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Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Pentecost Day + June 8 and 9, 2019

## PRAYING

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Sri Lanka**

**Colombia**

**Bangladesh**

*Sister Congregation*

**Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa**

*Missionaries*

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

*Preparing for Ordination*

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

*Those who need our on-going prayers:*

~ **Hilmar Baumann**

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **Pat Byrka**

~ **Rich Cornell**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Dennis Falk**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **Grace Mueller**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Larry Schubring**

~ **Renee Shorey**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Ethel Ann Smith**

~ **Elroy Tapper**

~ **Jayne Zilisch**

~ **Nancy and Jim and Delores**

~ **Zion's homebound members**

## FUNERAL

Shirley Peterson fell asleep in the Lord on May 30 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Shirley was given Christian burial from Zion on June 4. May God comfort Shirley's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

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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

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*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*)

## **Traveling?**

Be sure to remain faithful in worship attendance during the summer when traveling. You may connect to Zion's radio broadcast anywhere in the world by visiting [www.wsau.com](http://www.wsau.com) and clicking "Listen Now" at 9 AM central time.

Also, the pastors are happy to help you locate a faithful congregation in the area to which you are traveling; just give them a call. They also enjoy seeing the bulletins of churches where you may worship as you travel.

## **Summer Midweek Sermon Series:**

**"Song of Solomon"** This book of the Bible, found in the Old Testament, tells the tale of a romance. But whose romance is it? What dangers and pitfalls must love survive? *Preached at matins and vespers on Wednesday.*

## **Next Sunday:**

Holy Trinity: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59; Psalm 8*

## **Heroes of the Faith in May**

### **Saint Helen**

*May 21*

Born of a humble family, St. Helen was the mother of St. Constantine (who shares her feast day). Constantine was the Roman emperor who forbid persecution of Christians and sponsored the Council of Nicaea, which defended the teaching that Jesus is God. Helen's motherly influenced contributed to Constantine's acceptance of the Christian faith. Her faith also led her to research and identify many Biblical sites in the Holy Land, which maintain places of worship to this day.

### **Saint Esther**

*May 24*

St. Esther is the heroine of the Biblical book that bears her name. It takes place in Persia, where Esther, a Jew, had become the wife of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes the Great). He did not know that she was a Jew, and initially agreed with some of his counselors to destroy the Jewish people. Esther was able to intercede on behalf of her people and change his mind; the counselors instead were killed. Thus the Jewish nation, from which Jesus came, was saved by Esther's intercession.

# 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.

## **VBS 2019: Postponed**

This year’s many snow days pushed the school year beyond its expected end date, and Zion’s VBS program was scheduled around that end date. Then—

—it snowed again! Two more days were added to the school year, pressing school attendance into the week selected for VBS. As a result, and due to low sign-up, this year’s VBS program has been canceled. It will either be held in a different form in the fall or winter, or it will be scheduled again next year.

## **Bible Study this Summer**

### **Sundays, 10:15 AM (starting 6/16):**

**First Corinthians.** Jealousy, scandal, the Lord’s Supper, your resurrection — all these subjects we find addressed in this book, written by the apostle Paul.

### **Tuesdays, 9 AM (starting 6/4):**

#### **Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes.**

These brief, poetic books share the wisdom of love, romance, the futility of life, and the grace of God through it all.

### **Thursday Men’s Breakfast, 7 AM**

#### **(starting in June): Esther.**

How did a Jewish queen save her people from certain destruction? This book is filled with drama, suspense, and a happy ending.

# OUTREACH *and* MERCY

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*Sharing and Being the Gifts*

## **Zion's Mission Goals This Month:**

- **Lutheran Bible Translators – The Derricks, \$2,000**
- **Homme Home, Wittenberg & Wausau, \$1,000**

### **Lutheran Bible Translators**

Elliot and Serena Derricks and their two small daughters began their first assignment with Lutheran Bible Translators in March after preparing for two years. They're serving with the Fali people in Cameroon, who resoundingly answered "yes" when asked if they wanted the Bible in their language. "A part of us feels apprehension to move our young family across the world to a developing country with different diseases, bugs, and languages," said Elliot and Serena. But they can find comfort in knowing that no matter how far they travel, they are not far from God. He is in Cameroon. He is working mighty things in His church in Cameroon. The Derricks are humbled that He has called them to serve Him in that place. Please pray for their success.

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

This mission will be featured in future June announcements.

## **Confirmation**

Having studied the Bible, the Small Catechism of Martin Luther, and the history and life of the Church, Madison Cornell, Andrew Fandrey, Noah Harter, Ethan Hochberger, Ella Johnson, Carter Kulesa, and Luke Popelka will be confirmed in the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Faith on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Confirmation classes will take a break for the summer and will resume on Wednesday, September 4.

## **Ordination**

Vicar Pinzl will be ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. 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.

