



Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Easter 4 + May 11 and 12, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Kazakhstan

Morocco

Brunei

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:

~ **Jessica Prebig**

~ **Tammy Reighl**

Those who need our on-going prayers:

~ **Kim Blume**

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **Pat Byrka**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Carl Koch**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **Grace Mueller**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **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**

DEATH

Delores Kottke fell asleep in the Lord on May 3, and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh.

Delores will be given Christian burial from Zion this summer. May God comfort Delores' 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

Matins + Wednesday, 10 AM

A liturgy of morning prayer to praise God for the day and refresh our souls at midweek. (*Chapel*)

Vespers + Wednesday, 6:30 PM

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

Easter Preaching Series: "Mercy: Being the Gift"

Members of the body of risen Lord, we share His mercy with our neighbors.

May 11-12
Being the Ears

May 18-19
Being the Heart

May 25-26
Being the Voice

June 1-2
Being the Body

Next Sunday:

Easter 5: *Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22; Psalm 148*

Heroes of the Faith in May

Saint Monica

May 4

St. Monica was born in Africa, most likely a member of the Berber tribe. Though Christian, she married Patritius, a Roman official, who was pagan. His behavior made their marriage an unhappy one until, through Monica's prayer and patience, he was baptized shortly before dying. Their son, St. Augustine (Aug. 28) initially followed the pagan ways of his father, to the great sorrow of his mother, who nevertheless kept hope and prayed for him. At last, he too was baptized and became the Bishop of Hippo.

Saints Cyril and Methodius

May 11

These two brothers from Greece testify to God's mercy for the whole world. Their first missionary endeavors were among Arab Muslims. Most famously, they worked and preached among the Slavs, for whom they authored the first alphabet, thus supporting the spread of God's Word. Both brothers were renown for their knowledge and education. Among churches of Slavic origin, their feast day is May 11 (though sometimes they are remembered on Feb. 14, the date of Cyril's death).

CATECHUMENATE

Learning the Gifts

Sundays at 10:15 AM:

“The Biblical Way of Mercy” In the Bible we read of deacons and deaconesses in the early Church. Who were they? What was the role of these servants in the history of the Church? How do they teach us to be merciful today?

Church Hall

Tuesdays at 9AM:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

What does the Bible say about creation? How does that teaching on creation shape our Christian life today? Come and learn about the beauty that God has made. *Church Hall*

Thursday Men’s Breakfast at 7AM:

“Men of Mercy”

God calls us to be merciful as He is merciful. How does this call to mercy shape the daily vocations of men: son, brother, husband, father, worker, friend, soldier, citizen? *Church Hall*

Online Study:

“Portraits of Mercy”

Zion will post a video every Wednesday to its Facebook telling the story of a saint in history who set an example of mercy.

First Communion

Preparation for 4th-Graders (or older) to receive First Communion begins on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. Please call to register your child.

Sunday School

No Sunday School on May 12. The last day for Sunday School is May 19.

VBS 2019: Scatter the Darkness!

How would the Lord have you pray to Him as the day draws to a close? This VBS program, hosted at Zion, will lead households of all kinds (parents, children, couples, and single persons) in learning how to mark the evening with praise, thanksgiving, and prayer.

Dates: June 10-13 (Monday-Thursday)

Time: 5-7 PM (Dinner provided)

Please call the church office to register. Children must come with at least one adult or as friends of another family. No cost – just sign up to bring a dish to pass for one of the dinners!

Coram Deo

Part of learning what God gives us through Jesus Christ is taking up a path of daily Scripture reading and prayer. Coram Deo is a devotional society at Zion that helps equip you for this soul-enlivening task. For more information, call the church office and/or speak to a pastor.

OUTREACH *and* MERCY

Sharing and Being the Gifts

Zion's Mission Goals This Month:

- **Lutheran CORE (\$2,000)**
- **Vicar Joe Pinzl, Lutheran Seminary – Goal \$1,000**

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.

Lutheran Seminarian Joe Pinzl

All funds given for Vicar Joe will be used to help pay for his seminary and book expenses.

Graduation and Ordination

After four years of study and internship, Vicar Pinzl is graduating from seminary on May 19. He will be ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. Thanks be to God for His abundant grace! Please include Vicar Pinzl in your prayers as you also give thanks for what God is accomplishing in his life and in the church.

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.

Summer Newsletter:

Articles for the summer newsletter should be given to the church office by May 15, and it will be mailed out on May 24. This newsletter for June, July, and August, will contain information for all

three of these months. Also, the September newsletter will be sent earlier than normal in August.

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 is limited seating. Tickets are available in the church office.

Young at Heart Meetings in Church Hall

- Canceled on May 22, and rescheduled for July 24
- June 26: 11:30 a.m.: Indoor Summer Picnic
- July 24: 1:00 p.m.: The featured speaker is Gary Gisselman, presenting "A Walk Down Wausau's Historic Main Street."

