



## **Zion Lutheran Church**

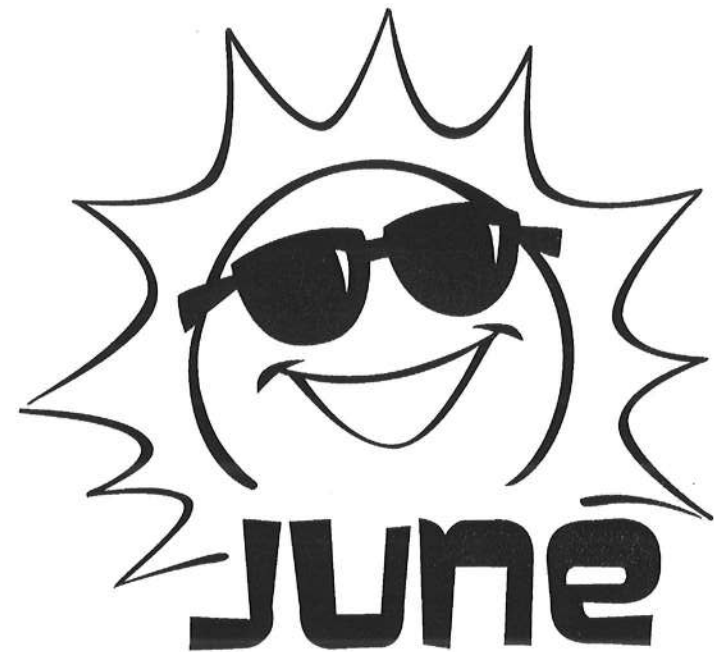
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**2014**

**The Seven Marks of  
Discipleship**

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

## **Our Discipleship Together Thanks For the Mosquitoes**

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." *1Thess. 5:18*

Give thanks for the mosquitoes? After the winter we just went through, I'm supposed to give thanks for the mosquitoes? With the beautiful weather we've been blessed with, the calm nights just begging me to have a "recreational" fire in the back yard, to end up having endless numbers of

mosquitoes buzzing in my ears and landing on my face, I'm supposed to give thanks for the mosquitoes? With the itching in the middle of the night; with the explosive claps in our house, as we wipe blood stains off of the walls, I'm supposed to give thanks for mosquitoes?

Give thanks for the mosquitoes? I once was chastised for writing about the joys of mosquito repellent. God made them. I was supposed to love them.

Give thanks for the mosquitoes? I remember how scary they were in Tanzania. I remember how my friends' daughter died because of them. The malaria medicine I took is not guaranteed 100%, and symptoms can show up a few years later.

Give thanks for the mosquitoes, "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," says the Apostle Paul, who endured much greater difficulties and pain than I've ever had to go through. I should sit at his feet and listen and learn.

No one said that the spiritual life would be a walk in the park – a mosquito-filled park, maybe – but not an easy, peaceful, calming, beautiful, relaxing walk in the park. And we know that the struggles of life have always led to deeper awareness, appreciation, and understanding of God's activity in our lives. So, OK, maybe mosquitoes can serve that purpose. I don't have to like them, but it does make sense to give thanks for them. It's not easy, but "I thank you Lord for the mosquitoes."

*Pastor Keith*

## **Retirement Announced**

Jo and Don Schutt have been in charge of replacing the cloth on the altar and putting up and taking down the cloth on the cross in the front of Zion's sanctuary for the past 44 years. They have finally decided they would like to retire. They have done an exemplary job all these years and we are so very thankful for them and what they have done. Now we are in need of volunteers to continue their work.

The Sanctuary Arts/Enhancement group has decided the logical group to assume responsibility for the altar cloth would be those individuals who are already charged with communion setup and placement of paraments. Ann Buscher will be speaking to you about this in the near future, and we will be happy to explain how simple this process is.

However, we are in need of a couple of men to share the responsibility of placing the cloth on the cross and removing it at appropriate times during the church year. The task does not take very long, and I'm told a strong set of arms is needed as you will be using a rather long pole to accomplish this task.

