

The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI JUNE 2018

Welcome to summer! As I am writing this message to you, I am enjoying a bit of early summer, as you know June and I drove down to Florida for my granddaughter Emily's High School graduation. Yes, you saw it correctly, we decided to drive down and back. It is quite a drive, 1833 miles one way, a test of perseverance and patience. I drove in and around the high traffic areas and June drove in the open spaces, she is not a traffic fan, she did very well, and didn't toss me out of the car when I was "right seat driving". In a way this trip reminds me of our faith lives. Areas where there is smooth sailing, just stay between the lines, set the cruise control and go. Then there are the places where life, and driving, gets interesting, when you get into traffic jams and it seems like you are just crawling, if you're moving at all. Or those times when you make a wrong turn, and it seems like an eternity while you recalculate and do your best to get back on the right road. Fortunately in both driving and life we have a road map, in the car we have the map, or now days GPS to show us the way if we follow it. In our spiritual life, we have God's Word, it shows us the way, it keeps us between the white lines. It is a map which unlike the map in our car, or our GPS, is never wrong, it never goes out of date because of changes to the roads or new and better ways to try and get to your destination. It is the only way, neither the desired road nor the desired destination change. There is only one way and we know that way is Jesus. So as you travel the road of life, remember to check your map daily, rely on your Christian family and friends to keep you between the lines. Remember also to stop frequently at the filling station, your church, to fill up on the fuel that you need to complete your journey, the Word to show you the way, the Lord's Supper, to refresh you and fill your tank, and your faith family to cheer you on and encourage you on the

Pastor Rick Williams -
715-209-0479

Office Hours: M/Th/F 8:00-4:30 W 12:00-8:00pm

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor Williams as he may be visiting shut-in's, at a conference, etc.

Office Secretary

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Days and times may change upon need of work.

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No Wednesday night service on July 4th.



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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Bible Study
Sunday 10:15am

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As we move into summer we have some events to look forward too, our outdoor worship service and picnic in July and



our VBS in August. I look forward to seeing you all again soon, Prayers for our safe travel are welcome, and I hope you don't mind. . . . I am going to keep this month's message short and head to the beach before the afternoon rain.

I pray God's blessing upon all of you.

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

May Lord show you His favor and give you peace.



Our Prayer Concerns

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:

Bob Heggie

Kevin Heggie

Joni Frisco

Brad Prill

Jean Wickman

Johnny Galligan

Alice Balmer

Mary Bullis

Tim Smith

Jim Bullis

Ellen Hodgson

Doug Tutor

Patti Louko Berg

Barb Bjork

David Kaarre

Joan Spalding

Ruth Goldman

Eric Kontny

Lloyd Koosmann

Sandy Fletcher

Tim Fulton

David Palm

Theresa Koosmann

Randy Lauer

Mary Helen Bergschneider

Marie Carlson

Margaret Goodwin

Mike Dimich

Steve Wahlston

Crase Family

Crystal Flectcher

Gail Schielke

Doris Nye

Steve Gilmore

Peggy Aschenbrenner Sheryl Hildebrandt



Ruth Young

And those in our hearts.

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

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. *Aaron Esala, David Wright, Johanna*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



O God,
We thank you for these men.
Men who have taken on the
impossible task of following
in Your footsteps.
We thank you for their cour-
age and strength.

And our prayer is that as
they learn what it means to
be a father, that You would
Father them, and apprentice
them. We pray that you
would teach them how to be
good fathers no matter how
old or young their children
are.

Amen.

*Happy Father's Day to all
dads, grand-dads, uncles,
and men who have stepped*

What Makes A Dad

***God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad***

Author Unknown



Get Involved With the


We are looking for people in the broader Twin Cities area (congregations in the Minnesota South and North, South and North Wisconsin Districts) who are willing to serve before, during, and after the Gathering. If you are interested in being a volunteer you can go to the Minnesota South District website at: mnsdistrict.org/nyg. (click on “news and



Remember our snowbank? It did melt and Jule Jarvela had the closest date of May 7th. Good guess Jule!

