

The Mountain Top Messenger

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, what a month September was, it just flew by. Starting with my time at the seminary, the start of Sunday school and confirmation, two funerals, a number of hospital visitations, and the wonderful vicar party, and now we are settling into October, hard to believe, where did summer go?

First and foremost I wanted to take time to thank you all for the wonderful Vicar Installation Celebration. Words cannot explain what a wonderful experience it was to feel all the love and support from the congregation. The attendance was great, the food was great, and seeing and talking to you all was a blessing. It truly has helped invigorate me to the tasks that lie ahead.

As I write this I am halfway through the third week of my first 10 week class and so far things are going well. I will do my best to keep you posted on my progress and on my training. On Sunday, the 22nd, in Bible Study we used the Bible Study that I had to hand in for an assignment on the Office of Keys and the Pastoral Ministry. I want to thank everyone who attended and I just wanted to let you know I received a 97% on it. You all really helped me make the grade.

I will be attending the District Pastors Conference in Marquette, MI from Sept. 30 – Oct. 2. When I return I am going to be having surgery on my shoulder to repair a rotator cuff injury. The surgery is Oct 3 and is supposed to be out patient, while my arm will be in a sling, I should be back in the pulpit on Sunday the 6th.

Starting on October 2nd the Wednesday night services will be based on a sermon series on the life of Joseph, a very interesting series that will run for 6 weeks. Following that series we will only have 2 weeks to fill until Advent, as I write this there are 90 days, 7 hours and 55 minutes until Christmas.

I am sorry I didn't get into any scriptural discussions this month. I would like to let you know however that I am always available to talk with you about any spiritual questions or concerns you might have at any time. My door is always open, unless I am speaking with someone, and encourage you to stop by and see me. I love to talk about our Lord and the wonderful things he has done for us.

May the Peace of God which surpasses human understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

Rick Williams, Vicar

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 am

Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30am

Sunday School 10:15am

Bible Studies: Sundays 10:15am Mondays 10:00am

Stewardship Thoughts

Faithful Christian stewardship is not something within our human nature. That is why intentional teaching of faithful stewardship is important. There is even a greater reason to teach it. The life of stewardship is the life to which Christians have been called. The faithful Christian steward lives to joyfully serve life's resources. This is not learned by accident but is inspired in us by the Holy Spirit from the pulpit, in Bible Study and in Christian sharing. Each generation must teach the one that comes after it in the word and in action about faithful stewardship.

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.



**Vicar Williams and Pastor Bahn for the installation of Vicar Sunday, September 15, 2013
A celebration was held after the service with many in attendance. It was a great day!**



ALTAR GUILD MEETING MONDAY, OCT. 14TH 6:00PM

We encourage all members to attend as we go over any questions people may have, needs, suggestions, etc. And, if there are any new or changed procedures that we are doing. 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.

The Education Board needs your help.

We are in the process of looking into starting some Women's Ministry Programs. There are so many different programs that seem to be very exciting that we will have a difficult time picking just one to start off with.

But, to get started we have many questions: Do we have a one-day retreat on a weeknight or a weekend? Do we start out with the women of our congregation or open it right away to the community? Should we charge if there are any expenses? As you can see we have many "unknowns" and we need some help. Please pass along any of your ideas to an Education Board member or email the church office. If you have attended some programs elsewhere or heard of other churches' programs pass on the information. Anything and everything will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Laurie Bauer, Lori Hebert, Jodi Truchon, Lynn Ladd, Janet Houle



Kenny and Jodi Harrelson were baptized on September 11th, 2013. Welcome!

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering

Make plans
now to attend
the next



NWD Adult Gathering coming on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Weston, WI from 9 am until 2 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 am with rolls and coffee. The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier will share "Christianity and the Competition—Who is Right?" Cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Deadline: October 8, 2013 To register and for more information visit the NWD website: www.nwdlcms.org. or ? 715-845-8241 ext. 17



Scrapbooking and Projects Nights Tuesday, Oct. 8th and 22nd 5:30pm

It's going to be fun, fun, fun. It is a great time to get caught up on organizing photos, doing cards, laying out other projects. There's plenty of room for everyone! Please RSVP to Lilly Harrelson if you are interested in coming. If there aren't enough able to make an evening, it may get postponed. Lillyc_00@yahoo.com or 715-292-5699



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

I met with the Board of Education on Sept. 22nd. Discussed with them that the first official Sunday School Class was Sept. 22nd. September 15th the Sunday School classes met and watched a movie together due to the dinner for Vicar Rick.

