



## Zion Lutheran Church

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### The Seven Marks of Discipleship

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

## Transfiguration to Temptation

This month we will once again make the transition from Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 15, to the First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 22, where we hear of how our Lord underwent temptations in the wilderness immediately after his baptism. In the life of Jesus, these events did not happen in this order. The Transfiguration happened long after his 40

days in the wilderness. I think, however, that for many of us, the order of transfiguration leading to temptation is one that we often experience, and it is worthy to not only name it, but also to prayerfully consider where God is in the midst of it.

For me, transfiguration moments are those times when the hand of God is particularly evident in the midst of every day life. Those moments certainly change us. When they happen to me, I usually feel blessed, but sometimes it's a kick in the pants too. Transfiguration moments are interactions with the holy.

Then life happens, with all of its temptations. We go from the mountaintop to the wilderness. The mountaintop, however, reminds us that we do not go into this wilderness alone. Jesus, who spent 40 days in this wilderness, promises to be with us in the wilderness no matter what. He knows its power and its darkness. From him we get new life in the wilderness by being brought back to the mountaintop.

For us in this life, neither the mountaintop nor the wilderness is the end of the story. They are certainly a part of the fabric of this life, bringing both joy and heartache. The God who welcomes us home to the greatest and final mountaintop is the same God who sees us through each transfiguration and temptation in this life. Thanks be to God.

*Pastor Keith*

## Lenten Soup Suppers

Starting on Wednesday, February 25, Zion will once again offer soup suppers as a part of our midweek evening worship. This year we will participate with Our Savior's Lutheran and St. James Lutheran with all three congregations attending the congregation who is hosting that particular week. The suppers will start at 5:15, fifteen minutes earlier than the suppers have started in the past. Worship will begin at the same time, 6:00. SPARK Faith Formation for our children will begin at 6:00 as well, and will take place at the congregation that is hosting the meal.

### The schedule is:

**February 25 – St. James**

**March 4 – Our Savior's**

**March 11 – Zion**

**March 18 – Our Savior's**

**March 25 – Zion**

## Council Summary

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The Council met on January 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Keith reported that December attendance was down, however Christmas Eve attendance was 197. That was up from 162 in 2013. The average yearly attendance was down for 2014. The average in 2013 was 122 and 113 in 2014.

A summary of the financial reports for December are below.

- General Fund balance increased \$2,705 from \$7,479 to \$10,184. Year to date increase is \$2,250.
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$804 from \$47,855 to \$48,659 due to
- donations, interest and the transfer from Debt/DAR and CC Fund. Year to date increase is \$14,810.
- Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,553. Disbursements of \$155 to Synod, \$311 to DAR, \$2,198 to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and transfer of \$5,777 to Capital Improvement Fund. \$1,500 is available for 2015 camper fees.
- The Personnel Committee reported that all staff evaluations are complete and they are recommending a 2% increase for all staff in this year's budget.

The Youth Ministry group has tentatively scheduled a trip to the sledding hill in Gladstone on March 21<sup>st</sup>. They will also be holding a dance and skate party at the Civic Center on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The youth who are attending the Youth Gathering in Detroit are selling Younkers Community Days booklets.

The Evangelism Committee reported that they discussed ways to increase Worship attendance at their January meeting. They also discussed different options for advertising for Zion Lutheran Church.

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The 2015 budget, to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, was approved by the Council.

A third resolution to the proposed Mission Endowment Fund was also approved by the Council at the Annual Meeting. The resolution states that the bequest given by Roger Utke, be used as seed money for the proposed Mission Endowment Fund.

At the request of Jim and Coral Weissgerber, their membership from Zion was dropped.

Roxanne Bowdin, John Radloff, and Gary Houdek were recognized for their service to the Congregation Council. Their terms expire this month.

The next Council meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm. The meeting ended with the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

## THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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Sunday, January 25, 2015, Zion held its Annual Meeting at which the 49 members attending unanimously approved three resolutions: 1) the establishment of Zion's Mission Endowment Fund, 2) election of five members to the Mission Endowment Fund Board, and 3) a \$157,000 bequest as the initial gift to the fund. I'll explain these three resolutions later, but first I want to tell you a little about this fund.

Zion's Mission Endowment Fund will offer an opportunity and a vehicle for members of Zion to provide for people beyond ourselves. Gifts made to the fund will enable our congregation to expand its ministry and mission well beyond our own lifetimes for the benefit of future generations.

This fund differs from the Memorial Fund which Zion already has in that gifts made to the Memorial Fund are mostly used entirely for a designated purpose. Once that special fund objective has been accomplished, that fund is closed.

Zion's unanimously approved Mission Endowment Fund lists a range of percentages for each expenditure category - outreach into the community and Synod (10-35%), ELCA missions (10-35%), capital improvements, debt reduction for a building program, or for the development of any special ministry of the congregation (0-35%), and causes and programs deemed consistent with enhancing the missional outreach of Zion (0-25%). It may not be used to offset Zion's current expenditures or its budget.

A five person Mission Endowment Fund Board, comprised of Peter Thielen (1 yr. term), Ann Buscher and John Radloff (2 yr. term), and Karen Kolstad and Ellice DeBenedetto (3 yr. term) was approved. This board will manage and control The Mission Endowment Fund which will be invested in the ELCA Endowment Pooled Trust Fund. Prior to fund

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distribution, the board must seek approval of the Congregation Council. In addition, the board is required to report to the Council semi-annually and to the congregation annually with a complete account of the administration of the fund.

The 49 members of the congregation also unanimously approved designating the entire \$157,000 bequest from the estate of Roger Utke as seed money for Zion's Mission Endowment Fund.

There are a number of ways members can contribute to the Mission Endowment Fund; the most common of which is through a will bequest. However, many times members wish to make these gifts prior to their demise. These are often outright gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, etc., but certainly there are many more avenues available. Each of us is encouraged to execute a will to circumvent the state from administering our estate, thereby giving us a voice in its distribution.

If you will be providing a gift to Zion's Mission Endowment Fund, you are welcome to let Pastor Keith know.

This is an exciting chapter in the life of Zion and it will most certainly be thrilling to see how these funds will be put to use to further Zion's **Going Where Jesus Leads** mission and vision.

In God's love,

Karen Sylvester



## Harvest of Hope Garden\_\_\_\_\_

Yay! It's Time to Plan the Garden! February may be "bleak mid-winter" but it's the perfect time to plan this summer's garden.

Let's meet at Zion on Tuesday, February 10th at 5:15pm to start planning. Items on the agenda: 1) ideas on what to do with that stack of fabulous bricks; 2) discuss some creative ways to share our harvest; 3) decide who's tending which section, and of course, 4) what are we going to grow this year?

We are always happy for workers, green thumb or not. This garden idea is still developing and we invite ideas & questions. Help us discover what direction to point Harvest of Hope in so that we can go where Jesus leads. Please join us.

Heidi Beland



## Hooks & Needles\_\_\_\_\_

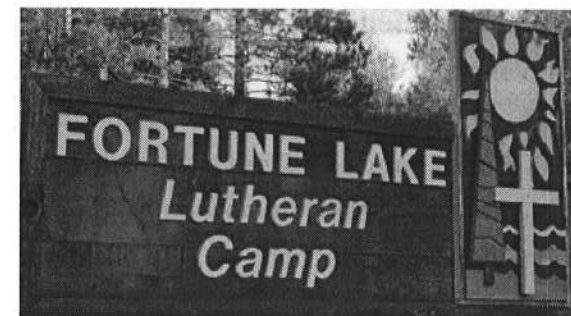
Hooks & Needles will meet at Zion on **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come see what we've been up to or join us if you would like help getting started on your own project for Warmth for Warriors.

## FLLC Celebrates 85 Years\_\_\_\_\_

2015 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. The year will feature special activities and commemorative events that reflect our theme, "Driving Faith Forward." A festive celebration will take place on Sunday afternoon, **June 7, 2015**, and all are welcome. The celebration will feature the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fortune Lake 500 Parade of Vehicles, camp tours, worship with special music, dedication of the new pavilion, and a Croatian chicken dinner.

