

 *For You*

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Third Sunday of Easter + April 14 and 15, 2018

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Libya

Iraq

Yemen

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

~ **Elliot and Serena Derricks,**
Lutheran Bible Translators

Studying at Seminary

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

Comfort, Healing, Recovery

~ **Kr. Irene Beethe**

~ **Shirley Kurth**

~ **Sandy Flanagan**

~ **Deb Mertes**

Those who need our on-going prayers

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **Bill Deneen**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **LouAnn Gille**

~ **Rick Jones**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Sally Lewitzke**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Renee Shorey**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Nancy, godmother of Sue Hafemeister**

~ **The island and the people of Dominica**

~ **Zion's homebound members**

Safe Travel

~ **Grace Mueller's travel to Dominica**

Please submit your prayer requests to the church office (715-848-7286). We can print prayer requests that you make for yourself or immediate family members.

WORSHIPING

The Liturgy This Week

Matins + Wednesday, 10 AM

A liturgy of morning prayer to praise God for the day. (*Chapel*)

Vespers + Wednesday, 6:30 PM

A liturgy of evening prayer to praise God for the light of Christ. (*Chapel*)

Word of the Week: Epistle

“Epistle” is Greek for “letter.” Our second lesson usually comes from the “epistles” of the New Testament, or letters that apostles wrote to churches and individuals to encourage, correct, and guide them in the faith. While the first lesson and Gospel lesson are often connected to each other thematically, the epistle usually stands alone as a complementary reading, appropriate to the day and season.

Worship Notes

While it may appear that the Holy Supper ends with the conclusion of worship, it actually continues as the bread and any wine that hasn't been served is taken to homebound members. That way, they share in the same body that we receive, the risen body of the Lord.

Next Sunday:

Easter 4: *Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; First John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18; Psalm 23*

LEARNING

Nourished by God's Word

Sundays, 10:15 AM: Romans

St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the longest epistle in the Bible, is considered one of the clearest proclamations of salvation by faith in Christ alone. *Continuing at Romans 15:1.*

Tuesdays at 9 AM: The Didache

This document, written around the same time as the New Testament, contains some of the earliest ways that the church of the apostles prepared new Christians for the Christian life.

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7:00 AM: The Gospel according to Matthew

Some call this gospel, written by the tax collector, Matthew, “catechism of the Christian life.” It tells the story of Jesus in a way that teaches how the followers of Jesus live by Jesus' life alone. *Continuing at Matthew 24:1.*

REMEMBERING

Heroes of the Faith in April

Saint Johannes Bugenhagen

April 20

God worked through St. Johannes Bugenhagen to shepherd the early Lutheran church. The chief pastor at Wittenberg, Germany, he served as the father confessor and pastor to St. Martin Luther (Feb. 18). During the Reformation, he organized the Lutheran churches throughout Germany and Denmark, where he installed seven men to the office of bishop and crowned the Danish king and queen. He also helped translate the New Testament into German.

Saint Anselm of Canterbury

April 21

The life of St. Anselm illustrates how God can work through leaders to nourish His people with the Word and protect the life of His Church. As archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm wrote a book, "Why God Became Man," in which he expounded the reason for Christ's birth in our flesh. He also argued for the freedom of the Church to regulate its own clergy, for which he was exiled from England twice. Eventually restored to his country and church, he served out his duties in humility and ardent dedication.

Free cards commemorating these holy brethren and others are available in the narthex.

REACHING

Zion's Monthly Mission Emphasis

Greater Wausau Christian Services

Goal: \$4,000

Since 1981 (37 years ago!), Greater Wausau Christian Services has provided a pastoral presence and various programs of support to residents of our community's institutions. There are 13 churches who are members and who support GWCS.

Specifically, the efforts of GWCS has centered on local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and the county jail. In addition to the jail support and nursing homes, GWCS recently has put a greater emphasis on juvenile facilities.

