

## Zion Lutheran Church Newsletter

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 124:1)*

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### **As You Travel**

Please be faithful in worship and attendance at the Lord's Supper. Zion's pastors enjoy receiving the bulletins of the churches you visit. If you need help locating a faithful church in the location where you'll be traveling, please contact a pastor.

## Pastoral Letter

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Dear Zion,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Have you ever considered what your worship does for other people?

Often, when pastors write about worship, they focus on the benefits of worship for the people who attend. Certainly, the gifts of God hold untold blessings for each of us. But it's just as important to remember what worship does for your neighbors, too.

First, the single greatest power for making you and me better people is what we receive at worship: Jesus Christ. In Him, we find all the virtues at work: patience, kindness, self-control, faithfulness, generosity, and much more (Galatians 5:22-23). So when we receive Him, the Spirit works through Him to put those qualities to work in us, too, making us better family members and neighbors.

Second, we should not underestimate what a congregation's prayer accomplishes for its neighbors. "Ask, and you shall receive" (Matthew 7:7). "If two of you on earth agree about anything for which they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:19). Do we believe that God can do even mightier things than we can do? Do we trust Him to hear us even better than we can hear each other? The Church's answer is *yes* and *yes*—and therefore, we bless our neighbors by gathering to pray for them.

Finally, the presence of a worshiping congregation has immense spiritual benefit for a neighborhood. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12). Where God's Word is preached—where Jesus is given!—the devils flee and souls are freed.

So not only faith leads us to worship, but also love. Worship is God's love for us, and it is our love for God and His creation, and in the Church, love never ends (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Peace!

Pastor Gjerde

## **In the Liturgy**

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### **Scripture Readings in Worship this June, July, and August**

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

**Sunday, June 2:** Acts 1:12-26, Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20, John 17:20-26

**Sunday, June 9:** Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

**Sunday, June 16:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 8:48-59

**Sunday, June 23:** Isaiah 65:1-9, Galatians 3:23-4:7, Luke 8:26-39

**Sunday, June 30:** 1 Kings 19:9b-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

**Sunday, July 7:** Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18, Luke 10:1-20

**Sunday, July 14:** Leviticus 19:9-18, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

**Sunday, July 21:** Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42

**Sunday, July 28:** Genesis 18:20-33, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13

**Sunday, August 4:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

**Sunday, August 11:** Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-16, Luke 12:22-34

**Sunday, August 18:** Jeremiah 23:16-29, Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3, Luke 12:49-53

**Sunday, August 25:** Isaiah 66:18-23, Hebrews 12:4-24, Luke 13:22-30

### **The Liturgy in Brief:**

#### ***The Season of Pentecost (beginning on June 9)***

As much as we love Jesus Christ, we love His kingdom also, for the kingdom is the King's own work. The season of Pentecost, beginning with the Day of Pentecost (June 9 this year) and extending through November, is a time for learning about the kingdom, soaking in its promise, and renewing our own life and labor on its behalf. It has four quarters, each with its own emphasis and focus in preaching:

**First Quarter:** the Sundays after Trinity Sunday: the *call* of the kingdom.

**Second Quarter:** the Sundays after June 29 (Sts. Peter & Paul): the *growth* of the kingdom.

**Third Quarter:** the Sundays after August 10 (St. Lawrence): the *fruit/good works* of the kingdom.

**Fourth Quarter:** the Sundays after September 29 (St. Michael and All Angels): the *harvest* of the kingdom.

No wonder its color is **green**—the color of growth!

## From the Associate Pastor

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Song of Solomon 2:10-12 – *“My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.”*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Zion,

The long awaited summer has come! Though our children will be losing a few days of their summer freedom due to many school days missed from snow, ice, and bitter cold weather, we will enjoy the warm weather, the sun shining in our face, and afternoons playing and working in the backyard nevertheless! Winter is indeed past, spring rains have come and gone, and the beauty of the earth sprouts forth in praise to God – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit! This is your invitation to be a part of what your church is doing since the church doesn't take a break, not until the triumphant return of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**June** begins with our Elders hosting a fellowship hour *before* worship in Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Come at 4 pm, early for worship and hungry for food and the Gospel! Our Vacation Bible School kicks into gear this month. Also, be sure to join us (in case you didn't sign up ahead of time) for Faith and Family Day at Athletic Park. If you didn't sign up ahead of time, tickets should still be available at the ballpark.

