



## Zion Lutheran Church

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# OCTOBER

2011

### Our Discipleship Together

**The Seven  
Marks of  
Discipleship**

🕊️Pray

🕊️Worship

🕊️Study

🕊️Invite

🕊️Encourage

🕊️Give

🕊️Serve

### Stewardship and “Going to Church” \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry, I just can't leave it alone. Because I dwell on the misuse of the word “church” so much lately, I keep being surprised by the ways this misuse affects how we view our ministry in daily life. My latest surprise was in the area of stewardship.

If we think that church is something we go to, or something we attend, that it is something outside of ourselves, then it is natural to think of the fall stewardship drive as a fundraising event designed for the congregation to meet its budget. If, however, we embrace the fact that we are the church every day of our lives, then stewardship is something that affects us every day. It's not limited to our congregation, but is connected to all of life. Stewardship is all about asset management; the management of assets that have been entrusted to us by God for the mission of God in daily life – the mission of the true church.

Therefore, our fall drive always tries to focus on growth in faith because stewardship and our giving is an expression of faith. We pledge to the mission of Christ through our congregation because it helps us grow in faith; faith which affects us every day of our lives. Pledging helps us see all of our assets from God's perspective and encourages us to use these assets for the mission of Christ, (which is the true church), in our daily lives.

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### Stewardship and “Going to Church” \_\_\_\_\_

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Pledging also encourages us to grow in our giving which, in turn, helps us to grow in faith. We never pledge to a budget but always pledge toward specific missions, such as the work of Christ through our General Fund, (first mile giving), and the work of Christ through our 2012 Debt and Community Children Campaign, (second mile giving). These pledges are part of all the missions we engage in as the church and pledge to support in our daily lives, like our children, our spouses, our communities, our political parties, and other things that are important to us. All of it is the work of the church in daily life, and our fall stewardship drives help us to embrace this.

*Pastor Keith*



## 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.

SPARK: Faith Formation is for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7 p.m. 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](mailto:tjnowak92@hotmail.com) 715.587.3084

## 2012 Relay for Life-American Cancer Society \_\_\_\_\_

Mark your calendars! We have formed a team for the 2012 Relay for Life of Marinette on Friday, June 29, 2012, at 6 p.m. Look for more information in the months to come. If you have any questions contact Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator at: [mnvik\\_26@hotmail.com](mailto:mnvik_26@hotmail.com) or 715.801.0150.



### 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

*Even though the classes have already begun you are very welcome to join the class and check out how it operates at any time.*

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

*Crossways is 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

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### Congregation Council Meeting— 9/19/2011

**NINTH GRADE FAITH STATEMENTS:** Katie Sodergren, Alexandria Cording, Abby Demmith, Hope Goes and Brittany Kehoe presented their Faith Statements, and were accepted as confirmed members of Zion.

**AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORTS:** August 2011, envelopes and loose offering were 22% less than August 2010, but Aug. '11 had only 4 Sundays, while Aug. '10 had 5 Sundays. The General Fund decreased \$1345, making a year-to-date decrease of \$7,440. Fortune Lake Campership Fund decreased by \$1,103; while the Capital Campaign Fund balance has decreased by \$1,790. Debt and Community Children receipts were \$1,881 with \$188 going to Synod, \$376 to DAR and \$941 to Thrivent as additional payment on loan. Community Children/Fortune Lake has a \$3,377 balance. No changes in Memorial Fund, while the Intern Fund balance increased \$16. The Helping Hand balance is \$199.

**Youth Ministry:** Monthly meetings with the kids will begin soon. The hope is to include all of our young people in activities; not just those going on the trip next summer.

**Stewardship Committee:** The Committee is planning a "modified door to door campaign" for this year. This would involve the passing of a "notebook" containing information about Zion and its missions and also include forms and envelopes for individual members to make their 2012 pledge.

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Specific individuals would take on the task of delivering these books to and from member's homes. Pledges would remain confidential in sealed envelopes. Our stewardship giving will be celebrated on "Legacy Sunday" coinciding with our "Harvest Dinner" on November 13. The men of Bethel Lutheran will cater the meal. The stewardship goal this year is to obtain more pledges and to increase previous pledges. The drive is to be completed before the November 13 dinner.

