

Zion Lutheran Church

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 125:1)*

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Remembering

Examples of the faith in October

October 25: Saints Phoebe, Dorcas, and Lydia

These three women played various roles within the early church, including the role of deaconess. They supported the apostles in the ministry of preaching the Word, extended the hospitality of the Church, and did acts of charity and kindness. Some have suggested that St. Phoebe carried letters for St. Paul; St. Dorcas sewed clothing; and St. Lydia was the “first convert of Europe.”



Pastoral Letter



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
~ Psalm 1:1-3

To wither or not to wither, that is the question! Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we live in a world that is withering away. Yes the trees are beautiful this time of year but those beautifully colored trees are displaying the death of the leaves, we must remember. The withering of the life that once coursed through the veins of those once green leaves, though beautiful, means death.

Christians are people of eternal hope and unfettered joy, despite the withering around us and within us. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! As St. Paul once said: “We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16).

How are we renewed? We are renewed by the law of the Lord which makes us like a tree planted by streams of water. We are renewed by the “law of liberty” (James 2:12), the holy Gospel. It is this holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ which keeps us in the one true faith. It is this holy Gospel which comes to our ears through preaching and hymnody. It is this holy Gospel that we taste and smell in the Lord’s Supper. It is this holy Gospel which enables us to yield the fruit of the Spirit and prevents our leaves, our lives, from withering.

What a joy it is to have this Gospel in abundance here at Zion! What a joy it is that the streams of God’s mercy continue to flow through the life and ministry of this Church!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Johnson

Liturgy

receiving the gifts

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: Holy Communion, 5:15 PM

Sunday: Holy Communion, 9 & 11 AM

Live Radio Broadcast: 9 AM

WSAU 550 AM, 99.9 FM, 95.1 FM, www.wsau.com

Social distancing and extra care will be observed in keeping with the recommendations of the public health department.

Daily Holy Communion

Monday-Friday, 12:15 PM (about 20 minutes long; spoken service)

- These smaller services are open to the public.
- Social distancing and extra care will be observed.
- Calling ahead is not required, but it will help us prepare for you.

Facebook Live Stream

Morning Devotion: 8:30 AM, Monday-Friday

Compline: 8:30 PM, Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

Vespers: 6:30 PM, Wednesday

Music at Midday: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday and Thursday

Most videos are mirrored on our YouTube channel and website

Readings for next Sunday, October 25:

Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; Matthew 11:12-19

Coming Up!

Sunday, October 25: Feast of the Reformation

We give thanks to God for the revealing and restoring of His Gospel through the witness and suffering of the Lutheran reformers.

Sunday, November 1: Feast of All Saints (Mini-Easter!)

We remember the faithful departed and give thanks that they rest in the light of Christ. Think Easter, resurrection, joy!

Children's and Youth Education: In-Person and On-Line

Sundays: **In-Person Sunday School, 10 AM**

Pre-School - Grade 4

In-Person Pre-Confirmation, 10 AM

Grades 5-6

Wednesdays: **Confirmation, 6:30 PM**

For children older than Grade 6 who have worshiped at Zion for a good year.

Online: **Fridays: Parent Sheet Posted (Website)**

Tuesdays: "Picture Time!" (Facebook)

Thursdays (8:30 PM): "Story Time!" (Facebook)

All videos are recorded and available later.

In Person Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesdays: **Bible Study, 9 AM**

"What Sort of People Ought You to Be?"

Ethical Discourses in the New Testament"

Thursdays: **Men's Bible Study, 7 AM**

"Letters from Captivity:

Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon"

Online and In-Home Study

Sundays: **Bible Study, 10:15 AM**

"What's So Good about Being Christian?"

Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Tuesdays: **Picture Time!**

Artwork for Sunday School (and Everyone!)

Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Wednesdays: **Word at the Middle of the Week, 8:30 AM**

"What Sort of People Ought We to Be?"

Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Weekly: **"The Shepherd's Voice"**

Devotional Guidance, included with this mailing

Outreach and Mercy

sharing and being the gifts

Monthly Mission Emphases:

- **Lutheran World Relief — Goal \$2,500**
- **Salvation Army, Wausau — Goal \$1,000**

Lutheran World Relief

Millions of families around the world experience hunger daily. Natural disasters, civil conflicts, and breakdowns in economic systems lead to disease, malnutrition and death. Shelter and clothing are scarce. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) works with the local personnel to distribute help. They re-establish and educate the population to recover and improve their living conditions. The need is great.



Praying

in our prayers this week

Persecuted Christians in: Malaysia; Colombia; Oman

Sister Congregation: Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries: Elliot & Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translators

Those who need our on-going prayers: Hilmar Baumann, Karen Baumann, Carl Boettcher, Les Brolliar, Mary Ellen Bureta, Rich Cornell, Ruth Draeger, Carol Edelburg, Barbara Ellen, Dennis Falk, Rita Falk, Ben Fiedler, Ken Heinzen, Theron “Butch” Jehn, Avery Kluck, Olivia Lang, Debra Mertes, Grace Mueller, Maggie Otto, Tina Parker, Barb Ramker, Trandy Revie, Krista Salas, Verna Schuett, David Skola, Richie Thiemer, Curt Thorson, Mark Wendorff, Nancy Ziebell, Nancy, Jim, Richard, Lenette, Mike, Zion’s home-bound members.

