



Zion Lutheran Church Newsletter

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 125:1)*

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**Mercy Days:
Community Prayer at Zion
May 27, 28, and 29
12:15 p.m., each day**

Community prayer for our homes, neighborhoods,
workplaces, schools, persecuted Christians, and more.
See page 8.

**The Ascension of Our Lord
Holy Communion
Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 30 at 10 am**

We celebrate the return of Christ to His Father
40 days after His resurrection.

Pastoral Letter: Mercy

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. (Acts 2:44-45)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I begin this pastoral letter with thanksgiving for you, Zion, and the bold witness you make each year to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for the commitment of elders, ushers, altar guild, acolytes, choir and musicians, volunteers, worshipers, staff, and so many more who work together to proclaim through word, deed, and song: “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” It makes a difference for the faith of so many people, not only who gather with us at 709 Sixth Street but also who worship with us via radio, internet, and television.

Our celebration of Holy Week and Easter draws together all four areas of the Church’s mission: **liturgy, outreach, catechumenate, and mercy**. Throughout Holy Week, we *receive the gifts* (liturgy), *share the gifts* (outreach), *learn about the gifts* (catechumenate), and prepare to *be the gift* (mercy). This latter emphasis is our particular focus during the season of Easter.

Jesus Christ is the gift: crucified, risen, and exalted, the Bread of Life for the world, and through faith you are members of His body. Even as He gives Himself to the world for its redemption, so does the Holy Spirit equip us to be gifts to one another and our neighbors, helping and loving them in midst of life’s many challenges. That life of *being for others* is the life of *mercy*.

It may take many forms: not just feeding the hungry or visiting the sick, but also praying for creation in your daily devotion or keeping your soul watchful for the Lord’s coming on the world’s behalf. To see our whole life as something lived for others, a life given by God and coursing its way back to God, is mercy at its simplest and most intense.

Oh, Zion: your Lord is merciful, indeed! He lives for you, even as He died for you. What a privilege for you and me to keep in step with Him!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Pr. Gjerde

In the Liturgy

Scripture Readings in Worship this May

Below are the Bible readings that you will hear at weekend worship during May. Read them before worship, and then return to them throughout the following week.

Sunday, May 5: Acts 9:1-22, Revelation 5:8-14, John 21:1-14

Sunday, May 12: Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 19: Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22

Sunday, May 26: Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33

What and Why?

~ a Q & A column on the liturgy ~

Do we celebrate Earth Day in the Lutheran Church? Earth Day is a secular observance in which Lutherans may participate, but it is not a feast of the Church. Moreover, it often falls during our 50-day celebration of the resurrection of Christ. That resurrection is itself the strongest affirmation of this creation and our call to care for it: God became part of creation, suffered its sin, and rose again to redeem it, heal it, and make it new. For this reason, caring for the earth is a continual part of the Christian life.

In worship, this care for the earth finds expression in several ways. One way is the observance of “Rogation Days,” which we call “Mercy Days” at Zion: for the three days before the Ascension of Our Lord (May 30 this year), we pray for the creation, including all its creatures and their health, as well as for the communities in which we live, the church, and all the needs of our neighbors.

The Season of Easter *A Brief Overview*

Think “eight.” God created this present world in 7 days (including one day of rest!). In Easter we celebrate the new world revealed in His resurrection. Therefore, the Church calls Easter Sunday (and every Lord’s Day) the “Eighth Day,” or the day beyond this present world, the Day that never ends.

In the same way, the Easter season is seven weeks—a Week of Weeks!—ending in the Day of Pentecost, when Christ sent the Holy Spirit on the Church. Pentecost Day, too, is an “Eighth Day,” the new Day of the Church’s life in the Spirit.

The Church thinks in “eights”—even the Baptismal font has eight sides, for there you enter the new creation!—since the Church lives in the Spirit of the world to come, the power of the Eighth Day.

From the Associate Pastor

Psalm 136:3 – “Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever.”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Zion,

The 136th Psalm has a constant refrain sung throughout: “...for His steadfast love endures forever.” All 26 verses of this psalm have the same repetitive refrain, and for good reason: so you don’t forget it! About this refrain Martin Luther once remarked: “Christ also stands hidden in the phrase.” Two of the words above, “steadfast love,” are actually one word in Hebrew, *hesed*. It is variously translated also as kindness, loving-kindness, or goodness. Another way to translate *hesed* is “mercy.” This translation is most appropriate when used in relation to God because it gets at the following reality: The Lord of lords stoops down from heaven above, like a parent kneeling down to help their little child, tending to the needs of His creatures and creation.

