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# **2013**

### **Ecumenical Vacation Bible School**

**August 12—15**

**Monday-Thursday 5:15-8 p.m.**

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This year's Vacation Bible School is jointly sponsored by Pioneer Presbyterian Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Peace United Church of Christ, and Zion Lutheran Church, all of Marinette, as well as Bethel Lutheran Church, Menominee.

VBS will begin at 5:15 p.m. with a supper for the whole family. Following the supper, there will be games, crafts, story time, music, friends, and fun. Supper and Bible School are FREE. Come make your passport and travel the world in mission with Christ. All children, ages 4 through 6th grade, are welcome. Our separate Preschool will house our 4 & 5 year olds as well as those entering into Kindergarten. Please register your child according to the grade level they have just finished. Registration forms are available in the narthex. The registrations forms can also be downloaded by visiting our website.

## Our Discipleship Together \_\_\_\_\_

### What's New?

"See, I am making all things new." *Revelation 21:5*

We who live in this northern climate should be the last to say, "That'll never change." As we see the passing of the seasons, year after year, we know how change presents itself each and every day, always leading from one thing to another. We see each and every season contain such breath-taking beauty: The first flowers of spring; the lush green of summer; the colors of the fall leaves; everything in stillness covered by a fresh layer of snow. God never tires of blessing us with newness.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> will mark Zion's 138<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All those years encompass many passing seasons and the countless changes that those seasons have brought. There was the building of the first place of worship in Menekaunee. There was the change from Swedish to English. New pastors replaced old pastors and brought with them new ways of doing things. There was the move from Terrace Ave. to James St. Many fellowship groups have come and gone as the countless changes have occurred over the years.

This fall we will see yet another significant change come to Zion as we offer a new style of worship to our community, our Sunday Evening Service of Reflection. As God has brought us through the many changes of our past, so too will God be with us as this new worship service develops and takes on a life of its own. God will be busy in, with, and through this service, just as God has been busy within all that Zion has undertaken.

At the very end of our Holy Scriptures, we hear God say that he makes all things new. God wants us to know that the end is never the end. New life will always spring up out of the old. Alleluia!

*Pastor Keith*

## News from our Intern \_\_\_\_\_

*"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

What comfort we can find in these words from Joshua! There are many times in my life when I am afraid. I always seem to approach new experiences in life with much anticipation, anxiety; and yes, fear. I find that I am one who likes routine and familiarity; I like things the way they are, why do something different? Are you like that too?

Change can be scary, but it can also be very exciting! Change can be a new opportunity to grow, meet new people, a chance to do something new; out of your ordinary. Change can be good. I have been going through many changes in the past few years. Good changes and scary changes but always exciting changes. God has always been working through me and with me in all of these changes. Knowing this makes each experience much less frightening.

God promises us that He is always with us. Wherever we go, in whatever endeavor we explore, God is right there by our side, He is our courage and our strength so we are not to be afraid.

So why not go out and try something new. Get out of your comfort zone and experience something new and exciting. I have an idea, come to one of our new worship services on Sundays at 5:00 pm, Sunday Evening Service of Reflection! Give it a try, it may not be your cup of tea, it may even seem a little scary, but be strong and of good courage; God will be with you. Who knows it may be just what you have been looking for, but even if it isn't, by experiencing this new and different worship service you will be better equipped to tell others about it.

Linda Forray

## Sunday Evening Service of Reflection\_\_\_\_\_

Well, here we go! August 11<sup>th</sup> will mark the official beginning of our Sunday Evening Service of Reflection. So much has taken place over the years that has finally led us to this point, and yet so much more has yet to take place. God has been working in fascinating ways as this has developed, and because of this, we look forward with great anticipation to what God will be doing through this service in the weeks, months and years to come.

This worship service is not for everyone, but we believe that there is a hunger in our community for this style of worship. It is different, and no one (that we are aware of) is offering this style of worship in our community. It is informal. Conversation is a key part of the service. It is quiet, with plenty of time for meditation. And, it is personal. Worshipers will definitely have an opportunity to get to know each other.

Post cards advertising this service will soon be sent out to our surrounding community. We have lots of extras so that you can back up the mail invitation with your personal invitation. People will be wondering what this is all about and they will know that you attend Zion. They will ask you what it is all about, so, you are certainly encouraged to attend one of these services so that you know, and are able to tell them. It would be great if you could even bring someone to this service who is not worshipping anywhere else at this time! The service begins at 5:00.

As we have said before, this is a bold new venture. This is definitely not familiar territory for Zion or Zion's pastor! And yet, we have so many indications that this is a direction that Jesus is leading us in. And, isn't this what our mission statement is all about? As God's children, we go where Jesus leads. So, here we go!



## Thursday Morning Bible Discussion Group\_\_\_\_\_

A Thursday morning Bible Discussion Group has begun at Zion. This group will meet (tentatively) on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am in the family room at Zion. We will be discussing the texts for the up-coming Sunday worship at each session. The group will meet for no longer than an hour each month. Please join us for this interesting, thought provoking text study. The next gathering will take place on Thursday, August 15th. Come check it out!