The current schedule for cloth placement of the cross is as follows:

**Ash Wednesday – purple cloth**

**Good Friday – black cloth**

**The Easter season – white cloth**

**Pentecost – red cloth left up for one month**

If you are interested in assisting with this task please contact me at 715.732.4206 or call the church office.

Thank you very much.

Karen Sylvester

## Summary of May Council Meeting

The Council met on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Pastor Keith reported that April attendance was up from 2013 from 141 to 169. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday attendance was down significantly. Easter Sunday attendance was slightly up.

Pastor performed Baptisms for Kaylee, Natalie, Kaitlyn and Macie Deschaine and a marriage vow renewal was held for Jacob Lebeck and Alicia Wondergem.

Pastor will be gone on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Pastor George Olsen will preach June 15<sup>th</sup>.

A summary of the financial Reports are below.

- General Fund fund balances decreased \$970 from \$11,404 to \$10,434. The balance is artificially high as \$2,225 of World Hunger monies were being held at the end of the month.
- \$1,668 was paid for annual snow plowing services.
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance increased \$5 from \$1,833 to \$1,838.
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$940 from \$40,347 to \$41,287 due to donations and transfers from Debt/DAR and CC Fund.
- Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,757.
- Disbursements of \$176 to Synod, \$351 to DAR and transfer of \$879 to Capital Improvement Fund.
- The Memorial Fund had no receipts or disbursements. The fund balance consists of an overdraft of \$533 of co-mingled funds plus \$8,695 in the Thrivent money market fund.
- The Intern Fund Balance overdraft decreased \$20 from \$120 to an overdraft of \$100.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$390 after a \$30 transfer to the General Fund and a bank debit of \$1,200.

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The Property Committee is still busy working on the bi-fold doors in the cry room and the flag pole project will be tackled soon.

This year the Stewardship Committee will be using the Consecration Sunday program for its annual Stewardship drive. Consecration Sunday will be on October 5, 2014. This year there will not be a second mile campaign (Debt/DAR). Instead the 2015 budget will expand the use of percentages for our benevolences and for the Capital Improvement Fund.

The Evangelism Committee will be putting together a humorous skit on how to greet people you do not recognize or know at worship and how to introduce yourself. They also discussed the future of the Sunday Evening Service of Reflection and possibly look at changing it to a Saturday Evening Service.

The Youth Ministry Committee has been busy. Here is a list of activities they have completed and upcoming activities.

### Activities we have done:

- Community Concert / April 11th
- Swimming at Rivercities pool / April 12th
- Youth Coffee Hour / April 13th
- Community Concert / May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Activities:

- Penny Carnival / May 14th
- Swimming at Tundra Lodge / May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Waterfront Festival food booth/ August
- Bay Beach/ TBD
- ELCA Youth Gathering Detroit/July 2015

The council approved the next Service of Reflection for the congregation to experience on Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Pastor introduced a Sabbatical Policy for Zion. The second reading with minor word changes will be read at the June meeting.

## Be a part of the Git-R-Done Group! \_\_\_\_\_

For June, July, and August, projects will be done as needed. Gary Grom will call group members to work on projects as the need arises. If you have any projects or concerns, or if you are interested in helping out with any of our projects, please call Gary Grom at 715-732-0617 and leave a message. Thanks . . . volunteers are always welcome.



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

Thank you for the donation of \$277.40. We are in the process of getting ready for our summer 2014 program. We started on June 9<sup>th</sup> opening from 6:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily. These funds will be used for programming expenses for the summer. Again the DAR is very grateful for your generosity.

Rich Creiver, CPO, DAR Boys & Girls Club

## Relay for Life \_\_\_\_\_

The theme for this year's walk is "Music." With that in mind, starting May 18<sup>th</sup> members of Zion will be able to purchase musical notes for \$1.00 per note. Once purchased, these notes will be affixed to the windows in the rear of the Sanctuary. Every single one of the notes purchased will make our hearts sing.

The participants in Zion's Relay for Life Team have set a \$3,000 goal for this year's Relay for Life walk which will be held on June 27 and 28.

