



## Zion Lutheran Church

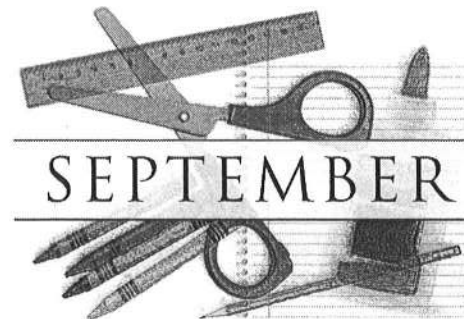
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# 2014

# It's Coming October 5th

### The Seven Marks of

#### Discipleship

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

## Our Discipleship Together

### The Joy of Giving

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."*  
John 15:11

This past weekend we had a house-full. There were seven more mouths to feed at our table than we normally have. Needless to say, it takes a lot of effort to keep a household going with that many extra people within it. And yet, I cringe as I write that last sentence, because it was no effort. These people were family, our nearest and dearest, and it was such joy to have them all together for the weekend. That extra effort was an expression of the joy which came with being so blessed to have all these loved ones together for those few precious moments.

As he talked about the commandment to love one another as he loves us, Jesus included the above quote, talking about his joy and making our joy complete. God takes great joy in giving to us. Certainly the love within a family is a great gift given by God, but that is just the tip of the iceberg, isn't it? All the things of creation that our marvelous senses are able to experience are tangible expressions of God's joy in giving to us. And what does Jesus say? He wants that joy to be within us too.

How does that happen? It happens by loving others. And how do we love others? We give as God gives.

This month we are going to be talking a lot about giving and how growth in giving is a way to grow spiritually. I pray that this emphasis will not only be a challenge for you, but as such, will also be an opportunity for your growth in joy.

Pastor Keith

## Marketing Zion

Concerns have been expressed to members of the Evangelism Committee concerning Zion not being included in the weekly church listing in Saturday's EagleHerald, and attendance at the Sunday Evening Service of Reflection.

For the last several meetings we have been working on a survey to ascertain if there would be a better day or time to hold a worship service. That survey will be distributed at worship and via email starting in early September. Based on the results of that survey, we will be better able to determine when worship services are most desired.

As for marketing Zion; our listing was pulled from the newspaper because of budgetary constraints a few years ago. The EagleHerald charges each congregation \$13.00 per week for placing the ad in the paper. We've thought about this and other ways Zion could make its presence known within the community, especially to visitors, and we've developed a list of several ideas.

Congregation members could sponsor the weekly newspaper ad, an ad could be on placemats which are distributed to local restaurants, we could utilize billboards, radio spots, and the yellow pages. Each of these options comes at a cost. We are already on the Internet.

Our committee is addressing these issues and hopes to come to some kind of resolution before year's end. In the meantime, if any member of the congregation would like to sponsor the weekly newspaper ad please contact the church office.

Karen Sylvester

## Planned Giving Workshop at Zion

On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Pastor Larry Westfield from the ELCA Foundation will be our guest. Pastor Westfield serves the six synods of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan of our Church and assists congregations and individuals in gift planning and the development of endowment funds. He will be leading a meeting at Zion to help our congregations as we develop and manage Endowment and Memorial Funds. Pastor Westfield will discuss with you and others who attend the many ways congregations can encourage members to support the ministry of the church in their estate plans. He is an expert on gift planning and the possibilities for ministry our congregations can take advantage of when they ask our members to remember the work of God's Church in their estate planning. We hope to see you in September!

Sincerely,  
Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop

## Do you like to wash and iron?

We need someone to wash and iron the communion and altar cloths. There is a plastic bin in the sacristy where we put the soiled cloths. They are usually washed and ironed once a month. Please call Ann Buscher if you are interested, 715.735.3017.



