



Zion Lutheran Church

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September

2011

SPARK: Faith Formation

Will be starting at Zion on

Wednesday, September 7th, 2011

6-7 pm

For ages 3 through 5th grade



**The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship**

☞ Pray

☞ Worship

☞ Study

☞ Invite

☞ Encourage

☞ Give

☞ Serve

Our Discipleship Together

After Church

"What do you do after church?" - I recently read this line, written by a pastor, and it made me realize, once again, why I am so passionate about the use of the word "church." This past Sunday we heard Jesus say that HE is the one who builds HIS church. How, then, can we ask what takes place after church? Is his church impermanent? Does it only last for so long? Of course not! In fact, not even heaven takes place AFTER church because "church," as the living, breathing, body of Christ, is fully present in heaven. Yeah, not even in heaven can we escape from church.

Would I be more comfortable if the pastor had used the word "worship" rather than "church?" I'm not so sure. Yes, I much prefer the use of "worship" to describe the event rather than "church," but similar arguments could be made regarding the word "worship" as well. Is it healthy for us spiritually to think that worship can be limited to an hour a week, or that worship is an optional activity? Worship is central to our relationship with God and should be expressed in all that we do, including the one hour gathering with fellow Christians once a week. And, worship will most certainly not be limited to this life. We will be worshipping in the life to come. So, technically, there will never be a time after worship either.

I do understand the limits of language and how certain usages take on a life of their own. I too struggle with a quick word to describe where I work professionally. I've been known to say, "I left that paper at church." It's not easy. I do believe, however, that it's good for us to be aware of what our language can imply, so that we never come to think that there could be a time after church.

Pastor Keith



Making Sense of Scripture

Wouldn't it be fun to have a conversation about the Bible with a renowned Bible scholar in such a way that we wouldn't feel dumb? Well, that's not going to happen. . . But, maybe the next best thing? Yeah!!! We probably can do that!

Starting on Sunday, September 11th, we will offer an 8 week course following worship in which we will engage in conversation with a Bible scholar through the reading and discussion of a book by David J. Lose. The book is called "Making Sense of Scripture." These are the subjects of the chapters:

- 1) What is the Bible?
- 2) Is the Bible True?
- 3) How Is the Bible the Word of God?
- 4) Where Did the Bible Come From?
- 5) How Can I Read the Bible with Greater Understanding?
- 6) Is There a "Center" to Scripture?
- 7) What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold?

Have any of those questions rattled around in your head? Well, you're not alone! They've rattled around in the heads of lots of people! That's why David Lose wrote this book and wrote it in the style that he did. It is SUPER READABLE because it is in the style of a conversation between the scholar and someone like us. So, why not join in the conversation?

If you can't make it every week, know that you are welcome to attend those that you can. (In fact, even Pastor is going to miss one Sunday!) This really promises to be a very enriching conversation about a book that is very near and dear to us - the Holy Bible. We'd love to have you be a part of the conversation!

Talk to, email, text, or message Pastor if you are planning to be a part of the course or if you have any questions.



Zion's Bell

At our outdoor worship in August, I mentioned during the announcements that I had been stirred by the thought of Zion's bell ringing people into worship for over one hundred years. At the time, I could not recall exactly what year the bell had been purchased and installed. So, I looked it up.

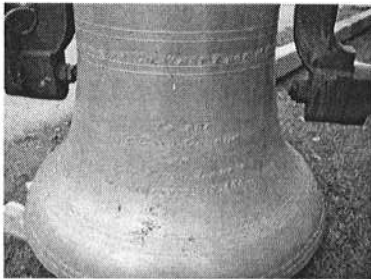
The bell was purchased in 1888 by the "Young Ladies" group of Zion. On one side of the bell, in English, is written: "To the Swedish Lutheran Church by the Young Ladies." On the other side of the bell, in Swedish, is written, from Isaiah 2:5: "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." The bell was made by Meneely and Co. of West Troy, New York.

For those who live in the neighborhood, our bell tolls 12 times every day at noon. Obviously, we also use it to announce the beginning our worship service. We toll the bell at the beginning and at the end of funerals and we ring the bell before weddings begin.

We are grateful to the Lebeck family for donating, a few years ago, a new electronic system for operating our bell. We contract with a company, The Verdin Company, to maintain our bell on a yearly basis.

Below is a picture of the bell when it was taken out of our bell tower so that the bell tower could receive a new foundation.

Pastor Keith



WHERE

Zion Lutheran Church
Library

St. James Lutheran Church
1402 Main Street

WHEN

Wednesday
Sept. 7—Nov. 9
(10 classes)

Tuesday
Sept. 13—Nov. 15
(10 classes)

TIME

6-7 pm

10:30-11:30 am

WHAT

Section 1 (of 6) "From Creation To The Trans—Jordan"

COST & LEADER/FACILITATOR (For Both)

Cost: \$16.95 Book

Leader/Facilitator: Darrel Diers

715-735-3832

To enroll for Crossways, please call 715.735.7898 or sign up on the sheet posted on the main bulletin board.

