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2014



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Worship
10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae
7:30 p.m.

Easter Worship
9:30 a.m.
11 a.m. Easter Brunch

**The Seven Marks of
Discipleship**

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Our Discipleship

Lost and Found

During the Season of Lent, many of us have been praying with the lost and found parables in the Gospel of Luke. So far, the parables have included the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost sons. With the first two parables, getting lost was not the result of willful disobedience. With the third parable, it was. In the first two

parables, the shepherd and the woman completely **commit** themselves to finding what has been lost. This same searching is missing in the first half of the third parable, but the welcome home seems much more powerful, with robe and ring and sandals being given, and the fatted calf being killed for the celebration.

In the parable of the lost sons, we hear the father say, "this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" We can see here that "lostness" is being equated with death. What has been lost is our relationship with the others, and, because we are created for relationship, when that relationship is broken or missing, it is death for us.

When the lost son comes back home, the father runs out to meet him. This is the cross and the resurrection. This is death and life. The father embraces and kisses the son, becoming one with him in his "lostness", and as such, brings him into new life as a son and an heir once again.

This month, as we celebrate the Good News that gives us life, the Easter declaration that in Christ we are made alive, ponder how it is that God comes to us and embraces us in our deaths; and not just our final death, but in all the small deaths that we experience through out our lives. How is it that God has come to you in those moments, embraced you, and given you new life? This is Easter for us today. It is an Easter that foreshadows the great Easter to come.

Pastor Keith

Assistant to the Bishop to Visit _____

Our congregation is privileged to be having a special guest on Sunday, April 27th. Reverend Katherine Finegan, Assistant to Bishop Tom Skrenes, will be in attendance and will preach at the worship service. Please plan to attend the social hour afterward to welcome her. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet her, ask questions and share concerns.

Reverend Finegan accepted a call to serve as Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA in Feb. 2012. Prior to that, she served for 10 years as a parish pastor in Republic, Michigan. She is a graduate of Concordia Academy, Luther Seminary, and Valparaiso University/Christ College where she earned English/Secondary Education degrees.

Raised in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Reverend Finegan transferred membership to the newly formed ELCA when she began serving as Youth Director at Hope Lutheran Church in St. Paul. As well as dealing with this new role, she did substitute teaching for a year, attended Luther, and tended to her family.

Both paternal and maternal sides of Reverend Finegan's family are steeped in religious background. Her father served as a pastor in Younkers, N.Y. until returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he finished his doctorate and then taught Medieval Church history there. Her paternal grandfather was a parish pastor and her maternal grandfather served as a missionary in India for 45 years, where her mother spent her childhood. An uncle served as District President of the Missouri Synod and another uncle served as a Navy chaplain and a parish pastor.

She and her husband, David, reside in Ishpeming, Michigan. He is currently a registered nurse at Baraga Prison. They have 3 sons: Noah, a senior at Valparaiso College majoring in German; Jacob, a business major and member of the football team at St. Norbert's and Thomas, a student at Ishpeming High School.

Summary of March Council Meeting_____

The Council met on March 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Keith reported that February attendance was down from 2013 from 121 to 106. The weather is still believed to be a factor in the declining average monthly attendance.

Pastor attended Synod Council on March 7-8. May will be Pastor's last council meeting representing our Conference.

A summary of the financial Reports are below.

- General Fund/Parsonage combined fund balances increased \$637 from \$7,033 to \$7,670. The increase is artificial as \$1,938 of World Hunger monies were being held as of February 28.
- The final 2013-14 liability insurance premium of \$3,332 was paid.
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$11 from \$38,859 to \$38,870.
- Deb/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,323. Of the \$1,323 received, \$662 would normally have been paid to Thrivent but only \$218 was needed for the final payment.
- The Memorial Fund had no receipts or disbursements.
- The Intern Fund Balance overdraft decreased \$20 from \$154 to an overdraft of \$145.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$1,690.

A conversation was held regarding the recruitment of members to standing committees. Roxanne Bowdin handed out an informational sheet listing current standing committees and their members.

The Property Committee reported that the usher's closet door was fixed and a light outside was changed. There are more projects in the works for the coming weeks.

Zion's Boy Scout Troop would like to store some of their equipment at Zion. The Property Committee is going to help make room for the equipment.

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Summary of March Council Meeting_____

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John Radloff stated there are three sessions left of the Dave Ramsey Seminar.

The Youth Ministry Committee has been busy. Below is a list of what they have done and what is planned for the spring.