## Stocking the Kitchen!

I am also looking for someone to keep the kitchen stocked. This involves purchasing coffee, creamer, sugar, salt, pepper, juice mix, plates, napkins, and cups for coffee hour and other events at Zion. It would be great if you are a frequent shopper at Woodman's or Sam's Club since you can buy in bulk there, and they are reasonably priced. You will need to check the kitchen about once a month. Please call Ann Buscher if you are interested or need more information, 715.735.3017.

Ann Buscher

## The Stewardship Corner

As Christians, each of us strives to follow how the Bible tells us to live; to love God with all of our heart and mind, to obey the commandments God gave us, and to love and care for each other which is God's greatest commandment. The Bible also speaks to us about tithing and how much we are to give back to God as a form of worship.

*Leviticus 27:32 "All tithes of herd and flock, every tenth one that passes under the shepherd's staff, shall be holy to the Lord."*

This reading is not only directed at each of us individually, but it is also intended for the congregation collectively as we strive to support the larger church and our missions.

Since 2006, Zion has had a double emphasis on giving through the first mile campaign (general operating funds) and second mile campaign (mission and capital improvements). This double emphasis has made it harder for congregation members to know exactly what percentage of the congregations giving is being utilized and for what purpose.

Pastor Keith provided the following table to help us understand how we as a congregation are doing. The percentages listed below indicate how much the congregation is gifting to each of the benevolences shown based on the total funds received through the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mile campaigns in 2012 -2014.

Total 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Campaign Funds Contributed	2012		2013/2014	
	\$189,069		\$194,755	
<u>Benevolence</u>	Dollars	Percentage	Dollars	Percentage
Northern Great Lakes Synod	\$20,798	11.0%	\$21,423	11.0%
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp	2,000	1.05%	\$2,000	1.02%
Northland Lutheran Retirement Com.	200	0.10%	\$200	0.10%
D.A.R	4,015	2.12%	\$4,572	2.35%

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Community Scholarships	4,015	2.12%	\$4,015	2.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>		16.4%		<b>16.5%</b>

The information in this table is heartwarming. This loving and caring congregation is giving almost **17%** in benevolence to assist others outside the walls of Zion. Isn't that gratifying? That means approximately **83%** of the funds we give back to God are used as general operating funds, which includes capital improvements.

2 Chronicles 31:5 *"As soon as the word spread, the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything."*

Yes, tithing is important for us as individuals, but it is also important for the congregation as well. We show our love of God through our worship, and the offerings we make are part and parcel of that worship.

The principal reason for giving is to give out of gratitude and love for that which God first gave to us.

#### **No more "Debt and Community Children Campaign"**

In 2015, Zion will no longer have a second mile campaign to support our mission of "Going Where Jesus Leads." Rather, we will be putting a stronger emphasis on spiritual growth through the use of percentages for our benevolences. Certainly, Zion will continue to support these missions; however, that support will be based on a percentage of the funds which are received.

Additionally, in previous years, Zion's debt was significantly decreased through our second mile campaign. In 2014, when our debt was finally paid, the 50% we designated from the second mile campaign for debt relief went to the Capital Improvement Fund for upkeep and improvements to Zion's property and buildings. As with our benevolences, Zion will continue to support this fund based on a percentage of the funds received rather than use a second mile campaign like the Debt and Community Children Campaign.

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## **The Stewardship Corner**

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We pray that Zion's members will also prayerfully examine their giving and grow a step toward a tithe.

Malachi 3:10 reads: *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."*

Notice that our Lord is asking us to test him. He's asking us to bring a full tithe, and he's telling us that he will pour down overflowing blessings on us.

This year will be all about percentages. Zion's Council will be asked to approve a commitment to the percentages Zion will give to our missions and the Capital Improvement Fund as first fruit giving. As the Council is being asked to make that determination so to you will be asked to determine what percentage of your income will be dedicated to the Lord as first fruit giving. We ask that you grow in your giving by moving toward a tithe.

God blesses each of us with so much every day. Through his word, he asks for 10% back. This 10% is a good guide for spiritual growth, but for some 10% is only a beginning. God is waiting to pour down blessings on you and us together as a congregation – can you, will we, trust him to do so?