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

Last Sunday of each Month
The BRICK appreciates your food donations each and every month. It truly helps our community giving those are need of food to sustain their life. It's hard to believe that these days that are still some who are surprised by a layoff, lose their home, have a dysfunctional family, can't cope with things. They need a helping hand and Zion tries to provide some help



Pastor Rick's office hours for the summer:

- Monday—8:00-4:30
- Tuesday—Off
- Wednesday—12:00-8:00
- Thursday—8:00-4:30

Friday—8:00-4:30

Please call ahead because Pastor may be out for visitations, nursing home services, conference, etc.



Mustard Seed

Daily Devotions
Lutheran Women in Mission

The Seed of Faith

In the Word

"... I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." [Matthew 17:20b](#).

Of the Word

What is the only fruit with seeds on the outside of its skin?
A strawberry!

Most fruits have their seeds on the inside. Only when they are cut open can the seeds of dozens of other fruits be seen.

People can be a lot like those fruits with hidden seeds. God's Holy Spirit plants the seed of faith deep within our hearts. He reminds us of the importance and power of that small seed of faith that makes such a huge difference in our lives. Jesus told His disciples, "... I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" ([Matthew 17:20b](#)).

The seed of faith that God's Holy Spirit plants within us bears fruit. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* ([Galatians 5:22-23a](#)). Once people see this fruit in our lives, they are very likely to know about the seed of faith inside us.

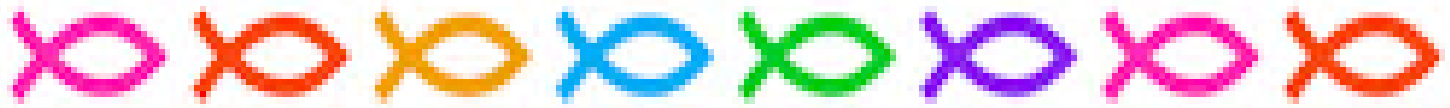
Walking with my Lord

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for the seed of faith planted in my heart. Fill me with the Holy Spirit's power so that I can be a fruit-bearer for You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Stewardship Thoughts



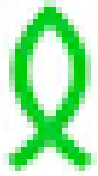
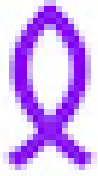
This month we will reflect upon the stewardship of rest as God originally intended at the beginning of creation. After sin entered through disobedience this concept was destroyed and altered. No, we are not advocating you sleep in on Sunday mornings and avoid church services, missing hearing the Word of God, the Confession and Absolution of sins, the Means of Grace through Baptism and Holy Communion. God forbid!



Scripture makes a clear connection between rest and work. Stewardship is the connection. In Genesis, Chapter 1, there is the connection between the creation of man to serve as a steward of creation and rest. Man is created in the image of God. This means man is to have dominion that reflects the actual owner of creation, God Himself. Male and female they were created. While not explicitly stated in the text after the sixth day, man would be laboring when The Lord was setting the pattern of Sabbath rest. This casts new light on the relationship between work and rest. The steward was created to rest in the presence of the Creator and then reflect that Creator in the stewardship of creation.



Genesis 2:15 states the task of stewards was to work and keep the creation entrusted to them. It was not passive work. It was not toilsome work. It was blessed labor. The steward was doing what he was created to do and would not become weary and worn out. The rest that was the Sabbath was the starting point for this labor and source. In Romans 12, Paul states the work of being a living sacrifice is worship. This takes place in creation when the labor serves to glorify God and aid the neighbor.



In Genesis 3, we learn that sin changed the perception of God's will to our will and with it our relationship to God. Labor is now toil, sweat, aches and pains, and gripping. The only rest is in death when we return to dust. We are fallen.



Matthew 11:28 is restorative. Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." These two gifts of work and rest are from The Lord and are designed to equip and sustain stewards in the tasks before them. There are times the sinner/steward chafes against the will of God. It happens daily. Healing Divine balm is provided from Christ, His Word and His Sacraments.



The work and rest of the steward flows from the altar. It gives purpose. It shows the burden that comes when the labor of the sinner/steward falls short of God's expectations. It ultimately shows the rest which our Lord desires to provide through the Gospel delivered in the Means of Grace. Stewards are created to rest and work, all to the glory of The Lord. Corrie ten Boom states, "But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you."



When rest is granted by The Lord, taught by His steward leaders and embraced by God's people, stewardship becomes a labor of love. God's love for us. Our love for Him.