- February 14, 2014 Community Concert at Blesch. They earned \$139
- March 1, 2014 went bowling at Dome Lanes. 9 youth attended
- Possible upcoming events:
- March 22nd Snow Tubing in Gladstone
- April 12th Swimming at Rivercities Pool
- April 13th Youth Serving Coffee Hour
- April 27th Tundra Lodge
- May 14th Penny Carnival
- Community Concert Concessions on April 11 & May 5
- Soup Suppers during Lent

The Church Council Retreat is set for Saturday April 5, 2014. It will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 9am-3pm. Linda Forray will be leading three workshops for the council.

Rick Larson has taken charge of the Easter Breakfast. A signup sheet was in Sunday March 16th's bulletin.

The Worship and Music Committee has taken care of the details for the March 30th Service of Reflection being held at the 9:30 am worship service.

Pastor Katherine Finegan, Assistant to the Bishop, will be preaching at Zion on April 27th. A coffee hour will be hosted by the council following the service.

The Synod Assembly will be held May 18-19, 2014 in Marquette, MI. Karen Sylvester will be the representative for Zion. Pastor is talking to one other member about attending.

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Summary of March Council Meeting

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This is Ann Buscher's last year organizing the Lenten Soup Suppers. The council started a discussion on how to organize them in the future.

The Council discussed how to get the electronic council packet, to council members, in a timely organized fashion. All reports and agenda items need to be submitted to the Council Secretary by the Thursday evening before the council meeting. The entire packet will be emailed by Monday morning, before the council meeting, to give the members time to look over the information.

The next council meeting will be April 8th, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

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

The next Git-R-Done group gathering is this TUESDAY, APRIL 1st beginning at 8 a.m. and this is not an April Fool's joke. There are many projects coming up and this group could use more helping hands! We have lots of fun when we meet, so come join us. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Gary Grom at 715.732.0617.

The Stewardship Corner

What I'm about to share may shock you; I know it both shocked and saddened me. I had no idea about the homeless situation for children in our area until recently. My introduction to the problem came when I was told that children, up to ten in all, were going to their friend's home on school day mornings where the mother provided a hot breakfast and packed them a school lunch. Why? Because they were hungry.

On March 19, as I sat eating a huge lunch, Ann Buscher told me about a food and clothing program at Marinette High School that she had just learned about. After hearing this, I met with Carla Dionne, the High School Homeless Coordinator, to learn more about the issue of homeless children. She related the following information which I'd like to share with you.

As of March 21, 2014, there were 94 homeless children in the Marinette School District (15 in 4K-K, 33 in grades 1-4, 29 in grades 5-8, and 18 in grades 9-12). Each school has a homeless child coordinator. Any child who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence is considered homeless. Can you imagine 94 homeless children!

Clothing and food are basic fundamental needs of every human being, and yet some of these 94 homeless children lack even that. Because the Middle School had a Clothing Closet which had been successful for some time, Ms. Dionne came up with an idea. The Special Needs students needed to acquire work experience skills and food and clothing was needed to help homeless kids, so in January 2013, "The Closet" at the High School was conceived.

The Student Senate wanted to help as well, so at Winterfest 2013, high school students were asked to donate gently used clothing and non-perishable foods. The food was divided between NEWCAP and the school's food pantry. Businesses donated funds, and materials and donations came in from the public as well.

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The Stewardship Corner (continued)_____

Ms. Dionne told me that not too long ago a family of seven - three adults and four kids - were provided food for six days, along with needed clothing. In addition to non-perishable food, the family was supplied milk, eggs, several pounds of hamburger and other inexpensive meats. It was a tremendous help to that family.

The school received a homeless grant, but those funds are dwindling quickly. One item in particular that they needed was a freezer so meat could be purchased on sale. They had received some donations toward this, but still needed \$50. Last week when Ann Buscher went to the school and heard about this project, she immediately wrote out a check and now they have their freezer! Way to go, Ann!!

Their newest endeavor is called "Sponsor a Sport or Activity." A five-year old girl wanted to play t-ball but couldn't because she didn't have a glove or shoes. A sponsor bought the equipment and the child is playing t-ball. They hope to develop a list of individuals who are willing to help support these types of endeavors for needy students.

Ms. Dionne told me they especially need gently used clothes for elementary age children, although they accept gently used clothing for older children as well, including undergarments. They also accept toiletries. Everything they receive is checked over and what they cannot use is boxed and donated to Goodwill. Their vision is to provide a tote full of various sized clothing for each elementary building in the district, so that recipients have easier access.

