

The Mountain Top Messenger

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Grace, Peace, and Mercy to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ His Son, our Savior.

Well, here we are, August, it is amazing to me that as of the 1st of August I will have been serving you for a year as your Deacon. The time has flown by and been a blessing to me as I hope it has been to all of you as well.

For those that have not heard, I announced last Sunday and again at the service on Wednesday night that I have successfully completed the required entrance level competency exams for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and have been accepted for the fall semester entry into the Specific Ministry Pastor program. Pastor Stan Bahn, who has agreed to be my Pastoral supervisor, and myself will be flying to St. Louis to attend orientation from September 2nd through September 7th. It is also my understanding that following my return from St. Louis in September I will be a Vicar, and will hold that position for two years while completing the required classes, after which I will be ordained as a Pastor.

The Vacation Bible School with Camp Luther is rapidly approaching, please keep an eye out for information. The dates for the VBS are August 12-15.

On a final note for this month I would like to touch base on my sermon from last Sunday where I stressed the importance of Bible Study and the study of God's Word in general. As I pointed out in the message Jesus himself said that listening to His Word is the "*one thing that is necessary*". I understand not everyone can make Bible Study every Sunday, I do however, encourage you to spend time in the Word every day. I challenge you to spend just 5 minutes a day in the Word and see what a difference it makes in your life. For you that are comfortable with technology there are a number of resources to help you. One of my favorites is available on the internet, iPhone, or Android smartphone. It is called "You Version" and not only does it give you access to the Bible in more translations than you can imagine it will also set you up on a daily reading schedule which can be as easy or intense as you would like. Some of their daily reading programs take less than 5 minutes and they even send you a daily reminder. So please take time to read and share the Word. The Apostle Paul wrote, [[Romans 10:17](#)] "*Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*" Strengthen your faith, hear the Word.

The Lord Bless you and keep you, the Lord make His Face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord grant you peace.

Rick Williams
Deacon

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 am Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm

Bible Studies: Sunday 10:15 am, Monday 10:00am

Stewardship Thoughts

All humanity searches for meaning in life, for significance, for purpose. Christians believe that this is God's world and that all of life is His gift. Since this is God's world and we are His creatures, everything that happens to us is an event in which He speaks to us in judgment or in mercy.

Therefore the search for meaning in life must begin with what God has done and is still doing over against His creation. The apostle Paul affirms that all of human life and the world which contains it is centered in Christ according to God's plan. This is the mystery of His will which has been made known to those whose eyes have been opened by God to the truth. Through stewardship Christians give back to God that which is His. This is our purpose in this life. By Harry G. Coirer

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.





Recent Baptisms at Zion

Dylan Joseph Osmak – 04-14-13
 Parents: Paul and Allison Osmak
 Godparents: Craig and Jane Putchat Kristine Marie Marcou

Kayan Laurence Ellis – 07-05-13
 Parents are: Joe Ellis and Kalpana Singh. Brother: Sikander Walter Ellis
 Godparents are : Jeremy and Julie Ellis.



David Allen Guski – 06-09-13
 Parents: Robert and Lisa Guski
 Godparents: Lisa Steigerwald, Aaron Aschenbrenner, Meaghan Schneider (absent)



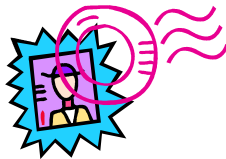
Matthew 28:19, 20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”



Mowing Schedule

There are still a couple months of mowing. We could use some NEW names on the list. THANKS to those who have been mowing.

LWML is collecting stamps for its Mission projects. If you choose to trim the stamps, please leave a 1/4" border. Place the stamps in the marked container in the Narthex.



MEMBERS' DISHES There are many dishes that people have forgotten when they brought food items for potlucks, funerals, etc. Please check in the kitchen, there is a cabinet marked "members' dishes".



The **BRICK** is accepting applications for the "Director of Missions" position. A job description is posted on the bulletin board.

Scrapbooking and Projects

Tuesday August 13th and 27th
5:30pm
Lilly 715-292-5699

Friday August 16th 5:30pm
Jodi Jbtruchon@yahoo.com 715-774-3870

It's going to be fun, fun, fun. It is a great time to get caught up on organizing photos, doing cards, laying out other projects. There's plenty of room for everyone! Please RSVP if you are interested in coming or just show up that night.



Flowers from the garden— if you would like to share flowers from you garden for the altar please contact Ingrid at 373-5174.