**Community Garden:** Kathy reports that a group, led by Tracy Nowak, assembled in Zion's kitchen on Sunday, September 18 and canned 208# of tomatoes, yielding 49 jars of tomatoes and tomato juice. These ladies deserve a huge "thank you". Their efforts will contribute to a congregational meal and other individual needs.

**Scholarship Committee:** The group worked on the application form which will be used to determine candidates for Fortune Lake scholarships for those who were not members of Zion. Applications will be distributed through DAR Boys and Girls Club, our Cub Scout groups and Zion members themselves.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Larry Nelson was accepted as a member of Zion. He has transferred from Zion Lutheran in Shawano. The meeting day for future Council meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, beginning in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Benchley, Council Secretary



### Updating Church Directory

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We are in the process of updating Zion’s congregational 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](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com).

### Electronic Giving

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This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Zion Lutheran Church relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit our website [www.zionlutheran-marquette.org](http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org) and locate the “DONATE” button to the electronic giving page. If you have questions, please feel free to ask or call our Financial Secretary, Karen Houdek at (715) 735-7180 home or (715)735-7898 at Zion. Thank you!

### Zion’s Wellness Team

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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](mailto:mnvik_26@hotmail.com) for more information. Hope you will join in on the conversations!



### Book Discussion

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On Tues., October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## Church Basement Ladies Christmas

Zion will again be offering a trip to the Meyer Theatre on November 10th, for the third chapter of the "Church Basement Ladies Christmas." The cost is \$25.00 a ticket. An additional treat of attending the Black & Tan Supper Club for dinner will be offered, but if you would rather eat at another restaurant that would be fine too. Carpools will be set up again. Watch the main bulletin board for additional information and the menu for Black & Tan Supper Club.

Don & Jo Schutt

## Zion Senior Choir Christmas Cantata

This year for Christmas Eve, we will be performing the new cantata "Tapestry of Light" We would like to thank the family of Ruth Race who gave the choir memorial money to purchase this new addition to our music library.

We extend an invitation for anyone to come and sing with us. This year we only have 4 men in choir and would love to have some extra voices men and woman for this piece of music. If you are interested please contact me. Choir is rehearsing this year on Wed. evenings from 7-8. Practicing the cantata would involve a couple of Wed. right now and then every Wed after thanksgiving. There are CD's of the cantata available for each performer. The choir itself is singing around 4 pieces and the rest is solos, duets etc. Come and check it out!

I am still looking for a few people to serve on the hymn committees. It involves one hour of work twice a year.

Here is your chance to sing your favorite hymn!

Ann Buscher 715.735.3017



## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER 2011

### October 1

Beverly Johnston

### October 3

Annette Anderson  
Joyce Anderson  
Carol Bohan  
Steven Olsen  
Dane Royer

### October 5

Pam Goes

### October 6

Alexander Dzurick  
Kathy Kitzinger  
Laura Olsen  
Al Peterson  
Tim Saxton

### October 7

Chan Francour

### October 8

Justin Schoen

### October 9

Tina Brooks  
Mitchell McFarlane

### October 10

Nila Krenos

### October 11

Nora Plym  
Jesse Radloff

### October 12

Brittany Kloida

### October 13

Shelby Atwood  
Lynn Francour

### October 14

Cheri Williams

### October 15

Gary Grom  
Mark Swenson

### October 16

Alicia Gaudes

### October 17

Megan Buenning

### October 18

Charles Nord

### October 19

William Beattie

### October 20

John Heimbuch

### October 22

David Despins  
Kaitlyn Francour  
Charles Zander

### October 23

Kurt Breuer

### October 24

Michael Peterson  
Don Race

### October 26

Carole Boerner  
Sarah Rabideau

### October 29

Brandon Laundree

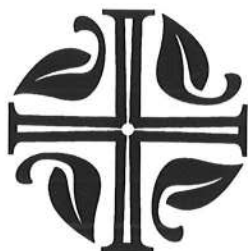
### October 31

Bryan Gutknecht  
Laura Rowe



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 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. 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.



## Coming Soon to Zion

### LEGACY SUNDAY

**November 13, 2011**

Our heavenly Father has blessed Zion with many things, not the least of which is each and every member of this congregation. Together we are the church, and each of us has been endowed by God with many gifts which we share happily and with love.

#### Thank You Brunch

Our Legacy Sunday celebration will take place directly after our Sunday worship service on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The men of Bethel Lutheran Church will cater a celebratory brunch for all of us. The brunch will be a time to not only recognize the legacy we have inherited from our forebears, but will also be a time to celebrate what all of us are doing to continue the legacy. Besides the meal, the entertainment, and the recognition of the senior members of our congregation, there will be a report on the results of our fall stewardship drive. We look forward to hearing good news of growth for 2012.

#### Recognition of our Senior Members

At our Thank You Brunch we will celebrate the wisdom, generosity, and the lives of those 75 years and older. In previous years this has been called our Harvest Dinner and was always an enjoyable potluck meal. This year we still have an enjoyable time planned, and we will still recognize our senior members, but the potluck dinner has been changed to a catered brunch, hopefully making it easier for more families to participate in the celebration.

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#### A Legacy of Generosity

Our congregation has a legacy of generosity. On Legacy Sunday we will celebrate this legacy of generosity as well as how all of us are doing our part to continue this wonderful legacy. As God's children, we have been blessed beyond our wildest imaginations. By sharing these gifts as generously, (if not MORE generously!), as they have been shared in the past, we pray that Zion's legacy of generosity will continue long, long into the future.

Please set aside this Sunday to rejoice with us in celebrating the legacy that we've been given. You can RSVP by either signing up on the sheet in the three ring binder that will come to each household during our Fall Stewardship Drive, or call Zion's office at 715.735.7898 by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2011 Fall Stewardship Drive

This year's Fall Stewardship Drive will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup> and end on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Twelve members of Zion will deliver and pickup Stewardship notebooks door to door to selected homes within a specified route. The notebooks will contain a beautiful and extremely informative display on how the legacy we have inherited affected the lives of those within and outside of our congregation this past year. There will also be brief information about this year's Annual Fall Stewardship Drive as well as Zion's second mile campaign. The 2012 Debt and Community Children Campaign. Each notebook will contain a pledge sheet as well as a secure envelope to place the pledge within. There will be another secure envelope within the notebook to place that envelope within. After the pledge has been made, the courier will pick up the notebook and deliver it to the next home.

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Timeliness, of course, will be necessary so that all ten households can have enough time within the three weeks of the drive.

**Goals**

It is always good to have goals, and besides the goal of completing the drive in a timely manner, our Stewardship Committee has another goal. In order to help us all grow in faith, which is the primary goal of our Stewardship Committee and the drives we hold each fall, we want an increase in the number of pledges this year. In 2009 we collected 66 pledges to the General Fund, and in 2010 we collected 63. We know that there were many reasons for this low number of pledges, particularly related to the type of drive that we held. We also know we can do better; in fact, MUCH better. In 2006 we collected 99 pledges! That wasn't that long ago!

So, can we increase the number of pledges from 53% of our households to 75% of our households? That would mean an increase of only 27 households. With everyone pitching in, WE CAN DO IT!!

Of course, we also hope that our households will grow in their giving, always pushing towards a tithe. Those who can increase what they presently give are certainly encouraged to do so. For those who can't, it's OK. The most important thing is to make the commitment.

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**Why Pledge?**

Way, way, way too many people think that pledging is all about helping Zion create a budget for the following year. It's not. We hardly ever look at pledges when we create our budget. Then, why pledge? We ask people to pledge because it helps us grow in faith.

Making a pledge is a step of faith. It's that simple. Of course no one knows what is going to happen in the upcoming year, and pledges are not legal commitments. Instead, a pledge helps a family make a commitment in gift management; the basic stewardship of what God has entrusted to us. Throughout the years, people have consistently proclaimed that pledging has helped them look at all their assets in a more faith-centered way. This is why we encourage people to pledge. We want a congregation filled with people who are growing in their faith, and making a pledge is an important way for that growth to occur.

**Zion's 2012 Debt and Community Children Campaign**

**Second Mile Giving**

At the August Council meeting, it was unanimously decided that we will once again hold a second mile campaign in the fall. Zion's 2012 Debt and Community Children Campaign funds will be divided in the same way that they were divided in 2011 with 10% given to our Synod for the work of the wider church; 20% to the DAR Boys and Girls Club; 20% to scholarships for local children to attend Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, and the rest (50%) to be directly applied to the reduction of the principal on our loan. Just like this year, any amount not used for scholarships will go directly to the Camp.

There are two things to keep in mind regarding this year's campaign: ...(continued)



1) Paying back our debt: We have done very, very well with reducing our debt for the roof and window project. Our original loan was for \$175,000. At the end of this year, the loan principal should be near \$65,000! That's \$110,000 in just five years! That's awesome! And, our mission has grown while we have worked on this debt! We have enough in reserve to make eight loan payments in 2012, which means we will need to budget a little over \$5,000 to make the last four payments. We can do this, but how much better would it be to take care of the whole principal in 2012 so that we don't have to go into 2013 with debt? With all of us pitching in as much as we are able, we can do this!

2) Fortune Lake Scholarships: Contrary to our plan, we did not give out any scholarships in 2011. Although that was very disappointing, it turned out well. Fortune Lake is presently involved in a major capital campaign and is asking each congregation in our synod to make a special *second mile* contribution toward it. Our Council designated well over \$3,000 to the camp's capital campaign out of what was collected for scholarships this year. The council also reserved \$800 for camp scholarships to be awarded in 2012. A scholarship committee was formed this fall and has set up a system for collecting applications for scholarships in 2012. We WILL BE awarding scholarships and we hope, with your generosity, that it will be many!



## Zion's Youth Late Fall Hang Out \_\_\_\_\_

Put it on your calendar. Write it on your sleeve. Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 9:00. For Confirmation and Senior High Youth. We will chill out, hang out, relax and have fun. Campfire, s'mores, games, make-your-own pizza, etc. Plan today to be a part of it!



**Sunday, October 9, 2011 – Contemporary Worship**

Lector: Bryan Gutknecht  
Greeter: Roxanne Bowdin  
Acolyte: Alexander Gressel  
Head Usher: Don Schutt  
Communion Assistant: Heidi Beland  
Coffee Time: Bill & Nancy Benchley  
AV Team: Billy Retza and Sarge Rudell

**Sunday, October 16, 2011 LBW**

Organist: Ruth Olson  
Lector: ELCA Youth  
Greeter: ELCA Youth  
Head Usher: ELCA Youth  
Acolyte: Billy Retza  
Communion Assistants: ELCA Youth  
Coffee Time: ELCA Youth  
AV Team: Amanda Litts and Shelby Atwood

**Sunday, October 23, 2011 NFC**

Organist: Ann Buscher      Acolyte: James Jagielski  
Lector: Carole Boerner  
Greeters: Elaine Anderson & Sue Peterson  
Head Usher: Pat Rondeau  
Communion Assistant: Jacki Renne  
Coffee Time: Tracy Nowak  
AV Team: Troy Cording and Cheryl Maxwell

**Sunday, October 30, 2011 (LBW full Communion)**

**Confirmation Sunday**

Organist: Ann Buscher  
Lector: Nora Plym  
Greeters: Matt & Tracy Nowak  
Head Usher: Nancy Benchley  
Acolyte: Abby Demmith  
Communion Assistants: (Pouring) Johanna Zuehls,  
(Distributing) Karen Dill, Karen Sylvester  
Coffee Time Sponsors: Confirmation Class ( Nora Plym)  
AV Team: Justin Williams and Bill Tipple

# October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 3 pm Heidi Noack/Dean Renne Wedding
2 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture 6 pm Cub Scout meeting	3	4 9:30 am Staff Meeting	5 6-7 pm "Spark, Conf., Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm Stewardship meeting	6 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 7 pm Worship & Music Com. meeting	7	8 9 am to 2 pm Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading
9 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	10 5pm Menominee Valley Conference meet at Northland Village	11 Sew-for- Missions 6:30 pm Council meeting	12 6-7 pm "Spark Faith Formation, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30 pm Stewardship Courier meeting 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	14 Stewardship Drive Begins	15 Remove the old kitchen floor
16 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	17 7 pm Synod Stewardship meeting at Bethel Pastor at Luther Seminary Oct. 17-18	18	19 6-7 pm "Spark Faith Formation, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	21	22 9:30 am – noon 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class
23 9:30 am Worship Zion's children sing. 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	24 7 pm Sarah Group will meet at Schutt's	25 Sew-for- Mission 6:30 pm Book Discussion	26 6-7 pm "Spark Faith Formation, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship <u>Confirmation Sunday</u> 10:45 am Making Sense of Scripture	31					