

## Zion Lutheran Church

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

**May 31, 2026**

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## Remembering

*Examples of the faith in May*

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### May 31: The Visitation



The Visitation commemorates a visit between St. Elizabeth (Sept. 5) and St. Mary (Aug. 15). Told by the angel Gabriel that she would bear the Christ, Mary traveled to her cousin, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with St. John the Baptist (June 24). When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the unborn John leapt for joy in his mother's womb, demonstrating infant faith, and the two women rejoiced.

## Pastoral Letter

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*He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." ~ Luke 16:31*



Beloved Saints,

Christ and His Scriptures are woven together seamlessly.

In our Gospel reading for Sunday, June 7, our Lord teaches that those who trust in Scripture trust in the resurrection of Jesus, and those who trust in the resurrection trust in Scripture. Christ and Scripture go together like ice cream and cold, or sunshine and daylight.

And what a difference Scripture has made! Not only has it sustained God's beloved Church in the saving faith, but it also has enriched and blessed human culture outside of the Church.

Consider the founding of the United States, whose 250th anniversary we celebrate this year. Political scientists Donald Lutz and Charles Hynemann once researched 15,000 political documents published in America between 1760 and 1805 and discovered that 34% of all quotations by the founding fathers came from the Bible, making it their most frequently quoted text.

We also know from the history of Scriptural translation that local cultures last longer and grow more resilient, and their people become more literate and creative, when their language becomes part of "Holy Writ." More than flattening or killing culture, Scripture has done more to preserve and enliven it than almost anything else, even as it inspired the first minds of our own nation.

Have you lately thanked God for Scripture, or made efforts to carry it in your heart, letting it slake your soul like a cool drink in summer? Joining the ELS, as we do this June, is a step that takes us deeper into Scripture, the very words of God, full of Spirit and life (John 6:63). We love them more than our own words, because our Savior gives them to us to make us holy and fill us with Himself.

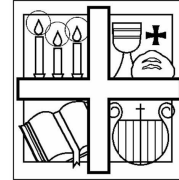
Peace!  
Pastor Gjerde

## 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

## Catechumenate

*learning the gifts*

*All in-person studies meet in the Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)*

Tuesdays: **Bible Study, 9 AM** “The Gospel of John”

Wednesdays: **Word at the Middle of the Week**  
8:30—9:00 AM (Online/Facebook)



Thursdays: **Men’s Bible Study, 8 AM** “James”  
**Women’s Bible Study, 11 AM**, “The Holy Spirit”  
(meeting 6/4, and 6/18)

Sundays: **Bible Study, 10 AM**: “A Deeper Look at the Supper”  
**Sunday School, Pre-K—Grade 5, 10:15 AM**

## Traveling This Summer?

The Lord is always risen, we are always sinners, and His grace is always free! If you are traveling this summer, please keep Sunday worship part of your travel plans. To find a Lutheran church in the area where you are traveling, feel free to contact one of the pastors, who will be happy to help you.



# Welcome Reception for Headmaster Berg & Family



Sunday, June 7 at 10:15 AM  
(in between services)  
Church Hall + Wishing Well

## Current Season: Trinity, First Quarter

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Theme: The Kingdom Grows: Invited by Grace  
Starts: Near Trinity Sunday  
Ends: The eve of June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul  
Colors: Green (new life, new growth)

# New Academy Now Enrolling

## Fall 2026

**Academy Features:**

- Classical liberal arts curriculum
- Confessional Lutheran formation
- Small, teacher-led classrooms
- Phonics, Latin, and rich literature

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of St. David the King



At Zion Lutheran Church  
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## Reasons to Enroll a Child at St. David's

Interest in St. David's continues to grow, and enrollment has begun! Is there a child in your life who would benefit from a Lutheran classical education?

The education and life at St. David's is part of God's own mission, connecting children and their families with the most basic and holy gifts of human life as God intends it: the true, the beautiful, and the good. Consider these reasons:

- 1) Rooted in authentic Lutheran faith, St. David's will strengthen children **daily** in the promises and love of Christ. Other modes of education implicitly (or at times explicitly) ask children to suspend their Christian faith and treat it as something separate from the task of learning—a situation that can unknowingly but effectively “nudge” children farther from Christ's grace.
  
- 2) Classical education, more than any other, prepares children for effective **language use**, which is at the heart of all other subjects they can learn. The natural sciences, technology, math, history, finance—mastery of all these subjects relies on **logic, grammar**, and other dimensions of language. A classical education equips children with this foundation more than any other.