## Sunday Morning Bible Study: Parables of Jesus\_\_\_\_\_

Back by popular demand: "Parables of Jesus," Sunday morning Bible Study group. This is perfect for your first time Bible study as well as for seasoned Bible study participants. We will once again delve into well-known parables, bringing to them our own experiences and perspectives. We will meet in the Family Room following the worship service from 11 a.m. to noon during the month of August. We will be exploring a new parable each week. All ages and experiences are welcome.

Intern, Linda Forray

## Vacation Bible School\_\_\_\_\_

Have you invited your grandkids or neighbors to VBS? There are information sheets located in the main entrance of Zion that you can take home, and registrations forms. VBS will be held on August 12-15 starting with a free family supper at 5:15 p.m., and VBS being held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Making A Difference!\_\_\_\_\_

Recently the Git-R-Done Group performed maintenance at Zion and some outdoor work. They also took plenty of time for coffee. Due to the heat and humidity they had a shorter work time. Thank you, thank you, thank you to this group that is making such a wonderful difference! You are welcome to join the fun. The next Git-R-Done group gathering will be on TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th, BEGINNING AT 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact



## News from the Financial Secretary

Thank you to everyone who donated in any way, be it monetary, food, or setting up for the Relay for Life. Thanks to the team members for all their hard work, getting donations, the luminary bags, and walking. Unfortunately I was unable to guide you this year. Following is the money we raised:

45 Luminary's - \$450.00  
 Loose Offerings - \$392.36  
 Team Donations - \$910.00  
 Glow-in-the Dark Items - \$7.00  
 Grand Total of: \$1,759.36

Thanks again to everyone. Karen Houdek



We are in need of any kind of school supplies for needy children in our community. Please place the school supplies you bring in the box furnished in the narthex. Thank you so much.

Jo Schutt, Social Ministry Committee

## YOU ARE INVITED...

It has been a real joy for the Lay Internship Committee to work with Intern Linda through the year. She's been a willing learner, a hard worker, and a significant part of our congregation's ministry. Her teaching, preaching, and warm presence will be missed. It will be hard to let her go.

But isn't that wonderful! That we hate to see her leave only speaks of the success of her time with us. Linda has grown in her competence as a church leader. The greater church is strengthened through Linda's skills and willingness to serve. And we have been blessed with the privilege of mentoring her for a significant segment of her spiritual journey. I sincerely believe we have received far more than we have given.

Please join us for an informal, celebratory send-off after worship on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and goodies will be provided by the Lay Internship Committee. A basket will be provided for cards and other expressions of thanks. Let's give Linda our personal blessing for all that God intends for her, letting her know that Zion has been, and always will be, her family.



Weather permitting, we will be holding an Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service next Sunday, August 18. Be sure to bring you lawn chair, and come early to pick out your favorite spot in the wonderful shade. Also, this is usually a great service to invite a guest to. Who might you invite?

## FORTUNE LAKE GOLF OUTING

GOLF SCRAMBLE/FUNDRAISER  
 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2013  
 Oak Crest Golf Course  
 Norway, Michigan

Registration forms can be found on Fortune Lake Camp's Website

## Stewardship Retreat – God's Work, Our Hands

September 16-17

Monday 3pm – Tuesday 3pm CT

At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Featuring Keith Mundy of the ELCA, Chicago

For Synod Pastors and Licensed Lay Ministers

"The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them."

Cost: FREE Includes housing at the camp and meals!!!!

To register, email the Synod Office at [ngls@nglsynod.org](mailto:ngls@nglsynod.org)

by September 5!

## The Stewardship Corner \_\_\_\_\_

Honestly, look what you've done now!

This year, the Social Ministry Committee headed by Jo and Don Schutt asked Zion's congregation to support the World Hunger Drive by purchasing chicks for \$1.00 each. Do you have any idea what this caring congregation did? You impacted at least 378 families by purchasing 4,541 chicks!

**"Going Where Jesus Leads"** is Zion's Mission Statement and surely Jesus is leading this congregation's heart. The following statement is incorporated in our Vision Statement: "We envision a congregation that **gives** generously of time, talents, and treasures for the work of Jesus in our community and around the world, and encourages others to be generous with their gifts as well."

Oh my goodness, how this congregation has taken both Zion's mission and vision statement to heart! Going back to the earliest days of the church, and as told to us in Chapter 6 of the Book of Acts, the newborn church was organized to take care of those who were in need of food. Because this congregation gathered together, just like the early church did, to share the blessings given to us by God, we have provided food to those in need.

Those 4,541 little chicks represent new hope for the families that received them. Prior to receiving those chicks, mothers worried that their children did not have enough to eat and that the food they did eat was not nutritious. They had no money; they had no opportunities to change how they were living. Now, because of you, those same mothers have a way to easily add protein to their family's meals through the eggs those chickens will lay, and not only that, the chickens will help to provide a steady income for those families, break the cycle of poverty within their household, and allow them to earn a sustainable income for years to come. Isn't that wonderful?

