



# The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI NOVEMBER 2019

When we started the Red Letter Challenge one of the first thing we encountered as we started the first session on Being, that is Being with God, was a list of 7 things you were to work on while Being with God; Bible Reading, Fasting, Prayer, Celebrating God with others, Worship, Sabbath, and Solitude/Rest. As I looked at that list, as we talked about it in the group, the one that kept coming back to me was the idea of solitude/rest. As I read what the author said about how busy our lives are, how we spend so much of our time on things that are “interesting, but not important”. The business of our lives often crowds out our time with Jesus and His Word. When I first started serving here at Zion one of the things that I loved the most was the fact that I could spend so much time in God’s Word. Who else in the world of working people could spend their day reading scripture, searching through commentaries, and writing notes and ideas for the sharing of the Gospel? It was and is indeed a true blessing, however, I have to admit, over the last few years, I have allowed myself to be drawn away from that with things that often times turn out to be “interesting, but not important”. As least not as important as the important work of being in God’s Word, of praying, of working on worship, of celebrating God with others, of keeping the Sabbath, and of taking some time for Solitude and rest. I mentioned to those in Bible study how a week ago at the PALS conference, which was at Camp Luther, I had a cabin on the hill all to myself. It was absolutely quiet, it was beautiful with the changing leaves and the view of the lake. In the cabin were a comfortable couch and chair and a gas fireplace. On the second day we had a few hours of free time in the afternoon. I went to the cabin, I turned on the fireplace, I reclined on the couch with my Bible and my Red-Letter Challenge Book. I read scripture for about five minutes, I then promptly fell asleep and had the most restful sound sleep that I have experienced since I don’t know when. I slept for two solid hours and never moved. And then 20 minutes before our next session was to begin, I snapped awake refreshed and rejuvenated. I thanked the Lord for the Rest and Solitude I experienced that day. I truly believe we all need to take a look at our hurried lives, take account of the all of the activities we are involved in, and then through that examination, see what we might need to do so that we can enjoy a bit of Solitude and Rest in our lives. I know for me, it may be having to every once and a while just say no, rather than saying yes and then trying to rearrange everything when there wasn’t enough time to begin with. The RLC says “We may need to say no to many good things, so we can say Yes to the best thing.” It continues in saying that “What’s amazing is that we spend time, money, and energy on things that will let us down, but Jesus will never fail us. He will never leave us or forsake us. We are focused on the wrong things!” I believe by taking time, by making time, even just a little bit, for Jesus in your life every day you will see amazing things happen. Jesus demonstrated this to us repeatedly in His ministry. How many times do we see him going off by himself to pray, to rejuvenate?

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm

Sunday School 10:15am (Sept.-May)

Bible Studies Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am



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We are God's creatures, he knows our needs, He demonstrates them to us through His Son. So, as we get ready to enter into the season of Advent, that season of preparation for the first coming of Christ, may you find peace in the solitude and rest away from the world and in God's Word.

Scripture for the day: *But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* (Matt.6:6)

I wish to thank you all for the wonderful card and gifts I received for Pastor appreciation month, I cannot find words enough to express to all of you my appreciation for you.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving.

Pastor Rick



## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

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

<i>Linda Larson-Nelson</i>	<i>Tim Smith</i>	<i>Bob Heggie</i>
<i>Kevin Heggie</i>	<i>Kate Smith</i>	<i>Alice Balmer</i>
<i>Brad Prill</i>	<i>Johnny Galligan</i>	<i>David Kaarre</i>
<i>Mary Bullis</i>	<i>Jim Bullis</i>	<i>Mike Dimich</i>
<i>Lloyd Koosmann</i>	<i>Theresa Koosmann</i>	<i>Jim Johnson</i>
<i>Marty Kaarre</i>	<i>Rachel Juoni</i>	<i>Ally Gumz</i>
<i>Rebecca Gurske</i>	<i>David Gustafson</i>	<i>Mary Siefers</i>
<i>Penny Mattson</i>	<i>Vi Basina</i>	<i>Penny Larson</i>
<i>Janice Clements</i>	<i>Eugene Juoni</i>	<i>LeAnn Billing</i>
<i>Clarence Osmak</i>	<i>Ellen Hudgeson</i>	<i>Max Juoni</i>
<i>Helen Korpela</i>	<i>Curtis James</i>	<i>and those in our hearts.</i>

