



The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI AUGUST 2019

What a busy July it has been and now it is almost over. One of the biggest events of the month was of course the LCMS National Youth Gathering which took place in Minneapolis this year. As you may know this event takes place every three years and is for youth from the age of 14-18. This year there were over 21,000 participants. We had four young people from Zion attend this year, Justin and Logan Esala, and Elenore and Matthew Darling and the chaperones were Shannon Esala, June Williams, and myself. It is a very energetic schedule with personal development sessions and service projects taking place during the day and a mass gathering event in the evening. For this gathering the daytime activities were held at the Minneapolis convention center and the mass events were held at US Bank Stadium (where the Vikings play). We were housed at the Hyatt Place in St. Paul and rode the Light Rail train to downtown Minneapolis in the morning and back in the evening. The train ride lasted about 40 minutes and was always an interesting experience. With all that being said the schedule started with breakfast at the hotel at 7:30 in the morning and usually wound down with our return to the hotel at about 11:00 pm. It makes for a long day and the youth handled it well. I dare say that by the end of the five days we were all pretty worn. One of the service events that we attended as a group was the project "Feed My Starving Children" (FMSC). We packaged meals that were shipped directly around the world. The package we prepared is called a Manna Pack and contains, Vitamins, minerals, spices, dried vegetables, rice, and soy. This is all placed in a heat-sealed bag and then boxed for shipment. In the hour and a half that our group worked on the project we packaged over 87,000 meals, and during the course of the Gathering a total of over 1,000,000 meals were packed. All of those meals were boxed and placed on pallets and will be sent directly to the individuals in need. We also learned that FMSC has a better than 98% delivery rate, meaning that their meals get to where they are needed and intended to go. There is also a project that FMSC will bring locally for churches to work on packaging meals for shipment on a smaller scale. All in all, I think it was an amazing experience for our youth and for the adults as well, and will be long remembered by all. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support that you, the people of Zion, have given to our youth to allow them to attend this life changing and faith growing experience. We couldn't do it without you.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School 10:15am (Sept.-May)
Bible Studies
Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am

On another note I would like to let you know that on a personal level June and I are requesting your prayers and support. As of now June is schedule to go to University Hospital in Minneapolis on August 12 for preop testing and preparation, with surgery to follow on August 16, it is scheduled to be a rather long and involved surgery to correct some gastric issues that she has had for some time. Following the surgery, she will remain in the hospital 5-7 days. I will be accompanying June down there and staying through the week, I will return for worship on the 18th both at Zion and at Little Girls Point and then return to Minneapolis for her anticipated release the week of the 19th. She is then expected to have a minimum 6-8 week recovery. Again I ask for your prayers and thank you in advance for your support. We have placed this firmly in the Lord's hands and ask you to do the same. I will keep you all updated through the Zion email as things progress and you are always welcome to email, text, or call me. I will answer when I am able. That's all for now, enjoy the remainder of your summer, see you in worship.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (Psalm 46:1-3)

God Bless! Pastor Rick



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for

<i>Linda Larson-Nelson</i>	<i>Tim Smith</i>	<i>Bob Heggie</i>
<i>Kevin Heggie</i>	<i>Kate Smith</i>	<i>Alice Balmer</i>
<i>Brad Prill</i>	<i>Johnny Galligan</i>	<i>David Kaarre</i>
<i>Mary Bullis</i>	<i>Jim Bullis</i>	<i>Mike Dimich</i>
<i>Lloyd Koosmann</i>	<i>Theresa Koosmann</i>	<i>Jim Johnson</i>
<i>Marty Kaarre</i>	<i>Rachel Juoni</i>	<i>Ally Gumz</i>
<i>Rebecca Gurske</i>	<i>David Renz</i>	<i>David Gustafson</i>
<i>Mary Siefers</i>	<i>Penny Mattson</i>	
<i>Vi Basina</i>	<i>Penny Larson</i>	

and those in our hearts.

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle, Donna Graves*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *David Wright, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha*



LADIES OF ZION

ATTENTION!

LWML will be holding it first meeting of the Fall on Saturday, August 17th at 10:00 AM in the conference room. We will begin the planning for the Fall Circuit Rally in September, held at Zion. As always, new faces with new ideas are warmly welcomed. Come see what we're all about!

