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2014

**Pancake supper at
Zion's Social Hall
on Wednesday, February 5th.
It will begin at 5 p.m. and
conclude at 7 p.m.**

**The Seven Marks of
Discipleship**

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Our Discipleship Together

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and **YOU WATERS ABOVE THE HEAVENS.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, **SNOW** and fog,

TEMPESTUOUS WIND, DOING GOD'S WILL;

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²young men and maidens,
old and young together.

Our Discipleship Together

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Psalm 148

¹³**LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD,**

whose name only is exalted,

whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.

Hallelujah!

With the weather we've been having lately, I thought this Psalm might be enlightening. Enjoy!

Pastor Keith

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The Church Basement Ladies are Back!

"A Mighty Fortress is our Basement" is a delightful musical play that will take place at the Meyer Theater, downtown Green Bay on Thursday, March 27th at 7 p.m. We have center section seats reserved. The tickets are \$25 for the show. The play takes place in the basement of a Lutheran Church in Minnesota. The cast includes four women of different ages, the Pastor and takes place in the 60's. We have thoroughly enjoyed their productions in the past. We will car pool and also look into who would like to stop for supper. Last time we divided up into two groups, one for casual and one for fine dining. Please sign up on the main entrance bulletin board. For more information call Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017.



NEWCAP Donations

Our food collection theme for the month of February is based on the Presentation of Our Lord. On February 2nd, we remember how God's promise was fulfilled for Simeon and Anna (read about it: Luke 2:22-40). Your food collection challenge for the month is to include items that begin with "S" or "A" or that might have a connection to this story. (Soda crackers, salmon, soap, applesauce, antiperspirant, diapers,...) The food pantry is *always in need of* canned meats & fish, canned fruit, beans and peanut butter so please don't limit your gifts to just the letters for the month. Give any non-perishable items that you think might be healthful and helpful. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve our community by going where Jesus leads!

God's Work – Our Hands

You will soon see hands hanging from the ceiling in the sanctuary. Why, you ask? Our World Hunger Drive this year is 'God's Work – Our Hands'. We will run this campaign during the month of February. We hope you will help by giving \$1.00 per hand! Give generously to our World Hunger Drive this year by letting those 'hands' reach out and touch you. Thank you to all volunteers who helped cut out the hands.

Jo Schutt
Social Ministry

Hug a Quilter Day

Sunday, March 2 is "Hug a Quilter" Day. We have so much to celebrate!

Hundreds of thousands of people around the world are wrapped in the quilters tangible symbols of God's love. Thousands of people in the United States discovered the joy of serving their neighbor through quilting. Bonds have been created, renewed, strengthened, and ministries have flourished. For these gifts, we are thankful! So let us celebrate together **on Sunday, March 2nd**, "Hug a Quilter" day.

Jo Schutt
Social Ministry



The Stewardship Corner

My goal for this article is to point out what I have often heard and now believe, that our contributions to Zion, both monetarily and through time and talents, are a reflection on our faith.

You know from past articles that I have written that Jesus' discussions on money always focused on the fact that what a believer does with his or her money impacts that person's faith. Jesus was convinced that money has the capacity to lead a person's heart to Him, and money has the capacity to lead a person's heart away from Him.

I feel it's important to say upfront that it is not my intention to be judgmental. Each of us is in a different place financially and for different reasons. Many are struggling financially; the causes may be of our own doing or may be due to a misfortune over which we had no control. Others among us have more than sufficient financial resources. What I am going to attempt to do is share with you my own story and my correlation about faith and finances.

I joined Zion Lutheran in March of 1980. I needed a church and wanted our son to learn about Christ. I thought I was a reasonably good Christian even though my attendance at worship was quite irregular and the funds I provided were miniscule at best. I base that statement on the fact that I was paying Zion for services rendered to me and my family; my contributions ranged from a low of \$5.00 to a high of \$20.00 per week.