On September 8th, we had Rally Day for the children to meet their Sunday School teachers, where their classroom would be and got an idea of how many new students there might be, some were visiting with their parent(s) to "check things out" and hopefully sign up. There were goodies/drinks provided by the teachers and a little "Invite to Prayer" booklet each could color and either keep or send it onto someone they might be thinking about in their prayers.

After the first class we needed to order additional lessons for each of the groups due to more children attending than we had planned; is this a good sign, or what! We still have some issues to iron out - we need more assistance in some classes, some maps requested to be ordered for the older grades to put the area for lessons they are working on; made a move of our pre-schoolers/kindergarten class room to an area where they could do their lessons, listen and sing their music without notice from the other class rooms.

This last Sunday, each Sunday School student received a box along with a note to take home. These boxes, also called Mite boxes, are put on by LWML(Lutheran Women's Missionary League) for Mites for Missions program. Each child is being asked to give freely and willingly of their pennies, nickels, dimes, or any change to go to those in need, and there are so many in need these days! They are asking that the Mite boxes be returned on or before October 6th. We can collect the boxes before the Sunday School opening. Thank you to all the children for participating.

It has been decided that the Children's Christmas Program will be held December 15th, at 9:00am service. We are working on what program to choose and what dates to practice. I will be sending out a notice on this in the near future for each student to take home and discuss with their parents about whether or not they will be here on December 15th. The December 22nd Sunday School day was discussed and thought that would be a good date to have a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party/celebration.

If anyone has a comment or would even like to visit during the Sunday School time and get an idea of what the children are working on we would welcome that with open arms.

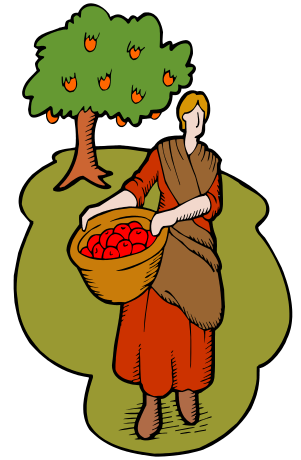
Sincerely,
Katie Colgrove
Sunday School Superintendent

He kept him as the apple of his eye. Deut. 32: 10d

Keep me as the apple of the eye; Ps. 17:8a

Keep my teachings as the apple of your eye; Prov. 7:2b

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Prov. 25:11



When it comes to apples, upnorth we have a certain arrogance about what a good apple looks and tastes like. Living close to Bayfield with its pristine climate for apple orchards, each year we eagerly await for the right moment to sink our teeth into a Bayfield apple and proclaim how delicious the apples are this year. Some folks up here prefer the Cortland variety, others choose McIntosh (my favorite), and still others opt for the more trendy Honeycrisp. Then the fun begins. We make apple pies, applesauce, apple crisp, apple bars, apple turnovers, apple cobbler, apple juice, caramel apples, and so much more. Many of us love our upnorth apple butter and (apple) jelly lifestyle.

Thus tomorrow Herb and I are heading to the Red Shed in Bayfield to purchase apple trees to plant on our property. With a few birthday bucks in hand, I decided this year will be the year of the apple. I definitely hope to get a McIntosh tree, and if a Transparent would be available that would be a bonus. Herb has already dug the holes (thanks to the Kubota post-hole digger), and later today we will wheelbarrow some manure to nourish the young roots of these saplings. By winter time, we will need a creative plan to protect these young trees from greedy deer and clever rabbits.

It is rather ironic that the "fruit" Eve took from the tree is often referred to as an apple, when the Bible also has so many verses that praise the virtue of apples. I am inclined to think apples get a bad rap although many of us recognize apples do carry that aura of temptation... and can easily lure others to take a bite and be partners of the apple cult. But as for me, I am going to focus on "you and me" as the apple of God's eye... and pray that we make His teachings the apple of *our* eyes. I even hope that the words we speak to each other can be like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Wow... that possibility really elevates the potential of apples.

So with God's help and our hands to nurture these new trees, I hope within a few years we can broadcast the invitation to the Ellis apple feast.

Love from "almost" an apple orchard, *Herb and Alice* (apple seed) *Ellis*

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 16, 2013

The September 16, 2013 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis who opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL: Chuck Chronis (President), Darryl Warren (Elder), Nick Jarvela (Trustee), Lynn Ladd (Education), Cheri Tamke (LFOJ), Todd Vyskocil (Treasurer), Penny Mattson (Stewardship), Becky Sapper (Secretary), Lori Hebert (Evangelism), Rick Williams (Deacon).

MINUTES: Motion by Ladd, second by Hebert, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Hebert, second by Ladd, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. As of August 31, 2013 Zion had \$77,255.08 in assets and \$20,461 in liabilities. Motion carried.

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

BOARD REPORTS: Motion by Jarvela, second by Tamke to accept the Board Reports as given. Motion carried.

