



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Seventh Sunday of Easter + May 12 and 13, 2018

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Turkmenistan

Laos

Jordan

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Studying at Seminary

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

Comfort, Healing, Recovery

~ **Sandy Flanagan**

~ **Deb Mertes**

~ **Gay Baganz**

Those who need our on-going prayers

~ **Kr. Irene Beethe**

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **Bill Deneen**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Rick Jones**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Carl Koch**

~ **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**

BAPTISM

Henrietta Kay Gulan, daughter of Daniel and Jessica Gulan, will be baptized on Saturday, May 12 at the 5:15 p.m. service.

Henrietta's sponsors are Sadie and Chris Trapp, Courtney Damka, Steve Gulan, and Julie Nauman.

FUNERAL

Ruth Schmieden fell asleep in the Lord on May 7 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Ruth was given Christian burial from Zion on May 11. May God comfort Ruth's family and friends in their mourning.

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*)

Worship Notes: Next Sunday the Season of Pentecost arrives. It begins with the Feast of Pentecost, in which we remember that Christ poured out the Holy Spirit upon His disciples in a special way for the sake of ministry. Then the rest of the Pentecost season “unpacks” the Holy Spirit’s work in planting, nurturing, and gathering the kingdom of God.

Word of the Week: Communion

Communion has two parts: *com*, meaning “with,” and *union*, meaning “made one.” In Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit makes the bread and wine *one with* the body and blood of Jesus, and through trusting and receiving this gift, we are made *one with* Jesus, as well. The Lord’s Supper thus strengthens our baptismal union with the Lord.

Next Sunday:

Day of Pentecost: *Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15; Psalm 139:1-11*

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 16:1.*

Tuesdays at 9 AM: NEW STUDY

The “I AM” Statements

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven classic statements about himself that begin with *I am*: “I am the good shepherd,” “I am the bread of life,” and others. What promise is He speaking in each of these statements? What is He teaching us? How do these statements shape the Christian life? This study will not only focus on the seven statements themselves, but also other Biblical passages that shine a light on their imagery and purpose. *This week: “I am the light of the world.”*

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 May

Saint Helen

May 21

Born of a humble family, St. Helen was the mother of St. Constantine (who shares her feast day). Constantine was the Roman emperor who forbid persecution of Christians and sponsored the Council of Nicaea, which defended the teaching that Jesus is God. Helen's motherly influenced contributed to Constantine's acceptance of the Christian faith. Her faith also led her to research and identify many Biblical sites in the Holy Land, which maintain places of worship to this day.

Saint Esther

May 24

St. Esther is the heroine of the Biblical book that bears her name. It takes place in Persia, where Esther, a Jew, had become the wife of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes the Great). He did not know that she was a Jew, and initially agreed with some of his counselors to destroy the Jewish people. Esther was able to intercede on behalf of her people and change his mind; the counselors instead were killed. Thus the Jewish nation, from which Jesus came, was saved by Esther's intercession.

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

REACHING

Zion's Monthly Mission Emphasis

Women's Community, Wausau

Goal: \$1,000

Lutheran CORE

Goal: \$2,000

The Women's Community, Wausau

The Women's Community is a vital part of our community, providing services to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Just a few of the things being done are providing lifesaving shelter for women and children escaping abusive relationships, legal advocacy through the court systems, 24 hour crisis intervention, community education in schools, businesses and churches, advocating for victims of domestic violence in later life, and our Healing Through Art Program. Your prayers and monetary gift help to continue to offer services to anyone in our community who needs them.

Lutheran CORE

The purpose of Lutheran CORE can be summed up in two words - *Shelter* and *Voice*. As a *Shelter* for confessing Lutherans, Lutheran CORE supports and connects Lutheran individuals and congregations who seek to live in accord with Biblical and confessional teachings and practices. As a *Prophetic Voice*, Lutheran CORE advocates for Biblical authority and confessional fidelity among

churches of the Lutheran community. Lutheran CORE especially serves traditional ELCA congregations in their commitment to the Holy Trinity, salvation through Christ alone, the authority of Scripture, and traditional marriage.

SERVING

Embodying the Love and Life of Christ

Coming this Summer at Zion: "Who Are We?"

