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**The Seven Marks of
Discipleship**

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

The Wind Behind the Altar

Behind our altar we have stained glass windows that do not have a descriptor plate identifying what it is. All the rest of our stained glass windows in our worship areas have these descriptor plates. This lack of a descriptor invites us to create our own as we gaze upon the wall, taking in the whole. This is what I have come up with over the years.

I see a whirlwind at the top bringing up into it all the stuff from underneath. The top is filled with light bright colors. The bottom colors are dark and earthy, with occasional splashes of red. Then comes a blue band which separates the darker colors from the lighter colors. For me, that blue band is water symbolizing the connection that baptism creates between us and the Holy. The power of that whirlwind is God's power, lifting us up to the Holy. As a whirlwind, it is not only full of energy and life, but that energy and life blows us out into the world. Worship is not a calm and quiet escape, but an empowerment to be about the work of God in the world.

This past Pentecost Sunday I connected those windows to the sound of the violent wind that filled the house where the disciples were all huddled up; a wind that pushed them out into the world. It is important to note that we hear about this same wind moving over the face of the waters before God created the heavens and earth for the crown of creation, humanity. I think our windows might be capturing that moment as well.

This certainly isn't the only thing these windows can symbolize. I've seen a few other things as well, particularly combined with the cross at the center of it all. What do you see? How does it speak to you? How might God be using this wonderful art that surrounds our altar to invite you into God's mission? Please let me know what you hear.

Pastor Keith

An Emotional Read!!!

I just finished reading "The Shack – Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity" by Wm. Paul Young this morning, Friday, May 22. As I read the last chapter, tears started rolling down my face, and before I finished I was sobbing into my hands and praying to God for forgiveness, for the ability to love as he loves, and for so much more.

If you haven't read "The Shack – Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity" you really should. It will grip you starting with the "The Foreward" on page 7 until you've finished the final page. You'll find yourself laughing out loud, at times on edge, and at others deep in contemplation, (I actually highlighted several thought provoking areas in the book); and yes, most probably shedding more than a few tears.

Zion's library, in the Family Room off the kitchen, has the book; or you can order it from Half.com or Amazon.com for as little as \$0.01 (used) plus \$3.99 for shipping.

Some of you may recall that in October 2009 Zion had a discussion on this particular book. I didn't attend as I hadn't yet read the book. I would very much like to offer that opportunity again, perhaps sometime in the fall - maybe October. In the meantime, I urge you to read this book over the summer – you absolutely will not regret taking the time required to do it. It touched me deeply.

Happy reading and God bless you all.

Karen Sylvester

Council Summary

The Council met on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor reported that the average attendance for April was 138. This is lower than last year's average. The overall average for Holy Week attendance was also down from previous years. They are as follows: Maundy Thursday, '15 - 73, '14 - 91, Good Friday Tenebrae, '15 - 55, '14 - 60, Easter, '15 - 183, '14 - 217.

Pastor's Report is as follows:

- Performed Funeral for Pastor Ralph Bachman on April 29th
- Attended: Candidacy Committee, April 17; Breakfast with the Bishop and presentation to Scout Pack, April 27; Keeping the Sabbath Wholly class
- Will be on vacation - June 13-20; August 16; August 31-Sept.6; and Sept. 27 November 13-19 (2 weeks left to use and 5 weekends so far)
- Will be attending continuing education- Washington Island Forum, June 22-26; Pre-retirement seminar, July 27; Rethinking Confirmation workshop, July 29-31; Synod Clergy and Spouse Fall Theological Conference, Mackinac Island, September 27-29

Here is a summary of the financial reports.

- General Fund balance increased \$2,744 from \$8,987 to \$11,731. Year-to-date increase \$1,547. Disbursements included \$938 for snow plowing. Month-end unpaid amounts are \$3,446 and include: 1) year-to-date NLRC amount of \$107.54 - to be paid when amount approaches \$200 and at year end; 2) World Hunger monies of \$2,238 - this represents total World Hunger receipts for March and April; and \$1,100 for Fortune Lake 85th anniversary donations.
- Capital Improvement Fund decreased \$8,728 from \$51,248 to \$42,520. Expense of \$9,560 for the lighting project and in come of \$11 interest and transfer of \$821 from General Fund.
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance increased by \$56 from \$1,368 to \$1,424.

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- Community Camper funds increased \$324
- A sabbatical fund is being funded at approximately \$167 per month.
- The Intern Fund Balance increased \$20 from \$541 to \$561.
- The Garden Grant Fund balance is \$211.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$984.

