

The Mountain Top Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

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September, the month of transition, summer ends, fall begins, vacations are over, school resumes. Some consider it a return to normal, particularly those with school age children. It is back to the routine; everyone up early, off to school, off to work, evening meal, homework, perhaps sports activities, and repeat.

Our lives often fall into a routine, and I am not saying that is a bad thing, except when that routine neglects our time of faith. We can fall into that routine of not praying, not studying God's Word, and failing to come to church. It is a proven fact that each successive time that we miss church, the next time becomes easier in our mind. They, and I am not exactly sure who they are, say, that once you have done something repeatedly for eight weeks it becomes a habit. That supposed fact can work either negatively or positively depending on what is being practiced. If you come to church eight Sunday's in a row and then for some reason miss one, that missing of God's Word, that sharing in His Body and Blood, the interaction with fellow Christians, will impact you, you will notice it. But if you ignore that call to come back to church, and you miss again, and again, you will reach a point where going back will bring forth feelings of guilt, concern of what others might think, fear of being questioned about your absence, all of which then drive you to stay away even longer as you wait for that "perfect time" to go back, perhaps it will be Christmas, or maybe Easter.

Satan does his best to drive a wedge between Christians and their worship, he uses all the wiles of the world, sports, vacations, family gatherings, school, and the lure of sunny skies, light breezes, and 70 degree days, all calling us to "go ahead, skip church, it's only one time!" or is it?

It is through our unity that we remain strong, through our sharing in the Means of Grace, and fellowship with believers. So fight the urge, resist temptation, and do your best to join us each and every Sunday. Also remember, if you can't make it on Sunday, we have worship, with communion, every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Also Sunday School, Bible Study, and Confirmation are all getting ready to start up in September, so please join us as we teach and study God's Word for all ages.

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:19-20)

God's Blessing to you all!
Pastor Rick



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with Pastor Williams as he may be visiting shut-in's, at a conference, etc.)

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VBS 2016 - Start a Fire - Luke 24:32

Camp Luther counselors joined Zion again for four full days of learning of Jesus and having fun. We had an average of 36 kids each day, along with 4-6 group assistants and two helping in the kitchen. Thanks to Katie Colgrove for being the "lead". We appreciate everyone's help for those days. There were many smiles and laughs and some new friendships made. We've al-



PLEASE CONSIDER joining the Quilters' Group – they meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, September through April. You don't need to know how to sew or even thread a needle, there are people to guide you through the process. The first work-day will be September 13th.



Prayer Requests

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.

Our Prayer Concerns

SEPTEMBER

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center LWML
 Jordan Kroll Mission in China Zion Sewing Circle Monthly Missions

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.

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:

Katie Stipetich, Diane Hyvonen, Bob Heggie, Kevin Heggie, Linda Stolarzyk, Sandi (Sorenson) Fletcher, Wendy Meierotto, Joni Frisco, Brad Prill, Dean Jansheski, Larry Kaspar, Ingrid Pocerlich, Jean Wickman, Fran Fleig, Jean Ekholm, Patsy Kontny, Emily Hagstrom, Eddie Brown, Johnny Galligan, Alice Balmer, Mary Bullis, Jim Fletcher, Sheldon Henry, Brenda Herlevi, Bob Hebert, Charles Ylitalo, Melissa Grage, Violet Basina, Jim Morzenti, Wes Frisco

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Gordon Vyskocil, Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

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

Aaron Esala, David Wright, Johanna Pearce





SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP
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RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 11TH

Following the 9:00am church service.

- *Meet the teachers
- *Join in with the "opening"
- *Go over curriculum for the year
- *Do a craft with your child
- *Have some refreshments
- *Get some pictures taken



We would like ALL

Sunday School families

in attendance and members of the
congregation to see what is happening
with Zion's Sunday School.