It took until October 1995 for those beliefs to start changing. I was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer and from that moment on my Christian metamorphosis started. I absolutely had to attend worship and I listened, truly listened to the service and the sermon. I actually started to read and learn more about the Bible. I wanted to familiarize myself with the foundations of the Lutheran faith. Frankly, I felt like a Christian in training. In the beginning of my metamorphosis you couldn't shut me up; I was committed to telling my story, but God had just started with me. ... (continued)

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I became a member of the Stewardship Committee, and that's where I really started to grow and bloom. It was through my readings on that committee that I truly felt in my own heart that as a Christian everything belongs to God, and that he entrusted some of what he has to me. I came to understand that he trusts me to care for those things; he made me his steward. Pastor Keith has told us that again and again, but hearing it and believing it in the depths of your soul are two very different things. I knew Christians were asked to tithe 10% of their income, and I knew I wanted God to think of me as a good Christian. So one year, I decided to just do it. I would start tithing, and I would trust God to make it work. My giving jumped substantially, and God continued to provide. I didn't suffer – I thrived. I felt wonderful - I was blessed.

It is now 19 years later and I continue to grow by participating in the life of this congregation and its members, through Pastor Keith's leadership, and by attending Bible studies and Lay School for Mission classes. I feel God isn't done with me yet. I rely on his Holy Spirit to lead and guide me daily, and I pray I am helping others to grow in their journey with him. I have been blessed beyond measure.

The goal of 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. We do this by utilizing sound financial practices and by using our time and talents in ways that are pleasing to God.

I know the Stewardship Committee accomplished its goal with me. I wish each member of Zion could participate on the Stewardship Committee. I have learned so much through the committee over the last nine or ten years. Its various members have and continue still to open my eyes and teach me, to feel and accept God's love, and to trust him above all else.

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Matthew 6:21 reads, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Take a look at where you spend your money. That is exactly what I did for two hours this past Saturday afternoon. I readily admit that my faith in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has grown over these nineteen years. I feel it deep within my heart and I discovered it anew as I reviewed my checkbook and my level of giving.

Go in God's love,

Karen Sylvester

Pancake Supper

Start planning now for a pancake supper at Zion on Wednesday, February 5th. It will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. It will be a great opportunity for families to dine together before the children attend SPARK or confirmation class. This dinner will be a fund raiser for DAR Boys & Girls Club and Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite a friend!

The cost is:

Adults - \$4.00,

Children (6-12) - \$3.00

under 6 is free.



**Summary Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

(Changed from January 14 due to inclement weather)

December attendance was up from 2012 from 120 to 124. Pastor Keith noted that Zion appears to be just maintaining its attendance. Christmas Eve attendance was down from 2012 from 195 to 162. Funerals were held for: Eunice Garant on November 3, Sharon Huntley on December 4, Carolyn Jensen on December 19, and Gary Shultz on December 31. Pastor Keith will be attending the Synod Council meeting in Marquette at the end of January. In February, he will attend the Synod Leaders Event at Fortune Lake. The speaker will be Elizabeth Eaton, the new ELCA Bishop.

The reports from Karen Houdek were reviewed. Pastor Keith noted that the monies in envelopes showed an increase in giving for 2013 over 2012 by \$3,155.32. John's report noted that the General Fund/Parsonage combined fund balances increased \$5,804 from \$2,130 to \$7,934. Pastor Keith explained this is very significant since it relates to Zion's cash flow. Contributions and receipts for the General Fund show an uptake in giving. He also shared that the 2nd Mile Campaign and Debt/DAR have done very well this year. Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,744. Disbursements of \$174 to Synod, \$349 to DAR, \$2,512 to Fortune Lake and \$872 to Thrivent for the extra loan principal payment. \$800 is available for community scholarships to Fortune Lake. The Capital Campaign fund balance decreased \$1,262 from \$13,103 to \$11,841. Zion's loan of \$175,000 should be paid off by February and this only took 7 years - an outstanding accomplishment.

The Property Committee reported a new water heater for the kitchen sinks was purchased and will be installed soon. The new door for the usher's closet has been shortened and is ready to be hung.

The Personnel Committee completed annual reviews for staff members and made recommendations for salary increases. Council accepted the committee's recommendations to increase salaries as presented.

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Pastor Keith reviewed the 2014 budget and noted the 2014 figures represent a tight, conservative budget at \$186,673 compared to 2013's actual figure of \$199,397. Estimated total donations amount to \$188,993, including \$171,893 for general fund donations based on what was given in 2013. The budget includes the Personnel Committee's proposal for staff salary increases. Pastor requested that a donation of \$100 for the Relay for Life team be included in the budget. This amounts to a very balanced and conservative budget, with more income than expenditures. Pastor Keith stated he has never seen this. Council approved the 2014 budget as amended, and will recommend it at the Annual Meeting.