The Evangelism Committee received a \$400 grant for advertising purposes. Name badges will be handed out starting on Sunday, May 17th. The committee will be meeting again on June 8th at 10:30am.

The Property Committee reports that the lighting project is complete and are pleased to announce it came in under budget. Rick Larsen will be cutting the grass this summer. As projects arise, calls will be made to help with completion.

The Worship and Music Committee has set dates for outdoor services. They will be held on July 12th and August 23rd, weather permitting. Zion's 140th Anniversary will also be celebrated on August 23rd. Hymn sings will be on Sunday July 5th and August 9th. On Sunday, August 30th, we will hold the Service of Reflection at the 9:30 service. New audio visual equipment has been purchased to make recording services and events more user friendly.

On Wednesday May 13th, the Youth Group will be hosting a Penny Carnival at Zion from 5:30-7:30. This year Zion was able to advertise in the Marinette School District for the event.

Relay for Life will be June 26th this year. New members are being added regularly. Please contact Karen Sylvester if you are interested in joining Zion's team. All loose offerings on May 31, June 7, 14, 21 will be donated to this event.

Zion raised over \$1500 for the Fortune Lake 85th Anniversary Celebration. This allows Zion to enter 3 cars in their parade. Anyone interested in attending the parade and picnic must register ahead of time.

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Zion awarded Fortune Lake Community scholarships to Tori Weiner, attending Victory Camp, Ruth Hansen, Sylvia Thoney, Alyssa DeCremer and Ella Pecard .

The meeting ended with the Benediction.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday June 9th, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

How Can I Help With the Garden?

*** Raised beds are still available if you are interested in having your own space to garden. Contact Michelle or Heidi. (See below)**

*** We are going to be placing bricks in the walkways of the garden. No date has been set yet. If you would like to help with that project, contact Michelle or Heidi.**

*** Michelle is committed to working in the garden on Tuesdays. Seeing her there is a great way to find out how you can help or be a part of things.**

Contact Michelle at: (920) 615-0098

Contact Heidi at: (906) 864-2289



Unearth Your Talents

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Bible tells us that our bodies are from God; that his Holy Spirit resides within them. Therefore, it is important that we do everything we can to see that we keep our bodies healthy.

One day in May a letter appeared in "Dear Abby" regarding Lyme disease. I decided to learn more about the topic. I'm sharing what I learned with you. It is rather scary.

Here are the facts as taken directly from ILADS.org website:

"The CDC reports that Lyme disease infects 300,000 people a year - 10 times more Americans than previously reported. There are 25,000 new Lyme disease cases diagnosed in the US per month, 5,770 per week, 822 cases per day, 34 cases per hour.

There are no tests available to prove that the organism is eradicated or that the patient is cured.

Fewer than 50% of patients with Lyme disease recall a tick bite or any rash.

The common Elisa test you receive at your doctor's office misses 35% of culture proven Lyme disease. Some studies indicate up to 50% of the patients tested for Lyme disease receive false negative results.

Up to 50% of ticks in Lyme-endemic areas are infected. The onset of Lyme disease symptoms can be easily mistaken for other illnesses. Once symptoms are more evident the disease may have already entered the central nervous system, and could be hard to cure.

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40% of Lyme patients end up with long term health problems. The average patient sees 5 doctors over nearly 2 years before being diagnosed.

Short treatment courses have resulted in upwards of a 40% relapse rate, especially if treatment is delayed. There has never been a study demonstrating that 30 days of antibiotic treatment cures chronic Lyme disease. However there is much documentation demonstrating that short courses of antibiotic treatment fail to eradicate the Lyme spirochete."

My neighbor, a retired nurse has Lyme disease. She had flu-like symptoms, a 103 degree fever and ached all over. She was tested at BAMC's ER for Lyme disease (test was negative) and was prescribed Doxycycline to be taken for 9 days.

After treatment, she felt fine, but approximately 3 months later she was barely able to walk to her mailbox, less than 75 feet away. She was retested; this time the test came back positive. Once again, she was prescribed Doxycycline which she took for one month. She continued to feel ill and decided to see a chiropractor across the state that specializes in Lyme disease. He treated her over a six-month period with herbs to detoxify her system. She now feels much better and the disease seems to be gone; however, she monitors her health closely and should she develop any symptoms she will go back for additional treatment.

Roxanne Bowdin also shared that she, her husband, her horse, a friend (in this area), and a niece (visiting our area) contracted Lyme disease - all within the past few years. The Doxycycline worked well for all except her niece, who struggled with the disease for a year and finally tried alternative medicines which proved helpful.

