



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Palm Sunday + April 13 and 14, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Algeria
Turkmenistan
Mali

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Studying at Seminary

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

Recovery

~ **all those affected by Cyclone Idai**

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

~ **Pat Metter**

Those who need our on-going prayers:

~ **David Bittner**
~ **Kim Blume**
~ **Les Broliar**
~ **Carol Edelburg**
~ **Barbara Ellen**
~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Adeline Fandrey**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Carl Koch**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **Grace Mueller**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Ed Novitzke**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Laurie Schmidt**

~ **Larry Schubring**

~ **Renee Shorey**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Ethel Ann Smith**

~ **Elroy Tapper**

~ **Jayne Zilisch**

~ **Nancy and Jim and Delores**

~ **Zion's homebound members**

FUNERAL

Gabe Hollander fell asleep in the Lord on April 9 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Gabe was given Christian burial from Zion on April 13. May God comfort Gabe's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in 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.

LITURGY

Receiving the Gifts

Holy Week

April 14: Palm Sunday

9 & 11 AM

Palm Blessing, Passion Reading

April 15-17: Daily Prayer

12:15 PM

April 18: Maundy Thursday

10 AM & 6:30 PM

April 19: Good Friday

Noon to 3 PM

Nine 20-minute Services

Come and go as able.

April 20: Easter Vigil

6:30 PM

April 21: Easter Sunday

9 & 11 AM



Next Sunday:

Easter Sunday: *Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12; Psalm 16*

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.

CATECHUMENATE

Learning the Gifts

Sundays: "Practicing Forgiveness."

How did forgiveness come to us? How do we rest in this gift daily? How do we share it in hard situations?

Tuesdays: "The Gospel By Heart."

If someone were to ask you for a brief outline of Christ's life, what would you say? How do the four gospels in the Bible help us?

The Way, The Truth, the Life

Wednesdays, February 20 to April 10
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn the faith; renew your faith! This class is for those seeking to become Lutheran and join Zion and for all those who want to deepen their knowledge and practice of the faith. .

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 6:30AM:

Coy Sawyer of 89Q will be this year's speaker at Zion's annual Men's Breakfast on Maundy Thursday, April 18 in the church hall. Tickets are available for \$10 in the church office.

Sunday School

No Sunday School on April 14, Palm Sunday and April 21, Easter Sunday. Classes resume on April 28.

The Catechumenate

A Summary

What is it?

It is the Church's way of being taught by God, from the term *catechumen*, or "learner," which is also the meaning of the word "disciple" in Scripture.

What Does It Involve?

It's the process by which the Church's Scriptures, catechism, liturgy, and moral teaching form our faith and life.

What Is The Process?

There are four steps: Inquiry (people seeking a deeper relationship with the Church), Instruction (study), Preparation (getting ready for Baptism or confirmation), and Mystagogy (a deeper exploration of the God's gifts).

How Might a Yearly Schedule Look?

The catechumenate is lifelong for the Christian. For new believers, the first steps might look like this:

Pentecost-Advent: the Church invites and welcomes those who inquire.

Epiphany-Lent: new learners join a class leading towards Baptism/confirmation at Easter Vigil.

Easter: learners complete a time of mystagogy and join the Church in welcoming new *catechumens* or disciples.

OUTREACH *and* MERCY

Sharing and Being the Gifts

Zion's Mission Goals This Month:

Greater Wausau Christian Services (\$4,000)

Since 1981 (38 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 14 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.

The GWCS worship program has 14 local pastors who are scheduled to lead worship services for the nursing homes on a weekly, rotation basis. Pastor Gjerde, Pastor Johnson and Vicar Pinzl 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 to lead the service. The service consists of singing, Bible reading, a message and prayer, concluding by saying together "The Lord's Prayer." In addition, church services are held each Sunday afternoon at the county jail. Four different pastors lead these jail services on a rotation basis. Some of 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.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week services are listed on this inside front cover of these announcements **Please note:** Daily Prayer on Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be held **each of those days at 12:15 p.m.** in the chapel.

Men's Breakfast: Maundy Thursday

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Bethany Proposal

Informational meetings about the proposed cooperation between Bethany and Zion will be held on **Saturday, April 13 after 5:15 p.m. worship, and on Sunday, April 14, in between worship at 10:15 p.m. (church hall).** Please attend one of these meetings to learn more. Many thanks to God for your continued feedback, prayers, and hope-filled support.

Easter Volunteers

Could you help the Board of Elders to deliver flowers from the chancel to homebound members on Easter Sunday? Come to the chancel immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service, and spread Resurrection cheer.

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.

Quarterly Meeting

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

Spring Rummage and Plant Sale in Gym

Women of Zion's Spring Rummage and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Zion's gym. Setup will be on Friday, April 26, 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.

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on April 26

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

Quilting in the Church Hall

... Mondays: April 15 and 29, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84". Volunteers are welcome! We need you to sew quilt tops, which you can do at home. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Easter Decorating Fund

Please refer to the bulletin insert for this yearly request for funds. Your gifts are due by Monday, April 15.

