

# *The Mountain Top* **Messenger**

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to open this month's newsletter by thanking God, and you, the members of Zion. I was humbled and honored at your selection the other Sunday, which will allow me to continue to serve you here at Zion. I have begun the process of enrollment in the SMP program and will keep you posted throughout the process. The first steps, enrollment into the Seminary and transfer of my transcripts from Concordia Mequon are underway. And while there are a number of additional hurdles, I will let you know as they are cleared. Words cannot express how blessed I feel being able to serve you here at Zion. As we move forward I encourage you to pray for me and my family, as we will be praying for all of you.

During the SMP process please ask questions, keep me posted on your thoughts, your ideas, your goals and your desires for Zion. I have been in business for many years and one thing I have strived to maintain is an open door policy, I plan on that continuing. If you have a question, a concern, a comment, or just want to talk, please come see me, text me, email me, or call me. The thing I am not good at is telepathy, if you don't tell me I will never know how you feel. I would ask that you would never be afraid of sharing your feelings with me, whether pleased or displeased, I am here to serve the Lord and his chosen at Zion.

Our Lenten services got off to a great start, I believe, with the Ash Wednesday service, the voice of satan. The soup and sandwich beforehand were exceptional. And I am sure the coming weeks will be outstanding as well, I am looking forward to a good split pea and ham, a personal favorite. We have announced our "soup and sandwich" as well as the Lenten services to the community so keep your eye out for strangers and do as you always do and make them feel welcome.

I will close by thanking all of you again for your support, you are all in my prayers daily. As Paul said in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Thessalonians, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."

Rick Williams  
Deacon

# Zion's Ministry Staff and Church Officers

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15am

Bible Studies: Sunday 10:15 am, Monday 10:00am, Men's Breakfast Bible Study -  
Thursday, 6:00am

## Lent 2013

### Wednesday, Midweek Services 6:30pm

*The Trials of Jesus:*

Feb. 27 Annas, Mar. 6 Caiaphas,

Mar. 13 Peter, Mar. 20 Herod

(Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30pm)



## Holy Week

Maundy Thursday March 28th 6:30pm

Good Friday March 29th 6:30pm

Easter Sunrise March 31st 7:00am

Easter Service March 31st 9:00am

(Easter Breakfast served between the two services)



## 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.



# Mission Trip: TANZANIA

## Update posted by Debra Elmore-Nesheim

February 21, 2013

Today I sent off an application and all the goodies required with that to get a Tanzanian nursing license needed to practice in the country. Still moving forward!



There was a slight bump when one the doctors backed out on the trip due to work obligations. We weren't sure the trip would go on as planned. But another doctor has stepped forward and filled the position. The trip is still on and for that we are thankful!

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in it's various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

**The Soup and Sandwich Supper** to be held on Wednesday Feb. 27th will be provided by the Trustees and Men's Club (Dartball League) and sponsored by Superior Shores Thrivent. All proceeds from the free will offering will be given to Ken Philaja to help defray costs incurred as he receives cancer treatments at Mayo Clinic.



**March 10th**  
**Daylight Savings Time**  
Spring Ahead

### CAMP LUTHER BREEZE

Camps and activities are listed in their monthly "Breeze" on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

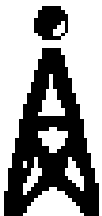
### CAMP LUTHER

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - \$600 is available for all children/youth wishing to go to Camp Luther for a weekend camp now or for the summer week camps. *Remember those who are first time campers in the summer can get a free campership from Camp Luther.* Please respond by **March 4<sup>th</sup>** to John and Paula



Pruss. The money will be divided equally between those who have given notice.

Check out the camps at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com).



**Ashland's Christian music radio station** is back on the air at 91.9 FM. They are in need of supporters to keep the station from being sold. Listen in and donate as God moves you. The contacts are 1-888-720-9730 or [www.life973.com](http://www.life973.com).

# L

Lutheran Women Missionary League means that we are missionaries joined together to use our energies for the work of the Lord. This happens here at Zion, in the District, throughout the Synod and throughout the world.

# W

The North Wisconsin District adopted a 2012-14 Mission grant goal of \$150,000. Of that amount \$56,000 has already been reached. Here at Zion, we contribute with our mites, our prayers for those on mission trips, at retreats and rallies and in service to others and God.

# M

Zion's LWML welcomes all women of the church on the third Saturday of each month from August – May at 9:00AM. Mites are collected at the meetings and also on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month in the narthex for those unable to attend the monthly meeting. Mite boxes are available on that Sunday. Zion's Sunday School children also donated mites to LWML this year.