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## The Stewardship Corner (continued) \_\_\_\_\_

According to Nathan Berkas of ELCA World Hunger, our chicks went to different countries including Mexico, Haiti, Tanzania, and Uganda. He told me that these families received more than just chicks. They were also provided education, training, and resources so that they would know how to take care for them.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger helped to make this work possible and they have had an incredible impact. You provided opportunities to those who otherwise wouldn't have had them.

You should be immensely proud of yourself!

Go in God's peace and love.  
Karen Sylvester

## NEWCAP Donations \_\_\_\_\_

Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of AUGUST 2013 is "YELLOW." We will be collecting such items as yellow beans, corn, squash, etc. We are collecting all non-perishable items. Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.

## DAR Boys & Girls News \_\_\_\_\_

Good morning Zion congregation,

The DAR Boys & Girls Club board of directors, staff, volunteers, and especially the children want to thank you for the donation of \$249 this week. We are so grateful to have you as a friend of the DAR. Times are still tough for some of our families. Just this week a family of five with only an income of \$8,000 a year was given a scholarship for their kids. These funds are truly making an impact on the lives of our kids!! Again thank you for your generosity.

Rich Crevier, CPO  
DAR Boys & Girls Club

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST 2013****August 1**

Erica Johnson  
Michael Olson

**August 3**

Heidi Giese  
Andrew Hubbard

**August 4**

Christina Miller

**August 5**

Brooke Williams

**August 6**

Jackie Hamer  
Janis Olsen

**August 7**

Joshua Hubbard  
Dakota Lueskow  
Kathy Lueskow

**August 9**

William Boerner  
Jacob Cording  
Laura Peanosky  
Gary Schults

**August 10**

Gage Schutt

**August 11**

Sam Pecard

**August 12**

Hannah Romenesko  
Taylor Romenesko

**August 13**

Joan Nowakowski

**August 15**

Fay Bromund  
Larry Melgary

**August 16**

Linda Walker

**August 17**

Joanne Rudell

**August 18**

Sarge Rudell

**August 20**

Mason Giese

**August 22**

Gary Houdek  
Stephanie Klein

**August 23**

Paula Huff

**August 24**

Matthew Nowak

**August 25**

Jordan Lueskow  
Tim Marzahl

**August 27**

Alex Powers

**August 28**

Andrew Peterson

**August 29**

Barb Grom  
Jared Johnson

**August 30**

Heidi Schoen  
MacKenzie Somers

**August 31**

Katie Bauer

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST****Sunday, August 4, 2013**

Organist: Ann Buscher      Special Music: Barb Akins – Violin  
Acolyte: Nick Kehoe      Lector: Bryan Gutknecht  
Greeters: Sue Baxter      Head Usher: Nora Plym  
Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Karen Sylvester & Jacki Renne (Distributing Host)  
Coffee Time Sponsor: Needed  
AV Team: Troy Cording & Steve Hoheneder

**Sunday, August 11, 2013**

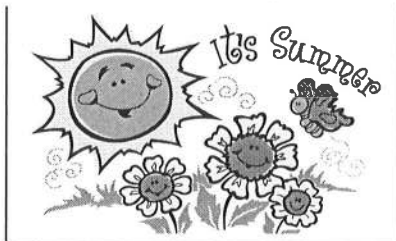
Organist: Ann Buscher      Special Music:  
Acolyte: Braedhan Madden      Lector: Heidi Beland  
Greeters: Oliver & Shirley Swenson  
Head Usher: Nancy Benchley  
Communion Assistant: Jacki Benne  
Coffee Time Sponsor: Needed  
AV Team: Troy Cording & Justin Williams

**Sunday, August 18, 2013 Outdoor Worship**

Lector: Nora Plym      Greeter: Roxanne Bowdin  
Head Usher: Mike Harding      Communion: Sarge Rudell  
Coffee Time Sponsors: Bauers & Plyms

**Sunday, August 25, 2013**

Organist: Ann Buscher  
Special Music: Clarinets – Jane Landenberger  
Acolyte: Abby Demmith  
Lector: Don Otto      Greeters: George & Nila Krenos  
Head Usher: David Johnson      Communion Assistant: Sarge Rudell  
Coffee Time Sponsors: Lay Intern Committee  
AV Team: Troy Cording & Drake & Gage Schutt



## August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	2 August 2,3 & 4 Youth Booth at Waterfront Festival	3
4 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 5 pm Service of Reflection	5 Intern Linda Forray on vacation	6 8 am-Noon The Git-R-Done Group 10:30 am Evangelism Comm.	7 10:30 am Stewardship Comm.	8 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 5 pm Service of Reflection	12	13 9am-11:30am Sew-For-Missions	14	15 10am Thursday Morning Discussion  6 pm Worship at Northland Village	16	17
	Vacation Bible School 5:15-8 pm At Zion Aug. 12, 13, 14 & 15					
18 9:30 am Outdoor Worship 11 am Bible Study 5 pm Service of Reflection	19 6:30 pm Council Meeting	20	21	22 Zion's Anniversary 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship 11 am Farewell Party for Linda Forray 5 pm Service of Reflection	26	27 9 am – 11:30 am Sew-For-Missions	28	29 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	30	31
	Pastor Keith on vacation August 26 – September 2.					