The GWCS worship program has 26 local pastors who are scheduled to lead worship services for the nursing homes on a weekly basis. Pastor Gjerde and Pastor Gulhaugen take their turns in the rotation. Residents have come to appreciate the variety of pastoral leadership types, as each week a different pastor shows up. In addition, church services are held each Sunday evening at the county jail. Twelve different pastors lead these services on a rotation basis. The service consists of singing, bible reading, a message and prayer, concluding by saying together "The Lord's Prayer." Many Zion members are also involved in an "every-other-week" ministry to women inmates of the jail.

Zion has been a part of GWCS since its inception. Your special gift of support is greatly appreciated.

SERVING

Embodying the Love and Life of Christ

First Communion

Baptized children aged 10 years old or older may participate in the spring class for First Communion starting on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 PM in the chapel. This class prepares children to receive the holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving. The course runs through Wednesday, May 2. *Please call the church office to register your child.*

Quilting

... Monday: April 23, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are welcome! Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84".

Parish Nurse

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's parish nurse, is available for assisting you with blood pressure, understanding your medications, discerning medical decisions, and the like. If you would like her help, please call the church office, and Mrs. Grosinske will be given your request.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, IS THE DAY! ORGAN CONCERT WITH GUEST ORGANIST BÁLINT KAROSI

You are invited to Zion's nave, not only hear the glorious music he has prepared, but to visit with him in the church hall following the concert! **THIS IS A CONCERT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

Spring Salad Buffet – Tuesday, May 8

Mark your calendar for The Women of Zion hosting the Spring Salad Buffet on Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. in Zion's church hall. Along with a delicious assortment of salads for dinner, the program features Diane Jehn and Chris Kusiak, who will present "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Wizard of Oz, Plus More." There will be limited seating. Tickets are available in the church office.

Keeping in Touch With College Kids

Do you have a son or daughter going to college? Zion wants to stay in touch! Please advise the church office the student's name, school, and address. The Zion Elders thank you.

Portals of Prayer

... for April through June are available in the narthex and by the church office reception area. Large print copies are also available.

Quarterly Meeting

Zion's quarterly voters' meeting will be held on **Monday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall.

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on April 27

Phyllis Bliese will be baking the following: French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each); apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size); cherry pie (\$8 each); and lemon meringue pie (\$6 each) . If you can be a kitchen helper, call Phyllis at 715-675-2630. For bread and pie orders, sign up using the order sheet in the church office; or you may call the church office at 715-848-7286. Proceeds benefit Zion church's roof.

Spring Rummage and Plant Sale in Gym

Zion's Spring Rummage and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Zion's gym. Setup will be on Friday, April 27, 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. **Help is needed both days for setup and the sale. Lunch will be served for the workers on Friday.** Items to be sold should be brought before 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Help make this a successful sale! Ladies: check your jewelry to see if you have anything to donate. At this time, we have a low inventory of jewelry. NO exercise equipment or TV's will be accepted; however, any other electrical items must be in good working condition. Please help us out with your donations. If you have questions, call the church office, 715-848-7286.

Set your Sights on Strassenfest: Saturday, October 13, 2018

With an annual event that is as far out-reaching, multifaceted, anticipated and volunteer-reliant as Zion's annual Stras-

senfest, we like to keep it in your thoughts throughout the entire year. One of the main reasons this event is so successful is the generosity of our congregation. Your talents, donations, ideas, support, volunteer assistance and attendance help grow the event year after year.

We encourage you to reach out to the Strassenfest committee and ask what is needed to make this year's Strassenfest a success. Do you have a talent? Are you good at crafts, enjoy baking/gardening/canning? Do you have antiques or collectibles you'd like to donate? Do you have free time or are looking for a committee to join in order to assist the planning, coordination and execution of this amazing event? We'd love to hear from you. Our Strassenfest chairs, Dave and Lori Torkko can be reached at 715-551-0566 or dtorkko@pcpros.net.

