

The Mountain Top **Messenger**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Where does one begin? First let us give thanks to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the years of service to Zion and the surrounding communities that were given by Pastor and Mary Steckling. God only knows entirely what the fruits of their labor will be. We do know that Pastor Steckling administered God's Word and sacraments faithfully, with great care and love. The funerals, baptisms, weddings, Bible studies, junior and adult confirmation instruction, the administrative duties, Sunday school, the Youth Group, the Circuit Counselor position and one or two meetings a year were just a part of the ministry that took place while the Steckling's were at Zion. Thank you Larry and Mary! You will be missed but not forgotten.

Second, let me introduce myself as your vacancy pastor. I am The Reverend Steven D. Hyvonen married to Diane for 41 years. We have three children and five grandsons. We reside north of Bessemer, MI about 48 miles from Zion. I have been retired for about three years. Diane and I are members at Our Redeemer in Ramsay, MI.

I am a graduate of Fort Wayne Theological Seminary and U.W. LaCrosse. I was a teacher and coach in Mellen for six years and I was a Program Coordinator and teacher for the Ironwood Community Schools program before leaving for the seminary. After graduation and ordination I served at Immanuel Mohican Ev. Lutheran Church near Gresham, WI and was the Missionary at Large to Native Americans for the North Wisconsin District. I accepted a dual parish call to Immanuel, Cecil and Zion, Zachow. These three towns are near Shawano, WI , about forty miles north west of Green Bay. Diane was an X-ray Technician and worked for a few years in Ashland. She now works out of the home as a Medical Transcriptionist.

Vacancies are always awkward to say the least, but I am looking forward to serving the congregation of Zion. I have been so very blessed to know that there are great leaders and staff members at Zion. I have met a number of you already and am looking forward to meeting and getting to know many more. The call process is moving forward and I will be in contact with Pastor Baumeister on a regular basis. Because of prior commitments, preaching at other congregations, I will not be able to serve some Sundays at Zion. I have begun visiting the shut-in members and will see them at least once per month. I have led chapel services and will continue monthly. I will be leading Bible Studies beginning in September and will help as time allows with the junior catechism classes. Thanks to all who have helped me thus far, you know who you are!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Hyvonen

THANK YOU!

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." [Philippians 1:3]

I was touched by your warm wishes, your farewells, the dinner, the box of rocks, the paddle, the newspaper article, and so much more, but most of all I was thankful for your presence at the retirement "party." Thank you for taking part in a special day for us. But the greatest compliment of all was that you stated that I was instrumental in stressing and focusing on the Bible and the study of it. That is truly what I had hoped to accomplish wherever I have served, because His Word is the most important gift of all, the foundation upon which our lives are based – the Word that truly gives life.

Your support and prayers for these past +6½ years and working together in ministry in and through Zion Lutheran Church have truly been a blessing to Mary and me.

I absolutely love the paddle and plan to put it in a prominent place in our home. Thank you also for the many cards with their special messages of blessing on our retirement, and for your gifts of money. The pictures in the book you gave us are fantastic, and the signatures you took the time to write into it are very much appreciated. We will look back on it and remember all over again.

A special thanks to many of you who planned, prepared, set up, and took down for the day. The newspaper article on the Monday following was a pleasant surprise. [I only bought one copy.]

I have mixed feelings as I begin retirement. I look forward with excitement to the prospect of doing things with and for my family, and having freedom to do other activities I now will have time to pursue. I know that the Lord will also lead me to involvement in ministry in other ways and places. He has never let me down in that respect, and so it'll be interesting to see where He will lead us.

We'll probably be in the area for a while and will see you in and around Ashland. Mary and I pray God's blessing to you individually and as a congregation, and know that the Lord will bless your call process and raise up a pastor who will serve you and Him well.

God bless and keep you in His care!

Larry & Mary Steckling

Sunday School Rally Day!!!

September 11th



Rally Day is for Sunday School registration. It will be held following the Church service. A light snack will be available in the Fellowship Hall.





