



The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI JUNE 2019

As I sit down to write this month's newsletter cover I am looking back at a really strange week. And as I look back on it I realize life is full of all kinds of uncertainties. Now what makes me say these things. Well first was the snow of May 19th, worst winter driving conditions I faced all year as June and I headed to Little Girls Point. Mowed on Friday, snowed on Sunday, a bit unpredictable. Following that I had several encounters with individuals that were somewhat strange, and they will go untold. I also participated in the active shooter training drill that was held at Bretting's on Tuesday, I participated in my role as Chaplain for the Ashland Fire Department. One of the topics of discussion was the sorry state of our world that we would even have to consider training for such an occurrence. Then on Wednesday afternoon, I received a call from a member stating that he was unable to get into his home because someone had broken in while he was out and was involved in a police stand off and that that individual was later killed. His garage had a vehicle driven through it and there where bullet holes in his new refrigerator. Has the world gone crazy? This is Ashland! These things aren't supposed to be happening here. My grandson was a block away when the shooting started walking home from school. He is still in a bit of shock. As I spoke to our member about this incident the thing that really came to mind, and that, we were exceedingly grateful for; he was not home when his house was broken into. We thanked the Lord that the house was empty, so many other possible scenarios could have taken place there.

So, what do we take away from all of this? Well first and foremost we thank the Lord for watching over all of those who were involved and all of those who were trying to protect the community from danger. Secondly, we remember that we live in a broken and fallen world and until Christ returns we really shouldn't expect it to get a whole lot better. Satan is doing his best to shake our faith, to weaken our resolve, and to tear us away from our faith.

As I further contemplated all that had happened I reflected on scripture, the first verse to come to mind is from John 16:33:

*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have **tribulation**. But take heart; I have overcome the world. These verses followed: Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many **tribulations** we must enter the kingdom of God. Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall **tribulation**, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*

We Christians have never been told life in this world will be easy, and actually as you see we have been told quite the opposite. So what do we do, how do we cope? Well what we encounter is not that much different than it was 2000 years ago. Paul's words to the Romans then are just as appropriate to us today. Romans 12:9-21

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M/Th/F 8:00am-4:00pm
Wed. 12-8p

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

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

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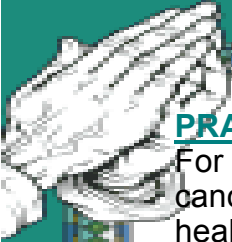
⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Wednesday May 29, we will celebrate our Lord's ascension into Heaven to be at the right hand of the Father and He will come again. We wait for that day, for that is the day when all the tribulation that we see in the world around us will finally come to an end. And as we heard just recently, that too, is when we will see the new Heaven and the New Earth and we will see God and live with Him and the Lamb forever, Amen.

I pray God's peace be with all of you as you start this summer. Be safe, have fun, enjoy God's creation. And remember, if you can't make worship on Sunday, we will be continuing Wednesday night Worship at 6:30 pm every week.

God Bless you all!

In His service, 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

Linda Larson-Nelson	Tim Smith	Bob Heggie
Kevin Heggie	Joni Frisco	Kate Smith
Brad Prill	Johnny Galligan	Alice Balmer
Mary Bullis	Jim Bullis	David Kaarre
Lloyd Koosmann	Theresa Koosmann	Mike Dimich
Marty Kaarre	Rachel Juoni	Jim Johnson
Rebecca Gurske	David Renz	Ally Gumz
David Gustafson	Mary Siefers	Shalee Conley

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 Violet Basina*

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*



Little Friends of Jesus Tidbits

Staff Changes

Welcome Back ~ Ms. Nikki Pribek!!!! We are truly blessed to have you back with us.

Welcome to LFOJ Ms. Jo Zifko. Ms. Jo will be an Assistant Teacher in the Learner Room. Ms. Jo retired from Chequamegon Clinic and worked as a Playground Aide for the Ashland School District. Welcome Back ~ Ms. Tiffany. Ms. Tiffany is on her college summer break. She is returning for the summer. _

Dutch Mill Bulbs Fundraiser

A special thank you to Chad and Jaimee Lipske for organizing the Dutch Mill Fundraiser. The total sales were \$750, (+ \$25 donation) giving LFOJ a profit of \$407.50. This money will go towards updating the outside of the center.

Tractor Supply Bake Sale

Thanks to Ms. Steff for organizing our bake sale. Thanks to all the staff and parents that helped at the stand and/or donated goodies. The rain wasn't much of a help this year. LFOJ raised \$175.00.