Young at Heart Meetings in Church Hall

- Wednesday, April 24, 1:00 p.m.: "Let's Play Bingo" – and we will! Please join us.
- Wednesday, May 22, 1:00 p.m., the featured speaker is Gary Gisselman, presenting "A Walk Down Wausau's His-

toric Main Street.”

All adult seniors age 50+ are welcome to attend these meetings.

Homeless Mats Project

We meet each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall, so please come and join us. We have enough plastic bags right now, and would like people who will crochet the plastic yarn. Crocheting can be done at church or at home. Call Lori, 715-551-0566 for more information.

Spring Salad Buffet— Tuesday, May 14

The Women of Zion are hosting the Spring Salad Buffet on Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. in Zion’s church hall. Along with a delicious assortment of salads for dinner, the program features Diane Drinsinger, who will present “Going Native—Plants that Grow Despite the Gardener.” There will be limited seating. Tickets are available in the church office.

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.

ORGAN CONCERT SERIES - SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 @ 3:00 P.M.

The next performer in Zion’s Organ Concert Series, Craig Cramer, is a Professor of Organ and Artist in Residence at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He holds degrees from Westminster Choir College and the Eastman School of Music, where he earned the Doctor of Musical

Arts degree in Organ Performance. The Eastman School also awarded him the prestigious Performer’s Certificate in Organ. Plan to attend! You won’t be disappointed!

Hymn of the Day Devotions

A packet of devotions on the “Hymn of the Day” for the Sundays in Lent is available in the display near the 6th Street entrance of Zion. These devotions have been written by various authors for the Center for Church Music from Concordia University Chicago.

Set your Sights on Strassenfest 2019

Sick and tired of winter? Experiencing cabin fever? We’ve got a great idea that may help your winter woes. Occupy your time inside by making wonderful crafts and woodworking items for Strassenfest 2019. Make it an indoor family activity. Winter will fly by! Mark your 2019 calendars with “Zion Strassenfest” on Saturday, October 12. *Happy crafting!*

THANKING

Zion gives thanks for those who have helped plan, prepare, and serve the congregation’s midweek Lenten soup meals! These simple but hearty meals help gather the congregation and its neighbors and visitors at an important time of the year.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

“Bow the Knee”

This dramatic Easter musical will be performed on Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and

Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Stewart Ave., Wausau. Refer to the posters on the bulletin boards at the north entrances of Zion.

Wausau Lyric Choir Spring Concert
 "Spring Celebration, Songs of Faith, Love, and Nature" will be presented on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St., Wausau. No charge and no tickets are needed. Free-will donations will be accepted.

"Hope Restored" Spring Banquet
 The Hope Life Center 2019 Banquet will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29 and in Antigo on Tuesday, April 30. The Wausau Banquet is at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain, with two options: 11:30 a.m. lunch or 6:00 p.m. dinner. Keynote speaker is Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International, whose mission is spreading the message of life wherever abortion exists. Reservations required: call 715-470-1003; email: jack@hopewi.org.

Hand-Crafted Creations (formerly Talent Shop)
 Located at 319 4th St., Wausau, their hours are Monday thru Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 319 Gallery, Inc. has five gallery rooms of all local artists including the Hand-Crafted Creations area, formerly Talent Shop. Any local artists interested in joining, please call June Zentner, 715-297-7993.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Sunday, April 14 – Sunday, April 21:** Holy Week and Easter
- **Thursday, April 18: 6:30 am:** Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Tuesday, April 23: 7:00 pm:** Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Saturday, April 27: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:** Women of Zion Rummage and Plant Sale in gym
- **Sunday, May 5: 3:00 pm:** Craig Cramer organ concert in nave
- **Tuesday, May 14: 6:00 pm:** Salad Buffet in church hall
- **Sunday, June 2: 3:00 pm:** Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble concert in nave

Attendance: April 3, 6, and 7:

<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:30 am	54
6:30 pm	77
<u>Saturday:</u>	
5:15 pm	58
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	130
11:00 am	<u>44</u>
Total:	363

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 24,771
Year-to-date income:	\$163,659
Year-to-date expenses:	\$209,746

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • April 14

PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;
WSAU Radio
NO Sunday School
NO Pre-Confirmation
10:15 am Bible Study/Fellowship
11:00 am Holy Communion

Monday • April 15

- 12:15 pm Prayer Service
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Quilting in
church hall
6:15 pm Group Home Ministry

Tuesday • April 16

- 9:00 am Bible Class
10:30 am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Prayer Service
1:00 pm Homeless Mats in
church hall
2:00 pm Mt. View Devotions
6:00 pm Elders
6:00 pm GWCS Board Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday • April 17

- NO Matins
12:15 pm Prayer Service
1:00 pm Jail Ministry
2:30 pm Wausau Manor Devotions
NO Vespers
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm “The Way” Class
7:10 pm Handchimes

Thursday • April 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
10:00 am Communion Service
6:30 pm Communion Service

Friday • April 19

GOOD FRIDAY

- 8:00 am – 4:00 pm: Head Start All Staff
Training in church hall
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Tre-Ore Service:
“Seven Words from the Cross”

Saturday • April 20

EASTER VIGIL

- 6:30 pm Holy Communion

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