I am so impressed with what the staff and students at the high school have done, and that leads me to ask, what can Zion do to help? Could we provide funds to purchase meat and other non-perishable essentials? Could we provide frozen soup to them from our Soup Suppers? Could we put together a list of individuals who would be willing to contribute toward sponsoring a child's sport or activity? I know I have items I could donate to this project. Perhaps you do as well. Could we put together a drive for clothing and toiletries?

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Someone mentioned to me that if every family in Zion purchased one extra item every time they went grocery shopping, our food contribution baskets would be overflowing every week. That comment made me think, why - why don't I pick something up for someone at the grocery store? I go at least once a week and purchasing a can of soup or a box of cereal would hardly be a cause for concern. What I need to do is remember that there are at least 94 hungry kids out there and surely I can help to feed them.

If you would like to assist the school with their homeless program, please call me at 715.732.4206 or email me at gsylvester@new.rr.com. I know there's something we, as a congregation can do. Please share your insights with me. I know I cannot be alone in my desire to help.

Thank you so very much.

Karen Sylvester

Sanctuary Arts_____

We know there are many people in our congregation that have many talents including decorating. Zion is planning on starting a group called Sanctuary Arts. The purpose of this group is to take a look at how we decorate our sanctuary during the church year. What do we like? What do we need? What would we like to change? Our first brainstorming session will be coming up in May. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for further announcements.

Ann Buscher

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society sponsors Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research. It also funds things like getting people to doctor appointments, support groups, teaching women how to take care of wigs and apply makeup, etc. There are so many things it funds I can't name them all.

This year's Relay for Life is starting on Friday, June 27th at 6 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 28th.

The reason I am so involved in Relay for Life is because I lost my mother, uncle and many friends to cancer. I now have friends that are fighting cancer and we also have a few in our congregation. I want everyone who suffers from this disease to have more birthdays!

So, if you would like to join the Zion team this year or are thinking about it, please fill out the information sheet below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

It is a great way to spend an evening and support a great cause. Watch for the upcoming April newsletter and the announcement pages for more information.

I am interested in participating in the Relay for Life event:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Sincerely,
Karen Houdek
Relay for Life Coordinator



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF April 2014

Sunday, April 6, 2014 – Organist – Ruth Olson

Acolyte—Cassie Bauer Lector—Carole Boerner

Greeter—Jane Landenberger Head Usher—Nora Plym

Communion Assistants—Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Amanda Litts,
Roxanne Bowdin (Distributing the Host)

AV Team—Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch

Sunday, April 13, 2014 – Contemporary Worship PALM SUNDAY

Acolyte—Kaitie Sodergren Lector—Karen Dill

Greeter—Michelle LaFond Head Usher—Karen Sylvester

Communion Assistant—Kathy Heimbuch

AV Team—Troy Cording and James Martin

Coffee Time Sponsor: Youth Group

Sunday, April 20, 2014 – Organist—Ann Buscher EASTER

Acolyte—Seth Kuhn Lector—Julie Williams

Greeters—Justin Williams & Carol Johnson

Head Usher—David Johnson

Communion Assistants—Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Jacki Renne &
Nora Plym (Distributing the Host)

AV Team—Justin Williams & Sarge Rudell

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 27, 2014—Organist—Ann Buscher

Acolyte—Jacob Cording Lector—Nora Plym

Greeter—Laura Peanosky Head Usher—Nancy Benchley

Communion Assistant—Bill Tipple

AV Team—Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls

Coffee Time Sponsor—Church Council Members



This year we are offering three different spring plants. If you would like to give one of these plants in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God, please check off the plants you prefer, the wording you would like, and amount enclosed. Return the form to the church office; place in the offering plate or by mail along with your contribution. Monday, April 14th is the deadline date.

I (We) would like to place one or more of the following plants for Easter Sunday. Cost per plant is \$15.00.

_____ Lily _____ Tulip _____ Daffodil

Wording: _____ In Loving Memory of:

_____ In Honor of:

Given By: _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Envelope # _____

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship

This year's Ecumenical Good Friday service will be held on Friday, April 18, 2014 from noon until 3:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church. The theme for this year's service is "The Humble Savior." Pastors will be preaching from the Christ hymn in Philippians and the passion of Mark. You are welcome to attend one or all of these half hour segments where we remember Jesus Christ's great sacrifice on the cross. Bethel Lutheran Church is located at 1309 14th Ave. in Menominee and is wheelchair accessible.

