

# *The Mountain Top* **Messenger**

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If I were to ask if you have been to a funeral, I would be safe in assuming that all of you have been to and for some participated in a funeral. This past week I attended a funeral and a couple of things came to mind in regards to funerals and the lives of the people involved.

At the funeral I attended last week, we had time to say a few words about the person who had passed. I enjoy the ability to talk about the life of someone important to me. To have the ability to laugh, cry, and tell a few stories.

Life is like a story, with many chapters in it. Some get a chance to have many chapters and others are only able to have a couple. Granted all of us have a couple of chapters that we would like to erase or edit, but they are also the chapters that make us who we are.

Zion is now starting a new chapter in our ministry. Our vacancy Pastor Steve Hyvonen is finishing his time with us at Zion. I want to say thank you to Pastor for helping us get through this time frame of our vacancy. His time with us was much needed, greatly appreciated, and he will be missed.

With Pastor Hyvonen returning to his retirement, the voters at the call meeting voted to hire a Deacon to cover our needs at Zion. I want to welcome Rick Williams as our Deacon. This is a new role for Rick, but not for Zion. We have in the past used Deacons to help cover worship, but not to the level that Rick will be doing for Zion. Rick will be covering all the duties that Pastor Hyvonen has been doing for Zion for the last year. Rick will be starting his duties as Deacon on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Once again I am asking for your prayers in this new chapter at Zion as we continue our call process for a full-time Pastor.

God's Blessings,

# Zion's Ministry Staff and Church Officers

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## Stewardship Thoughts

The eighth principle of stewardship life from LCMS is: God's stewards live with an awareness of the present and future, of time and eternity. This means we live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal purpose while being firmly committed to the here and now. What God's stewards do here and now has lasting benefits. We should not be so intent on plans for now or the future that possibilities for extending the kingdom are neglected.

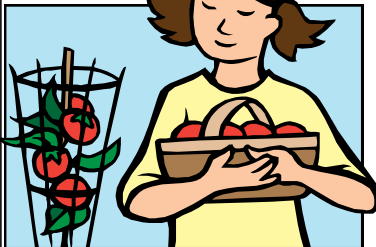
"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break-in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:19-21

## 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.

## How has your vegetable garden done this summer?



If you are looking at piles of vegetables that won't get eaten or canned, why not drop them off at the Daycare Center.

LFOJ would truly love to have fresh, locally grown vegetables for their little ones this summer.

You can drop them off any time, Monday-Thursday, 6:00am-4:30pm. at the Center.



# VBS 2012



**VBS** was held June 22nd at Zion and it was a great time for all who attended and helped out. Thanks to Sandy Nutt for heading-up this great day for the kids and everyone that helped out.

The themes were:

A Little Truth: Jesus' Birth Luke 2:1-20

Amazing Truth: Jesus' Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17

Healing Truth: Jesus healed 10 lepers - Luke 17:11-19



## Scrapbooking and Other Projects

If you need space, time, or inspiration to get caught up on organizing photos, getting your photos in albums, scrapbooking, cardmaking, laying out a quilt, 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. 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

Below is the schedule for scrapbooking events - but you can still do other type of projects during these times.

**July 30th 9:00am-2:00pm** Power Layout Workshop—complete 30-40 pages in just a few hours.

**August 15th 6:00-8:30pm** Monthly Page—do a page every month and enjoy seeing your pictures throughout the year.

**August. 17th 5:30-10:00pm** General Workshop

**September 14th 5:30-10:00** General Workshop

**October 13th** - All Day - Croptoberfest—day to work on own projects, free prizes, games, fun with friends.





Ashland's 4th of July Parade  
The Evangelism put together the float  
and walked with it handing out "Zion"  
flyers and freeze-pops.



### **EDUCATION BOARD**

The Education Board is working hard to get acquainted with its duties as a board and get things set up for fall. Sunday School is a top priority . A Sunday School Superintendent is still needed. Please consider this service to the Lord and our children of Zion. Help is available. At this time we are planning 4 classes: Preschool (3-5 yrs), 1st-3rd Grades, 4-5th Grades and 7-8 Grades. We welcome any previous teachers and/or new (no experience necessary) interested people. Please give the office a call or speak with one of the board's members . Rally Day is set for September 9th, with classes starting on the 16th.

Thank you - Ellie Munson, Laurie Bauer, Jodi Truchon, Lynn Ladd

### **Call Committee**

#### **July 5th**

The Call Committee met with Pastor Baumeister to begin another search for a Pastor. The committee received names from the district office to review.

#### **July 16th and 17th**

The Call Committee reviewed the names and selected three good candidates to do a phone interview with.

#### **July 22nd**

There was a Voters' Meeting and Rev. Gary W. Tillmann was selected and a call was extended to him. Rev. Tillmann said he was very honored to have been called and was anxious to get the call papers.

