

# *The Mountain Top* **Messenger**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace, mercy and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have not heard, we have a new North Wisconsin District president, The Rev. Dwyane Lueck. Many other elections took place at our recent district convention along with the passing of several resolutions. Details can be found on-line at the district's website. Also, St. Paul, Marengo and Trinity Chapel, Cable, have a new pastor, The Reverend Brian Weber. He was installed on June 17th.

This will be the last newsletter article from me. That line was very difficult to type! July 30th or the 31st will be the last day of my serving the vacancy at Zion. I have committed to other preaching engagement in August and a two week family vacation scheduled. I will be meeting with our circuit counselor to see that the spiritual needs of Zion are met through Word and Sacrament ministry.

Diane and I have been blessed in too many ways to mention during the time at Zion. But I will mention just a few: so many new friends, renewal of old acquaintances, Little Friends of Jesus, willing members to serve, the choir and organists, board . committee and council members, the confirmands (both junior and adult) the Bible studies and the shut-ins. These are a lot more.

It is always sad to leave but there is also joy to know that God will always love each and everyone of you. God will send a pastor to serve Zion according to His will. It is my prayer that we will have the opportunity to see one another from time to time. Bessemer is not that far away and the Bay is really close. Remember, I do love to fish. Please keep our family in you prayers as we move on to the next step of God's plan for us.

Thanks again to everyone for the love and kindness that was expressed this past year.

Your once again retired servant in Christ, Pastor Hyvonen

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### Stewardship Thoughts

The seventh principle of stewardship life from LCMS is: God's stewards are served and serving. Stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life demonstrated in servanthood in all the arenas of life. Just as Jesus came to serve, Christians are privileged to serve others through their abilities and resources for the benefit of the church, the community, and the world.

Serve the Lord with personal acts of compassions, service, and financial gifts. Be a servant of God in all your decisions and actions.

Jesus said. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. - - - You will be blessed if you do them:.. John 13:15-17

From your Stewardship Committee

### NEED A PRAYER?



Zion Lutheran Church has two active prayer chains—a daytime and an evening chain, If you would like to have the chain activated to pray for a specific need, please call Marge Douglas at 682-2160. If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message, but then call the church office at 682-6075 and give the request to the church secretary and the chain will be activated. The Prayer Chain members are asked to keep all prayer requests confidential and not discuss them with others, but caller discretion is advised.

### The Little Extras Add Up

We have many generous members in our congregation that donate money above their normal offerings for purchasing Sunday bulletins, wine, hymnals, cleaning supplies, etc. Plus we are fortunate to have so many that donate their "TIME" - mowing the lawn, cleaning, time on committees and groups. The list is long. Even though it's God's work that we are doing, a thank you goes out to all of you. It is greatly appreciated. If you would ever like to help out with some time and/or purchases, please give the office a call.

On my morning walk the other day, it struck me that summer is sweet. The grasses are ripe, trees are lush green, and wildflowers (buttercups, daisies, clover, roses, etc.) perfume the air. Summer truly sings a sweet song. No wonder, my heart also began to sing:



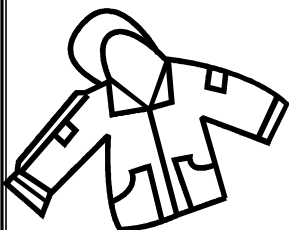
There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place.  
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit. Sweet Heavenly Dove.  
Stay right here with us.  
Filling us with your love.....

Isn't that the truth? The Holy Spirit is the sweet song. The sweet breath of God. The sweet dove of peace. The sweet light of hope. The sweet dawn of healing. The sweet guest of sinners. The sweet flame of forgiveness. The sweet mystery of love. The sweet comforter of loss. The sweet presence of eternal life.

Sweet-summer is now. Let us hear the music of perfect love and tender mercy within us and among us. That we may collectively sing the sweet presence of Jesus in our words and service to others. For we are called to dwell in grace and gratitude in this place... every moment...every day...every season.