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She informed me that there is a relatively new disease borne by wood ticks which is making its way into our area as well. It's called Anaplasmosis and also needs a round of antibiotics. Two years ago, her other horse showed signs of lameness and the veterinarian knew immediately what it was as she had it as well! They both contracted this in the Wausaukee area. Pastor Keith's dog, Rusty, had Anaplasmosis as does his Veterinarian.

All of this is very scary. According to MayoClinic.org the best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid areas where deer ticks live, especially wooded, bushy areas with long grass. You can decrease your risk of getting Lyme disease with some simple precautions:

- When walking in wooded or grassy areas, wear shoes, long pants tucked into your socks, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat and gloves. Try to stick to trails and avoid walking through low bushes and long grass. Keep your dog on a leash.
- Apply insect repellent with a 20% or higher concentration of DEET to your skin. Parents should apply to their children, avoiding their hands, eyes and mouth.
- Tick-proof your yard by clearing brush and leaves where ticks live. Keep woodpiles in sunny areas.
- Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks. Be especially vigilant after spending time in wooded or grassy areas. Deer ticks are often no bigger than the head of a pin, so you may not discover them unless you search carefully. Ticks often remain on your skin for hours before attaching themselves. Showering and using a washcloth may be enough to remove any unattached ticks.
- Remove a tick as soon as possible with tweezers. Gently grasp the tick near its head or mouth. Don't squeeze or crush the tick, but pull carefully and steadily. Once you've removed the entire tick, dispose of it and apply antiseptic to the bite area.

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You already know the early signs and symptoms of Lyme disease - the rash (bulls-eye or otherwise) and flu-like symptoms. Later signs and symptoms include joint pain, neurological problems, and severe fatigue.

Only a minority of deer tick bites leads to Lyme disease. The longer the tick remains attached to your skin, the greater your risk of getting the disease. If you think you've been bitten and experience signs and symptoms of Lyme disease - particularly since, according to the CDC we live in an area where Lyme disease is prevalent - contact your doctor immediately. Treatment for Lyme disease is most effective if begun early.

It's important to consult your doctor even if signs and symptoms disappear because the absence of symptoms doesn't mean the disease is gone. Left untreated, Lyme disease can spread to other parts of your body from several months to years after infection.

This article is long, but it is important. I now know several people in this area who have contracted Lyme disease. Be vigilant; be careful to check yourself, your children, and your pets. Remember your body is God's temple; do take good care of it.

Go in God's peace and love,

Karen Sylvester

RELAY FOR LIFE _____

Marinette's Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held on Friday, June 26, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 12 midnight on the Marinette High School track.

Zion's team currently comprises Carla Clarke, Duane and Barb Clarke, Aimee Powers, Pastor Keith, Laura Kinziger, Kathy and me. So far we've raised \$570. While we're very grateful, we've a long way to go to raise the money we want toward the cure for cancer.

What can you do?

You can donate! Starting Sunday, May 31, and running through Sunday, June 21, the loose offering at worship will be donated to the Relay for Life. Karen Houdek will continue to sell luminaries at worship. They're only \$10 and they are an exceptional way to honor someone who has lived or died from cancer. Come see the Luminaria Ceremony which starts at dusk (about 9pm) on Friday, June 26th at Marinette High School track – it is an emotional time for many.

You can walk! Join Zion's team by going online to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/zionlutheran-marinette>. Once there; click "Donate now," "Dedicate a Luminaria," or "Join our Team." There's no need to register if you desire to donate, but if you want to join the team you are required to register. If you prefer, you can join and donate by calling 1.877.957.7848.

If you are walking, remember to post your walking time on the spreadsheet in the lobby.

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We continue to look for an item to donate to the Silent Auction that will be held at the walk. Please contact me or Kathy if you have something.

Thank you so much for your support.

In God's peace and love,

Karen Sylvester and Kathy Heimbuch
Co-Chair, Zion's Relay for Life Team



Zion Ladies Luncheon Group _____

The Zion ladies luncheon group will meet on Thursday, June 18th. They will meet at the Brothers Three restaurant at 12:00 noon. Brothers Three offers a nice variety of luncheon special for only \$4.95. We will meet in the front section of the restaurant by the windows. You can sign up by calling Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017 or emailing her at abuscher@new.rr.com. Please let us know if you need a ride. Reservations must be made by Monday, June 15th. Invite a member from Zion to go with you! We hope by changing the day of the week for the luncheon that new people will be able to join in the fun.