VBS Program Night

The date hasn't been finalized yet, but it will be either during the service on Wed. Aug. 14th or then on Thursday Aug. 15th. Please watch for a notice in the bulletins or on e-mail notices. We would like a great turnout of people to see, hear and learn what the kids have experienced this summer during VBS!!! It will be a **GREAT NIGHT!**

Assistance Available -

Unemployed, frustrated and looking for a job? Go to www.lcfswi.org and look under Family Life Education for some helpful hints about this topic in the article Job Searching 101. In Christ,
Dr. Chuck Meseck, Psy. D.,
CEO-LCFS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

VBS 2013



Camp Luther is coming to lead us in a week long day camp filled with fun activities, Bible Studies, arts and crafts, music and devotions. The is for anyone who just completed grades 1-6 and it will run Aug. 12th -15th, from 8:45am-3:00pm There is no registration fee and children only need to bring a sack lunch daily and their enthusiasm! We still have room for more campers, so if you haven't registered yet or know of someone else who's interested please contact me. Thank you to everyone who has contact-ed me already and plans to attend.

In order to be ready for VBS and the Camp Luther counselors, we need volunteers to help during camp with activities and crafts, provide and serve snacks for the campers and provide meals for the counselors. Camp Luther is sending four counselors and we will need to provide meals for them from Sunday evening until Friday morning. We will have a gin up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to donate time or food for our camp.

We still have some ideas to bring together about the day camp and the youth program during that week. I would like to have a short meeting after church on Sunday, July 28th to discuss some ideas with everyone interested and volunteers who have already signed up. If any youth are available we could really use your ideas too, especially about what type of community service project you'd like to do with Camp Luther.

Reminder: Camp Luther day Camp

August 12-15 8:45am-3:00pm Youth — evenings to be determined yet

To register contact Maria Truchon by phone 715-682-9508 or by email: mariatruchon@centurytel.net Thank you!

In Christ, Maria Truchon



Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song to Thee shall rise.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

There is something magical about those first songs at dawn. Usually it is the piper-bird soft-pitching the proclamation of “first light.” Then gently each bird adds his/her song and by sunrise, a full-blown hallelujah chorus is singing.

Some days I have the luxury of an early morning walk. I find myself whistling with the birds a “call and response” song. I whistle; they answer. Soon our differences are blurred, and we become one choir praising the Creator.

Sunrise means a fresh-holy opportunity. Even the cares of the night are behind us. Maybe sleep was interrupted by the drone of worry, or the hum-drum of despair, or high-pitched stress, or staccato-pounding pain, or long notes of grief... but daylight shines up the music and the “melancholy dirge of night” is transformed into God-songs of praise.

For in Jesus, God’s melody sings the hope of our lives. His musical plays the promise of perfect-holy love. Brothers and Sisters, “singing” is what we do. We are His voice... chosen to sing that others may see the Glory of the Lord. Let the song begin.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man they glory may not see,
Only Thou are Holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, and love and purity.

LFOJ HAPPENINGS

LFOJ Website

We are asking for testimonials from LFOJ parents to place on our website. You do not have to add your name if you want to remain confidential. Please send your testimonial to lfoj@zionashland.com or place them in the payment box.

Sprinkler Day July 16, 2013

The weather sure was appropriate this summer for sprinkler day. The kids had lots of fun getting wet and drying off quickly.



Staff Changes

Please welcome Jennifer Swanson to LFOJ. Ms. Jen is an Assistant Teacher at LFOJ. She will attend WITC-Ashland in the fall for Early Childhood Education. Ms. Jen loves working at Little Friends because of being able to watch children learn and grow each day.

We would like to take this time to say goodbye to Ms. Andrea. Andrea will be taking a month-long vacation with her family to Europe. She is enrolled at WITC in the Nursing Program, which will start when she returns from her vacation. She will be missed by all at LFOJ.

Preschool Openings

Our Preschool Program for September 2013, has openings available for both preschool sessions. Our preschool program runs September through May, following the Ashland School District's calendar for vacation, holidays and other closings.

The 4 year old Preschool Session (must be 4 years old by September 1, 2013) runs Mon/Wed/Fri from 9:00 to 11:30. The 3 year old Preschool Session (must be 3 yrs. old by September 1, 2013) runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:30.

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 P.S. Program, please have them call Karyn or Amy at the church office 715-682-6075.



FRIENDS OF CAMP OPEN HOUSE!! August 6. Come experience camp for yourself and see how your support brings blessings and joy to the lives of those who attend Camp Luther!! Come and see Camp In Action (C.I.A.). The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with tours, a chance to meet staff, a delicious lunch and much more, wrapping up by 2:00 p.m. Call the Camp Luther office to RSVP 715-546-3647.