**Summer Volunteers Needed** – Faith In Action needs summer volunteers to fill the current requests from seniors. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with light house-keeping, yard work, shopping, and laundry. FIA also takes requests for volunteer help with respite, fix-it jobs, friendly visits, lamp repair, Pets 'N Pals visits, or Arts/Sports Buddy companions. Summer is a great time to volunteer and help out someone in your local community. Call and sign up today!

715-682-4414 x.3 or email [fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org](mailto:fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org)



### LOST & FOUND

Lost and Found items will be put out on a table July 15th and 22nd. Any remaining items will be given to one of the area thrift shops or thrown. Currently they are in the cloak room if you would like to check for something you have missing.

## THIS AND THAT

**Hymnals** We have asked and searched for missing hymnals and haven't come up with any. We are short about a dozen hymnals. We would like to purchase around 16-20 hymnals and asking if anyone would like to purchase one (or more) for the church. They are \$23.00, we'll pick up the shipping costs. Please let the office know or you can put in an extra envelope in the offering plate marked "Hymnals" with how many you would like to donate. Thank you to those who have contributed so far and those who will be forthcoming.

**Congregational Records Questionnaire** Our member files need updating, so we will be asking everyone to fill out a new Congregational Record Questionnaire. Records are used by the Pastor and Elders for updating our membership roster, statistical information to the District Office, sometimes even genealogy for past members. Information is confidential other than what we put in the Church Directory (names, address, phone number). The questionnaire will be available in your mailbox and extras on the counter in the Narthex. Please put completed forms in the box next to the office door.

**Simply Giving** - VANCO Services is providing Zion with direct deposit of offerings from members. It is a convenient, secure and easy method for contributions. More information on the bulletin board. Applications are available in the office. Please speak with Lynn with any questions.

**Sunday School Superintendent** is still needed for our Sunday School program. Help is available even for someone who has no idea of procedures. You could even ask a friend to co-chair with you. Please speak with Lynn in the office if you are interested.



**Lawn Mowing** - schedule needs some more names – Thank you to those who have mowed so far this summer!



**FLOWERS** - Anyone wishing to share their beautiful flowers with Zion and have them on the altar should contact the ladies who are on for the month for Altar Guild.

**Scrapbooking and Other**  
**Wednesday, June 27th 6:30-9:00pm**  
**Friday, June 29th 5:30-10:00pm**  
**Friday, July 20th 5:30-10:00pm**

If you need space, time, or inspiration to get caught up on organizing photos, getting your photos in albums, scrapbooking, cardmaking, or any other projects you may have, come join us in the church basement. You will have plenty of space to spread out to work. You will also have the opportunity to see what others do with their pictures to give you ideas. Please RSVP to Jodi Truchon if you are interested in coming. ([jbtruchon@yahoo.com](mailto:jbtruchon@yahoo.com) or 866-267-8749 Thank you! Jodi

**Tables/Chairs/ Etc.**

Please remember to contact Jim Johnson (209-0001) or the office if you are going to borrow some of the tables and chairs or other items from the church, so we know where they are and for how long.



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# Little Friends of Jesus

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Online: lfoj.org

June 2012

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## Tid-bits from Administration

### Finally!

After what has seemed like many months of vacancy, we are very please to welcome Laura Westerlund as the Lead Learner Teacher. Ms. Laura has taken many classes in the Early Childhood Education field through WITC. We are blessed with her kindness, firmness and patience. Welcome aboard Ms. Laura!

### Welcome

Due to numbers increasing in the Learner Room, Infant Toddler Room and with the Summer SA children starting, we have hired two additional Asst. Teachers. We want to take this time to welcome Rachael Anderson & Kristy Gregory.

Ms. Rachael is currently enrolled in college at Stout. She is majoring in Early Childhood at UW-Stout. She will be with us during the summer and on college breaks.

Ms Kristy worked with the Bad River Healthy Life Styles Program where she worked with every age group. Add the many little ones in her family, Ms Kristy bring lots of experience with her to LFOJ.

