

The Mountain Top **Messenger**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Even though summer is almost here, there are many exciting events that will take place in June: on June 2, 5:00 p.m. the installation of deacon Larry Oehlerking at Immanuel, Little Girls Point, on June 10-11 the North Wisconsin District Convention, and on June 17, 3:00 p.m. the installation of pastor elect Brian Weber at St. Paul, Marengo. It is really a blessing to see new people in the ministry and to know that there are willing servants to do the Lord's work in these most important offices.

In regards to the vacancy, on June 3rd, Pastor Deterding will announce via the Call Committee his decision whether to accept or return the Divine Call extended to him. Please continue to keep him, his family and the congregation he now serves in your prayers. The Lord will provide a new pastor according to His will.

The Lord has raised up faithful servants in each generation. The Sunday morning Bible study will have a new format beginning on Sunday, June 3rd. We will be watching the video series, "The Odyssey of St. Paul," narrated by Dr. Paul L. Maier. It is an eight part series with each segment running between twenty-five and thirty minutes which allows time for discussion following each part. St. Paul had the greatest influence on Christianity with the exception of Jesus. Much of the Book of Acts is studied during this series and the first time I saw it I was truly impressed. The filming is done on location and to see what St. Paul saw brings a much deeper understanding of his ministry. I encourage everyone to attend.

Another Adult instruction class will begin soon. If you know of anyone who would like to learn more about the teaching of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod or if you would like to take a refresher course, please contact Lynn or the Pastor. An overview of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism are the main points of these classes.

My prayer is that all are being spiritually nourished and all are enjoying the peace that the Lord offers to His children daily. It has truly been a blessing to be your vacancy pastor!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Hyvonen



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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.



Stewardship Thoughts

The sixth principle of stewardship life from LCMS is : God's stewards are loved and loving. God's stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God's act of love for them in Christ which empowers them to love others in acts of Christ-like love. They use approaches and methods that reflect the Gospel and build up their faith active in love.

They are motivated by God's love in Christ for Christian stewardship and actively use their time, talents, and treasures in response to God's love for them.

1 John 3:18—"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

From your Stewardship Committee

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If this is something you would like to look further into, please contact Lynn in the office.

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Looking for daily devotions?

We have an online site for you!

Pastor Martin Kaare (Pastor at Zion 1991-2002) has a website with daily devotions.

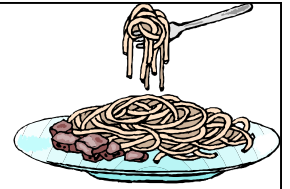
You can check it out at www.climbinghigher.org.

Jenilee Scribner Spaghetti Dinner Benefit

Saturday, June 9th 5-7pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
\$8.00/person

There is a poster with more information on the bulletin board.

We will have a free-will offering for Jenilee on June 10th.



The BRICK

Thank you for your generous donation of 84 lb. of assorted food and \$1,025.00 from January until May 7, 2012. Over the past few months, the staff

at The BRICK has assisted an unprecedented number of people at our three food shelf locations. With your generous contribution, we can continue to help families facing hunger and financial hardship.

While the needs are growing in our area, the residents of Ashland and Bayfield counties are very responsive, and they share what they can. We appreciate your support of our work, and your willingness to share with the clients of The BRICK.

Blessings, Linda Beecher

Graduation 2012

Gavin Neibauer, will graduate from Mellen High School on May 26th. He is a member of Immanuel (Mellen) at the current time. His parents are Lauri and Don Moreland and the late Gavin Neibauer. He will be going to Lake Superior College, in Duluth in the field of Professional Pilot.

The following students will graduate from Ashland High School on June 3rd:

Dakota W. Tamke - His parents are Cheri Tamke and Kevin Tamke. Dakota is planning on attending Northern Michigan University in Marquette to study engineering.

Blake Zakovec - His parents are Lori and Jim Hebert and Tom and Margaret Zakovec. Blake is going to Madison Area Technical College for Business Management--a 2 year Associate Degree program.

Andrew Pruss - His parents are John and Paula Pruss. Andrew will be going to Concordia, Mequon, WI for computer science and theological languages.

Jack R. Pearce - His parents are Jim and Jeanne Pearce. Jack plans to go to St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud MN where he will study Mechanical/Manufacturing Engineering and he has also been recruited to be part of their Div.II Wrestling Team.



