

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Pentecost 8 + July 9 and 10, 2016

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Mexico Kuwait Kazakhstan

Sister congregation:

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries:

Chris and Janine Pluger

(Lutheran Bible Translators in Zambia)

Studying at Seminary

~ Vicar Joe Pinzl

Preparing for Marriage

- ~ Brittney Sternberg and Bradley Althoff
- ~ Megan Wanta and Tim Oelke
- ~ Brittany Yaeger and Jake Hanke
- ~ Christina Zeinemann and Kyle Lang

Visiting from Lehurutshe

- ~ Lorato Yvonne Zulu
- ~ Peloeng Pauline Mediro

Recovering from Surgery

~ Hilmar Baumann

Those who need our on-going prayers

- ~ Bernice Baumann
- ~ Hazel Eckel
- ~ Anne Heian
- ~ Mary Fluehr
- ~ Barry Gilbert
- ~ Dan Kasten
- ~ Avery Kluck
- ~ Delores Kottke
- ~ Sally Lewitzke
- ~ Alan Lippert
- ~ Deb Mertes
- ~ Earl Plautz
- ~ Mike Renken ~ Johanna Schultz
- ~ Tom, the son-in-law of Elroy and Mary Ann Tapper
- ~ Joe Trittin, son of Anna Tanck
- ~ Jayne Zilisch

Missions

- ~ Habitat for Humanity, Wausau
- ~ Open Door

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

Matins + Wednesday, 10 AM

A liturgy of morning prayer to praise God for the day and refresh our souls at midweek. (*Chapel*)

Vespers + Wednesday, 6:30 PM

A liturgy of evening prayer to praise God for the night and the light of Christ. (*Chapel*)

At Home: A Bedtime Prayer

My hands at rest, And I in Thine. Lord, bless Thy work And pardon mine. Amen ~ S. Kenneth Meadow

Worship Notes

The season of Pentecost is "kingdom-tide," the time when our Scripture readings set before us the life and character of God's holy kingdom. All of the Pentecost season, therefore, acts as a kind of "sermon series" on the kingdom of God. In July, our readings focus on the spread of the kingdom: how it grows across the face of the earth.

Next Sunday:

Pentecost 9: *Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians* 1:21-29; *Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 27:10-18*

LEARNING

Nourished by God's Word

Sundays, 10:15 AM Christ in the Old Testament

Jesus Christ was born about 2000 years ago — but He did not begin to exist then. God the Son, He has existed eternally with the Father from before creation. Therefore, the whole of Scripture speaks about Him, including the Old Testament, which records events before He was born. It's like being sleuths, discovering Jesus in texts where others may miss Him!

Tuesdays at 9 AM: NEW STUDY

On <u>July 12</u> this group will begin studying *Ephesians*, St. Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. Ephesians is a sometimes controversial book, written in stunning language, that explores the union of the Church with Christ and its ministry as well as marriage, family, and relationships within the congregation.

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7 AM: Genesis

The word "genesis" means "beginnings," and this book of the Bible tells us about the beginnings of more than just creation: the beginning of sin, the beginning of salvation, and the beginning of Abraham's family, the nation of Israel. As we learn our beginnings, we learn who we are and who we shall be in the light of Christ. *Continuing at Genesis* 19:30.

REMEMBERING

Heroes of the Faith in July

Saint Ruth

July 16

St. Ruth was the great-grandmother of St. David (Dec. 29), and thus a foremother of Jesus. Yet she was not a Jew, but a Moabitess, who married a son of St. Naomi. When that son died, Ruth promised to accompany Naomi wherever she would go, and to worship the God of Israel (Ruth 1:16-17). By this loyalty, she eventually returned with Naomi to Israel and married Naomi's relative, St. Boaz. Her inclusion into Jesus' lineage pointed ahead to His redemption of the whole world.