An important question to ask ourselves is how does God’s mercy inspire and influence our own mercy? Jesus did say, “Blessed are the merciful...” (Matthew 5:7). He also taught a weighty parable warning on what happens to those who show no mercy when they themselves have received mercy (Matthew 18:21-35). If the great big God of the universe was and is so concerned about us, and is indeed merciful to us day in and day out, how might we be concerned about others for whom mercy is a foreign reality? How does the mercy of God lead us to care about children – those in the community, those who don’t know God, those who are *in utero* and in harm’s way? How does the mercy of God lead us care about the poor and poverty stricken? True, “...the poor you always have with you...” (John 12:8) but that doesn’t mean we look the other way. Or, how does the mercy of God lead us to care more deeply for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ here at Zion? Saint Paul had to address this issue a couple of times in his letters (Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 12-13).

When we think about and act in mercy, inspired and led by the Father’s mercy that endures forever, perhaps there is no better place to begin with mercy than at home. With Mother’s and Father’s Day on the horizon, extending mercy to our parents in their older age shows how much we value them. Through them, after all, God gave us life! Or for those homes with children, cultivating a culture of mercy at home leads children to have empathy and show sympathy for other students at school (lunch time still is the loneliest hour for some), for the homeless as they walk around downtown Wausau. By the way, our youth are invited to participate in a mercy ministry this month at St. Paul’s UCC; we’ll be helping to feed the homeless and whoever else may need food!

Mercy is from God and flows from God to you through Word and Sacrament. This mercy of Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit endures forever. Where will the Lord’s mercy lead you this week, this month, or this summer?

Pastor Chris Johnson

Weekly Bible Studies

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.

Children’s and Youth Education

Confirmation

Zion’s young people will be confirmed in the holy catholic and apostolic faith on Sunday, June 9. Class sessions will continue through Wednesday, May 22.

Sunday School

As we approach the end of the year we at Zion—and all members of the body of Christ—would like to extend our warm congratulations to the children and sincere appreciation to the teachers! We all share in the blessings of God as we share together, in our Lord Jesus. The children of Zion are an integral part of Christ’s very own body, and he would certainly say so (Matt 19:14)! We can all then look forward to hearing them sing on the Sunday of Mother’s Day, May 12th. There will be no class following, but the very next week Zion will hold a special year end celebration! More details to come!

First Communion

We have in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper an incredible blessing with which we can actually taste the forgiveness, life and salvation offered up for us by our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

From the Vicar

Brothers and sisters of Zion, grace, mercy and peace be upon you from our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Well that certainly was something wasn't it!? The journey from Lent towards the cross, the Passion, and rejoicing in the feast of His Resurrection was absolutely full! But as full as we are now God keeps on pouring it on! That's the thing about the Resurrection, it does not leave you simply filled to the brim, but in the grace and *mercy* which comes from our Living Lord, our cups overflow as it says in Psalm 23:5.

As Pastor Gjerde told us this Easter Sunday, The Resurrection...well it's not meant to be small. It's not meant to leave you looking back with only a sigh of remembrance, but in real heavenly food—given even now!—it's meant to be big! It's meant to pour over you, continuously drowning out your sin, your doubt, and unbelief until you are running over, and your heart of faith becomes as a spring of living water welling up to eternal life (Jn 4:14).

Here at Zion we believe that the Resurrection of our Lord is so big, that even today you can still see such springs of water nourishing what was once parched, dry land. It produces a peculiar fruit called *mercy*, which flows from the heart of God. The more we zero in on the significance of this good news, of forgiveness and new life in our Risen Lord Jesus—the more we are fed by it—the more the Holy Spirit keeps on producing this sweet fruit as it takes hold in us.

Mercy is more virulent than raspberries! And it's comes from the church! Throughout history, the *mercy* which governs our very lives has drawn some serious attention. In the 2nd-3rd Century A.D., a great Christian writer and theologian summarized how people often reacted when they came into contact with Christians.

“Look” they say, “how they love one another...and how they are ready to die for each other.”

And who could really refute that, when the early church grew leaps and bounds, from the blood of martyrs? Even as they were tormented and persecuted—not just in Rome, but all over the world—their faith had created a sensational fire storm! It was early Christians who built the first hospitals and orphanages. So successful were these institutions that many who feared this radically gracious new religion, actually thought that they were eating all the children! But the truth of their witness, could not help but gather all into the *mercy* of God. So, the early Church, like our Lord, gathered all children into her embrace like a mother hen gathering chicks.