AUGUST – MISSION OF THE MONTH

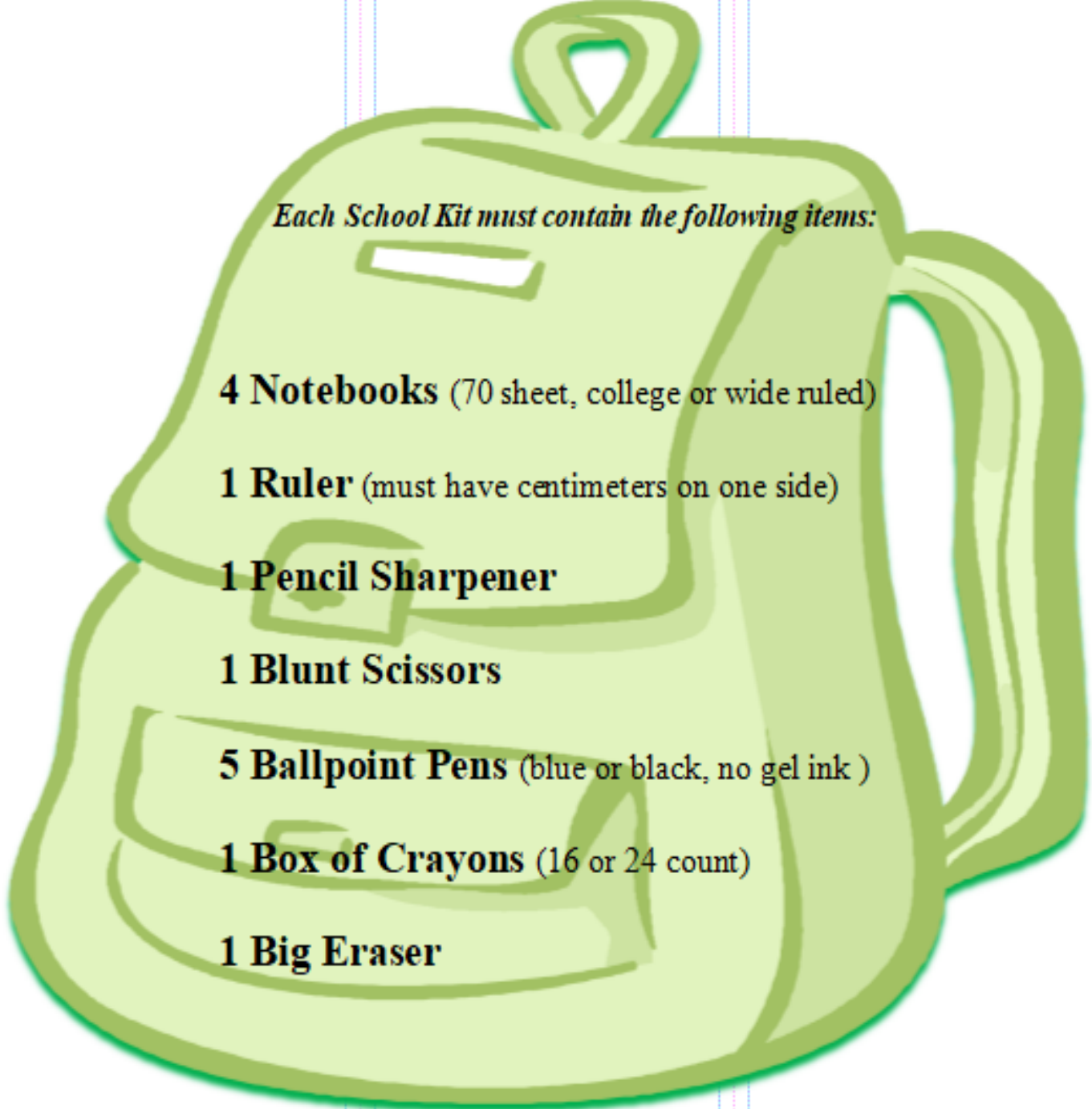
Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Labor Day is just around the corner and that signals the beginning of school in our area. But many children worldwide are not able to attend school simply because they do not have the required supplies. Education is the key to opening doors out of poverty.

Please donate items from the list below.

You may donate all or just some of these items.

(Note: you do NOT need to supply a backpack, just the school supplies)



Each School Kit must contain the following items:

4 Notebooks (70 sheet, college or wide ruled)

1 Ruler (must have centimeters on one side)

1 Pencil Sharpener

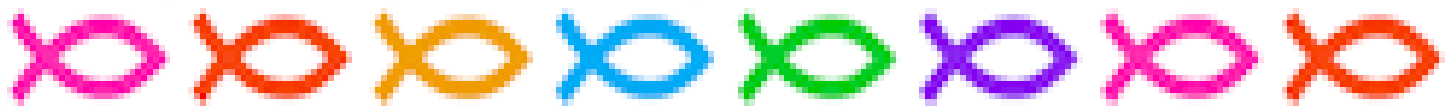
1 Blunt Scissors

5 Ballpoint Pens (blue or black, no gel ink)

1 Box of Crayons (16 or 24 count)

1 Big Eraser

Plain is best...do not donate items with symbols, flags, camouflage, etc.



8 "T"s of Stewardship

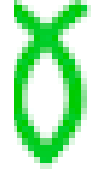


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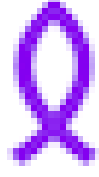
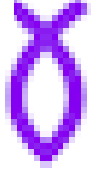
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TISSUE
TECHNOLOGY

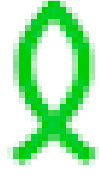


TISSUE

TISSUE refers to the care and use of our bodies. St. Paul reminds us of some important truths in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: *“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.”*



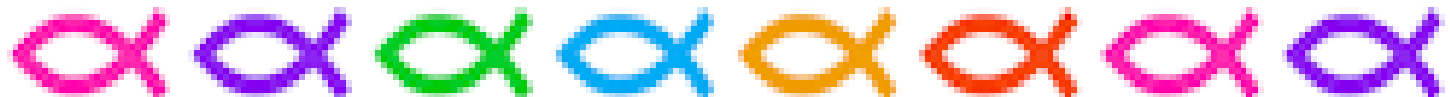
With the Psalmist we declare that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139). Each one of us is special to God, endowed and gifted just the way He wanted to endow and gift us, so that we can be His instruments for good in this world.