Saint Elijah

July 20

The image of St. Elijah carried heavenward in a chariot led by fiery horses recalls the end of his earthly ministry, when God carried the prophet in this manner to His celestial abode. It was a fit conclusion to a fiery ministry, in which Elijah opposed King Ahab of Israel and his wife, Jezebel, for worshiping Baal and living unjustly (1 Kings). Elijah did so amid much danger to himself, yet he was protected by God's grace and permitted to pass on his ministry to a successor, St. Elisha (June 14)

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

REACHING

Zion's Monthly Mission Emphases

Habitat for Humanity, Wausau

Goal \$1,000

One of the most successful projects ever initiated by our local HFH affiliate is the partnership with the construction trades classes at our local high schools. Twenty-six families presently own homes built by high school students. The number of HFH houses in Wausau is 62. We are quite proud of our collaboration with local school districts, community businesses, and volunteers from many organizations and churches. The recycled building materials (RMB) is a resource using building materials that are to be discarded and we incorporate them into our building efforts.

Open Door

Goal \$1,000

The Open Door is a safe destination for offenders released from the Marathon County Jail at 5:00 a.m. Since its inception in November 2010, the Open Door offers a place out of the elements, coffee, clothing, and hygiene products. They are located one-half block from the jail. There is a phone and computers to do job and housing searches and resume writing. Marathon County Community Resource lists are available. Clothing contributions are on-going and utilized to the max. Financially, they need cash for rent and operating supplies. Please help them continue this valuable outreach.

(For more information on these missions, please see the Mission Bulletin Board display down in the church hall.)

SERVING

Embodying the Love and Life of Christ

Quilting

... Mondays: July 18, August 8 and 29, and September 12, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. Volunteers are welcome! If you have any materials to donate, such as fabric, bed sheets, or old clothing, please put this in a bag, label it for "Quilting", and bring to the church office. Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84". This project supports Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be shipped on Saturday, October 1.

Zion Pictorial Directory Dates

Photographs will be taken in the church hall from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on these dates: August 23, 24, 26, 30, 31 and September 7, 9, 13, 14; and August 27 only from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A letter will be coming to you in July with further information.

Portals of Prayer

... for July through September are available in the narthex and by the church office reception area. Large print copies are also available.

Church Grounds Project

There will be some "remodeling" happening on the east side of the church building near the school building over the next few weeks. Please be patient as the work continues. We would like to eliminate the landscaping rock on that side of the building. If you would like some of the rock, please make arrangements with the church office for a time you can dig it and transport it to your location. If you have any questions feel free to contact Lynn Budnik, 715-446-1474.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

... Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Bread and Pie Baking on July 29

Phyllis Bliese will be baking French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each), and apple, lemon meringue, pumpkin pies (\$6 each), and blueberry 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 school's roof debt.

"Fill A Backpack, Fill A Need" Action Team

Thrivent Financial Associate Steven Zeinemann is co-sponsoring an Action Team to raise contributions for the "Fill A Backpack, Fill A Need" program sponsored by the Workplace Volunteer Council of Marathon County. The Workplace Volunteer Council began this annual service project in 1999. The drive supports students in grades 4K through 8th grade, who qualify for the free, and now also reduced, lunch program in their school, with valuable school supply items that they might otherwise have to go without. This donation helped to provide backpacks and school supplies to 2,996 students in 2015. There are over 6,500 students who are eligible for this program so more work remains. You can help make a difference in the lives of these children and their families by contributing a backpack to the cause. Your contribution can be dropped off at the Thrivent Financial office at 860 Grand Avenue in Schofield, or in our church office. The deadline for contributing to this cause is July 31. Thanks for considering this request and choosing to Live Generously!

Kantor Quest for July 10:

Which psalm has the most verses? How many verses does it have?

Women of Zion

... will not meet in July or August. Monthly meetings will resume on Thursday, September 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. (This is a new day and time.) Consider joining us!

Zion Organ Concert Broadcast

If you would like the opportunity to hear and see the fine organ concert presented

by Timothy Olsen here at Zion last October, the program is now being aired on Wausau Area Access Channel – Channel 980. The programming schedule for the Timothy Olsen Concert presented at Zion on October 4, 2015 is: Saturdays @ 12:30 p.m.
Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.
Mondays @ 7:00 a.m.
Link to upcoming broadcasts from Zion: http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/PublicAccess/Schedules.aspx

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.

