



Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Pentecost 14 + September 14 & 15, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Tunisia

Qatar

Mexico

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

~ **Melissa Engels-Lewis**

~ **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 15: *Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15; Psalm 113*

Heroes of the Faith in September

Saint Gregory the Great

September 3

St. Gregory is remembered for many things, chiefly for serving as bishop of Rome from 590 until his death. He was also instrumental in writing on pastoral care and liturgy, and he organized missions to northern Europe. Prior to his church service, Gregory was a nobleman in Rome who served as that city's mayor and helped it recover from both plague and barbarian invasions. He sold much of his property for the health and care of the poor.

Saint Moses

September 4

Holy Moses was born to a Hebrew family when that nation was enslaved to the Egyptians. Hidden by his sister, Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter and raised as a prince until he murdered an Egyptian as the age of 40. He fled to the wilderness, but was called by God to return to Egypt to liberate the Hebrews and lead them to the promised land, a call that Moses fulfilled (though he could not enter the land on account of his own disobedience). Most of his story is recorded in the book of Exodus

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 7:1. (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 11:1 (Church Hall.)*

Wednesday at 7 PM:

Praxis, Doing the Faith

How do you *do* the faith? 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.**

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7AM:

NEW STUDY: Revelation

Our Lord Jesus once comforted the apostle John with visions of His return at the end of history and defeat of sin, death, and the devil. St. John recorded these visions in the book of Revelation, and now they comfort the whole Church! Come learn how the promised victory of Christ strengthens you for faith, hope, and love today. *Continuing at Revelation 1:5. (Church Hall)*

Online Study:

Love Letters to Central Wisconsin

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. Our current series is *Love Letters to Central Wisconsin*, reflections on our life in central Wisconsin in light of God's good Word.

Coram Deo

Part of learning what God gives us through Jesus Christ is taking up a path of daily Scripture reading and prayer. Coram Deo is a devotional society at Zion that helps equip you for this soul-enlivening task. For more information, call the church office and/or speak to a pastor.

All-Generation Bible School:

"Scatter the Darkness"

Come learn how the Church's way of evening prayer fills your home with light! Zion will host a 2-hour, all-ages "prayer immersion" on the afternoon of Sunday, December 1, starting at 3:30 p.m. and ending with a meal at 5:00 p.m. Like a traditional Vacation Bible School, there will be lessons for all ages, crafts for the kids, and music to learn. Sign-up at the church office!

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**

Lutheran Bible Translators, The Derricks

In this day and age, when someone important passes away, it doesn't take long for the word to spread. How ironic that the most important death, relevant to every life ever lived in every generation – past, present, and future – has largely gone unreported in so many areas of the world. When people finally hear that Good News, it pains them that it came too late for their parents. Centuries after Christ's resurrection, there are still over 1,600 languages where Bible Translation has not even begun. The Derricks felt apprehension to move their young family across the world to a developing country with different diseases, bugs, and language. They find comfort in knowing no matter how far they travel, they are never far from God. They are humbled that He's called them to service. They thank a dedicated group of prayer and financial partners to help make it happen, faithful individuals and congregations whose gifts will continue to support this important work. They say God has brought them this far and will be with Derricks all the way. God's blessings to all.

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.

LWR Shipping Volunteers Needed

... Saturday, October 5 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the lot at the corner of South

Third Ave. and Bopf St, at the Kolbe Trailer marshalling yard ([note the location change this year, due to Thomas Street road construction](#)). Volunteers are needed to help unload boxes from vehicles and load the boxes into the semi-trailer at the Bopf Street site. Refreshments will be available. Questions? Call Verlyn Oelke, 715-359-8274.

LWR Shipping Costs

LWR’s approximate cost for overseas delivery of quilts and health kits is:
One quilt: \$2.25 and One personal care kit: \$2.65. The shipping date is Saturday, October 5.

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.

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on September 27: Orders due Sept. 24

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)
- pumpkin (\$6 each)
- rhubarb pie (\$6 each)
- rhubarb-strawberry 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.

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 Fish Pond

The Fish Pond is in need of donations of small "treasures" for children and adults. This year, any child or adult may participate by fishing in the Fish Pond! Mark your donations for "fish pond" and bring them to the church office.

Zion Altar Guild

... will meet on Tuesday, September 24

at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. The information booklet for the 2019-20 year will be available at the meeting, so all members are encouraged to attend. After the business meeting, Pastor Chris Johnson will present the program. Members' annual dues may be paid that evening. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. We are looking for new people to join Altar Guild.

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.

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 col-

ors 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.

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

CenterStage Band and Show Choir

... will present Free performances of "Back to the '80s" at the Grand Theater in Wausau on September 26, 27, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Free tickets are available from several area business; or at the door each night. See <http://www.centerstagelive.org> or Facebook).

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

- **Saturday, September 28 — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:** Women of Zion Rummage Sale in Zion's gym
- **Sunday, September 29 — 10:00 am:** Sundaes on Sunday in church hall, hosted by Women of Zion
- **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: Sept. 4, 11 and 12:

Wednesday:

10:00 am	8
6:30 pm	22

Saturday:

5:15 pm	43
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Sunday:

9:00 am	151
11:00 am	<u>40</u>
Total:	264

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 18,104
Year-to-date income:	\$424,660
Year-to-date expenses:	\$488,568

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday • September 17

- 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 • September 18

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

Thursday • September 19

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

Saturday • September 21

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • September 22

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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>