

The Mountain Top **Messenger**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

God's peace to all as we go about His business. The month has been most rewarding with so much happening in a short time. Sunday School, Junior Catechesis and Bible Studies are just some of the activities that have resumed. I am meeting more of you each time I come to Zion Lutheran Church and look forward to meeting more.

The call committee has finished going through the proper procedure to establish a call list. On Monday, September 19, 2011, a call may be extended according to God's will. Once a pastor has agreed to consider the call, the proper documentation is then sent to him. The pastor will examine the documents, talk to his family, his circuit counselor and possibly to the district president and determine if his work at the congregation he now serves is finished. Usually within a one month time frame the called pastor will either accept the call or return the call. To say the least, it is a very exhausting time for the pastor, his family and the congregation he now serves. Please keep him in your prayers. When it comes to vacancies, we have to trust in God above all things.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday will be celebrated at Zion on October 2. It is great to see a number of the women in Zion participating in LWML! Their zone rally will be held at Our Redeemer on September 24. It is truly amazing what those little bitty "Mite Boxes" can accomplish. The ladies will be greeting and helping with the ushering on October 2. Thank you ladies!

I would like to begin an Adult Instruction class soon. Determining the time and day of the week is the challenge. Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings seem to be logical options. There is a list of individuals who have expressed an interest in taking the class and it is my prayer that there will be more than those on the list. Also, if any member of the congregation is interested in a "refresher course" you would most certainly be welcome to attend.

As I mentioned in last month's "Messenger", there will be some Sundays that I will not be able to serve at Zion due to previous commitments. I am helping Rev. D.J. Dominkowski who serves Trinity, Bolder Junction and Messiah, Marenisco. During the summer months he also serves at Bethel Lutheran Chapel in Presque Isle. Pastor "D" usually will take a two to four week vacation and he has asked me to "watch the flocks" while he is gone. As I look at the calendar there should be no more than three more Sundays that I will not be at Zion.

As we face the challenges in our daily lives we turn to our Lord for comfort. Hebrews 12:2 tells us, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." I once again would like to thank all of the members of Zion who are serving the Lord with gladness and those helping me out in so many ways. God does bless us and always will!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Hyvonon



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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.



A short blurb from the Zion Kitchen Committee –



We are once again in need of your used, WASHED containers for packaging leftovers from Zion's funeral meals. Place them on the kitchen island and mark your bag "supplies". Also, it would be marvelous if anyone would like to contribute cans of coffee (reg/decaf) for use by the entire church as always. Prices have really skyrocketed, as we all know, and coffee is a luxury item for our budget. Thanks to all for the great cooperation in keeping our facility clean. (remember to remove your fridge items after your event.)

We are looking for people that would want to come and help paint Zion's kitchen. Please call Sandy Frisco at 715 682-5401 if you would be willing to help.



God speed! Your Kitchen Committee

LWML SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2011

LWML invites everyone to enjoy coffee, juice and cookies following the service.

Dear Mite Box,

By Luetta Werner

You're by my kitchen window
To greet me each new day,
Each day I plan to feed you
For missions far away.

For each little mite I give
I thank my God above
For all the many blessings
He gives to us in love.

You watch me in the kitchen
As I sing with joy and pray
That god will bless our efforts
For His Kingdom each new day.

SCRAPBOOKING

Friday, October 21st 5:00-10:00pm

If you need space, time, or inspiration to get caught up on organizing photos, getting your photos in albums, scrapbooking or cardmaking, come join us in the church basement, Friday night. 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. Soda, water and punch are provided. Please bring a snack to share. There is a \$5 fee. Please RSVP to Jodi Truchon if you are interested in coming. (jbtruchon@yahoo.com or 866-267-8749)

Thank you!

Altar Guild Meeting

Monday, October 10th, 6:00pm in the church basement. Please plan on attending. New members are more than welcome!!!! You serve only one month a year and usually with two or more other ladies.



“Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?”

The TRUTH PROJECT - An In-Depth Christian World view Experience

Focus on the Family's The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group study that practically and personally introduces viewers to the truth claims of God. Please accept this personal invitation to join us.

Penny Mattson, went through the initial class as a presenter-trainee and has held one class already. Several other classes were held last winter/spring and people raved

about its content. She is interested in doing another class in her home or elsewhere. The class will be about two hours in length for six weeks. Dates and times haven't been set. She will schedule around those who are interested in attending. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Penny at 715-682-6056 or the church at 716-682-6075. Please consider it today.

Dr. Tackett is also on the Church Channel (Charter #124), Wednesday mornings at 7:30am. His show is called, :Cross Examine". It is excellent and deals with life today from a Biblical perspective.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Wednesday mornings
Starting October 12th
6:00 to 6:50 am
You won't want to miss it.
Please join us!