Zion's Ministry Staff and Church Officers

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Church Office715 - 682 - 6075
 LFOJ Child Care Center
 Administrator, Karyn Leino..... 715 - 682 - 6075
 Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center
 715 - 682 - 5185
 President, Nick Jarvela.....715 - 682 - 0385
 Elder Chairman, Darryl Warren.....715 - 492 - 0488

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

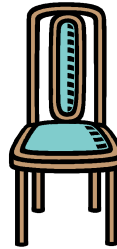
George Barna writes, "In America today, the easiest thing to get away with is going with the flow. The ride is smoother and resistance is minimized. It is a comfortable route that eventually and inevitably results in disaster."

How we live matters! It is a way of life marked by the mysterious union with Christ. "It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me."

Gal. 2:20

Christian Stewards live not for themselves, but for God!

From your Stewardship Committee



Anyone needing to borrow Church property (chairs, tables, etc.) need to contact Jim Johnson for check out. Please call him at 209-0001.

Native American Day

September 23, 2011 (4th Friday in September)
 This day is set aside to honor and celebrate Native Americans, the first Americans to live in the U.S. Still commonly referred to as American Indians, the term "Native Americans" has been used in recent years as a sign of respect and recognition that they were indeed the first people to populate our wonderful nation. By the time the first explorers and settlers arrived from Europe, Native Americans had populated the entire North American Continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico all the way to the northern reaches of Canada.

- Website -

Have you taken a look at the Church's website yet?

www.zionashland.org

Are you having any troubles searching? Any information not posted? We're looking for suggestions and ideas to make it "the website to go to". Please check it out today! Call the office with any suggestions or comments.

Thanks!

Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to those who have signed up so far as teachers for Sunday School - Loren and Eleanor Munson, Michelle Vyskocil, Kate Bochler, Doug Warren, Shayla Warren, and Dawn Reardon. We could use a few more. Please consider offering some of your time for our children. The rewards are outstanding! Contact Dawn if interested at, 715-682-0312 or jcri@centurytel.net. Thank you!



QUILTERS

The Sewing Circle (Quilters) will be starting up again in September. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. They can always use more hands to help. No need to be a seamstress as this work can be done by anyone. So ladies, please find a couple extra hours twice a month to do the Lord's work.

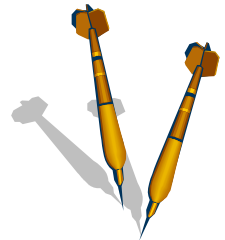
Quilts made at Zion go to the Orphan Grain Train and to local fire victims and baby quilts to babies baptized at Zion.

Hope to see you there!



DARTBALL

Men's Dartball League will be starting up in September. The League consists of area churches, Saron-Ashland, Methodist-Sanborn, Good Shepherd-Ashland, Messiah-Washburn, Zion-Ashland, St. Paul's-Marengo and St. Anne's-Sanborn. They meet on Monday nights, 7:30pm and have a roster alternating schedule. The season usually ends at the end of February, beginning of March. Contact Ken Philaja 682-8578 or Jerry Frisco 682-5401 with any questions. Their first practice night is Monday, Sept. 19th at 7:30pm. Plan on joining in some good Christian fun!



SCRAPBOOKING

Friday, September 16

5:00-10:00pm

Church Basement

If you need space, time, or inspiration to get caught up on organizing photos, getting your photos in albums, scrapbooking or cardmaking, come join us in the church basement, Friday night. You will have plenty of space to spread out to work. You will also have the opportunity to see what others do with their pictures to give you ideas. Soda, water and punch are provided. Please bring a snack to share. There is a \$5 fee. Please RSVP to Jodi Truchon if you are interested in coming. (jbtruchon@yahoo.com or 866-267-8749)

Thank you!



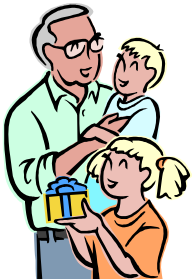


MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST – Will soon be starting up, a set day and time hasn't been reached at this moment. It is typically at 6:00am. Contact the office if you would like to attend. We will post times in the upcoming Sunday bulletins and on the bulletin board in the Narthex and call anyone who has left us a number.

