

The Mountain Top **Messenger**

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Grace, Peace, and Mercy to you from God our Father. As I am sitting down to write to you this month it is a beautiful fall day. As I look around I see the Glory of God in nature. What a gift He has given us. In the men's Bible breakfast series we are learning about God's beautiful creation and how sometimes we overlook that. It's not hard to do and sometimes we just need to stop for a moment and soak it all in. So a reminder to all of you ,take time to observe God's glory and thank him for what he has given us. Also a reminder to the men out there, we meet Thursday mornings at 6:00 AM, coffee is hot, and there are treats.

Things at Zion are once again hopping, with Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Studies on Sunday, Monday morning, and Thursday morning. Starting Sunday, October 7th, we will be starting a new Bible study entitled "Challenge of Islam: What is Islam?" This study is produced by the Lutheran Hour Men's Network and is a combination of video, reading, and discussion. I invite everyone to attend. This program was presented through the men's morning Bible several years ago and was very well received. This study not only teaches what Islam is, but how to interact with those of the Muslim faith to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. So please join us for this enlightening program.

On another note, in Confirmation this year we are having the students dig a little deeper into the Catechism. We recently started looking into the history of the Catechism. It was encouraging to watch the faces of the students as they came to realize that Luther's Small Catechism was written in 1529 and other then translations, remains basically unchanged. That's 483 years and going strong. Aside from the Bible, we couldn't think of many things that have been around longer, that are still in use, particularly in written word. I reminded them that our declaration of independence is only 236 years old, and that the Catechism was written only 37 years after Christopher Columbus is credited with discovering the new world. Just another reminder that our God, and his Word, are here forever, and while times change God and his Word do not.

May the Lord Bless you and Keep you and I look forward to seeing you in worship and Bible study.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rick Williams, Deacon

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Stewardship Thoughts

Stewardship is a synonym for the life of a Christian who lives rightly within all of his relationships. This includes his relationship with God, with self, with neighbors and with God's creation. Christians must examine their relationships in the light of God's Word. They put God first and live as stewards not owners. They are faithful, generous givers, and zealous for good works. Living like this is how a Christian steward glorifies God.

From your Stewardship Committee



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.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE We are looking for someone who would be interested in serving the Lord by helping the Kitchen Committee do the extra clean ups, organizing and keeping the kitchen in order and also assist with updating and/or redecorating. It can be done on your own time and there's always help with larger projects. If this interests you, please contact the church office.



ALTAR GUILD

The next Altar Guild meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church basement. We invite all ladies of the congregation who would like to serve the Lord in this way to please join us on that date. We are always looking for new members to help care for God's Altar. Service is one month per year and usually 1-3 others helping you. If you can't join us that evening and would like to become a member of the Altar Guild please contact any current member of the Altar Guild.



Frost on the Pumpkin

There is something magical about that first hard frost in autumn. When you wake up in the morning and a chiffon-white net has been cast over creation and the first breath of outside air feels crisp. Golden-girl Penny (retriever) and I welcome the energy of a frosty morning walk.

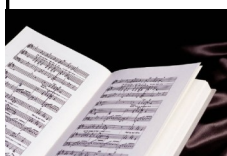


Frost is a half-empty-half-full event. Unless garden plants are covered with ghost-like sheets, frost stings their limbs and causes summer-weary leaves to blacken and collapse. On the plus side, I am more than ready to surrender the garden and all the work to this kiss of death.

As final as frost feels, there is also a beauty that is worth it all when the morning light begins to cut through the trees and dissolve the web of artistic ice. The warmth transforms the frosty fabric of crystals into droplets that glitter like the sparkle of a prom dress. By late morning, the dance is over and the ballroom magic is but a memory.

Since the temps are dropping and the sky is clear, looks like Jack Frost will strike soon. This cold character operates in the shadow of darkness, but leaves his mark to greet the morn. What a joy to awaken from sleep in a landscape of wonder and delight.

Dear Gentle Friend, I hope this show-stopper season of autumn offers you many opportunities to get outdoors and draw closer to the Creator of life. God himself is present. This truth is not an earthly memory, but an eternal promise. Be refreshed. Be energized. Behold...the wonder and beauty of His Holiness.



The pews are full with hymnals. We were able to order 16 new hymnals through gracious donations. Also, we have received an enlarged print-out of the hymnal. We will be putting out four binders for each service that will have the entire service in large print. The hymns will have words only. This should be starting about October 14th.

LWML Fall Rally

Zion's
LWML – Mary-Martha Circle
hosted the
Zone 1 LWML Fall Rally
on Saturday, September 22.



Forty-six people were in attendance. The devotions were offered by Pastor Shawn Andersen, Immanuel-Mellen. Betty Deutsch, District Financial Secretary, gave the District President's message. Debra and Steven Nesheim, members of Zion, spoke to the group about their mission

artREACH. The Christian Life topic centered on stewardship. Thank-you to the ladies of Zion for your rally donations. We did not have to deduct any expenses, so we were able to give the total amount of registration monies to the District. Registration monies and Mission Grant offering totaling \$359.00 will be used toward meeting the two-year District Mission Grant goal. Look at the list on the bulletin board in the Narthex to see where the monies are used.



New Member to Zion:
Henry Truchon through Adult Confirmation -July 22, 2012 Welcome!

Don't forget your Mite Box the first Sunday of each month.

Or you can put your loose change in the big box in the Narthex on the first Sunday. It's amazing what a few pennies can do.





Julie DeMars (Asst. Pre-school Teacher) and Amy Mashlan (Director & Lead

Little Friends of Jesus LFOJ

We are going to try something new in our Newsletter with LFOJ. We are going to let you know what events and happening are coming up in this next month. You can always check out their newsletter on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Let the office know if you would still like to see their Newsletter in ours. If we get a few requests we can put it back in.