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

Altar Guild Meeting Canceled

The Tuesday, May 21 meeting has been canceled. We will next meet in September.

Quilting in the Church Hall

... Mondays: May 20 and June 10, 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.

Bread and Pie Baking Report from April 26

69 loaves white bread at \$3.00:	\$207.00
12 loaves of whole wheat at \$4.00:	48.00
25 pies at \$6.00:	150.00
11 pies at \$8.00:	88.00
3 pies at \$4.00:	12.00
2 jam sales:	8.00
Donations:	<u>16.00</u>
Total Sales:	\$529.00
Less Expenses:	<u>116.70</u>
Total Profit:	\$412.00

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$62.00; Church Roof Fund: \$350.00.

Thanks to my great helpers: Steve, Jeff and Bill. Thanks also to our supportive customers, members, and friends. ... Phyllis Bliese

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on May 31

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); blueberry pie (\$8 each); 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.

Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble Concert - June 2

The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. John Behnke, will present a concert at Zion on Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be a fun-filled, family-friendly concert of sacred and secular music. You won't believe the incredible sounds that this handbell choir can produce. Fourteen ringers play 73 handbells and 73 handchimes. **SAVE THE DATE!**

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.

Hymn of the Day Devotions

A packet of devotions on the "Hymn of the Day" for some of the Sundays in Eastertide 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.

Donate Items to Zion's Annual Strassenfest Event, Saturday, October 12

Your donations are a key resource in making this event a true success and a unique shopping experience year after year. What makes the event so enjoy-

able to attend each year? The booths are filled with items you just can't find in a store. (A big shout out to our volunteers for their talents in sparking joy through the booth displays!) **Tidying up a home library?** We take books, cookbooks, puzzles, and board games. Also book ends, book shelves, book bins, and desks! Contact Zion; or contact our Strassenfest chairs directly: Dave and Lori Torkko, 715-551-0566 or dtorkko@pcpros.net.

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

"Faith and Family Day" at the Woodchucks Baseball Game

On Sunday, June 23 at 3:05 p.m., the Wisconsin Woodchucks are hosting their annual "Faith and Family Day" at Athletic Field in Wausau. The cost is \$11.00, which includes a reserved seat, hot dog or brat, fountain drink, and a Woodchucks hat. Please sign up at the church office, and make a down payment as soon as possible, since tickets for this game usually go fast. **Sign up will end**

on May 24. Use your own envelope or the one next to the sign-up sheet in the church office. If paying by check, make it payable to the Wisconsin Woodchucks. A group of at least 10 people is needed to receive the Faith and Family Day Package.

Family Matters Community Events

The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Marathon County Family Resource Center offers spiritual, social, and supportive components of the religious organizations in the Wausau community. They provide a therapeutic element for all individuals who attend their learning sessions and ongoing programs. Refer to the flyer on the bulletin board by the northwest entry of Zion, for their schedule of events through May.

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 Giese or Tasha Stencil at 715-847-2424; or visit the website: www.aspirus.org/volunteers. Training is based on the volunteer's schedule and needs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Tuesday, May 14: 6:00 pm:**
Salad Buffet in church hall
- **Sunday, June 2: 3:00 pm:**
Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble concert in nave
- **Saturday, October 12—9 am to 4 pm:** Strassenfest in Zion's gym

Attendance: May 1, 4, and 5:

<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	9
6:30 pm	23
<u>Saturday:</u>	
5:15 pm	36
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	136
11:00 am	<u>66</u>
Total:	270

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 21,113
Year-to-date income:	\$215,036
Year-to-date expenses:	\$254,494

Please note: Zion is not in debt to any external entity or business. All bills are paid. Generous and increased offerings will satisfy our financial commitments and mission goals adopted in the budget this past January. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • May 12

EASTER 4

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

Monday • May 13

- 7:00 pm Mission Team

Tuesday • May 14

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

Wednesday • May 15

- 10:00 am Matins
1:00 pm Jail Ministry
6:30 pm Vespers
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:10 pm First Communion Class

Thursday • May 16

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class

Saturday • May 18

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • May 19

EASTER 5

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

Next Sunday:

Easter 5: *Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22; Psalm 148*

Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe: Organ

Duet: Zion Concert Organ Series

... is telecast on **Channel 980 on Charter**,
Fridays at 12:15 p.m. and Saturdays at
9:00 p.m.; on **VieBit**: [https://
waam.viebit.com/player.php?](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=lduid9VqjOrj)

[hash=lduid9VqjOrj;](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSk19KbpeY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOe-EQTo77N1o7F3P&index=6)

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Easter Festival Service – April 21, 2019

... will be telecast on **Channel 980 on
Charter**, Fridays at 7 PM , Saturdays 4
PM, and
Wednesdays at 8 AM. through May 12.
You may also access it on **You-
Tube**: [https://tinyurl.com/
ZionEaster2019](https://tinyurl.com/ZionEaster2019)