Such *mercy*, which comes only from our Risen Lord, has been a witness throughout millennia in the countless hospitals, orphanages, and other charitable institutions the church throughout the world has set up. We see signs of it in our own community, and certainly in our own homes! As the faith and church become something more unfamiliar to many Americans it is in the *mercy* of God lived out in each of you that this new generation—and many to come—will see you and say; “see how they love one another.”

Mercy Days: Community Days of Prayer, May 27-29

Come to 30-minute prayer services at 12:15 p.m. in Zion's chapel May 27, 28, and 29 to pray for God's ministry and church as well as our homes, neighborhoods, and nation!

During the season of Easter, the church sets aside three days to pray for this promised mercy. They are the three days before Ascension (May 30 this year). Offering up prayer on these days, we join millions of Christians who have observed this practice throughout history.

Prayer boxes for collecting prayer requests will be located by all of Zion's entrances. Please stuff them full with prayer requests; they will be offered in prayer on one of the three days.

May 27: for Church and Mission

May 28: for Nation and Neighbors

May 29: for Personal Requests

As always, **your presence is important.** Praying together bears witness to the Holy Spirit at work among us.



All-Family VBS: *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

5:00: Dinner (Church Hall)

5:30: Learning for all ages (grouped by adult, older children, and younger children)

6:30: Vespers

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!

From the Kantor

O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

MERCY. A curious word with many meanings. In some youth sports, the *mercy rule* is put into play to prevent a team from running up the score and causing embarrassment to the other team. *Mercy* is used to describe lenient or compassionate treatment as in: *beg for mercy*. We are familiar with the phrase, *Lord, have mercy*, as sung in the Kyrie, asking for divine favor. Here's another meaning - *compassionate treatment of those in distress*. The sermons during Easter-tide will be based on "Mercy: Being the Gift."

In the hymn, *O God of Mercy, God of Light*, (*Lutheran Book of Worship* 425), we sing of God being one of "mercy." Indeed He has treated us with His divine favor and compassion. He has given us the gift of faith through our baptism. Thanks be to God! How then, do we respond to His goodness? How can we be "the Gift?" Let's look more closely at the words of the hymn for guidance.

O God of mercy, God of light, In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.

For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will, and grace provide to love them all in you.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, each other's burdens help us share;
May we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.

And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,
Till you receive in heav'n above those who have lived to you.

A re-reading of the Parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37, gives us an example of how we can be "the Gift." The hymn expands that text by directing us to help us share "each other's burdens." We don't act alone, however. The Holy Spirit moves us to assist those in "sickness, sorrow, want, or care."

Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.

[*Lutheran Service Book* 848, stanza 4]

What a heavenly calling!

Organ Concert Series - May 5 - 3:00 pm - Craig Cramer



Zion is pleased to present Craig Cramer as the next guest recitalist in their organ concert series!

Craig Cramer is Professor of Organ and Artist in Residence at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He also serves as organist at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church in Elkhart, 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.

He has studied with Russell Saunders, William Hays, James Drake, David Boe, and André Marchal (Paris). Cramer has been named the winner of several important competitions.

One of the most traveled organists of his generation, Cramer maintains an active recital career across the country and in Europe. He has performed in forty-four of the United States as well as in Canada. Regularly invited to play some of the most important historic organs in the world, Cramer's European concerts have included performances in Germany on the 1727 König organ in Steinfeld, the 1748 Gottfried Silbermann in Nassau, and Schnitger organs in Norden, and Steinkirchen.

Dr. Cramer was instrumental in the installation of a new organ hall and organ built by Paul Fritts on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, which he dedicated in January of 2005 by performing a series of ten different recital programs. In honor of the 300th anniversary of the death of Dieterich Buxtehude in 2007, Dr. Cramer presented Buxtehude's complete organ works in a series of nine concerts on this organ. Cramer performed the complete organ works of Bach during a series of eighteen concerts using a distinguished set of mechanical-action organs in the state of Indiana. Cramer has performed for conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society and ALCM, as well as for many AGO Chapters across the country. He was one of the featured organ soloists at the AGO National Convention in Boston in 2014, of which Jonathan Ambrosino wrote in *Choir and Organ Magazine*, "Craig Cramer presented a dense and fascinating contrapuntal programme (sic), concluding with Reger's Second Sonata, brilliantly and fearlessly played". He has also appeared as a soloist with a number of different orchestras.

Dr. Cramer's performances are frequently heard on American Public Media's program, "Pipedreams" (www.pipedreams.com). He has fifteen CD recordings to his credit including releases on the Arkay, Dominant, Dulcian, Motette-Ursina, Organeum and JAV labels. He has recorded three CDs for Naxos, including a recording of works of Buxtehude on the Fritts organ at Pacific Lutheran University. The University of Notre Dame recently recognized Cramer with a Kaneb distinguished faculty.

Free-will Donation. Reception to follow.

Mission and Outreach

Monthly Mission Emphasis:

**Seminarian at Luther Seminary, Vr. Joseph Pinzl
Lutheran CORE**

**Goal \$1,000
Goal \$2,000**

Seminarian at Luther Seminary, Vr. Joseph Pinzl

All funds given for Vicar Joe will be used to help pay for his seminary and book expenses. The May mission goal is \$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.

Attention Graduates!

If you have a son or daughter graduating this spring, please call the church office with the information. The Elders of Zion also want to stay in touch with them! Please include their email address with graduation information. Names will be published in the June newsletter.

Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble Concert - June 2nd - 3:00 p.m.



The concert on Sunday, June 2 will be a fun-filled, family-friendly concert of sacred and secular music: arrangements of wonderful hymns, concert transcriptions, original music, plus popular arrangements like Friends, Popcorn, and Footloose. You won't believe the incredible sounds that this handbell choir can produce. They have performed six times with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. This concert is one of the last for founding director, Dr. John Behnke, who will be retiring after 16 years at the helm. [You may recall that Dr. Behnke was the guest organist for the Hymn Festival in April 2015.] Don't miss this unique and remarkable ensemble! A reception will follow the concert.

Spark Joy... And Donate to Our Annual Strassenfest Event!



Marie Kondo's popular "Tidying Up" series has sparked joy for many who realize they may have too much "stuff" they simply don't need anymore. If you're going through this or a similar downsizing process, look to the Zion Strassenfest as your donation resource. Items that no longer spark joy for you, may spark joy for others.

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 enjoyable 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!

Clearing out the garage?

Maybe it's time to clear a path in your attic, garage or basement. Donate your unused tools, vintage chairs and mirrors, wooden tool boxes, old chests, antique ironing boards, hat boxes, grandma's jewelry, patterned dish sets, rugs, art, collectibles...

Release the clutter!

Not using all your Christmas decorations anymore? Donate vintage or handcrafted Christmas ornaments, decorative trees, unused Christmas decorations, wooden signs, mantel swags, tree skirts and tree toppers.

Lend us your time. We'd love to have you join us in collecting, sorting, setting up and presenting this signature event to our patrons. We've begun the planning for this year, and we truly need you. Contact Zion or contact our Strassenfest chairs directly: Dave and Lori Torkko, 715-551-0566 or dtorkko@pcpros.net.

The Strassenfest has been sparking joy in shoppers for four decades. Mark your calendars for this year's event on Saturday, October 12th. Visit and like the Strassenfest Facebook page for updates and news: <https://www.facebook.com/ZionStrassenfest>.



News and Events

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will meet on May 22, 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. All are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship!

Bread and Pie Baking on March 29th

Phyllis baked 75 loaves of bread and 47 pies. Money collected was \$598. Expenses were \$121.78. Profit was \$476. The church roof received \$404 and missions \$72. Thank you to helpers Steve, Jeff and Bill. Special thanks to our faithful customers. You are giving and receiving!

Next Women of Zion meeting is Wednesday, May 1st, 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

We will have a business meeting planning for our upcoming events. Please join us!

Women of Zion and Confirmation Students Sponsor Community Meal

Jesus said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." The Women of Zion and the Youth of Zion are teaming up to sponsor a Community Meal on May 28 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, located in downtown Wausau. St. Paul's has been the venue for the community meals for the last 10 years and hosts one meal a month with the help of other church sponsors. The Women of Zion will be preparing the meal at St. Paul's on May 28, starting at 1:00 p.m. If you are able to assist, please call Karla Westcott at 715-212-1270. Pastor Chris will be coordinating the Youth of Zion to serve and assist with clean up after the meal. We ask the youth helpers to arrive at 4:00 p.m. and to enter through the back door that is off the small parking lot on the north of the church. The Community Meal is served in St. Paul's church hall which is located in the basement. Please join us in sponsoring a Community Meal.

Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, will be having their annual Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil on Friday, May 10th, 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu includes: poorman's style haddock fish with butter, red potatoes, baby onions, baked beans, coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$5 children 6-12, under 6 free. Tickets are available at the door or in the St. Mark's church office beforehand. Proceeds will benefit the Orphan Grain Train, an international humanitarian relief effort.

