the temperature for you, just please let a Property Committee member know.

David Miller  
Property Chair

## YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



You are invited to a family fun day to celebrate Rally Sunday. Come and join us as we kick off the 2018 Sunday school year. The theme is F.R.O.G. Forever Reliant On God. Bring a friend to join the fun! Sunday, September 16 from 9:20-10:15 - outside

(Weather permitting)!

Otherwise, we will meet in the lower level of the church.



**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
MINISTRY**  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.

### Discussion and Donuts

Hey Middle School Youth & Friends!

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

We will have great discussions, activities, games & food!



CONNECT  
REACH  
WORSHIP  
GROW  
SERVE

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MINISTRY –**

**Muffin  
Bunch**

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

Mt. Zion is seeking new volunteers to support the high school discussion group, Muffin Bunch, on Sunday mornings.

Please prayerfully consider this ministry.

We do not discriminate against age.

Contact Andrea Dreier for more information as soon as possible.



### JR. CHOIR

Calling all third graders and above! Singing, friends, puppets, games, musical instruments, parties and an occasional project. What could be a more fun way to spend your Wednesday evening from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Jr. Choir will begin Wednesday, September 19 in the lower level music room.

If interested or have any questions, please contact MaryKay Mahler.



We are looking for someone to play the piano during music time at Sunday School (Sunday's 9:20 – 9:35a).

VERY basic piano pieces!

If you are interested, please see Andrea Dreier.

We would like to thank Karen Gigure for her commitment to Mt. Zion's youth through the Muffin Bunch group. Her guidance and devotion to our youth has made an impact that will last a lifetime. She made connections with our youth that they will take with them the rest of their lives.

God Bless you Karen,

We love you

The Congregation of Mt. Zion and the Youth that will miss you terribly.

Train up a child in the way he should go: even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

## YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

# Confirmation

### 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Students, Parents and Mentors

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.

Meal & Conversation 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Confirmation Class 6:30 – 7:30 pm

September 19 [Parents and Mentors]

September 26 [Mentors]

October 3 [Parents]

October 10 [Mentors]

October 17 [Parents]

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

*\*Meal nights are lined up with Confirmation dates, but everyone is encouraged to come.*

*Enjoy a night off from cooking and spend time with your family in Christ!*

September & October Wednesday Night Meals:

*\*Money Raised these evenings will be used as starter money for our newly added 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone  
"Blessed to be a blessing"*

September 19 –

Bill & Anna Peterson / Mark & Robin Arneson

**September 26 – OPEN**

**October 3 – OPEN**

**October 10 – Mentors Night**

Holly O'Connell & **OPEN**

Walking Taco Bar

**October 17 – OPEN**

If you would like to help provide a part of the evening meal, please contact Anna in the church office at (715) 386-5409, email at [secretary@mtzionhuson.com](mailto:secretary@mtzionhuson.com) or sign up at church!

### KIDS' CLUB IS STARTING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19 (KINDERGARTEN – 5th GRADE)



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 that attend other schools are welcome to attend, but families need to provide their own transportation. 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.

### KIDS' CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help Kids' Club. Middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults of all ages are welcome to help with small tasks throughout the program. We encourage inter-generational ministry as not all kids have grandparents living nearby. **Volunteer Training Meeting will be Wednesday Sept 12 4pm-5pm.**

Student volunteers are highly encouraged to attend. Mt. Zion would like 2 adults in the building during regular programming for accountability in case of an emergency. In the past, sometimes this was Pastor working in her office or Mary Kay leading junior choir. However, their schedules do not always overlap with Kids' Club. We understand that Kids' Club is too much motion and commotion for some adults; in which case, please consider being an extra adult within the building on the rare nights we are short. Contact Amanda Stojan if you are interested or have any questions.