## **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.

<i>Walt Schutte</i>	<i>Arlene Zimmerman</i>	<i>Violet Basina</i>
<i>Madge Houle</i>	<i>Donna Graves</i>	

## **PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

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

<i>David Wright</i>	<i>Emily Melecha</i>	<i>Tucker Melecha</i>
<i>Jordan Thimm</i>	<i>Andrew Pruss</i>	

**1 Timothy 2:1** - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men;

**Psalm 104: 16** *The trees of the Lords are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted.* (Dear Reader, when you check out verse 16 be sure to read the entire chapter.)

In Psalm 104, there are many images that echo the season of autumn when creatures are gathering the harvest. We see farmers baling hay, gathering grain, fattening cattle... gardeners storing apples, stacking pumpkins, canning jellies, freezing vegetables... squirrels storing acorns, and bears fattening for winter slumber.

Well, this fall my husband has a new reason to be grateful for the fruits of the land when he purchased ten aromatic red cedar boards harvested in Missouri. When Herb saw these beautiful red planks, his thoughts quickly set to work designing projects for our grandchildren and other members of the family.

I would like to say more about Herb's "masterpiece" projects, but right now they are surprise Christmas gifts. But for me personally, it has been fun to see Herb excited about this beautiful wood that fanned his "shop teacher" skills of creative design. It is even hard for Herb to take a break for a cup of tea... or a meal. Time flies when he is working with the red-planks of Missouri. This wood is a treasured crop. Herb even saves the shavings to make fragrant "sachets" for friends.



In October, it is easy to see God's fingerprints on our world. We see Him in the colored leaves, the harvest of grapes, the bushels of Bayfield apples, sightings of migrating birds, white fluff of milkweed, rich color of winter squash, buttery memories of Bob's sweet corn (local corn man)... and so much more. Yes, we belong to the Creator God. The One who marks season with the moon, and calibrates the sun to rise and set each day. The One who gives songs to the birds, makes clouds His chariot, gives bread to strengthen human hearts, knows our frame, and quickens us to say, **"Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"** Yesterday, we returned to the red-cedar seller, and Herb bought four more boards. The ideas just keep coming. And today... tomorrow and every day, we return to the Creator God to draw from his generous storehouse of eternal goodness and amazing grace. These holy gifts are a promise from everlasting to ever-



**Letters – Jordan Thimm** is at Great lakes Navy Station in Illinois and would be glad to receive some mail – no packages. He will be there until **Dec. 1st** and then to California. His current address is:

SN Thimm, Jordan  
 BEQ 831 Room 7314  
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 Great Lakes Illinois 60088



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Additional info on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Andy Pruss** is currently in Texas for training before going overseas. When he is able to receive mail and has an address, we will include information for him on the bulletin board.





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**In Memory of those who Served....  
In Honor of those who serve us now!**



**October 20th was Education Sunday. Sunday School and LFOJ sang their hearts out. Everyone listening had the biggest smiles. After the service the children had a craft and refreshments were served. It is such a warm feeling to see our young people who are learning about our Lord and having fun at the same time.**





## God Knows Me

### Opening Devotion

*O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways (Psalm 139:1-3).*

God knows us intimately. He is familiar with each one of us. He walks with us and calls us by name. The Holy Spirit knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows everything about us. He knows when we rest or work, laugh or cry, what we say and think. As humans we find this too difficult to comprehend; it boggles our minds. *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it (Psalm 139:6).*

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139:13).* Our Father knew us before our parents knew us. From the beginning His desire was for us to be His children. Nobody loves us like God loves us.

