

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 May

May 4: St. Monica

St. Monica was born in Africa, most likely a member of the Berber tribe. Though Christian, she married Patritius, a Roman official, who was pagan. His behavior made their marriage an unhappy one until, through Monica's prayer and patience, he was baptized shortly before dying. Their son, St. Augustine (Aug. 28) initially followed the pagan ways of his father, to the great sorrow of his mother, who nevertheless kept hope and prayed for him.

At last, he too was baptized and became the Bishop of Hippo.



Pastoral Letter

I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. ~ Psalm 131:2



Beloved Saints,

Spring is busy, as they say. All the more reason to pause, rest, and remember who we are and why we're here.

We are the Church.

Even more, we are “the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:22-23).

God Himself forged this union with you and Jesus in Holy Baptism (Romans 6:1-7). Of you, it may be said:

*All are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's
(1 Corinthians 3:22-23).*

A lot of things are happening to you right now. So much of it is beyond your control.

Some is entrusted to your control, and that, too, can be a burden of responsibility—it can be a worry.

Don't let any of it become bigger than “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).

God has created you for that glory; He sent that Glory into your flesh through Jesus; and He now delivers it to you in the Spirit.

That's the truth about you. That's *the mystery* you have become in Jesus (Ephesians 5:32). Nothing can destroy it (Romans 8:38-39).

“Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

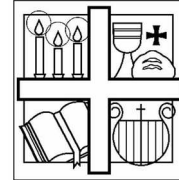
Peace!
Pastor Gjerde

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 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 12)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:22-28
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11
Gospel: John 15:26—16:4



Lord, to whom shall we go?
thou hast the words
of eternal life.

JOHN 6:68

What Time Is It?

each day in the Spirit

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

Let's talk about the word *tide*.

In addition to creating wholly new words, the Church has always reshaped words to communicate its message and organize its life. The Church, after all, is the New Israel, the new holy nation, and therefore, it must develop a new language to share the good *news*!

One of those words is *tide*. When we use “tide,” we usually refer to changing ocean waters by the shore. We speak of “high tide” and “low tide.” Yet “tide” comes from an Old English word for *time*—the changing *tides* marked *time* for our ancestors—and that older meaning led to its current usage in the Church. .

The Church uses it to describe seasons of its year: Christmastide, Eastertide, even (soon) *Ascensiontide*. When we consider the connection between *tide*, *time*, and the rising and falling ocean, a beautiful image emerges.

Each *time* of the Church, like the *tides* of a sea, swells and recedes in our lives, washing our days in the Gospel like waves on the sand. Here we might think of Baptism, too: immersed in the *tide* of Baptism, we're immersed in the *time* of the Church, the days and seasons organized according to the preaching of the Gospel.

Ascensiontide is part of Easter, the time between Ascension and Pentecost. It's a time for prayer, and especially, asking for the Holy Spirit, even as the disciples kept vigil for the Spirit those 10 days.

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:

- **The Hagar House, Wausau — Goal: \$3,500**

The Hagar House, Wausau: A Christ-centered home for single mothers in Central Wisconsin, The Hagar House exists to free single mothers from cycles of crisis through Christ-centered community. The Hagar House provides a faith-based, long-term home for women and their children in crisis. This is done to offer them a significant amount of time for a place of respite, surrounded by intentional support to impact lasting change. In addition to supporting this mission financially, Zion has shared some of our left-over food from funeral meals, the Winter Tea and Lenten soup suppers with those at the Hagar House. They are very grateful for all our support!



Ordination

outreach to local churches

One of Zion's sister congregations, Peace in Edgar (town of Frankfurt) has accepted Mr. Robert Worthington to serve as its pastor. In keeping with the practice of the Lutheran Church, Pastor Gjerde will ordain Mr. Worthington to the Office of Holy Ministry on the Feast of Pentecost, May 19th, 2:00 PM, at Peace.



Praying

in our prayers this week

Persecuted Christians in: Qatar, Congo DR, Indonesia

Missionaries: Chris & Janine Pluger, Lutheran Bible Translators

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

The Family of Oscar Durkee
Sue Gruetzmacher

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.