National Grandparent's Day

September 11, 2011 (the first Sunday after Labor Day)

It is only right and fitting that one day of the year is set aside to honor our grandparents. It is time to celebrate those special people who are always there with a hug, a kiss, a cookie, something special, or take us somewhere. National Grandparent's Day originated in 1978. Then President Jimmy Carter declared it to be the first Sunday after Labor Day.



If you can, enjoy the day with them. That is the greatest gift they can receive from you. If you can't see them, call them. When you call, make sure you have the time for a long conversation. Remember, grandparents will always ask about you first and listen intently to everything you have to say. They are never rushed or in a hurry. They are there just for you.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Will be starting back up on Monday, September 12th, at 10:00am. The topic will be, "On the Life and Ministry of the Messiah". Come join this lively and interesting group.



THANKS! To all of you who have been mowing the lawn, taking care of the beautiful flowers, extra cleaning of the church, fixing things, buying supplies and all the smiles and greetings at worship.
God's Blessings to All!

THE TRUTH PROJECT

If any of our members have an interest in participating in "The Truth Project", I would be happy to offer it this fall in my home or elsewhere, any day or time convenient to you. Several classes were held last winter/spring and people raved about its content.

"The Truth Project" is a DVD presentation by Dr. Del Tackett giving a Biblical World view. It is a small group study, that practically and personally introduces viewers to the truth claims of God.

If you are interested in a class call me at 715-682-6056 or talk with me on Sundays and we'll see what we can arrange.
Penny Mattson

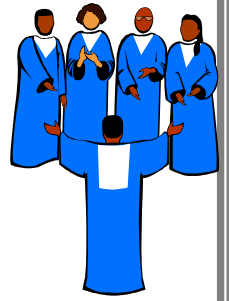
Dr. Tackett is also on the Church Channel (Charter #124), Wednesday mornings at 7:30am. His show is called, "Cross Examine". It is excellent and deals with life today from a Biblical perspective.



CHOIR



Choir practice will start Wednesday, Sept. 21st, at 5:45 pm. Anyone can join, you don't need to know how to read music, just a joy for singing. Please plan on joining our group - we have lots of fun!



August

Behold the Sunflower

When I look at my sunflowers, it is hard to believe these mega-plants began from a small seed sown in June. What kind of energy is packaged in such a device that within two months a 5 to 6 ft. green-structure is lifted up with a wood-fiber stalk supporting a large bright sun-yellow flower?

Sunflowers are not new to America. In fact, history indicates they have been here for thousands of years, and the products of sunflowers have made them part of the human story for centuries. I guess you would say my relationship with sunflowers is rather self-serving as I enjoy their majesty and beauty. For even before dawn they stand at attention with their bright dish-faces postured to catch the first rays of daybreak. As the day progresses, motor cells shift the flowers to track the sun to receive the full light until the setting sun. During this process, bumble bees cling to the flower-heads to feed on the nectar and set in motion the pollination and formation of seeds. Soon the flowers become weighty seed-heads—a magnet for hungry birds. Even though the drooped heads no longer lift to track the sun, the faithful light completes the ripening process. The sun-flower relationship is a dynamic partnership and I marvel how this God-designed ecosystem blesses humans, birds, bees and other creatures.



In the *Book of Matthew* the kingdom of God is compared to a small seed of faith that grows up into a large tree with many branches to offer shelter to birds. To me, sunflowers echo the spiritual energy of sowing one tiny seed of faith that becomes a structure of countless God-opportunities. For God is eager for us to turn toward him at dawn, to follow Him in the heat of the day, and rest in His light when we bed down at night. He is our ever-ready sunshine... eager to stir vigorous growth that we may partner with Him to bless others. What a gift to observe sunflowers and other creative expressions of His presence that help us remember to *"turn our eyes upon Jesus and look full in His wonderful face."* Be lifted up and Behold the Son of God!

-Alice J. Ellis

Call Committee Meeting

August 15th, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Present: Ann Williams, Rick Williams, Pastor Bowmeister, Dave Kuester, Roger Stenroos, Sandy Frisco, Lisa Guski. Mike Cashman (arrived later)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Rick Williams.

Devotions and prayer lead by Pastor Bo.

