

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. As St. Paul began many of his epistles, I too thank God for all of you and for the blessings I have received from the members of Zion during the vacancy. As you know, the vacancy continues according to God's will and we thank and pray for the members of the Call Committee who continue to serve diligently during the Call Process.

Holy Week is Here! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Christ rode into Jerusalem and was treated like a King. But in a few days the crowd would be yelling, "Crucify him!" Maundy Thursday, the night He instituted The Lord's Supper, would culminate with his arrest and being brought up on false charges before the High Priest. During the night that led into Good Friday, Jesus was ridiculed, mocked, beaten and whipped as He also bore the guilt of our sins. He was crucified, died and was buried. This ended Christ's humiliation! He humbled Himself to the point of death for our sins so that we would have all of His righteousness. "Jesus loves me this I know...." April 8th we celebrate His glorious resurrection, Easter Sunday. What a week!

The life of the church, the Bride of Christ, is the Jesus Himself, the One who forgives, nourishes, and strengthens us through His word and the blessed sacraments. It is truly a privilege to be His child through the Holy water of baptism and to be fed His Body and drink His Blood. As the hymn says, "The churches one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord." We thank our Heavenly Father for His Son!

Once the Easter season is finished, the work He has prepared in advance for us continues. Confirmation plans are being finalized, we are still praying for someone to lead the Vacation Bible School this summer and a new Adult Instruction class is in the making. If you know of anyone who is unchurched or possibly looking for a new church home or a new member in the community, let the church office or the pastor know.

On a personal note, my wife, Diane, is taking care of Isaiah, one of our grandsons who lives near Omro, Wisconsin. She will be there for about five weeks. Keep me in your prayers as I must fend for myself in regards to meals.

May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep you in the one true faith unto life everlasting.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Hyvonen



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VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, April 15th

1:00pm

This meeting will be to vote on a pastor to call. Tentative plans are for a potluck dinner beforehand. Information will be posted as details are finalized.

I Hear Church Bells Ringing

I hear the church bells ringing the invitation...
T o the babies bathing in the font of promise
T o the clergy drawing the sign of the cross
T o the homeless seeking the warmth of soft-lit candles
T o the weary sighing the prayers with no words
T o the dull seeing the stained-glass sunlight
T o the addict bowing to the offer for healing
T o the abused releasing the shackles of silence
T o the prodigal remembering the long-forgotten song
T o the fragile struggling to grasp the bread and wine
T o the mourner waiting for the language of comfort
God has prepared this holy ground for you...for me
Cast away the weight and woes of this world
Know forgiveness and receive Christ's peace.
Come home. Ring bells ring!

-Alice J. E llis

Stewardship Thoughts

The fourth principle of stewardship life from LCMS is: God's stewards are uniquely singular, yet profoundly plural. Our lives are not solo performances but are personal responses to God lived in a community of faith to benefit the whole world.

God's stewards have specific gifts that honor the Lord and bless others. Those who manage their gifts wisely and well are showered with blessings. We should work together in God's Kingdom with our fellow Christians for the common good.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the house of faith. Gal. 6:10

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.



**North Wisconsin District
LWML Mission
Trip
Nicaragua**

Eyeglass Clinic 2012

Do you have any used eyeglasses? A mission trip, scheduled for November 2-10, 2012, focuses on providing used eyeglasses to poverty stricken Nicaraguan people whose lives are diminished by impaired vision. Your used eyeglasses can be used to support this mission. A box for collecting the eyeglasses can be found in the Narthex. The eyeglasses will be brought to the LWML District Convention in June. If you are interested in making the mission trip, information can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

LFOJ - Help Wanted

Are you interested in being a positive influence in the life of a child? **Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center** is accepting applications for **2 Assistant Child Care Teacher (20 hours per week)**. LFOJ is a licensed Christian childcare facility caring for children 6 weeks of age to 12 years and is open year round from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Applicant must be 18 years of age & willing to complete state required childcare courses within 6 months of hire. To discuss position, please call Karyn at 715-682-6075. For an application and more information, please visit our website at lfoj.org. Resume with references can be emailed to lfoj@zionashland.com. Old applicants, please re-apply!

From the Education Board:

We need a VBS Lead for the summer VBS program and a Sunday School Superintendent who would start in June. PLEASE call the office if you would consider doing one of these or co-chair one. Even if you don't think you are qualified—all you need is the love of our children and the Lord.

LWML NEWS

LWML Meeting — Saturday, April 18th 9:00am

The Zone 1 LWML Spring Rally will be held on Sunday, April 22. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Gifts of the Heart are non-perishable food items for Victory Church, Gwinn, MI. Trinity, Ironwood and Immanuel, Little Girls Point, will be hosting the Rally. A sign up sheet and other Rally information will be put out in the Narthex after Easter.

The Martha Society from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Eagle River, has invited the ladies to join them at their Spring Rally to be held on Thursday, April 26.

The Women's Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, extended an invitation to attend a women's retreat entitled "On Solid Ground". This will be held on April 20-21, Donna Pyle the speaker.