# L

Our meetings give us time to share God's Word and plan ways to serve Him in our own church and beyond. **COME JOIN US!!!!**

## Sunday School Scoop

The Lesson themes for March are: Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy, Jesus is Anointed, Study of the Passion/Palm Sunday, Jesus Dies and Lives Again.

Congratulations to the following children who had 100% attendance for January. Sophie Truchon, Daniel Truchon, Jacob Graves, Kyle Sapper, Taylor Vyskocil, Henry Graves, Lily Truchon, Brooke Sapper, Cooper Tamke, Sydney Vyskocil and Tiffany Houle.

**VBS - Summer 2013 August 12th—15th 9:00am-3:15pm**  
**CAMP LUTHER is coming!!!! Grades 1st-6th (2012-2013 status)**

We still need someone to oversee the Summer VBS, August 12-15. Camp Luther will be coming to do the lessons, crafts, and music. Please speak with one of the Education Board members if you will be willing to take this on.



## LFOJ Happenings

LFOJ is working with a technical consultant to renew its enrollment in the state of WI Youngstar program. There are various levels of achievement and LFOJ is trying to upgrade their current standing.

Plan to attend the Lenten Soup/Sandwiches on 3/13/13 when LFOJ serves. Money raised will go toward flooring project, new carpeting and linoleum that is desperately needed in several of the rooms.



## Lenten Invitation

-Alice J. Ellis

Leave behind your brokenness  
Enter the bare-bones wilderness  
Be marked with the ashes of palms  
Sing hymns in minor tones of longing  
Bow heads in surrendered prayer  
Seek the remembrance of baptism  
Hear John's ancient cry "*Repent,  
Prepare the way of the Lord.*"  
Speak the language of confession  
Receive the gift of forgiveness  
Wear the sign of the cross  
Eat His body broken for you  
Drink His blood poured out for you  
Let His love overtake your love  
That you may become...  
God's holy habitation.

Lent invites us to be transformed inwardly and outwardly through our participation in Jesus' journey to the cross. For this season of instruction offers an opportunity to examine our hearts, consider the sacrifice of holy living, and be an active blessing to others. The entry to the journey is marked with an ashen signpost that signals us to *slow down* - retreat from daily clutter, pause for silent prayer, gain insight from the Word, offer tea to strangers, extend peace to the weary, phone words of cheer to the lonely, affirm the image of Christ in others, pen a letter of healing, generously support the poor - *and so much more*. May we respond to God's Lenten invitation that our faith may be aligned to His habitation of transformation that others may join us in this 40-day journey of a lifetime. See you on the road to the cross!

**Church Property** – Anyone needing to borrow table, chairs, etc. from the Church needs to speak with Trustee Nick Jarvela or the office.

## Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 18, 2013

The February 18, 2013 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis. Deacon Rick Williams opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** President – Chuck Chronis, Elder – Darryl Warren, Trustee – Nick Jarvela, Education – Lynn Ladd, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Evangelism – Lori Hebert, Deacon – Rick Williams.

Motion by Jarvela, second by Warren, to move the Deacon's report to start of the meeting. Motion carried. Deacon's report is included with Board Reports below.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Ladd, second by Jarvela, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2012 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Warren, second by Hebert, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Hebert, second by Jarvela, to approve the agenda as printed with additions to new business. Motion carried.

### BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Jarvela, second by Hebert to accept the Board Reports as given. Motion carried.

**Trustees** *Ongoing monthly maintenance to Church and LFOJ completed. 2013 lease agreement for signs on Sanborn and Highway 13 were received from City of Ashland and filed. Old microwave from LFOJ was donated to Jesse's used appliance store. Trustees and Men's Club serve Soup and Sandwiches on 2/27 with proceeds helping to defray the costs of cancer treatments for Ken Philaja.*

**Education** *Need superintendent and a lead volunteer for Camp Luther VBS.*

**Little Friends of Jesus** *Jule Jarvela joined the LFOJ board; LFOJ alumni, Sarah Johnson, will be completing her Early Childhood practicum in the preschool room; looking to replace carpet and linoleum*

**Evangelism** *Many projects in the works, continuing to look at placing a sign on 11<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot, considering 'Reaching Rural America for Christ' leadership program as a main focus and mission, which includes a community outreach/awareness. Considering ways to bring people into the church (opening Lenten soup and sandwiches to the community and advertising it as such in the paper, quarterly public workshops on elderly care, gambling, divorce, grieving, etc;)*

**Deacon's Report** *Pastor Peterson from Concordia University of Wisconsin will be giving the sermon message and bible study on 2/24/13; LFOJ chapel and Lenten services going well; Has caught up on visitations; Rick is completing the application for the Specific Ministry Program and getting his transcripts from Concordia-Mequon to St. Louis Seminary. Rick shared that confirmation is going well and he is very pleased by the progress of the students and the depth of their questions.*