Discussion on our call procedure. It was clarified by Pastor Baumeister's suggestion and the committee agreed that someone from the committee should call the names of the pastors that the congregation submitted and see if they would be interested in accepting a call. A committee member agreed to follow up on this suggestion.

It was discussed that we need to write up a Congregation Analysis Profile before extending a call, so the perspective pastors can respond accordingly.

Discussed having four names from the list of perspective pastors would be an acceptable number to bring back to the congregation.

The rest of the evening was spent studying the call list.

The next Call Committee meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 28th at 3:00 p.m.

We closed with prayer.

Sandy Frisco

VOTERS MEETING was held on Sunday, August 28th. A resolution was passed to accept Pastor Steve Hyvonen as our interim Pastor. He will start preaching on Sunday, September 4th. He plans on being in the office on Mondays leading Bible Study, visiting shut-ins, chapel for LFOJ and all other tasks at hand. He has set aside 9:00-10:00am to meet with individuals and can make other times available. Please call the office if you would like to meet with him.



God's blessings on your day! I hope you are doing well.

- What: **SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION** for the “**Every Kid to Camp**” ministry
- When: Saturday, September 24, 2011
- Times: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for silent auction. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment during dinner. Silent auction closes at 8 p.m. Live auction begins at 8:15 p.m. Closing at 9:15 p.m.
- Where: Rose Garden, Wausau, WI
- Who: Anyone who would like to attend
- Cost: \$25/person or \$200/table of 8 (includes dinner/entertainment/auction)
- Register: Call or write Sandi at the District Office: sandy@nwdlcms.org or 715-845-8241, ext. 23.
- Why: To help kids build a stronger foundation of faith in Jesus Christ through a summer camp experience at Camp Luther
- Help: Help us reach our goal of \$100,000. If you can't make the auction, help us reach our goal with a gift of any size.

May God richly bless you and keep you in His grace!

Together in His service,

Lee Belmas

artREACH Mission Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here in Bayfield, WI it's a little cooler these days. Our apples are turning red and the sailboats are out on Lake Superior. Over the past 1-1/2 years we've been taking things slowly as we build relationships in our small community and prepare for the work God will have us do. There are some updates for you, though!

On Debra's last Scalpel at the Cross mission trip (Scalpel at the Cross is an orthopedic medical mission to the people of Peru) she was asked to paint the organization's mission statement on the fellowship hall wall. While the rest of the team was in clinic, she stayed back to paint. It was then that God gave her an idea for a subdivision of artREACH – a graphic design mission! After all, how many churches, missions and individuals have no access to a graphic designer? So, Apostle Graphics was born. Before there was time to set up a website to announce Apostle Graphics, God brought us our first account! Still lacking in an Apostle Graphics website, we are now on our fifth account. God is good and has given us another vision for serving others.

In addition, Steven is developing an arts-driven program called Art Tracks. He's been working with someone from the Bayfield area to get local artists involved with arts education for children. The program is being built to create relationships within the community and build confidence in children while teaching them arts basics. The first intended audience is the children of the Red Cliff Indian Reservation. However, Steven has been asked to teach classes out of an art gallery in Washburn, WI, so he's hoping to use the program starting there in November.

We recently received an affirmation from the Lord as to why we are in Bayfield! Three years ago, we weren't even considering moving from the Twin Cities, but we did have a dream of an artREACH space for artists to create art and enrich their faith. Through a series of events, God led us to Bayfield and, by no volition of our own, we were blessed with 10 beautiful acres of land. There's much more to the story, but we believe God brought us here to build a retreat center!

We have just started sharing this dream with our area Christian brothers and sisters, and one woman shared our vision for artREACH and the retreat center with her mission group – a chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Without our knowledge, the group voted unanimously to come to our property and pray over it! So, on July 30th, we had a potluck with 20 people (many motorcyclists in full gear) sitting under our pine trees praying for us, artREACH and the retreat center. It was an amazingly inspired experience. We have no idea how this retreat center will be funded, but so far God has provided us with the idea, the land, a floor plan and a small group of workers. We have faith that this idea is bigger than we imagine, and God can pull it off!