- 3) For that same reason, classical education is one of the most effective tools for fostering a **civil and humane society**. Studies show that people with more effective communications skills experiences less frustration, anger, and alienation from their peers. Instead, they are able to relay their thoughts effectively and enter into the crucial art of persuasion and mutual understanding.
- 4) What some people call “**thick community**” matters a great deal for a child’s sense of security, moral formation, and joy. What is “thick community”? It’s a community rich with tradition, history, relationship, respect, and hope—and because of its connection to Zion, that kind of community will be at work at St. David’s. Daily chapel, catechism, and immersion in Christian history and fellowship will give children a firm grounding and wholesome perspective from which to understand God, the world, and themselves.
- 5) The Academy Board has developed an **affordable tuition schedule**, scaled to family considerations and competitive among Wausau parochial schools. This affordability is the result of generous support from the congregation and does not rely on public dollars, securing St. David’s educational freedom.
- 6) Housed in Zion’s school, St. David’s will have access to a **gym, outdoor space, secured play areas, and nearby art and theater opportunities** as well as clean and sunny classrooms. As a Christian endeavor, St. David’s education will strengthen the whole child, spirit, mind, soul, and body.
- 7) Classical education puts children on the **same path as the greatest scientists, artists, and leaders** of our Western society. This is the education that formed America’s democratic principles, sparked the advocacy of human rights, galvanized the scientific revolution, bolstered the Lutheran Reformation, inspired the great feats of the Renaissance, and continues to enrich Christian families and congregations.

Grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors: encourage the parents of children in your life to consider St. David’s. Families of the congregation: St. David’s is especially tailored to you, your faith, and the needs of your home. Contact Headmaster Berg today to speak more about St. David’s, and visit its website at **[www.lcastdavid.org](http://www.lcastdavid.org)**.

## Praying

*in our prayers this week*

**Persecuted Christians in:** Eritrea, Syria, Nigeria

**Missionaries:** Lutheran Bible Translators

**Zion Lutheran Classical Academy:** its establishment and growth

**Comfort, Healing, Recovery:**

The Family of Roger Sandquist

The Family of Judie Urbanek

**Those who need our on-going prayers:**

Zion's Homebound Members

Magdalena Doskey (*Lee Anderton's granddaughter*)

Larry Hegland            James Jens

Jessica Jens             Avery Kluck

Barb Langbecker        Barb Ramker

Anna Tanck



## Outreach and Mercy

*sharing and being the gifts*

**Monthly Mission Emphases:**

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

### **Hagar House, Wausau:**

Did you know there are single moms in the Bible? The most powerful story is of a woman named Hagar. As a maidservant, she had very little say in her own life, and after continual mistreatment, she decided to run away. However, she found herself in the hopelessness of brutal desert and expecting a child. In her desperate state, scripture says that God saw her distress and came to her. He spoke with her and refreshed her with water from a nearby well. Later, as the child grew, still abandoned and alone in the burning desert, she faced death once again. Imagine the torment of Hagar's heart, as she helplessly watched her son growing so close to death. God heard their cries and returned once again, tenderly rescuing them. God in his mercy, came through for Hagar and her child. This is the mission of the Hagar House: to free single mothers from cycles of crisis through a Christ-centered community. God asks Hagar, "Where have you come from, and where are you going?" (Genesis 16:8). Thank you for supporting this mission.



## Vacation Bible School: June 16-18

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**Days: June 16-18, Tues-Thurs**

**Time: 1-4 PM**

**Ages: Pre-K — 6th Grade**

*Let us know if you cannot pick up your child by 4 PM*

Below you'll find our "WISH LIST" of items needed for our VBS week.

Art supplies:

12x18 dark blue felt, dowels (at least 14") and ribbon,

Other felt colors needed for banner cut-outs: white, light blue, brown, tan, purple, green, royal blue.

Other items needed: Cardstock, glitter glue, puffy paint, foam stickers (numbers and letters)

Food supplies:

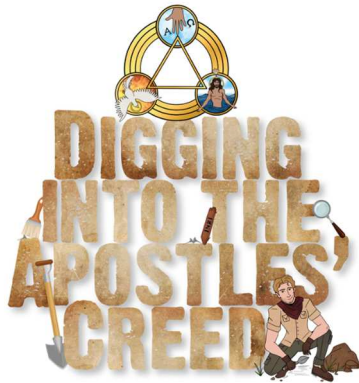
**Day One (Tuesday)** - "Bible Sandwiches, Tasty Earth, and Bible Brownies": Large flour tortillas, deli meat and cheese slices, mayonnaise, mustard, food color gel, uncut brownie trays, fruit roll-ups, large rice cakes, bagels, grapes, and blueberries.