Women's Retreat

Great fun for ladies of all ages!

Just for the ladies

This weekend is all about relaxing and refueling with God's Word. Leave the pressures of work, home, and life behind and join others for a refreshing and renewing weekend. 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.

Activities include Bible Study, Devotions, crafts, "Ladies night out," walk/bike/canoe in the beautiful fall weather.

In 2018, Bible Study will be led by Donna Pyle

"Not raised going to church regularly, Donna understands how intimidating it can be to open the Bible. Now, after walking with the Lord for 25 years, she loves to encourage others embarking on that wonder-filled path of faith."

Donna has authored over 25 Bible studies and magazine articles. Her work has been published by Concordia Publishing House, Lutheran Women in Mission, and LWML. Find out more about Donna at <https://www.artesianministries.org/>.



Who? Adult women. Come by yourself, bring a friend, or bring your congregation's women's ministry group!

When? September 21-23, 2018

Time? Orientation will begin at 7:00pm Friday evening and the weekend will close by 11:00am Sunday morning.

Cost? \$135/person. This includes two nights, four meals, and full retreat programming.

Accommodations? Housing is in Camp Luther's Retreat Center with bedrooms fitting up to four, and shared bathrooms in each hall.

Ready to Register?

Click the button that says "Download Forms & Info" to download a paper copy of the registration form. Fill out that form and return it to Camp Luther in order to reserve your spot for the weekend. Registrations cannot be taken over the phone or without a registration form and deposit.

Questions?

Contact Kardia (Camp Luther's Director of Programs) at kardia@campluther.com with questions or

June has the Summer Solstice, the day with the longest daylight of the year, typically on June 21st.
June is often considered a "summer month", whereas September is not. This is despite the fact that September has twice as many summer days as June.
June 2, 1865 - Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith, a commander of Confederate forces, signed the surrender terms offered by Union negotiators, ending the US civil war.
June 2, 2004 - Ken Jennings began his 74-game winning streak on the syndicated game show Jeopardy
June 3, 1889 - The first long-distance electric power transmission line in the United States was completed, 14 miles between a generator at Willamette Falls and downtown Portland, Oregon.
June 3, 1965 - Ed White, a Gemini 4 crew member, performs the first American spacewalk.

Cottage Retreats

For more information on prices, dates, etc. and/or to book a cottage contact Blaine "Beemer" Welch at 715-546-3647 or beemer@campluther.com.

Families, couples, kids, and adults all love our retreat cottages! Located on the shores of Rangeline Lake, our two and three bedroom housekeeping cottages provide the perfect retreat get-a-way for an individual retreat, romantic weekend, or reunion with family and friends.

Spend your days experiencing the many activities that Camp Luther has to offer, or visit a variety of shops and boutiques in [Three Lakes](#) and [Eagle River](#). If you're a bit more adventurous, bike the Three-Eagle Trail or explore miles of rolling hills and beautiful scenery in the Nicolet National Forest. Spend your evenings enjoying one of the fabulous restaurants in the area or stay in and create your own meals in the fully equipped kitchen. Complete your relaxing day with a walk along the lake trail or put your feet up on your cottage porch and watch the sun set. Cuddle up with a book next to your cottage fireplace or enjoy an outdoor campfire.

What you won't find at a Camp Luther cottage are video games, radios, TVs or computers (although we do offer free wifi). This retreat is about relaxing in the midst of God's beautiful creation. We want you to enjoy the blessings of being separated from the stresses of your everyday life. We hope this provides a unique and valuable experience for our guests.

During the summer season, the Camp Luther staff directs a [Family Camp](#) program of activities and events for all cottage guests. The activity schedule allows individuals and families the option to participate as much or as little as they feel comfortable. Check out our activities page for all the program options.