## **THIS AND THAT - Repetition can be good, and sometimes needed.**

**Hymnals** 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.



### **MAILBOX**

Don't forget to check out your mailbox at church in the Narthex. If you don't have one let the office know.

### **"SAVE A DATE"**

#### **LWML FALL RALLY**

**Host—Zion Lutheran Church  
Saturday, September 22, 2012**

**Registration: 9:30-10:00am**

**Bible Study, Mission Presentation, Lunch**



## S'more about Camp Luther

**COUPLES RETREAT!! Sept 21-23-** Couples of every age can benefit from time well spent together. Here is a great weekend to do just that! Enjoy camp or local activities, take part in guest speaker Bible study and learning, enjoy devotions offered by camp staff and cap it all off with a candlelit dinner!! Grow, bond and recharge at the Camp Luther Couples Retreat.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT!! August 31-September 3-** Plan now for a meaningful and relaxing weekend with your family at summer's end. You can join with other families with the weekend's fun activities or open your own trails to fun and bonding as a family. There will be adult and child age-appropriate Bible study sessions to add faith growth to your new family tradition!

**LIVE, LAUGH, AND LOVE LADIES RETREAT!! Oct 5-7 -** Refuel in God's Word and the company of other awesome women at this "just for ladies" retreat. The schedule is designed to draw you closer to God and to each other through a variety of individual, large group and small group activities. There will also be trips to Cranberry Fest in Eagle River, a Ladies night out, plus walking, biking or canoeing amid the beautiful fall colors!

**SCRAP, CRAFT AND QUILT! Oct 26-28 -** Women of all ages and crafting levels, bring your supplies and enjoy time to craft, share and fellowship together! There will be attendees from novice to expert so there will be much to learn and to teach. There will be spiritual growth time as the days begin and end and throughout the day while you craft. Go to [www.camluther.com](http://www.camluther.com) to learn more.

**BRICKS FOR MORTGAGE REDUCTION!!** Leave your mark as part of the legacy that is the ministry of Camp Luther. You can support the effort to reduce and remove the mortgage and also leave a remembrance on a brick in Camp's beautiful courtyard. Your gift of \$500 or more makes a difference!! Go to [www.camluther.com](http://www.camluther.com) to learn more.

**VOLUNTEER AT CAMP LUTHER!** Join us for our fall Workbee, **October 19-21** Workbees are great fun for adults and families. They run from Friday evening through Sunday lunch. It's FREE, and it's a great way to give back as a family and help children learn about Christian service. Join us this year! Register at [www.camluther.com](http://www.camluther.com).

**CHOOSE CAMP LUTHER WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!!** It's easy and it benefits Camp Luther and Every Kid to Camp! Log on to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and get started TODAY!! Eligibility is established by Thrivent and by your premiums, account values and volunteer leadership! You simply go online and they do the rest. THANK YOU for giving to Camp Luther!!

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!**  
We now have over 1850 likes on Facebook, so join us there to hear what's happening at Camp, to share memories and to spread the word about the ministry and joy that is Camp Luther.



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# LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS

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July 2012

## Tid-bits from Administration

### Welcome

We would like to Welcome Carleen Rich. Ms. Carleen is LFOJ's new cook. Ms. Carleen previously worked in the cafeteria at the Ashland School District. Ms. Carleen is very creative and has many new ideas that she will be trying. We look forward to some very tasty meals.

### Sprinkler Day

The children will be having sprinkler day on Tuesday, July 17. Be sure to bring your suit, a towel and water shoes or sandals to wear while running through the sprinkler.

### Potluck Picnic in the Park

Due to the unexpected flooding of the basement at the center, we were not able to host our annual "Date with Dad" celebration.

We are looking at the 1st weekend in August (August 4 or 5) to host our 1st "**Potluck Picnic in the Park**". This will give the staff, LFOJ Board Members and families a chance to unwind and get to know one another. We are asking each family to bring a dish to pass along with their own beverages. We will send out more information regarding the location, date and time soon.

### Preschool Openings

Our Preschool Program for September 2012, has opening available.

For the 4 & 5 year old preschool, our preschool sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 ~ 11:30. 3 year old preschool runs Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:00 ~ 11:30. Our preschool program runs September through May, following the Ashland School District's calendar for vacations, holidays and other closings.

In the past, our parents have always been the best source of referral for our center. If you know of anyone that would be interested in our Preschool Program, please have them call Karyn or Amy at the church office 715-682-6075.

**As an added incentive, if a current family refers a new client, they will receive one full-day credit.**

Yours in Christ,  
Ms. Karyn



## Totville Times

Happy Summer Everyone! We have a fun-filled month ahead of us in the I/T room. We will be doing many projects and activities about summer, fish and water.