Stewardship Thoughts

Biblical stewardship is about the heart of the steward, not the desire to get something in return. We must not approach our life of stewardship with a mindset of exchange. We must examine our motives as we manage all that God has entrusted to us. We give because He first gave Himself to us and for us. We give when the Holy Spirit works through the word and sacraments in us. We give of our time, talent, and treasure with no strings attached. "Freely you have received, freely give." Matt.10:8

From your Stewardship Committee

Can you thread a needle? You can quilt!
Can you tie a knot? You can quilt!
Do you enjoy good conversation? This is for you!
Does it make your heart feel warm when you're helping others? Then JOIN the **QUILTERS NOW** ! They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm in the church basement.



Transitions invite us to live in the present.... and the presence of God. - A. Ellis



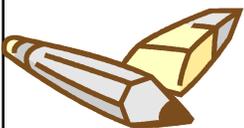
Mid-September upnorth is a time of transition. We are caught between hanging on to summer and anticipating autumn. On the south side of the house, the hot sun warms our dining room. On the north side, a chilly lake breeze cools our bedroom. Green leaves start to blush. Hungry birds seek brittle oat heads. Apples hang with red ripeness. Thistle flowers weave fine fibers. Milkweed pods wait to be cracked. Sunflowers become seed-plates. Bees sip sweet drinks. Geese flock together.

This shift of nature invites us to consider the gift of earthly time. To recall with gratitude the summer berries we picked, the picnics we enjoyed, the vacations we took, the long evenings we played, the mornings we slept late... but also acknowledge the forward movement of time.

Our senses respond to September's outward shift and our inner bones know colder days are coming. During times of change, the unchanging presence of God become even more precious: *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever"* (Heb. 13:8). For it was on an earth-bound cross that the eternal message of hope was set, and seasonal shifts do not wither or erase this promise.

I love mid-September. I love the fresh breeze. The new look of nature and the change of light. Let us remember to acknowledge each day that the Spirit of the God dwells among us. He offers sweet grace. He reworks disappointments for our good. He encourages us to hold hands in prayer and proclaim promises of hope. We are the apple of His eye. Every day is a special day in His presence.

Whatever your task, put yourself into it as done for the Lord... Colossians 3:23



**Zion Lutheran Church
Special Voters Meeting
August 21, 2011**

The August 21, 2011 Special Voters Meeting of the members of Zion Church was called to order by President Nick Jarvela. Thirty-seven (37) members were in attendance.

President Nick Jarvela explained the purpose of the meeting was to hire a pulpit pastor to help fulfill some of Zion's needs until a new pastor was called.

Pastor Hyvonen is available to preach on Sundays (and Wednesday advent services, if necessary), lead adult bible studies on Monday mornings and Sunday after church, attend to funerals and weddings as needed, visit shut-ins and those in the hospital and have office hours for administrative needs on a weekly basis.

Motion by Francis Graves, second by June Williams, to hire Pastor Hyvonen with a salary consisting of 50% of the base pastoral pay and including mileage reimbursement from Bessemer at 55 cents per mile for the above mentioned duties. Motion carried.

**Zion Lutheran Church
Special Voters Meeting
September 19, 2011**

The September 19, 2011 Special Voters Meeting of the members of Zion Church was called to order by Elder, Darryl Warren. District Counselor, Pastor Baumeister, opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Thirty-six (36) members were in attendance.

Pastor Baumeister outlined the next steps in the call process. Discussion on the candidates brought forth to the congregation by the call committee, vote for a candidate or rejection of both, request for a unanimous vote to call the candidate who received the majority vote.

Information on two candidates who had done phone interviews with the call committee was provided to the attendees. Rick Williams, chair of the call committee, led the discussion of the two candidates which were brought forth and reasoning behind their recommendation of Pastor Harste. Attendees asked a number of questions based on the information provided.

A ballot vote was taken and Pastor Harste received the majority vote (26) and Pastor Smiles received 10 votes. A request to have a unanimous vote was made by Elder Darryl Warren. Motion did not pass with one nay. After discussion with Pastor Baumeister and clarification from Pastor Harste the issue was satisfied. Motion by Ken Philaja, second by June Williams for the unanimous vote to call Pastor Harste. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Baumeister called Pastor Harste to present the call to him. Pastor Harste was overjoyed and said he would consider the call. The call committee will send the necessary paperwork to Pastor Harste by Thursday and he has a two week time frame to respond to Zion's call.

Call Committee Update: Pastor Harste and his wife, Joanne, are planning on visiting Zion and the Ashland area Sept. 30th - Oct. 2nd.

Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
September 19, 2011

The September 19, 2011 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by Elder, Darryl Warren. Pastor Hyvonen opened the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL: Elder – Darryl Warren, Trustee – Jim Johnson, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, Treasurer – Karen Wahl, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Stewardship – Penny Mattson, and Pastor Hyvonen.

MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, second by Koosmann, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2011 Council meetings as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Johnson, second by Koosmann, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. The year-to-date balance as of 8/31/2011 was \$7,413.48. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Johnson, second by Mattson, to approve the agenda with additions to New Business. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Wahl, second by Koosmann, to accept the Board Reports as given.

Trustees: Cleaned, sanded and stained LFOJ deck, Parking stripes were painted on LFOJ lot; preventative maintenance as necessary at Church and LFOJ.

Education: Nineteen 6th-8th grade students and 12-15 younger students currently attending Sunday School.

Pastor: Pastor has been meeting with shut-ins, providing chapel service to LFOJ, Bible studies, opening confirmation classes. He would like to begin Adult Instruction for new members very soon. LWML Rally Sunday will be October 2nd. Pastor Hyvonen has prior obligations for October 16, 30 and Nov 6th. He will be preaching on September 25, October 2, 9, 23, November 13 and each Sunday following this date until his services are no longer needed.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Outgoing Members: John and Liisa Eyerly to Immanuel in Westfield 09/18/2011

Deaths: Jay Stibbe 06/30/2011

Nellie Beilke 08/19/2011

John Worbleski 09/04/2011

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Refurbished computer tower will be purchased to replace Pastor's tower, which has significant issues.

B. No changes will be made in the health insurance option there was a slight increase in premium rates.

C. No confirmation retreat will be held at Camp Luther this fall. Looking into possibilities of bringing Camp Luther staff to Ashland for a lock in.

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

LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS

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Tid-bits from Administration

Who's New At LFOJ?

Sadly and abruptly, we have said good-bye to Kristin Bochler. Kristin accepted a long-term substitute position within the Ashland School District and needed to start prior to the new school year.

Prior to Kristin's departure, we had already been talking with former employees Dorothy Hedin and Megan Pristash in their return on a part-time basis. God truly works in mysterious ways!

So, once again we are hiring for a lead Learner teacher. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time of transition.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Steve Hyvonen to Zion. Pastor H. is filling in after Pastor Steckling's retirement, until a new shepherd is hired. Pastor H. will be doing chapel with the LFOJ children monthly.

Zion Sunday School

Sunday School will begin Sunday Sept. 11th. Rally Day, a day of recognition for the Sunday School, will be held during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Sunday School registration will follow, with refreshments being served in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a church home, or would like more information about Zion, contact Lynn Ladd at (715)682-6075, or check out their website at www.zionashland.org.

CACFP Food Program Forms

October 1st marks the start of a new fiscal year for the Child Adult Food Program. LFOJ receives reimbursement based on the income levels of the families we serve. To help ensure that Little Friends is reimbursed appropriately, we need to have these forms on file for every family. The forms are required to be completed and on file regardless of your income. Forms are due to me no later than Friday, September 9th. If you have any questions about filling out these forms, let me know.

Yours in Christ,
Karyn



Totville News

Well, here it is. Summer is coming to an end, and the cool weather is heading our way. We sure had a great summer in the Infant/Toddler Room!

We will be welcoming a new friend this month. **Mason H.** will be joining us as a drop-in. Welcome Mason!

On a sad note, we said good-bye to **Riley D.** Her last day was August 31st. We will miss you Riley!

Our Bible stories for this month include:

- * *Come Sit With Jesus*
- * *A Day With Jesus*
- * *Where the Lions Are*
- * *Hungry and Thirsty*

Just a reminder, with summer coming to an end, and fall approaching fast, please make sure that your child has a set of warmer clothes at daycare, as we like to play outside every day (pants, jacket and/or sweatshirt, tennis shoes).

God Bless,
Ms. Cassie



Learner Lane

Fall is in the air, and our Learner friends are looking forward to all the fun that brings. We are sad to see **Cooper** and **Phoenix** heading off to kindergarten, but we know we will still see them before and after school.

As we begin a new school year, we welcome back some familiar faces. Hello again to **River**, **Jenna**, **Connor K.** and **Gabe**. We also wish a warm welcome to **Jada** and **Zariah** who are joining us part-time and **Dylan** and **Tristan** who are joining us full-time.

Starting in September, the Learner Room will begin using their new curriculum for the school year: Karyn Henley's *Play Songs Bible Times*. The Theme for the first quarter is "I Grow".

Our first Bible story will be about the young king Joash, who was only seven when he became the ruler of his people. The children will learn that we are growing up doing what is right. Our Learner friends will talk about how their bodies are changing as they grow.

