



Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Pentecost 12 + August 11 & 12, 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**

Wedding Anniversary

~ **Mike and Marcia Strandberg**
(25 years)

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

~ **Melissa Lewis**

~ **Rosemary Brasch**

~ **John Cherwinka**

Those who need our on-going prayers

~ **Kr. Irene Beethe**

~ **Jim Bittner**

~ **Les Broliar**
~ **Carol Edelburg**
~ **Barbara Ellen**
~ **Rita Falk**
~ **Ben Fiedler**
~ **Barry Gilbert**
~ **Avery Kluck**
~ **Carl Koch**
~ **Sally Lewitzke**
~ **June Mueller**
~ **Tina Parker**
~ **Barb Ramker**
~ **Krista Salas**
~ **Renee Shorey**
~ **David Skola**
~ **Elroy Tapper**
~ **Jayne Zilisch**
~ **Nancy, godmother of Sue Hafemeister**
~ **The island and the people of Dominica**
~ **Zion's homebound members**

CALL ACCEPTED

Pr. Christopher Johnson of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Escanaba, Michigan, has accepted the call to serve as Zion's associate pastor. With his wife, Heather, and children, Ella and Jack, he will be arriving in Wausau in September. Please raise prayers of thanksgiving to God for this servant of the Gospel of Christ.

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*)

Midweek Sermon Series: Creation

What does God say about the world that He has made, and what does it tell us about God and ourselves? *This week: St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord.*

Word of the Week: Magnificat

This is the Blessed Virgin Mary's song which she sang in response to words of praise spoken by her relative, St. Elizabeth (St. Luke 1:46-55). The name comes from the first word in the Latin translation which the Church renders, "magnifies." It is usually sung during Vespers immediately after the Sermon as a sung version of the Gospel, a song of praise in response to the Sermon as the Church "makes large" the Lord, rejoices in His salvation, and waits for the fulfillment of God's promises.

Next Sunday:

Pentecost 13: *Proverbs 9:1-10; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69; Psalm 34:12-22*

LEARNING

Nourished by God's Word

Sundays, 10:15 AM: "Who Are We?"

The Story of Lutherans in a America

Come hear the stories of Lutherans in America this summer., and bring your own! Throughout the next couple of weeks we will be discussing the great wave of European immigration and remember all the Lutherans of old who brought their culture and customs to this land.

Tuesdays at 9 AM: "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 way, the truth, and the 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 27:57*

REMEMBERING

Heroes of the Faith in August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15

"All generations shall call me blessed." St. Mary prophesied (Luke 1:48), and so has it come to pass. A virgin, possibly no older than 14 years, Mary lived in Nazareth when St. Gabriel the Archangel came and announced that she would conceive and bear Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world. God granted her the humility to accept this divine call. Mary also stood at the foot of Christ's cross as He died (John 19:25), and was with the apostles following His resurrection (Acts 1:14).

Saint Isaac

August 16

The picture on this saint's card depicts the "binding of Isaac," in which St. Isaac was almost sacrificed by his father, St. Abraham (Genesis 22). Abraham had done so as part of a test of his faith, but at the last moment, God stopped Abraham and provided a ram instead. Isaac was the "promised child" whom God had given to Abraham and his wife, St. Sarah, and so from Isaac came the lineage through which our Savior was born. Married to St. Rebekah, he had two sons, twins, named Esau and Jacob.

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

REACHING

Zion's Monthly Mission Emphasis

Monthly Mission Emphases:

- **Bishop's Resource Fund – Goal: \$1,000**
- **Neighbor's Place, Wausau – Goal \$1,000**

The Bishop's Resource Fund helps pastors, associates in ministry, and diaconal ministers and their families when they are faced with emergencies, unusual needs, or requests that the bishop deems worthy and important to supporting the health, wholeness, and spiritual well-being of our leaders. The Bishop's Resource Fund has provided support to many leaders, and this help has been critical to them. Your dollars are precious, administered in confidence and make a big difference in times of need to our church family.

The Neighbors' Place (TNP) is located at 745 Scott Street, Wausau. TNP is a unique, locally-supported nonprofit organization with a strong multi-cultural and multi-faith heritage. Their mission is a simple one: to help people in need. In order to meet their mission, they provide a number of programs and services to members of the Marathon County community. These include: a food bank, furniture & basic needs bank, community learning center, youth education, community gardens, and Christmas assistance. They are able to provide sup-

port to people in need with the help of businesses, organizations, and individuals who donate their time, money, and other resources.

