

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

JUNE

2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A couple years ago I read an article in "Real Simple" magazine about a gardening group. On Friday mornings from April through September there is a group of women who call themselves the "Wonder Weeders" in Woodstock, New York. This group of women sets aside one morning a week to garden together. They rotate where they garden each week so each women's property gets benefit.

The group started because one member shattered her knee. While she recovered, she was unable to take care of her beloved rose garden. A neighbor offered to come over to help and over the summer the two women became friends around their shared love of gardening. The next summer they invited more people to join their group and the Wonder Weeders was born.

The women share gardening expertise and skills and they also share of themselves, talking and visiting while gardening and supporting each other through difficult times and celebrating during joyful times. One of the members died of cancer and after her death the Wonder Weeders descended upon her house and tended the garden until it was breathtaking. The funeral reception was held in the garden, and the Wonder Weeders picked fruit from the fruit trees in the garden to make pots of jam to give to people who attended the funeral.

The women said that over the years they have gotten more than just improved gardens. One woman commented "This group taught me how to lean on other people." Eventually, the women started venturing outside their own gardens, offering their services to community gardens and teaching children about gardening.

As I read this story, I thought about our church community and what our church is for us. Like the Wonder Weeders we are bound together through community and shared work. Through our worship and service, we get to know each other, become family to each other and support each other through ups and downs. We learn it's ok to lean on each other and we learn to reach out with each other's support and love.



The difference of Mt. Zion and the Wonder Weeders is that we are bound together through the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are bound together by the shared past of a God who is parent to us all and by the hope of the future promises of forgiveness and eternal life.

Let us remember both the joys of service together, the things that bind us to each other, the strength of the relationships we share and let us also remember that our congregation is more than a mere club. We are bound together through ties that cannot be broken.

Blessings,

Erin Nelson

Pastor Erin



Going to one service during the summer offers you the opportunity to worship with friends who might worship at a different time during the rest of the year.

Summer is also a time when many of us travel. Remember to worship at a local congregation wherever your travels take you.



MAY 21 – SEPTEMBER 11
Tuesday – Thursday
10:00a-3:00p

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all the individuals who provide Sunday morning fellowship. Our new facility has made this time very special and comfortable.

Considering serving? It's easy and very much appreciated. Here's 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, sugar are provided. There is also a supply of plastic silverware and paper plates if needed.*

** Our wonderful coffee machine always has coffee ready.*

** Set up lines on both sides of the table so people can get through quickly.*

A sign holder is in the top drawer. You can use this to post where the offering will be used. There are pre-printed sheets in the drawer, or you can use a blank sheet to state your choice of offering recipient.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask!

Kathy Opland

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BAKE-OFF

On May 21, Mt. Zion held their "Third Annual Vacation Bible School Bake-Off" during fellowship to raise funds for our Youth and Luther Point Day Camp!

We had 8 entries and everyone at church that morning sampled them all and voted by placing their "fellowship donation" into the jar of the dessert they deemed "The Best Dessert"

WE RAISED \$238.98

1st Place

Ella, Sophia & Lucy Adams

2nd Place

Robin Arneson

3rd Place

TIE: Jade Miller

Karen McConville



CHURCH NEEDS:

During the summer, we would like to restock some of the items that members have donated in the past, to save some of the money in the budget.

- Reams of Copy Paper
- Envelopes – 9 1/2" x 4"
- Light Bulbs – BR40's *65 or 75 Watt
- Dawn Hand Dishwashing Soap
- Facial Tissue (Box)

If you can help with any of the above – you can bring them to church and place in the workroom (outside of Pastor Erin's office).

Thank you in advance.

John 15:12-13 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Thank You

Mt. Zion –

I do not use my email very much so I did not realize for a long time that my thank you for the Christmas care packages did not send! I wanted to thank whoever is in charge of putting those together that those are so thoughtful! I cannot begin to explain how happy they make me feel when I get them in the mail! Thank you so much! I really appreciate it!

Thank you!
Kelsie Hines

From the Backpack program,

I would like to give a big thank-you to all the members of our congregation who have filled green bags of food for the children of E.P. Rock school each month. We have filled 54 bags of food every month and will finish the year with 55 bags going to children who are in need. Thanks also go to Jon Schneewind, Eileen Wymer, Jane Mlinar, Carolyn Jonason & Sharon Tepper for all the time they have given to the backpack program.

Sincerely,
Carol Gustafson

Congregation of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

I recently received a grant from the church for my college funds. I would like to express a huge thank-you to the entire congregation for considering and choosing me to receive this scholarship grant.

I am attending the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire where I am pursuing a major in Psychology and a minor in Art. Being an art student, I have a lot of personal cost each semester due to supplies required each year. The money from the church will be extremely helpful for me to continue my art classes. I have enjoyed being involved in Mt. Zion throughout the years and I thank you for choosing me to receive the grant.

Lydia Saathoff
University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

We Thank You!



Girl Scouts

Dear Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for giving \$300.00 on April 9, 2017. Your gift makes sure 1,363 nutritious meals get to precious, beautiful kids in need! What you're doing is so essential. You're providing life. I simply can't say thank you enough.