Go in God's love and peace,

Karen Sylvester for the Stewardship Committee

## Consecration Sunday is Coming\_\_\_\_\_

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their congregation's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Zion's Stewardship Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of **the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development**, rather than on the need of the congregation to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our congregation's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader, Pastor Craig Mansur, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

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## Consecration Sunday is Coming\_\_\_\_\_

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We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Congregation Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Roxy Bowdin,  
President of Zion Lutheran Church

## Thank You!\_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to all who helped make our annual Waterfront Booth a success! We sold out again this year. (That's 600 Cheesecakes and 450 Pretzels!) Our profit of about \$2,500.00 will be used for youth ministry activities, including the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering! We will decide who the recipient of our \$250.00 tithe will be at our next youth meeting.

Thanks again, Katy Bauer

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

Zion's team this year made a donation to the American Cancer Society in the amount of \$2,141.40. Karen Sylvester was our top fundraiser for Zion. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Karen Houdek-Zion Team Captain



## Summary of August Council Meeting\_\_\_\_\_

The Council met on August 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Pastor Keith reported that June and July's attendance was down. Both averages for the month were under 100.

Pastor performed wedding ceremonies for Christopher Behnke and Wendy Bohan on June 7, 2014 and for Kenny Sallee and Nancy Benchley on July 19, 2014

Pastor went to Fortune Lake July 27-30.

A summary of the financial reports for June and July are below.

### June

- General Fund fund balances increased \$1,865 from \$8,263 to \$10,128. There was no transfer between General and Parsonage Proceeds Funds.
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance decreased \$390 from \$1,854 to \$1,464.
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$968 from \$41,989 to \$42,957 due to interest, donations and the transfer from Debt/DAR and CC Fund.
- Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,478. Disbursements of \$148 to Synod, \$296 to DAR, \$1,020 for camper fees and transfer of \$739 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 \$25 from \$80 to an overdraft of \$55.
- The Garden Grant Fund had one donation.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$797.

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## Summary of August Council Meeting\_\_\_\_\_

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### July

- General Fund fund balances decreased \$560 from \$10,128 to \$9,568. There was no transfer between General and Parsonage Proceeds Funds.
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance decreased \$153 from \$1,464 to \$1,311.
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$816 from 542,957 to \$43,773 due to
- interest, donations and the transfer from Debt/DAR and CC Fund.
- Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,215. Disbursements of \$122 to Synod, \$243 to DAR and transfer of \$608 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 moved from an overdraft decreased \$55 to a fund balance of \$65.
- The Garden Grant Fund spent \$1,129 for the shed; the remaining fund balance is \$11.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$776.

The Evangelism committee met and discussed the videotaping of a skit to welcome current and new worshipers. This skit will be shared with the congregation. They also discussed a survey that they will ask Zion members to complete regarding their worship preferences, perceptions and habits. This can be completed online or by paper.

The Youth Ministry Bay Beach trip was cancelled due to not enough parent support. Katy Bauer reported that the Waterfront Festival food booth was a success. A deep freeze chest was needed to be purchased for use at the Waterfront Festival. About \$2500 was raised.

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## Summary of August Council Meeting

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The youth would like to tithe their profits to a charity. They will vote at their next meeting as to which charity they will give the money to. The youth will do concessions for Community Concerts again this year. The group is in search of a leader to organize the Youth Gathering in Detroit in summer 2015.

The Stewardship committee has been busy planning for this year's Stewardship Drive entitled *Consecration Sunday*. Speakers have been chosen to talk about what Stewardship means to them. The speakers are Hilma Backman, David Johnson and Heidi Beland. There will be a dinner for the council and speakers on Monday September 29th at 6pm at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant to familiarize them with this program.

The Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> service will be done in the "Service of Reflection" format. Worship will be held in the fellowship hall.

The council approved the Pastoral Sabbatical Policy. The policy states that a Sabbatical must be taken, by the Pastor of Zion, any time after completion of the fifth year of service and before completion of the seventh year of service. Thereafter, Sabbaticals will occur using the same time pattern.

