



# The Mountain Top Messenger

AUGUST 2022

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LCMS ASHLAND, WI

Welcome to August, I have a feeling this month will be flying by, just like the last two, where is the summer going. Before I start, I just want to take a moment to remind people that we could really use some help with the upcoming VBS programs. Any help that you can provide will go a long way. Even a single hour can make a difference and there are lots of different areas where you can help. So if you can assist at all please let the church office know. The dates again are from August 8-12 and August 15-19. So please say a prayer, check your calendars, and lend a hand. Now also a reminder that right in the middle of that on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> is the annual church outdoor worship service and picnic. The worship begins at 10:00 and the picnic lunch will follow. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. This year we are encouraging everyone to bring a friend as well. I look forward to seeing you all there. Now that I have all the announcements out of the way I will get to the meat of this month's message.

As is usual I was having a challenging time trying to determine what to write about this month, so I decided to cast lots and see where the Lord would lead me. So in the spirit of trust, I opened my Bible to the New Testament, and then let it fall open from there. I then picked the first highlighted section I came across. And I love the way the Lord works, sure enough I landed in 2 Timothy chapter four, second of the pastoral epistles. The highlight words that stood out could not have been any more appropriate. "**Preach the Word**". In the opening of this fourth chapter the Apostle Paul gives his young pastoral protégé and us some very prophetic and sound information. It goes like this:

*4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound<sup>[healthy]</sup> teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

We see that Paul is charging us in the presence of both God and Jesus, to preach the Word. We are to be always ready to do it. He uses the term in season and out of season, to let us know that when is not important, we are to do it whenever and wherever we have the opportunity. And then he tells us how we are to do it; he says reprove. By reprove, he means we are to reject or disprove false teachings. We are to rebuke, which in this case means to criticize them (those false teachers), let them know the errors in their teachings and understandings. Then we are to exhort, which means we are urge them strongly to do the right thing, and we are to do all of those things with the following in mind; we are to do it with complete patience and teaching. I don't know about you, but when I am attempting to reprove, rebuke, and exhort someone, doing it with complete patience is definitely a

we are urge them strongly to do the right thing, and we are to do all of those things with the following in mind; we are to do it with complete patience and teaching. I don't know about you, but when I am attempting to reprove, rebuke, and exhort someone, doing it with complete patience is definitely a challenge. It can also be a challenge to teach completely, particularly if someone does really want to hear you. Now Paul, in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit knew this, which leads us into verse 3. *"The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching,"* the Greek might actually be better translated to healthy teaching,

I believe the time is not only coming, but that time is here. Paul speaks of itching ears and accumulating teachers to suit their own passions, another word we could use for passions would be agendas. If you don't believe that is happening in our world right here and right now, I am afraid you are living in a box or wearing blinders. I feel it is quite apparent that much of world has indeed turned away from truth. The number of people in this world following a Biblical truth is getting smaller every day. The world truth has taken over and is running rampant and has definitely wandered off into myths. There is a tipping point, a point of no return, all of which is leading up to our Lord's triumphant return. So you might ask, what do we do in the meantime? Paul, through the Holy Spirit helps us out there as well; "Always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." Just as the story by Jesus of the 10 virgins, we must be ever watchful, care our spare oil, and be ready for Christ's return. We must do our best to endure any sufferings we may encounter and trust in the Lord always, do the work of an evangelist.

What is the work of an evangelist? Simply put, an evangelist is one who proclaims the good news, the Good News of the Gospel, and finally fulfill your ministry. For me that is easy to define, you are my ministry, Zion Lutheran Church, not the building but you, the people, are my ministry, I am charged to faithfully administer the sacraments and preach the Word. You may ask, what is my ministry? Luther defines your ministry as your vocation, and you can have many, your vocation as a husband or wife, as father or mother, son or daughter, your vocation as in the job you fill, sharing your ministry, the Good News of the Gospel, with those you live with, work with, fish with, golf with, picnic with, share life with. We are all ministers of God's Word; we are all evangelists. We share that word with everyone, everywhere, every day, without ceasing.

And guess what, we will fall short, we unfortunately won't reach everyone, everywhere, every day, because we as sinful human beings simply can't. But the good news is; we are forgiven, and we can try again tomorrow, and the next day, and the next. until our time is up or our Lord returns. Now you might be wondering, why? Because, laid up for you is the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to you on that day! And I close with a statement that I like to repeat over and over. A statement as to why we do what we do.

We do not do all these things to be saved, we do them because we have already been saved. It is never about what we do, it is always about what Jesus has done for us.

Go in peace as you serve the Lord!  
Pastor Rick





# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Currently held June through August  
Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed  
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm  
Pre-recorded Online Wednesday Prayer Study 6:30pm  
Women's Bible Study Thursdays 1st & 3rd monthly 6:30pm

**Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479**

**Office Hours: M 9-5 T off W 12-8 Th 9-5 F 9-12**

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.