Oh, The Places You'll Go! Dr. Seuss

Half the fun of planting a garden is the freedom it offers to let my mind wander. Today as I was pulling soil into a pumpkin hill with a hoe, I remembered an Old Testament story from way back when Elijah (1 Kings 18) took on the prophets of Baal. Elijah had a burning desire to turn back the hearts of people who had strayed from God. Carefully he constructed an altar of 12 stones to represent the tribes of Israel. Then he built a large trench around the altar (I was making a trench around my hill), and laid the wood in order (I carefully positioned the seeds), and cut the sacrificial bull into pieces (no bull here). The purpose was that fire from heaven was to burn this sacrifice. But Elijah understood humans often ignore God's presence and give credit to *luck*, so he poured water over the altar three times. The water overflowed and even filled the trench. (I am hoping the trench around my hill fills with water as we are so dry here).

The stage was set... wood soaked with water. Then Elijah prayed for fire: *"Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that thou, O Lord, art God, and that thou hast turned their hearts back."* The story charges forward... *"Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust and licked up the water that was in the trench."* Wow... prayer lit the fire of God. And the people got it and fell on their faces and said: *"The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God."*

Well after that show, my pumpkin altar is looking rather lack-luster. But I was grateful for the reminder of how grace falls from heaven and brings people back to God. Maybe my pumpkins will not dazzle others, but let my prayers be courageous and bold that those who waver or drift from God will get it and return to His family to proclaim with one voice: *"The Lord, he is God. The Lord, he is God."*

p.s. Hmm... wonder where my thoughts will travel when I prepare the cucumber and squash hills?



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 21, 2012

The May 21, 2012 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis. Pastor Deterding opened the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL: President – Chuck Chronis, Elder – Darryl Warren, Trustee – Jim Johnson, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, Education – Dawn Reardon, Treasurer – Todd Vyskocil, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Evangelism – Lori Hebert, Stewardship – Penny Mattson and Lynn Ladd.

MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, second by Mattson, to approve the minutes of the April 2012 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Warren, second by Johnson, to approve the Treasurer's Report through April 2012 as printed with total assets recorded at \$41,541.43 and total liabilities and fund balance recorded at \$76,967.30. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Warren, second by Reardon, to approve the agenda with additions to new business. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Johnson, second by Koosmann, to accept the Board reports as given. Motion carried.

Trustees – *preventative and ongoing maintenance continues, landscape issues were addressed and LFOJ play tower boards were replaced and air conditioners installed.*

Education – *Dawn Reardon is officially done with her duties with the Board of Education. There is a vacancy for the Sunday School superintendent, Lynn Ladd will be Board Chair. Sandy Nutt has volunteered to do a one day VBS (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) in August.*

Little Friends of Jesus – *Staff turnover continues to be an issue, enrollment numbers continues to be good. Open house was held on April 23, 2012 with interest expressed by multiple families. Preschool graduation will be held May 25, 2012 at Prentice Park. School age program begins June 11, 2012. Playground resurfacing project is in progress with 2 BIDS received.*

Evangelism – *June 3, 2012 is Bring a Friend to Church with a presentation after the service by Missionary in China, Jordan Kroll. An outdoor Church service and picnic will be held at Prentice Park on June 17, 2012. Service will start at 10:30am. Pocket Testament booklets will be purchased for multiple uses (guests, missing members, college students, Maxwell Street Days).*

Pastor Hyvonen's Report – *Performed one baptism and Rite of Confirmation for 7 Junior Confirmands. Continues to visit shut-ins and provide opportunity for shut-ins to receive the Lord's Supper. Bible studies are occurring on Sunday and Mondays. Made two hospital visits in the last month. Adult instruction is occurring for one person with interest from another. Worship planning is completed through June.*

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Baptism: April 29, 2012 - Ayeisha Jade Deragon

Youth Confirmation: May 13, 2012 - Benjamin Cashman, Briana Klobucher, Jacob Pruss, Maggie Reardon, Kaitlyn Thimm, Alexis Warren, Dylan Williams

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Improvement Committee will be finalizing participants for the committee and begin meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

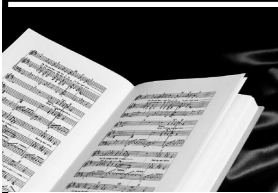
A. Congregational Records Questionnaire will be distributed in order to update Church records for current members.