Amanda noted that the initial pre-course meetings for the Dave Ramsey course are going well and 6-7 people are currently signed up to attend.

A Council Retreat is set for March 7-8 at FLLC at a cost of \$45-\$50/person. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

Council approved the amended January 26th Annual Meeting agenda, with the addition of an Education Report.

Council approved the Resolutions to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Gail Melgary's membership transfer to Zion was approved by Council.

Council approved obtaining a new credit card since the current card is unusable and needed for purchasing supplies and maintenance items for Zion.

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Council terms for Karen, Bryan, Kathy, and Jacki have expired. All noted that their time on Council was meaningful and rewarding. Karen and Kathy both served for 6 years. Jacki served for 3 years, and has served several times in the past, and Bryan was filling in for a one year term. He has served on the Zion's Council in the past.

The next Council meeting will be February 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Bowdin, Recording Secretary

Be a part of the Git-R-Done Group!_____

Recently, the group replaced lights that were burnt out, worked on the new bi-fold doors for the usher's closet and replaced the tankless hot water heater in the kitchen. There are many more projects coming up and this group could use more helping hands! We have lots of fun when we meet, so come join us.

The next Git-R-Done group gathering is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th beginning at 8 a.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Gary Grom at 715.732.0617.



Relay for Life_____

I would like to thank all the participants who took part in the 2013 Relay for Life. We did have some fun, although it had to be taken inside due to inclement weather. Zion's team raised about \$2,100.

This year, the Relay will be Friday & Saturday, June 27th and 28th, at Marinette High School from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. I have talked to the chairwoman for the Marinette Relay for Life and she has agreed to come speak, and give more information regarding the Relay. I hope we can get at least 12 people to sign up by May 1st.

I started relaying in 2001. I had lost my mother, and my husband, Gary, had lost his father from this terrible disease. I started a cancer support group for women with any type of cancer in 2001. Two of the members of that group are also members here at Zion – Karen Sylvester and Jo Schutt. The members of my support group decided we would do the Relay. We all wanted to help raise money to find the cure. The support group did the Relay for 5 years, and we raised a good amount of money. We had a lot of good times at our campsite.

The Relay is a fun way to raise money for the cause. I hope you will consider joining Zion's team this year. If you can't walk, like me, you can use a wheelchair or a scooter, etc. If you can't do that, you can be a part of the Relay by donating food, water, etc. There will be more details in the coming months. For more info please call me at 715-735-7180. If I'm not there, leave a message.

Thank you-
Karen Houdek
Zion's Financial Secretary



SUMMARY ANNUAL MEETING

Members of Zion gathered after worship January 26, 2014 for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Pastor Keith Kolstad led us in a hymn and opening prayer.

Congregation Council President Karen Sylvester conducted the meeting with 56 voting members in attendance. (36 were needed for a quorum.).

The following were elected:

Council: Katy Bauer, Nancy Benchley, Troy Cording, and Julie Williams for three year terms, and Kaitie Sodergren in the youth Council position for a one year term. Your Council members and their terms are as follows:

Term Expires 1.2015	Term Expires 1.2016	Term Expires 1.2017
Roxanne Bowdin	Duane Clarke	Katy Bauer
Gary Houdek	Gary Grom	Nancy Benchley
Amanda Litts	Girard (Sarge) Rudell	Troy Cording
John Radloff	Peter Thielen	Julie Williams
Kaitie Sodergren (Youth)		

Zion's Nominating Committee: Ellice DeBenedetto, Nila Krenos, and Roxanne Bowdin were elected for two year terms. Your Nominating Committee members and their terms are as follows:

Term Expires 2015	Term Expires 2016
Karen Dill	Ellice DeBenedetto
Bryan Gutknecht	Nila Krenos
Judy Stehle	Roxanne Bowdin

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Personnel Committee. Karen Dill was elected for a three year term. Your Personnel Committee members and their terms are as follows:

Term Expires 1.2015	Term Expires 1.2016	Term Expires 1.2017
Emily Limberg	Bob Peterson	Karen Dill

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 provided the congregation with a verbal report over and above the written report he had prepared. He began with a video presentation created by Amanda Litts showcasing all of the events and activities of Zion for 2013.