Milk Moola

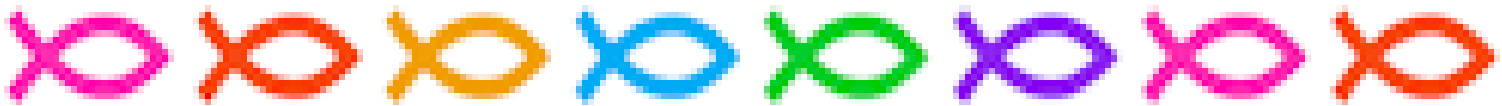
Thanks to all that saved their milk caps and bag tops ~ LFOJ raised \$156.65. This money has been designated to LFOJ's annual Picnic in the Park.

Garage Sale

Ms. Steff has graciously offered to once again host a center garage sale at her home (612 Chapple Avenue.) on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

If you have any quality, gently used items to donate for the sale. Ms. Steff will begin collecting the week of June 10th. (Please note: we will not be accepting donations of electronic items, such as computers, TVs, VCRs, etc.) Your help would be greatly appreciated.





8 "T"s of Stewardship

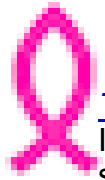
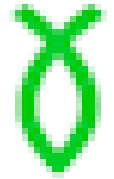


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TIME
TREASURE
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TALENT
TESTIMONY
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TECHNOLOGY



TESTIMONY

It might seem a bit strange to talk about the stewardship of testimony. But Jesus instructed His disciples of all ages to make disciples, teaching and baptizing and encouraging people to follow God's teachings (Matthew 28:18-20). He also told His first disciples that they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).



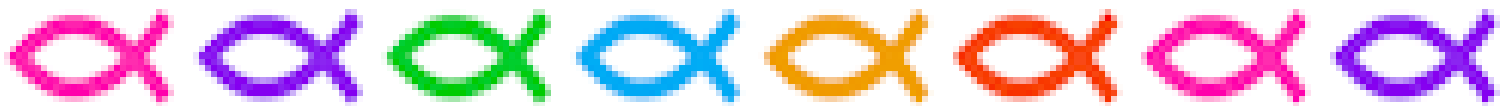
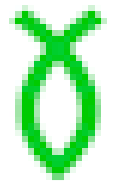
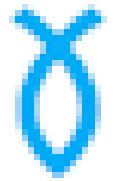
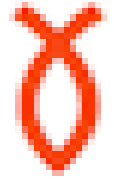
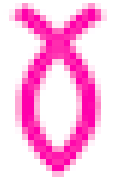
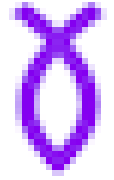
As modern day disciples we also desire to be faithful witnesses, saying and doing all that we can to give witness to our Lord Jesus Christ *who desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth* (1 Timothy 2:4).



St. Peter in his first letter (3:15) instructs us with these words: *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* With that in mind, I would like to share with you a thought or two about a concept borrowed from the business world. It is called an "Elevator Speech". What it is, very simply, is a presentation you have worked on, planned, thought through, practiced, refined and worked on again that will tell a person the message you would like to share with them, in our case the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, in the amount of time you have with others on an elevator. (If you have more time you will, of course, be blessed to expand on your speech.) In short, it is a quick (the two minutes or so that you are on an elevator with someone) sharing of the Gospel that will excite the hearer, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, hopefully lead them to want to know more either then or at some other time. It is as simple and safe as telling the other person how God has impacted your life and sharing with them that He would love to do the same in their life.



What a privilege to be able to do the work that the angels of God long to do—that is, give our testimony of the joy, peace and hope that are ours because of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. And what added joy we will have to take into eternity when the words of Daniel 12:3 come true: *"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."*



GRADUATES FROM ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL



Heather Dickrell will be attending Gogebic Community College in the fall taking her generals while playing softball and then transferring on to a university to finish a degree in Special Education .

Carson Bruce Honkala, will be attending Michigan State University and major in Computer Science.

Devin Tyler Sunie will be joining the U.S. Army - Cannon Crewmember w/ Airborne

Jordan Thimm is already enlisted in the Navy and departs for Basic Training July 30th. Basics will be at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois. His job in the Navy is SWCC- Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewmen.

Justin Adrian Esala graduates from Washburn High School. He will be attending Ashland WITC.



Allie Bochler graduates from UW Stevens Point, with a Bachelor Degree in Social Work and Sociology, Minor in Criminal Justice. In the fall of 2019, she will be going to UW-Milwaukee for Masters in Social Work - focus on School Social Work



Shayla Warren is graduating from the UW-Greenbay with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology. Plans for Doctorate in Cincinnati.

Eric Bochler is graduating from WITC — Ashland in Machine Tool Plans on staying in Ashland and joining the family business.



Loren and Ellie Munson's granddaughter, Hayley Malyuk, graduates from Baldwin-Woodville high school this year. She is currently attending Chippewa Valley Tech College working towards a degree in Cosmetology.