**Office Secretary Lynn Ladd 715-682-6075** Office Hours Typically M/T – 8-3  
W 1:00-6:00pm Days and times may change.

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### PRAYERS for Home-bound, 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.

*Arlene Zimmerman  
Violet Basina  
Madge Houle  
Nancy Zehe*

### PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

*David Wright  
Jordan Thimm  
Andrew Pruss*



### 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:

Brad Prill  
Alice Balmer  
Francis Balmer  
Vi Basina  
Andrea Gunderson  
James Fletcher  
Taylor Sprague  
Sheryl Hildebrandt  
Sherry Gurski  
James Lavasseur  
Diane Beiersdorff  
Terry Haas  
Yvonne Mertig  
Tim Zwetow  
Melanie Bush  
Penny Nelson-Newman  
*and those in our hearts*

Madge Houle  
Penny Larson  
David Gustafson  
John Schutte  
Dave Pearson  
Brett Everman  
Larry Tody  
Harold Larson  
Russel Joyner  
Lisa Thomson  
Jerry Turney  
Linda Stenroos  
Ann Williams  
Heather Gust  
Ingrid Brand  
Lowell Nutt



Funeral of Walter Schutte  
August 13th  
Visitation at 10 a.m.  
Funeral at 11 a.m.  
Lunch to follow.  
Burial in Highbridge at 2 pm.

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### **Fueling the fire**

My three-year-old daughter was trying to roast a marshmallow for the first time. Her first and second attempts ended in flames. Both times, I took the scorched marshmallow off of the roasting stick and threw it into the fire. The third time, I helped her a lot more and, together, we achieved a perfectly toasty golden brown. Once it was cool, I handed her the marshmallow which she promptly threw into the fire. No one had told her she was supposed to eat it. —Submitted by Lou Roess, Parachute, Colorado.

### **The Long and the short of it**

I am an 84-year-old gentleman who stands 5'4" tall from the basketball-crazy state of Indiana. Recently, my wife and I were having dinner at a local restaurant. Our waiter was a young man, around 6'8". Naturally, I asked him if he played basketball. He looked down at me, replied, "Yes, I do," and then asked me if I played miniature golf. —Submitted by Paul Kinghorn, Rising Sun, Indiana

### **The wild bunch**

While at a motel in North Dakota, I went to breakfast and sat by a gentleman who was on the phone. I overheard him say that he had "lost time yesterday" because his "passengers got cranky" so he "stopped at a truck stop and hosed them down with cold water." Then I noticed a school bus in front of the motel that hadn't been there the day before. When the gentleman ended his call, I asked him if that was his bus. "No," he replied. "I'm in the back with a semi load of pigs." —Submitted by David Flemming, Hermantown, Minnesota

### **A very special finish**

My son, Mark, volunteered to help Cherie, a young runner at a local Special Olympics. Cherie was happy and enthusiastic. Mark encouraged her, kept her calm, and helped her know when it was time to line up for her race. When the starting pistol sounded, she took off like a lightning bolt, leaving her fellow racers behind. As she neared the finish line, she stopped, turned around and motioned for the other runners to hurry. She waited for them so they could all cross the finish line together. —Submitted by Debra Holley, American Fork, Utah

### **A soldier's surprise**

It is spring of 1943 during World War II. Standing among hundreds of new soldiers at Camp Grant, in Illinois, my father, Sam, just 18 years old, waits as a truck slowly drives by. A full field pack is randomly tossed to each soldier. "How strange," my father thinks, as he sees his last name, Litrenti, marked on each item in his pack. "How did they know it was me when they tossed the pack?" He was impressed! Beating all odds, my father was tossed a field pack from World War I—his own father's. —Submitted by Gail Litrenti-Benedetto, Park Ridge, Illinois

## “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

**William Kethe** (also **Keithe**) (died 6 June 1594) was a Bible translator, especially of the Psalms. Kethe is thought to have been born in Scotland, although this has never been confirmed. His name was first recorded as being among the Marian exiles in Frankfurt in 1555 and Geneva in 1557, suggesting he left with those who took John Knox's side in the troubles at Frankfurt.

Kethe helped translate the Geneva Bible in 1560 and contributed twenty-five psalms to the 1561 Anglo-Genevan Psalter. Only ten of these were retained in the 1562 English Psalter, while the 1564 Scottish Psalter retained all 25. Most of his Psalms were translations from French sources. <sup>[*citation needed*]</sup> His version of Psalm 100, The Old Hundredth, is universally known by its first line ("All People That on Earth Do Dwell").