Our second lesson will focus on how God has planned for us to grow up in a family. We will talk about babies, and how to care for them. At Jesus time, we will hear the story of John the Baptist's birth.

Our third lesson will focus on how we are growing by eating healthy food which God provides for us. Our Bible story will talk about John the Baptist's lunch of locust and honey.

Bedtime will be the theme for the fourth lesson, which teaches our youngsters that our bodies need rest to grow. At Jesus time, the children will hear the story of Elisha and his room on a roof.

Birthday wishes for this month include **Lincoln W.** who turns 4 on 9/5, **River** turns 5 on 9/26, and **Freddie** who turns 5 on 9/30. Happy Birthday boys!

SCHOOL AGE SCOOP

What a wonderful summer with our school-age kids! Thank you to all our families who made the summer so enjoyable. We unfortunately said good-bye to a few of our friends as the new school-year begins: **Ella D.**, **Eric** and **Sam M.**, **Ethan P.**, **Kyle S.**, and **Jaelyn S.** We hope our paths will cross from time to time.

We are excited to have our new kindergarten friends **Phoenix**, **Cooper** and **Henry** joining us before and after school. They've been waiting for this day for a while.

The bus number for LFOJ is 17. Morning pick up is at 8:00, and afternoon drop-off is 3:10. If your child will not be coming to the center, don't forget to give our staff a call.

Preschool News

Welcome to preschool! Ms. Julie and I are looking forward to a fun year growing and learning. As we begin our school year, we still have openings in our 4/5 year old program. We currently, we have 10 students enrolled in our 4/5 year old program, where we have room for 12. If you know of anyone looking for preschool services, please pass our name along.

Our Bible curriculum for this year is *Noah's Park*. We'll be hearing Bible stories from both the old and new testament. For September, our Jesus time will focus on how God gave us the church. I love this curriculum, as it incorporates some fun puppets, named Honk and Ponder, who will help reinforce the Bible message.

On the first day, families will receive preschool calendar. This lets you know of all our thematic units, Bible stories, and other special events that will be happening over the month. Our themes for September include Apples, Teddy Bears and Community Helpers.

As we gather together each week, we will have a new theme and Bible story. Our reading readiness time will focus on a new letter each week, along with numbers (1-10 for 3 year olds, 1-20 for 4/5's), shapes and other concepts.

Children should have a backpack to carry home their papers and projects each day. Children should also carry a spare change of clothes in their backpacks, in case of accidents.

Every day, there will be one child designated as the star. It is their day to be the teacher's special helper. On your child's star day, they may bring up to 3 items to hide on our star bench, to share at show-and-tell. You may also bring a snack to share. ***We do have a child with food allergies in our 3 year old class***, so I will publish a snack list for parents very soon.

At the end of the month, our preschool friends will be hosting our annual Grandparents' Day Party. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a short program and refreshments. Watch your cubby for a special invite.

We look forward to getting acquainted with all our new families. Here's to a great year together!

Ms. Amy and Ms. Julie

October 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

Oct. 2 Rick Williams & John Pruss
 Oct. 9 Chuck Chronis & Don Pocernich
 Oct. 16 John Pruss & Darryl Warren
 Oct. 23 Don Pocernich & Doug Warren
 Oct. 30 Darryl Warren & Rick Williams



GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2 LWML
 Oct. 9 Sally & Roger Gustafson
 Oct. 16 Clarence & Kathy Osmak
 Oct. 23 Scott & Becky Sapper
 Oct. 30 Wendell & Bonnie Friske

OCTOBER Acolytes

Oct. 2 Riley Heglund & Brooke Sapper
 Oct. 9 Ben Cashman & Carolyn Gurske
 Oct. 16 Kaitlyn Thimm & Cooper Tamke
 Oct. 23 Alexis Warren & Eric Bochler
 Oct. 30 Jacob Pruss & Sydney Vyskocil



OCTOBER Ushers

Oct. 2 LWML
 Oct. 9 Jack Hultman & Brian Klobucher
 Oct. 16 Scott Pearce & Andrew Pruss
 Oct. 23 Scott Sapper & Hunter Heglund
 Oct. 30 Ron Schwiesow & Jim Johnson

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Judy Nevala 682-2927
 Ann Williams 685-0960
 June Williams 682-2549



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Our Prayer Concerns OCTOBER

Mission

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 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
 Ed Engelmann
 Lois Hein
 Corrine Tolliver
 Agnes Schutte

Illness

Otto & Dorothy Rusch

Shut—ins

Gordon & Mariann Vyskocil
 Ron Nevala
 Walt Schutte
 Clarence Houle
 Gloria Mills

Local & US Concerns

(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 Chippewa Falls, WI

