



# For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Sixth Sunday of Easter + May 20 and 21, 2017

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## PRAYING

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Ethiopia  
Palestinian Territories  
Laos**

*Sister Congregation*

**Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa**

*Missionaries*

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

*Studying at Seminary*

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

*Receiving First Communion*

~ **Logan Geiger, Brennan Hochberger,  
Wyatt Kulesa, Asher Ziebell, Rachel  
Ziebell**

*Preparing for Confirmation*

~ **Lilith Christoffersen, Nathaniel  
Contreras, Michael Cornell, Ashtyn  
Fernstaedt, and Ty Kell**

*Those who need our on-going prayers*

~ **Les Broliar  
Bill Deneen**

~ **Hazel Eckel  
Carol Edelburg  
Rita Falk  
Lois Frostman  
Maggie Gengler  
Barry Gilbert  
LouAnn Gille  
Chris Hilber  
Irene Hohman  
Lynell Huber  
Rick Jones  
Dan Kasten  
Avery Kluck  
Delores Kottke  
Sally Lewitzke  
Betty Machel  
Roni Novitzke  
Eunice Parsch  
Mary Plautz  
Barb Ramker  
Mike Renken  
Junior Ricci  
Johanna Schultz  
David Skola  
Aaron Steffen  
Anna Tanck  
Evelyn Werth  
Jayne Zilisch  
Nancy, godmother of Sue Hafemeister**

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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.

## WORSHIPING

*The Liturgy This Week*

**Thursday, May 25:**

**The ASCENSION of OUR LORD**

Holy Communion: 10 AM and 6:30 PM

*No Wednesday matins or vespers this week.*

### **At Home**

“A daily food and sustenance” – those are the words that Martin Luther used to describe Holy Communion. He didn’t necessarily mean that we would receive the Supper daily (although we could), but that the Supper received on Sunday would strengthen our faith daily as we carry its promise with us into all of life.

### **Worship Notes**

What happens to the bread and wine after Holy Communion? Being the body and blood of Christ, the unused bread and un-poured wine are saved to distribute to homebound believers (or for the next Supper). Wine that has been poured but not finished (in the chalice or individual cups) is either consumed by the ministers or returned to the earth by being poured outside onto something living.

### **Next Sunday:**

Easter 7: *Acts of the Apostles 1:12-26; First Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11; Psalm 68:1-10*

## LEARNING

*Nourished by God’s Word*

**Sundays, 10:15 AM:**

**THIS SUNDAY ONLY:**

Meet with Ed Riojas, the Lutheran artist who prepared the new altarpiece in the chapel, to learn more about this beautiful artwork and how it proclaims the Gospel of Christ (we will meet in the chapel after 9 AM worship).

**Tuesdays at 9 AM: NEW STUDY:**

**THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

Following the death and resurrection of Jesus, all things in the Old Testament take on a new light, teaching us to see all of our life in the light of Jesus and His grace. (Church Hall). *Starting at Hebrews 1:1.*

**Thursday Men’s Breakfast: Matthew**

Most of our gospel readings this year will come from the gospel according to Matthew. The tax collector called by Christ, Matthew writes a gospel that some have called a “catechism of the Christian life.” He tells us the story of Jesus in a way that teaches how the followers of Jesus live by Jesus’ life alone. Come and let Matthew renew your own living of the Life. *Continuing at Matthew 5:5.*

## REMEMBERING

*Heroes of the Faith in May*

### **Saint Esther**

*May 24*

St. Esther is the heroine of the Biblical book that bears her name. It takes place in Persia, where Esther, a Jew, had become the wife of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes the Great). He did not know that she was a Jew, and initially agreed with some of his counselors to destroy the Jewish people. Esther was able to intercede on behalf of her people and change his mind; the counselors instead were killed. Thus the Jewish nation, from which Jesus came, was saved by Esther's intercession.

### **The Visitation**

*May 31*

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.

*Free cards commemorating these holy brethren and others are available in the narthex.*

## REACHING

*Zion's Monthly Mission Emphases*

### **Women's Community, Wausau**

*Goal \$1,000*

### **Lutheran CORE**

*Goal \$2,000*

### **The Women's Community, Wausau**

The Women's Community is a vital part of our community, providing services to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Just a few of the things being done are providing lifesaving shelter for women and children escaping abusive relationships, legal advocacy through the court systems, 24 hour crisis intervention, community education in schools, businesses and churches, advocating for victims of domestic violence in later life, and our Healing Through Art Program. Your prayers and monetary gift help to continue to offer services to anyone in our community who needs them.