Music & Sermon schedule:

12:00 -12:30

Music: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Choir

Sermon: Rev. Jon Nelson, Pastor, Pioneer Presbyterian Church-Marinette / First Presbyterian Church-Menominee

12:30 – 1:00

Music: Bethel Lutheran Church Choir

Sermon: Rev. Scott Ehle, Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church-Menominee

1:00 – 1:30

Music: First United Methodist Church-Menominee Choir

Sermon: Rev. Thomas Lach, Pastor, Community Covenant Church-Menominee

1:30 – 2:00

Music: *still open*

Sermon: Rev. Lee Goodwin, Interim Pastor, Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Menominee

2:00 -2:30

Music: Zion Lutheran Church Choir

Sermon: Rev. Keith Kolstad, Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church-Marinette

2:30 – 3:00

Music: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Choir

Sermon: Rev. James Wendt, Pastor, Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Marinette



Zion is inviting you to join us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 20, 2014. Serving will begin at approximately 11 a.m. So, plan on staying following the 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship for fellowship, fun, and of course, food. The menu will consist of French Toast, ham, potatoes, eggs, and all the rest. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the food. Please sign up below by Sunday, April 13th to help us plan, (sooner if you plan to help in any way, please.)

Yes, We plan to attend the Easter Breakfast!

_____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children
(Under 8 years of age.)

I/We can help:

_____ Set-up at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19th.
 _____ Cook, beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 20th
 _____ Serve food starting at 11 a.m.
 _____ Clean up after the breakfast

Name _____

Telephone # _____

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL 2014

April 1

Kathy Cramer
Cheryl Maxwell
Jodi Minzlaff
Alice Oleson

April 2

Joyce Cosson
Ben Hubbard
Sue Poquette
Jake Swenson

April 3

Jake Bowdin
Carol Johnson

April 5

Bernice Forslund

April 6

Rachel Breuer
Elmer Magnuson
Aiden Minzlaff

April 7

Tayler Lemieux
Don Limberg

April 8

Brittany Kehoe
Cassie McClain
Rebekah
Retza

April 9

Elsa Limberg
Jo Ann McGee
Sue Peterson
Jerzee Trusty

April 10

Sandra Gressel

April 11

Curt Clarke
Judy Limberg

April 12

Steve Bromund

April 13

Jacob Lebeck

April 17

Theresa Kloida
Hannah Oleson
Georgieana Veriha

April 19

Jakob Oleson
Krystle Tipple

April 20

Easton Buenning
Karen Kolstad
Tyler Lund

April 21

Michelle Larson
Ruth Olson
Justin Williams

April 22

David Johnson
Diane Lynch
Katelyn Sylvester
Richelle Vincent

April 23

Clark Kehoe

April 24

Karen Houdek

April 25

Roger DeGroot

April 27

Sophie Limberg
Kim Swenson
Sandra Tessmer

April 28

Richard Peterson

April 29

Lori Despins
Bonnie Schoen
Judy Stehle

April 30

Alexis Rosenfeldt



April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8 am-12 noon Git-R-Done Group 10:30 am Bible Study at St. James Lutheran Church	2 10 am Worship 5:30 pm Soup & Worship 6 pm SPARK 6:45pm Choir Reh.	3 6 p.m. Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer Journey	4	5 9am-3pm Council Retreat At St. Paul's Episcopal Church
6 9:30 am Worship 11 am Lenten Prayer 3:30 pm 1 st Communion class 5 pm Service of Reflect.	7 5:15pm-9:15pm Lay School for Mission 6-8 pm Ecumenical Bible Studv	8 10:30 am Bible Study at St. James 9am-11:30am Sew- For-Missions 6:30 pm Council	9 10 am Worship 5:30 pm Soup & Worship 6 pm SPARK 6:45pm Choir Reh.	10 10:30 am Stewardship Com. 6pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer	11 5pm Wedding Rehearsal Lebick/Wondergem	12 2 pm Lebick/Wondergem Vow Renewal
13 9:30 am Worship 11 am Lenten Prayer 3:30 pm 1 st Communion 5 pm Service of Reflect. 6 pm Scout Meeting	14 5:15pm-9:15pm Lay School for Mission (Last Session)	15	16 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 10am & 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship No service at Northland Village	18 noon-3pm Good Friday Worship at Bethel Lutheran 7:30 pm Zion Tenebrae Worship	19
20 9:30 am Easter Worship 11 am Easter Breakfast	21 6-8 pm Ecumenical Bible Study	22 9 am – 11:30 am Sew-for-Missions	23 6pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation Class 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship Guest Speaker Rev. Finegan 5pm Service of Reflection	28 6 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7 pm Sarah Group at Karen Kolstad's	29	30 6pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation Class 7 pm Choir Rehearsal			