News & Events

Death

Oscar L. Durkee fell asleep in the Lord on April 27 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. May God comfort Oscar's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.



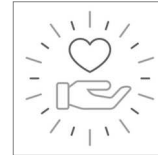
Baptism

Remi Jo Igo, daughter of Nate & Samantha Igo, was baptized on Sunday, April 28. May God bless this child and her family and strengthen her in her Baptism that by His grace she may serve Christ in true



Memorials & Other Gifts Received

In thanksgiving for Remi Jo's baptism, Nate & Samantha Igo gave a gift to Zion.



In memory of Oscar Durkee, Andy & Leah Kieffer gave a gift to Zion's VBS program.

In memory of Oscar Durkee, Kathy & Bruce Muschinske gave a gift to Zion.

In memory of Lillian Engebrecht, the following people gave gifts to Zion's Banner Fund: Wally, Jeanette & Bryan Martin; Darla Zastrow & Family; and Michelle Drake.

In memory of Lillian Engebrecht, the following people gave gifts to Zion's Altar Guild: Sheryl & Jack Morris; Leila Lucero & Dennis; Beverly Zahrt; Marty & Janet Dettmering.

In memory of Lillian Engebrecht, the following people gave gifts to Zion: Mark Engebrecht and Pat Hollander.

In memory of Lillian Engebrecht, the following people gave gifts to Zion's Garden Fund: Larry & Polly Nemeč; Jean Butalla; and Gary & Sue Wolslegel.

In memory of Lillian Engebrecht, the following people gave gifts to Zion's Radio Fund: Judy Cherwinka; Lydia Wachsmuth; Lois Jarosz; Greta Rusch; Bonnie Waack; and Rich Zahrt.

In memory of Ramona Ulrich, Marty & Janet Dettmering gave a gift to Zion's Altar Guild.

News & Events

Quilting

Join the quilting team at 1:30pm on the following Mondays in the Church Hall: May 13, June 3 & 24, and July 15. This project supports Lutheran World Relief, and new volunteers are always welcome!



Save the Date: Women of Zion Meeting

The next Women of Zion meeting will be on Monday, May 20 at 10AM in the Church Hall. We will be wrapping up the Salad Buffet and discussing plans for the Rummage Sale on June 8. All are welcome!



Wheelchair Available

Recently a new wheelchair was purchased for use by Zion's congregation. This means that the oldest, blue wheelchair needs a new home. Before donating it to an outside party, it is being offered to the Zion family. If you or someone you know is in need of a wheelchair, please contact the Church Office.



Please Hold Your Plastic Bags

The Homeless Mats volunteers request that those of you who donate plastic bags temporarily cease bringing them to the church. They are currently overwhelmed by your generosity! They will need them again as they work through their piles, so keep an eye on future Newsletters for updates. Thank you.



Add an Extra Row to Your Garden for the Strassenfest!

Whether it's vegetables, fruits or flowers, strategize adding an extra row or two to your garden as you begin planting now that the weather has warmed. Great garden vegetables to plant and share may include: tomatoes, peppers, green beans, corn, beets, cucumbers, potatoes, pumpkins, squash...we could go on and on! Homemade jams and jellies are a favorite and salsa and tomato sauces could be a great addition to the pantry. We welcome your specialties.



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 Wolslegel 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 Carol Watson at 715-216-0696.



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 12 (Easter 7, Mothers Day)

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

Monday • May 13

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
1:30 PM Quilting (*see pg. 9*)
7:00 PM Missions Team
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Tuesday • May 14

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:15 PM Holy Communion
7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Wednesday • May 15

8:30 AM Word at the Middle of the Week, Facebook
12:00 PM Music at Midday
12:15 PM Holy Communion
1:00 PM Homeless Mats (*see pg. 9 & 10*)
6:30 PM Vespers
6:30 PM Confirmation Exam Night
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Thursday • May 16

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 17

12:15 PM Holy Communion

Saturday • May 18

5:15 PM Holy Communion





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