Each of our 15 cottages is fully furnished and equipped. Each includes:

- Bathroom with Shower
- Fully Equipped Kitchen
- Charcoal Grill
- Walk-Out Pier
- Small Kitchen Appliances
- Living Room
- Picnic Table
- 12' Rowboat
- Stove, Refrigerator
- Wifi

All recreational equipment and facilities are provided FREE OF CHARGE. Some activities require staff supervision and/or are



- June 5, 1851 - Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery serial, Uncle Tom's Cabin (or Life Among the Lowly) began a ten-month run in the National Era, an abolitionist newspaper.
- June 6, 1844 - The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was founded in London
- June 8, 1783 (Volcano Eruption) Laki, Iceland, killed over 9,000 over a period of months, and caused a 7 year famine.
- June 12, 1987 - "Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." - Ronald Reagan, referring to the Berlin Wall.
- June 14, 1777 - The Stars and Stripes was adopted by Congress as the Flag of the United States. Today, June 14 is officially 'Flag day' in the United States.
- June 17, 1963 - The US Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 in Abington School District v. Schempp, against requiring the reciting of Bible verses and the Lord's Prayer in public schools.

REVIEW

Martin Luther's Small Catechism - when was the last time you looked through your catechism?
One year? Ten years? Forty years?

A review at any time is a good thing and more times the better. It helps us to keep refreshed in our beliefs and ideals. This will be a monthly addition to the Newsletter. We hope that you will review

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this



Ashland High School Graduates

Eric Bochler will be attending WITC for Machine Tool in the fall

Kaitlyn Dickrell will be attending UW LaCrosse for bio chemistry

Brooke Sapper will be attending Macalester College in St. Paul for History and Spanish

David Ovaska will be going to WITC - Superior Tech for welding.

Cooper Tamke will be attending Northland for basic studies

Sydney Vyskocil will be attending the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN next year, studying English.

Angela Ylitalo will be attending UW-Eau Claire for Health Care Administration

Kaitlyn Dickrell will be attending Eau Claire .

Washburn High School Graduates

Nicholas Brown

JUNE Mission

Children's Book Project

Bringing Books to Children Who Need Them



**Donate new or gently used books.
Please follow the guidelines for donating below.
Thank you!**

We always need new or *gently* used, recent-vintage books for children of all ages, from infants through teens.

We especially need:

board books

elementary chapter books

graphic novels

early readers

books in Spanish or Chinese

popular series for 8-12 year olds

We can't use and don't accept:

textbooks and curriculum materials

audio cassettes and VHS tapes

obsolete books

nonfiction over ten years old

encyclopedias

library discards

dirty, dusty, wet, or mildewed books

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Zion Lutheran Council Minutes: May 21, 2018

The May meeting was called to order by President John Pruss. John opened with a devotional thought about the “clay” used in John 9 to heal the blind man. We are encouraged to use our skills and special abilities to serve.

Roll Call: John Pruss- President, Nick Jarvela- Trustees, Mary Koosmann- Financial Secretary, Alice Ellis-Secretary, Lisa Guski-Treasurer/LFOJ, Darryl Warren-Elders, Chuck Chronis- Stewardship, Lori Landry-Evangelism, (Pastor/excused).

April Minutes: Motion by Chronis. Second by Jarvela. MMC.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Chronis. Second by Landry. MMC.

Agenda: Motion with 3 additions by Warren. Second by Guski. MMC.

Board Reports:

Trustees: Reported by Jarvela. Completed lattice on LFOJ deck. Passed Fire Department inspection. Lawn mowing schedule circulated. Plan to get bids from contractors to address leaking roof.

Education: Guski reported on last day of Sunday School for this season. Students made Mother’s Day cards and planted flowers. VBS will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday first week in August. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be shared.

LFOJ: Guski reported on preschool graduation will be May 23. \$490 was raised in St. Jude’s Trike-A-Thon. Spring bulb fundraiser earned \$443.70. “Thank you” video will be distributed to thank Law Enforcement officers. Next major maintenance is to replace cubbies. Request to post “giving tree” for Zion Congregation for LFOJ vegetable and flower garden. Motion for donations by Jarvela. Second by Landry. MMC.

Evangelism: Landry reported that church picnic will be at 10 a.m. July 15th at Prentice Park. It will be a Praise Service. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Motion for congregation to purchase meat and buns by Chronis. Second by Guski. MMC. Evangelism will seek to form a sub-committee for the Coats Plus for Kids project in the fall.

Motion to accept Board reports by Jarvela. Second by Chronis. MMC.

Official Acts:

Confirmation: May 20, 2018 Emily Dickrell, Trista Bolz, Logan Esala

Motion to approve official acts by Warren. Second by Chronis. MMC.

Old Business:

Sunday School Superintendent job description: A reminder to update this description before fall schedule.