Ann Buscher

NEWCAP Donations _____

DAIRY! Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of JUNE is "All Things Dairy," such as canned milk, Macaroni and Cheese, etc. We are collecting all non-perishable items. Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.

CELEBRATION! _____

On Sunday, June 7th Pastor Keith will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of his ordination. We will be singing his favorite hymns throughout the service, and he will sing our special music that morning. Please join us for a coffee hour in the Social Hall after worship. Cards are welcome, no gifts please.

Youth Gathering Stock Sales _____

The youth that will be attending to the ECLA National Youth Gathering this July will be selling stock as a fundraiser for the trip. The dates we will be selling the stock are June 7th, 21st and 28th. Stock certificates will be \$15 for one or \$25 for two. The youth that will be attending the National Youth Gathering are Alex Cording, Jacob Cording, Drake Schutt, and James Jagielski. In addition to knowing that your purchase of stock will be of great help to these youth attending the Gathering, there will also be a stockholders meeting after the youth get back from the trip. Your generosity and prayers will be and are greatly appreciated..

Sincerely,

Troy Cording

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

Sunday, June 7, 2015 (Full Communion LBW)

Acolyte – Samuel Gressel Lector – Bryan Gutknecht
 Greeters – Kenny & Nancy Sallee **Head Usher – Available**
 Communion Assistants – Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Ellice
 DeBenedetto & Roxanne Bowdin (Distributing the Host)
 Coffee Time – Worship & Music Com. AV Team – Troy Cording and
 Jonah Zuehls

Sunday, June 14, 2015 (Intinction LBW) Organist -

Acolyte – Baedhan Madden Lector – Carol Boerner
 Greeters – George & Nila Krenos **Head Usher – Available**
 Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne
 Coffee Time – Edgewood Manor AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Kathy
 Heimbuch

Sunday, June 21, 2015 (Intinction)

Acolyte – Justin Williams Lector – Johanna Zuehls
 Greeter – Laura Peanosky Head Ushers – Kenny & Nancy Sallee
Communion Assistant – Available
 AV Team – Possible Outdoor Worship or Troy Cording &
 Justin Williams

Sunday, June 28, 2015 (Full Communion NFC Organist -

Acolyte – Jaclynn Knopik Lector – Karen Dill
 Greeter – Jane Landenberger Head Usher – Karen Sylvester
 Communion Assistants – Pat Rondeau (Pouring),
(Distributing the Host) (2 Volunteer opportunities still available)
 AV Team – Troy Cording and Gage Schutt

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE 2015

June 1

Jennifer Brooks
 Robert Peterson

June 2

Jake Anderson
 Bryan Johnson

June 4

Matthew Swenson

June 5

Avah Schaeffer

June 6

Brittany Saxton
 Delanie Schroeder

June 7

Andrea Charapata

June 9

Victoria Johnson

June 10

Erwin Green
 Emma Williams

June 11

Viola Anderson

June 14

Dan Lemire

June 15

John Bowdin
 Robert Lund
 Pat Rondeau

June 18

Richard Francour

June 19

Kaitlyn Sodergren

June 20

Allyson Knopik
 Bradley Mech

June 22

Gloria Breuer
 Greg Peanosky

June 23

Rosalie Settersten



June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12noon Kiwanis 6-8pm Ecumenical Bible Study Banquet	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Paula, Administrative Assistant on vacation June 2, 3 & 4.</div>	3 7pm VBS Meeting	4 6pm Worship at Northland Village	5	6
7 9:30am Worship 1pm Fortune Lake 85 th Anniversary No service of Reflection Today.	8 10:30am Evangelism Committee meeting 7pm Sarah group will meet at Lori Despina	9 9-11:30am Sew-for- Missions 6:30pm Council Meeting	10	11 6pm Worship at Northland Village	12	13
14 9:30am Worship 5pm Service of Reflection	15 12noon Kiwanis <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pastor Keith will be on vacation June 13 – June 20</div>	16	17	18 6pm Worship at Northland Village	19	20 Noon to 4 pm Stephanie Klein Graduation Party at Zion's Social Hall
21 Father's Day 9:30am Worship 5pm Service of Reflection	22 12noon Kiwanis <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pastor Keith attending Continuing Education event June 22 – June 26</div>	23 9-11:30am Sew- for-Missions	24	25 6pm Worship at Northland Village	26	27
28 9:30am Worship 11am Youth Meeting 3pm Installation at Emmanuel Lutheran 5pm Reflection service	29 12noon Kiwanis	30				