Ever wish you had a better grasp of each book of the Bible-and how its message relates to that of all the others?

Sign up for Crossways—a faith-enriching, life-changing course that serves as your 'road map' for an unforgettable journey through the entire Bible.

"The Old Testament used to seem hard to grasp, but this pictorial 'grandsweep' approach provides an overall panoramic view of the Bible that makes it all 'click' and make sense."



Summary Minutes of Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June and July Financial Reports

It was reported that in June the General Fund showed a decrease of approximately \$2600, while July showed an increase of about \$1850, giving us a year to date decrease of about \$6100. The Fortune Lake Campership Fund balance is about \$4200. After expenditures, the Capital Campaign balance decreased to \$47,600. After the monthly transfer of \$333 from the General Fund and payment for the choir loft carpeting, the Capital Improvement Fund balance decreased to a balance of about \$33,800. Debt and Community Children had receipts of \$1640, while the Memorial Fund was unchanged. The estimated end of month balance on the Thrivent loan, at the end of July was \$69,838. Capital project balance in the 07-09 Capital Campaign Fund, is just over \$18,000 which allows for less than 15 more payments our loan: 5 more payments in 2011, and 10 payments in 2012.

Christian Education

We had a total of 59 children attend Vacation Bible School. Faith Fest is being named "SPARK Faith Formation" and curriculum along with materials from SPARK is being used. Next meeting is August 24.

Youth Ministry

The group sponsored a booth at the Waterfront Festival and raised "around \$1300".

Community Garden

Although we are having some problems with the Roma tomatoes, we are having good luck with the beans, peas, squash and cucumbers. More weeding is needed, as well as more volunteers to do the weeding. On August 15, Zion received a grant of \$2,850 from the M & M Community Foundation to pay for a fence around the garden and other associated expenses.



Summary Minutes of Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting...(continued)

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Campaign

Though we have a balance in Debt & Community Children Campaign Fund of around \$3000. We did not have a Scholarship Committee to distribute these funds as Scholarships in 2011.

Sunday, October 30 is Fortune Lake Sunday. This is the 80th Anniversary Appeal and their goal is to raise \$250,000. The fee for one camper is \$350, while the actual cost to attend camp at Fortune Lake is \$700, which leaves half the amount covered by Fortune Lake. Council minutes of October 18, 2010 state that all monies collected for FLLC not used for scholarships will be forwarded to FLLC. To honor that and contribute to the Fortune Lake 80th Anniversary Appeal, Zion is pledging our end of year fund balance, from the Debt & Community Children Campaign directed toward Fortune Lake. minus \$800. The \$800 will be retained for Community Children campership use in 2012. This gift constitute Zion's donation in the Congregational Gifts Phase of the above mentioned appeal.

Stewardship

After lengthy discussion it was decided by consensus of the Council that Zion will continue the second mile "Debt and Community Children Campaign" into 2012. This campaign distributes 50% of funds collected towards reducing Zion's debt, 10% to Synod for the work of the wider church, 20% to DAR Boy's and Girl's Club, and 20% to FLLC scholarships for community kids with any amount not used going directly to FLLC.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Benchley, Council Secretary



Camp Edge Bible School

What a great week! 58 different children attended Vacation Bible School with around 46 kids each night. We had tons of volunteers, talented teachers and 4 pastors each night making a difference in the lives of these kids. Thank you to First Presbyterian Church for the use of their beautiful facility. Though we had rain one night, the weather was great and the air-conditioning was appreciated. We collected enough food to take to three agencies, and even bring some leftover food to the DAR lunch program. We ate delicious meals, sang fun songs, learned Bible verses, and created new friends, all in the name of Jesus. May this be a great catalyst for our Christian Education program this fall. We are looking forward to planning another great week for the summer of 2012.

Ann Buscher

Worship & Music News

I hope you have been enjoying all the special music being offered each Sunday this summer. I have many people on my waiting list, so we will continue to have special music once a month this fall, along with Contemporary Worship and the Senior Choir.

Choir will begin Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

This year, we will be working on a new Christmas cantata called, "Tapestry of Light." Everyone is welcome. Please Call Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017 for more information.

Ann Buscher

Updating Church Directory

We are in the process of updating our Church directory. Please let us know of any personal information changes, such as landline to cell-phone, address changes due to move, marriage, divorce, school, service, or name change. Please inform the church office: 715.735.7898 or email us at zion@newbc.rr.com.



Culinary Conversations

Have you ever cooked up a dish to perfection and wanted to share your secret? Did you find that recipe you loved, felt it was missing an ingredient, but you didn't know what it was? Wouldn't it be wonderful to get some of these ideas from others? If so, then you need to check out Zion's new group called Culinary Conversations. We will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm. Any questions please contact Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator, at 715.801.0150 or email mnvik_26@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Fortune Lake Golf Scramble

FLLC is having a golf scramble fundraiser on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Oak Crest Golf Course. Registration begins at 9:00 AM (CST) with a shotgun start at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$65 per person/ \$240 per foursome and includes 18-holes, a cart and lunch with prizes to follow. There will also be a silent auction. The registration deadline is September 1. For a registration form, contact the Zion's office at 715.735.7898.

Fortune Lake Quilt and Fine Arts Auction

The quilt and Fine Arts Auction will take place on Saturday, October 8th at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, Michigan. Have you every wondered what happens at this annual event at camp? This year we are looking into offering transportation to Fortune Lake on October 8th. If the Westlund motor coach is full, the cost will be \$15.00 per person round trip. Besides the auction, there will be a chili cook-off, bake sale, craft sale of smaller items, games for children, fly fishing demonstrations and other activities. There is a sign-up sheet in the main entrance on the bulletin board. Invite your friends to a beautiful fall day at Fortune Lake! Any questions you can call Sue Shallow at 715.582.4239. The tentative departure and return times are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Zion's Wellness Team

For the rest of the year Zion's Wellness Team will be sharing information via Facebook. There is a group called Zion's Wellness Team. Please contact Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator at 715.801.0150 or email mnvik_26@hotmail.com for more information. Hope you will join in on the conversations!



SPARK:Faith Formation

We need donations of cookies or snack food which will be served to the children during SPARK: Faith Formation. It could be crackers, cookies, jello, juice pouches, or bottles of juice. These treats do not need to be homemade. We will need these snacks all year long. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect these donations. Thank you, Tracy Nowak

Book Discussion

On Tues., October 11th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will hold a discussion on the book: Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived. It is written by Rob Bell. The title says it all. This is a short and very readable book that focuses on a subject that is of great concern to many. This is what is written on the back cover: "God loves us. God offers us everlasting life by grace, freely, through no merit on our part. Unless you do not respond in the right way. Then God will torture you forever. In Hell. Huh?" Author, pastor, and innovative teacher, Rob Bell presents a deeply Biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined. Love wins. Read the book and plan to join the discussion.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER 2011

September 1

Karen Dill
Jill Harding
Braedhan Madden
Thea Swenson

September 2

Tom Kaufamn

September 3

Tami Bruce
Ryan Kitzingar

September 4

Diane Beattie

September 5

Rollie Baumgarten
Michael Cook, Jr.

September 7

Bruce Oleson

September 8

Joe Bending
John Huff

September 9

Wilbur Cook

September 10

Christian Klein
Seth Kuhn
Bradley Nelson

September 12

Kathy Nelson
George Olson

September 13

Todd Minzlaff

September 14

Joe Larson

September 15

Anne Aschim
Vicki Guay
Darwin Peterson

September 16

Geraldine Brooks

September 18

Mandy Corey
Dolores Green

September 20

Carla Clarke
Amanda Oleson

September 21

Donna Kempka

September 22

Haley Rabideau

September 23

Larry Race
Diane Tipple

September 24

Hilma Backman
Julie Otto

September 25

Mary Bodam

September 26

Dorothy Bretl
Robert Hamer
Dan Johnson
Kaya Lebick
Angie Rohland

September 28

Jill Dzurick
Amber Paasch

September 29

Jordan Towle
Brittany Williams

September 30

Kurt Aschim
Jay Nelson



Happy
Birthday





Menominee Valley Conference
LAY SCHOOL for MISSION

Coming to our area!!

The *Lay School for Mission* seeks to enhance the faith life and skill level of laypersons in Upper Michigan and North East Wisconsin as they join in the partnership of the gospel in their own congregations. The *Lay School* is a ministry of the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

What is the Lay School for Mission?

It is a multi-campus ministry of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. It is a program of learning for lay persons who are seeking to deepen their knowledge and experience of the Gospel and the life and history of Christ's Church.

Lay School is a two and one-half year course of study over five, 15-week semesters, excluding summers. The classes will be taught by pastors from our local conference and in some cases by qualified laypersons. While some academic work may be required, grades are not assigned and students learn what they want to learn, at their own pace. It is also possible to enroll in a single course or two per semester if the full curriculum is not manageable.

"Graduates" of the Lay School are equipped to engage in greater ministry within congregations, they deepen their faith, and form a lasting community with fellow students.



Want more information about the Lay School?

There will be further information provided at the October 3, 2011, Fall Meeting of the Menominee Valley Conference which you are encouraged to attend. In addition, there will be a special meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2011, with the specific objective being to layout a full explanation of the Lay School objectives, course material and faculty. You are encouraged to attend either or both of these meetings. Meeting times and locations will follow at a later date. There will be additional information in your October Newsletters with detailed course descriptions and faculty listings. The Lay School is open to all persons from other Christian traditions. A diverse group adds to the richness of the learning! We encourage anyone with an interest in this unique opportunity for in depth study and growth in faith to attend the meetings and consider joining the Lay School.

THE LAY SCHOOL FOR MISSION IN A NUTSHELL Class Sessions

Winter 2012

15 weeks beginning January 9, 2012

Mondays, 5:15-9:15pm

All classes to be held at

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Menominee, MI.

Course Material

The Lay School curriculum covers a vast array of subjects in Bible, theology, history, spirituality and ministry skills.

Cost

You pay only for your transportation, books, supplies and your supper. There is no cost for the classes themselves.



Spark Faith Formation



SPARK: Faith Formation will be starting for the children of Zion on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 6-7 pm, for ages 3 through fifth grade. After the Christmas vacation, classes will be held on Sundays after worship. You can find a Registration Form in the Narthex. When filled out, you can return it to my mailbox in the Fellowship Hall. Otherwise, you can go to Zion's website and click the link for the Spark: Activate Faith Program. From there, fill out your sign-in information then go to the profile tab and fill in your family's information. All information will be safe on this website. Registration is very important! If your children can only make it once a month, or your grandchildren are visiting, we still would love to see them in the classrooms.

The program will be Bible focused, exploring one of the lessons used at the following Sunday's worship. The Spark website also allows parents to see what stories, events and fun activities the children are having throughout the year. There will be a Christmas and Easter Program this year, which will be held during Sunday worship.

We are still in great need of teachers and subs to make this wonderful new program work for our kids. If you would like to work with the children of Zion to witness the joy of learning about Jesus, please contact me or Pastor Keith.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me anytime.

God's love, Tracy Nowak
 SPARK: Faith Formation Superintendent
 Email: tjnowak92@hotmail.com

715.587.3084



September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

A message from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

Over 30 million people in the United States alone have a problem with addiction to drugs and/or alcohol. Addiction has many faces. It does not discriminate based on age, race, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or community. Addiction can cause pain and suffering for entire families and communities. It is a disorder that is just as serious as other deadly diseases like heart disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer. Sadly, only about 4 million people aged 12 and older receive treatment for their substance abuse disorders.

National Recovery Month is a time to encourage treatment for addiction disorders and to promote the message that recovery is possible. While the road to recovery is not always easy, addiction is treatable and recovery benefits everyone. Public awareness will increase access for those in need of treatment.

Adolescents, adults and families have access to a wide-range of comprehensive support through LSS' addictions services. These services help to provide a healing hand on the road to recovery. Services include:

- Assessment
- Intervention
- Outpatient treatment
- Support groups
- And more

Help is available. Visit www.lsswis.org to learn more.



THANK YOU

To all the volunteers who cleaned out the carpet from the balcony and prepared the floor for the new carpeting. They were:

Bruce Oleson

Bill Tipple

Ann Buscher

Project Leader – Kathy Heimbuch

Don Schutt

Bill Benchley

Pastor Keith

It was a dusty dirty job, but one that made the carpeting project much more affordable.

And thank you to Ann, Kathy, and Karen Sylvester for setting up the balcony after the carpet was laid.

To the family of Kip and Aggie Larsen who gave the new chairs in the balcony in memory of Kip and Aggie. The chairs are wonderful and will be so much more versatile than the theater chairs we had previously.

To all the volunteers who helped with the caulking project on July 30th. They were:

Joe, Tracy & Matt Nowak

Bruce Oleson

Karen Sylvester

Pastor Keith

Dave Despina

Roger DeGroot

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ANOTHER THANK YOU goes to Randall and Tatem Schroeder for providing the caulk. A job well done!



September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	2 Pastor on vacation Sept. 2-5	3
4 9:30 am Worship Pastor Rick	5 Office Closed on Labor Day	6 9:30 am Staff Meeting	7 6-7pm Spark, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	12	13 Sew-for-Mission 6 pm Informational Culinary Conver.	14 6-7pm Spark, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 7 pm Ruth Group at Church	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	19 6:30 pm Council Meeting	20 6 pm Spark Formation Teachers meeting	21 6-7pm Spark, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	26 Church Secretary on vacation Sept. 26-29	27 Sew-for-Mission	28 6-7pm Spark, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	29 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	30 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal Noack/Renne	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Pastor on vacation September 23, 24 & 25. Pastor continuing education event on September 25, 26 & 27th. </div>						