## OUTREACH

### GRACE PLACE — 2018 MEALS

Grace Place offers shelter to families and single individuals in the St. Croix River Valley, including residents of St. Croix, Pierce and Polk Counties. They are staffed 24 hours a day to ensure all folks receive the services they need. As part of Mt. Zion's outreach, we provide the evening meals on the 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays during the year. (4 times a year). Our next date is October 29.

We are asking for Hot Dishes (of your choice), Side Dishes, Desserts, Rolls & Butter, and someone willing to deliver the meal before 2:00 pm on Monday, October 29.

Sign up today to assist with October Meal at Grace Place.

Follow this link to sign up today:

<http://www.mtzionhudson.com/missions-a-community/volunteer-opportunities.html>

### DURING AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

We will be accepting the following donations in support of Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

- Canned food (beans, tuna/salmon, soup, salsa, etc.)
- Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Mac and Cheese, Ramen Noodles etc.)
- Baby formula, jars of baby food, and toddler food
- Juice (orange juice, apple juice, etc.)
- Spices, seasonings, condiments, salad dressings, and sauce packets (ketchup, ranch, taco seasoning, chili seasoning, garlic etc.)
- Baking ingredients (flour, sugar, cooking oil etc.)
- Birthday cake mix and frosting
- Kid-friendly snacks (fruit snacks, pudding cups, juice boxes/pouches, crackers, etc.)
- Sandwich ingredients (peanut butter, jelly, tortillas/wraps, etc.)
- Breakfast items (coffee/tea, granola bars, Pop Tarts, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup etc.)
- Treats (Rice Crispy treats, cookies, chips, popcorn, etc.)

Donations can be placed in the white box and/or white laundry basket by the information center.

### MT. ZION'S BACKPACK MINISTRY



Nearly half of all families that come to food pantries have at least one employed person in the household. Hunger is a

serious concern for many Hudson families and statewide over half a million households do not have enough food for their family members to maintain a healthy active lifestyle. Hungry children are more apt to have poor health, behavioral problems, learning deficiencies and a host of other academic issues.

Mt. Zion partners with the United Methodist Church, the Hudson School District and E.P. Rock Elementary to provide a backpack of food items each Friday throughout the school year to ensure families have enough food to feed their children over the weekend when they don't have access to school food programs. Last year the Backpack Program provided weekend nourishment for 50 EP Rock households every week.

The first backpacks will be delivered to E.P. Rock the shortly after Hudson returns to school. If you can, please pick up one of the green bags that will be in the fellowship hall and sign your name on the list.

The list of required food items is placed inside the bag; the cost is approximately \$10/bag. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help pack and distribute these backpacks please get in touch with Carol Gustafson (Backpack Coordinator) or Lynell Nemitz (Chair of Mt. Zion's Outreach Committee).

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



## WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 am worship

### SEPTEMBER 9

#### Pastor Last Day

A Send-Off to Pastor Erin

Fellowship Dessert Sunday on Sept. 9th--10 AM

Pastor Erin's last Sunday as our pastor will be Sun. Sept. 9th.

We are having a special fellowship time on that date after the 9:00 service.

We encourage everyone to prepare a yummy dessert to share during the fellowship time.

Be sure to come to fellowship that day to greet Pastor Erin, Mitch, Rosie, and Peter.

Sincerely,  
Judy Meincke, Lynell Nemitz

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

#### RALLY DAY

8:15 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

#### 10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER BLESSING & KINDERGARTEN BACKPACK MILESTONE –

This is our way to honor and thank our Sunday School teachers for serving our congregation by mentoring and teaching our kids. We also bless our kindergarteners as they begin their education journey!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 Service – Gideon's Temple Talk

10:30 service – Pet Blessing

Join us for a fun and furry worship service on September 23! Our late service will be a 30-minute outdoor service for you and your pet! Please bring your leashed or contained animals (all kinds welcome) for a fun service culminating in a blessing of your pet. If your pet doesn't do well in crowds, feel free to bring a picture to be blessed. It should be a great day celebrating God's creation and our animal friends.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:15 am Traditional Worship

10:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone



#### KINDERGARTEN BACKPACK MILESTONE –

September 16, 10:30 Service

Our members:

**Lucy Adams, Levi Lockwood, Emily Melzer,  
Lillie Prawalsky & Andrew Stanek**

have started or will start their 13-yr schooling journey and we will be celebrating this milestone with them at the 10:30 am service.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE MILESTONE

September 30, 10:30 Service

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will meet on September 29 at 10:00 am decorate their personal pillow cases. This will be a reminder to them as they continue learning about their relationship with God.

**Sophia Adams, Elsie Ahren, Cariana Hurt,  
Jackson Lockwood, Liam Mulfort,**

Sven O'Connell Beard, Kasen Schletz,  
Lydia Spence, Amelia Stojan,  
Nadia Yarrington & Olivia Yarrington.

### 2-YR OLD PRAYER BEARS

**October 7, 10:30 service**

Join us on Sunday, October 7 to celebrate a milestone event for some of our youngest members.

**Hannah Adams, Brantley Feyereisen, Harrison Jungbauer, Elliana Lardinois, Mason Matzek,**

**Camille McConville, Hugo Melzer, Gracie Schletz & Lauren Spreeman.**

will be presented with a small, soft hand-made bear to keep with them at night-time during prayers and in the morning to start their days. This is a way for us all to celebrate the promises made in baptism.

\*If we have missed your child, please let the office know.

*\*If we have missed your Student, for any of these milestones, please let the office know.*

## WORSHIP

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### **RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE**

Beginning **Sunday, September 16**

Mt. Zion returns to two services

**8:15 am & 10:30 am**

Office hours beginning the week of September 17

**Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

September 23

8:15 am Senior Choir

10:30 am Einar Hanson/Guitar

September 30

8:15 am Tone Chimes

10:30 am Tone Chimes



### **TONE CHIMES**

**Beginning Tuesday,  
September 18**

We are looking for people with a passion and an ear for music to join us every other

Tuesday Night for TONE CHIMES at 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the lower level!

We practice bi-weekly (taking breaks for Christmas and Easter) and add our music to Sunday worship once a month.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade to 90 years old are all welcome!**

### **SENIOR CHOIR**

(9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Adult)

Rehearsals for the 2018-19 church year begin on Sunday, September 16 after the 9:00 am worship.

Regular rehearsals are Sundays at 9:20 am in the Choir Loft.

***New voices, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade to Adult, are always encouraged to join***

### **SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE for**

**SEPTEMBER**

September 2

9:00 am Special Music

September 9

9:00 am Special Music

September 16

8:15 am Senior Choir

10:30 am Junior Choir



### **UPDATE ON PASTORAL TRANSITION PROCESS**



of Mt. Zion will look like.

Pastor Kurt Jacobson will guide us through this process and summarize the results to provide us with vital

The Church Council has voted to go ahead with a Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey that will give each congregational member 16 years old and older a chance to provide feedback as we go through this transitional process and begin planning what the future

information that can be used by the congregational leaders and used for calling our next Pastor. We need every member to participate and all completed surveys will be anonymous. The Council will be meeting on September 4th to begin putting together the plan for rolling out the survey.

A letter will be mailed to each member of the congregation's home in September explaining in much more detail what the survey is and who will be involved.



**STEWARDSHIP EVENT**  
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 9:00 -11:00 am

## MILESTONES

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



- 1 – Paul Mahler
- 2 – Sierra Keyes
- 3 – Jim Gelina  
Cory Spence
- 4 – Dennis Saathoff
- 5 – Mason Keyes  
Andrew Stanek
- 6 – Zoey Runck