Trustees have continued with maintenance and repairs throughout the summer.

Education: VBS with Camp Luther was a success; Sunday School has started and Christmas program planned for December 15, 2013. A women's Secret Pal project has begun to help connect the women of the church.

Evangelism: organized the celebration for Vicar Williams, considering a care package for Northland College students that include an invitation to welcome the students to our church. Confirmation students may be able to use this as a service project.

Vicar's Report: Traveled to St. Louis to begin the SMP and was inducted as a Vicar at the September 15, 2013 service. Confirmation classes begin this week and his online schooling started last week. Wednesday services will continue through Advent and may start back up after Lent in the spring. Vicar Williams will be out October 3rd and 4th following a shoulder surgery.

OFFICIAL ACTS: Motion by Warren, second by Jarvela to approve the official acts. Motion carried.

Baptism: David Allen Guski (June 09, 2013); Kayan Laurence Ellis (July 05, 2013)

New Members: Luke and Amy Barker (Jonah, Lily, Noah, Zachary, Mary Beth, Mark) from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS) Hebron, NE

Transfers: Jeff Kummerow to Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS), Chippewa Falls, WI

Deaths: Lois Hein (September 04, 2013)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion by Sapper, second by Hebert to approve a second credit card on Zion's credit card account for Vicar Williams to use for church expenses. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Jarvela, second by Tamke, to purchase liturgy inserts for the bulletin. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Ladd, second by Koosmann to pay \$1,701.39 for emergency cleaning of LFOJ basement after two flooding events. Motion carried.

D. LFOJ is looking into costs of expanding the childcare center in order to allow for more care by having an additional room for 2 year olds. More information will be presented to the council and congregation once more information is gathered.

E. Elders will look into contacting members who currently do not have complete or current addresses in order to update our member list after an attempt to do a member-wide mailing and having over 60 individuals that we are unable to reach via home address.

F. Jarvela indicated that Guide One Insurance is asking for the church to adopt a Child Protection Policy which would lower the insurance premium. Sapper will draft a policy for October meeting.

G. Chronis appointed Vyskocil, Vicar Williams, Ladd to serve with him on a budget committee.

H. Vyskocil will look into different options available to the church and Vicar Williams for health insurance or Health Savings Accounts.

Discussion on any interest in the church purchasing adjacent house that is currently for sale. Different scenarios were discussed and consensus was that the house would not be suitable for LFOJ or as a rental. Warren will discuss with the Vicar if he would be interested in using the home for a parsonage. If not, a notice will be placed in church bulletin that if a congregation member is interested in purchasing the property that Zion would like be considered for the Right for First Refusal if it were to get sold by a member. All agreed it would be beneficial in the long term for the property to be owned by the church or by a church member.

ADJOURN: Motion by Jarvela, 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

Our Prayer Concerns OCTOBER

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church
Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center
Jordan Kroll Mission 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.

Illnesses

Dan Truchon Judy Fletcher
Ken Philaja Chuck Gretzlock Don Pocernich
Patty Kegel Otto Rusch

Nursing Home & Assisted Living Resident

Ed & Elna Torkko Corrine Tolliver
Sharon Johnson Otto & Dorothy Rusch

Shut-in's

Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil Gloria Mills
Clarence & Madge Houle Walt Schutte

ELDERS

Oct. 2 John Pruss
Oct. 6 Mike Cashman & Darryl Warren
Oct. 9 Don Pocernich
Oct. 13 Chuck Chronis & Doug Warren
Oct. 16 Mike Cashman
Oct. 20 Don Pocernich & John Pruss
Oct. 23 Chuck Chronis
Oct. 27 Darryl Warren & Mike Cashman
Oct. 30 Doug Warren



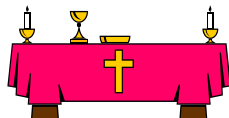
GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am

Oct. 6 June Williams & Janet Houle
Oct. 13 Sally & Roger Gustafson
Oct. 20 Moreland Family
Oct. 27 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Sue Spangle 682-8015
Kathy Osmak 746-2346



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Margaret Mahoney 09-17-2013

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OCTOBER Acolytes

Oct. 6 Brooke Sapper & Kyle Sapper
Oct. 13 Sydney Vyskocil & Jacob Graves
Oct. 20 Cooper Tamke & Ashlee Moreland
Oct. 27 Carolyn Gurske & Taylor Vyskocil

OCTOBER Ushers

Ushers should arrive by 8:40am

Oct. 6 Rick Nutt & Blake Zakovec
Oct. 13 Jim Johnson & Luke Barker
Oct. 20 Chris Bolz & Dylan Williams
Oct. 27 Karl Williams & Larry Hildebrandt