

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 April

April 24: St. Johann Walter

St. Johann Walter was one of the first kantors (lead musicians) of the Lutheran church. Born into extreme poverty in Germany, he was soon adopted. By the age of 21, he was a kantor in the court of St. Frederick the Wise (May 5), and he edited the first Lutheran hymnal. Johann died on March 25, but because that day is the Annunciation, his feast day is transferred to April 24 (April 25 being taken by St. Mark).



Pastoral Letter

“I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” ~ Luke 11:9-10



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The first full week of May will begin our annual “Mercy Days,” days of prayer leading up to Ascension Day in which we ask, seek, and knock away at the Lord’s heart for the many things that we may have need for as a church, members of the Body of Christ, and what our neighborhood and community may have need for as well.

We joyfully encourage you to submit to us whatever you deem necessary and needful to hold in prayer. To that end, we also encourage you to ask others, including friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow citizens of our community how we can pray for them too. What does the business you work for need to hold in prayer? What about our schools and those who serve in them? Our hospitals and those who serve in them? Those who work diligently in the trades? Those who are called to work in agriculture? Obviously, there is a lot that can be prayed for!

The three main focal points of prayer are as follows:

Monday, May 6 — The Church and her Ministry

Tuesday, May 7 — Neighborhood, Land and the Growing Season

Wednesday, May 8 — National Life and our Common Life

Join us in prayer as we bring our petitions before our risen and ascended Lord, the very reason why we can bring our meager offerings of prayer before the Father as we ask, seek, and knock away. We ask, seek, and knock because Jesus has told us to and because he is our faithful Intercessor at the right hand of the Father almighty.

Peace be with you!

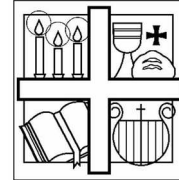
Pastor Johnson

Liturgy

receiving the gifts

Holy Communion

Sunday: 9 & 11 AM (sung)
Monday-Friday: 12:15 PM (spoken; 20 min.)
Saturday: 5:15 PM (sung)



Live Radio Broadcast

Sunday, 9 AM + WSAU 550 AM, 99.9 FM, 95.1 FM

Online (Facebook Live-Stream, Website, YouTube)

Morning Devotion: 8:30 AM, Monday-Thursday
Compline: 8:30 PM, Monday-Thursday

Upcoming Feasts of the Lord

May 6 (Mon.): **Mercy Day** (Rogation Day—Day of Prayer)
12:15 PM

May 7 (Tues.): **Mercy Day** (Rogation Day—Day of Prayer)
12:15 PM

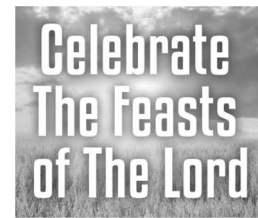
May 8 (Wed.): **Mercy Day** (Rogation Day—Day of Prayer)
12:15 PM

May 8 (Wed.): **Ascension of Our Lord (Eve)**
Vespers, 6:30 PM

May 9 (Thurs.): **Ascension of Our Lord (Day)**
Communion, 12:15 PM

May 19 (Sunday): **Pentecost Sunday**
Saturday: 5:15 PM // Sunday: 9 and 11 AM

May 26 (Sunday): **Feast of the Holy Trinity**
Saturday: 5:15 PM // Sunday: 9 and 11 AM



Scripture Readings for Next Sunday (May 5)

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle: James 1:22-27
Gospel: John 16:23-30



What Time Is It?

each day in the Spirit

*The world a second can't spare;
the Church has ages to share.*

It's time to pray!

Just as Christ prays for us at God's right hand (Romans 8:34), so does the Church pray for the world. That life of prayer fills the Church's time in the last half of Easter.

During that last part of the Great 50 Days, we turn towards the Ascension and Pentecost. Both of those events draw us towards prayer: the Ascension reminds us that God hears our prayer through Jesus, sitting at His right hand, and Pentecost reminds us to pray for the Holy Spirit, as Jesus taught us (Luke 11:13).

The disciples also spent the 10 days between Christ's ascension and Pentecost in prayer, keeping vigil for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14). Praying for the Spirit, for ourselves and the whole world, is one of the Church's best uses of time and greatest vocations.

So it makes sense to find three days devoted to prayer within those 50 days, the "Rogation Days" (from the Latin word for "prayer") right before Ascension (May 6, 7, and 8 this year).

On these days, the Church, like her Lord, gathers up the needs of the world and commends them into God's hands. Zion will do so at 12:15 PM each of those days. Do you have particular prayers that you'd like included in our prayers? Please let a pastor know!

Current Season: Easter

Theme: Alleluia: Christ is Risen!

