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**The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship**

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Our Discipleship Together

We are still here!

I know that few if any of us took the Rapture prediction seriously, and that's good. None of us sold off all our possessions or confessed terrible things for all the world hear. It takes a significant amount of courage to believe and then to act on such foolishness, but the issue isn't a question of courage. The issue is: What kind of God do you believe in if you think this is how God acts?

Do you believe in a God who demands more courage of you than you are able to provide? Do you believe in a God that has so little value of the relationships we develop with one another that God would tear all of those relationships apart with a single swipe of God's majestic hand? Do you believe in a God that would use the terror of earthquakes to call an end to pre-rapture existence? Do you believe in a God that ignores what Jesus did on the cross and judges each of us according to what we do rather than what Jesus has done? Really? Where is the good news in any of this? Where is the Gospel? Is the good news only for those who have their act together, and for the rest of us, so sorry? Can you really love a God like that?

On Sunday the 22nd I was planning to say that I didn't have a sermon because I was expecting the end of the world, or the Rapture, or whatever the day before was supposed to bring, but I forgot to say it. My relationship with God is like that. I forget all the time. What if God were intolerant of my forgetting as well as all the rest of the stupid stuff I do? I'd be toast, as would most of us. I'm so thankful that God's love reigns supreme, so that we don't have to keep wondering when the big shoe is going to drop. We can actually live into the joy that God intends for us in this life. Praise be to God, now and always!

Pastor Keith



Shhhhhhhh.....

Some conversations during the Prelude at Sunday Worship can be heard on our recording.

Worship & Music Committee

Zion is in need of a few more members for their Worship & Music Committee. The group meets for about a hour, four times a year. We are especially looking for someone who is not a member of choir to give us a different perspective. You DO NOT have to have a background in music to serve on this committee. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017.



Vacation Bible School

There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. At this time we will select a theme, choose the dates, and start to plan the activities. There are six area churches involved and everyone is welcome to attend.



Summary of Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2011

April Financial Reports. Year to date General Fund contributions (through envelopes and loose offerings) as of April 30, 2011 were \$55,498.10. It was reported the general fund balance increased approximately \$500; however, had World Hunger offerings and April flower/lily bills been sent, we would have seen a decrease of about \$1000. We have a year-to-date decrease of about \$5,000. Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund showed an increase of \$55. Capital Campaign Fund decreased about \$1,800 after expenditures, and Capital Improvement Fund balance increased \$649 (includes monthly transfer of \$333 from the General Fund). Debt/DAR & Community Children had receipts of \$1,478, while the Memorial Fund had a \$500 donation. The estimated end of month balance on the Thrivent loan at the end of April is \$75,280.

Youth Ministry. The group met May 10th and discussed what they will need from parents of the 16 youth in Zion's group as regards planning the trip. Fund raisers and some easy ways to communicate information were also discussed. Bill Retza will be taking the lead with our group.

Missional Planning. The group is in the process of improving Zion's website to make it as "inviting" as possible and more user friendly. A long list of changes was provided to the Council.

Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund continues to be a work in progress, with records for 2001 adjusted by \$.43 to balance. Because records are typed for 2002 forward, work should progress more easily.

Community Garden. The 50' by 60' garden will be located on the south side of the building. Grants have been applied for to assist with future costs. It is planned to install a sand point for watering. Simple, easy to grow crops will be planted this first year, i.e. tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, peas, with tomato plants available free through the U.W. (The designated area was tilled on Tuesday, May 17th.)



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Evangelism Steering Committee. The following Mission Statement for the future Evangelism Committee has been established:

"Following Jesus' lead, Zion's Evangelism Committee will encourage, enable, and empower God's children of Zion to embrace their calling to be evangelists through the ministry of Zion and in daily life."

Discussion continues to establish a vision statement. The next meeting is May 17th.

Relay for Life

June 24 is the RELAY FOR LIFE event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. There are plans to assemble a team representing Zion. By Council consensus, the loose collection on Sunday, June 12 and Sunday, June 19 will be designated for this fundraiser. The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Benchley, Council Secretary



Edgewood Manor

Edgewood Manor (Northland Lutheran's home for the developmentally disabled) is in desperate need of several items. Because the home is a HUD government project, they have limited funds for remodeling. Jo Schutt and Ann Buscher are in the process of doing new drapes for the resident rooms and living room. The cost of drapes for each of the 8 resident rooms is \$20 and the cost for the living room is \$160. They also need a TV for the living room, 2 large couches and one recliner in good condition, as well as a used laptop PC computer. If you would like to make a donation to the curtain project, or help in any other way, please contact Jo Schutt or Ann Buscher. Of the many connections that Zion has with this ministry, Pastor Keith and Ann are currently on the Board of Directors for Edgewood Manor. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers and thank you for your support!

Spring Clean Up

There are tasks that still need to be completed for our Spring Clean Up.

- Vacuum Sunday School rooms & hallway
- Wash all windows, inside and out
- Vacuum chapel
- Vacuum (including removing furniture) dusting off window sills & dusting heater vents
- Vacuum narthex
- Vacuum hallway to Pastor Keith room (by sanctuary)
- Sharpen pencils in sanctuary
- Pictures to be hung in Paula's office
- Rake near the trees

If you are interested in any of these tasks, please contact Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator at 715.801.0150 or mnvik_26@hotmail.com.



Harvest of Hope Community Garden

Zion's garden is now in the beginning stages. We tilled the soil and have started to add compost. We will be planting our crops the first week of June. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 2:30 p.m.

It will take a couple of years to get the soil in good condition. Until then, the garden will be one whole community garden. The food will be made available to Zion members and volunteers first with the balance being donated to local organizations. After the garden soil is established, smaller plots will become available for families to enjoy their own gardens.

If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Amanda Litts at 715.938.0938 or Sarah Rabideau at 715.801.0150.



Zion's Wellness Team

For the summer months we will be meeting monthly. Our meetings will be on June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th at 6:00 p.m. At each monthly meeting I will focus on different issues related to being healthy. All ages are welcome. Feel free to bring your family and friends.

I will also be creating a weekly email that will contain a healthy tip for the week. If you would like to be included in these emails, please send an email to me at mnvik_26@hotmail.com along with your name, and I will add you to my list.

Please know that I appreciate those who have been dedicated to showing up every week over the past five months. Thanks for giving me this opportunity to share with you everything I have learned in creating a healthy lifestyle.

Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator



Zion's Float for the Fourth of July

Zion Lutheran Church is going to have a float in the Fourth of July parade representing our heritage.

We are looking for children who would like to ride on the float in costume (contact Kathy Heimbuch). 715.732.1528

We are also looking for donations so we can pass out things to the children along the parade. Last time we did pencils. We will need a few people to walk along behind the float to pass these items out. (contact Karen Dill).715.732.4221.

Then we need a woman volunteer to ride the float with the kids. You will be sitting behind our old pump organ from the 1800's and wearing a simple Swedish dress and apron, which we will provide. (Please contact Ann Buscher,) 715.735.3017.)

Last of all, we need someone to drive the truck and pull the trailer.

Our next planning meeting is Sunday, June 5th, after the service if you would like to help in the planning.



Our Float in
the Parade!



Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

Zion is looking for people to join a team for Relay for Life. The event will take place June 24-25, 2011, at the Marinette High School. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator at 715.801.0150 or mnvik_26@hotmail.com, or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the main entranceway.

There will be a special offering supporting our walkers on June 12th & 19th.

We can have congregation T-Shirts made for \$9.00, but we need to know how many by Thursday, June 9th.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE 2011

June 1

Jennifer Brooks
Robert Peterson

June 2

Bryan Johnson

June 4

Matt Swenson

June 5

Avah Schaeffer

June 6

Brittany Saxton
Delanie Schroeder
Will Strutz

June 7

Andrea Charapata
Joe Nowak
Jill Romenesko

June 9

Aaron Dzurick
Victoria Johnson
James Kempka
Michael Minsloff

June 10

Erwin Green
Emma Williams

June 11

Viola Anderson
Yvonne Groleau

June 14

Chad Somers

June 15

John Bowdin
Rob Lund
Pat Rondeau
Chris Seppi
James Williams

June 18

John Gensler

June 19

Kaitlyn Sodergren

June 20

Allyson Knopik

June 21

William Dehne

June 22

Gloria Breuer
Madison Corey
Greg Peanosky

June 23

Rosalie Settersten

June 24

Drew Andrist
Shannon Harris
Jeff Lebick

June 26

Chris Litts
Don Schutt

June 27

June Schmidt

June 28

Ruby Holmstrom
Cheyenne Nord

June 30

Samantha Garrigan



Caring Ministry Letter

When I first learned that Zion was going to be starting a Caring Ministry team I knew right away that it would be just an awesome thing! I knew this because 15 years ago I was a patient in the hospital having just given birth to a still born son. I received a visit from a lady that I didn't even know from a church that I rarely attended. She sat right on my bed. She read scripture to me. She prayed for me. She cried with me. She told me the whole church was holding me up in prayer. I have never forgotten that kind gesture and how deeply touched I was that someone would take the time to do that for me. Regretfully, I don't remember that lady's name, but I do remember that her visit really brought me some peace at a very difficult time in my life.

So it was an easy decision for me to join the Caring Ministry Team. I thought, "This is what *being the church* really means." I thought how wonderful it would be if I got a chance to do for someone what that lady had done for me 15 years ago. How amazing it would feel to know that I made a difference in someone else's day or life. How great it would be to bring a smile to someone's face. Little did I know that it would be this sweet little elderly woman named Thea that would make the impression on ME. I just love it when God plays those little tricks on us!

I decided to recruit the help of my "oh so willing" 13 year old daughter, Abby. (I had to bribe her with ice cream.) I thought that would make my first visit with Thea a little less awkward and also be a good experience for my daughter. So I wrapped up some carrot cake and set up our first visit. Abby and I instantly liked Thea. We were worried that we would have trouble coming up with things to talk to her about. Let me tell you...we quickly discovered that Thea LOVES to tell stories! Abby ended up loving our visits with Thea and every time we drive by it's Abby who suggests we stop in to see her.

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Caring Ministry Letter. . .(continued)

I don't have to bribe her anymore! Thea is so appreciative when we stop in and is just so genuinely gracious to us. She loves to talk about her family and you can just see the love for them in her eyes when she does. I laugh when I think about the time I called her to set up a visit and she told me that day wasn't going to work because she had a "very busy social calendar!" I thought, how busy can an 88 year old lady be?! She is an amazing person and we keep her in our prayers all the time. We feel so blessed to have been given the opportunity to meet and get to know her.

I would just like to encourage everyone to be a part of Zion's Caring Ministry Team. If you are afraid of doing it alone, grab a partner and do it together. Not only will you be making a difference in someone else's life, but I promise you it will leave a lasting impression on your heart also!

Going Where Jesus Leads,

Carla Clarke & Abby Demmith



Desperately Needed - Volunteers

Zion is in desperate need of a Property Committee Chair for a one year term.

Responsibilities have been downsized to include:

- 1) Calls and runs committee meetings on an "as needed" basis.
- 2) With committee members, annually inspects building and grounds.
- 3) All suggestions from congregation members should be in writing and placed in the chair's Zion mail box. Emergencies directives to Fran (*i.e.* leaking roof, boiler problems, etc.) come through Pastor Keith.
- 4) In consultation with Fran, the chair decides what written tasks Fran can do or has time to do.
- 5) Fran organizes his own work schedule, but chair may assist with task prioritization.
- 6) If a repair or task needs to be hired out, the chair obtains quotes with assistance from committee members or others on what might be needed. The Council committee liaison is responsible for bringing funding information to Council. If funding is approved, the chair looks for a project manager either through phone calls or bulletin and newsletter articles.
- 7) Acts as communication liaison between Fran and Pastor Keith.

Zion is in desperate need of a Project Manager for the Choir Loft Carpeting Project. The carpeting has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery sometime during the last two weeks of June. When this project is completed the project manager's job is done. Responsibilities for this project include:

- 1) Assumes full control over project.
- 2) Breaks project into tasks, determines equipment needs, and number of needed volunteers.

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Desperately Needed - Volunteers...(continued)

- a) It is anticipated that a project workday will encompass the following tasks:
 - i. Rip up old carpet and cut into transportable pieces
 - ii. Bring old torn up carpet to trailer or truck in Zion's parking lot
 - iii. Transport carpet to City Dump
 - iv. Clean choir loft floor in preparation for carpet installation
 - v. Cleanup areas that may have been dirtied as task was completed
- 3) Establishes project date in conjunction with vendor, his own, and Zion's calendar letting Property Committee chair know the scheduled project date.
- 4) Obtains volunteers. Three volunteers have already stepped forward to help; 3 more are needed- 2 need strong backs as piano must be moved down one step.
- 5) Oversees project to completion contacting Property Committee chair when done.

Mark Swenson, Project Manager for the kitchen flooring project, will eventually be looking for volunteers to assist him with that project. A date has not been set as of yet.

If anyone has questions regarding the chairs position, the project managers position, or volunteering to assist with any of these projects please contact Karen Sylvester at 715.732.4206 or email her at gsylvester@new.rr.com. These projects cannot move forward without your help. Thank you.



ELCA Youth Gathering Parents Meeting

There will be a parents meeting on Tuesday, June 7th, at 5:00 p.m. for all those who will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012. There are lots of details that need to be discussed and organized. Full participation is more than appreciated. It is coveted, (the kind that is not prohibited in the 9th and 10th commandments.) Please call Bill Retza, 715-854-2925, with regrets only, or email him at wretza001@luthersem.edu. Thanks!



June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6 p.m. Worship at Northland Village	3	4 9 am Harvest Of Hope Planting
5 9:30am Worship Float meeting to follow. 3pm Pastor Chad Anderson Installed. 6pm Cub Scout	6	7 9:30am Staff Meeting	8	9 6pm Worship at Northland Village	10	11
			Pastor Keith will be out of the office on June 8, 9 & 10. Church Secretary will be out of the office on Thursday, June 9 th .			
12 9:30am Worship Special offering for Relay for Life	13	14 Sew-for-Missions 6:30pm Christian Ed. Meeting	15 6:30pm Vacation Bible School meeting at Zion.	16 6pm Worship at Northland Village	17	18
19 9:30am Worship Special offering for Relay for Life	20 6:30pm Council Meeting	21	22	23 6pm Worship at Northland Village	24 Relay for Life	25 Ruby Holmstrom's 100 th Birthday
26 9:30am Worship Caring Ministry commissioning of visitors	27	28 Sew-for-Missions	29	30 6pm Worship at Northland Village		