Many thanks....

On behalf of the LFOJ Board and Staff, we would like to thank the following volunteers for their hard work in reconstructing drainage on the center's basement: Rick Nutt, Nick Jarvela, Scott Sapper, Jim Gretzlock, Clarence Osmak and Jim Johnson.

The center thanks the women of the LWML for their donations of craft supplies, snacks and household items at the September rally. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

And not to forget all of you who gave wonderful garden vegetables for the children. You'd be surprised how much they enjoyed all of them - beans, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini.



LFOJ Happenings:

Join us Sunday, October 21st as Zion celebrates the ministry of Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center. LFOJ Board and Staff members will be recognized as part of the service, with the center's children singing during worship. Please help us welcome the families of LFOJ as they come to worship!

God's Blessings!
LFOJ - Karyn and Amy

Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center is accepting applications for a **Part Time (under 20 hours per week) Assistant Float Teacher**, caring for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age (this includes School Age Children). Applicant must be at least 18 and willing to complete required courses within 6 months of hire. To discuss position, please call Karyn at 715-682-6075. For an application and more information, please visit our website at lfoj.org
Resume with references can be emailed to lfoj@zionashland.com.

Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes September 17, 2012

The September 17, 2012 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis. Deacon Rick Williams opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

ROLL CALL: President – Chuck Chronis, Trustee – Scott Thimm, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, Treasurer – Todd Vyskocil, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Evangelism – Lori Hebert, Stewardship – Penny Mattson and Deacon Rick Williams.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Thimm, second by Hebert, to approve the Treasurer's Report as given. Balances as of Sept 17, 2012 are checking account: \$44, 299.26, savings account: \$9,289.30 and carrying a mortgage loan debt of \$31, 782.30. As of 9/15/12, \$106 had been given to the evangelism efforts via the request envelopes. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Thimm, second by Mattson, to approve the agenda with an addition to new business. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Thimm, second by Mattson, to accept the Board reports as given. Motion carried.

***Trustees** – In addition to ongoing and preventative maintenance, the trustees are currently working on sump pump discharge, gutter downspouts and basement entrance issues in order to waterproofing LFOJ.*

***Education** – Rally day was held on Sept 9, Sunday school has begun and each classroom has two teachers. Sunday school offerings will go to missions or projects that each class selects.*

***Evangelism** – will be putting together a welcome package for Northland College students, possibly in conjunction with confirmands.*

***Deacon Rick Williams' Report** –duties have included Sunday services, LFOJ chapel, one funeral, 16 shut in visits, 3 different Bible studies, assisting with LWML rally and he will be teaching catechism for confirmation.*

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Death: Roger Basina 8-19-12 (Funeral 8-24-12)

Transfer: John and Diane Hall, Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA, Cornucopia, WI

OLD BUSINESS:

Hymnals were purchased with donations (\$499). A large print copy was donated to us by Lutheran Blind Mission; because it is so large, each service will be put into a binder for easier use.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Todd Vyskocil, Lori Hebert and Chuck Chronis were appointed to the Budget Committee.

B. Motion by Sapper, second by Hebert to approve Memorial Medical Center's insert for bulletin with clarification that MMC is sponsoring the advertised workshop. Motion carried.

Motion by Thimm, second by Koosmann to declare for Concordia Health Insurance that 30 hours/week and above is considered 'fulltime' and include a 90 day waiting period for health insurance. Motion carried.

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

OCTOBER Servers for Worship Services

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!!

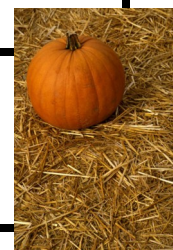
ELDERS

Oct. 7 Mike Cashman & Don Pocernich
 Oct. 14 Chuck Chronis & Darryl Warren
 Oct. 21 John Pruss & Doug Warren
 Oct. 28 Don Pocernich & Mike Cashman

OCTOBER Ushers

Ushers should arrive by 8:40am

Oct. 7 LWML
 Oct. 14 Scott Sapper & Hunter Heglund
 Oct. 21 Loren Munson & Curt Harpster



GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am

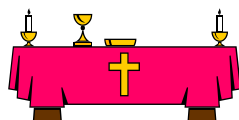
Oct. 7 LWML
 Oct. 14 Roger & Sally Gustafson
 Oct. 21 Clarence & Kathy Osmak
 Oct. 28 Wendell & Bonnie Friske

OCTOBER Acolytes

Oct. 7 LWML
 Oct. 14 Riley Heglund & Jordan Thimm
 Oct. 21 Sydney Vyskocil & Angela Ylitalo
 Oct. 28 Cooper Tamke & Ciera Maday

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Kim Westman 682-6571
 Lynn Ladd 682-6034
 Katie Colgrove 682-5162
 Kathryn Draeger



OFFICIAL ACTS

Death:

Roger Basina – 08-19-2012

Transferred Out:

John and Diane Hall to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cornucopia, WI, ELCA 09-17-2012



Our Prayer Concerns OCTOBER



Mission

Zion Lutheran Church
 Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center
 Jordan Kroll's mission work in China

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

Ed & Elna Torkko
 Corrine Tolliver
 Alice Hansen
 Sharon Johnson
 Margaret Mahoney
 Margaret Mahoney

Shut-in's

Ron Nevala
 Walt Schutte
 Clarence & Madge Houle
 Gloria Mills
 Lois Hein
 Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil
 Otto & Dorothy Rusch

Local & US Concerns Local & US 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 Eau Claire, WI