A “Note” from Kantor



In 2017 Lutherans around the world celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. At Zion, part of our celebration was a Hymn Festival entitled: *Living to Christ Alone: A Festival of Hymns*. The hymns sung focused on the *Reformation Solas: Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Sola Christo, and Sola Scriptura*. These solas represent the core of Lutheran theology: we are saved by grace, through faith, because of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ as revealed in the Bible, the source and norm of all doctrine.

The hymn of the day for October 25 (this year’s date for the observance of Reformation) is *Faith of Our Fathers*.

Written by Frederick W. Faber, this hymn was first published in 1849. He wrote it to remind Catholic congregations of their many leaders who were martyred during the reign of Henry VIII in the early days of the establishment of the Anglican Church in Great Britain. When singing this hymn, one may recall the great “cloud of witness” referred to in Hebrews 12:1. Looking back to Hebrews 11, we recall the spiritual giants who were willing to give all in defense of their faith in God! This hymn provides encouragement as we “run with patience the race that is set before us.”

May the Holy Spirit, through the Word and sacraments give us the precious gifts of faith in Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life.

Joy in Jesus,
Kantor Irene Beethe



News & Events

Wedding

Matthew Sweeney and Michaela Gunseor were married at Zion's altar on Saturday, October 17. May God grant them rich blessings in their married life.

Donations for Property Maintenance

Zion's almost-70-year-old house of worship, as well as its school, parsonages, and grounds, will continue to have maintenance and repair needs in the years ahead. When considering a memorial or donation beyond your regular giving, please keep the building fund and property maintenance in mind.

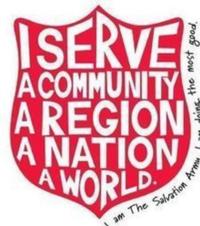
Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to all the quilting ladies, we shipped 83 quilts on Saturday, October 3. We want to thank anyone who donated sheets and other material. Everything is greatly appreciated. Because of the COVID concerns, we all worked from home and accomplished a lot. Thanks again. *The Quilting Committee*

Salvation Army Food Donations

In past years in November, Zion has held a food drive for the Salvation Army in Wausau. This year, the Salvation Army prefers to receive cash donations, instead of regular canned and boxed foods. Please do not bring food to Zion. Instead, you may start donating money using your offering envelope. In the space marked "Other" you can write "Food Drive" and list the amount you wish to donate. Anonymous donations can also be given, using a plain envelope and writing "Food Drive" so it may be directed to this fund. On the weekends of November 13-14 and 20-21, and on Thanksgiving Day, acrylic boxes will be placed at the entrances of Zion, where you may insert your donation for the Food Drive. Let's have a good response to this local mission and community need. Thank you.

Zion's Mission Team



News & Events

Altar Guild Booklets

Members of Altar Guild who could not attend the October 13 meeting, may pick up their informational booklet for 2020-2021 in the Altar Guild Sacristy. Also, your \$10 dues should be paid at this time. Bring your money to the church office and it will be directed to the Altar Guild treasurer.

Donations for New Green Paraments

Zion Altar Guild is in the process of ordering new green paraments, which are the cloth decorations which hang from the pulpit, lectern, and altar. If you would like to donate money towards the cost of these new paraments, you may direct your donations to Altar Guild.

Memorials and Other Gifts Received:

- **In memory of Dorothy Flees**, Verna Schuett gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Gladys Langenhahn**, Adair Lewis gave a gift to Undesignated Special Funds.
- **In memory of Dale Aleckson**, Lois vanKerkhoven gave a gift to the Organ Maintenance Fund..
- **In memory of Carla Crevier**, Marlene Schalow gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Carla Crevier**, Mark and Laurie Peterson, and Randy and Sue Blaschka gave a gift to Undesignated Special Funds.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Dave and Lori Trokko gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Marjorie Ebersold**, her family gave a gift to the Altar Guild.
- **In memory of Richard Leonard and Marcia Gjerde**, an anonymous donation was given to the Altar Guild for new green paraments.

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Help Serve the Lord

As Zion continues to steward its mission and ministry during a challenging year, there are several opportunities for you to help with the Lord's work:

- As a member of the Altar Guild, you may help prepare the Lord's Supper in a safe and fitting way. Altar Guild teams rotate to share the schedule of tasks throughout the year;
- In addition to our excellent crew of teenage acolytes, fit and agile adults may also serve in the acolyte corps for upcoming special and outdoor liturgies.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact the church office.

Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving

In addition to mail and in-person giving, Zion offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience and provides ongoing donation consistency for our congregation. Call the church office if you are interested.

Portals of Prayer

Copies of the October - November *Portals of Prayer* are available from the church office. Large print copies are also available. If you cannot come to church to get a copy, please call us and we will mail one to you.



Calendar

for the upcoming week

Sunday • October 25 (Reformation)

9:00 AM Holy Communion; Live Radio Broadcast, WSAU 550 AM
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Bible Study, Facebook
11:00 AM Holy Communion

Monday • October 26 (Sts. Nicolai, Heermann, Gerhardt)

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Tuesday • October 27

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Music at Midday
12:15 PM Holy Communion
7:00 PM Quarterly Voters Meeting in church nave
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Wednesday • October 28 (Sts. Simon & Jude)

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
6:30 PM Vespers, Facebook
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:10 PM Chimes Rehearsal

Thursday • October 29

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:00 PM Music at Midday
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Friday • October 30

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Saturday • October 31 (Reformation Day—503rd Anniversary)

5:15 PM Holy Communion



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