A variety of reports were presented in the meeting booklet and all of The following resolutions were approved:

- A) Whereas we recognize Almighty God as the Source of our life and our salvation, and whereas the work of His Holy Church is advanced by the efforts of many faithful and dedicated people who serve in a variety of elected, appointed, and volunteer capacities be it resolved that we express our gratitude to God and our appreciation to all the faithful people who serve Him in and through Zion congregation.
- B) the ministry of the church needs our regular and generous financial support for local, synodical, and world-wide concerns be it resolved that we adopt a budget for the General Fund for 2013 in the amount of **\$186,773**. Pastor Keith remarked that this budget was Good News as it was tight, conservative, and represented giving and support by the congregation. A round of applause followed.

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- c) Whereas we recognize Almighty God as our source of life and salvation and whereas the work of His church is advanced through and by the leadership of the Pastor, Be it resolved 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. Be it also resolved that we the congregation encourage and support their work in and through Zion Lutheran Church. Pastor Keith received a standing ovation after the Resolution was accepted.

Pastor Keith installed the new members of the Council and we closed with prayer.

SUMMARY CHURCH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Church Council met directly after the Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2014. By unanimous vote those elected were:

Roxanne Bowdin, President
Peter Thielen, Vice-President
Julie Williams, Secretary
John Radloff, Treasurer

Council members were told to select the standing committees they wish to serve on for the February 11, 2014 Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Bowdin
Council President



News from the Financial Secretary _____

I would like to take the time to thank all the members of Zion for your continued financial support of our ministry.

For those of you that give to one or more fund at a time, you are doing a great job specifying it on your envelopes and including only one check. If anyone else would like to save on checks, please write on the front of your envelope \$40.00 Gen and \$20.00 ZDCC and enclose a check for \$60.00. Also, if you go to Zion's website www.zionlutheran-marquette.org you would be able to do your weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly giving or if you just wanted to give a onetime donation or to set up on going donations and have them come directly out of your account.

If you have not already picked up your yearly statement it will be arriving soon in the mail. Please look them over and if you see a discrepancy please let Pastor Keith or I know as soon as possible, so I can get it cleared up in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me at 715.735.7898 on Tuesdays between 11:30-1:30 or at home 715.735.7180, leave a message.

God's Blessings- Karen Houdek Zion's Financial Secretary



VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY 2014**Sunday, February 2**

Acolyte: Bradley Mech Lector: Johanna Zuehls
 Greeter: Sue Baxter Head Usher: Don Schutt
 Communion Assistants: Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Barb Grom,
 Amanda Litts (Distributing the Host)
 Coffee Time Sponsor: Johanna Zuehls
 AV Team: Troy Cording & James Martin

Sunday, February 9

Acolyte: Abby Demmith Lector: Karen Sylvester
 Greeters: George & Ruth Olson Head Usher: Rick Larson
 Communion Assistant: Jacki Rene
 AV Team: Justin Williams & Cheryl Maxwell

Sunday, February 16

Acolyte: James Martin Lector: Kathy Heimbuch
 Greeters: Carla Clarke, Abby Demmith
 Head Usher: Karen Sylvester
 Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Dean Schoen, Carole
 Boerner (Distributing the Host)
 Coffee Time Sponsors: Michelle Larson
 AV Team: Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch

Sunday, February 23

Acolyte: Delanie Schroeder Lector: Julie Otto
 Greeters: Rosalie & Joel Settersten
 Head Usher: Nora Plym
 Communion Assistant: Karen Sylvester
 Coffee Time Sponsor: Nora Plym
 AV Team: Troy Cording and Jonah Zuehls