The Sanctuary Arts Committee proposed the following:

For the safety and well-being of the congregation, in an effort to reduce energy costs, and to provide better lighting both indoors and outdoors, the Sanctuary Arts Committee recommends to the Church Council to replace certain light fixtures.

The Council agreed that there needs to be lighting updates to our facility. Therefore, the proposed changes have been given to the Property Committee to decide how to proceed and complete the job.

The next council meeting will be September 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

## Vacation Bible School

We had 52 kids, 21 from Zion, one from Australia and one from Russia. Our theme this year was "A week on Jesus' Farm." Monday's Theme was Jesus is Our Shepherd and our Bible Verse was the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. In crafts we made 6 blankets for the Rainbow House and a 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm on a shepherd's crook. We learned songs about lambs and played animal sound games. Tuesday's theme was Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem and our animal was the donkey. We sang donkey songs, played with a parachute and made cute farm scene frames in crafts. Wednesday our story was the Sower and the Seed, spreading God's words and blessings. We made beautiful cards that each congregation can use to send to people in their congregation. We had a scavenger hunt and did the chicken dance. Thursday we went to visit Bill Retza's farm and saw real sheep, bunnies, horses, cows and crops. That night we sang all our songs for our parents.

Zion had four high school students and 16 adults helping and teaching. Over 30 people supplied food, money and decorations. You out did yourselves! Thank you to Spies Library for the use of their stuffed farm animals. I hope you check out our website [www.zionlutheran-marquette.org](http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org) in the coming weeks as we plan to post many pictures from Bible School.

See you next year!

Ann Buscher

## Sing out a Song Unto the Lord!

Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. in the balcony. Rehearsals are around 45 minutes to an hour. The choir sings two Sundays a month and at special services such as Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. New members are always welcome. Sue Baxter recently joined choir and though she admits she cannot sing all the notes she is having a great time. We laugh, sing and pray together at each rehearsal. Come give us a try. For more information please call Ann Buscher at 715 735 3017.

## **Mosquito Nets and Malaria – A first hand account of the work that's being done.**

You may remember that during the spring of 2011 Zion collected money to fight against malaria; that we collected \$17,326.25 when the national ELCA campaign was just beginning. The paper mosquitoes that we made and hung from our ceiling were used by other congregations in our Synod and the ELCA to help with their drives. Our Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Katherine Finegan, recently went to Tanzania, and helped with the distribution of mosquito netting as a part of that campaign. This is her moving and honest letter regarding her experience.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
This past June, I had the opportunity to travel to our companion synod in Tanzania, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. I traveled with my husband, Dave, and my brother, Stephen Volz, a professor of African History and International Studies at Kenyon College in Ohio. We had a very full schedule. Every day was jam packed with visits to schools, institutions, and various ministry efforts.

One such effort was the distribution of malaria nets provided by the ELCA Malaria Campaign. My host for the day was Robert Charles Lyimo, the ELCT director of social ministry. He was very glad that I was there at the time of distribution so that I could participate. And I was glad to be a part of the last step.

After all, I had seen the first steps...the ELCA's campaign to raise 15 million by 2015. I had seen faithful efforts to have a mosquito net display at our synod assemblies. I had seen the effort of many of our Northern Great Lakes Synod congregations to raise funds; hanging little paper mosquitoes from the ceiling for every dollar raised, draping their narthexes in mosquito netting, sharing stories of the need for such netting, and the easy solution to prevent malaria by hanging a net over each and every bed.

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## **Mosquito Nets and Malaria – A first hand account of the work that's being done. (continued)**

And I was aware too, that it was not only our synod that was spurred to action, but the whole ELCA, the whole global church of Lutherans, a nation and more of people responding to the call to make a difference in the world with a simple \$10.00 per net gift, to save a life, and keep one more person across the world a little safer.