New Business:

Summer Recess: Council will recess June through August. Email communication will be used to share information and/or call for a meeting. Motion by Guski. Second by Koosman. MMC.

Donations to LFOJ: Giving Tree for vegetable and flower garden (see LFOJ board report).

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2018. Motion to adjourn by

Mark YOUR Calendars!

Zion Lutheran Annual Picnic

Date: Sunday, July 15th

Time: 10 a.m. Praise Worship service

**Where: Prentice Park Pavilion
(Church back-up in case of rain)**

For Your Information:

Zion will provide meat/buns/utensils.

Pot-luck picnic meal.

Sign-up sheet in Narthex for a dish to pass.



June 26, 1374 - An early, sudden outbreak of 'St. John's Dance' caused people in the streets of Aachen, Germany, to experience hallucinations and begin to jump and twitch uncontrollably until they collapsed from exhaustion.

June 27, 1807 - Lightning struck a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people.

June 27, 1985 - US Route 66 was officially removed from the United States Highway System.

June 28, 1894 - Labor Day became an official US holiday.

June 29, 1974 - Mikhail Baryshnikov defected from the Soviet Union to Canada while on tour with the Kirov Ballet.



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

ELDERS' SCHEDULE

- June 3 Andy Pruss
Scott Thimm
- June 6 Randy Spangle**
- June 10 Scott Thimm
Darryl Warren
- June 13 Andy Pruss**
- June 17 Scott Thimm
Doug Warren
- June 20 Randy Spangle**
- June 24 John Pruss
Andy Pruss
- June 27 John Pruss**

- July 1 Darryl Warren
Doug Warren
- July 4 Darryl Warren**
- July 8 Doug Warren
Andy Pruss
- July 11 Randy Spangle**
- July 15 John Pruss
Darryl Warren
- July 18 Andy Pruss**
- July 22 Randy Spangle
Doug Warren
- July 25 John Pruss**
- July 29 Andy Pruss
Darryl Warren

- Aug. 1 Randy Spangle**
- Aug. 5 Darryl Warren
John Pruss
- Aug. 8 Darryl Warren**
- Aug. 12 Doug Warren
Andy Pruss
- Aug 15 John Pruss**
- Aug. 19 Scott Thimm
Doug Warren
- Aug. 22 Randy Spangle**
- Aug. 26 Scott Thimm
John Pruss

USHERS' SCHEDULE GREETERS' SCHEDULE

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| June 3 Clarence Osmak | June 3 Loren & Ellie Munson |
| June 10 Curt Harpster | June 10 Sunie Family |
| June 17 Nick Jarvela | June 17 Brian & Linda Klobucher |
| June 24 Tim Bauer | June 24 Vyskocil Family |
| July 1 Chris Bolz | July 1 Warren & Peggy Draeger |
| July 8 Larry Hildebrandt | July 8 Honkala Family |
| July 15 Jake Pruss | July 15 Roger & Sally Gustafson |
| July 22 Kyle Sapper | July 22 Clarence & Kathy Osmak |
| July 29 Cody Sunie | July 29 Scott & Tami Thimm |
| Aug. 5 Jim Johnson | Aug. 5 Don & Laurie Moreland |
| Aug. 12 Brian Klobucher | Aug. 12 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow |
| Aug. 19 Scott Sapper | Aug. 19 Wickman Family |
| Aug. 26 Todd Vyskocil | |

June
Lisa, Tia Warren
209-8547
Michelle, Sydney,
Taylor Vyskocil
682-2498

July
Sandy Frisco 682-5401
Stephanie Wegener 682-9822
Judy Nevala 682-2927

August



OFFICIAL ACTS

Confirmation: May 20, 2018 Emily Dickrell, Trista Bolz, Logan Esala



2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Looking Ahead: July 15th Church Picnic 10:00am Prentice Park VBS Aug. 6th-8th sign-up in July					1	2
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10 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	11	12 LFOJ Brd Mtg. 5:30pm	13 Worship 6:30pm	14	15	16
17 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am	18	19	20 Court Manor 10:15am AHRC 1:45pm Worship 6:30pm	21	22 <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	23
24 Food Shelf Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	25	26	27 Worship 6:30pm	28	29	30
NO WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH SERVICE						