## Fortune Lake Camp Retreat Opportunities\_\_\_\_\_

**Family Retreat -- February 20 - 22**  
**Church Council Retreat -- March 6 - 7**  
**Adult Lenten Retreat -- March 20 - 22**  
**Adoptive Family Retreat -- May 1 - 3**  
**All Staff Reunion Retreat -- June 5 - 7**



**"The Last (Potluck) Supper"  
Church Basement Ladies  
(A Musical Comedy)**



Held at the  
Meyer Theatre in Green Bay on  
**March 26, 2015**  
7 p.m. evening show  
Tickets: \$25.00 (per person)

I am willing to drive: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a ride: \_\_\_\_\_

You have a option to eat at the Swan Club for \$15.00 (per person). The menu includes chicken dinner, beverage, rolls, tax and tip.

— I prefer not to eat at the Swan Club, but would like to eat someplace on my own.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose (\$25.00) for each ticket for the play, and if you plan to eat at the Swan Club restaurant enclose the (\$15.00) per meal. Return by Sunday, March 8th by placing this in the collection plate or giving this information to Don or Jo Schutt. For more information you may contact Don or Jo at 715.732.0932.

**NEWCAP Donations** \_\_\_\_\_

Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of FEBRUARY is "RED." Happy Valentines Day! We are collecting canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, tomato soup, red Jell-O, etc. Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.

**Relay for Life** \_\_\_\_\_

The 2015 Relay for Life will be June 26th. The times have changed this year to 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. We will need a new chairperson this year as I will not be able to do it. If you think you would like to volunteer please contact me at home 715-735-7180 or on Tuesdays in my office between 11 - 2, or before or after service on Sunday.

Karen Houdek

**"Road to Coronation" Bible Study Group** \_\_\_\_\_

On Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. the adult study group at St. James, Crossways study "Road to Coronation" will continue meeting for six weeks. A vivid portrait of Jesus the Servant King—, who welcomed outcasts as family, touched and raised the dead, performed miracles that made astonishing theological statements and confounded the spiritual authorities of His day. Five days after Jesus entered Jerusalem, the center of religious and political power; His "coronation" took place ... on a cross. Vindicated in the resurrection and enthroned in the ascension, Jesus calls us to listen, believe and follow. All are welcome to come and learn more about our Lord's coronation.

## Midweek Lenten Worship\_\_\_\_\_

Our midweek Lenten worship always begins on Ash Wednesday. Two services will be offered on Ash Wednesday, February 18: A morning service beginning at 10:00 and an evening service beginning at 6:30. Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be offered at both services. The choir will sing at the evening service.

Following Ash Wednesday, Zion will offer midweek worship only in the evening this year. Those services will begin at 6:00 and will run for approximately a half hour. They will be held at the congregation hosting that week's soup supper. SPARK will take place during the worship service at the congregation hosting the soup supper.

This year's theme and the listing of preachers for the midweek Lenten worship will be announced soon. Watch your bulletins for details.

## ASH WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS\_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday, February 18, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship

Lector – Carole Boerner

Greeter – Carole Boerner

Head Usher – Carole Boerner

Communion Assistant - Sarge Rudell

6:30 p.m. Worship

Acolyte – Nick Kehoe

Lector – Heidi Beland

Greeter – Michelle Larson

Head Ushers – Pam & Mike Goes

Communion Assistants – Karen Sylvester (Pouring),

Dean Schoen & Pastor George Olson (Distributing the Host)

## DAR Boys & Girls\_\_\_\_\_

The DAR Boys & Girls Club thank you for the donation of \$299.59. We would like to offer a tour between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. when the majority of kids are at the DAR so you would be able to see your donation at work. Thank you so much for all your generosity!

