



Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Pentecost 13 + September 7 and 8, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Kazakhstan

Morocco

Brunei

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Wedding Anniversary

~ **Mark and Shelley Gehrke**
(41 years)

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

~ **Ruth Draeger**

~ **Melissa Engels-Lewis**

~ **Maggie Otto**

~ **Brian Tatro**

Those who need our on-going prayers:

~ **Hilmar Baumann**

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **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**

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 14: *Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10; Psalm 119:169-176*

Heroes of the Faith in August

Saint Clara Maas

August 24

The oldest of 10 children in the home of German Lutheran immigrants, St. Clara was raised in East Orange, New Jersey. In the course of her 25 years, she served as a nurse for the American armed services in both Florida and Cuba, where she worked with patients suffering from typhoid, malaria, and yellow fever. She died as the result of a medical experiment, in which she allowed herself to be bitten with a mosquito carrying yellow fever. She had participated in such experiments before, and she was thought to be immune, but this time it proved fatal.

Saint Bartholomew

August 24

It is likely that St. Bartholomew and St. Nathaniel are the same person, and that Bartholomew (which means "Son of Tolemy") is his surname. Bartholomew is the name used in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, whereas Nathaniel is mentioned in the gospel of John, both in relation to the apostle, St. Philip (May 1). Tradition states that Bartholomew preached the gospel in India and was martyred in Armenia, where he may have been flayed and crucified by the king's brother.

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 5:6. (Church Hall)*

Tuesdays at 9AM: Ecclesiastes.

This brief, poetic book shares the futility of life, and the grace of God through it all. *Continuing at Ecclesiastes 8:1 (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 10:1. (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? How might you bear witness to Jesus Christ in daily life? When and how might you baptize someone? 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:

- **Lutheran Bible Translators, The Derricks – Goal \$2,000**
- **Woman's Community, Wausau – Goal \$1,000**

Women's Community, Wausau

The Women's Community is a vital part of our community, providing services to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Just a few of the things being done are providing lifesaving shelter for women and children escaping abusive relationships, legal advocacy through the court systems, 24 hour crisis intervention, community education in schools, businesses and churches, advocating for victims of domestic violence in later life, and our Healing Through Art Program. Your prayers and monetary gift help to continue to offer services to anyone in our community who needs them.

Lutheran Bible Translators, The Derricks

There is more information about this mission on the bulletin board in the church hall.

Beware of Scam Affecting Churches

A few area pastors and their congregations have been targeted by a scam involving either text messages or phone calls from a party pretending to be the person's pastor asking for money to solve some kind of dire personal emergency, along with a number to use to send money to a certain account. If you get similar texts or phone calls, please know that they are scams and disregard them. Zion's pastors will never contact you to ask for personal funds.

God's Word Where You Work?

Would your place of work benefit from a Bible study or time of prayer? It may seem out-of-the-box, but that's where God's Word belongs: out of the box, used and loved. Why not at work? If you are interested in sharing God's greatest treasure where you spend much of your day, Zion's pastors would be happy to help. Contact any of the pastors to express interest.

Our Sister Congregation: South African Visitors Are Coming in 2020

Our sister congregation in South Africa, Lehurutshe Parish, and the other congregations of its diocese will be visiting the Wausau area from June 17-30 of 2020. Would you be interested in housing some of our fellow believers during that time? If so, please call the church office to indicate your interest and how many

you could house.

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.

Young at Heart

.. meets next on Wednesday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. The program will be “Preparing for Long-Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves,” presented by Thrivent Financial Representatives, Steven Zeinemann and Jennifer Tryba. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to attend.

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.

Quilting in the Church Hall

... Monday, September 9, 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.

Abendessen Program

On Sunday, October 13 at the Elks Club, the program will be "The Honor Flight" presented by the founders. Tickets are available in the church office.

Strassenfest Luncheon Tickets and Abendessen Dinner Tickets

... are now on sale during the week in the church office, and after each worship service. Ticket prices: Strassenfest Luncheon: \$12 Adults; \$5 Ages 5 – 10; free for ages 4 and under; Abendessen Dinner: \$18 each (advance sale only; purchase by October 9).

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.

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.

Fall Rummage Sale in Gym

... Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Set-up and donations accepted Friday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on Friday for the workers.

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.

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

Pancake Breakfast – All U Can Eat

... Sunday, October 6 at Homestead (6 miles east of Wausau on Hwy 52), from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Adults: \$8; kids 5 – 12: \$3; under age 5 – free.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Sunday, September 8 – 9:15 am:**
Sunday School begins
- **Wednesday, September 11 – 6:30 pm:**
Confirmation Classes begin
- **Saturday, September 14 – 11:00 am:**
Women of Zion Brunch for all Zion women 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
- **Sunday, October 13 – 6:00 pm:**
Abendessen at Elk's Club

Attendance: Aug. 28, 31 and Sept. 1:

Wednesday:

10:00 am 12

6:30 pm 21

Saturday:

5:15 pm 32

Sunday:

9:00 am 84

11:00 am 43

Total: 192

Zion's Financial News

Income last week: \$ 9,546

Year-to-date income: \$406,519

Year-to-date expenses: \$470,546

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • September 8

PENTECOST 13

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

Monday • September 9

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

Tuesday • September 10

- 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 • September 11

- 10:00 am Matins
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:00 pm Praxis Class

Thursday • September 12

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Pastors Text Study
- 6:30 pm Kantorei rehearsal

Saturday • September 14

- 11:00 am Women of Zion Brunch
in church hall
- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • September 15

PENTECOST 14

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

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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>