

The Mountain Top *Zion Lutheran Church*

Messenger

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As I am typing this month's cover I am watching the long awaited 2017 total eclipse of the sun. While it won't get to 100% here in Ashland, the sky is beginning to darken. All the hub-bub about being in darkness during the day, brought into focus, for me anyway, how oblivious people are to the darkness that surrounds them every day in this fallen and sinful world. It seems the people of this world are obsessed with the darkness, both the eclipse, and of the darkness that comes from rejecting the light of the world, Jesus Christ. The New Testament uses the word darkness 43 times, and in almost every case it is counter-referenced by the light. I am guessing all of you can think of places in scripture or of times when you have heard those references. One of the more famous ones comes after that most famous of verses John 3:16, it is John 3:18-20 and goes like this:

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

This statement holds just as true today as it did when John wrote it while inspired of the Holy Spirit almost 2000 years ago. Jesus indeed came into this world, he was rejected by God's chosen people, because they had become of the world, they had lost touch with God's word and were entrapped by all the things this world had to offer them, money, power, notoriety, and rather than lose all they had grown to love in this world they rejected him, they chose the darkness over the light.

And today we find people have not changed, they do not want to hear about their sin, they do not want to separate themselves from the wants, the lusts, the desires, of the world. They do not want to see the shadow of their sin in the light of Lord, it is far easier to stay in the darkness.

So, what do we who live in the darkness do? We share the light, we proclaim the light, we tell people what glorious things lay ahead when we allow the light into their lives, that in the darkness there is only suffering and death. Here is an illustration; if you have two rooms separated by a door, one room is filled with light the other filled with darkness, and you open the door between the two, what happens? Does the darkness overcome the light? No, the light overcomes the darkness and the light floods into the darkness. We are to be that door, we live in the dark world, but we have the power to open that door and let the light flood in. We must let people know that by illuminating their sin we are not condemning them but saving them by the light. Through the recognition of their sins and repentance, they will be forgiven.

Acts 26 tells that we are; *¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me (Jesus).*'

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We are sanctified by Him, through our faith in Him, and in our sanctified life we are to share His good news of salvation and life eternal. **Let your light shine**

Couple other items, we are getting ready for Rally Sunday, we have made a few changes in our Sunday School and Confirmation programs for this year so be on the lookout, Rally Sunday is September 10. Also during this Sunday school year, I will be having children's messages at least once a month, so keep an eye open for those. I will be meeting with the Evangelism and Stewardship committees to talk about some potential ideas and changes on how we may be able to work on our outreach and in-reach here at Zion. I am planning on starting up the men's Thursday morning Bible study again toward the end of September so stay tuned and if your interest please let me know.

I am going to close using the words of the apostle Paul, whose words I could not improve:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippian 1:3-6).

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Rick

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 12th.



Our Prayer Concerns SEPTEMBER

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church (monthly missions, Sewing Circle) LWML Jordan Kroll Mission
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.

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: *Bob Heggie, Kevin Heggie, Joni Frisco, Brad Prill, Jean Wickman, Fran Fleig, Eddie Brown, Johnny Galligan, Alice Balmer, Mary Bullis,, Sheldon Henri, Charles Ylitalo, Violet Basina, Tim Smith, Melissa Grage, Jim Bullis, Ellen Hodgson, Buzz Leciejewski, Joe Stach, Bob Schwiesow, Tyler Lehto, Doug Tutor, Patti Louko Berg, Barb Bjork, Joan Spalding, Carolyn, and those in our hearts.*

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

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

Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle

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, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha

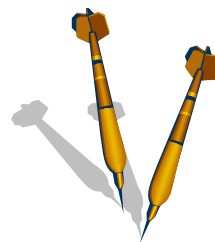


NEED A PRAYER?

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 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.