More information for both is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – March 19, 2012

The March 19, 2012 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis. Pastor Hyvonen opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL: President, Chuck Chronis; Elder, Darryl Warren; Trustee, Jim Johnson; Financial Secretary, Mary Koosmann; Education, Dawn Reardon; LFOJ, Lisa Guski; Evangelism – Lori Hebert; Stewardship – Penny Mattson; Secretary, Becky Sapper; Organist Lynn Ladd

MINUTES: Motion by Warren, second by Reardon, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2012 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Warren, second by Koosmann to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Warren, second by Johnson, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS: Motion by Johnson, second by Mattson to approve the board reports as given.

Elders: *8th grade confirmands are on target for May 13th Confirmation. Elders will meet with them once again after Easter.*

Trustees: *Continued preventative maintenance of Church and LFOJ buildings. Arranging for the removal and disposal of LFOJ playground woodchips.*

Education: *Lead for VBS is still needed. Recommended having 6th grade acolytes paired with 7th and 8th graders.*

Little Friends of Jesus: *Advertising for 2 assistant teachers and a cook. Enrollment is pretty good for younger ages. Will be planning a "meet and greet" in April to bring in pre-school and older children.*

Evangelism: *Pursuing activities including Bring a Friend to Church Day combined with a guest to speak about missionary work in China during adult Bible study, pocket cross and literature given to visitors, participation in parades and handing out water during Maxwell street days, progressive dinner event for the new pastor soon after he arrives.*

Pastor's Report: *Preparing for multiple services including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (altar will be stripped), Easter Sunrise service (Altar will be dressed). An additional adult instruction class will begin after Easter. May take a vacation during the third week of April. Postponed visiting shut-ins until recovered from a cold to prevent spreading germs, started back up again this week.*

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Baptism: Kimberly Elizabeth Philaja (03/04/12)

New members by Baptism: Ashlee and Abbi Moreland (02/26/2012)

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ad hoc Capital Budget Committee will include Todd Vyskocil, Don Pocernich, Nick Jarvela, Jim Johnson, and a member of the Memorial Committee. Todd Vyskocil was nominated to chair the committee and ask for Memorial Committee participation. The Committee will report back to the Council. The Council will make a recommendation for church member consideration at a voters' meeting. The Committee is asked to complete their work in under a 6 month time frame.

Lynn Ladd presented information regarding the condition of the organ and potential options regarding the repair and/or replacement of the organ. It was recommended that the issue of the organ be included within the works of the Capital Budget Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council will gather more information and table salary discussion of Office secretary until the next meeting.

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

APRIL 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

Apr. 1 Doug Warren & Darryl Warren
 Apr. 5 Chuck Chronis & Rick Williams
 Apr. 6 Doug Warren & Mike Cashman
 Apr. 8 7:00am Chuck Chronis & John Pruss
 Apr. 8 9:00am Rick Williams & Darryl Warren
 Apr. 15 Mike Cashman & Doug Warren
 Apr. 22 John Pruss & Rick Williams
 Apr. 29 Darryl Warren & Mike Cashman



Our Prayer Concerns APRIL

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

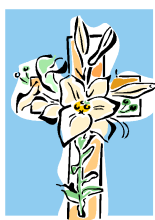
Roger Basina	Ed & Elna Torkko
Corrine Tolliver	Alice Hansen
Sharon Johnson	
Margaret Mahoney	

Shut-in's

Ron Nevala	Walt Schutte
Gloria Mills	Lois Hein
Clarence & Madge Houle	

Illness

Margaret Draeger



APRIL Acolytes

April 1 Eric Bochler & Alexis Warren
 April 5 Maggie Reardon & Riley Heglund
 April 6 Kaitlyn Thimm & Tiffany Houle
 April 8 (7:00) Brooke Sapper & Jacob Pruss
 April 8 (8:00) Dylan Williams & Carolyn Gurski
 April 15 Angela Ylitalo & Briana Klobucher
 April 22 Ciera Maday & Kathryn Draeger
 April 29 Sydney Vyskocil & Ben Cashman

GREETERS FOR APRIL

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am/6:10pm

April 1 Mary & Lloyd Koosmann
 April 5 Wendell & Bonnie Friske
 April 6 Ingrid Pocerlich & Lou Pearce
 April 8 (7:00) Warren & Peggy Draeger
 April 8 (9:00) Herb & Alice Ellis
 April 15 Moreland Family
 April 22 Pat and Katie Colgrove
 April 29 Vyskocil Family



APRIL Ushers

Ushers should arrive by 8:40am/6:10pm
 Apr. 1 Hunter Heglund & Warren Draeger
 Apr. 5 Curt Harpster & Ron Schwiesow
 Apr. 6 Francis Balmer & Steve Nesheim
 Apr. 8 (7:00) Gerald Frisco & Scott Pearce
 Apr. 8 (9:00) Don Pocerlich & Jim Hebert
 Apr. 15 Tim Bauer & Logan Tamke
 Apr. 22 Herb Ellis & Ken Philiaja
 Apr. 29 Clarence Osmak & Paul Osmak



April 1st - **Palm Sunday** 9:00am

April 5th - **Maundy Thursday** 6:30pm

April 6th - **Good Friday** 6:30pm

April 8th - Easter
Sunday
Services
 7:00 am
 9:00 am



Breakfast 8:00-9:00am

APRIL ALTAR GUILD

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