- 10 – Daryl Jones
- 11 – Matthew Lardinois  
Diwaine Larson  
Paul Melzer
- 12 – Richard Claybaker  
Lorrie Jeske  
Nancy Larson  
Aylah Tepper-Engl
- 13 – Mykel Eickstadt
- 14 – Rilynn Matzek
- 15 – Chuck Studelska
- 16 – Floyd Johnson  
Jeff Magnuson
- 17 – Judy Meincke
- 19 – Einar Hanson  
Nate Mulfort  
Lois Tervo
- 21 – Cody Hines
- 22 – Stacy Tepper  
Alyssa Tonsager
- 23 – Alexis Eickstadt  
Brantley Feyereisen  
Lori Griffin  
Katie Jones  
Dylan Nitti
- 25 – Lauren Dombrock  
Bill Peterson
- 26 – Lola Scott
- 28 – Dan Egan
- 29 – Dennis Opland

- Abigail Romzek
- 30 – Jason Gigure

### BAPTIZED IN SEPTEMBER



- September 11 –  
Amelia Stojan
- September 12 –  
Joan Christopher

- September 18 – Christopher Matzek  
Karen McConville
- September 19 – Avery Anderson  
Bill Johnson
- September 23 – Emily Gerdts  
Noah Gerdts



### MARRIED IN SEPTEMBER

- September 1 – Carl & Judy Meincke
- September 16 – Jason & Lori Griffin
- September 18 – William & Tracy Oswald



September 24 – Jacob & Kylee Jungbauer

September 25 – Ken & Donna Revoir

September 26 – Tyler & Kellie Feyereisen

September 27 – Cory & Shaina Spence

September 28 – Jonathan & Allie Jahubek

September 30 – Chris & Kristen Johnson

If we have incorrect information or you or your family member should be included in these Milestones – please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409

## HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

*\*Schedule can be subject to change*

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau

**Ushers:** Jim & Sonja Johnson

**Greeters:** Randy & Erin Prawalsky

**Reader:** Barb Walczak

**Communion:** Florence Hopp

**Acolyte:** David Brown

**Fellowship:** Linda Letourneau

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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

9:00 am – Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier

**Ushers:** Tim & Nils Dreier

**Greeters:** Sandy Huppert & Andrea Goetz

**Reader:** Deb Tonsager

**Communion:** Don Kriegl

**Acolyte:** Arabella Campana

**Fellowship:** Council

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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16      RALLY SUNDAY**

8:15 am – Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

**Ushers:** Einar & Mic Hanson

**Greeters:** Dennis & Kathy Opland  
Lisa, Avery & Ava Anderson

**Reader:** Katie Jones

**Communion:** Kristen Johnson

**Acolyte:** Nils Dreier

**Fellowship:** OPEN

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10:30 am – Hospitality Lead:

**Ushers:** Earl Monson & Kendra Margl

**Greeters:** Mark & Paula Saunders

**Reader:** Paul Melzer

**Communion:** Paula Saunders

**Acolyte:** Ian Flattum

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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

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

**Ushers:** Scott & Sandy Johnson

**Greeters:** Mike & Linda Yde

**Reader:** Bill Fristad

**Communion:** Linda Yde

**Acolyte:** Kaitlyn Sanders

**Fellowship:** OPEN

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10:30 am – Hospitality Lead: Andrea Dreier

*Pet Blessing – Outdoors*

**Ushers:** Henry & Oscar Nemitz

**Reader:** Barb Walczak

**Greeters:** Bev Schletz & The Adam's Family

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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

8:15 am – Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

**Ushers:** Abigail & Lily Romzek

**Greeters:** Don Kriegl & Gene Stahnke

**Reader:** David Miller

**Communion:** Jim Eral

**Acolyte:** Hunter Oswald

**Fellowship:** Stewardship Potluck

10:30 am – Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

**Ushers:** Tor & Dana Okerlund

**Greeters:** Holly, Nora & Sven O'Connell

**Reader:** Nora Beard O'Connell

**Communion:** Tara Sanders

**Acolyte:** Art Okerlund



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**JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**September 2 & 9 at 9:00 am**

**September 16, 23 & 30 at 8:15 am or 10:30 am**



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