Kids will be fed because of you. Food given from your hands makes a powerful difference and gives them hope for their future. Thank you. May God richly bless you for your generosity.

"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely..." Psalms 112.5

Grateful to serve God's kids with you,

Mark Crea
Executive Director
Feed My Starving Children



Thank you to Joy Circle for throwing me a beautiful baby shower and for all the wonderful gifts for Peter!

I am Blessed –
Pastor Erin

YOUTH



NETWORKS LISTENING SESSIONS

Mt. Zion's church council is currently in a phase of evaluating our congregation's involvement and commitment to NETworks Youth Ministry and we would like the help of all of Mt. Zion's members.

The council does not have a good understanding of how the congregation feels about our connection with NETworks and doesn't know how the congregation as a whole sees the future of our relationship with NETworks.

To help us better understand, we are facilitating three listening sessions over the summer. These listening sessions will be led by our church council members and our NETworks Board members and will consist of education for our members about what NETworks is, who it serves and what our congregation's role is financially.

The sessions will also provide a time for you to let our church council members know what your thoughts, hopes and concerns are about our involvement with NETworks.

We are encouraging every member of Mt. Zion to attend at least 1 of the 3 listening sessions. The sessions will be immediately following the Sunday 9am service and take place in the sanctuary on the following dates:

June 11th
July 9th
August 6th

See you there!

**JULY 10-14
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
Pre-K – 5th Grade
THIS ONE IS FOR
YOU!**



**Attention families of
elementary school children (entering grades 1 -6)
and
pre-school children (ages 3-5-year-old).**

Mt. Zion is again sponsoring a week of day camp July 10-14. Trained camp counselors from Luther Point Camp will be at Mt. Zion to work with our young people. There will be Bible stories, games, songs, and other fun activities.

Afternoons will be filled with service projects and community projects!

Elementary camp will be 9am-4pm.

Pre-school camp will be from 9 am to 11am and will be led by our own Carol & Maggie Gustafson!

Sign up to help with this event by checking our website under "TRENDING"



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2017!

Chris Gelina – Hudson High School
Jack Johnson – Hudson High School
Michaela Arneson – McNally Smith

College of Music

Drew Tonsager – Iowa State

Floyd Johnson - Michigan Technological University

Alex Arneson - St. Cloud State – December 2017

Chelsea Walczak - USC with a MPH (Master's in Public Health)

**"For I know the PLANS
I have for you"
declares the LORD
"plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE."
Jeremiah 29:11**

OUTREACH

PRAYER REQUESTS

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." *Galatians 6:2*

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 Leader, Joyce Johnson, and we will make sure to add that person to our prayer list.

If you would like to join the prayer chain – please email the church office at secretary@mtzionhudson.com and let us know if you would prefer to be called or emailed with the prayer concerns.

secondMILE Haiti

Please join us at church on Thursday, June 1 from 9:00 - 10:30 am for updates on programing, discussion on how we 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.

JUNE OUTREACH DRIVE



In June, we will be collecting the following items for your VBS Students to pack in bags for families in need.

You can bring your item to church any time from now until July 10.

HUMAN NEEDS ITEMS NEEDED

- Packages of Dried Fruit
- Tea (Individually packed)
- Fruit leather (Individually packed)
- Fruit Snacks (Individually packed)
- Nuts (Individually packed)
- Granola Bars (Individually packed)
- Crackers/pretzels (Individually packed)
- Chapstick
- Tooth Brushes
- Tooth Paste
- Band-aids
- Socks

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MT. ZION'S
OUTREACH MINISTRIES!**



JUNE HOSPITALITY TEAMS

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



SUNDAY
JUNE 4, 2017
9:00 am

Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Preacher: Izzi Oswald

Children's Message:
Emily Gerdts & Cali Steingraber

Prayers of the People:
Ellie Johnson & Sam Johnson

Assisting the Minister:
Rosie Nelson, Cari Hurt,
Nadia Yarrington, Olivia Yarrington

Greeters:
Nils Dreier, Andrew Gustafson,
Maggie Gustafson & Sam Johnson

Ushers:
Ella Adams, Sophia Adams,
Lucy Adams & Ian Flattum

Reader: Brooke Dreier

Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Communion:
Henry Okerlund, Jack Flattum,
Abigail Romzek & Lily Romzek

Basket Holder During Communion:
Arabella Campana & Aubrey Flattum

Special Music:
Ella Adams, Stella Stanton,
Maya O'Keefe & Claire Hoier

Fellowship: Mt. Zion Youth – SUNDAES!!!!

