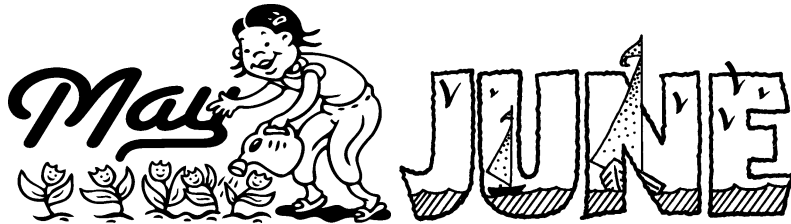




# Zion News

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## 2010

### Faith Fest Kids Program May 5

*Expressing the Love of Jesus in Song* shapes the children's program to close out this year's Faith Fest sessions. The Faith Fest children from Kindergarten through Fifth grade have been working on their program since January. They will share their songs and other presentations on Wednesday, May 5, as part of Faith Fest's 6:00 P.M. worship service, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Pierce and University Avenues.

### Overwhelmed

#### The Seven Marks of Discipleship

- ✠Pray
- ✠Worship
- ✠Study
- ✠Invite
- ✠Encourage
- ✠Give
- ✠Serve

I write this after the worship service on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and my one-word reaction is simply "overwhelmed." That evening I talked with my brother and tried to describe to him all that took place during worship and afterwards, and I couldn't do it. It was just one wonderful thing after another; one marvelous and amazing detail after another. It really was overwhelming. It will give me much to ponder and pray over while I am on sabbatical.

I am so very, very grateful. I've said it before, but now I add as much emphasis as I can possibly muster: It is a privilege to be your pastor! Zion is a congregation filled with countless blessings and Sunday morning I had the opportunity to catch a glimpse of so many of those blessings. And I know that I was not the only one who felt blessed by Zion at that service. Bishop Tom spends most of his time trying to put out fires and deal with difficult situations within congregations. From my perspective, it is a terrible job. At that worship service he felt the fire of the Holy Spirit instead, and was thrilled by it.

So, thank you! Thank you for all your support and well wishes. Thank you for all the work that went into such a marvelous and memorable occasion. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for your courage to enter into this time of extended sabbath, trusting that God will lead us to even greater things. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Pastor Keith

### BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION...

*While Pastor Keith is on his sabbatical in Tanzania, I will be serving you as your interim pastor. I'm relatively new to the congregation, so I thought I'd respond to the question many of you have wondered to yourselves, "Who is this guy?"*

*I grew up in Neenah, WI. Ellice, my wife, grew up in Oregon, WI. We met at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. We married in 1968. We have two children. Our daughter, Crista, lives in Oconto with her two, eight year-old children (twins). Our son and his wife presently live in Columbia, SC. They are the proud parents of a little, one-year old girl. Aaron is graduating from Southern Theological Seminary in Columbia, this month. He's been assigned to the Virginia Synod and is looking forward to his first call as an ordained pastor.*

*I attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN, graduating in 1970 with a Masters of Divinity degree. My first call was to a large congregation in Eau Claire, WI. I joined the staff at First Lutheran Church with primary responsibilities for youth ministry.*

*In 1974 I received a call to Bay View Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI. During the fourteen years I was there, we demolished the old church facility and built a new church on the existing site. We added staff and experienced significant blessing together.*

*In 1988 I received a call to Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Wausau, WI. I didn't want to go, but felt drawn to the needs of that people at that time. During the ten years I served in Wausau, we did some major facility renovations and wrestled with our mission to the neighborhood around us.*

*In 1998 I received a call to First American Lutheran Church in Oconto, WI. While I was there I supervised eight interns from Warburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. My major ministry was building community and healing old rifts in the congregation.*

*Ellice and I are retired and living on the Bay, north of Oconto. We are very grateful for the gracious way Zion has welcomed us into the family and we look forward to our ministry together here for many years to come.*

*Pastor Rick DeBenedetto*

### Who Do I Call?

Pastor Rick DeBenedetto will be the interim pastor while Pastor Keith is on sabbatical in Tanzania. For pastoral emergencies he is the first to be called.

Home: 920-834-3410

Cell: 920-680-2326

Pastor Rick will be attending the graduation of their son from May 11-20 and will not be available during that time. Please call:

Pastor George Olson

Home: 732-4742

If you are unable to contact Pastor Rick or Pastor George you are welcome to call either:

Chaplain Darrel Diers from St. James Lutheran and Northland Lutheran Retirement Community

Home: 735-3832

Cell: 923-3691

Pastor Craig Mansur chaplain of BAMC

Home: 732-3489

Office: 735-4200, ext. 3369

You are also encouraged to call Karen Sylvester, Zion's congregational president, and the leader of Zion's Caring Ministry Team. She can be reached at:

Home: 732-4206

Cell: 587-4206

You may also call our church secretary, Paula, at Zion's office for any and all information. Her hours are: Monday – Wednesday, 8:00-2:00, & Thurs., 8:00-1:00.

Zion's Church Office: 735-7898

Pastor Rick will be available every Sunday (except May 16) following worship for any pastoral conversations or needs. He will also be available for appointments during the week which can be set up with him on Sunday or by calling him.

## **Zion's Caring Ministry Team**

On Saturday, April 10, 2010 Zion's Caring Ministry Team held its first training session which focused on listening and confidentiality. The session was led by Pastor Lee Goodwin and was found by all to be extremely enlightening.

The next team meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm at Zion. This meeting will establish ground rules for team members as well as for future visits to the elderly and homebound of Zion. The group will also determine who they will be visiting and how often.

The goal of this group is to reach out to the elderly and/or homebound and ill members of Zion as caring representatives for the entire congregation letting them know that Zion remembers and supports them.

If you are at all interested in giving of yourself in this way or would be interested in learning more about the group please call Karen Sylvester the team leader at 732.4206 or email her at [gsylvester@new.rr.com](mailto:gsylvester@new.rr.com).

## Recordings of Zion's Worship

DVD recordings of Zion's worship services are now available. Please alert Troy Cording if you want one. He can be reached at: Home – 732-1391, Email: [troy\\_cording@yahoo.com](mailto:troy_cording@yahoo.com).

## God and Country Award Recipient

Matthew Nowak, son of Joe and Tracy Nowak, recently received the God and Country Award for Cub Scouts. The God and Country program is an opportunity provided by the Scouts to deepen the faith and learning of participating Cub Scouts. Matthew met with Pastor Keith five times this past winter, studying some Biblical basics of the Christian faith. He also completed work at home. We are proud of Matthew's dedication to his program and the work that has led to this award. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors with the Scouts and certainly pray that the Holy Spirit continues to surround and guide him as his faith grows.

## **Baobab Blast!**

*Bible School will be held again this year in early August in the evening. Several weeks ago we went and visited the resource center in Appleton to look at all the available bible schools. This is an amazing place. We chose Augsburg Fortress "Baobab" where we will be traveling to the African Savannah. We are in the planning stages and are looking for people who would like to attend our meetings. We have less churches this year participating and with Pastor Keith gone we will need some extra help. I am looking for a leader in crafts, games and general helpers. Please contact me if you are interested. We will set the dates at our first meeting and show you our awesome ideas.*

*Ann Buscher 735-3017*

## **Mark your Calendar August 29<sup>th</sup>!**

As I reflect on Pastor's Keith celebration Sunday I am reminding how blessed we are at Zion. A big thank you to everyone who made that service and celebration so special. Pastor will be back in the pulpit on August 29<sup>th</sup>. He will be making a special presentation and would like us to stay for dinner. So mark the date on your calendar and I hope we see the church and fellowship hall packed to see and hear what a great experience he had in Tanzania. If you would like to serve on the kitchen crew that day give me a call.

Zion's choir will be singing for the last time this year on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our last rehearsal will be on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please bring \$3 to the rehearsal to cover the coffee hours we will sponsor this summer.

During the summer we try to have some kind of special music each Sunday. If you know of anyone or you would like to share your talents give me a call. I know we have youth that have participated in solo and ensemble this spring. My number is 715 735-3017

Ann Buscher  
Worship and Music Committee

## **Screen/Projector Update**

After the wonderful service on April 25th to honor Pastor Keith's 25th anniversary of ordination, a rousing send off for him on his journey to Dar es Salaam, and the "inauguration" of the screen/projector and cameras, I thought I'd give you an update.

I thought the equipment worked very well, (I hope you liked it). There does need to be some tweeking done and not everything is up and running. Policies need to be written on the usage of the equipment, not only for worship services, but also for weddings, funerals, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my committee members who went above and beyond what I asked them to do, and were there when I needed them to be. They are: Pastor Keith, Bill Tipple, Troy Cording, Dean Schoen, Sarge Rudell and Sarah Rabideau. Thank you!

On Saturday April 24th Roger Ihde from Northern Sound Video out of Green Bay came up to train Troy Cording (our Tech Team leader), Shawn Limberg, and Curt Clarke on the operation of the new system. These three people will train whoever else wants to get in on this wonderful new ministry for Zion. If you are interested, please let me or Troy know.

Blessings to all, Kathy Heimbuch

## **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

We are in need of volunteers for our annual Spring Clean Up which is taking place on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 8:00 am until Noon.

This is a great way to get to know other people in our church family as we work together and prepare our building and grounds for the months ahead.

Spring Clean Up involves both indoor and outdoor tasks such as: washing windows, raking, trimming area around the creek, sweeping sidewalks, cleaning indoors, providing snacks, making coffee and kool-aid, etc...You can sign up for the project you prefer.

Plan on bringing work gloves, rakes, brooms, and any other tools and supplies you would rather use.

Please contact me to sign up and we are looking forward to seeing you at this event!

Sarah Rabideau  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Zion Lutheran Church  
(715) 801-0150  
[mnvik\\_26@hotmail.com](mailto:mnvik_26@hotmail.com)



## **DEBT & DAR**

The DAR can use your help and here are some of the ways you can help.

- Call the DAR (863-9512) to see how you can help. Consider volunteering. They are in need of adults to help children with 1) homework; 2) arts and crafts; 3) games; 4) computers. You do not need to be an expert in these areas. General knowledge with an openness to the wonders of the world as seen through the eyes of a child will help you help them.
- Help with donating the following supplies. Keep the list below in your wallet. It lists items that the DAR uses every day and always seems to be running out of. When you come across a great deal on one of the items, go ahead and buy a few. Bring them to Zion and put them in the round basket in the narthex.

- Beads
- Pipe Cleaners
- Construction Paper
- Copy Paper
- Hp 15/23 Ink Cartridges for a hp812c printer
- Paper plates
- Paper cups
- Paper bowls
- Paper toweling
- Formula 409
- Cotton towels for cleaning
- 15-gallon garbage bags

**FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP  
8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY**

**Date:** June 6, 2010  
**Place:** Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp  
**Time:** 2:00 CDT Fortune Lake 500 Line-up  
 3:00 CDT Thanksgiving Worship  
 5:30 CDT Banquet  
**Cost:** \$20 Adult Banquet tickets  
 \$10 Youth Banquet tickets, under 5 free

For reservations, contact the camp office at (906)-875-3697  
 Or email: [officemanager@fortunelake.org](mailto:officemanager@fortunelake.org)



**CHURCH OFFICE NEW LOCATION**

On May 1, 2010 the church secretary (Paula Vieth) will be temporary moving into what was at one time the youth room on the north side of the building. The church office will be located there for about two months until the remodeling has been completed.

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE 2010**

<p><b><u>June 1</u></b> Jenny Brooks Robert Peterson</p>	<p><b><u>June 11</u></b> Viola Anderson Yvonne Groleau</p>	<p><b><u>June 24</u></b> Drew Andrist Shannon Harris Jeffrey Lebeck</p>
<p><b><u>June 2</u></b> Bryan Johnson</p>	<p><b><u>June 14</u></b> Chad Sommers</p>	<p><b><u>June 26</u></b> Chris Litts Don Schutt</p>
<p><b><u>June 4</u></b> Matthew Swenson</p>	<p><b><u>June 15</u></b> John Bowdin Robert Lund Pat Rondeau Chris Seppi James Williams</p>	<p><b><u>June 27</u></b> June Schmidt</p>
<p><b><u>June 5</u></b> Avah Scaheffer</p>	<p><b><u>June 18</u></b> John Gensler</p>	<p><b><u>June 28</u></b> Ruby Holmstrom Cheyenne Nord</p>
<p><b><u>June 6</u></b> Brittany Saxton Delanie Schroeder Will Strutz</p>	<p><b><u>June 19</u></b> Kaitlyn Sodergren</p>	<p><b><u>June 30</u></b> Vernon Cramer Samantha Garrigan</p>
<p><b><u>June 7</u></b> Andrea Charapata Joe Nowak Jill Romenesko</p>	<p><b><u>June 20</u></b> Allyson Knopik</p>	
<p><b><u>June 9</u></b> Aaron Dzurick Victoria Johnson James Kempka Michael Minsloff</p>	<p><b><u>June 22</u></b> Gloria Breuer Madison Corey Eunice Mullen Greg Peanosky</p>	
<p><b><u>June 10</u></b> Erwin Green</p>	<p><b><u>June 23</u></b> Rosalie Settersten</p>	

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY 2010**

<p><b><u>May 3</u></b> Shirley Lebick</p>	<p><b><u>May 17</u></b> Tammy Polta</p>	<p><b><u>May 28</u></b> Margaret Williams</p>
<p><b><u>May 5</u></b> Ken Bruce Debra Strohl</p>	<p><b><u>May 19</u></b> Kirsten Andrist</p>	
<p><b><u>May 6</u></b> Jacob Buenning Martin Spencer</p>	<p><b><u>May 20</u></b> Millie Camp</p>	
<p><b><u>May 8</u></b> Jenny Quintana</p>	<p><b><u>May 21</u></b> Eric Peterson</p>	
<p><b><u>May 9</u></b> Matt Hurley</p>	<p><b><u>May 22</u></b> James Martin</p>	
<p><b><u>May 11</u></b> Lisa Knopik Dennis Mullen</p>	<p><b><u>May 23</u></b> Mackenzie Andrist Charlotte Bauer</p>	
<p><b><u>May 12</u></b> Ellen Aschim Ron Klein</p>	<p><b><u>May 24</u></b> Robert Cook</p>	
<p><b><u>May 13</u></b> Wayne Johnson</p>	<p><b><u>May 25</u></b> Logan Giese Hannah Pecard Kelly Pecard Terry Potter</p>	
<p><b><u>May 15</u></b> Sam Gressel</p>	<p><b><u>May 27</u></b> Irene Anderson Mike Jagielski Addison Minzlaff</p>	
<p><b><u>May 16</u></b> Steven Hansen</p>		