**Throughout the summer**, Wednesday Matins (10am) and Vespers (6:30pm) services will continue and you're invited to go through with us a book of the Bible that often leaves many people scratching their heads: The Song of Solomon. It is love poetry but also so much more.

**Throughout the summer**, we continue to have weekly Bible studies on Tuesday morning at 9 am, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on Thursdays at 7 am, and Sunday morning Adult education every Sunday but the last Sunday of the month. The last Sundays of the month are our “Sundaes on Sunday” fellowship hour – be sure to bring friends!

On Wednesday, **August 28<sup>th</sup>**, our new confirmands – students entering into 7<sup>th</sup> grade – and their families will be getting together to go over expectations and what to look forward to during their first year of confirmation.

There may be few more surprises happening at Zion this summer, so keep posted with our weekly “For You” newsletter too.

The peace of the risen Lord be with you!

Pastor Chris Johnson

## **Bible Study in the Church Hall**

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*Our studies this summer will each focus on a book of the Bible.*

**Sundays at 10:15 AM (starting June 16): First Corinthians.** How do Christians deal with competition, jealousy, and scandal? Why do they have the Lord's Supper, and how should they use it? With what kind of body will we be raised? All these questions we find answered in this book, written by the apostle Paul to the Christians in Corinth to teach them about church life and the resurrection of Christ.

**Tuesdays at 9 AM (starting June 4): Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes.** These two books, both of them traditionally ascribed to King Solomon, share the wisdom of love, romance, the futility of this world, and the grace of God through it all. Relatively brief and poetic, they stand out among other Biblical books for their structure and content.

**Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7 AM (starting in June): The Book of Esther.** How did a Jewish queen save her people from certain destruction? What does it tell us about the faithfulness of God? This book is filled with drama, suspense, and a happy ending.

## **Children's and Youth Education**

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### **Confirmation**

Madison Cornell, Andrew Fandrey, Noah Harter, Ethan Hochberger, Ella Johnson, Carter Kulesa, and Luke Popelka will be confirmed in the catholic and apostolic faith on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. Confirmation classes will take a break for the summer and will resume on Wednesday, September 4th.

### **Sunday School Comes to A Close**

Sunday School recessed for the summer on May 19. We honored the teachers for their faithful sharing of the faith delivered to the saints: T'Neal Kulesa, Joel and Melissa Lewis, Scott Ray, Linda Schultz and Bonnie Waack. Special thanks to Kantor Irene Beethe for the music program and Children's Catechist Ivan Beethe for overseeing the Sunday School program. We look ahead to next year, which begins on September 8! In the meantime, encourage your children to participate in Kantor Quest—and see you in church!

## From Vicar Pinzl

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*“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might” (Eph 1:16).*

As St. Paul spoke to the beloved in Ephesus, so I speak to you. My family and I have not ceased in giving thanks for you Zion, since our fortuitous arrival here 3 years ago.

Since that time, it has been my privilege and honor to serve you as a Vicar. You have been a blessing unto me and my family, as you have confirmed in us the work of God even here and now.

As part of her blessed heritage, Zion has raised up another soon-to-be pastor, to go along with the countless other dedicated men and women who daily serve the gospel in their given vocations. My family and I are honored beyond words to be a part of this tradition! It is a tradition of radical generosity and compassion; of mercy and love; of hope that anchors one’s soul firmly in Christ.

In such mercy you have provided a place of spiritual solace, where we might confess our sins and receive forgiveness. Through your generosity, and such exceptional organizations such as the Missions Team and the Women of Zion, you provided the very means to feed us; both spiritually and physically. Through your collective wisdom shared in countless bible studies, and cherished conversations you have been built us up in the way faith. Now my family and I come to you again with open arms and thankful hearts ready to serve as you have. We come ready to bear burdens and share joys; to watch, work and pray as the body of Christ, given up for the world.

This is the example you have set before us. It’s the one my child has learned of with her very eyes. It binds us together—with all the saints—in that one true call, rendered by our Lord when He said simply; “love one another: just as I have loved you...” (Jn 13:34). Standing as witnesses of this love, poured out by Christ through you, my family and I have been welcomed into this radically new way of living.

Christ’s work amongst you has continued to inspire us to serve you, Zion, and the larger community. Through the presence of God’s in Word and the Sacraments you have provided a home, from which we go out daily with plenty of reasons to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thess 5:18).

*“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word” (2 Thess 2:16-17).*

*Fides ex Auditu*, Vicar Joe

## Kantor Quest VI

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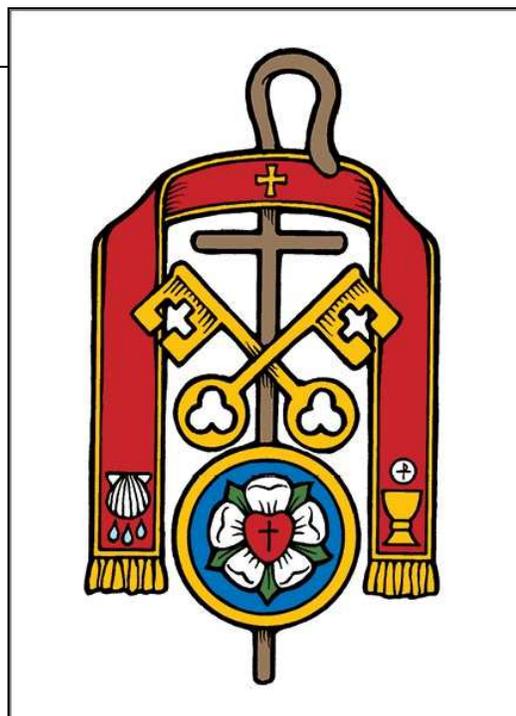
Yes, indeed! It's that time of year when summer "detective work" in the hymnal continues with **KANTOR QUEST VI**. Using hymns from both *Lutheran Book of Worship* and *With One Voice*, the students will take a closer look at the hymns of Pentecost Day (during the month of June), the Pentecost Season (during the month of July), and the Holy Spirit in the church (during the month of August). The summer gives students a chance to look more closely at hymns of these seasons. The first set of clues in FOR YOU will appear on June 2. If you would like to have KANTOR QUEST VI sent to your home, please contact the church office. We will be glad to include you in our detective work this summer! You may notice a special KANTOR QUEST box located by the church office. This is where the students may return their completed sheets so I can correct them before the next month arrives! A few questions this year are NOT taken from the hymnals. You may have to look around a bit in the sanctuary!

## Ordination of Joseph C. Pinzl

Zion's vicar, Joseph Pinzl, will be ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. in a festival liturgy of vespers. The service will be held at Zion.

Vicar Pinzl has completed his seminary education, internship, and other requirements to serve as a pastor in the Lutheran Church. Three of those years of preparation, he has spent working at Zion, learning from direct ministry experience.

Please come to express your thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit's work in Zion and Vicar Pinzl for the sake of sharing His Gospel in our time and place.



## A “Note” from the Kantor

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What do these three men, Martin H. Franzmann, Jaroslav J. Vajda, and Stephen P. Starke have in common? Since I am asking the question, you would be correct in assuming they are related through the music of the church, specifically the hymnody.

The legacy of Lutheran hymnody began in 1847, shortly after the founding of the Missouri Synod. C. F. W. Walther expressed hope that the hymns of the first and only German hymnal of the Missouri Synod would “be not merely rhymed prose but the creations of a truly Christian poetry.” Subsequent hymnals contained many of the German hymns translated into English, along with hymns by writers such as Watts, Wesley, Newton, and the best of nineteenth-century song.

The ethic of writing sturdy and substantive hymnody continued through the texts of Franzmann, Vajda, and Starke. Their texts have added to the wealth of Christian poetry, enriching the worship life of many Lutheran congregations with their hymn texts. We, at Zion, sing hymns such as *Thy Strong Word (LBW 233)* [Franzmann text]; *Go, My Children, With My Blessing (WOV 721)* [Vajda text]; and a versification of the Te Deum, *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (LSB 941)* [Starke text]. Since they are with their Lord, the pens of Franzmann and Vajda are idle. However, Starke continues to write hymns for the church, texts that center on the person and work of Jesus Christ, as revealed in Holy Scripture.

### Whatever Each Day Brings

Whatever each day brings, I live contentedly—  
The secret? I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!  
To serve where I am place my daily joy shall be!  
For as I serve I know I’m grace by Christ who strengthens me.  
When troubles bring me low, in all adversity,  
Yet still one thing I surely know: that Christ will strengthen me.  
I boast when I am weak, That ev’ryone may see  
God’s grace in action as I speak of Christ who strengthens me.  
Yes, when I suffer loss within the ministry,  
I look to Christ upon the cross: His mercy strengthens me.  
Lord Jesus, You we praise; Your grace we gladly sing!  
All that we are to You we raise—accept our offering.