So I was excited to be a part of the end result, and have an actual hand in delivering this gift of malaria nets to those who were anxious to receive them.

So on a sunny and warm day (all the days were sunny and warm), we drove over two hours to a small and dusty dispensary in Mwalusembe. We had had other commitments that morning which delayed our arrival until 1:30pm. However, the mothers with their young children began arriving at the clinic at 9:00am that morning.

By the time we got there, they had been sitting in the shade and waiting for us for more than four hours.

As we pulled up, more people arrived, young men on scooters, teenage boys, a man on crutches. The neighborhood of Mwalusembe is mostly Muslim, and the ELCT is glad to be able to give nets to all those who need it, the added blessing being improved Muslim/ Christian relations and an authentic Christian witness of service to "the least of these."

The usual procedure for such distributions is that the local dispensary keeps track of who has arrived first, making note of who is there and when. However, for some reason, this accounting did not happen. Robert Charles consulted with the doctor and dispensary staff as to how to best distribute the nets that we had, only 50 although close to 150 people waited to receive one.

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## **Mosquito Nets and Malaria –**

### **A first hand account of the work that's being done.**

Robert Charles began by giving a demonstration as to how the nets are to be used. The mood was light as one child and then another came forward to lay on the bed under the net and be tucked in. They then received a net, had a picture taken, and returned to their mother.

Then it was determined that lines would form. There was a line to the right and a line to the left and another group of women in the center, sitting and waiting. The local Muslim leader stood to my right and the line to the right received nets first. I handed him the net from the bag, and he gave it to the next person in line.

But there were more lines. The doctor, broad and tall, stepped forward and stood in front of the right line to block its forward motion. Our attention shifted to the left line, a line of young men. Now it was the Muslim leader's turn to hand me the nets, and I handed each one to the next young man in line.

They began to push and press in. A man on crutches with a withered foot jostled to keep his place. Things were getting tense. The Muslim leader gave a sharp word of correction, and the boys settled down. And all the while I'm wondering about the rest of the women, sitting patiently, waiting and anxious.

Soon Robert Charles stood in front of the left line of young men, just as the doctor had stood in front of the right line. The women came forward then, and I gave them what was left, still nets, but not with a hoop. And then, too soon, the bag of nets was empty.

One man in the crowd said something derogatory, a criticism or mockery, that made some of the crowd smile. He had been one who did not receive a net. But there was no riot, and no raging words. Soon, the tension gave way to quiet disappointment, hopes unfulfilled, resignation. The people went on their way, some clutching a net, far too many empty handed.

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## **Mosquito Nets and Malaria –**

### **A first hand account of the work that's being done.**

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As the people disbursed, I sat down next to a woman who was waiting to see the doctor. Her daughter was bundled to her back. The little girl was perhaps 18 months old. She had a cherub face, round and sweet, with dark droopy eyes. She rested her head on her mother's back. It was clear she was listless, tired, and didn't feel well.

I looked at her, and placed my hand on the child's back, and her mother, clutching a net in her hand, looked into my eyes and said only one word, "Malaria." I nodded, and felt my composure begin to dissolve.

As of June 2014, the ELCA website reports that \$13 million dollars has been raised as a part of the Malaria Campaign. Countless congregations have answered the challenge. More churches are planning to get involved. The news has been positive that this campaign is successful, the money is coming in, hundreds and thousands of faithful, generous people have given millions of dollars to make a difference in the world.

And yet....on this one sunny and warm day in Mwalusembe, we ran out of nets. I confess it was heartbreaking. I could see the disappointment in their faces, the hope that there was another bag of nets, the underlying resentment that there had not been enough.

I do not know how often nets are distributed. It could be that the wait at Mwalusembe will not be so long. But I do know that we still have work to do.

I am proud to be a member of the ELCA. More proud perhaps than my ethnic heritage should allow, but still, I feel pride that the ELCA, and its congregations, should make the Malaria Campaign a priority. We do good ministry together. We make a difference in the world, not only with this ministry effort, but in so many other ways.