### **Lutheran CORE**

The purpose of Lutheran CORE can be summed up in two words – *Shelter* and *Voice*. As a *Shelter* for confessing Lutherans, Lutheran CORE supports and connects Lutheran individuals and congregations who seek to live in accord with Biblical and confessional teachings and practices. As a *Prophetic Voice*, Lutheran CORE advocates for Biblical authority and confessional fidelity among

churches of the Lutheran community. Lutheran CORE especially serves traditional ELCA congregations in their commitment to the Holy Trinity, salvation through Christ alone, the authority of Scripture, and traditional marriage.

## SERVING

*Embodying the Love and Life of Christ*

### **New Study for Summer:**

#### **Why Lutherans Sing What They Sing**

How may the wealth of Lutheran hymnody become even more valuable and meaningful to you? Starting this June, Kantor Beethe will lead a class that explores the importance of the Lutheran Musical Heritage at the Sunday 10:15 a.m. Bible class in the church hall. Through Scripture, story, video, and brief peeks into Lutheran teaching and history, we will explore why Lutherans sing what they sing!

### **Vacation Bible School at Zion**

Zion will hold VBS this year on Monday, July 31 through Thursday, August 3, from 9–11:30 a.m. each day. Children will learn the “big story” of God’s love using “A Mighty Fortress” curriculum! You may pre-register your child with the church office at any time.

### **First Communion**

Three of Zion’s youngsters – Logan Geiger, Brennan Hochberger, Wyatt Kulesa – will receive our Lord’s holy body and blood for the first time this Sunday. Two

others, Asher and Rachel Ziebell, will receive it at another time. Give thanks to the Lord as He gives His gifts to a new generation.

### **Confirmation**

Five of Zion’s youngsters – Lilith Christoffersen, Nathaniel Contreras, Michael Cornell, Ashtyn Fernstaedt, and Ty Kell – will be confirmed in the holy catholic and apostolic faith on Sunday, June 4. Please keep these beloved Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers as they prepare to make public confession of Christ.

### **Quilting in Church Hall**

... Mondays, May 22, and June 12 and 26, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are welcome! Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84". The quilters are in need of gently used sheets or clothing that can be cut into square pieces for the quilts. Bring your donation to the church office marked “Quilters”. Thank you.

### **Zion Altar Guild**

We have re-scheduled our next meeting to Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. After our short business meeting, Pastor Steven Gjerde will present the program, including the newly-installed Chapel art. Hostesses are Janet Dettmering, Vicky Radunz, and Julie Sweeney. Guests are welcome to attend.

### **Young at Heart**

... meets on Wednesday, May 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Dave and Lori Torrko will present the program "DC Everest the Man, DC Everest the Legend."

### **Lectors: Reading Lessons at Worship**

Would you like to read the Scripture lessons at worship? A clear voice, good reading skills, and a love of God's Word and liturgy serve this task best! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Gjerde at the church office.

### **Ushers Needed**

Please consider volunteering to help with ushering for Zion's services. Training will be provided. Call the church office if you would be willing to help.

### **Please Note**

Articles for the weekly bulletin are due at the church office on Wednesdays each week. The bulletins are then printed on Thursdays to ensure that Zion's homebound members may receive the bulletins in the mail by Saturday. Also, articles for the Newsletter are due to the church office by the third Friday of each month.

### **Bread and Pie Baking on May 26**

Phyllis Bliese will be baking French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each), and apple, banana crème, and lemon meringue pies (\$6 each), and pecan pies (\$8 each) in Zion's church kitchen. 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.

### **Rummage Sale Profit**

\$1,165.09 was the profit from the Women of Zion's Spring Rummage and Plant Sale. Thanks to everyone for your help!

### **"All the Earth With Joy Is Sounding"**

Kantor Beethe's recital from January 29 is now available for viewing on youtube. The link is: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=jFyxoAe9tJ0>

### **"Easter Festival Service" will be telecast**

on Channel 980 on Fridays at 12:00 noon, and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. It is also available for viewing on youtube. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knCMTMHq6Pw>

You may check the channel 980 schedule guide for other interesting programs at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/PublicAccess/Documents/WeeklyProgramGuideCH98.pdf>

### **Calling All Lay Ministers: Past, Present, and Future! Or Anyone Interested in Volunteering!**

Greater Wausau Christian Services is in need of Lay Ministers or those that have recently graduated from Lay School Ministry, OR anyone interested in volunteering, to help with our Nursing and Elder Care Service Rotation. Days, facilities, and times that we need volunteers are: Tuesdays - Mount View at 2 p.m.; Atrium (formerly Kennedy Park) at 3 p.m.; Wednesdays - Benedictine Manor at 9:45 a.m.; Colonial Manor at 10:45 a.m.; Wausau Manor at 2 p.m. If you are able, or know someone that is able, please contact GWCS at 715-842-5635.