**Luminaries** will be sold for two more Sundays, June 15 & 22. The luminaries are in memory of or in honor of someone who has or had cancer. These purchased bags are decorated and lit up around the track where Relay for Life is held. During the walk, there is a very touching ceremony as the names are read.

**PLEASE NOTE, ALL OF THE LOOSE OFFERINGS**, through **JUNE 22**, will be used as Zion's gift of support for the walkers in the Relay for Life.

All funds collected will be donated to the American Cancer Society to alleviate cancer.

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's fund raising bake sale.

Thank you. Karen Houdek, Zion's Team Captain



## A Week on Jesus Farm

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

August 11-14 Mon.-Thurs.

5:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



at

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Sponsored by Pioneer Presbyterian Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Peace United Church of Christ, Zion Lutheran Church, Marinette and Bethel Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, Menominee.

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We will begin with a family supper at 5:15 followed by games, crafts, story time, music, friends, and fun. Supper and Bible School are FREE. Come learn about animals in the Bible, mission work with the hungry in our community, and visit a farm. All children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Our separate Preschool will house our 4 and 5 year olds, and those who have finished Kindergarten.

Please register your child according to what grade level they will enter in the fall. Registration forms will be available online at [www.zionlutheran-marinette.org](http://www.zionlutheran-marinette.org), and at all the participating churches.

For more information call Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017.

## The Stewardship Corner

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The grass is green, leaves are opening to provide beauty and shade, perennials are popping through the ground, and the sun has finally made an almost daily appearance. As I write this (Memorial Day afternoon) God blessed us with a torrential downpour to help keep things green and growing. Indeed, spring in Wisconsin is a beautiful and glorious time. We have much to be thankful for – well, everything except those pesky mosquitoes that have materialized and are trying to eat us alive at every opportunity!

As stewards of God's good earth, we should try to do something to help keep it pristine and beautiful, but what? I did a little research on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website and found several suggestions.

1. Keep a litter bag in your vehicle. Do not be tempted to pitch trash out the window no matter how small.
2. Mulch leaves. Leaves are rich in carbon, phosphorus, and potassium – all essential nutrients needed by plants, including turf grasses. Simply mow leaves along with the grass during the summer and fall, and let the small leaf pieces filter down among the grass blades. Several passes may be required to chop leaves fine enough so that they filter through the turf and expose grass leaves to sunlight.
3. Better yet try composting. Composting is a natural recycling process that can be done at home with lawn and garden waste. Microorganisms from the soil interact with compost materials to help break down plant matter. Proper moisture, air, and temperature aid these microorganisms in their work. Finished compost is used as an organic plant food and soil amendment. For more information see: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling/compost.html>

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4. Try Grasscycling. Grasscycling is leaving grass clippings on the lawn to decompose. Grass clippings are mostly water. When you mow regularly, clippings quickly decompose and release nutrients to fertilize the lawn. Research shows that when grass clippings are left on the lawn, one-third less fertilizer is needed to achieve the same color and grass density found on lawns where the clippings are removed. If you have a bagger on your lawnmower, use the grass clippings on the walkways in your vegetable garden. They act as the perfect mulch.
  5. Mulching. Mulches help soil retain moisture, moderate temperature fluctuations, and reduce erosion and soil compaction. Yard wastes such as grass clippings, leaves, and chipped or shredded brush and branches can be used as organic mulches. Organic mulches are usually applied three inches deep over the soil and around plants to achieve the benefits of mulching.
  6. Do not burn garbage, plastics, shingles, foam, furniture, wire, vinyl, rubber, or oil-based products in your outdoor fire or burn barrels. Enjoy your fire and the warmth it provides, but burn only clean wood and brush.
- God has entrusted each of us with so much, the least of which is the air, sky, and the ground around us. As God's stewards we should try to keep it all pristine and beautiful.