Also, we are preparing for our first artREACH annual retreat. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 21 & 22, at St. Michael's Church. During the retreat, we'll discuss evangelism to and through artists, we'll work on building the infrastructure of the artREACH team and we'll work on evangelistic project development. The cost is nothing, with a voluntary donation of \$20. Friday evening we'll dine out together, but pay separately. Breakfast and lunch will be catered on Saturday. If you are an artist or someone with a heart for artists, you are welcome to attend. Registration is required. Please contact our intern, Lindsay Brinkman, for a brochure or information regarding the event: lcbin09@smumn.edu or (320) 510-0547. (Artists are welcome to contribute to the 5 PM church service on Saturday.)

You can see God is active in the artREACH ministry! We're excited to see where He takes us. We ask for your prayers and support as we wait patiently on Him and move forward with His plan for us.

Thanks and blessings to you from your brother and sister in Christ,

Steven and Debra Nesheim (715) 779-9869, okaze333@hotmail.com or stevenesheim@hotmail.com
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Zion Lutheran Church

Council Minutes August 15, 2011

The August 15, 2011 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Nick Jarvela. Darryl Warren opened the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL: President – Nick Jarvela, Elder – Darryl Warren, Trustee – Jim Johnson, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, LFOJ – Cheri Tamke, Treasurer – Karen Wahl, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Stewardship – Penny Mattson, and Pastor Hyvonen.

MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, second by Warren, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 and the June 6, 2011 Council meetings as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Warren, second by Mattson, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. The year-to-date balance as of 7/31/2011 was \$2,190.06. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Warren, second by Mattson, to approve the agenda with additions to New Business. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Warren, second by Tamke, to accept the Board Reports as given.

Elders: Recent activity has focused on Pastoral vacancy. Rick Williams will carry out pulpit duties as needed.

Trustees: Replaced sump pump; repaired concrete front entrance; completed maintenance needs at LFOJ. Trustees are researching the possibility of moving the bell tower to above the chapel and paving a smooth front entrance to the church.

Little Friends of Jesus: New rating and County reimbursement system for daycares is taking affect. This is helping to increase numbers based on the fact some home day cares are not participating. Still looking to increase preschool numbers for this fall.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Baptism: Abbigail May Moreland, 05/21/11

Wedding: Curtis Harpster and Kimberly Stenroos, 08/06/2011

Deaths: Paul Nevala, 05/24/2011
Ed Engleman, 07/17/2011

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pastor Hyvonen was introduced and gave a summary of his background and experience. Warren outlined a possible agreement to have Pastor Hyvonen fill in as a vacancy pastor. Pastor Hyvonen would be responsible for Sunday services, Sunday and Monday Bible Studies, home/hospital visits and be available for office hours on Monday.

B. Motion by Sapper, second by Koosmann to recommend at the August 21, 2011 Voter's meeting to accept Pastor Hyvonen as our vacancy pastor and offer 50% of the budgeted Pastor salary and reimburse mileage at 55 cents/mile. Motion carried.

C. Council tabled the discussion regarding a request by LCMS Together in Missions to support new missionaries until the Voters' Meeting.

D. Council agreed to take a free will offering for Camp Luther's "Every Kid to Camp" campaign.

E. Council agreed to take a free will offering for Faith in Action.

F. Council members will look into cellphone options for vacancy pastor.

G. A sheet outlining duties to help with Confirmation Sunday was discussed and agreed upon. Confirmation parents will be made aware of the responsibility of the families.

H. Confirmation Students and parents will meet on August 31, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Darryl will be taking on responsibilities of confirmation instruction.

I. Teachers are still needed for Sunday School, please contact Dawn Reardon.

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

Camp Luther Breeze and E-Breeze

COUPLES RETREAT--September 23-25!! This retreat is for married couples from newlyweds to empty-nesters. There will be camp and local activities to enjoy as a couple (including a candlelight dinner) and as a group. There will also be a guest speaker who will lead "couple" oriented Bible study and learning sessions. Camp staff will lead devotions. Housing in our cottages is "as available"; alternate housing will be provided once cottages are full.