### **Kantor Quest VI is Here!**

This week, students in our congregation received a letter from Kantor Beethe with June's **Kantor Quest**, containing some "special detective work" connected with hymns in *LBW* and *With One Voice*. If you have children or youth in your family that would be interested in participating in this activity, or if you are an adult and would like to be a part of the detective work, please contact the church office at 715-848-7286 to be added to the mailing list! Throughout the summer, **FOR YOU** will contain a question or two each week. All the solutions can be found in *LBW* or *With One Voice*. The focus for June is **Pentecost Day**.

### **Kantor Quest for June 9:**

What are three names given to the Holy Spirit in hymn #163 in *Lutheran Book of Worship* (the green hymnal)?

### **Ideas for Action Teams**

Refer to the bulletin board posting at the northwest entrance of Zion for the many ideas from Thrivent Financial's action teams across the country that have accomplished service projects. You can strengthen Zion by organizing a team. You will receive up to \$250 in "seed money." To get started on your Action Team, Thrivent members may call Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836.

### **We Need More Plastic Bags**

... for the Homeless Mats project. Due to the nature of this project, we would like donations of clean plastic bags, from department stores, big box stores, and grocery stores. Bring your donations to the conference room by the church office.

We meet each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall, so please come and join us. We 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.

### **Quilting in the Church Hall**

... Mondays: June 10, July 8, and August 5, 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 at Zion on June 28**

Phyllis Bliese will be baking these items:

- French bread (\$3 each)
- whole-wheat bread (\$4 each)
- apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size)
- rhubarb pie (\$6 each)
- strawberry-rhubarb pie (\$8 each)
- 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.

### **Bread and Pie Baking Report from May 31**

57 loaves white bread at \$3.00:	\$171.00
13 loaves of whole wheat at \$4.00:	52.00
18 pies at \$8.00:	144.00
24 pies at \$6.00:	144.00
1 small apple pie:	4.00
Donations:	<u>12.00</u>
Money Collected:	527.00
Thriven Action Team paid all expenses:	\$142.10
Total Profit:	\$527.00

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$77.00; Church Roof Fund: \$450.00.

*Thanks to my helpers – Steve, Jeff, and Bill. I used all the apples I had frozen last fall for pies. If anyone has any apples in their freezer and want to donate, please bring the apples and place them in the church kitchen's freezer. Thanks to anyone who has donated rhubarb. ... Phyllis Bliese*

### **Young at Heart Meetings on Wednesdays in Church Hall**

- 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.

### **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.

### **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. **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, and collectibles. Contact Zion; or contact our Strassenfest chairs directly: Dave and Lori Torkko, 715-551-0566 or [dtorkko@pcpros.net](mailto:dtorkko@pcpros.net).

## IN THE COMMUNITY

*Events around Central Wisconsin*

### 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](http://www.aspirus.org/volunteers). Training is based on the volunteer's schedule and needs.

### 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*

- **Tuesday, July 30: 7:00 pm:**  
Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Saturday, October 12 – 9 am to 4 pm:** Strassenfest in Zion's gym

**Attendance: 5/27, 28, 29, 30 and 6/1 & 2:**

### Monday, Mercy Day:

12:15 pm 10

### Tuesday, Mercy Day:

12:15 pm 7

### Wednesday, Mercy Day:

12:15 pm 6

Ascension Eve /  
First Communion:

6:30 pm 53

### Thursday:

Ascension Day  
10:00 am 14

Saturday:  
5:15 pm 47

Sunday:  
9:00 am 118

11:00 am 38

**Total: 293**

### Zion's Financial News

**Income last week: \$ 10,751**

**Year-to-date income: \$258,066**

**Year-to-date expenses: \$311,262**

*Please note: Zion is not in debt to any external entity or business. All bills are paid. This written notice will discontinue after this Sunday, but the financial situation will stay the same. If it changes, updates will follow.*

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • June 9

### PENTECOST / CONFIRMATION

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

## Monday • June 10

- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Quilting in  
church hall  
7:00 pm Mission Team

## Tuesday • June 11

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

## Wednesday • June 12

- 10:00 am Matins  
1:00 pm Jail Ministry  
2:30 pm Wausau Manor Devotions  
6:30 pm Vespers

## Thursday • June 13

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

## Saturday • June 15

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

## Sunday • June 16

### HOLY TRINITY

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

### Next Sunday:

Holy Trinity: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59; Psalm 8*

### 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?hash=lduid9VqjQrj](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=lduid9VqjQrj);  
on **YouTube**: [https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=qSk19KbpeY&list=  
PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOe-  
EQT077N1o7F3P&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSk19KbpeY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOe-EQT077N1o7F3P&index=6)

### 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 **YouTube**: [https://  
tinyurl.com/ZionEaster2019](https://tinyurl.com/ZionEaster2019)