"Zion Easter Service"

... is **telecast** on Monday nights at 6:30 PM and Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM, Channel 980 on Charter; <https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=hO2aitAufqLZ> and YouTube: <https://youtu.be/dlzZkBD2hPA>

Ideas for Action Teams

Refer to the bulletin board posting at the northwest entrance of Zion for the many ideas from Thrivent Financial's action teams across the country that have accomplished service projects. You can strengthen Zion by organizing a team. You will receive up to \$250 in "seed money." If interested, Thrivent members

may call the church office if they are not sure how to get started.

Burden Bears

A project of the Women of Zion is Burden Bears. These small, stuffed toy bears are decorated with each bear holding a quilt and an attached poem with comforting words. These are to be given to someone who is in need of comfort. Call the church office, or stop in if you or someone you know, would like a Burden Bear.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

Hope Life Center Banquet

“Rooted in Hope” will take place Monday, April 23 in Antigo at Peace Lutheran Church, 300 Lincoln St., Antigo; and also on Tuesday, April 24 in Rothschild at Stoney Creek Conference Center, 1100 Imperial Ave. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner is at 6:00pm, program concludes at 8:00pm. Additionally, we will be unveiling our new mobile medical center for the first time at these banquets! For reservations or further details, contact Katie@hopewi.org or call 715-470-1003.

Wausau Lyric choir Spring Concert

“Songs of Faith, Hope, and Love” will be presented on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. and also Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at first Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St., Wausau. No charge to attend, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Free tickets are available from choir members; or at

Performing Arts, 401 N. 4th St., Wausau, 715-842-0988; or at the door.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice needs volunteers to provide a comforting presence and emotional, social support to their patients and families in their Hospice Program. Volunteers help patients in their end-of-life journey, to live in dignity and peace while helping to offer a pain-free and comfortable environment. Call Samantha Stroik or Tasha Stencil at 745-847-2424; or visit the website: www.aspirus.org/volunteers. Training is based on the volunteer’s schedule and needs.

Stepping On

. . . Mondays, April 30 – June 11, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Aging & Disability Resource Center. Join other older adults in learning how you can take control of your life to prevent falls! Topics include: managing medications, vision changes, safe footwear, improving strength and balance, plus more. You’ll get the support you need to take charge of your life. Call Peggy at the ADRC (715) 261-6070 for more information. Suggested contribution for 7 week session: \$10.

Area Mobile Meals AND Meals on Wheels

Both of these meal delivery services need volunteers. Call Curtis Barthel, 715-848-5848, OR contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 1-888-486-9545; or www.adrc-cw.com

Faith in Action

- Are you age 60 or older? Do you need a little extra help with transportation to medical appointments or grocery shopping? Friendly volunteers from Faith in Action of Marathon County are ready to deliver food from The Neighbors' Place to your doorstep.
- Also, volunteer drivers are needed to help with transportation.
- To request assistance, or to volunteer as a driver, please contact Krista at 715-848-8783; or email: wausafia-info@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Sunday, April 15 – 3:00 pm:**
Bálint Karosi Organ Concert in nave
- **Monday, April 23 – 7:00 pm:**
Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Saturday, April 28 – 9 am – 1 pm:**
Women of Zion Rummage and Plant Sale in gym
- **Tuesday, May 8 – 6:00 pm:** Women of Zion Salad Buffet in church hall
- **Tuesday, May 15 – 7:00 pm:** Strassenfest Planning Meeting in church hall

Attendance: April 4, 7, and 8

Wednesday:

10:00 am	7
6:30 pm	15

Saturday:

5:15 pm	58
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Sunday:

9:00 am	169
11:00 am	<u>44</u>
Total:	293

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 15,720
Year-to-date income:	\$168,406
Year-to-date expenses:	\$176,596

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • April 15

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Bálint Karosi Concert in
Zion's nave

Monday • April 16

- 6:15 pm Group Home Ministry

Tuesday • April 17

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Elders Team
- 6:30 pm GWCS Board Meeting in
church hall
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday • April 18

- 10:00 am Matins
- 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 6:30 pm First Communion Class

Thursday • April 19

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
- 6:30 pm Kantorei Rehearsal

Saturday • April 21

- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm: NALC Executive
Council meeting in
conference room
- 5:15 pm Communion Service

Sunday • April 22

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday:

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