### Playground Renovations

Granger Builders has been hired to undertake our playground renovations. The project is set to start early in June. The woodchips will be removed and replaced with pea gravel. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we undergo the construction process!

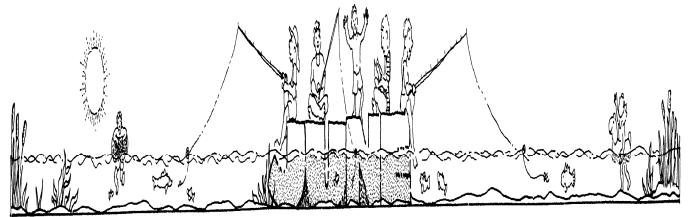
### 3 Year Old Preschool

Preschool openings are available in our Tuesday/Thursday 3 year old preschool group. Anyone interested can call the church office for more information!

### Date With Dad

LFOJ's annual Father's Day celebration, "A Date With Dad", will be coming soon. More info with be forthcoming...watch your child's cubby!

Yours in Christ,  
Karyn



## Totville Times

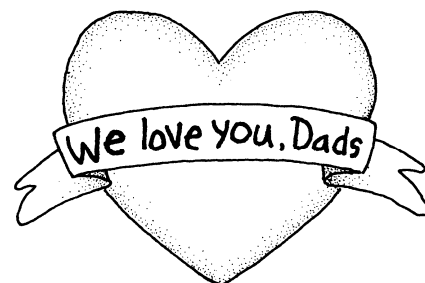
Happy June everyone! It's so hard to believe that spring is coming to an end, and summer will soon be here.

This month, we will be doing projects and activities that have to do with bugs, water, flowers and the sun.

Our Jesus stories for the month are *The Man Who Couldn't See, The Boys & Girls With Jesus, The Wind That Obeyed* and *The Man Who Said "Thank You"*.

Just a reminder, please be sure your child has sunscreen and a water bottle at daycare for outside play. We love to spend as much time as possible outside.

Cassie



## Learner Lane

Hello Parents! I'm Laura Westlund, the new lead Learner teacher. I am excited to be joining the fun at LFOJ and getting to know all of you! I appreciate everyone being patient with me while learning names and faces of both parents and children!

The month of June our Bible stories and themes for our learners will be:

6/4 I Know The Golden Rule

*"Do for others what you would have them do for you."*

6/11 I Choose What Is Right

*"Do what is right and good."*

6/18 I Take Care Of My Pets

*"A good man takes care of his animals"*

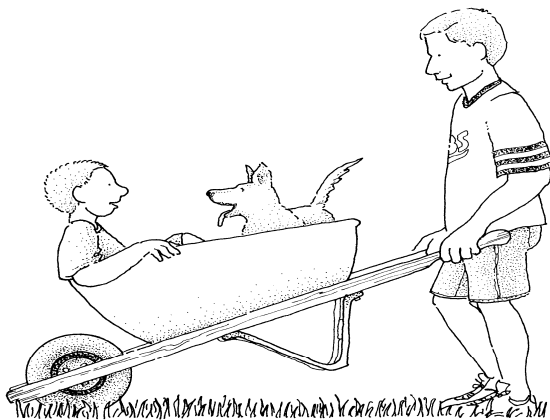
6/25 I Take Care Of The Earth

*"The earth and everything in it belongs to the Lord"*

A reminder that since we have quite a full house, please make sure that the children's cubbies are being cleaned out nightly. They sure do get full with all our projects and the kids toys!

We'll be saying good-bye to our friends **River** and **Lily** this month, but hello to new friends **Molly** and **Brody**.

Birthdays for the month of June in the Learner Room are **Lily W.** (5 yrs.), **Jada H.** (4 yrs.) and **Ian H.** (4 yrs.). Happy Birthday!



## School-Age Scoop

Finally-summer vacation is here! Depending what side of the fence you sit on, you may be excited (as I am sure our school-agers are), or feeling overwhelmed with all the activities summer brings (like me). Either way, the summer will fly by!