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## Mosquito Nets and Malaria –

### A first hand account of the work that's being done.

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One of those ways is the recent adoption of the Mkuza Girls' School as the WELCA focus for support this year. And I was proud and happy to be able to tell the headmistress of that school, and the ELCT, that the girls' school would be receiving our financial and prayerful support. And they were most grateful.

Also, the NGLS, through grant writing and more, continues to support the Kisarawe School and I was glad to see a new boy's dormitory nearing completion.

There's the Mtoni Center for handicapped and disabled children, the Upendo Center that teaches sewing and life skills to girls with few options, the Interfaith Center that seeks peace and understanding between religions in Zanzibar, a city rife with religious tension and sometimes violent.

There are opportunities through our companion relationship and opportunities in and through your own congregation to make a difference, across the street and across the world, in Jesus' name. And I write this to commend you for your efforts, locally and globally, and to encourage you to continue. Your volunteer time, your financial gifts, your mindfulness of the least, it IS making a difference. You are embodying the presence of Christ and making authentic Christian witness possible. Through you, so many efforts in ministry succeed, day by day, bit by bit, even dollar by dollar. Together, we can shine some hope in the world, and make Christ visible.

But as I learned this past June....our work is far from done.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Katherine Finegan, Assistant to the Bishop

## Fortune Lake UpDate!

We give thanks for a safe and successful summer season at FLLC! 550 campers participated in summer programs onsite and another 400 were involved in day camps in congregations. The summer staff was extraordinary! Pr. Tracy enjoyed a much-deserved vacation.

- The Gazebo-nanza campaign has also been very successful! Staff alumni have been generous and other gifts in honor or memory of staff alumni have added to its success. We've surpassed the goal of \$15,000; the total is now approaching \$18,000! Extra gifts are helping to fund a fireplace which was not included in the original cost estimate. Chris N. will build the new gazebo this fall and it will be dedicated at the 85th anniversary celebration June 7, 2015. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project!
- More golfers are needed for the Golf Outing fundraiser Sept. 8. If you don't live far from Norway, please try to personally recruit golfers!
- The Sisters of the Cloth are meeting later this week to continue preparing for the Fall Fest Oct. 4. Quilts and other donations for the auction can now be dropped off at camp. Please begin recruiting bakers of breads and pies for the country market.

### FALL Events at Fortune Lake Camp

Mon., Sept. 8: Golf Outing fundraiser at Oak Ridge  
Golf Course in Norway

Mon., Sept. 15: Senior Adult Day (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.);  
Pr. Katherine Finnegan will share highlights of her trip to Tanzania

Sept. 19 - 21: Women's Fall Retreat; guest speaker Suzanne Tietjen,  
author of *The Sheep of His Hand*

Oct. 4: Fortune Lake Fall Fest (and FLAME meeting)

Oct. 17 - 18: Junior High Gathering for grades 6-9

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2: High School Halloween Gathering for gr. 9-12

Sincerely, Ruth Warmanen

## "God's Work. Our Hands." Community Work Bee\_\_\_\_\_

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve our neighbor. On **Sept. 7, 2014**, let's join together as nearly 10,000 congregations and put our faith into action.

We will be working with Bethel Lutheran in Menominee to make a difference at the DAR Boys and Girls Club and in our local parks. We will meet at the DAR at 11:00, and do yard work. (Bring weed whackers, pruning sheers, gloves, rakes, etc.) When we are done with that, we are going to attack Red Arrow Park and pick up litter. (Gloves, garbage bags, rakes.) We plan to be done by about 12:30. This is our first shot at what we hope will become an annual event, so plan to be a part of the excitement within this inaugural effort.

You work hard to help make your community a better place. Now let's do this work together!



## Bible Study About Prayer\_\_\_\_\_

On Tuesdays beginning at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Bible Study held at St. James Lutheran in Marinette which will focus on prayer. The same Bible Study will also be held on Wednesday evenings at Zion beginning at 6:00. The Tuesday study will begin on Sept. 16 with the Wednesday study beginning the next day. LLM Darrel Diers will be leading this study. Plan today to take and in depth look at this activity which is central to faith in daily life.