The Story of Lutherans in a America
Vicar Pinzl will be telling the stories of Lutherans in America at the Sunday morning study (10:15 a.m) this summer. Starting Sunday, June 3, he will present Lutheranism's earliest experiences in colonial America, its development as an immigrant church in the 1800s, and its modern day growth and challenges. Come and learn our "family stories"!

Traveling this Summer?

Remember to worship where you go—the Lord's day is the Lord's day! If you need assistance finding a faithful Lutheran congregation near your destination, contact the church office and a minister will help you. Also, please keep your bulletins from other churches and share them with the ministers; they enjoy seeing and learning from what other congregations do.

Summer Preaching Series

At Wednesday worship this summer, Zion's ministers will preach on creation:

God's work in the beauty, order, mystery, and fierce power of nature. This series will begin on Wednesday, June 6, and extend through the summer.

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.

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.

Quilting

... Mondays: May 14, June 4 and 18, and July 9 and 30, 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".

Young at Heart

... next meets on Wednesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. The program "The Ministry of a Vicar" will be presented by Zion's Vicar Joseph Pinzl. All interested persons may attend.

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on May 25

Phyllis Bliese will be baking the following: French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each); apple pie (\$6 medium size; \$8 large size); butterscotch pie (\$6 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.

Zion Altar Guild

Altar Guild members and guests will meet on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. After our business meeting, Pastor Gjerde will present the program. Hostesses are Kay Krall, Peggy Lawonn, and Bonnie Waack. Guests are welcome to attend. Altar Guild is in need of more members. Please come to our meeting and you will be given information about Altar Guild members' duties for preparation of communion for Zion's worship services.

Plastic Bags Needed for Homeless Mats

Please bring your plastic bags again, as homeless mats will resume being made, starting in June. Bring your bags to the church office, or place them in the conference room. 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.

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 Strassenfest, 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

Attention: Medicare Recipients in Marathon County

The Uniform Addressing Project in Marathon County began in April, as was the mailing of the new Medicare cards. Marathon County will inform the US Postal Service of your new address. You will need to change your address with Social Security Administration and Medicare. You can change your address at www.medicare.gov. Your card should be forwarded to your new address by the US Postal Service. If it is not, and you do not receive your card by the end of the year, please contact Medicare.

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.

Lifest 2018

... Thursday through Sunday, July 12—15 at Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh. This 20th annual “party with a purpose” features live music and activities that celebrate spirituality, in a family-friendly, drug- and alcohol-free venue. Discounted tickets cost \$49 (regularly \$66) and are available through June 15. Purchase tickets online at: www.lifest.com;

use the discount code **cmcares18**. Church Mutual is hosting a VIP tent with snacks and drinks.

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: wausaufia-info@gmail.com.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Tuesday, May 15 – 7:00 pm:** Strassenfest Planning Meeting in church hall
- **Sunday, June 24 – 3:00 pm:** Bálint Karosi Organ Concert in nave (*rescheduled from April 15*)
- **Saturday, October 13 – 9 am to 4 pm:** Strassenfest in Zion's gym
- **Sunday, October 14:** Abendessen at Jefferson Street Inn

Attendance: May 2, 5 and 6

Wednesday:

10:00 am	8
6:30 pm	22

Saturday:

5:15 pm	65
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Sunday:

9:00 am	129
11:00 am	<u>56</u>
Total:	280

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 17,043
Year-to-date income:	\$211,966
Year-to-date expenses:	\$222,486

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • May 13

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

Monday • May 14

- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Quilting in
church hall
- 6:15 pm Group Home Ministry
- 7:00 pm Mission Team meeting

Tuesday • May 15

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 9:45 am Benedictine Manor
devotions
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 10:45 am Colonial Manor
devotions
- 6:00 pm Elders Team
- 6:30 pm GWCS Board Meeting in
church hall
- 7:00 pm Church Council meeting
- 7:00 pm Strassenfest Planning
meeting

Wednesday • May 16

- 10:00 am Matins
- 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 6:30 pm Vespers and Exam Night

Thursday • May 17

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class

Saturday • May 19

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • May 20

PENTECOST DAY / CONFIRMATION

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

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