WOMEN'S WEEKEND OUT!! Gather the girlfriends for a fun and relaxing weekend at the Camp Luther Women's Weekend Out, **September 30-October 1**. Enjoy uplifting Bible study, crafts, and great fellowship! Visit www.campaluther.com to register.

FALL COTTAGE RETREATS--Plan your individual or family two-night fall getaway at Camp Luther. Cottages are available this fall for just half off the regular rate per night (for a two-night minimum stay). Hike our trails, fish the chain, bike the Three-Eagle Trail, hunt the Nicolet Forest, or just sit back and enjoy a colorful autumn view from your cottage porch. Offer good Labor Day through December 15. Book your family or individual retreat getaway by contacting Camp Luther at 1-877-264-CAMP.



"EVERY KID TO CAMP" DINNER AUCTION!! Mark your calendar for the Every Kid to Camp Dinner Auction – "Bids for Kids" – **September 24** at the Rose Garden in Wausau, WI. This wonderful event raises funds to send children to camp for the very first time. We are still accepting items for the auction. If you would like to contribute, please contact Lee Belmas at 715-845-8241, ext. 16 or lee@nwdlcms.org. Visit www.campaluther.com for registration information in coming weeks.

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?? WOULD YOU LOVE TO HELP CAMP LUTHER FINANCIALLY?? Go to www.goodsearch.com and join both Good Shop and Good Search, so that whether you are searching or shopping, you will be giving to Camp Luther. Add Camp Luther as your charity and that's it. Just by using Good Search after that, you will be giving to Camp Luther. It's a win-win. There are coupons for you too!!

WOMEN'S CRAFT WEEKEND—October 21-23!! Whether you love to quilt, scrapbook or stamp, women of all ages can bring their supplies and enjoy some intense crafting time. Bring your current project and share ideas. Many experienced crafters will be here to help out those new to the craft world. Days start and end with time in God's Word to encourage spiritual growth even while you are crafting.

NEW WORKBEE WEEKEND!! October 14-16 Mark your calendars for this new weekend to serve at Camp Luther. Join as we work to prepare camp for the winter months during the day and absorb the beauty of fall at Camp Luther in the evenings. Make it a new family tradition. We'd love to see you there!!

Camp Luther is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.



Little Friends of Jesus

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August 2011

Tid-bits from Administration

Ashland School District

Can you believe that the summer is almost over. School supplies are already on sale, which is a sign that the summer is ending and the start of the school year is right around the corner. With that being said, here is some information that you may find helpful to you as you plan your schedule for the Week of August 29—September 2.

***Thursday, September 1:** Orientation Day for Grades K-6. ~ The children will not have school. Please inform me of any changes in your schedule to accommodate your orientation time for your children.

***Friday, September 2:** Orientation Day for Kindergarten only. First day of school for Grades 1-6 ~ The kindergarten children will not have school. Please inform me of any changes in your schedule to accommodate your orientation time for your children.

School-Age Before/After School Confirmation

In the month of August, we will be sending out school-age before/after school care confirmation forms. Please fill them out and return them by the date requested. Our openings are limited.

Center Open House

We still have a limited number of spots available in our Learner Room (ages 3 to 5) and in our pre-school program. As an incentive, the LFOJ board will give a one-day credit for a referral.

We will be hosting an open house for new families on Monday, August 15th from 5:30 to 7:30. Learner and Preschool staff will be available to facilitate tours and answer questions about our programs. First time preschool families are welcome to attend as well.

New Fiscal Year

October 1st marks the start of a new fiscal year for our food program. Within the next month, we will be asking parents to update the forms needed for our participation and reimbursement in the State of Wisconsin, CACFP. We appreciate your cooperation in getting those forms turned in as quickly as possible.

Yours in Christ,
Karyn



Totville Times

August is here! It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and the big kids will be going back to school. It seems like summer just began.

Our stories for this month are:

- *I see what God made*
- *Everywhere with Jesus*
- *Someone calls my name*
- *Joseph and his Brothers*
- *Jonah and the Big Fish*

We have one birthday this month.

Lincoln W. turns "2" on August 27.

Happy 2nd Birthday Lincoln! We also welcome Lincoln's little sister, **Sawyer**, to the I/T room as a drop-in.