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

Our food collection theme for the month of September is based on Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. On September 21<sup>st</sup> we recognize the tax collector that Jesus called as one of the twelve. (Read about it in Matthew 9:9-13.) Your food collection challenge for the month is to include items that begin with "M" or that might have a connection to this story. (Mac & cheese, canned or dried milk, canned mushrooms, mashed potatoes,...)

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!

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2014

### Sunday, September 7

Acolyte—Brittany Kehoe      Lector—Amanda Litts  
Greeter—Michelle Larson      Head Usher—Don Otto  
Communion Assistants—Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Barb Grom,  
Jacki Renne (Distributing the Host)  
AV Team—Sarge Rudell and Kathy Heimbuch  
Organist—Ann Buscher Special Music—Jim Weissgerber

### Sunday, September 14

Acolyte—Randall Schroeder      Lector—Carole Boerner  
Greeters—George & Nila Krenos      Head Usher—Karen Sylvester  
Communion Assistant—Roxy Bowdin  
Coffee Time Sponsor—Edgewood Manor Residents  
AV Team—Troy Cording and James Martin

### Sunday, September 21

Acolyte—Kaitie Sodergren      Lector—Karen Dill  
Greeters—Don & Jo Schutt      Head Usher—Don Schutt  
Communion Assistants—(Pouring) NEEDED, Sue Baxter & Karen Dill  
(Distributing the Host)  
AV Team—Cheryl Maxwell & Jonah Zuehls  
Organist—Ruth Olson

### Sunday, September 28

Acolyte—Matthew Swenson      Lector—Heidi Beland  
Greeter—Sue Baxter      Head Ushers—Kenny & Nancy Sallee  
Communion Assistant—NEEDED  
AV Team—Bill Tipple and Jonah Zuehls  
Piano—Ann Buscher

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

### September 1

Karen Dill  
Jill Harding  
Braedhan Madden  
Thea Swenson

### September 2

Thomas Kaufman

### September 4

Diane Beattie

### September 7

Bruce Oleson

### September 9

Wilbur Cook

### September 10

Christian Klein  
Seth Kuhn

### September 12

George Olson

### September 13

John Powilaite

### September 14

Joe Larson

### September 15

Vicki Guay  
Darwin Peterson

### September 16

Geraldine Brooks

### September 18

Dolores Green

### September 20

Carla Clarke  
Amanda Oleson

### September 21

Donna Dietrich

### September 22

Haley Rabideau

### September 23

Larry Race

### September 24

Hilma Backman  
Julie Otto

### September 25

Mary Bodam

### September 26

Dorothy Bretl  
Bob Hamer  
Dan Johnson  
Kaya Lebeck



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY  OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4 10:30 am Conf. Clergy meeting at Northland Village 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship "God's Work, Our Hands" Work Bee 5 p.m. Service of Reflection	8 10:30 am Evangelism Com. 6:30-8 pm Adult Bible Study Group	9 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Council Meeting	10 6pm-7pm SPARK, Bible Study, Conf. 6:30pm Youth National Gathering 7:10pm Choir Reh.	11 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection 7 pm Cub Scout Parent Meeting	15 5 pm Sarah Circle Picnic 6 pm Cub Scout New Member sign-up meeting.	16	17 6pm-7pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7:10pm Choir Rehearsal	18 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30-8pm Synod Foundation Event at Zion	19 5:30 pm Despins/Stafslien Wedding Rehearsal	20 1:30 pm Despins/Stafslien Wedding at Zion
21 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	22 6:30-8 pm Ecumenical Adult Bible Study Group	23 9 – 11:30 am Sew-for-Missions	24 6pm-7pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7:10pm Choir Rehearsal	25 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	29 6 pm Dinner at Schloegel's for Consecration Sunday 6 pm Cub Scout meeting	30				