### **A Volunteer Coordinator of Music**

... is needed at Kennedy Park on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If interested, call Cheryl at 715-803-0067.

### **Thinking Ahead to Strassenfest, October 14, 2017**

Here are two ways that you could help out:

- from thrift stores: buy and donate wool sweaters (at least 80% wool content), which are used to cut out mitten shapes to sew mittens – bring sweaters to the church office
- you could make high-demand items: baby quilts, handmade from fabric, and/or knitted or crocheted; also, hand-embroidered dishtowels
- in the spring and summer, yard sales have vintage or antique items, such as jewelry, glassware, or furniture. If you need to have large items hauled away, call Dave and Lori Torkko, 715-551-5593
- a “stitch-in” or “craft-in” gathering could be held in the church hall – if interested, call the church office.

### **Items Needed for Strassenfest Crafts**

The following are needed to make items for sale at Strassenfest:

- Small vintage-looking or antique picture frames, sizes 5”x7” or 8”x10”
- Antique postcards, general or Christmas theme

Bring your donations to the church office, labeled “Strassenfest Crafts”. Thank you.

**A Black Columbia Spring Jacket**, size XL was found in the church kitchen. Call the church office if you believe it is yours.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

*Events around Central Wisconsin*

### **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

... Wednesday, May 24, 9–10 a.m. at Helke Funeral Home, 302 Spruce Street, Wausau. The funeral directors and staff at Helke’s would like to invite the women and men who help us in providing a dignified funeral ceremony for the families we serve. All members who help with funeral lunches, church secretaries, and clergy are invited. For those interested, following breakfast we will provide tours of our newly remodeled funeral home and new crematory. RSVP, please call 715-842-3993; or email: helke@helke.com.

### **Faith in Action**

Are you age 60 or older? Do you need a little extra help with groceries? Friendly volunteers from Faith in Action of Marathon County are ready to deliver food from the Community Center of Hope food pantry or from The Neighbors’ Place to your doorstep. To request assistance, please contact Kelly at 715-848-8783.

### **Ideas for Action Teams**

Refer to the bulletin board posting at the northwest entrance of Zion for the many ideas from Thrivent Financial’s action teams across the country that have accomplished service projects. You can strengthen Zion by organizing a team. You will receive up to \$250 in “seed money.” If interested, Thrivent mem-

bers may call the church office if they are not sure how to get started.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Upcoming events at Zion*

- **Monday, July 31 thru Thursday, August 3: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:**  
Vacation Bible School at Zion
- **Sunday, October 1 – 3:00 pm:**  
Organ Concert in Nave: “Hymn Festival Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation” by Robert Hobby, Organist and Michael Costello, Hymn Commentator
- **Saturday, October 14 – 9 am to 4 pm:**  
Strassenfest in Zion’s gym
- **Sunday, October 15:**  
Abendessen at Jefferson Street Inn

**Attendance: May 13, 14 and 17:**

**Saturday:**

5:15 pm      35

**Sunday:**

9:00 am      160

11:00 am      52

**Wednesday:**

10:00 am      6

6:30 pm      15

**Total: 268**

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • May 21

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;  
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation Class
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 12:00 noon Sunday School Year-End  
Party

## Monday • May 22

- 12:15 pm Mercy Day Litany Service
- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Quilting in  
church hall
- 6:15 pm Group Home Ministry
- 6:30 pm Call Committee

## Tuesday • May 23

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:15 pm Mercy Day Litany Service
- 7:00 pm Altar Guild meeting in  
church hall

## Wednesday • May 24

- 9:45 am Benediction Manor  
Devotions
- 10:45 am Colonial Manor Devotions
- 12:15 pm Mercy Day Litany Service
- 1:00 pm Young at Heart meeting in  
church hall
- 6:30 pm Confirmation

## Thursday • May 25

### ASCENSION DAY

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
- 10:00 am Holy Communion
- 6:30 pm Holy Communion

## Friday • May 26

- Bread and Pie Baking Fundraiser

## Saturday • May 27

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

## Sunday • May 28

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;  
WSAU Radio
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation Class
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

### Next Sunday:

Easter 7: *Acts of the Apostles 1:12-26; First Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11; Psalm 68:1-10*