Starts: Easter Vigil

Ends: Sundown on Pentecost Sunday (May 19 this year)

Colors: White (Christ's righteousness), Gold (His majesty)



Outreach and Mercy

sharing and being the gifts

Monthly Mission Emphases:

- **Lutheran Bible Translators, The Plugers — Goal: \$2,000**
- **Institute of Lutheran Theology— Goal: \$3,000**

Featured this Week: Institute of Lutheran Theology:

The Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT), based in Brookings, South Dakota, welcomes students of all backgrounds and denominations. Their mission is to “preserve, promote and propagate the classical Christian tradition from a Lutheran perspective, ...[so that] rooted in the classical Christian tradition, [students] will understand the contemporary cultural horizon and think critically in the proclamation and advancement of the Gospel.” Thus, as a fully-accredited college with undergraduate, graduate and seminary programs, their focus is on learning, critical thinking and assisting students in fulfilling their God-given callings. ILT’s Christ School of Theology provides graduate students with top-tier education taught by world-class faculty. ILT’s Christ College offers undergraduate students a Christian community that will assist them in discerning God’s calling in their lives.



Praying

in our prayers this week

Persecuted Christians in: Mexico, Egypt, Mozambique

Missionaries: Chris & Janine Pluger, Lutheran Bible Translators

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

The Family of Lillian Engebrecht

The Family of David Roeder

Those who need our on-going prayers:

Zion’s Homebound Members

Avery Kluck

Barb Ramker

Joyce Zeinemann



Catechumenate

learning the gifts

Youth Education

Sundays: **Sunday School, 10:00 AM** (Pre-K through Grade 6)
Children gather first in the organ
loft for music
They then proceed to class:
Pre-K to Grade 4 in the
Fellowship Hall
Grades 5-6 in the Conference Room.
Instruction will end promptly at 10:50 AM.



Wednesdays: **Confirmation** (Grade 7 and Older)
Please contact a pastor to enroll.

In-Person Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesdays: **Bible Study, 9 AM**
“Resurrection in the Bible”
Current Focus: Resurrection and 1 Corinthians 15

Thursdays: **Men’s Bible Study, 8 AM**
“NEW STUDY”
TBD



Sundays: **Bible Study, 10:15 AM**
“Justification”
God makes us all He wants us to be—as a gift!
Studying the Joy of Being Made Righteous

Online and In-Home Study

Wednesdays: **Word at the Middle of the Week, 8:30 AM**
Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Monthly: **“The Shepherd’s Voice”**
Included the start of each month in this newsletter.



**** Final Reminder* Spring Salad Buffet***



The Women of Zion are thrilled to bring back the Spring Salad Buffet event on **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm** in the Zion Church Hall. Enjoy a bountiful spread of delectable salads, complete with dinner rolls and beverages. Following the meal, we'll welcome a truly inspiring speaker, Dr. Anna Brown. Dr. Brown will take us on a captivating visual journey through rainforests and mountainsides, sharing the triumphs and challenges of establishing healthcare initiatives in developing countries. Gather your friends and family for this delightful evening of fellowship, food, and an inspiring speaker!

Tickets are now on sale in the Church Office or online (see Zion's website) until May 5th.

Volunteers Needed!

Is there a salad you're famous for? A secret family recipe that always disappears at potlucks? We need **YOU** to share your amazing creation at our Spring Salad Buffet. Sign up in the Church Office to let us know what you are bringing.

We also need helpers to lend a hand with:

- Setting up the buffet
- Keeping things tidy during the event
- Cleaning up after the fun
- Being a dishwasher hero!



Sign up to help on the Volunteer sign-up sheet in the Church Office.

Have questions or want to call in your contribution?

Call Janet (715-359-4859) or Shelly (715-493-1797) or email shellymurvine@icloud.com.

News & Events

****Next Week* Bread & Pie Baking May 10***

Bonnie Waack will be baking on Friday, May 10. White & Wheat Bread will be available for \$4 per loaf. *Whole pies* are available for \$10 and will include Dutch Apple, Pecan & Pumpkin. *Slices of pie* are available for \$2.50 and will include: Dutch Apple, Pecan & Pumpkin. Pick up will begin at 2PM on May 10. Sign up before May 7 in the church office.



News & Events

Memorials and Other Gifts Received

- **In memory of Johanna Schultz**, Herbert & Carol Ninnemann gave a gift to Zion's VBS program.
- **In memory of Johanna Schultz**, Donna Nuernburg gave a gift to Zion's Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Lillian Engebrecht**, Donna Nuernburg gave a gift to Zion's Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Lillian Engebrecht**, Leonard & Carol Edelberg gave a gift to Zion's Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Lillian Engebrecht**, Eldon & Pat Pagel gave a gift to Zion's Garden Fund.