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On The Road

For many people, summer is a time to hit the road. Some are heading for vacation spots, others visiting relatives, and others are attending weddings, baptisms, graduations, funerals, reunions, etc. Our suitcases are packed, cruise-control is set, GPS is uploaded, and we head down the highway of a new adventure.



One of my favorite Bible stories is set on a road. The story begins with two travelers walking seven miles from Jerusalem to their village Emmaus. They are talking about the sad events of Passover weekend. A stranger draws near and joins the travelers. The two disciples were surprised to learn the newcomer had not heard about the things that had happened. And they began to tell him the concerning news of Jesus of Nazareth: his death and rumors of resurrection.

Now Jesus begins to talk. He starts the story with Moses, the prophets, and interprets the Scriptures right up to the death of Jesus. The story carried their feet and soon they arrived at home. A common practice in Asia is to invite a fellow-traveler home for a meal and a bed; it was easy for these disciples to offer this hospitality.

When they were seated at the table, the stranger took the bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and gave it to them...their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus and then he vanished from their sight. Now comes the sentence (Luke 24:32) that I just love when the disciples said, **“Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?”** And these amazed disciples left the table and walked seven miles back to Jerusalem to share their first-hand witness to the news: He is Risen!

I always thought of this story as way back then, but now I realize that we also travel the “road to Emmaus.” From the days of childhood faith, we have heard about Moses, the prophets, and the story of Jesus, and like the skeptical disciples when doubts creep in, we become discouraged. We need this road-partner Jesus. The Jesus who died and was raised. The Jesus who daily walks with us. The Jesus who opens the Scriptures. The Jesus who hosts the table of broken bread.

Dear Travelers, let us draw near to each other to talk and walk the good news of Jesus Christ. He is eager to fan the fires of our hearts that once again we might burn with His love and His hope. May our trips this summer include time on the road to Emmaus. A daily walk and talk with Jesus can make all the difference in the world. He is Risen Indeed. **Alleluia!**

May 2019

Alice J. Ellis

June 2, 2019 Confirmation

Lilian Jean Truchon – William and Jodi Truchon
Godparents’ Daniel and Carla Schwantes

Daniel Paul Truchon – William and Jodi Truchon
Godparents’ Ryan and Karoline Schwantes

Matthew Darling – Tiffany Darling –
Godmother Michelle Olson



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This three-day retreat provides the opportunity for your family to come together and recharge in an incredible setting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Be encouraged in your faith and challenged to see the way God is working in your lives. KBC offers a setting to connect and explore with our staff leading guided-adventures to waterfalls, bluffs, and beaches all along Lake Superior. Come start a new tradition with your family and with others!

THE WEEKEND INCLUDES

Lodging and meals are provided for the entire family! You can choose to join our staff-led program as desired or spend time relaxing and exploring the area.

- Campfire devotions and Bible study times
- Programmed fun for the whole family
- Staff-led adventures in the Keweenaw area

ADVENTURE OPTIONS

- Hike up Bare Bluff for a breathtaking view of Lake Superior
- Explore waterfalls
- Spend time on the beach
- Sea Kayak on Lake Superior*
- Mountain Bike by Copper Harbor*
- Take a tour of Quincy Mine*
- Rappel down a mine shaft*

**Starred options include additional costs.*

PRICING INFORMATION

Adults	\$100/person
Ages 13-17	\$80/person
Ages 5-12	\$60/person
Ages 0-4	FREE

RV Site+\$20/night
2-Bedroom Cabin+\$100/night

WHO?

The whole family! Parents, kids, cousins, friends, and more can come to enjoy the Upper Peninsula of Michigan at KBC!

TIME?

Arrive anytime after 12 pm ET on Friday with check-in starting at 4 pm ET and supper at 6 pm ET. Check-out is after breakfast on Sunday at 10am ET.

COST?

The base price per person for the retreat is listed above. This includes six meals & tent lodging. Additional costs for level of accommodation and some excursions will apply.

ACCOMMODATIONS?

Basic housing is offered in our canvas platform tents which feature four bunk beds per tent. Up to 8 people per tent is allowed. Families who bring their own RV will pay an additional \$20/night for electric and water hookup. Those interested in staying in cabins (4-6 people required) will pay an additional \$100/night. These options are all offered on a first come, first serve basis.

READY TO REGISTER?

Fill out the registration form on the back of this flyer and return to Camp Luther!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Psych (Camp Luther's KBC Director) at psych@campluther.com with questions or to request more information.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting: May 20, 2019

Call to Order: President John Pruss.

Opening Devotional and Prayer: Pastor Rick opened with Romans 15: 5-6 as a reminder that we are called to work in harmony and glorify God and His work with "one voice."

Roll Call: John Pruss- President, Nick Jarvela-Trustees, Lisa Guski-Treasurer/LFOJ, Darryl Warren-Elders, Alice Ellis- Secretary/Evangelism, Pastor Rick.