**Day Two (Wednesday)** - "Crosses": Graham crackers, larger rectangular snack crackers, fruit (kiwi, apples, grapes, oranges, watermelon, cantaloupe), veggie trays (carrots, broccoli, colored pepper, etc.) cream cheese spread, veggie spread, various candies (M&Ms, Skittles, cholate bars, etc.), sprinkles.

**Day Three (Thursday)** - "Dove Sandwiches, Fruit of the Spirit Salad and Holy Spirit Cupcakes": Sandwich bread, meat and cheese (see Day One), various kinds of fruit (see Day Two), plain cupcakes (any flavor, UNFROSTED), cupcake frosting/icing, sprinkles.

Décor: Artificial house plants/trees we can borrow, a kiddie pool, sand, brown bulletin board paper (to make vines and rocks), box tape, things that look like archaeological artifacts (not authentic ones of course!). We will decorate for VBS on Monday, June 15 at 3 PM.

**If you would like to help or have any questions** please contact Pastor Johnson—[chris.johnson@zionlutheranwausau.com](mailto:chris.johnson@zionlutheranwausau.com).



## News & Events

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### Rummage Sale 2026

The Women of Zion will host their annual rummage sale in Zion's school gym. The sale will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 9AM to 1PM. We will again offer a \$5 per bag sale, with bags provided at the door. Select special items will be individually priced and available on a designated table. As you begin your spring cleaning, please set aside your gently used items for donation. Donations may be dropped off at the school gym, on Friday, June 19, from 9AM to 4PM. Please do not bring computer electronics or exercise equipment, and ensure that all clothing and toys are clean and in good condition, without rips or broken pieces. Donations of plants are also welcome; any size or type may be given, but all plants must be potted. Empty decorative pots are appreciated as well. If you'd like to help advertise, lawn signs are now available by the church office. For more information, contact Shelly Murvine or Jan T. Brown.



#### \*Two new notes\*:

- **Volunteers needed!** Specifically for: Friday Set-up Crew, Saturday Sale Crew and Clean-up Crew. Sign-up on the sheet now in the church office!
- **Proceeds Designated!** The Women of Zion have decided that all proceeds from the sale will go to support the tornado relief efforts in Ringle.

### Women's Bible Study

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The new Bible study for women will be held next on June 4 and June 18. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 11:00AM on that day. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office!



### Attention Graduate Families!

If you have a family member graduating this spring, please call the church office to let us know two things: (1) Which school they are graduating from and (2) what their plans following graduation are (college, work, military, etc.). The Elders of Zion stay in touch with our young adults for a few years after they graduate with timely gifts throughout the year. We're also looking forward to publishing their names and pictures in an upcoming newsletter, so that we might celebrate with you!



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### Death

Roger L. Sandquist fell asleep in the Lord on May 25 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. May God comfort Roger's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.



### Zion Garden Helpers Welcome

If you have a love for gardening and keeping Zion's gardens beautiful, your help would be appreciated as a garden helper! You can work on your own as your time permits or with others on larger, scheduled projects. Here's how you can help:



#### Spring Clean-up (*already done for 2026*)

Clean beds of winter debris and cut back those grasses and shrubs that are pruned in early spring

#### Mulching (*now done for 2026*) Usually done every two years

#### Planting (*now done for 2026*)

Help plant purchased plants/flowers when the weather is safe from frost

#### WEEDING! *\*ALL SUMMER & EARLY FALL!\**

Work any time you want and for as long as you want.

#### Fertilizing & Watering

Weekly for fertilizing annual flowers and watering as needed

#### Fall Clean-up (*late October to early November*)

Rake leaves from flower beds, pull out dead annuals, and trim all yews.

Please call Lynn Budnik (715-446-1474) or Sue Wolslegel (715-842-3836) if you are interested, have questions or would like to take a look at the gardens and supplies.

### Quilting at Zion

The quilters plan to gather next on June 15 at 1:00PM in the Church Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Watson at 715-216-0696. See you there!



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### Memorials and Other Gifts Received

- **In memory of Judie Urbanek**, Larry & Polly Nemec gave a gift to Zion's Academy Fund.
- **In memory of sister, Hilda (Martin) La Belle**, Ed & Ellie Martin and family gave a gift to Zion's Academy Scholarship Fund.
- **In thanksgiving for Zion's pastors, Kantor, musicians, choir and staff, and "all who work devotedly to share their gifts with us,"** Janis & Keith Ellison gave a gift to Zion.