Final Reminder Summer Youth Trip Meeting

On Sunday May 5th at 12:30PM (after the 11AM service), there will be a planning meeting for the Youth who are going to be going on the Youth Trip this summer. Parents/Guardians please come as well. We will need everyone's deposit by this day, so don't forget it! See you there!



This Week Wausau Pro Musica Choral Concert

On Friday, May 3 at 7PM, Wausau Pro Musica will present "We Are Home: A Celebration of Motherhood & Family" at First Presbyterian Church (406 Grant St). In lieu of tickets, a free will donation would be greatly appreciated.



80+ Birthdays in May

- May. 4 Marilyn Schubring, 2211 9th St., Wausau 54403
- May. 5 Wayne Kleinschmidt, 1321 E. Bridge St., Wausau 54403
- May. 8 Beverly Pagel, 232388 Pond Crest Rd., Wausau 54403
- May. 11 Patricia Hollander, 429 Lazy Way, Wausau 54401
- May. 13 Mary Borchardt, 4001 Stewart Ave. #314, Wausau 54401
- May. 13 Ila Brister, 314 S. 56th Ave., Wausau 54401
- May. 15 Fred Fenhaus, 1402 N. 13th St., Wausau 54403
- May. 16 Gerald Kluetz, 1605 Evergreen Rd. #2032, Wausau 54403
- May. 17 Gerald Kieckhaefer, 4512 Huntington Ct., Wausau 54401
- May. 19 Ruth Hochberger, 6311 Kirk St., Weston 54476
- May. 22 Thomas Nienow, 5401 W. Sherman St. #302, Wausau 54401
- May. 26 Barb Thornton, 306 Camellia Ave., Inverness, FL 34452
- May. 27 Phyllis Bliese, 158397 Evergreen Rd., Wausau 54403



News & Events

Needed: Clean Food Containers

If you are looking to rid your cabinets of used plastic containers (ex: Cool Whip, cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt), please consider bringing them to the church kitchen to be used to package up food leftovers after various functions held in the church hall. Thank you!



Altar Guild Meeting

Zion's Altar Guild members and guests are welcome to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Pr. Chris Johnson will be our speaker. If you have a topic you would like addressed at the meeting, call Anna Mae at 715-212-9744. The hostesses are Bonnie Glasel, Kay Krall and Debra Thomas. Please call the church office to RSVP. Thank you!



Zion's Gardens

Would anyone like to share their green thumb this year? There are two sets of outdoor planters at Zion—two larger ones by the South entrance (Grant St.) and two smaller pillar planters at the parking lot entrance on Franklin St. that need an artistic touch. There would be no cost to you, as you can purchase plants with money from Zion's Garden Fund. It would be your job to buy, plant and care for the planters throughout the growing season. Contact the Church Office or Sue Wolslel at 715-842-3836 for more information.



Homeless Mats Project

The Homeless Mats volunteers are looking for people to join their team who are able to crochet. They will train you on how to turn "plarn" (plastic yarn) into the finished mat that can be used by homeless people as a bed. They meet on Wednesdays from 1—3PM, but you are also welcome to work from home! Call Lori Torkko at 715-216-3441.



Rummage Sale

There will be a Rummage Sale in Zion's school gym on Saturday, June 8 from 9AM to 1PM. Drop-off for the sale will be Friday, June 7 from 9AM to 4PM (please no exercise equipment or computer items).



Karla Westcott is looking for volunteers to help both days (lunch will be served on Friday)! Please call her at 715-212-1270 with questions or to volunteer.

Calendar

for the upcoming week

Sunday • May 5 (Easter 6)

9:00 AM Holy Communion; Live Radio Broadcast,
WSAU 550 AM
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Bible Study
10:15 AM Fellowship in the Church Hall
11:00 AM Holy Communion
12:30 PM Summer Youth Trip Meeting (*see pg. 9*)

Monday • May 6 (Mercy Day)

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Prayer Service (*see pgs. 3 & 5*)
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Tuesday • May 7 (Mercy Day)

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:15 PM Prayer Service (*see pgs. 3 & 5*)
6:00 PM Spring Salad Buffet (*see pg. 8*)
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook



Wednesday • May 8 (Mercy Day)

8:30 AM Word at the Middle of the Week, Facebook
12:00 PM Music at Midday
12:15 PM Prayer Service (*see pgs. 3 & 5*)
1:00 PM Homeless Mats (*see pg. 10*)
6:30 PM Vespers
6:30 PM Confirmation
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Thursday • May 9 (Ascension Day)

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
10:00 AM Pastors Group
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook



Friday • May 10

12:15 PM Holy Communion
2—4 PM Bread and Pie Pick-up (*see pg. 8*)

Saturday • May 11 (Sts. Cyril and Methodius)

5:15 PM Holy Communion



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