We had a new friend join us last month. **Russell S.** is 3 months old and will be spending a few days each week with us. Welcome Russell!

Our Jesus stories for this month will be: *Our New Homes, God Hears Our Prayers, Taking Good Care Of Jesus, A Day With Jesus, and Jesus Grows Up.*

Just a reminder, please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes at daycare each day. Also, be sure your child has sunscreen and a water bottle for outside. We want to keep our little ones protected in this warm weather!

Cassie





## Learner Lane

Hello parents!

Summer is here and it brought the heat! Our Learners have been keeping cool enjoying a fun wet time in our water table. If your child does not have a cool change of clothes in their cubby, please do bring some to keep on hand. Our selection of spare summer clothes are at a shortage!

Here is what our Learners will be covering over the next month:

### **7/2 I Take Care Of My Room**

*Learning that taking care of our rooms shows we are growing up.*

### **7/9 I Help When Someone Is Sick**

*Learning that helping those who are sick shows we're growing to be like Jesus.*

### **7/16 I Help People Who Are Needy**

*Learning that giving to the needy shows we are growing to be like Jesus.*

### **7/23 I Can't Wait**

*Learning to wait patiently without fussing.*

### **7/30 I Say Thank You**

*Learning to use and say "Thank You".*

Finally, a birthday wish to Hailey H. who turns 3 on 7/1! Happy Birthday!

Miss Laura



## School-Age Scoop

The first month of summer has gone by quickly. Each day is different, as each family has a different schedule. It's always interesting with the different group dynamics.

Using a bulletin board focusing on being helpful, our school-agers earned stars for cooperating, taking turns and lending a hand. When they earned a star for each helpful task, they got a reward. Our school-agers certainly are "Shining Stars"!

I am very impressed (and thankful) that our friends have been very kind and sharing the items they bring from home. Staff continue to limit game devices to only one free choice period a day. But DS's are taking a second place to Pokemon cards. The boys could sit for hours playing with them (but do we parents understand how to play?). The only rule we have regarding cards is that the children are not allowed to trade, in effort to protect those children who may not understand the value of the cards (did you know there are Pokémon cards worth \$50?).

In July, we'll be looking ahead to celebrating the birth of our country with some fun activities. Our Bible story will focus on Moses, and the Israelites exodus from Egypt.

We'll be having our last Chapel visit with Pastor Hyvonen on July 9th. Pastor H. has been temporarily filling in for the pastoral vacancy at Zion for the past year. We will miss seeing him, but hope he'll have more time for fishing!

Other themes for the month will include camping, water exploration and prayer. Watch for more info regarding Sprinkler Day (a kid favorite for the summer).

The school-agers will also be encouraged to use kind words with their friends, with our new bulletin board. Children will get a "sprinkle" on a cupcake for every compliment they receive. When they earn seven sprinkles, a cherry will be placed on their cupcake and they will get a treat, for being "sweet".

The school-agers wish **Amanda L.** a very happy 13th birthday this month. Amanda has been a great friend and role model for our school-age friends. Now that she has turned 13, she can be a volunteer with our younger friends.

In Christ,  
Amy



# AUGUST 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!!

## AUGUST ELDERS

Aug. 5 Darryl Warren & Chuck Chronis  
Aug. 12 Rick Williams & Mike Cashman  
Aug. 19 Doug Warren & John Pruss  
Aug. 26 Mike Cashman & Darryl Warren

## AUGUST Acolytes

August 5 Tiffany Houle & Carolyn Gurske  
August 12 Brooke Sapper & Riley Heglund  
August 19 Eric Bochler & Sydney Vyskocil  
August 26 Annie Ylitalo & Ciera Maday

## GREETERS FOR AUGUST

*Greeters should arrive by 8:40am*

August 5 Jim & Lori Hebert  
August 12 Mary & Lloyd Koosman  
August 19 Pat & Katie Colgrvoe  
August 26 Ingrid Pocernich & Lou Pearce

## AUGUST Ushers

*Ushers should arrive by 8:40am*

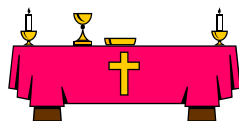
August 5 Ken Philaja & Jake Pruss  
August 12 Warren Draeger & Logan Tamke  
August 19 Clarence Osmak & Francis Balmer  
August 26 Ron Schwiesow & Robert Guski

## OFFICIAL ACTS

New Member - June 24, 2012 Jean Ylitalo from  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Marengo, WI  
Adult Confirmation - July 22, 2012  
Henry Daniel Truchon

## AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Penny Mattson 682-6056  
Lou Pearce 682-2597  
Kathy Osmak 746-2346  
Gail Anderson 682-3196



## Our Prayer Concerns AUGUST

### 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 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 Eau Claire, WI