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- B. There are some missing hymnals that are needed for large attendance days. Request will be issued to return missing hymnals and for donations to purchase 10 new hymnals. Each hymnal costs \$23 plus shipping.
- C. Motion by Johnson, second by Warren, to accept a new copier lease as of June 2012 to save money and improve copier efficiency.
- D. 5 year maintenance requirement of the Lift will be tabled until more information can be found. Warren will provide Johnson with the name of the Lift company in Menominee. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Koosmann, to have a free will offering held in June for Jenilee Scribner.
- E. Discussion on continuing to include Thrivent Financial promotional information tabled until more information could be gathered from the Synod. Warren will make appropriate contacts.
- F. Motion by Koosmann, second by Mattson, to recommend Jean Ylitalo for transfer to Zion from St. Paul-Marengo. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Reardon, second by Johnson to post-pone Council meetings until September 2012. Official business can be conducted by e-mail when necessary. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Reardon, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Hymnals

We have asked and searched for missing hymnals and haven't come up with any. We are short about a dozen hymnals. We would like to purchase around 16-20 hymnals and asking if anyone would like to purchase one (or more) for the church. They are \$23.00, we'll pick up the shipping costs. Please let the office know or you can put in an extra envelope in the offering plate marked "Hymnals" with how many you would like to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Congregational Records Questionnaire

Our member files need updating, so we will be asking everyone to fill out a new Congregational Record Questionnaire. It will take a bit to complete but it will help us out tremendously. Records are used by the Pastor and Elders for updating our membership roster, statistical information to the District Office, sometimes even genealogy for past members. Information is confidential other than what we put in the Church Directory (names, address, phone number). This will be a long process and anticipated to take several months, maybe even longer. We will begin with having the questionnaire available in your mailboxes and on the counter in the Narthex. We are looking into putting it online also. We're hoping to get this started in the next couple weeks. We'll keep you posted.



Call Committee Update

A call was extended to Pastor Shawn Deterding from Clinton, MO. He and family visited Zion and Ashland the weekend of May 19th. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit. He will be making his decision on the call by June 3rd. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS

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Tid-bits from Administration

The Search Continues...

We greatly appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to search for a new Lead Learner Teacher. A huge thank you to Deb Cline, Brenda Schaeffer and Dorothy Hedican who have been teaming together to lead our young Learners. Be sure to let these ladies know how much your family appreciates the extra effort they are putting in.

We are sad to say that Mr. Dick and Ms. Deb also are leaving the center. The children will miss them!

For those of you who have been at the center for a year or more, you may have seen another familiar face lending a hand. Ms. Laurel has come back as a temporary substitute, along with Mr. Dan and Ms. Tina. It is so wonderful to have greater flexibility due to the kindness of friends like them.

Summer Supplies

With the promise of warmer weather on the way, children will soon be needing sunscreen and water bottles for outside play. A signed medication form is needed for **each** child. Siblings in different rooms can share sunscreen, but we need a separate med. form for each child's file. Watch your child's cubby for more info.

Children Openings

LFOJ has a number of openings in our summer school-age program, as well as for before/after school in the fall. We also have a number of vacancies in our 3 year old preschool program in September. In the past, our parents have always been the best source of referral for our center. If you know of anyone looking for care for 3 to 5 year olds, please have them call Karyn or Amy at the church office, 715-682-6075. If the person you refer enrolls, you earn a full-day credit!



Totville News

Wow! It's hard to believe that April is gone, and May is already here. We have an exciting month ahead in the Infant/Toddler room. We will be doing projects and activities about flowers, bugs and Mother's Day!

We recently welcomed two new friends to our room. **Isabella S.** and **Parker L.** are adjusting GREAT, and our little friends sure do love them. Welcome friends!

Our Jesus stories for this month will be:

- Will It Ever Stop Raining?
- A Path Through Water
- Count the Stars in the Sky
- What's for Dinner?

Just a reminder, with warmer weather approaching, we ask parents to please bring in sunscreen (preferably the spray kind) and a water bottle for your child, as we like to spend a lot of time outside.

Cassie

SPRING FEVER!



Learner Lane

Thank you parents for all your help during Week of The Young Child. Ms. Deb and the Learner staff did such a great job leading the kiddos with a fun week. We hope to have pictures of the box parade up soon for all to see!

Bible stories and themes for our Learners for the week of May include:

5/6 Jesus Walks On Water

Jesus Cares About Us

5/13 Jesus & The Woman At The Well

Jesus Loves All People

5/20 Mary Puts Perfume on Jesus Feet

We Love & Worship Jesus

5/27 Jesus' Ascension

Jesus Will Come Back Some Day

A friendly reminder that children may bring items from home to play with during free choice time. Please limit the number of items to no more than 3 things. Also, with enrollment at our max capacity, and the limited cubby space, we are asking parents to be sure the toys children are bringing fit in the cubby. We appreciate your cooperation!