The God who created us, loves us, and knows us will forever be at our side. Not one minute in the span of our lives will go unnoticed by Him. While we are still on this earth we will never fully understand the awesomeness of God, but we can honor Him with praise and thanksgiving for what He has done and continues to do in our lives. We can be ready to tell others of our omnipresent Father ... *who desires all people to be saved ... (1 Timothy 2:4).*

**Prayer:** What comfort it is, dear Lord, to know that we do not face this day alone. You are with us to protect and guide us. Thank You for being ever present in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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**Sunday**  
**November**  
**3rd**



# 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:15-11:15</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:15-11:00</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Mite Sunday <b>Time changes</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study Sunday School	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Evangelism Mtg. 5:30pm Dartball Zion vs. Salem Baptist	<b>5</b> LFOJ Chapel 11:00am	<b>6</b> LFOJ Chapel 11:00am  Confirmation 3:30-5:00 <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study Sunday School	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Dartball Zion at Sanborn Methodist 7:00pm	<b>12</b> Sewing Circle 1pm	<b>13</b> Confirmation 3:30-5:00 <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	<b>16</b> LWML 10:00am
<b>17</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study Sunday School Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am	<b>18</b> 10:00am Bible Study Council Mtg. 5:30pm Dartball Zion at Saron Lutheran 7:00pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Confirmation 3:30-5:00 <b>Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>21</b> Winkel	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Food Shelf Sunday <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study Sunday School	<b>25</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>26</b> Sewing Circle 1pm	<b>27</b> Court Manor 10:15 AHRC 1:45 <b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30pm</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Dec. 1st Voters' Mtg.



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

November  
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Paula Pruss 715-292-1898

**OFFICIAL ACTS**  
**Baptism**  
Johnathon Thomas Samarziya  
September 22, 2019

**ELDERS' SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 3 Scott Thimm Doug Warren
- Nov. 6 Randy Spangle
- Nov. 10 John Pruss Darryl Warren
- Nov. 13 Doug Warren
- Nov. 17 Darryl Warren John Pruss
- Nov. 20 Scott Thimm
- Nov. 24 John Pruss Darryl Warren
- Nov. 27 Doug Warren
- Dec. 1 Randy Spangle John Pruss
- Dec. 4 Scott Thimm
- Dec. 8 Doug Warren Darryl Warren
- Dec. 11 John Pruss
- Dec. 15 Darryl Warren
- Dec. 18 Randy Spangle
- Dec. 22 Scott Thimm Doug Warren
- Dec. 24 4:00pm Randy Spangle  
Scott Thimm
- Dec. 24 7:00pm Doug Warren Darryl Warren
- Dec. 25 9:00am John Pruss
- Dec. 29 Darryl Warren Doug Warren

**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Austin Eli
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Faith Sophia
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Adeline Ayeisha
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Austin Gloria
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Logan
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Adeline Eli
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Gloria Austin
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Ayeisha Faith
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Sophia Adeline
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Logan Eli
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Faith Gloria
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 Adeline Eli
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Austin Ayeisha
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Gloria
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Logan Sophia

**USHERS' SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 3 Don Moreland
- Nov. 10 Chris Bolz
- Nov. 17 Mike Cashman
- Nov. 24 Jerry Frisco
- Dec. 1 Bruce Honkala
- Dec. 4 Rick Nutt
- Dec. 8 Larry Hildebrandt
- Dec. 11 Loren Munson
- Dec. 15 Nick Jarvela
- Dec. 18 Warren Draeger
- Dec. 22 Curt Harpster
- Dec. 24 4:00pm Tim Bauer
- Dec. 24 7:00pm Scott Sapper
- Dec. 25 9:00am Pat Colgrove
- Dec. 29 Ron Schwiesow

**GREETERS' SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 3 Jerry & Sandy Frisco
- Nov. 10 Wickman Family
- Nov. 17 Jerry & Sandy Frisco
- Nov. 24 Bruce & Joanne Honkala
- Dec. 1 Brian & Linda Klobucher
- Dec. 4 Warren & Peggy Draeger
- Dec. 8 Lori Landry
- Dec. 11 Janet Houle
- Dec. 15 Don and Laurie Moreland
- Dec. 18 Karen Wahl
- Dec. 22 Jim Johnson
- Dec. 24 4:00 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow
- Dec. 24 7:00 Vyskocil family
- Dec. 25 9:00 June Williams