Just a Reminder: Please be sure to keep an extra set of clothes (for warm and cool weather) on hand at daycare.

God Bless,

Ms. Cassie & the I/T Staff



Learner Lane

I want to begin by thanking all of the staff, parents and families for being so welcoming and supportive to me taking over the Learner Room. It has been a wonderful transition!

Along with a new teacher, the Learner Room has new friends too. **Deakon A., Victoria A., Phoenix A. and Zaedyn S.** have joined our group. They have been doing a great job adjusting to the room and rules, and making new friends.

With the summer winding down, and fall (and preschool) approaching, we are finishing up our summer curriculum. August will be spent on our last 3 summer units: *Tools, Transportation* and *Cooking*. My friends are enjoying our projects. And we have also incorporated some of the new activities into Calendar and Jesus Time such as letter of the week and our whiteboard activities.

I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of the summer!

God Bless!
Ms. Kristin

**MAKE
YOUR
SUMMER
Magical
READ!**



School-Age Scoop

Well, it's here...the last month of summer vacation. Thirty days to squeeze in one more camping trip or mini-vacation before everyone heads back to school. This summer has flown by as we have been having a blast together. We welcome a new school-age friend, **Jaelyn S.** It's nice to have another girl (especially one who likes to play dodge ball).

Our first school-age LEGO contest was a huge success. We were very impressed with the creativity in the creations. Every child was awarded a certificate for different categories, with a "sweet" reward. Congratulations to **Kyle S.** who won the teacher's pick award for his creation called "Soldier Field".

The first thematic unit for August will be *Colors*. Each day we will have a specific color for children to wear, or bring in an item of that color. Our Bible story for the week will focus on Joseph, who was given a coat of many colors by his father, which got him into trouble with his jealous brothers.

The week of August 8th, we will focus on Weather. We'll be doing some fun projects as we talk about Bible stories like *Jesus Stills the Storm* and *Pentecost*.

The third week, we'll talk about the parables and miracles of Jesus. Favorites include *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, *The Sower* and *The Seeds* and *Jesus Feeds 5,000*.

The week of Aug. 23rd, our theme will be Bugs and Butterflies. We'll look closer at Jesus' sermon on the mount, as we talk about the Bee-Attitudes during our Jesus Time.

As we prepare for our last week together, instead of saying "good-bye", we'll talk about our great reunion one day in Heaven.

If you haven't already done so, please let us know if your child(ren) will need before/after school care. Also, we would appreciate knowing your child's teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, in case of an emergency.

Blessings on the rest of your summer!

Ms. Amy and Ms. Tina

September 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

Sept. 4 John Pruss & Doug Warren
Sept. 11 Rick Williams & Darryl Warren
Sept. 18 Darryl Warren & Chuck Chronis
Sept. 25 Doug Warren & Don Pocernich

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBR

Sept. 4 Karen Wahl & Stephanie Wegener
Sept. 11 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow
Sept. 18 Herb & Alice Ellis
Sept. 25 John & Diane Hall

SEPTEMBR Acolytes

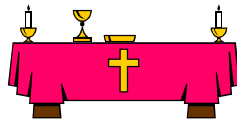
Sept. 4 Kathryn Draeger & Jacob Pruss
Sept. 11 Tiffany Houle & Dylan Williams
Sept. 18 Ciera Maday & Briana Klobucher

SEPTEMBR Ushers

Sept. 4 Francis Balmer & Paul Osmak
Sept. 11 Warren Draeger & Clarence Osmak
Sept. 18 Brett Heglund & Logan Tamke
Sept. 25 Rick Nutt & Kevin Tamke

SEPTEMBR ALTAR GUILD

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



OFFICIAL ACTS

Wedding: Curtis Harpster and Kimberly Stenroos, 08-06-2011

Deaths: Jay Stibbe 06-30-2011

Our Prayer Concerns SEPTEMBR

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
Corrine Tolliver
Ed Torkko
Agnes Schutte

Shut—ins

Ron Nevala
Walt Schutte
Gloria Mills
Lois Hein
Clarence Houle
John Wroblewski

Illness

Otto & Dorothy Rusch

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 Chippewa Falls, WI