



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Pentecost 10 + August 17 and 18, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Mauritania

Turkey

China

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Wedding Anniversary

~ **Pr. Christopher and Heather Johnson**
(14 years)

~ **Pr. Steven and Jane Gjerde**
(22 years)

~ **Jan and Marty Gaugush**
(40 years)

Those who need our on-going prayers:

~ **Hilmar Baumann**

~ **Isaac Beethe, great-nephew of Ivan**
and Irene Beethe

~ **Les Broliar**

~ **Rich Cornell**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Dennis Falk**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Ken Heinzen**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Marlene Kroening**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **Pat Metter**

~ **Grace Mueller**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Larry Schubring**

~ **Renee Shorey**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Jody Slack**

~ **Elroy Tapper**

~ **Jayne Zilisch**

~ **Nancy and Jim and Delores**

~ **Zion's homebound members**

WEDDING

Jewell Charbarneau and Landis Holdorf were married at Zion's altar on Saturday, August 17. May God grant them rich blessings in their married life.

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*)

In the Liturgy

One way of sinking into the liturgy and resting in it is to pay attention to where the Lord is giving His gifts to you through it. Where in the liturgy is the Lord speaking promises to you, giving you forgiveness, opening up His holy way to you, feeding you, being with you? Where does He welcome your prayers or join your voice to eternal song of His saints angels? That kind of faith, seeing the Lord's gracious work in His liturgy, is what makes worship come alive.

Next Sunday:

Pentecost 11: *Isaiah 66:18-23; Hebrews 12:4-24; Luke 13:22-30; Psalm 50:1-15*

Heroes of the Faith in August

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

August 19

Of this man, St. Martin Luther (Feb. 18) once said, "He was the best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together." An abbot of the Cistercian order 400 years before the Reformation, St. Bernard is especially remembered among Lutherans for his hymns: "Jesus, the Very Thought of You," "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," "Jesus, King Most Wonderful," and "Wide Open Are Your Hands." Frequently embroiled in church politics during his life, it is Bernard's devotion and song that endure after his death.

Saint Samuel

August 20

St. Samuel, as a small boy, once informed the high priest, Eli, that he had heard a voice calling his name. That voice was the Lord, who called Samuel into His priesthood and worked through him to anoint both Saul and St. David (Dec. 29) as kings over Israel (1 Samuel 9-16). He served as high priest after Eli and guided Israel through its transition into monarchy. Samuel's life testifies to God's steadfast love for His people and His inclusion of young children in the His divine plans.

CATECHUMENATE

Learning the Gifts

Sundays at 10:15 AM:

First Corinthians.

Jealousy, scandal, the Lord's Supper, your resurrection—all these subjects we find addressed in this book, written by the apostle Paul. Continuing at 1 Corinthians 4:1. *Church Hall*

Tuesdays at 9AM: Ecclesiastes.

This brief, poetic book shares the futility of life, and the grace of God through it all. We continue next Tuesday with Ecclesiastes 5:1 in *Church Hall*.

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7AM:

Esther

How did a Jewish queen save her people from certain destruction? God indeed works in mysterious ways! Esther and her cousin, Mordecai, are two people who sought to avert the destruction of the Jewish nation and did what was needed. This book is filled with drama, suspense, and a happy ending. This book also makes the believer think deeply on how the Lord is involved human history, guiding all things for His glory. Continuing at Esther 6:1. *Church Hall*

Online Study:

Zion will post a video every Wednesday to its Facebook page featuring a pastor leading a brief reflection on a Bible passage, piece of Church history, or other subject significant to the day.

Sunday School . . .

. . . will begin anew on Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m. If you know of a child who would benefit from learning the beautiful Scriptures of our Lord, please extend an invitation to that child's family and let the pastors know.

Confirmation . . .

. . . begins with an **informational meeting** for families on Wednesday, August 28, following worship at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation is a time of intensified instruction in the faith, usually for children aged 12 or older who have worshiped consistently at Zion for at least a year. For information, contact Pr. Johnson.

Praxis: Doing the Faith

How do you *do* the faith? When and how might you baptize someone? How might you share the faith with unbelievers? What does the Bible say about living in the family? How do Christians pray daily? How might you read the Bible with more understanding? Why do we celebrate Holy Communion the way we do it? How might you lead a simple service of prayer? This class, appropriate for confirmed believers of any age who want to dig just a bit deeper, will start on Wednesday, Sept. 11 in the conference room at 7 p.m. If interested, please contact the church office. **Time Commitment: 8 weeks, 6-7 sessions.**

OUTREACH *and* MERCY

Sharing and Being the Gifts

Zion's Mission Goals This Month:

- **Bishop's Resource Fund, \$1,000**
- **Neighbor's Place, Wausau, \$1,000**

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.

How Our Mission Dollars Work

In the column to the left of this announcement, you see our "mission emphases" for this month. These emphases are selected as part of our "mission budget," which is separate from the general budget. Unlike many congregations, Zion does *not* designate a portion of its general budget for "mission giving" or support of the larger church. Recognizing that everything that we share with the Church supports the mission of the Gospel, Zion has kept the general budget dedicated to the local ministry of the congregation. Then, in addition, Zion maintains this robust mission budget alongside the general budget. Within this mission budget, the schedule of mission emphases are selected for targeted giving each month that you may or may not designate on your giving envelope. This approach ensures that individual contributions go where the individual chooses to direct them within the broader witness of 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.