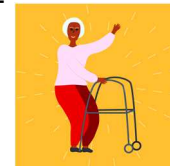
### *\*Next Week\** Summer Youth Trip

Soon some of our students will be heading up to Camp Luther for a week of fun and fellowship. The afternoon of Sunday, June 7, we will head north to Three Lakes and return the afternoon of Friday, June 12. *Please pray* for our students, chaperones from Zion and Camp Luther staff as they prepare themselves for a trip in which not only will memories be made and fellowship strengthened, but also the faith we believe, confess, and teach would be deepened as well!



### Improve Your Balance with the Stepping On Program

Learn from a variety of local experts—including a physical therapist, pharmacist, optometrist, and fire department professionals—about the many factors that can affect your balance. Join us every Tuesday, beginning June 2- July 14 from 9:30 AM -11:30 AM at Riverside Fire District (20 Alexander Avenue, Rothschild, WI). Pre-registration is required; call 888-486-9545. Program is FREE. Contributions are welcome!



### *\*Save the Date!\** Luther Square: Summer Cook-Out

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 19**, for a cook-out at Zion on Luther Square (serving at **noon**)! The Board of Elders is hosting this event and welcomes help, too. More details to follow.



## *\*This Week\** New Event: Storybook Soirée

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St. David's Academy is preparing for our upcoming Storybook Soirée, a special event celebrating the joy of good stories, beautiful books, and the wonder of learning. This will be a wonderful opportunity for families to learn more about the Academy and to share in the vision for classical Christian education in Wausau.



Please help us spread the word by inviting families, sharing the event with friends, and encouraging anyone who may be interested in St. David's Academy to attend. The event will be held on June 6th, in the Church Hall from 4:00PM - 6:00PM



*We are also seeking volunteers* to help make the event a success. Those interested in assisting with setup, greeting families, activities, refreshments, or general event support (and questions) should contact the Headmaster, Matthew Berg: [matthew.berg@zionlutheranwausau.com](mailto:matthew.berg@zionlutheranwausau.com).

## How May I Join Zion?

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The Church is the Lord's idea. He promises it will stand forever (Matt. 16:18). He tells believers to gather as one body for preaching, the sacraments, and prayer (John 17:21; Heb. 10:25, Acts 2:42). He calls all who trust in Him to baptize and learn (Matthew 28:19), to confess His Name publicly (Matt. 10:32), and to love one another (John 13:34). Just as He has committed Himself to the Church, so do His believers. Membership at Zion keeps in step with this Christian path. There are three ways that Zion receives new members:



- + **Baptism**, for those not previously baptized;
- + **Transfer**, for those who belong to a different Lutheran church;
- + **Affirmation of Faith**, for those who are baptized but not yet Lutheran.

Is one of these right for you or someone you know? If so, or if you have questions, please call the church office (715-848-7286) for more information.



## GOD'S WORD

**FILL IN THE BLANKS**

"This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the \_\_\_\_\_ to shine by day, who decrees the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to shine by \_\_\_\_\_, who stirs up the \_\_\_\_\_ so that its \_\_\_\_\_ roar — The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ is his name:"

Jeremiah 31:35, NIV

**MATCH THE BIBLE CHARACTER TO THE WATER**

**MOSES**

**JONAH**

**JESUS**

**FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS**

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JOY  
PEARL  
CRAB  
FAITH

**HELP THE FISH SWIM ACROSS THE CORAL REEF**

## Calendar

*for the upcoming week*

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### **Sunday • June 7 (*Trinity 1*)**

9:00 AM Holy Communion; Live Radio Broadcast,  
WSAU 550 AM  
10:15 AM Reception for Headmaster Berg (*see pg. 5*)  
11:00 AM Holy Communion  
2:00 PM Youth Group Leaves for Camp Luther (*see pg. 12*)

### **Monday • June 8**

Youth at Camp Luther (*see pg. 12*)  
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
10:15 AM WOZ Meeting  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
7:00 PM Mission Team  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Tuesday • June 9**

Youth at Camp Luther (*see pg. 12*)  
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Wednesday • June 10**

Youth at Camp Luther (*see pg. 12*)  
8:30 AM Word at the Middle of the Week, Facebook  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Thursday • June 11 (*St. Barnabas*)**

Youth at Camp Luther (*see pg. 12*)  
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Friday • June 12 (*The Council of Nicaea*)**

Youth Return from Camp Luther (*see pg. 12*)  
12:15 PM Holy Communion

### **Saturday • June 13**

5:15 PM Holy Communion





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