For more information on these missions, refer to our mission board in the church hall.

SERVING

Embodying the Love and Life of Christ

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.

New Piano :Thanks be to God!

An anonymous donor has offered to match all donations for the purchase of a new piano in Zion's choir loft. What a wonderful blessing! Please let this gracious gift be an incentive to make your own contributions to this effort. If Zion installs the piano before the end of September, it will be available for our organ concert featuring Kiyō and Chiemi Watanabe on Sunday, October 7, 2018. (An organ/piano duet is one of the pieces on the program!)

Parish Nurse

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's parish nurse, is available for assisting you with Blood Pressure, understanding your medications, and getting you to appointments. She will assist with issues regarding medical bills that you may be having a hard time understanding. Also, if you need to dispose of outdated medication, she is able to do that for you. You may contact Lenore directly at 715-848-5112; or email: lenor72@yahoo.com.

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.

Donations to Zion's Building Fund

Thanks be to God, He has provided Zion church with a place to worship and minister to the community that proclaims the faith of Jesus Christ. Zion's building fund, the Hansen Fund, helps to maintain and improve this property so that it may continue to serve God's mission for years to come. Please consider directing donations and memorials to this helpful fund.

Quilting

... Mondays: August 20 and September 10, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84". September 10 will be the last quilting date this year. Subsequently, the quilts will be

displayed on the church pews on September 15 and 16. The quilts support Lutheran World Relief, and will be taken to the shipping site on Thomas Street in Wausau on October 6.

Kantor Quest V

The final set of Kantor Quest V questions will examine Ascension hymns. Often this feast is forgotten, but it is an important day to remember!

Kantor Quest for August 12:

In hymn #156 in *Lutheran Book of Worship* what phrase is repeated numerous times? In stanza 2 of hymn #157 in *Lutheran Book of Worship*, what is the name of the mount where the "holy apostolic band" was standing?

Jelly Jars and Pint Jars Needed

If you have these sizes of jars to donate, please bring them to the church office. They will be used to can produce for Zion's Strassenfest event on October 13.

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.

Portals of Prayer

... for July through September are available in the narthex and by the church office reception area. Large print copies are

also available.

Homeless Mats

The Women of Zion are working on homeless mats EVERY Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Zion's church hall. Please join us for a good cause and good fellowship. We would like more people to crochet the mats, which can be done at church or at home. Questions? Call the church office, 715-848-7286.

Requesting Cowboy Boots

Craft items for Strassenfest are being made from cowboy boots. If you have any boots you would care to donate, we would accept any sizes or colors. Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you.

Personal Care Kits

Help us reach our goal of 100 kits! Items have been coming in, but we could use more. We need light-weight **bath towels ranging in size from a minimum of 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" maximum size**. Dark colors are preferred and the light to medium weight towels are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry. **Bath size bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping**. We will include two bars in each kit to total 8 to 9 oz. **Adult sized toothbrush** in original package. **Sturdy combs**. And lastly, **metal nail clippers** (attached nail-file optional). The Women of Zion will be placing items in a towel, rolling it, and securing it with yarn. The kits will be mailed out with the quilts to help needy people through Lutheran World Relief. Please bring your items to the confer-

ence room by the church office. The website buildkitsofcare.org is very informative and helpful for any questions you may have. Thank you for your help!

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

Handcrafted items that you can make and donate are a big part of Zion's Strassenfest. Whether you're crafty or not, project ideas are endless! Search a few sites online (check out <https://craftprojectideas.com>) or head straight to [Pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com) for inspiration on just about everything under the sun for DIY crafts, buildables, paintables, knittables, etc. Here's a quick list of top project trends in 2018 to kick start your planning:

- Wood pallet signs
- Stair spindle crafts
- Up cycled drawers & drawer knobs
- Beaded bracelets & key chains
- Homemade dog biscuits
- Handmade baby clothes & bibs
- Tote bags & bag sacks
- Painted light switch covers
- Artistically painted chairs, stools, benches
- Decorative pillows with messages
- Seat belt wraps/pillows
- Mason jar art
- Old window art

