



Zion Lutheran Church

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2011

Remember your Mother

*Whoever you are, wherever you are,
On Mother's Day, remember your mother,
Without her and your father,
You would only have been a dream
And a hope, never reality.*

*No wonder God gave us the commandment:
"Honor your father and your mother.."Exodus 20:12*

**The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship**

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Our Discipleship Together

Going to Church on Easter

(Warning: You are going to be reading another one of my rants about the use of the word “church.”)

Are we able to go to church on Easter or on any other Sunday? Is it possible to go to church on Christmas Eve or Maundy Thursday? You’ve probably read my thoughts about this in the past, that it is impossible for us to go to church when we are the church every day of our lives. You’ve probably read how I emphasize

that if we are baptized into Christ, which we are, and if the body of Christ is the church, which it is, then we can’t go to church because we are the church, the living body of Christ in the world.

One of the reasons I’m making this point once again is due to the fact that we are in the season of Easter, a season which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ. That resurrection made it possible to be baptized into Christ, to be a part of his living body in the world today. By denying the fact that we are the church when we say we are going to church, we are also denying the Resurrection and our baptism into it. We are saying that we are not a part of the risen body of Christ, that we can go visit that risen body for an hour or so, but it stays right there on James Street, and doesn’t make its way into our homes, our jobs, or our schools.

I know I’m being a little dramatic here, but why do I keep harping on this, even when I find myself occasionally slipping into this terrible use of the word “church?” I do it because I still believe our greatest challenge as the church is embracing our identity in daily life. We need to see that the work we do in our homes and on our jobs and in the schools is the work of the living Christ, his body the church.

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Going to Church on Easter . . .(continued)

We need to embrace the fact that we are intimately connected to the work Jesus is doing each and every day. AND, we need to acknowledge the fact that because we are a part of Jesus today, we are also a part of the Resurrection right now, that it is not something we hope might come some distant day in the future. Easter is all about Christ’s victory over death, and how Christ gives us that victory through our baptism into him. It is a victory that we can savor as the church each and every day of our lives.

Pastor Keith

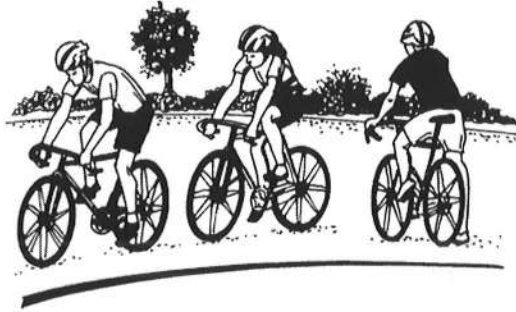
Zion’s Wellness Team

Zion’s Wellness Team is a new group I formed. This program will run every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for the month May. Additional meetings will continue based on the response of the team. For additional questions call 715.801.0150 or send an email to mnvik_26@hotmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator





Blessing of the Bikes

The 3rd Annual "Blessing of the Bikes" will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309 14th Ave, Menominee from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. This event is for cycles – motorized or otherwise – of all shapes, sizes and power. This is a great way to start off the biking season. Come for **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, DOOR PRIZES, MUSIC** and a **BLESSING** for safe riding throughout the season. Meet old friends and make new ones. The *Bill Shepard Memorial Rides* are three separate group rides organized for bicycles, scooters and motorcycles that will take place beginning around 1:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Free will cash donations will be given to the DAR Boys and Girls Club to benefit the youth of our community. For more information call Bethel Lutheran Church at 906-863-2066 or visit the Facebook page and search under "Blessing of the Bikes". You do not have to be registered with Facebook to view the information page.



Graduation

Honoring the Graduates

We will be honoring our high school graduates on Sunday May 22nd at the 9:30 service. The choir will perform the song "Crossroads". A special coffee hour will follow the service.

Special Music

The Worship and Music Committee is trying to book special music for each Sunday. At this time we are looking to fill Sundays May 29th and June 26th. Please contact Ann Buscher if you would like to share your talents.

715 - 735-3017

Thank You

A very special thank you to the Senior Choir, accompanist Rachel Rosenfeldt, organists Ruth Olson and Ann Buscher for all the beautiful music during Lent and Holy Week. Thank you to Bill Tipple for his work with the contemporary worship band and brass quintet. Thank you to all who shared their musical talents during this season.

To quote one of our members "What a great learning experience this Lenten season has been! Really powerful worship services and fantastic sermons!!"

Zion is very blessed!



Haven of Hope

Since our donations are no longer needed at the Rainbow House, we have decided to switch our donations to the Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter. They are in need of the following items:

Cleaning Supplies of all kinds

Dish Soap
Soap
Bleach
Pine Sol
Other Cleaners
Dryer Sheets
Disinfectant Sprays
Furniture Polish

Food

Soups
Crackers
Rice
Juices
Canned Vegetables

They also need clothes, and volunteers. If interested call 715-735-3684.

Thanks, Jo Schutt



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Volunteers for the month of May 2011

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Acolyte: Drake Schutt Lector: Karen Dill
Greeters: Jim & Cora Weissgerber
Head Usher: Kay Meek
Communion Assistants: Kathy Heimbuch, Sarge Rudell, Karen Dill
AV Team: Amanda Litts & Justin Williams
Coffee Time Sponsor: Bonnie at Edgewood Manor

Sunday, May 8, 2011

Acolyte: Mitchell McFarlane Lector: Ellice DeBenedetto
Greeters: Rollie & Barb Baumgarten
Head Usher: David Johnson
Communion Assistant: Don Schutt
AV Team: Troy Cording and Billy Retza
Coffee Time Sponsor: Nancy Benchley

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Acolyte: Alexander Gressel Lector: Heidi Beland
Greeters: Gary & Barb Grom
Head Usher: Nora Plym
Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau, Barb Grom, Don Limberg
AV Team: Kathy Heimbuch and Sarge Rudell
Coffee Time Sponsor: Nora Plym

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Acolyte: Cassie McClain Lector: Dave Johnson
Greeters: Don & Jo Schutt
Head Usher: Nancy Benchley
Communion Assistant: Nora Plym
AV Team: Troy Cording and Bill Tipple
Coffee Time Sponsor: Choir

Sunday, May 29, 2011

Acolyte: Erik Breuer Lector: Nora Plym
Greeter: Sue Baxter Head Usher: Pat Rondeau
Communion Assistants: Bryan Gutknecht
AV Team: Shelby Atwood and Amanda Litts
Coffee Time Sponsors: Jim & Cora Weissgerber

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**Summary Minutes of Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2011**

March Financial Report. John Radloff reported that the General Fund is down, but noted significant expenditures for heating system repair and a large sum submitted to the Synod for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. The estimated end of month balance on the Thrivent loan at the end of March is \$76,952.

Christian Education Report. It was reported that an organizational meeting was held on April 12, at which time it was decided to try Sunday School on May 1st, 8th, and 15th. On these Sundays classes will be held after service for approximately 1 hour. Children will be divided into 3 groups with Kindergarten being one group, grades 1 and 2 the second group, and grades 3, 4 and 5 will form the third group. The Bible will be the focus for classes with children using the Bibles they have received from Zion. There will be time allotted for music and Bible lessons. The group consists of only Zion children at present. Once these Sundays are completed, the process will be re-evaluated for continuance or change.

Youth Ministry. Council received a handout detailing activities. A Bowling & Pizza Party is being held on Sun., April 5th. At this kick-off, the group will discuss timeline and tasks for fundraising activities for the 2012 trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Westlund Bus Lines has been contracted for the trip. The group is on Angeli's list for bagging groceries and are planning a fundraiser breakfast for Sept. and have many other ideas and inquiries in the works. The group will meet again on May 2.

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Memorial Fund. Work continues on the Memorial Fund and Pam Lund reports that this work easier.

Community Fund. The Community Garden project continues to move forward. The group is working on a grant from M&M Community Foundation, and will be looking into other possible grant sources. If we want to put in a point to access ground water, we need a permit and once in, it must be inspected. If this is done, it will be done next year.

Evangelism Steering Committee. This committee meets weekly using a book written by Kelly A. Fryer titled Reclaiming the "E" Word. Written reports were provided to the Council regarding the first two meetings held.

The Council approved a home schooling group's request to use our building for a gathering on August 18th of this year.

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Attention Zion Children and Parents!

Starting today and for the next two Sundays we will be holding Sunday School for those who are three years old up through 5th grade. It will start with music in the sanctuary soon after worship ends, and then our students will divide up into three classes: 3 years old through kindergarten, first and second graders, and third through fifth graders. We want the students to bring their Bibles that they received from Zion because it will be a central part of these classes.

Our Gifts Make A Difference

Last year our Social Ministry Committee guided us in a campaign to raise money for water wells through the work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. In April and May we had 1,800 water droplets adorning our sanctuary because of the generosity of so many. Zion recently received a letter acknowledging our effort and the difference that it made in Ethiopia. Included in this newsletter is a copy of that letter and below is a picture that was sent along with the letter. Our gifts helped prevent some fighting as well as provide desperately needed water. Is this "going where Jesus leads" or what? Thank you for your generosity!



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY 2011

May 3

Shirley Lebick

May 5

Ken Bruce
Debra Strohl

May 6

Jacob Buenning
Spencer Martin

May 8

Jennifer Quintana

May 9

Matthew Hurley

May 11

Lisa Knopik
Dennis Mullen

May 12

Ellen Aschim
Ron Klein

May 13

Wayne Johnson

May 14

Taylor Ehle

May 15

Sam Gressel

May 16

Steven Hansen

May 17

Diane Paasch
Tammy Polta

May 19

Kirsten Andrist

May 20

Mildred Camp

May 21

Eric Peterson

May 22

James Martin

May 23

Mackenzie Andrist
Charlotte Bauer

May 24

Robert Cook

May 25

Logan Giese
Hannah Pecard
Kelly Pecard
Terry Potter

May 27

Irene Anderson
Michael Jagielski
Addison Minzlaff

May 28

Margaret Williams

May 29

Shanna Towle



SPRING CLEAN-UP

We are in need of volunteers for our annual Spring Clean Up which is taking place on Saturday, May 14th, 2011, 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
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ELCA World Hunger

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Easter 2011

Dear Mr. Schutt,

A joyful Easter to you! We rejoice in so many blessings in this holy season – among these, I'm grateful for your gifts of time and talent, and the privilege of helping turn them into blessings for others.

I thought of that not long ago when I received a letter from our partners in Ethiopia. In the Dawe Kachen district of southern Ethiopia, they wrote, the work that your gifts have made possible has brought not only plentiful and safe water, but also the blessings of peace and reconciliation after years of conflict.

You see, there was never enough water for everyone who needed it. The wandering herders who graze their cattle and goats in the area were always in contention over the scarce resource. A chance meeting at a water hole meant an argument – at the least.

But now, thanks to your faithful service, wells have been dug throughout the region. Cisterns conserve rainwater as it runs off the roofs of school buildings. Concrete spring boxes with taps keep sources of groundwater clean and safe. Dams built of earth and stone capture precious water in reservoirs whose banks are planted in soil-stabilizing grasses and shrubs.

These projects have brought not only abundant water to the people of Dawe Kachen, but peace and reconciliation. People who used to fight over water are now living together as neighbors. An elder speaks up: "You have brought us water, and water is life." Another replies: "The dams are peace dams." Truly the peace that surpasses understanding.

Thank you. May we long continue in this ministry together.

In service to the risen Christ,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director
ELCA World Hunger Appeal

P.S.: I invite you to visit our website, www.globalpix.smugmug.com, for photos and stories of many more projects like this around the world – photos and stories that you can use in your own work. Thank you.