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!! There are still openings in some of our different camp opportunities like **Mother/Daughter Canoe Weekend (Aug 8-11)** and **Father/Son Canoe Weekend (August 8-11)**. If you need information, please visit the website at www.campluther.com or call us at 1-877-264-CAMP.

REGISTER FOR GRANDKIDS OR KINDERCAMP TODAY AND YOU, TOO, WILL BE ABLE TO SAY.... "It was a very special weekend with my child/grandchild." We offer this very unique and meaningful opportunity to spend some quality time with your camper **August 9-11**. This special weekend will reap benefits all year long. Register online at www.campluther.com.

THE \$100,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE!! Give now to Camp Luther, and have your gift matched. This is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for this ministry, because now more than ever families need a place like Camp Luther. Check out more about this wonderful opportunity to give at www.campluther.com and click "Get Involved!"

CAMP LUTHER GIFT CERTIFICATES!! Give a gift that your children or grandchildren will benefit from for their whole lives. These certificates can be purchased for any amount and may be used for Camp Luther programs and at our canteen. It's an easy gift and one that is always appreciated.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT!! Aug 30-Sept 2. Enjoy this flexible and relaxing weekend at Camp Luther. There will be age-appropriate Bible Study sessions and lots of activities like pontoon rides, kayaking, biking, swimming, cookouts, devotions, and so much more. What a perfect way to top off the summer!

FALL FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND MORE!! Plan NOW to join us this fall for retreats that will lift your spirits. Go to www.campluther.com for more information and to register.

Live, Laugh and Love Ladies Retreat (Oct 4-6)

Scrap, Craft and Quilt Retreat (Oct 25-27)

FALL COTTAGE SPECIALS AT CAMP LUTHER!! (Sept. 3-Dec. 23) Don't miss the relaxing and breathtaking beauty of Camp Luther this fall! You can do a lot or a little, take mental pictures or digital ones, you make your own retreat and let us help. From September 3- December 23, our cottages are 50% off our regular prices. Our cottages come with either 2 or 3 bedrooms and as a cottager this fall you'll have access to the lake, a pier, a porch, a boat and all recreational equipment can be used free of charge. Call 877-264-CAMP or visit campluther.com.

COUPLE'S RETREAT! September 20-22. From newlyweds to empty-nesters, this is a retreat for married couples of all ages. Spend time as a couple and in fellowship and Bible study with other Christian couples. There are activities to enjoy just you two and plenty of opportunities to be with the group. All with the beautiful backdrop of Camp Luther in the fall.

Camp Luther is a subsidiary ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ



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

Our Prayer Concerns AUGUST

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 Dan Truchon Donna Graves
Ken Philaja Mary Koosmann Otto Rusch
Chuck Gretzlock Patty Kegel
Don Pocernich Dorothy Rusch

Nursing Home & Assisted Living Resident

Ed & Elna Torkko Margaret Mahoney
Corrine Tolliver Donna Graves
Sharon Johnson Otto & Dorothy Rusch

Shut-in's

Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil Gloria Mills
Clarence & Madge Houle Walt Schutte

ELDERS

Aug. 4 Chuck Chronis & Mike Cashman
Aug. 7 John Pruss
Aug. 11 Don Pocernich & Darryl Warren
Aug. 14 Chuck Chronis
Aug. 18 John Pruss & Doug Warren
Aug. 21 Don Pocernich
Aug. 25 Mike Cashman & Chuck Chronis
Aug. 28 Doug Warren

GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am

Aug. 4 Jule & Nick Jarvela
Aug. 11 Pat & Katie Colgrove
Aug. 18 Clarence & Kathy Osmak
Aug. 25 Jim & Lori Hebert

AUGUST Acolytes

Aug. 4 Cooper Tamke & Jordan Thimm
Aug. 11 Angela Ylitalo & Brooke Sapper
Aug. 18 Sydney Vyskocil & Eric Bochler
Aug. 25 Carolyn Gurske & Cooper Tamke

AUGUST Ushers

Ushers should arrive by 8:40am

Aug. 4 Brian Klobucher & Don Moreland
Aug. 11 Rick Nutt & Scott Pearce
Aug. 18 Ron Schwiesow & Logan Tamke
Aug. 25 Henry Truchon & Scott Thimm

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism — Kayan Laurence Ellis — 07
-05-13

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Tammi Tolliver 685-9947
June Williams 682-2549
Tami Thimm 682-4817
Kaitlyn Thimm