The stewardship of TISSUE involves many things, such as proper nourishment, exercise, grooming, and other related items. It also refers to such issues as organ donations and transplants, various kinds of medical care, and the whole spectrum of life issues from conception, through birth, until after death.



Viewing ourselves and others as special creations by God encourages us to have the utmost respect for life at every point on the spectrum. On the Last Day when the King says, *“Well done, good and faithful servant”* (Matthew 25), He will be referring also to our stewardship of our physical welfare as well as that of others.



Cubbies romping through the yard

About 2:30 pm the other day, I was looking out the window and saw something with black-fur move in the tall grass. Didn't take long to realize it was two small cubs; I quickly got out my camera. These buddies were romping and playing like true children without a care in the world. The one with more curiosity ran ahead and the other followed. Soon they noticed an apple tree in full blossom; one stood on its hind legs and touched the blossoms. The other crawled up the tree... and soon both were up there. I wanted so badly to sneak out and snap a photo of them. Would have been a poster-opportunity, but I also know that two small cubs usually have a mama bear nearby and she is not eager to show-off her kids.

After a couple of minutes, the cubbies came down and went hippity-skippity north towards the woods; I suspect mama bear was on high alert from the edge of the trees. I did manage to snap some photos... and had even more "pictures" of these beautiful cubs dancing in my head.



There are times in life when we are handed surprises. Some are sweet like two bear cubs playing on a summer day, and others make us weak in the knees like coming face-to-face with the mother bear. Some surprises change a moment, and others are life-changing.

Seeing these bear cubs was not life-changing, but it did put a smile on my face. In fact, I still smile when I look at the photos that I took. I often feel like God guides critters to our yard and property, so we can have a few minutes (or few photos) of fun. For somehow deep down, we get it that God is eager to plant surprises for "good" in our lives. He is involved in making a difference... for each day and sometimes for the "rest of our lives." His promises stand even when challenges cause us to get "weak in the knees."

So dear friends, we keep our cameras ready for the bears that run out of the woods... and we keep our hearts peeled for the God-surprises that put a smile on our day... a smile on our friends and family... and a smile for the "rest of our lives." God is faithful. Let His poster-promise of faithfulness blossom in our lives.

(I wrote this 5 years ago. This summer we have seen a Mother Bear with 4 cubs two times in our yard. All photos were taken from inside the house.)



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!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists please contact the office. Greeters and Ushers should arrive 20 minutes before services start. Thank-you to all who serve.

ELDERS' SCHEDULE

July 28 Scott Thimm Andy Pruss
July 31 Randy Spangle
Aug. 4 Andy Pruss Scott Thimm
Aug. 7 Doug Warren
Aug. 11 Scott Thimm Darryl Warren
Aug. 14 John Pruss
Aug. 18 Randy Spangle Doug Warren
Aug. 21 John Pruss
Aug. 25 Andy Pruss Darryl Warren
Aug. 28 Randy Spangle
Sept. 1 Doug Warren John Pruss

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

July 28 Don & Laurie Moreland
Aug. 4 Warren & Peggy Draeger
Aug. 11 Scott & Tami Thimm
Aug. 18 Alan & Lisa Sunie
Aug. 25 Herb & Alice Ellis
Sept. 1 Loren & Ellie Munson

USHERS' SCHEDULE

July 28 Mike Cashman
Aug. 4 Tim Bauer
Aug. 11 Chris Bolz
Aug. 18 Jim Hebert
Aug. 25 Nick Jarvela
Sept. 1 Pat Colgrove

August	
Kim Westman 682-6571	
Lynn Ladd 682-6034	
Katie Colgrove 715-209-2512	

2019 Zion's VBS

August 5th – 7th

9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: 1st-6th Grade

Camp Luther Counselors will be leading the program, with fun, songs, stories and crafts.

Theme for this year is John 16:33 - *Take Heart.*

Help is needed! A couple hours one day would be great. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Contact Lisa with any questions at 715-292-0042 or the office 682-6075.

Thank You!!!

August 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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4 Mite Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15afm	5 VBS 9:00am — 3:00pm	6	7 Court Manor 10:15am AHRC 1:45pm Worship 6:30pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	12 Pastor and June - Minneapolis →	13	14 Worship 6:30pm	15 → → → →	16 <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	17 LWML 10:00am
18 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am LGP 2:00pm	19 Pastor and June - Minneapolis →	20	21 Worship 6:30pm	22 → → → →	23 → → ???	24
25 Food Shelf Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	26	27	28 Worship 6:30pm	29	30	31