ELCA Churchwide Assembly

You may have heard in the news that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(ELCA) voted to become a “sanctuary church” at its churchwide (national) assembly. This vote has sparked controversy because a) there are various interpretations as to what it means, and b) it appears to support the “sanctuary movement” which has sometimes housed illegal immigrants in the United States, contrary to state and federal law. Please know that this vote of the national ELCA organization is not binding on local congregations, which are distinct legal and constitutional entities. It only directs the work of the churchwide offices in Chicago. More importantly, the vote does not and cannot supersede the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, handed down through the apostles, that Christian believers are to be “subject to the governing authorities” (Romans 13:1). Called to show compassion to all, Christians are to strive to do so in harmony with the law of the nations in which they live, whose “appointed times and boundaries” are determined by God (Acts 17:26).

Young at Heart

.. meets on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. The program will be presented by Laurel Hoffman: “Lutheran Circuit Riders in Marathon County.” Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to attend.

Quilting in the Church Hall

... Monday, September 9, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This pro-

ject 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.

Chapel Art

Zion continues to receive donations for the final installment of art in the chapel. The same artist who completed the chapel altar piece will prepare four panels depicting the natural world gathered in the adoration of Christ, using the local flora and fauna of central Wisconsin (and Rib Mountain in the background!). These four panels will hang on the far west wall and finish our congregational “picture book” of all creation adoring the crucified and risen Savior. Approximately \$6000 more is needed; contact the church office to donate.

Kantor Quest for August 18:

Which hymn in the Community in Christ section in *Lutheran Book of Worship* is a sung version of the creed? According to hymn #369 in *Lutheran Book of Worship*, what is “The Church’s One Foundation?”

Strassenfest Meeting

We will meet this week on Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Zion Strassenfest Booths

The Pantry and Boutique Booths are in

need of: corn husks, Japanese lanterns, gourds, pumpkins, squash, and garden produce. Contact Zion; or contact our Strassenfest chairs directly: Dave and Lori Torkko, 715-551-0566 or dtorkko@pcpros.net.

Voters Meeting Packets

If you were unable to attend the July 30 Voters Meeting, information packets are available in the reception area by the church office.

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on August 30; orders due by August 27

Phyllis Bliese will be baking these items:

- French bread (\$3 each)
- whole-wheat bread (\$4 each)
- Dutch apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size)
- banana crème pie (\$6 each)
- coconut crème pie (\$6 each)
- lemon meringue pie (\$6 each)
- pecan pie (\$8 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.

Women of Zion Brunch

... Saturday, September 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the church hall. RSVP your attendance by September 6 to the church office. This is a catered brunch by the Filling Station Menu includes:

- Juice Bar with Mock Champagne
Juice Cocktail

- Non-Alcohol Bloody Marys with all the fixings – grab a bamboo skewer and fill it full of goodies!
- Quiche
- Breakfast Pastries and Fresh Fruit
- Coffee
- Gluten Free Selections too!

All women of Zion are invited to attend, ages 15 to 102. The guest speaker will be Ms. Pat Pitens from the Marywood Retreat Center in Minocqua. Her topic is "The Voice of the Soul; Listening to My Soul." There is no cost for this event. Come and join the fun.

Personal Care Kits

Each year, Zion participates in Lutheran World Relief Kits of Care. Each personal care kit contains a towel, two bars of soap, toothbrush, comb, and a nail clipper. These kits are given to earthquake and flood victims, or to people living in extreme poverty.

We need:

- **Light weight bath towels ranging in size from a minimum 20" X 40" to 27" X 52" maximum size.** Dark colors are preferred and the light to medium weight towels are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry.
- **Bath size bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapper.**
- **Sturdy Combs**
- **Metal nail Clippers** (attached file optional)

Please bring your items to the conference room by the church office. The website buildkitsofcare.org is very informative and helpful for any questions you have.

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.

Zion T-Shirts

T-shirts are available in the church library for everyone who preordered in July. Extra shirts are available for purchase should anyone like to represent Zion in and our town, or simply to enjoy as you walk around your neighborhood. The current available sizes are adult small through XL. The three styles do not have every available size.

Homeless Mats Project

We have enough plastic bags now – thanks for your donations. 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.

Portals of Prayer

... for July through September are available on the tables in the narthex, and also in the reception area by the church office. Large print copies are also available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Sunday, August 25: 10:00 am:** Sundaes on Sunday in church hall, hosted by Zion Elders
- **Saturday, September 14: 11:00 am:** Women of Zion Brunch for all women of Zion in church hall
- **Saturday, September 28: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:** Women of Zion Rummage Sale in Zion's gym
- **Sunday, October 6: 3:00 pm:** Organ Concert by Isabelle Demers in the nave.
- **Saturday, October 12: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm:** Strassenfest in Zion's gym

Attendance: August 7, 10 and 11:

Wednesday:

10:00 am 12

6:30 pm 5

Saturday:

5:15 pm 40

Sunday:

9:00 am 91

11:00 am 39

Total: 187

Zion's Financial News

Income last week: \$ 12,679

Year-to-date income: \$369,381

Year-to-date expenses: \$434,095

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • August 18

PENTECOST 10

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

Tuesday • August 20

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Homeless Mats in
church hall
- 6:00 pm Elders Team
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday • August 21

- 9:45 am Benedictine Devotions
- 10:00 am Matins
- 10:45 am Colonial Manor
Devotions
- 6:30 pm Vespers

Thursday • August 22

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Pastors Text Study
- 7:00 pm Strassenfest Meeting
in church hall

Saturday • August 24

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • August 25

PENTECOST 11

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;
WSAU Radio
- 10:00 am Fellowship in church hall
hosted by Zion Elders
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm: AGO Potluck in
church hall

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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 **YouTube**: <https://tinyurl.com/ZionEaster2019>

Craig Cramer Organ Concert – May 5, 2019 – Zion Concert Organ Series

... is telecast on **Channel 980 on Charter**, Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Monday at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and Friday at 7:00 p.m.; on **VieBit**: <https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=wUYVAWQgzROV>; on **YouTube**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBhc4Gg1wBk>