March Minutes: Motion to approve by Guski. Second by Warren. MMC.

Pastor's Report: Pastors' conference at Zion went well. Pastor Rick completed LFOJ chapel, visitation, worship services. Fees are paid for Youth Convention in July: 4 students, and 3 adults. New member inquiries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept report by Warren. Second by Jarvela. MMC.

Agenda Approval: Motion to accept with additions by Guski. Second by Jarvela. MMC.

Board Reports:

Trustees: Jarvela reported trustees are investigating roof leaks. Front stoop concrete work needs estimate and plan. Lawn care equipment ready to go. Furnace will be turned off at the end of the month.

Education: Sunday School is finished for the season. Potential need for teachers in the fall.

LFOJ: Dutch Mill Bulbs a success. Still a waiting list. Board is looking for new members ASAP.

Evangelism: Elderly Easter baskets were received with gratitude. Outdoor Zion worship service and picnic at Prentice Park on July 21 (MARK YOUR CALENDARS). Information will be in newsletter.

Motion to accept board reports by Jarvela. Second by Guski. MMC.

Old Business:

Kaarre mission: Check of \$500 will be sent to Kaarre's from soup-sandwich offerings. A letter from the Council will be enclosed.

Easement: Jarvela reported that the easement with Excel has been notarized and will be recorded. A check of \$1500 will be received, and \$1100 will be disbursed for electrical work. Tree issue is moving forward.

Motion to accept Old Business reports by Warren. Second by Guski. MMC.

New Business:

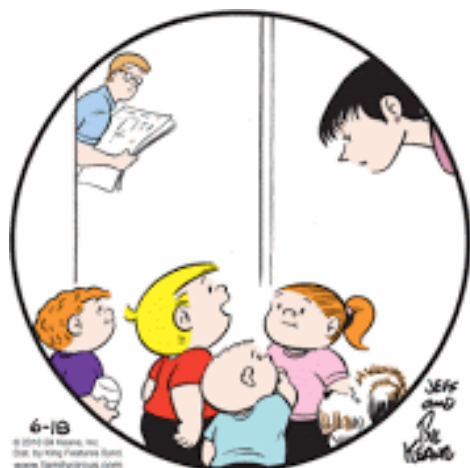
Safety Procedures: Dennis Jurmu of Trinity Lutheran, Ironwood, is working on safety procedures for the church. He will contact other churches in our district for possible collaboration on this topic.

Internet Security: Ellis raised concern that we consider internet security regarding information and names, etc. A good reminder to congregational members that the newsletter is posted on the internet. Maybe we can schedule a safety person after church to address safety concerns on social media and phone scams.

LFOJ Playground Equipment: Request to remove slide "outside" of fence. Free to anyone who wants it and will take it away.

Motion to accept New Business Reports by Guski. Second by Warren. MMC.

Council will recess until next meeting: September 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm. However, any concerns can be addressed during the summer months through emails and/or a special meeting. Motion to adjourn by Guski. Second by Jarvela. MMC. The meeting was closed with *The Lord's Prayer*.



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Doreen
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"We voted and on Father's Day Daddy
gets to play with us ALL DAY!"

Blessings For Fathers

"Dear God,
I give thanks for fathers. I recognize the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping to shape a young life. Bless all fathers, especially those who are new in this sacred role. I pray they feel Your presence with them. May they know that Your strength and wisdom are within them, providing all they need to guide and support their children with kindness and love."

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



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.

June	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Wed. May 29	Randy Spangle			
Sun. 2	Andy Pruss Darryl Warren	Faith Dickrell	Don Moreland	Jerry & Sandy Frisco
Wed. 5	Doug Warren			
Sun. 9	Randy Spangle John Pruss		Chuck Chronis	Linda Stenroos
Wed. 12	Scott Thimm			
Sun. 16	Darryl Warren Andy Pruss		Warren Draeger	Lori Landry
Wed. 19	Doug Warren			
Sun. 23	John Pruss Darryl Warren		Bruce Honkala	Tiffany Darling, Gloria, Matti
Wed 26	Doug Warren			
Sun. 30	Andy Pruss John Pruss		Jim Johnson	Nick & Jule Jarvela
July Wed. 3	Darryl Warren			



June

Sandy Frisco 715-682-5401
Judy Nevala 715-682-2927



NOTICE - The Newsletter appears on our website, therefore anyone that is on internet will have the opportunity to read the monthly newsletter. If there is ever an article, name and/or picture that you don't want to go to the website please let us know. We will try our best to follow through with your wishes.

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9 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Graduates Recognition	10	11	12 Worship 6:30pm	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	17	18	19 Worship 6:30pm	20	21 <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	22
23 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	24	25	26 Court Manor 10:15am AHRC 1:45pm Worship 6:30pm	27	28	29
30 Food Shelf Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am						