In God's love,  
Karen Sylvester

## A Brief Update on changes to the Sanctuary\_\_\_\_\_

As some of you may have noticed there have been small alterations made to Zion's sanctuary. Some of the greenery which had been to the left and right of the altar has been removed and is being utilized elsewhere in the building. Banners were hung on the paneled walls to the left and right side of the altar. In addition, the Sanctuary Arts group has started sorting through the many banners that Zion has to determine if they should be kept, repaired, or repurposed.

At the first meeting of the Sanctuary Arts/Enhancement group held several weeks ago, an extensive list of short and long term goals was developed. These items include things that could easily be handled and others that are truly "pie in the sky." The extensive list includes: categorizing and labeling the paraments and banners by seasons, removing all or some of the greenery donated in 1999 by the Forslund family, painting the concrete walls, removing the curtain behind the cross, improving the lighting, replacing the flooring, moving the altar forward, moving the communion rail to ground level, removing the lectern to provide the worship band additional room, and angling the pews. We also discussed who we could enlist to change the cloth on the cross.

The Sanctuary Arts/Enhancement group has been asked to look at Zion's sanctuary with new eyes. How could we enhance the worship experience through color and decorating? The last time significant changes were made to the sanctuary was prior to Pastor Keith's arrival in 1998. It is definitely time to make modifications particularly since we know we need new flooring in the future.

We know change is never an easy thing, but change can be tastefully used to stimulate our worship experience and make it more meaningful. We also know that some of you may have suggestions on what you would like to see done. Please share your thoughts with a member of the committee or by attending our next meeting to be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014. We welcome you to attend that meeting. We will be gathering at 10:00 a.m. at Menards return desk.

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Current members of Sanctuary Arts/Enhancement group are: Carole Boerner, Ann Buscher, Ellice DeBenedetto, Kathy Heimbuch, Karen Houdek, Vicki Johnson, and myself.

Until then, go with God.

Karen Sylvester

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2014

### Sunday, June 15, 2014 – Organist – Ann Buscher

Acolyte – Alexandria Cording                      Lector – Carole Boerner  
Greeter – Carole Boerner                      Head Usher – Pat Rondeau  
Communion Assistants – Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Karen Dill &  
Ellice DeBenedetto (Distributing Host)

AV Team – Jonah Zuehls and Drake Schutt

### Sunday, June 22, 2014 HYMN SING      Organist – Ann Buscher

Acolyte – Nick Kehoe                      Lector – Heidi Beland  
Greeters – Kenny Sallee & Nancy Benchley  
Head Usher – Nancy Benchley  
Communion Assistant – Roxanne Bowdin  
Coffee Time Sponsor – Ruth Group (Jane Landenberger)

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### Sunday, June 29, 2014 NFC      Organist – Ann Buscher

Special Music – Barb Akins (Violin)  
Acolyte – Braedhan Madden                      Lector – Don Otto  
Greeter – Don & Julie Otto                      Head Usher – Bryan  
Gutknecht  
Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne  
AV Team – Bill Tipple & Cheryl Maxwell

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE 2014

### June 10

Erwin Green  
Emma Williams

### June 26

Christopher Litts  
Don Schutt

### June 11

Viola Anderson

### June 14

Dan Lemire

### June 15

John Bowdin  
Robert Lund  
Pat Rondeau

### June 19

Kaitlyn Sodergren

### June 20

Allyson Knopik  
Bradley Mech

### June 22

Gloria Breuer  
Madison Corey  
Greg Peanosky

### June 23

Rosalie Settersten

### June 24

Drew Adnreist  
Jeff Lebuck





# June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	2 10:30 am Evangelism Com. 7 pm Sarah Group at Alice Oleson's	3 5:30 pm Relay for Life Meeting	4	5 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	6 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal for Bohan/Behnke	7 1 pm Wendy Bohan/Chris Behnke Wedding
8 9:30 am Worship 3-5 pm Scout Picnic 5 pm Service of Reflection	9	10 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Council Meeting	11	12 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection Pastor On Vacation June 14 - 21	16	17	18	19 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	23	24 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions	25	26 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	27 <b>Relay for Life</b> Pastor on Vacation June 28 & 29	28 <b>Relay for Life</b>
29 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection 6-9 pm Scout Pack Meeting	30					