During the reign of Elizabeth I, Kethe served as Rector to the parish of Child Okeford in Dorset, (1561–1593). After retiring he remained in the village but he died within a year. Whilst serving as vicar, he had also had two spells as a military chaplain under Ambrose Dudley, 3rd Earl of Warwick at Le Havre in 1563 and 1569.

**Loys "Louis" Bourgeois** (French: [bʁɔʒwa]; c. 1510 – 1559) was a French composer and music theorist of the Renaissance. He is most famous as one of the main compilers of Calvinist hymn tunes in the middle of the 16th century. One of the most famous melodies in all of Christendom, the Protestant doxology known as the Old 100th, is commonly attributed to him. The Knowledge of his early life is sparse. His first publication, some secular **chansons**, dates from 1539 in **Lyon**. By 1545 he had gone to Geneva (according to civic records) and become a music teacher there. In 1547 he was granted citizenship in Geneva, and in that same year he also published his first four-voice psalms.

In 1549 and 1550 he worked on a collections of psalm-tunes, most of which were translated by Clément Marot and Théodore de Bèze. The extent to which he was composer, arranger or compiler was not certain, until a long-lost copy of the Genevan Psalter of 1551 came to the library of the Rutgers University. In an *Avertissement* (note) to the reader Bourgeois specifies exactly what his predecessors had done, what he had changed and which were his own contributions. He is one of the three main *composers* of the hymn tunes to the Genevan Psalter.

Unfortunately, he fell foul of local musical authorities and was sent to prison on 3 December 1551 for changing the tunes for some well-known psalms "without a license." He was released on the personal intervention of John Calvin, but the controversy continued: those who had already learned the tunes had no desire to learn new versions, and the town council ordered the burning of Bourgeois's instructions to the singers, claiming they were confusing. Shortly after this incident, Bourgeois left Geneva never to return: he settled in Lyon, his Geneva employment was terminated, and his wife tardily followed him to Lyon.

While in Lyon, Bourgeois wrote a fierce piece of invective against the publishers of Geneva. His daughter was baptized in Paris in May 1560 (as a Catholic), and also in 1560 a Parisian publisher posthumously printed a volume of his secular chansons – a form he had condemned as "dissolute" during his Geneva years.

Louis Bourgeois is the one most responsible for the tunes in the Genevan Psalter, the source for the hymns of both the Reformed Church in England and the Pilgrims in America. In the original versions by Bourgeois, the music is monophonic, in accordance with the dictates of John Calvin, who disapproved not only of counterpoint but of any multiple parts; Bourgeois though did also provide four-part harmonizations, but they were reserved for singing and playing at home. Many of the four-part settings are syllabic and chordal, a style which has survived in many Protestant church services to the present day.

Of the tunes in the Genevan Psalter, some are reminiscent of secular chansons, others are directly borrowed from the Strasbourg Psalter; The remainder were composed by successively Guillaume Franc, Louis Bourgeois and Pierre Davantès. By far the most famous of Bourgeois' compositions is the tune known as the Old 100th. The tune also is used in the hymn "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".

# AUGUST & SEPTEMBER MISSION



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS

### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

### HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

## Offering comfort and care to those who need it most

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

More information by the Sanctuary doors. Monetary donations are also needed for shipping expenses.

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**PARK**

**10:00am Worship Service - Lunch Follows**  
**Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or email/call the office**  
**and let us know you would like to attend. Church pro-**  
**vides hamburgers and hots dogs. People can sign-up**  
**for complimentary dishes.**



**2022 Zion's VBS – 7:30am-5:15pm**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
**Actual program time 8:30am-4:00pm**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Session August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rainforest Explorers**  
**2nd Session August 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Splash Canyon**



We need some helpers during VBS - one session, one day, one hour - whatever it is, it will help. Help in the **kitchen** during lunch or snack times (AM and PM) — there are no meals being prepared, help with setting up, cleaning up, etc.  
**Crafts** - there will be two craft times a day, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, a couple of the crafts may require more than one time.  
**Music**—we have the theme songs on video, but need someone to lead them.  
**Devotions** - we have a teacher's guide **Supervision** - for those who are dropped off early or stay later.  
If you can't help at church, there's always cookies needed for dessert at lunch.

# AUGUST



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Elders:</b> July 31 <b>Andy</b> Aug. 3 <b>Scott</b> <b>Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> Randy</b> Aug.10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Doug</b> <b>Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> Andy</b> Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>John</b> <b>Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> Scott</b> Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Darryl</b> <b>Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Andy</b> Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>John</b> Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>Doug</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm service 6:30pm online prayer service	<b>4</b> Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00am service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm service 6:30pm online prayer service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Walt Schutte Funeral 11am
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<b>28</b> 9:00am Service 2pm LGP	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30pm service 6:30pm online prayer service			

**August**

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**OFFICIAL ACTS**

Ivy Helene Barnes and  
 Maverick Jeremy Barnes 7-9-22