Next reports are due March 12, 2013. They can be emailed to: [zionashland@hotmail.com](mailto:zionashland@hotmail.com)

### OFFICIAL ACTS:

**Death:** Ronald Nevala, 02/01/2013

**New Members:** Daniel and Carla Schwantes, Trinity Lutheran (LCMS), Spencer, WI  
Jane Gordon and Denise Gordon from Immanuel Lutheran (LCMS), Mellen, WI

*There were no old business items to discuss.*

### NEW BUSINESS:

A. LFOJ is looking to explore future options available to them and will be looking into building zoning requirements.

Tweaks will be made to the sound system to help alleviate recent problems. If improvement is not seen then further options to improve the sound system issues will be considered.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Warren, second by Hebert to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# MARCH Servers for Worship Services

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!!

## Our Prayer Concerns MARCH

### Mission

Zion Lutheran Church  
Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center  
Jordan Kroll Mission in China

### 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.

### Illnesses David Hebert Dan Truchon

Ken Philaja Mary Koosmann Chuck Gretzlock  
Patty Kegel Otto Rusch

### Nursing Home & Assisted Living Resident

Ed & Elna Torkko Margaret Mahoney  
Corrine Tolliver Alice Hansen  
Sharon Johnson Otto Rusch Walt Schutte

### Shut-in's

Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil Gloria Mills  
Clarence & Madge Houle Dorothy Rusch

### Local & US Concerns

(fulltime and/or deployed military)

Steve Sorenson, son of Dave &  
June Sorenson, U.S. Navy, station-  
ed in San Diego, CA



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

## GREETERS FOR MARCH

*Greeters should arrive by 8:40am*

Mar. 3 Ingrid Pocernich & Lou Pearce  
Mar. 6 Nick & Jule Jarvela  
Mar. 10 Kathleen & Patrick Colgrove  
Mar. 13 Jim & Lori Hebert  
Mar. 17 Warren & Peggy Draeger  
Mar. 20 Moreland Family  
Mar. 24 Guski Family  
Mar. 28 Sapper Family  
Mar. 29 Roger & Linda Stenroos  
Mar. 31 (7:00am) Ron & Brenda Schwiesow  
Mar. 31 (9:00am) Thimm Family

## MARCH Acolytes

Mar. 3 Eric Bochler & Tiffany Houle  
Mar. 6 Carolyn Gurske & Jordan Thimm  
Mar. 10 Brooke Sapper & Kathryn Draeger  
Mar. 13 Cooper Tamke & Ciera Maday  
Mar. 17 Sydney Vyskocil & Annie Ylitalo  
Mar. 20 Riley Heglund & Kathryn Draeger  
Mar. 24 Kathryn Draeger & Cooper Tamke  
Mar. 28 Jordan Thimm & Tiffany Houle  
Mar. 29 Eric Bochler & Carolyn Gurske  
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Mar. 31 (9:00am) Annie Ylitalo & Riley Heglund

## MARCH Ushers

*Ushers should arrive by 8:40am*

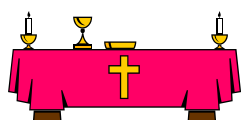
Mar. 3 Francis Balmer & Loren Munson  
Mar. 6 Warren Draeger & Matt Draeger  
Mar. 10 Jerry Frisco & Brian Klobucher  
Mar. 13 Wendell Friske & Larry Hildebrandt  
Mar. 17 Jim Hebert & Roger Stenroos  
Mar. 20 Nick Jarvela & Scott Pearce  
Mar. 24 Don Moreland & Paul Osmak  
Mar. 28 Jim Johnson & Dylan Williams  
Mar. 29 Patrick Colgrove & Hunter Heglund  
Mar. 31 (7:00am) Ben Cashman & Scott Sapper  
Mar. 31 (9:00am) Herb Ellis & Randy Spangle

## ELDERS

Mar. 3 Don Pocernich & Chuck Chronis  
Mar. 6 John Pruss  
Mar. 10 Doug Warren & Mike Cashman  
Mar. 13 Chuck Chronis  
Mar. 17 Chuck Chronis & Darryl Warren  
Mar. 20 Doug Warren  
Mar. 24 Mike Cashman & Don Pocernich  
Mar. 28 Mike Cashman & Darryl Warren  
Mar. 29 Don Pocernich  
Mar. 31 (7:00am) John Pruss & Doug Warren  
Mar. 31 (9:00am) Darryl Warren & Chuck Chronis

## MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Jule Jarvela 682-0385  
Janet Houle 682-2387  
Tiffany Houle



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