

# *The Mountain Top* **Messenger**

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## **Grace, Peace, and Mercy to you for God our Father.**

It seems Fall is upon us in that typical Northern Wisconsin way. There is that autumn crispness in the air and the leaves are all but gone. We get to turn our clocks back on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the already shortened days will soon seem even shorter. The holidays are creeping up on us and soon it will be Thanksgiving and of course that other Wisconsin holiday, hunting season. I always find this to be a great time for reflection as Thanksgiving approaches.

With all the hustle and bustle of our busy lives we sometimes forget all that we have to be thankful for. I was given a stark reminder of that this week as I prepared to do the memorial service for a young woman who was called to be with our Lord at the young age of 32. It is the kind of thing that we don't expect and it can be a reminder of how precious life is and how we often take life for granted. It calls to mind John 14:1-4, 6-7; *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.... I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.."*

Take a little extra time and remember to thank the Lord for his Son. Thank him for that saving Grace that through faith brings us to eternal life with our Lord and Savior. And take peace in knowing that when our time comes our Lord tells us, *I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

*The Lord's Blessing be upon you and Happy Thanksgiving*  
*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

### Stewardship Thoughts

In the Lutheran Service Book Agenda there is a rite for the Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith. One expectation for membership in a Christian congregation is regular giving from all that God has provided. A question asked in this rite is.....Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you? When you answer, "I will with the help of God:", it is then your responsibility to offer your gifts in the spirit of generosity and of sharing with others.

In 1 Timothy 6 - Paul writes - "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

### 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.



### Zion's Website

A reminder that we have a website for your review. You can sign-in at [www.zionashland.org](http://www.zionashland.org).

### MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**Zion's annual meeting:  
Sunday, December 2nd**



## PIES PIES PIES

mm-mm-mm-mm  
GOOD!

The Youth Group will be taking orders for pies for

Thanksgiving as a fundraiser for their Youth Convention in San Antonio, summer 2013.

The pies are all homemade!

9" Pies \$12.50 each

Apple Pumpkin Pecan

Orders taken until Nov. 18th - order forms in the Narthex or speak with any of the confirmation students.

Pickup of the pies will be at church, Wednesday, Nov. 21st after the Wednesday night service. Delivery of the pies on Tuesday or Wednesday for an additional small fee and within a reasonable travel distance. Please be sure to highlight when, address, and phone number if you want a delivery.

Thank you - "Youth to San Antonio"

## VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 11th

1:00pm

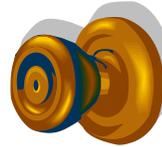
**Potluck Dinner at 12:30pm**

You will be voting on a Pastor to call.

## Locks and Lights



If you are or could be the last one leaving the church please be sure to check that the doors are locked and the lights are off. Always look behind you when you leave a room or door to see if lights are off. Push on the entrance doors that they are latched tight. Thank you!



## Sunday School Scoop

It's the end of the second month for Sunday School. The year shows no sign of slowing down. The following students had 100% attendance for September: Sophie Truchon, Ayeisha Deragon, Daniel Truchon, Henry Graves, Kenny Harrelson, Austin Vyskocil, Lily Truchon, Trista Bolz, Jodi Harrelson, Jacob Graves, Kyle Sapper, Taylor Vyskocil, Sydney Vyskocil, Tiffany Houle.

The Education Board is working on getting the Children's Christmas program ready to be handed out to teachers and students. The theme this year is "Away in the Manger" and it will be held during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 23rd. We hope that everyone will be in attendance to hear the story of the birth of Jesus from our angels of Zion.

The children are participating in "LWML Children's Mite Boxes". The children will empty their mite box the second Sunday of each month and monies go for numerous mission projects of the LWML.

We are still looking for a Sunday School Superintendent. We hope that someone will be willing to give to the Lord their assistance for our Sunday School.

Thank you, Education Board

## Bigger and Better?

Have you upgraded your camera at home and have a nice digital camera sitting in the closet? We would like to have a camera for usage for church events, especially Sunday School. AND..... LFOJ would like to have one too. We would like a digital camera that takes nice pictures and has the attachment to transfer the pictures to the computer or the capability that we could pick up a cord attachment. Let the office know if you would have one to donate. Thank you!



