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2014

<p>The Seven Marks of Discipleship</p> <p>✠Pray</p> <p>✠Worship</p> <p>✠Study</p> <p>✠Invite</p> <p>✠Encourage</p> <p>✠Give</p> <p>✠Serve</p>

Our Discipleship Together

The Sunday/Monday Connection

For me, one of the real treats of being on vacation is the opportunity to worship in another congregation. I love not only the chance to worship with my wife, but also to experience the unique ways that other congregations do what we do.

Recently, when we worshipped at another congregation, we were ushered downstairs to the social hall rather than into the worship area, and we

discovered that it was the Sunday for the blessing of the pets. Yes, it was a bit chaotic, but it was also wonderful watching such a strong connection being made between what we experience in worship with what we experience in daily life; our love for our pets.

Yes, the service got me thinking about how we might do such a thing, possibly connecting it with one of our outdoor services. Besides that, it also got me thinking about worship in general. It is not unusual for some people to want as little connection as possible between worship and daily life, worrying that one might corrupt the other. Others prefer to think of worship as an escape from daily life. Surely I was raised with the escape mentality, making it a challenge for me to creatively bring daily life into worship apart from the sermon.

Why try to make the connection? The Gospel texts for July will show us that this is what Jesus did. When he taught, he told stories that connected with normal, everyday experiences in people's lives. Also, Jesus himself was fully engaged in the realities of daily life. There were meals to prepare, and tunics to be purchased. They had to find places to sleep at night, and they traveled a lot. Muscles got tired, and his stomach surely grumbled. Jesus was God becoming fully a part of life, not an effort to pull us out of life. And Jesus now lives fully within our lives, enjoying what we enjoy, and suffering with those things that cause us to suffer. Jesus makes the connection more than what we may want to consider. Surely this is reason enough for us to consider new ways of connecting our worship with our daily lives.

Pastor Keith

Summary of June Council Meeting

The Council met on June 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Keith reported that May attendance was virtually the same as 2013.

Pastor performed funerals for Arnold L. Schingeck, Roland D. Baumgarten and James Hudson.

Pastor will be the supervisor for Linda Forray for her work as a lay minister in Norway and Quinnesec, MI. She will finish her degree in a year and a half.

Pastor will be on vacation: June 18-19, June 28-29, August 2-15, and November 13-19

Pastor reported that 18 Lutheran Books of Worship were sent to Tanzania on June 9, 2014, with our Assistant to the Bishop, Katherine Finegan. (Shipping was free!).

A summary of the financial Reports are below.

- General Fund fund balances decreased \$2,171 from \$10,434 to \$8,263. There was no transfer between General and Parsonage Proceeds Funds.
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance increased \$16 from \$1,838 to \$1,854
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$702 from \$41,287 to \$41,989 due to interest and the transfer from Debt/DAR and CC Fund.

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- Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,387. Disbursements of \$139 to Synod, \$ 5,277 to DAR and transfer of \$694 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 \$100 to an overdraft of \$80.
- The Garden Grant Fund had no activity.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$392.

The property committee will not meet regularly over the summer. They will complete jobs as they arise and assist Carla Clarke as needed. They will go ahead with the carpet cleaning.

The Stewardship Committee will meet again on June 25th. They will be working on items for the annual Stewardship Drive. They will be planning the luncheon, securing speakers and making bulletin boards. Pastor Craig Mansur has agreed to be the "Coach" for the Consecration Sunday program.

The Evangelism Committee met on Monday June 2, 2014. They continued their discussion on the skit to welcome members and guests. They will meet again on July 1 at 10:30 to discuss the survey on the Service of Reflection.

The Youth Ministry Committee reported that the Penny Carnival made a little over \$100. The money was donated to Relay for Life. The Tundra Lodge swimming trip went well. They are planning a trip to Bay Beach in August. They will hold their Water Front Festival fundraiser in August.

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The Harvest of Hope Community Garden committee reported that a shed has been built. Thanks to Heidi Beland for organizing this!

The original plans had the well in the shed, but because of the need for room, it was decided to keep the well outside the shed. Rick Larson will be making a box to cover it. The old shed has been resided.

The Second Rough Draft of the Sabbatical policy, prepared by Roxanne Bowdin, was reviewed. It was noted by Peter Thielen that this policy implies that the congregation expects the pastor to take a sabbatical. This expectation is not a part of the Synod policy. Roxanne will bring another draft of the document to the Council for final approval. Pastor will talk with the Synod Constitution Committee as to whether this policy might be a part of Continuing Resolutions within Zion's Constitution.

There was no New Business.

The next council meeting will be August 19th, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

Relay for Life

Please watch for the upcoming announcement page and August newsletter about the Relay for Life event that took place on June 27 & 28. We are waiting for more information. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Relay for Life event – all your donations were greatly appreciated!



Karen Houdek, Relay for Life Coordinator

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

Work projects will be done as needed during the summer. 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. New volunteers are always welcome. Thanks!



**OUR
MEMBERS
IN ACTION**



*Nancy Benchley & Kenny Sallee
Invite the congregation to join them
as they exchange marriage vows
on Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m.
at Zion Lutheran Church*

River Cities Habitat for Humanity Update _____

If you've not had the opportunity to volunteer or drive by the build site yet, I encourage you to do so. Subcontractors are in and almost finished up. If all goes well on the sign-off inspections, we are looking to begin insulating this next week. Our current build schedule is for Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. We are also looking to put a crew together for the 1st week of July to help put on the siding. Please let me know if you'd like to help or just swing in and join us. 120 Terrace Ave. Marinette, WI.

The Re-Store is looking for volunteers to help with our weekly pick-up schedule. We provide mileage reimbursement and the trailer. We are looking for those with a truck and for riders (volunteers that ride along with to serve as additional muscle).

Waterfront festival is only 5 weeks away :) We host a pizza booth (pizza donated by Brothers 3) at this event. I'm starting the sign-up sheet and am looking for volunteers to help in 2 hour shifts at the booth. Waterfront is August 7th-10th (Thurs.-Sun.); please let me know if this interests you.

SAVE THE DATE: Building Dreams, our Signature Event will be on **August 15th** (Friday). Save the date postcards have been mailed out. Details to come in the very near future -- You don't want to miss out on this event!!!

Thank you so much and God Bless,
Ellen Grabian
Volunteer Coordinator
715.732.6280

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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Ecumenical Vacation Bible School _____

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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 6th 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, and at all the participating churches.

For more information call Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017.

How Can I Help with Vacation Bible School

We are having a farm theme this year and need some decorations. We need a farm windmill and a child's size tractor. No live animals please!

Watch for the sign-up sheets for food we need donated for Wednesday, family Supper, **August 13th**.

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen Wednesday night from 4-6:30 p.m., or help with registration Monday and Tuesday 4:45-6:00 p.m.

You could be a guide one evening or more where you just walk with a group of children from activity to activity from 6 to 8 p.m.

We are looking for High School students to help with the games as a leader Monday –Wednesday.

If you would like more information call Ann Buscher at **715.735.3017**.

Ann Buscher

The Stewardship Corner

“Pray, Worship, Study, Invite, Encourage, Give, and Serve” – these are Zion’s Seven Marks of Discipleship. Each makes a connection to the other and each can help us to grow as God’s disciples in the world.

This article addresses two of the seven marks, worship and giving. I was interested to see how regular worship affects giving. The data presented below is taken from Zion’s 2013 Annual Report.

In 2013, Zion had a total of 428 Baptized members with an average yearly attendance of 122. I wondered if it was possible to determine how many of our 353 confirmed members worshipped at least 12 times in the past year. I asked Pastor Keith if this was possible, he assured me it was.

If you are like me, you may be wondering how attendance of confirmed members is determined. The short answer is Zion records the data from the welcome sheets. Yes, we know not everyone fills them out every time; however, that is taken into consideration. Frankly, I was heartened to learn that 114 confirmed members, approximately 32% or one-third of our confirmed members worship at least once a month.

I was astonished to see that this figure is very similar to the average worship attendance of our Baptized members. As stated earlier, the 2013 average worship attendance was 122 with 428 Baptized members. That means 29% of our Baptized members are in worship on average as compared to 32% of our 353 confirmed members. Surprisingly close!

Does worship attendance have a correlation to giving? Let’s find out.

Here is the data that Pastor Keith gathered for me. In 2013, Zion had 156 giving households. 106 households gave \$20.00 a week or less, while 50 households gave \$20.01 a week or more. As you can see, our giving has the same 2/3rds 1/3 split as does our worship attendance.

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So, does worship attendance have a correlation to giving? Absolutely!

Using my own life as an example; I can unequivocally say worship attendance has had a definitive affect on my giving. Prior to 1996, I seldom attended worship, and at best I may have given \$10.00 per week to Zion. In 1995, my world was significantly changed. I began to worship every Sunday and as a result, shortly thereafter I started to tithe. I can’t explain why I needed to tithe. All I knew is that I had an overwhelming desire to do so. God put that desire in my heart and I acted on it. In a nutshell my relationship with Jesus Christ changed. It grew and blossomed well beyond anything I could ever imagine. This changed relationship was expressed both in my giving and in my worship attendance.

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. When we do so, we are always more blessed than we though was possible.

Where do you channel your time, energy, and money? Is God calling you to a more meaningful relationship with him through growth in worship attendance and growth in giving? Only you can answer that question.

Go in God’s love and grace.

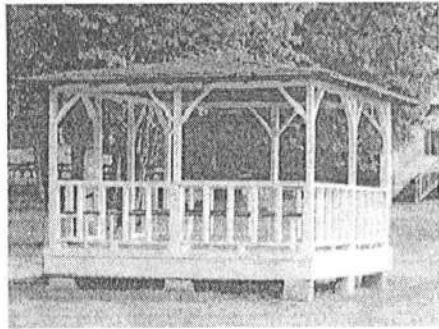
Karen Sylvester

Gazebo-nanza!

Attention former staff members of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, families and friends of FLLC staff alums! It's time for a Gazebo-nanza!

FLLC will celebrate its 85th anniversary on June 7, 2015. Part of the celebration will include the dedication of a new, larger gazebo that is more functional than the present aging one. Since the gazebo has been the setting for most staff meetings for many years, it seems fitting to involve current and former *FLLC staff members* in funding this project. Gifts by FLLC staff alumni (or given in honor or memory of staffers) are encouraged during this summer's camping season to help pay for the new gazebo. In exchange for a donation of \$85, the name and year(s) the staffer worked at camp will be inscribed inside the new gazebo. Gifts can either be donated online or sent directly to 138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd., Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

For more details about Gazebo-nanza, please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/fortunelake>.



NEWCAP Donations

July has festivals for three more Apostles that we will build our food collection theme around. On July 3rd, we remember Thomas. (In John 14:1-7 Jesus tells Thomas the way to the Father.) On July 22nd, we remember Mary Magdalene who was the first to encounter the risen Lord. (Read about it in John 20:1-2, 11-18). July 25th is the festival of James. (Mark 10:35-45 tells about a favor that James and John ask of Jesus.) Your food collection challenge for the month is to include items that begin with "T" "M" or "J" or that might have a connection to these stories. (Tomatoes, tuna, tortillas, mushrooms, canned or dried milk, jam, juice,...)

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!



Food Collection

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014

Sunday, July 6, 2014 – LBW – Organist: Ann Buscher
Acolyte – Bradley Mech Lector – Felicity King
Greeter – Rick Larson Head Usher – Nora Plym
Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau (Pouring),
Karen Dill, Sarge Rudell (Distributing Host)
AV Team: Jonah Zuehls & Justin Williams

Sunday, July 13, 2014 – LBW – Organist: Ann Buscher
Acolyte – Abby Demmith Lector – Nora Plym
Greeters – Vicki Johnson
Head Usher – Kenny Sallee & Nancy Benchley
Communion Assistants: Johanna Zuehls (Pouring),
Jacki Renne & Roxie Bowdin (Distributing the Host)
Coffee Time Sponsor: Sarah Group
AV Team: Troy Cording and Gage Schutt

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Acolyte – James Martin Lector – Carole Boerner
Greeters – Dan Lemire and Belinda Dufek
Head Usher – Ellice DeBenedetto
Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne
AV Team – Cheryl Maxwell and Kathy Heimlich

Sunday, July 27, 2014 – NFC – Organist: Sue Stodola

Acolyte – Delanie Schroeder Lector – Heidi Beland
Greeter – Sue Baxter Head Usher – Karen Sylvester
Communion Assistant – Julie Otto
AV Team – Bill Tipple & Jonah Zuehls
Special Music – Sue Stodola

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY 2014

July 3

Diana Harper

July 4

Madelyn Krah

July 6

Sarah Jagielski

July 7

Rita Kehoe
Dale Lueskow
Candy Minzlaff
Jonah Zuehls

July 8

Roxanne Bowdin

July 9

Peter Jensen
Keith Kolstad

July 10

Sharon Ehlers
Allie Saxton

July 11

Sarah Marzahl

July 12

Michael Goes
Amanda Litts

July 13

Rebecca Breuer
Brian Swenson

July 14

Ellice DeBenedetto

July 15

Abby Demmith
Joan Kelly
Kay Meek

July 16

Alexa Oleson

July 17

Robert Baxter
Aiden Miller

July 18

William Magnuson

July 19

Maureen Wolf

July 21

Samantha
Schroeder

July 24

Ann Buscher
Richard McFarlane

July 25

Barb Lebick

July 26

Karen McFarlane
Danielle Rhode

July 27

Richard
DeBenedetto

July 30

Duane Clark
Michael Cook
Michael Minzlaff
Jacki Renne



July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 am Evangelism Com.	2	3 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	7 9:30 a.m. Stewardship Com.	8 9 am – 11:30 am Sew-for-Mission	9	10 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	11	12 Blast from the Past Rehearsal
13 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	14	15	16	17 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	18 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal Benchley/Sallee	19 11 am Benchley/Sallee Wedding Goes Bridal Shower
20 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	21 10:30 am Evangelism Com.	22 9 am – 11:30 am Sew-for-Mission	23	24 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection 6-9 pm Scout Pack Budaet Meeting	28	29 Secretary on Vacation	30 Secretary on Vacation	31 6 pm Worship at Northland Village Secretary on Vacation		