MEN'S CLUB - DARTBALL

The Men's Club Dartball Season will soon be upon us. They are looking for a few new players. Please contact either Scott Sapper, 715-682-8867, if you would like to play. Practices and games will start the end of September. They rotate with seven other churches, Marengo St. Paul, Sanborn Methodist, Sanborn St. Anne's, Good Shepherd, Washburn Messiah Lutheran, Salem and Saron Lutheran. The season usually ends at the end of February, beginning of March. It is a fun night of camaraderie and sport. They hope to see you come out for darts. No experience necessary. You'll have some great teachers.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Another summer VBS has come and gone. The Camp Luther Congregational Youth Day Camp started Monday, August 7th-Thursday, August 10th. We had 31 Campers sign up, youth from 1st-6th grade, from Zion, Little Friends of Jesus along with other community children. This summer's counselors from Camp Luther were: Nova, Peaches, Nyla and Suds. The Camp Counselors started with opening each day with songs and message followed with group activities that related to this year's theme

"Anchored" Heb.6:19

We have the hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

I would like to give a thank you to Loren and Eleanor Munson for housing the Camp counselors for the four days, to Tiffany Houle, Justin Esala, Taylor Vyskocil and her friend Hanna, Laurie and Ella Bauer, Michael Lazorik for assisting the counselors, the kitchen helpers, Lisa Guske, Maria Wickman, Laurie Bauer, Loren Munson, Lynn Ladd; the Camp Counselors breakfast and supper volunteers: Pastor Williams, Pruss Family, Loren and Eleanor Munson, Penny Mattson and Maria Truchon, Lynn Ladd, Sammy and Jeff, Lori Landry, Katie Colgrove and Emma. A great big Thank You to Esther Argan bright for providing her raspberry and strawberry jam, those who brought in treats, milk, juice, bread for the campers.

I would want to give the biggest Thank You to Lynn for all her organizing, making copies, baking, phone calls, e mails, processing pictures and picking them up and a lot more, but most of all just being Lynn-love you my friend. This will be my last post for the Scoop as I am stepping down as Sunday School Superintendent. Thank you teachers for all your time and service in teaching about God and his love for all.
Thank you .

God's Blessings,
Katie Colgrove

PLEASE???



.....consider being our Sunday School Superintendent !!!
We need YOU !!!!



UP, UP, AND
AWAY

Join us for
rally day

⁶Train up a child in the way he
should go,

And when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

SUNDAY, SEPT 10TH

SERVICE 9:00AM RALLY 10:15AM

Games



Crafts



**Refresh-
ments**





**VBS 2017
"ANCHORED"**

Stewardship Thoughts

As summer winds down and we become enslaved to work schedules and school and sports activities, let's address the stewardship of freedom. Freedom is something that is to be stewarded. It is purchased and won for others by sacrifice. That freedom, if not selflessly maintained can be lost. It is always done on the behalf of others.

The child of God is a steward of freedom. St. Paul writes in Galatians 5:1, "For freedom Christ has set us free." The Gospel of Jesus Christ brings freedom from humankind's greatest tyranny -sin. The Fall was the first stewardship crisis of creation. The Fall left Adam and Eve and all their descendants enslaved to sin. Human beings cannot remove themselves from the mess they authored - Sin and Death.

It would take the emancipation efforts of another to work freedom for humanity. That is what Christ did. Words couldn't do it. Freedom had to be won through battle. That battle was accomplished during Christ's earthly life. He weathered the battle and victory on the cross without sin. He who knew no sin became sin for us. Political freedom is won through the shedding of blood by many. Christian freedom is won by the shedding of blood by ONE! That One is Jesus Christ

Just as political freedoms need to be stewarded, so do the freedoms won by Christ. Human beings were created in God's image to steward creation. Genesis 2 further expands this stewardship direction in which man works and keeps the garden to reflect the image which the Man was created

The stewardship of freedom in the Gospel is to reflect the One who made and restored that freedom. Jesus did not seek his own will when it came to the freedom of salvation. His focus was on the Father's will to restore wayward sinners to salvation.

If stewardship of freedom is to be faithful stewardship it has to be about the other. It cannot focus on the steward. American freedoms focus on self. Christian stewards are called to a higher, sacrificial standard. This standard may mean the steward must bear the consequences of the exercise of others freedoms. This is done for the freedom given in the Gospel.

The cost of this stewardship may be great. For now, it is fitting that the steward of this freedom be faithful in their stewardship for the sake of The Lord and for their neighbor.



LFOJ HAPPENINGS

Are you interested in being a positive influence
in the life of a child?

Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center
is accepting applications for an
Assistant Child Care Teacher
(20 hours per week).

Applicant must be willing to work
with children of all ages.



LFOJ is a licensed Christian childcare facility caring for children 6 weeks of age to 12 years and is open year round, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Applicant must be 18 years of age & willing to complete state required childcare 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. Old applicants, please re-apply!



Little Friends of Jesus
Childcare center
1997-2017 20 years

We will be joining Zion in their worship service on September 24th. We'll be glad to answer any questions. If you would like to see the Center, we will give you a tour.

Zion needs a Lutheran Hour Representative. This person receives mail and notices from LHM. One Sunday a year LHM is included in the Sunday service. If you interested in taking on this service please speak with Pastor Rick.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY September 10, 2017

In February 1977-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation of National Grandparent's Day, the Sunday after Labor Day. The statute cites the day's purpose: "...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer".

In 2004, the National Grandparents' Day Council of Chula Vista, California announced that A Song for Grandma and Grandpa by Johnny Prill would be their official song of the U.S. National Grandparents' Day holiday.

The flower of the U.S. National Grandparents Day is the forget-me-not which blooms in the spring. As a result, seasonal flowers are given in appreciation to grandparents on this day



Milk Moola 5¢

LFOJ will be participating in the fundraiser ~ Milk Moola®, brought to you by Kwik Trip and Kwik Star stores. LFOJ can earn 5¢ for every cap or bag top collected from Kwik Trip and Kwik Star's Nature's Touch® products. There is no limit to the amount of cash LFOJ can earn and we can use it for school trips, new books, or playground equipment, the possibilities are endless. Please LFOJ families, staff, Zion congregation and friends save your caps and bag tops and bring them to LFOJ!

Garage Sale

Ms. Steff has graciously offered to once again host a center garage sale.

When: Saturday, Sept. 16

Where: 612 Chapple Avenue
(Steff's home)

If you have any quality, gently used items that you would like to donate for the sale, Ms. Steff will begin collecting the week of Sept. 4th. (Please note: we will not be accepting donations of electronic items, such as computers, TVs, VCRs, etc.) Your help would be greatly appreciated!



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Dutch Bulb Mills Fundraiser

Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center is hosting a Dutch Mills Bulb Fundraiser. Fall is a great time for planting, and Dutch Mills has a beautiful assortment of blooming bulbs.

You can help us raise money for our center by browsing the booklet and purchasing an item. If you would also consider passing the book among family, friends or co-workers that would certainly assist us in raising even more in possible profits. Dutch Mills offers quality flower bulbs at a great price and 50% of each package will go to the center. Every bulb and plant is guaranteed to bloom or you get a free replacement.

The sale begins Monday, August 28, 2017 and will go through September 15, 2017. Orders will be delivered between September 25 - 29, just in time for



Mustard Seed

Daily Devotions
Lutheran Women in Mission

My Hope Isn't In the Panic Button

In the Word

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. [Lamentations 3:25-26](#) (NIV)

Of the Word

Life is woven together with good days and troublesome days. The good times are easy to navigate, but it is during the tough times that our faith is put to the test. Troubles will come our way, but what is important is how we handle them and where we put our hope and trust.

We do have choices. We can hit the panic button or lose sleep from worrying. Or we can turn to our trusted Friend, God our heavenly Father, Who is always ready to listen to those who seek Him. In Him is our hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful ([Hebrews 10:23](#) NIV). I sought the LORD and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears ([Psalm 34:4](#) NIV).

A Point to Ponder: What trouble will I consciously give to God today?

Walking with my Lord

Lord, You promise to hear me when I come to You with my burdens. Grant me the patience to be still and wait for Your answers, for I know they will come. In Jesus' name. Amen.



SEPTEMBER MISSION – ASHLAND CARES, INC.

Donate any of the items listed

WINTER SPECIFIC NEEDS

Face Masks (White Construction / Dust type)
Hand Warmers
Gloves
Hats
Long Underwear (Larger Sizes are easier to fit)
Socks (Larger Sizes in Kids and Adults)
Winter Boots (Mainly Adult Med – X-large)



HYGIENE PROGRAM

Large Zip Lock Baggies
Women's Sanitary Napkins
Bar Soap
Stick Deodorant
Wash Cloths
Bathroom Tissue



Travel Kleenex Packs
Tooth Paste
Band Aids
Shaving Cream
Hand Sanitizer

Wet Ones
Non Alcohol Mouthwash (Travel Sizes Only Please)
Diapers
XL XXL XXXL Men's Socks
Men's Underwear (XL XXL XXXL)
Dish Soap (small bottles)

FOOD - BACKPACK MEAL PROGRAM

Cans: Ravioli, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Stew, Thick Soups, Hash
Crackers
Trail Mix
Peanuts
Cashews
Backpacks



OFFICE & PROGRAM SUPPLIES

White Copy Paper
Large Garbage Bags (33-39 Gallon)
Ziplock Gallon Storage Bags
Totes with Covers
Large Garbage Cans with Lids (for storage)
Clothes Baskets
Clothes Soap
(Extra or Purex)
Fabric Softener
Bleach
Steam Cleaner
Postage Stamps



CAMPING PROGRAM

2 - 4 Person Tents Tarps Sleeping Bags
Towels Pillow Cases
Small Coolers (White Foam coolers are great)



LWML Fall Rally

(Zone #1 of North Wisconsin District)

Saturday, 17, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church

Glidden, Wisconsin

All women of the church are encouraged to attend. Registration is at 11:30am followed by lunch, then the meeting. Gifts of the heart—non-perishable food items.

The Rally/Christian Life theme is "Was Jesus Lutheran?"

Any questions you can contact Maria at 715-682-9508.

The BRICK Pickers



Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a team of volunteers to join us for 3-4 hours a week in August through October to help harvest food from local farms for food shelf distribution.

Specific activities include:



Harvesting crops, berries, and apples from farm fields and orchards



Boxing harvested food for transport to The BRICK



Unloading and stocking of food once returned to The BRICK in Ashland

Get Involved! Share your passion for gardening and the outdoors to help our community!

**For more information please contact Kris:
officemanager.thebrick@centurytel.net (715) 682-7425**



The BRICK
Ministries Inc.

Believes Reasoning Individuals for Christ's Kingdom

**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!! 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 all who serve.

Sept.	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Sun. 3rd	Scott Thimm John Pruss		Curt Harpster Larry Hildebrandt	Katie & Pat Colgrove
Wed. 6th	Randy Spangle			
Sun. 10th	Darryl Warren Doug Warren	Logan Esala	Bruce Honkala Nick Jarvela	Ethel Guss Penny Mattson
Wed. 13th	Randy Spangle			
Sun. 17th	Andy Pruss Scott Thimm	Trista Bolz	Rick Nutt Clarence Osmak	Rick & Sandy Nutt
Wed. 20th	Doug Warren			
Sun. 24th	John Pruss Scott Thimm	Emily Dickrell	Devin Sunie Todd Vyskocil	Scott & Becky Sapper
Wed 27th	Andy Pruss			
Sun. Oct. 1st	Randy Spangle Scott Thimm	Logan Esala	Karl Williams Chuck Chronis	LWML
Wed. Oct. 4th	Darryl Warren		Tim Bauer Cody Sunie	



October
Lisa, Tia Warren
715-292-0711
Michelle, Sydney, Taylor
Vyskocil 715-682-2498



Fall is Here!

September 22, 2017

Contact Linda Klobucher 715, 746, 2064 about having flowers for a special occasion. memory, or to adorn the altar.

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3 <i>Mite Sunday</i> Worship 9:00am	4 Labor Day	5	6 LFOJ Chapel 11:00am Confirmation Parents' Mtg. 5:30pm Worship	7	8	9
10 Elders' Mtg. 7:45am Worship 9:00am Sunday School Rally Day 10:15am Bible Study 10:15am Trustees Mtg. 10:15am Grandparent's Day	11 Bible Study 10:00 am	12 Sewing Circle 1:00pm	13 Worship 6:30pm Confirmation 4-5:30pm	14 Winkel - Ramsey 8:00am	15 Newsletter Reports Due	16 LWML Mtg. 10:00am
17 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	18 Bible Study 10:00 am Council Mtg. 5:30pm	19	20 Worship 6:30pm Confirmation 4-5:30pm	21	22	23
24 Food Shelf Sunday Worship 9:00am LFOJ Recognition Sunday - 20 yrs. Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	25 Bible Study 10:00 am	26 Sewing Circle 1:00pm	27 Worship 6:30pm Confirmation 4-5:30pm	28 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6am (tentative)	29	30