October 12, 2012

A. Ellis

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

There are mornings when a person wakes up and wonders if you have been transported to a new land. That is how I felt this morning when I went for my walk at 6:45 a.m. to pick up the newspaper with Penny: our golden girl-retriever.

The sky was a slate black with only a crack of light in the east. I noticed down the driveway that our neighbors put their yard light on so I could easily find my way to drop off their newspaper. This all went off without a hitch. In fact, the walk became rather action-packed when Molly, the neighbor springer spaniel, joined the fun.

As I walked back, I realized the clouds were now lit with the soft pink light of dawn. I could see much better. The ground was laced with a crunchy curtain of frost. And the beauty of the planet Venus stood alongside the teacup-shaped moon. The air was still and it felt like Penny, Molly and I were part of a magical moment.

Morning always amazes me with how quickly the full light arrives. Within minutes the sun's rays dissolved the pink aura and washed out the view of the moon and Venus. And the magical kingdom gave way to the earthly reality of another beautiful day up north... and treats for two wide-awake pups and hot oatmeal for the hungry girl (thanks Herb).

Sounds like the sky drama will continue. There is a possibility after sunset that the planet Mars might be observed in the southwest and Jupiter later in the evening in the northeast.

## Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 15, 2012

The October 15, 2012 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis who opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** President – Chuck Chronis, Trustee – Jim Johnson, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Evangelism – Lori Hebert, Stewardship – Penny Mattson, Education – Lynn Ladd, LFOJ - Cheri Tamke, Elder - Darryl Warren and church member Herb Ellis.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Johnson, second by Koosmann, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Warren, second by Hebert, to approve the Treasurer's Report through September 2012 as written. Motion carried.

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

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

Motion by Tamke, second by Hebert, to accept the Board reports as given. Motion carried.

***Elders** – Confirmation is going well, no 6<sup>th</sup> graders – only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year. Rick is providing guidance on catechism on each Wednesday evening. Elders and Evangelism may be getting together to discuss potential ideas and activities.*

***Trustees** – Basement entrance to LFOJ was improved by replacing retaining walls, removing soil encroachment and providing swales for water diversion. The LFOJ sump pump discharge was moved to west side of building to get allow it to get further away from the building. Lawn mowers were winterized, dehumidifiers cleaned and stored and carpet secured on west entrance area.*

***Education** – Superintendent's position is still vacant. Thirty-four children are enrolled in Sunday School. Christmas program will be held on December 23, 2012. Children are being requested to turn in "children mite boxes" monthly to support the work of LWML.*

***LFOJ** – newsletter will no longer be included in the church newsletter since it is a month behind. Updates will be provided in an "LFOJ Happenings" section. A used refrigerator, stove and microwave in good condition were donated to the center. A donation of \$150 was received and given to Zion to offset the costs from the June flood. A new evacuation crib was purchased through a Youngstar Grant.*

***Evangelism** – Freewill offering envelopes raised more than \$500 which will be used to support college students. Jim Johnson will be joining the Evangelism committee and working on a Bible study outreach project called "Share Jesus without Fear".*

***There were no official acts or old business to discuss.***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Motion by Tamke, second by Koosman to have a free will offering on November 11 to support the BRICK, with inserts placed in the November 4 bulletin as requested by BRICK volunteer and Zion church member Herb Ellis. Motion carried.

B. Discussion regarding the mortgage was tabled until the November Council meeting.

C. No changes will be made to the current insurance carrier; information shows we are getting good rates and coverage.

D. Trustees will move the wiring of the bell from the LFOJ office to a more logical location and new locks will be installed on the LFOJ office doors.

E. President Chuck Chronis appointed Jim Johnson, Mike Cashman and Jule Jarvela to the nominating committee.

Call committee continues to meet and work with Pastor Bo. A Voters' meeting is anticipated for Nov 11, 2012.