There are three birthdays this month in the Learner room, all on the same day (what are the chances in that?). Happy Birthday to **Jenna J., Deakon A. and Victoria A.** on May 29th!

SCHOOL AGE SCOOP

Summer is quickly approaching! The school-agers are counting down how many days are left of school, and so are we!

We still have a few openings in our summer school-age program if your child has any friends who are looking for care this summer. Pass our name and number along! We are working on planning more fun days, and field trips to break up the summer time doldrums.

Preschool News

Our preschool year is quickly winding down. We have certainly enjoyed our time with the children. We will miss each and every one of them.

As we transition from the month of April to May, we'll be talking about the weather. We'll practice tornado safety, and encourage you to conduct your own tornado drill at home. We finish up our story about Noah, as we think of all the things we have to be thankful for.

Next, we'll be putting our green thumbs to use. Flowers will be everywhere...songs, projects, manipulatives. At Jesus time, the children will hear Jesus' sermon on the mountain. The children will hear how God cares for the flowers and birds and cares for us too.

Our preschoolers will also be getting ready for our annual Mother's Day Tea Party. Moms, grandmas or other special ladies are invited for a short program and goodies Thurs. 5/10 (3 yr. olds) or Fri. 5/11 (4/5 yr. olds). ***If your child is scheduled for the afternoon at daycare, but will be leaving with mom, please let our staff know.***

The following week will be our Frog theme (one of Ms. Karyn's favorite). We'll be talking about homes (or habitats for the frogs), as we hear how Elisha gets a room of his own. Our 4/5 year olds will be joining Pastor H. for our last Chapel. This week will also be our last visit to the nursing homes. (I accidentally wrote down the wrong nursing home on the 4/5 yr. P.S. calendar-we'll be going to Bear Hollow.)

Our last week together, we will reflect on the bonds we have made, as we hear the Old Testament story of David and Jonathon. Our Bible point for this week will be that God wants us to be friends to others. It is our hope and prayer that as the children leave our program, these Christian friendships and their love of Jesus will go with them.

Our 4/5 year old class will be celebrating their preschool graduation on Friday, May 25th. Class will be held at Prentice Park (we have the small pavilion next to the playground reserved). Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the park. Children can bring a snack to share-teachers will provide beverages. We will have a short ceremony around 10:20 for parents who can't stay, or other family members who would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

Again, thank you all for a great year! To our volunteers, thank you for your time and talents! To our parents, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's early years, and allowing us to do a job we love!

JUNE Servers for Worship Services 2012

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!!

ELDERS

June 3 Chuck Chronis & Rick Williams
 June 10 Mike Cashman & Darryl Warren
 *June 17 John Pruss & Doug Warren
 June 24 Darryl Warren & John Pruss

JUNE Acolytes

June 3 Eric Bochler & Tiffany Houle
 June 10 Carolyn Gurske & Annie Ylitalo
 *June 17 Cooper Tamke & Jordan Thimm
 June 24 Sydney Vyskocil & Kathryn Draeger

JUNE Ushers

Ushers should arrive by 8:40am

June 3 Pat Colgrove & Matt Draeger
 June 10 Brett Heglund & Nick Jarvela
 *June 17 Loren Munson & Andrew Pruss
 June 24 Scott Sapper & Dakota Tamke

GREETERS FOR JUNE

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am

June 3 Scott & Tami Thimm
 June 10 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow
 *June 17 Ethel Guss & Penny Mattson
 June 24 Steve & Deb Nesheim

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 April 29, 2012

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June 17th - 10:30am service at Prentice Park with picnic to follow. If it rains the service will be held at the church.



**Father's Day
 June 17th**

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Sandy Frisco 682-5401
 June Sorenson 682-3379
 Stephanie Wegener 685-9822



Our Prayer Concerns JUNE

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church
 Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center

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.



Nursing Home & Assisted

Living Resident

Roger Basina
 Ed Torkko
 Corrine Tolliver
 Alice Hansen
 Sharon Johnson
 Margaret Mahoney

Shut-in's

Ron Nevala
 Walt Schutte
 Clarence Houle
 Gloria Mills

Illness

Lois Hein

Local & US

Concerns

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Concerns

(fulltime and/or
 deployed military)



Steve Sorenson, son of Dave & June Sorenson, U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, CA

Aaron Aschenbrenner, son-in-law of Lynn & Chuck Ladd, stationed in Chippewa Falls, WI