Rich Crevier, CPO DAR Boys & Girls Club

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015

### Sunday, February 1, 2015

Acolyte – Bristol Dugre Lector: Chad Francour  
Greeter – Chad Francour Head Usher – Karen Sylvester  
Communion Assistants – Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Sue Baxter &  
Johanna Zuehls (Distributing the Host)  
AV Team—Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls

### Sunday, February 8, 2015 Contemporary Worship

Acolyte – Justin Williams Lector – Karen Sylvester  
Greeters – Cub Scout Troop Head Usher – Michelle Larson  
Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne  
AV Team—Troy Cording & James Martin  
Coffee Time Sponsors—Roger & Bev DeGroot & Sharon Ehlers

### Sunday, February 15, 2015

Acolyte – Jaclynn Knopik Lector – Pastor George Olson  
Greeters – Joel & Rosalie Settersten  
Head Usher – Don & Julie Otto  
Communion Assistants – Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Karen Kolstad  
& Jacki Renne (Distributing the Host)  
AV Team—Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch

### Sunday, February 22, 2015

Acolyte – Delanie Schroeder Lector – Carole Boerner  
Greeters – Carla Clarke & Abby Demminth  
Head Usher – Nora Plym  
Communion Assistant Ellice DeBenedetto  
AV Team – Justin Williams & Cheryl Maxwell

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 1  
Wendy Ihler

February 2  
Billy Retza  
Randy Schroeder

February 3  
Michelle LaFond

February 5  
Jacob Tipple

February 6  
Heidi Beland

February 7  
Leo Kaufman  
Kristine Race

February 8  
Luther Kelly  
Jon Strutz

February 9  
Don Boerschinger  
Jared Harding  
Karl Retza

February 10  
Sue Baxter  
Janet Cook

February 11  
Erik Breuer

February 12  
Troy Cording  
Joyce Johnson  
LeeAnn Martin  
Katie Somers

February 13  
Brandon Brooks  
Emily Limberg

February 14  
Brycen Buenning  
Jeff Tipple  
Nathan Vincent

February 15  
Rose-Marie  
Christenson

February 16  
Tom Hayward

February 18  
Jerry Poquette

February 19  
Bill Tipple

February 21  
Randy Pecard

February 22  
Nick Kehoe  
Baylee Zuraski

February 25  
Robert Lebick

February 26  
Barb Clarke  
Rachel Rosenfeldt

February 27  
Scott Gressel  
Julie Retza

February 28  
Vern Cramer



# February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship 10:45am New Member class 5pm Service of Reflection	2 12pm Kiwanis Club 5:30pm Kiwanis Club 6:30-8pm Adult Bible Class 6:30-8 p.m. Lay School	3 10:30am Bible study at St. James 4:30pm Worship & Music Committee	4 6-7pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7:10pm Choir Rehearsal	5 6pm Worship at Northland Village	6	7
8 9:30am Worship 10:45am New member 4pm Youth Gathering 5pm Service of Reflect. 6pm Scout Meeting	9 12pm Kiwanis Club 10:30am Evangelism	10 9-11:30am Sew-for-Missions 10:30am Bible Study 5:15pm Garden of Hope 6:30pm Council	11 6-7pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7:10pm Choir Rehearsal	12 6pm Worship at Northland Village	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 9:30am Worship 10:45am New Member 5pm Service of Reflection	16 12pm Kiwanis Club 6:30-8pm Ecumenical Adult Bible Class	17 10:30am Bible Study at St. James	18 10am Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Ash Wednesday	19 6pm Worship at Northland Village 7pm Soup Planning Committee meeting	20 All Articles for the March newsletter due.	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:45a.m. New Member 1-3pm Hooks & Needles 5pm Service of Reflect.	23 12pm Kiwanis Club 7pm Sarah Group will meet at Karen Kolstad's	24 9-11:30am Sew-for-Missions 10:30am Bible Study at St. James	25 5:30pm Soup & Midweek Lent Worship 6pm SPARK 6:45pm Choir	26 6pm Worship at Northland Village 7pm Musical Comedy at Meyer Theatre in Green Bay	27	28