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2014**February 1**

Wendy Suchovsky

February 2

Billy Retza
 Randy Schroeder

February 3

Michelle LaFond

February 6

Heidi Beland

February 7

Leo Kaufman
 Kristine Race

February 8

Luther Kelly
 Jon Strutz

February 9

Don Boerschinger
 Jared Harding

February 10

Sue Baxter
 Janet Cook

February 11

Erik Breuer

February 12

Troy Cording
 Joyce Johnson
 LeeAnn Martin
 Katie Somers

February 13

Emily Limberg

February 14

Jeff Tipple

February 15

Rose-Marie
 Christenson

February 16

Tom Hayward

February 18

Tracy Nowak
 Gerald Poquette

February 19

Bill Tipple

February 21

Randy Pecard

February 25

Robert Lebeck

February 26

Barb Clarke
 Rachel Rosenfeldt

February 27

Scott Gressel
 Julie Retza

February 28

Pete Cramer



Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Second Sunday Folk Dances - February 9~ Rev Robert Jones; March 9~Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys; April 13~Red Tail Ring

Senior Days - March 10, May 12

U.F.O. Crafting Retreat - February 7-9

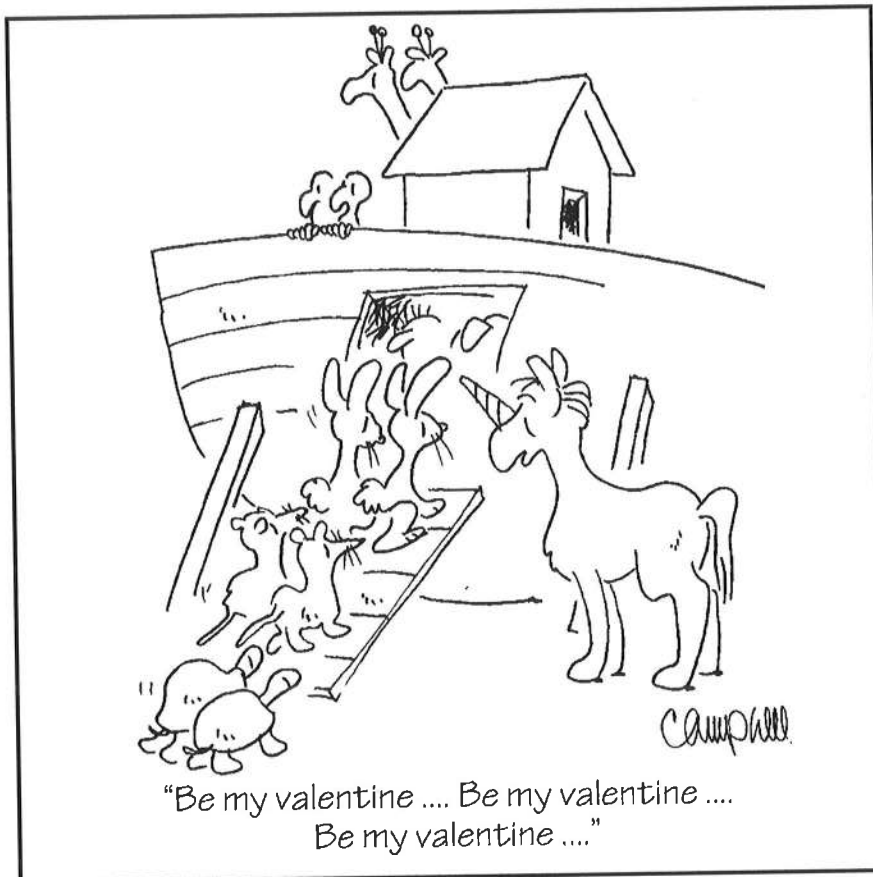
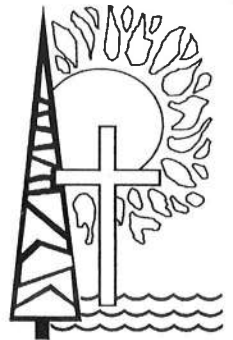
Living Water: Adult Retreat - March 29-30

Annual Meeting - April 6

Here's where to get more information on these events:

Call the camp office at (1-906-875-3697)

Visit the FLLC website: www.fortunelake.org
or email officemanager@fortunelake.org



February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	3 5:15-9:15 pm Lay School for Mission At Emmanuel 6-8 pm Ecumenical Adult Bible Study	4 8-12 noon Git-R-Done Group	5 5-7pm Pancake Supper 6 pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial University	7	8
9 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection 6pm Cub Scouts	10 5:15-9:15 pm Lay School for Mission At Emmanuel	11 9-11:30 am Sew for Mission 6:30 pm Council meeting	12 6 pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial University	14 Zion Youth serving at the Community Concert	15
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