*[To the glory of God and dedicated to the church workers of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS, November 7-9, 2008]*

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Scripture: Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Cor. 11:24-30; 12:9; Phil. 3:8; Rom. 12:1

What is the connection between Franzmann, Vajda, and Starke? Their contributions to the hymnody of the church. They are part of the ongoing legacy of teaching the faith through “songs, hymns and spiritual songs.”

## **Mission and Outreach**

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### **Monthly Mission Emphases:**

- **June: Lutheran Bible Translators—The Derricks, \$2,000  
Homme Home, Wittenberg & Wausau, \$1,000**
- **July: Habitat for Humanity, Wausau, \$1,000  
Open Door, Wausau, \$2,000**
- **August: Bishop’s Resource Fund, \$1,000  
Neighbor’s Place, Wausau, \$1,000**

### **Lutheran Bible Translators**

In March, the Derrick family celebrated their first official year in Cameroon. Thank you for your prayers. Aside from studying French full time, Elliot was able to make another trip up to the language group, the Fali, with three goals in mind; continue to make relationships with community leaders and churches, acquire a roof rack for their vehicle, and scout out potential homes to rent. Praise God he was successful in all. The roof rack is useful when Fali gifted 2 goats and 2 roosters to share their excitement for the translation and literacy work that is to come. Elliot and animals survived the seven hour bumpy trip home. They will finish French and begin studying a new language, Fulfulde. This is another common language of communication where they live. Then they will start learning the language they went to work with, Fali. Thank you Zion for your continued support.

### **Homme Homes, Wittenberg and Wausau**

The Legacy of Services to others for Homme Homes began in 1882 when Rev. E. J. Homme founded Homme’s Orphan and Old Folks Home, under the sponsorship of the Lutheran Church of America. Since that time providing health care and residential housing services in a dignified and respectful fashion has become the cornerstone of services to area communities. Homme Homes has served the needs of the elderly at its Wittenberg Campus since 1882 and in the Wausau area on its Forest Park Village Campus since 1990. They provide independent and supportive housing services, residential services, and the latest in skilled and rehabilitation services.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

One of the most successful projects ever initiated by our local HFH affiliate is the partnership with the construction trades classes at our local high schools. Twenty-six families presently own homes built by high school students. The number of HFH houses in Wausau is 62.

## **Mission and Outreach** *(continued...)*

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We are quite proud of our collaboration with local school districts, community businesses, and volunteers from many organizations and churches. The recycled building materials (RMB) is a resource using building materials that are to be discarded and we incorporate them into our building efforts.

### **The Open Door of Marathon County Inc.**

The Open Door is a safe destination for offenders released from jail at 5:00 a.m. We opened November 2010 offering a place out of the elements, coffee, clothing, and hygiene products. We are one-half block from the jail. There is a phone and computers to do job and housing searches and resume writing. Marathon County Community Resource lists are available. Clothing contributions are on-going and utilized to the max. Financially, we need cash for rent and operating supplies. Please help us continue this valuable outreach.

### **The Bishops Resource Fund**

The Bishops 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 support 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, please see the Mission Bulletin Board display down in the church hall.)*



## **Memorials and Other Gifts Received**

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- **In memory of Mavis Boettcher**, Donna Nuernberg gave a gift to the Chapel Art Fund.
- **In memory of Gabe Hollander**, Donna Nuernberg gave a gift to the Chapel Art Fund.
- **In memory of Delores Kottke**, Verna Schuett gave a gift to the Chapel Art Fund.
- **In memory of Delores Kottke**, Sandra Radunz gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of her mother, Marion Walters**, Shirley Freiberg gave a gift to the Radio Fund.



## **All-Family VBS: *Scatter the Darkness!***

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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!



## IN CONCERT



Sunday, June 2, 2019, 3:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church  
709 N 6th St.  
Wausau, WI 54403

The concert on **Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 pm** 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. This concert is one of the last for founding director, Dr. John Behnke, who will be retiring after 16 years at the helm. Don't miss this unique and remarkable ensemble!

## **80+ Birthdays in June, July and August**

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- June 9 Herbert Zahrt, 1009 McIntosh St., Wausau 54403  
June 12 Lorraine Zilisch, Sylvan Crossing, 1605 Evergreen Rd., Wausau 54403  
June 14 Adeline Brandenburg, 1505 Park Ave., Wausau 54403  
June 15 Lillian Engebrecht, 501 N. 12th Ave., Wausau 54401  
June 20 Johanna Schultz, Renaissance, 4602 Barbican Ave., Apt. 110, Weston 54476  
June 21 Joan Lewitzke, 1516 4th St., Wausau 54403  
June 28 Dorothy Benda, Forest Park Village, 2901 N. 7th St., #W108, Wausau 54403
- July 2 Charles Lewitzke, 3410 Falcon Way, Wausau 54401  
July 4 Carolyn Radunz, 2414 Gowan St., Wausau 54403  
July 5 Marion Jehn, 901 Single Ave., Wausau 54403  
July 7 Marjorie Nienow, 5401 W. Sherman St., #302, Wausau 54401  
July 8 Carol Edelburg, Mountain Terrace Sr. Living, 3312 Terrace Ct., Wausau 54401  
July 9 Mildred Wurster, 918 E. Wausau Ave., Wausau 54403  
July 10 LaVerne Flagel, 400 River Dr., #274, Wausau 54403  
July 10 Margaret Larsen, 3146 Westhill Dr., Wausau 54401  
July 16 Amy Plautz, 10102 Evergreen Dr., Wausau 54401  
July 21 Patricia Metter, 601 Ruder St., Wausau 54403  
July 26 Donna Nuernberg, 5211 Pine St., Schofield 54476  
July 28 Richard Ziebell, 3333 N. 12th St., Wausau 54403  
July 29 Judy Cherwinka, 3030 N. 12th St., Wausau 54403  
July 29 Erma Singstock, 2901 N. 7th St., Apt. 504W, Wausau 54403  
July 31 Barb Barthels, 1228 Jefferson St., Wausau 54403  
July 31 Rudolph Brummond, 401 Ross Ave., Wausau 54403
- Aug 1 Carl Nelsen, 1402 Graham St., Wausau 54401  
Aug 7 Oscar Durkee, 237230 N. Troy St., Wausau 54403  
Aug 16 Muriel Prah, 1829 El Segundo Ave., Weston 54476



## News and Notes

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### Young At Heart

Members of Young At Heart will enjoy their summer picnic on Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 a.m. in the church hall. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church office, please sign up if you plan to attend with what dish to pass you will bring. In July, Gary Gisselman will be our guest speaker, Wednesday, July 24, 1:00 p.m. The August meeting will be on Wednesday, August 28, 1:00 p.m. Come see what we are about!

### Personal Care Kits

It is time again to be planning for the annual Personal Care Kits (formerly known as Health Kits) Project. Your contribution of any of the following items will enable us to again assemble and send to Lutheran World Relief 100 kits. The kit contains 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended, 2 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping, 1 adult-size toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, and 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional). The items are wrapped in the towel and secured with ribbons or yarn. Donated items may be dropped off at the church office labeled "Personal Care Kits." Thank you for your generous donations which will be assembled and sent out early in October.

### Salad Buffet

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Salad Buffet a huge success! The food was delicious as usual and the entertainment was outstanding.

### Graduates

Please let the church office know if your son, daughter, or grandchildren are graduating from high school or college. We'd like to acknowledge them in the September newsletter.



### Bread & Pie Baking April 26, 2019

Phyllis baked 69 loaves of French bread, 12 loaves of whole wheat bread and 39 pies. Money collected was \$529. Expenses were \$117. Missions received \$62 and the Church Roof Fund \$350. Thanks to helpers Steve, Jeff and Bill. And thanks also to all the supportive customers, members and friends.

## **Spring Rummage Sale Results**

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The Women of Zion Spring Rummage Sale was a great success. After all bills were paid, we made a profit of \$1,498.03. The money was disbursed as follows: \$150 Open Door Mission, \$500 Summer Vacation Bible School, and \$1,000 to Zion General Operating Budget.

We were also able to donate much of our remaining rummage sale items to the following:

- Head Start—children's clothes, shoes, books and toys
- Women's Community—clothes, Karla Westcott
- Open Door—clothes, Judy Cherwinka
- Claires Closet ED—sweats and t-shirts, Lenore Grosinske
- Teri Eberhardy—shoes (used for student class project)

Thank you!!! All the great people who helped with setup on Friday and giving up part of their Saturday to help with the sale. Without every one of you, this could not be possible.

Also a BIG THANK YOU for all the wonderful donations!

Mark your calendar! We've already scheduled our Fall Rummage Sale. It will be Saturday, September 28th, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the school gym.

## **Women of Zion**

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The next Women of Zion meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5th, 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. We will have a business meeting and the Installation of Officers.

President, Jacki McLaughlin, Vice President, Grace Mueller, Secretary, Sheryl Morris, Treasurer, Lenore Grosinske, and At-Large Representatives, Ruth Hochberger and Judy Radloff. The Women of Zion will not meet in July and August. We will resume our regular meeting schedule on Wednesday, September 4th, 1:30 p.m. Watch the bulletins and September newsletter for program announcements and date for our annual Fall Brunch. Please join us!

## The Zion Archive is Completed!!!

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The archives are comprised of original information found in Zion from 1874 thru 2018. Everything has been saved in its original state on shelves. There are five filing cabinets containing loose papers. Every item is described in a computer file which can be searched. Each description identifies where items are and in what form.

Copies of much of the older/important items have been entered into the computer so that they can be searched. Lists were created for easy access to information. Listed below are the categories found on the computer and what is included in each category.

Minutes – contains the minutes of each church unit including Voters, Council, Boards, Committees, Organization.

Official Acts – contains a summary of each individual's information within each grouping found in each record book. That includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials organized to two ways: by act and by book. Other such summaries found in the first 2 books include communion attendance and membership rosters. All pages of the books are photographed and stored in the computer for reference. Also there is a count of the four acts per year.

Zion Constitutions – contains each constitution version and its revisions, the incorporation document and list of signees to the constitution and lists of standing resolutions.

People – Contains lists of names for council members, board names, and staff by year, also early voter's meetings attendees. Contains a list of every identified member, with information beyond name (where available). Also included are two annual summary lists of church participation counts and official act recorded counts.

Communication – contains various collections or summary lists including newsletters, announcements, bulletins, annual highlights and anniversary books.

Finances – contains an annual summary of income and expenses.

School - contains annual counts and an incomplete list of students based on a card file.

Misc – is intended for categories not fitting above. It includes a list of books stored in the archives, descriptions of all stained glass windows, a history written by Rev. Paul Roehrs, guides to the photo collection, and a list of misc. original media stored.

The Zion Archives is now on computers in the building allowing access to information. For questions or help in accessing information, contact the archivist Gloria Brauer at 715-842-1358 or email Gloria\_b77@yahoo.com to set up a meeting.

## **In the Dog Days of Summer...Cool Off with Thoughts of Strassenfest in October!**

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The days are longer, the kids are on summer break, the grandkids are spending more time with you, the cabin is calling your name...these are all great reasons to do some fun (and relaxing) crafting projects together! And the best part of your crafting project activity is the multi-tiered end result:

- Treasured bonding time with your friends and family
- Ending the “I’m bored” comments from the kids
- Lessening screen time and increasing fun time
- Donating your completed projects to the Strassenfest
- Helping Zion’s annual Strassenfest event to succeed
- Feeling amazing/accomplished with your efforts and your donation
- The brag factor

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 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 9 am-1 pm, the store is located at 1810 Schofield Ave, Weston. Also scour thrift shops (Bethesda Thrift Shop on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. in Wausau 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.

Another resource you'll find right at Zion Church is the Thrivent Financial program. If you organize a group for a good cause, they may provide monetary support or matching dollars. Call the church office at 715-848-7286 and explore the support opportunities that Thrivent provides.

**Not a crafter but feel inspired?** You can still be a part of a crafting project by helping to support someone else's crafting extravaganza. Donate supplies, help organize a craft circle, or make a monetary donation to the cause. Reach out to the church office or Strassenfest Chairs Dave and Lori Torkko if you'd like to donate money, time, supplies or ideas!



This year's Strassenfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 from 9 am-4 pm. It's part of our Fall Festival weekend that includes a Swiss Steak Luncheon on Saturday and an Abendessen dinner event on Sunday. More news on those events will be posted in future church bulletins and newsletters. Visit and like the Zion Strassenfest Face book page for updates and news: <https://www.facebook.com/ZionStrassenfest>.

Strassenfest is looking for co-chairman for our event. If you'd like to be considered for this position, please contact Dave and Lori Torkko or the church office, 715-848-7286.

*We wish you a blessed summer and look forward to seeing the creations that come out of the dog days of summer.*



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