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

## **LFOJ HAPPENINGS** (You can read LFOJ's Newsletter on the bulletin board in the Narthex.)

LFOJ staff has seen some changes currently and we would like to introduce our newest members.:

We welcome Jane Williams to our LFOJ family as an assistant childcare teacher, to float among the different classrooms at the center. Jane recently moved to Ashland with her family from Florida. Jane received early childhood training during her senior year of high school and is pursuing an associate's degree at WITC.

We welcome Amy Gordon, also as an assistant childcare teacher floating among the classrooms. She has previous experience as an early childhood teacher, working at Bad River Headstart.

We welcome back Laurel Grehn as a substitute at the center. Laurel was a former client many years ago and has worked at the center off and on over the past year or so

With much sadness, we bid farewell to Marissa Mountain.

The Anderson Family has generously donated their old refrigerator, stove and microwave to the center. The Mashlan's helped move the equipment on Friday, October 5. LFOJ's old appliances were given to Jesse's Used Appliances in exchange for his help to move the "new" items.

The confirmation class stained the playground equipment as part of a service project on 10/10/12. Thank you for your time and service.

We would like to thank everyone that extended such a warm welcome during LFOJ Sunday.

God's Blessings! LFOJ - Karyn and Amy



### **What's Cooking?**

Ms. Carleen previously worked in the cafeteria at the Ashland School District. Ms. Carleen is very creative and has had many new ideas.. The kids have enjoyed many tasty meals.

## **COMMITTEES/BOARDS**

Anyone interested in being part of a board or committee should speak with Jim Johnson or Chuck Chronis by the end of the October.

Education, Trustees, Stewardship, Evangelism

Also, they are looking for people who would be interested in helping out boards and other areas now and then with various jobs: Such as research on the computer, making phone calls, manual work such as photo copying, cleaning, all the way to lawn mowing. You wouldn't need to be on a committee; you'll be a resource as a helper. A sign-up sheet for being a helper is in the Narthex. Any questions speak with Jim 715-209-0001 or Chuck 715-682-0070 or e-mail the office at [zionashland@hotmail.com](mailto:zionashland@hotmail.com)

# NOVEMBER 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!!

## ELDERS

Nov. 4 Darryl Warren & Chuck Chronis  
Nov. 11 Doug Warren & John Pruss  
Nov. 18 Chuck Chronis & Don Pocernich  
Wed. Nov. 21 Doug Warren  
Nov. 25 Mike Cashman & Darryl Warren

## GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

*Greeters should arrive by 8:40am*

Nov. 4 Brian & Linda Klobucher  
Nov. 11 Jerry & Sandy Frisco  
Nov. 18 Vyskocil Family  
Wed. Nov. 21 June Williams & Janet Houle  
Nov. 25 Herb & Alice Ellis



## NOVEMBER Acolytes

Nov. 4 Eric Bochler & Tiffany Houle  
Nov. 11 Carolyn Gurske & Kathryn Draeger  
Nov. 18 Brooke Sapper & Cooper Tamke  
Wed. Nov. 21 Kathryn Draeger & Tiffany Houle  
Nov. 25 Sydney Vyskocil & Annie Ylitalo

## NOVEMBER Ushers

*Ushers should arrive by 8:40am*

Nov. 4 Chris Bolz & Scott Thimm  
Nov. 11 Henry Truchon & Rick Nutt  
Nov. 18 Steve Nesheim & Robert Guski  
Wed. Nov. 21 Dylan Williams & Brian Klobucher  
Nov. 25 Tim Bauer & Todd Vyskocil

## NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Karen Wahl 682-4766  
Penny Mattson 682-6056



## Our Prayer Concerns NOVEMBER

### Mission

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

### Illness

David Hebert  
an Truchon

### Nursing Home & Assisted Living

#### Resident

Roger Basina  
Ed & Elna Torkko  
Corrine Tolliver  
Agnes Schutte  
Alice Hansen  
Sharon Johnson  
Margaret Mahoney



### Shut-in's

Ron Nevala Lois Hein  
Walt Schutte Gloria Mills  
Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil  
Clarence & Madge Houle  
Otto & Dorothy Rusch

### 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.

### Local & US

#### Concerns

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(fulltime and/or  
deployed military)



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

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