Currently, we have ten full-time clients and seven drop-ins. We're happy to welcome back some familiar faces returning for summer, like **Nicholas W.**, and **Eric & Samantha M.** Room is still available if you know of anyone looking for care.

I'm happy to have Ms. Tina returning as my partner, so that a couple days each week I can catch up on my office work.

Each school-ager will have his or her own cubby downstairs, which we will use for correspondence, projects, etc. The goal is to have the children empty cubbies at least once a week. Children may bring up to three toys from home, but due to limited space, toys must be able to fit in the cubby space. Toys from home will be shared with other children.

Children may bring personal gaming devices, such as DS or Gameboys. All games should be rated "E" for everyone, and not involve fighting or violence. School-age "screen" time will be limited to one free choice period per day. (If you would prefer your child NOT play video games while at the center, please let us know.)

To fully enjoy our summer activities, school-agers need to have sunscreen and water bottles for outside play. If you haven't already received a medicine authorization form for sunscreen, let me know. Also, we ask that children have tennis shoes or sandals with ankle straps for outside play.

Each week, we will be having a different thematic unit. In our first few weeks together, we will be talking about friendship, planting and the circus. We are excited to start out the summer with a Chapel visit with Pastor Hyvonen. We are also hoping to schedule some other fun days throughout the summer.

God's Blessings On Your Summer!  
Ms. Amy

# JULY Servers for Worship Services 2012

Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!!

## ELDERS

July 1 Rick Williams & Chuck Chronis  
July 8 Doug Warren & Mike Cashman  
July 15 Chuck Chronis & Darryl Warren  
July 22 Mike Cashman & Rick Williams  
July 29 John Pruss & Doug Warren

## JULY Acolytes

July 1 Carolyn Gurske & Ciera Maday  
July 8 Eric Bochler & Riley Heglund  
July 15 Brooke Sapper & Tiffany Houle  
July 22 Jordan Thimm & Sydney Vyskocil  
July 29 Kathryn Draeger & Cooper Tamke

## GREETERS FOR JULY

*Greeters should arrive by 8:40am*

July 1 Francis & Alice Balmer  
July 8 Robert & Lisa Guski  
July 15 Rick & Sandy Nutt  
July 22 Nick & Jule Jarvela  
July 29 Scott & Becky Sapper

## JULY Ushers

*Ushers should arrive by 8:40am*

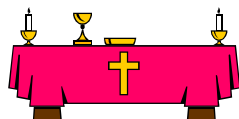
July 1 Jim Johnson & Dylan Williams  
July 8 Brian Klobucher & Tim Bauer  
July 15 Ben Cashman & Jerry Frisco  
July 22 Scott Thimm & Don Pocernich  
July 29 Todd Vyskocil & Larry Hildebrandt

## OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred from Zion - Larry & Mary  
Steckling to Our Savior in Eagle River, WI

## JULY ALTAR GUILD

Tami Heglund 685-9947  
June Williams 682-2549  
Tami Thimm 682-4817  
Kaitlyn Thimm



## Our Prayer Concerns JULY

### Mission

Zion Lutheran Church

Little Friends of Jesus Childcare  
Center

### Thanksgiving

To all of you who have worked faithfully and joyfully to serve our Lord by serving others and often go unnoticed by all but our Heavenly Father.

### Nursing Home & Assisted Living Resident

Roger Basina  
Ed Torkko  
Corrine Tolliver  
Alice Hansen  
Sharon Johnson  
Margaret Mahoney

### Shut-in's

Ron Nevala  
Walt Schutte  
Clarence Houle  
Gloria Mills  
Lois Hein

### Local & US Concerns

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(fulltime and/or  
deployed military)

Steve Sorenson, son of Dave & JULY  
Sorenson, U.S. Navy,  
stationed in San Diego, CA

Aaron Aschenbrenner, son-in-law of Lynn &  
Chuck Ladd, stationed in Eau Claire, WI