Wausau Area Baccalaureate - Monday, May 27th, 7:00 pm at DC Everest High

School auditorium—All are welcome! Students from the greater Wausau area may participate. Students, please arrive at 6:30 pm with gowns and caps.

Memorials & Other Gifts Received

- **For the Radio Fund**, Sandra Sippl gave a gift as she was homebound with a broken hip this past winter and enjoyed the Sunday morning ministry over the radio. Sandra lives in Wisconsin Rapids
- **In memory of Gabe Hollander**, Adele and Harry Blair and Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer gave a gift to the Property Improvement Fund (formerly Hansen Fund).
- **In memory of Gabe Hollander**, Ed and Ellie Martin and Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Gabe Hollander**, Judy Cherwinka gave a gift to Open Door Ministry.
- **In memory of Gay Baganz, a friend**, Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer and Ruth and John Hochberger gave a gift to the Property Improvement Fund.
- **In memory of Phyllis Hopperdietzel**, Phyllis Bliese gave a gift to the Church Roof Fund.
- **In memory of Mavis Boettcher**, Carl Boettcher and Paul and Judy Henning gave a gift to the Chapel Art Fund.

80+ Birthdays in May

May 5	Wayne Kleinschmidt, 1321 E. Bridge St., Wausau 54403
May 7	Elroy Tapper, 2901 N. 7th St., Apt. W102, Wausau 54403
May 9	Roger Pospsychala, 2912 N. 12th St., Wausau 54403
May 10	Emil Machel, 540 E. Thomas St., Apt. 201, Wausau 54403
May 10	Shirley Peterson, 1061 Cecelia Dr Apt 103, Pewaukee WI 53072
May 11	Pat Hollander, 429 Lazy Way., Wausau 54401
May 13	Mary Borchardt, 4001 Stewart Ave., Apt. 314, Wausau 54401
May 13	Anna Palionis, 3403 Hidden Links Dr., Wausau 54403
May 14	Doris Smith, 2511 Radtke Ave., Schofield 54476
May 15	Fred Fenhaus, 1402 N 13th St., Wausau 54403
May 16	Gladys Langenhahn, 708 Fulton St., Apt. 313, Wausau 54403
May 17	Gerald Kieckhaefer, 4512 Huntington Ct., Wausau 54401
May 19	Ruth Hochberger, 6311 Kirk St., Weston 54476
May 22	Thomas Nienow, 5401 W Sherman St., Apt. 302, Wausau 54401
May 27	Marvin Fandrey, R4995 Clubhouse Rd., Ringle 54471
May 27	Phyllis Bliese, 4107 Evergreen Rd., Wausau 54403
May 29	Della Baker, Cady Home, 1805 N. 6th Ave., Wausau 54401

Women of Zion Spring Salad Buffet

The Women of Zion will host Zion's Spring Salad Buffet on Tuesday, May 14th, 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Along with a delicious assortment of salads for dinner, the program will feature Diane Drinsinger speaking on "Going Native—Plants that Grow Despite the Gardner. Advance tickets can be purchased from the church office, \$12.00. No tickets will be sold at the door this year. Seating is limited, so get your ticket soon! Bring a friend and join us for a fun-filled evening!

Lenten Soup Meals

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Lenten Soup Meals! Another great successful year. A profit of \$686.36 was obtained. Monies will be disbursed as follows: \$200 Radio Broadcast, \$286.36 Church Roof Fund, \$100 Vr. Joe Pinzl, and \$100 Open Door Ministry. 149 people were served in the morning and 349 in the evening in the six-week period. We had over 30 helpers this year many of whom helped either weekly or more than once. We also had over 20 people who made desserts weekly. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for the \$250 Visa card which helped pay for needed items. We are looking forward to 2020! Thanks once again!

Personal Care Kits

We are now taking items for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits, formerly known as Health Kits here at Zion. When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap and toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort. Items we are looking for this year are: One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" X 40" & 52" X 27"), dark color recommended; two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling up to 8-9 ounces, any brand, in original wrapping; one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; one sturdy comb, and one metal nail clippers. These items will all be wrapped and tied securely in the bath-size towel. You can donate several items or whatever you wish to do. For those items with more than one in a package, such as soap, toothbrushes and combs, you can leave them in the package. The ladies assembling the kits will divide them. Please give new items only. There will be a large box outside the Zion church office to put your donated items in. The Women of Zion will assemble these items for the Personal Care Kits in early October. Thanks for your help!



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