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.

Membership

If you are not yet a member of Zion, and would like to join, please contact one of the pastors at the church office (715-848-7286). They will assist you in connecting with Zion's fellowship and life of faith.

Strassenfest in Zion's Gym

Each week we are highlighting a different booth from the annual Zion Strassenfest, held Saturday, October 8.

Vintage Items – Treasures that are 40-50 years old including tins, chests, suitcases, clocks, dishware, buttons, typewriters, scales, knick knacks, books, etc. We encourage you to reach out to Strassenfest chairpersons Lori and Dave Torkko at 715-842-2704 or dtorkko@pcpros.net to donate, share ideas, or volunteer. Also, check out the Strassenfest 2016 Facebook page and 'like' the page to stay informed of the latest news.

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. Usually, July and August are a combined Newsletter.

Gardening and Cooking with Biblical Plants and Herbs

Copies of this page of information are

available in the church office. This information was from the program by Majestic Farms Greenhouse at the Salad Buffet event.

Lutheran Public Radio

If you have access to the internet, you can listen to "Lutheran radio" everyday at www.lutheranpublicradio.com. It plays Lutheran music appropriate to the season 24/7. It also links to "Lutheran Talk Radio" at www.issuesetc.org. Check it out!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

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.

Rosemans Upcoming Flute/Piano Recital

... Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wausau conservatory of Music. Drs. Jacob and Molly Roseman share their gifts in worship at Zion several times each year.

Ideas to Spark Action in Our Community

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 our community by organizing a team. You will receive up to \$250 in "seed money." If interested, Thrivent members may call the church office if they are not sure how to get started.

Homebound Library Service Program

If you are homebound and can no longer physically get to the Marathon County Public Library locations, there is a service which makes library materials available. Participants may borrow books, DVD's, music CD's, and more. All items arrive in your mailbox, or are delivered by library volunteers or family members. You must have a valid Marathon County Public Library card. If you would like additional information, call Paula at 715-261-7240.

Volunteer Drivers Needed for Wausau Area Mobile Meals

Meals are picked up at Aspirus Hospital and delivered by volunteer drivers daily between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The meals are delivered in the Wausau area, including Rib Mountain, Schofield, Rothschild, and parts of Weston. Most routes take about 1 hour, with 6 to 10 stops. To volunteer, or if you have questions, call Curtis Barthel, 715-848-5848.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- Tuesday, July 26 7:00 pm: Quarterly Voters Meeting in church hall
- Wednesdays, July 27 and August 24: Holy Communion
- Thursday, September 8 6:30 pm: Kantorei rehearsal in south balcony
- Sunday, September 11 9:00 am: Sunday School resumes
- Saturday, September 24 9 am to 1 pm: Women of Zion Rummage Sale in gym
- Sunday, October 2 3:00 pm:
 Organ Concert in nave: "Bach and Sons" by Dr. Jeannine Jordan
- Saturday, October 8 9 am to 4 pm: Strassenfest in Zion's gym

Attendance: July 2, 3, and 6:

<u>Saturday</u> :	
5:15 pm	45
Sunday:	
9:00 am	82
11:00 am	40
Wednesday:	
10:00 am	9
6:30 pm	<u>17</u>
Total:	193

Zion's Financial News

Income last week: \$ 6,744 Year-to-date income: \$296,022 Year-to-date expenses: \$311,502

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • July 10

9:00 am Holy Communion;

WSAU Radio

10:15 am Bible Study

11:00 am Holy Communion

Monday • July 11

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm: East Town Neighbor-

hood Group on Zion's

green space

Tuesday • July 12

9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Staff Meeting

4:00 pm Morality in Media meeting

in church hall

Wednesday • July 13

9:45 am Benedictine Manor

Devotions

10:00 am Matins

10:45 am Colonial Manor Devotions

1:00 pm Jail Ministry 6:30 pm Vespers

Thursday • July 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Class

6:30 pm Elders Team

Friday • July 15

5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday • July 16

1:30 pm Sternberg / Althoff

Wedding

5:15 pm Holy Communion

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