Helping Serve Fellowship:
Ian Flattum & Rachel

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

9:00am

Lay Preacher: Linda Yde

Hospitality Lead: Jim Eral

Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff

Greeters: Don & Linda Flatt

Reader: Randy Prawalsky

Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Fellowship: Group – CCH June Birthday Party

Special Music: Craig & Maggie Gustafson

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

9:00am

Lay Preacher: Jack Johnson

Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

Ushers: Kristen & Ellie Johnson

Greeters: Carol Gustafson & Deb Sanders

Reader: Barb Walczak

Acolyte: Henry Nemitz

Fellowship: OPEN

Special Music: Deb Fristad

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

9:00am

Lay Preacher: David Miller

Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

Ushers: Mike & Linda Yde

Greeters: Deb Miller & Samantha Keyes

Reader: Katie Jones

Acolyte: Art Okerlund

Fellowship: OPEN

Special Music: Dennis Opland

JUNE MILESTONES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 1 - Aaron Adams
Kellie Feyereisen
& Lucy Stanton
June 2 - Rida Kohler
June 4 - Eileen Sempf

June 5 - Rudy Kohler
June 6 - Todd Dombrock, Allie Jahubek &
Bill Johnson
June 7 - Chelsea Walczak
June 8 - Brian Berg & Roger Leen
June 11 - Bob Beckman, Emily Gerdts,
Noah Gerdts & Ron Miller
June 12 - Maria Mulfort
June 15 - Nils Dreier
June 16 - Rachel Flattum
June 19 - Karen McConville
June 21 - Jim Paulson
June 23 - Carl Meincke
June 24 - Aubrey Flattum
June 25 - Ryan Flattum
June 26 - Rose Holman, Laurie Johnson,
Vincent Nitti & Eileen Wymer
June 27 - Sharon Tepper
June 29 - Sandy Johnson & Art Okerlund
June 30 - Tyler Anderson



WE CELEBRATED THE
MARRIAGE of Chelsea Walczak
& Joel Vircks on May 26!

If we have missed your milestone or have the incorrect
information, please contact the church office at (715)
386-5409

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



June 1 –
Jim & Gwen Paulson
June 3 –
Todd & Debra Page
Greg & Melody Wahlberg
June 6 - Richard Claybaker & Judi Klingsick
Dennis & Kathy Opland
June 11 - Dennis & Cindy Saathoff
June 12 - Daryl & Katie Jones
June 13 - Craig & Karen Gustafson
June 14 - Michael & Judy O'Connell
June 21 - Bill & Olive Olson
June 23 - Jerry & Jane Mlinar
Tim & Jackie Steinhoff
June 26 - Mike & Mary Stanton
June 28 - Paul & Nickki Dombrock
Chris & Molly Matzek
Ron & Audrey Miller

JUNE BAPTISMS



June 1 - Michelle Hanson,
Amanda Olson, Debra Page,
Todd Page & Grant Stojan
June 4 - Sandra Berg &
Nancy Weeks
June 5 – Harrison Jungbauer, Andrea Sempf &
Lydia Spence
June 6 - Karen Gigure & Greg Wahlberg
June 7 - Jerry Mlinar & Earl Monson
June 8 - Steven Eickstadt & Isabelle Oswald
June 9 - Martha Solfest
June 10 - Aylah Tepper-Eng & Walt Weeks
June 12 - Camille McConville
June 13 - Christopher Gustafson
June 14 - Deb Matzek
June 17 - Kevin Anderson
June 19 - Rudy Kohler
June 21 - Dominic Meincke
June 28 - Krista Spreeman



2017 MISSION TRIP NEWS

HABITAT for HUMANITY

Our group will be heading to the Rice Lake, Wisconsin area this year. We will be leaving the afternoon of July 30th and working at building a new home for a family in need. We will return home on August 4th 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 (715-386-9231) or Robin Arneson (715-386-7429). Or you can attend our next meeting on June 11th at 10:30 am 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 July 18 in the west lot – all ages are welcome to come and help!

Upcoming Dates:

July 18th – Wall Build

July 30th- Depart for our week of work, returning August 4th.

A special Thank you to Bayport BBQ for letting us host the Wednesday night fundraiser.



Together with tickets & desserts sold we raise \$821.00!!! Once again, our church family has come through by coming to the events and bringing their families and friends! Thank you!



Help Us Help Others

On July 30, we will head to Barron County 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 going on the trip or by being a general sponsor.

Your Name _____

I would like to sponsor _____
(Name)

General Sponsor _____
(check here)

Amount _____

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Milestone Coordinator ~ MaryKay Mahler
Organist ~ Deb Tonsager
Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir ~ MaryKay Mahler
Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson
Treasurer ~ Robin Arneson
Financial Secretary ~ Joan Christopher
Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer
Kid's Club Coordinator ~ Amanda Stojan 9:00 AM
Custodian ~ Gary Johnson
President ~ Aaron Adams

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

JUNE 4
9:00 AM YOUTH SUNDAY – LED BY MT. ZION'S YOUTH
10:00 AM SUNDAE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 11
9:00 AM WORSHIP LED BY LINDA YDE
Special Music provided by Craig & Maggie Gustafson
10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 18
9:00 AM WORSHIP LED BY JACK JOHNSON
Special Music provided by Deb Fristad
10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 26
9:00 AM WORSHIP LED BY DAVID MILLER
Special Music provided by Dennis Opland
10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP

