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February

2012

Our Discipleship Together

The Seven Marks of Discipleship

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Groundhog Day _____

One of my favorite movies is Groundhog Day. It's a movie about a man who is forced to live the same day, Groundhog Day, over and over again. No matter what he does, he always wakes up to the same day as though he had never lived it. Everything is the same, except him. He remembers. The absurdity of the premise offers us a chance to not only

think about what we might do in that situation, but also helps us examine what really counts in life. Eventually he grows from thinking of his situation as a curse to embracing it as an opportunity to care for others. For instance, he eventually discovers that a boy falls out of a tree on that day, so day after day, he catches the boy before he hurts himself.

The main character learned the hard way about the joy that comes with caring for others by enduring countless days of the consequences that come with selfishness. By way of our baptism into Christ, we don't need endure such a school of hard knocks. Christ is ready and willing to love the world through each of us, and we get to savor the joy that comes with such love. Jesus said, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11)

Yes, the main character was hurt each time he caught the boy as he fell from the tree, and he even chided the boy by saying, "You have never thanked me!" This is not unusual when we live out the love of Christ in our lives. Sometimes it will hurt, and most of the time it's thankless. But even without the thanks and with all the pain, joy is present, a precious gift from Christ as we share his love with the world.

Pastor Keith



Community Garden _____

We had our first meeting for the community garden on Tues Jan 31st. Plans were discussed for the fence, point, size of the garden, garden shed, watering and using canned tomatoes from last year's garden. As of right now, we plan to again have one large community area but are still thinking about adding individual plots in the future if there is interest. We are still in the planning stages but right now we need to know who might be interested in helping. Plans are to add some raised beds so that folks that have a hard time reaching stuff on the ground, will still be able to participate. We also would like to have more flowers, herbs and possibly a kids section. We were very successful with what was planted last year and we will be adding more variety this year. If you have questions about anything or would like to get involved, contact Amanda Litts 715-938-0938 or Sarah Rabideau 715-938-2218.



SUMMARY 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Members of Zion gathered after worship January 29, 2012 for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Pastor Keith Kolstad led us in opening prayer.

Congregation Council President Karen Sylvester conducted the meeting with 55 voting members in attendance. (43 were needed for a quorum.)

The following were elected:

Council: Amanda Litts, John Radloff, Gary Houdek, and Roxanne Bowdin for three year terms, and Hope Goes in the youth Council position for a one year term. Your Council members and their terms are as follows:

Term Expires 1.2013	Term Expires 1.2014	Term Expires 1.2015
Shawn Limberg	Nancy Benchley	Roxanne Bowdin
Pam Lund	Kathy Heimbuch	Gary Houdek
Girard Rudell	Jacki Renne	Amanda Litts
Peter Thielen	Karen Sylvester	John Radloff
Hope Goes		

Zion's Nominating Committee: Ann Buscher, Kathy Heimbuch, and Nora Plym were elected for two year terms. Your Nominating Committee members and their terms are as follows:

Term Expires 2013	Term Expires 2014
Bev DeGroot	Ann Buscher
Barb Grom	Kathy Heimbuch
Don Limberg	Nora Plym



Personnel Committee. Emily Limberg for a three year term. Your Personnel Committee members and their terms are as follows:

Term Expires 1.2013	Term Expires 1.2014	Term Expires 1.2015
Bob Peterson	Johanna Zuehls	Emily Limberg

The Congregation Council President shall also serve on this committee by reason of his/her office, and the Senior Pastor shall serve on this committee with voice only.

Pastor Keith followed up his written report with a wonderful video on what it means to be the church.

A variety of reports were presented in the meeting booklet and all of those reports were approved as presented.

The following resolutions were approved:

- A) That we express our gratitude to God and our appreciation to all the faithful people who serve Him in and through Zion congregation.
- B) That we adopt a budget for the General Fund for 2012 in the amount of \$197,741.
- C) That we thank Almighty God for Pastor Keith and also thank Him for the encouragement and support of his wife Karen and their children Jacob and Jacki and also be it resolved that we the congregation encourage and support their work in and through Zion Lutheran Church.

Pastor Keith installed those members of the Council present and we closed with prayer. The Church Council met directly after the Annual Meeting to elect officer for 2012. By unanimous vote those elected were:

Karen Sylvester, President
Kathy Heimbuch, Vice-President
Nancy Benchley, Secretary
John Radloff, Treasurer

The Council will select the standing committees they wish to serve on at the February 14, 2012 meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sylvester - Council President



Missional Planning Minutes _____

Volunteer Coordinator Job Description/Title

It was unanimously agreed to change the title from *Volunteer Coordinator* to *Communication Coordinator*. It was noted that this new title fits in better with the work of evangelism. Karen took the job advertisement from 3 years ago and converted it to a job description for this position. The changes were reviewed and suggestions made for further revision. The revised job description will be presented to the Personnel Committee for approval. One of the major duties discussed was the creation and maintenance of databases for volunteer interests of congregational members. The Shepherd's Staff is a new program in use and Sarah is still familiarizing herself with it. Heidi shared that there is an excellent help program offered through the company. Suggestions were discussed regarding how best to categorize information in the systems and how to title all of the pieces. Suggestions: key words, a table of contents, indexes, a reference manual, start with broad categories and then refine them (for example- Administrative duties/ Handyman/Teachers/Ushers/Acolytes, etc.) As noted, organizing Zion's volunteer listings is a huge and often overwhelming part of this job. We decided to include having knowledge of the new Shepherd's Staff program into the job description since it is part of the software used on a regular basis. Another duty discussed was the creation, maintenance, and annual update of the list of all volunteers currently serving in various programs. It was noted that the Council now has a liaison to connect with the various groups. Either this liaison or the program chairperson will provide a volunteer list from each program to the coordinator.



Missional Planning Minutes _____

Pastor Keith reported that the Church Council approved a 6-member Evangelism Committee at their last meeting. This committee will assist congregational members with their evangelism - considering how God is involved in their life. Sharing faith stories will be a major part of this.

Website

Pastor Keith is still working on revisions but is confident that he will have it ready for evaluation at the February meeting. There is currently a conversion problem with placing any videos on our site. Using You Tube had been considered, but no logo can be used and there are copyright issues with any videos shown. Since this is such a huge piece, it's of major concern. A "Plan B" may be to do the conversion ourselves, but it's uncertain as to just how to work through that. All services and special events are still taped and saved.

Other Items

A discussion regarding the New Life Church led to thoughts about how to increase attendance. Changes to music, worship, greetings, coffee times, and even remodeling areas were discussed. One item we agreed to try was to have a coffee time before the service as well as after. Several area churches have a coffee time before and these seem to be well received.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Bowdin

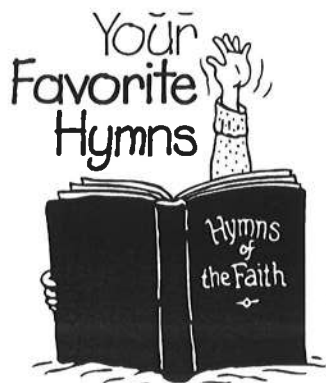


Worship & Music News

We are looking for people to serve on a hymn committee. Each committee has 4-5 people and meets twice a year to pick out the hymns for our services that month. The head of the committee will do all the preparation and determine the best time for the group to meet. Can you spare an hour twice a year and help make our Worship services sing with Gods praises. Please call Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017.

It is not too late to join choir. We are in need of sopranos and men to round out the choir for the second part of the year. Maybe you would like to join us just for Lent and Holy Week. Come give us a try. We meet on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. A babysitting service is available.

Ann Buscher



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2012

February 1

Wendy Suchovsky

February 2

Eric Lebick
Bill Retza
Randall Schroeder

February 3

Michelle LaFond

February 5

Jake Tipple

February 6

Heidi Beland

February 7

Leo Kaufman
Kristine Race
John Riley

February 8

Luke Kelly
Jon Strutz

February 9

Jared Harding

February 10

Sue Baxter
Janet Cook
Kevin Knopik

February 11

Erik Breuer
Arden Kuhn
Brad Romenesko

February 12

Troy Cording
Joyce Johnson
LeeAnn Martin
Katie Somers

February 13

Brandon Brooks
Emily Limberg
Justin Olson
Michael Royer

February 14

Brycen Buenning
Jeffrey Tipple
Nathan Vincent

February 15

Rose-Marie
Christenson

February 16

Eric Powers

February 17

Kerry Strutz

February 18

Gerald Poquette

February 19

Colton Nelson
William Tipple

February 21

Hans Aschim
Randy Pecard

February 22

Nick Kehoe
Baylee Zuraski

February 25

Jacqueline Kass
Robert Lebick

February 26

Barb Clarke
Rachel Rosenfeldt

February 27

Scott Gressel
Julie Retza

February 28

Vern Cramer
Bradley Hruska



Happy
Birthday

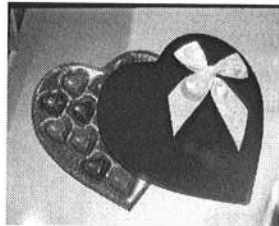


Zion's Harvest of Hope Community Garden

Zion's Harvest of Hope Community Garden will be a vendor in Respite Care's All Things Chocolate Fundraiser which will be held on Wednesday, February 15th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Best Western Riverside Inn located at 1821 Riverside Avenue in Marinette. If you are interested in buying tickets please contact Sarah Rabideau at 715.938.2218. Respite Care of Marinette and Menominee Counties is a non-profit, volunteer based program providing confidential, in-home supportive relief to families caring for an elderly, disabled, or chronically or terminally ill loved one in their home. Brochures are available in the narthex.

Sarah Rabideau

Volunteer Coordinator, Zion Lutheran Church
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On Sunday, February 12th the coffee hour after church will be a celebration for a new baby in the Retza family! There will be a box available to hold cards and well wishes. Please join us for cake, coffee and fellowship!

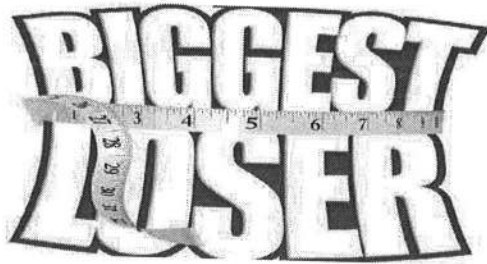
Youth Trip Stock Sale

We are selling stock for our youth that will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. This is a fun way for members of our congregation to make an investment in these youth of Zion. The purchase of this stock does so much more than just provide money for a trip. It is a way to have a sense of ownership in this mission trip. In addition to the joy of helping our youth, stock holders will also receive a stock holder certificate, along with newsletters before the trip, a postcard while they are on the trip, and a stock holders dinner after the trip. (You don't get any of that when you purchase Green Bay Packer stock!) Each share of stock is \$15, or two shares for \$25. For more information, please contact Carla Clark at 715.732.0002 or Lisa Knopik at 715.735.3994.



Zion's Wellness Team Presents:

The 2nd Annual



Community Challenge

Zion's Wellness Team has been extremely successful with 95 pounds of weight lost in the first month of The Biggest Loser Community Challenge! We currently have sixteen active participants. Every week we do exercises and have fun sharing our experiences with each other. On February 16th Martha Aschim will be teaching a yoga class.

Remember it is only \$10.00 to join. The person who has the highest percentage of weight lost will donate the money collected from the registration fee to their favorite charity. We are now offering the "biggest loser" two more incentives. Five Star Martial Arts, located in Peshtigo, is offering a free month of your choice of Tae Kwon Do, Inayan Eskrima, or Tai Chi. The other incentive is \$100.00 towards a new outfit for your wardrobe.