Need supplies? Gathering supplies is almost as fun as creating the project! Check out the Habitat for Humanity recycled building materials store which is a mecca of inspiration and supplies for craft projects, plus, items are priced as low as 10¢! Open every Saturday from 9am – 1pm,

the store is located at 1810 Schofield Ave, Weston. Also scour thrift shops (Bethesda Thrift Shop on 1st Ave. in Wau-sau is a favorite) and garage sales for scrap cloth material, beads/baubles, glassware, light switch covers, thread/yarn, buttons, wood pieces, paint, old chairs, etc. *We wish you a blessed summer and look forward to seeing the creations that come out of the dog days of summer.*

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

HOPE on the 400 Block

The local Thrivent Member Network is sponsoring a free concert. "Hope on the 400 Block" will be held on Sunday, August 19. Activities start at 2pm including a Kid's zone, 89Q will provide music, and Thrivent Financial informational tents will also be available. Two opening groups will perform at 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm, with the featured group, Tenth Avenue North, beginning at 6:00 pm. This concert has become very popular over the past two years, at-

tracting over 5,000 attendees each year. Please come early to get a good seat and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with a Christian message and music. We encourage all guests to join us in Living Generously by bringing non-perishable items to the concert. All collected items will be given to the Salvation Army. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase from local vendors.

Volunteers Needed for Service Trips

Good News Project, a local nonprofit operating in Wausau for 35 years, has openings for volunteers for their upcoming service trips in the U.S. and in the Caribbean. More information can be found at www.goodnewswi.com or by calling 715-843-5985, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm.

"Peace of Mind Dining Event"

Enjoy a complimentary light lunch while the staff of Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Homes discusses the importance of making advance end-of-life plans in order to provide peace of mind for yourselves and your loved ones. This "Peace of Mind Dining Event" will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22 at Kurt n' Jo's Eats n' Treats in Marathon. Advance registration is required as space is limited. Call 715-845-6900.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

(listed in the column to the right)

- **Sunday, August 26 – 10:00 am Fellowship:** Sundaes on Sunday hosted by Women of Zion in church hall
- **Sunday, September 9 – 9:15 am:** Sunday School begins
- **Wednesday, September 12 – 6:30 pm:** Confirmation Classes begin
- **Thursday, September 13 – 6:30 pm:** Kantorei Rehearsals begin
- **Saturday, September 15 – 11:00 am:** Women of Zion Brunch for all women of Zion in church hall
- **Wednesday, September 19 – 7:15 pm:** Handchime Rehearsals begin
- **Saturday, September 22 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:** Women of Zion Rummage Sale in Zion's gym
- **Sunday, October 7 – 3:00 pm:** Organ Duet Concert in nave, featuring Kiyoo and Chiemi Watanabe.
- **Saturday, October 13 – 9 am to 4 pm:** Strassenfest in Zion's gym
- **Sunday, October 14:** Abendessen at Jefferson Street Inn

Attendance: August 1, 4 and 5:

Wednesday:

10:00 am	6
6:30 pm	14

Saturday:

5:15 pm	35
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Sunday:

9:00 am	104
11:00 am	43
Total:	202

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 15,088
Year-to-date income:	\$338,175
Year-to-date expenses:	\$360,043

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • August 12

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;
WSAU Radio
- 10:15 am Bible Study/Fellowship
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

Monday • August 13

- 7:00 pm Mission Team meeting

Tuesday • August 14

- 9:00 am Bible Class in church hall
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Homeless Mats in
church hall
- 2:00 pm Mt. View Devotions
- 3:00 pm Atrium Devotions
- 6:00 pm GWCS Board Meeting

Wednesday • August 15

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 10:00 am Communion Service
- 6:30 pm Communion Service

Thursday • August 16

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class in
church hall

Saturday • August 18

- 2:00 pm Bonacker/Conachen
Wedding
- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • August 19

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;
WSAU Radio
- 10:15 am Bible Study/Fellowship
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday:

Pentecost 13: *Proverbs 9:1-10; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69; Psalm 34:12-22*

Bálint Karosi: Zion Concert Organ Series

... is telecast on **Channel 980 on Charter**, Saturdays at 9 p.m., Mondays at 4:30 p.m., and Fridays at 12:15 p.m.; on **VieBit**: <https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=bW0QjkkAUo5r>; on **YouTube**: <https://youtu.be/qjDc1QdOwXM>

"Zion Easter Service"

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