We meet Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see some new faces! If you have any questions feel free to contact Sarah Rabideau at 715.938.2218 or mnvik_26@hotmail.com.

Sarah Rabideau

Volunteer Coordinator, Zion Lutheran Church
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VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Acolyte: Allie Saxton

Organist: Ruth Olson

Lector: Amanda Litts

Greeters: Elaine Anderson & Sue Peterson

Head Usher: Kay Meek

Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau (Pour), Amanda Litts & Barb Grom (Distribute)

Sunday, February 12, 2012 (Contemporary Worship)

Senior Choir Anthem: "Friends in Christ"

Acolyte: Randall Schroeder

Lector: Bryan Gutknecht

Greeter: Roxie Bowdin

Head Usher: Mark Swenson

Communion Assistant: Johanna Zuehls

Coffee Time: Pastor Rick & Ellice DeBenedetto

Sunday, February 19, 2012

Acolyte: Kaitie Sodergren

Senior Choir: "Cry Out Zion"

Organist: Ann Buscher

Lector, Greeters, Head Usher, and Communion Assistants:
ELCA New Orleans Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Acolyte: Shelby Atwood

Lector: Carole Boerner

Greeter: Laura Peanosky

Head Usher: Nora Plym

Communion Assistant: Jacki Renne

Coffee Time: Nora Plym

Organist: Ann Buscher



Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday

Our forty day Lenten journey begins with worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We will have two worship opportunities that day, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m. Confession and the imposition of ashes are a part of this service, as is Holy Communion.

Midweek Worship

Once again we will be offering two worship opportunities on Wednesdays during Lent. The morning service will be held at Zion and begins at 10:00. The evening service will combined with a supper which will begin at 5:30. The suppers will be held in conjunction with St. James Lutheran of Marinette, but all of them will take place at Zion.

Life Together: Meditations on the Building of Christian Community

Our midweek worship theme this year is based upon a book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer entitled Life Together. In this time of such extreme divisiveness within our country, our communities and even within our families, this series will be an opportunity to examine exactly what it means for Christians to be in community.

Using a "round robin" style, we will be connecting with the ELCA congregations on the other side of the river. The preachers will be Pastor Lee Goodwin, Pastor Doug Schoen, Pastor Rick DeBenedetto, LLM Darrel Diers, and Pastor Keith. They will be preaching at both the morning and evening services. The following are the themes that will be covered:

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- A ministry of holding one's tongue
- A ministry of meekness
- A ministry of listening
- A ministry of helpfulness
- A ministry of bearing another's burdens

Book Study

Bonhoeffer's book, Life Together, will soon be available for purchase. We will use this book for a study and discussion available either on Sunday mornings or Wednesday mornings following worship. There will also be conversation available on line. The cost of the book will be \$8.00. The conversations will begin on Sunday, February 19, and on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This book is a classic within the Lutheran Church, and promises to offer much in the way of food for thought regarding the foundations and the function of Christian community.



February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6-7 pm Spark Faith, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Losers meeting	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship 6 pm Cub Scout Com. meeting	6 5:15-9:15 pm Lay School for Mission at Emmanuel 6:30 p.m. AV Team meeting	7 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting	8 6-7 pm Spark Faith, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Losers	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship 11 am Worship & Music Committee 1 pm NLRC Annual meeting	13 5:15-9:15 pm Lay School for Mission At Emmanuel	14 Valentine's Day 9am-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Council Meeting	15 6-7 pm Spark Faith, Confirmation, Crossways 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Losers 7 pm Ruth Group at Church	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am "Life Together Discussion"	20 5:15-9:15 pm Lay School for Mission At Emmanuel	21	22 10 am & 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship 11 am Life Together Discussion	23 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Losers meeting	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am "Life Together Discussion"	27 5:15-9:15 pm Lay School for Mission 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Sarah Group at Rudell's	28 9am-11:30am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Missional Planning Group	29 10 am Worship 11 am "Life Together Discussion: 5:30 pm Soup & Worship 6 pm Spark Faith Formation 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal			