



Zion Lutheran Church

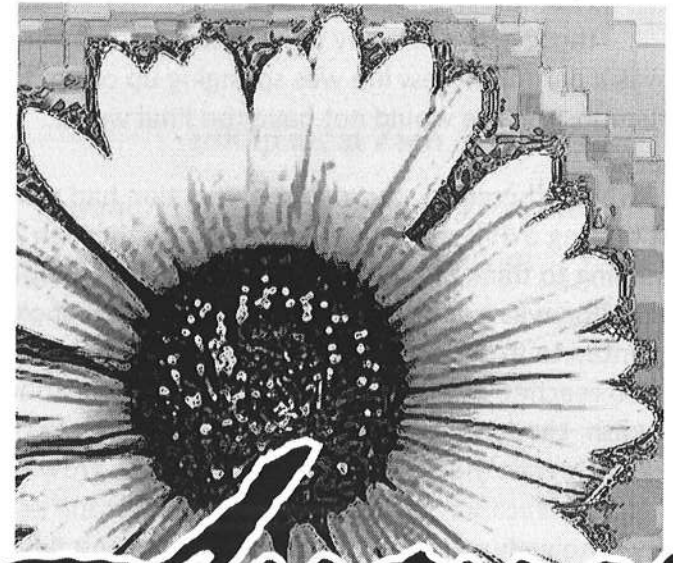
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Our Discipleship Together Out of the Ashes

**The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship**

Pray

Worship

Study

Invite

Encourage

Give

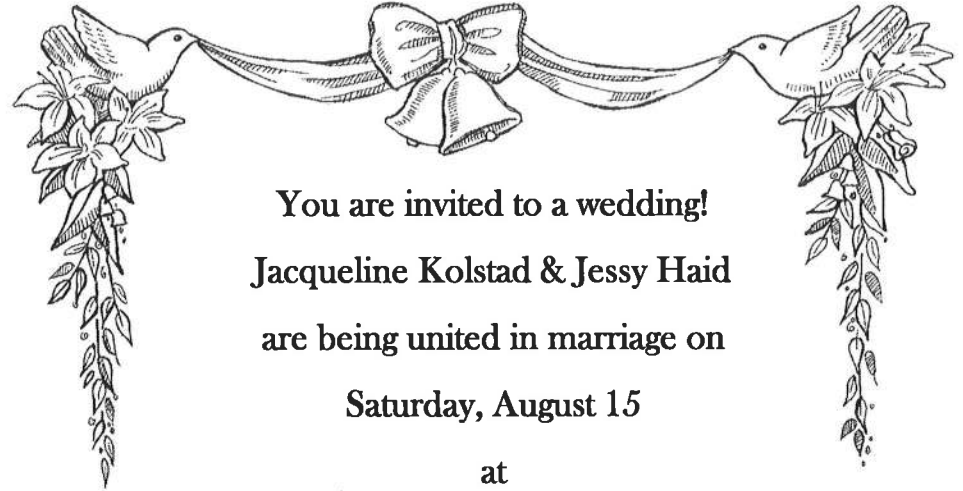
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Just four years after the Peshtigo Fire, Swedish Lutherans gathered in Menekaunee to start a new Lutheran congregation. The fire had hit Menekaunee hard. Approximately fifty buildings burned in the fire, which included a new sawmill, three stores, a flourmill, two hotels, and thirty-five homes. Hope rose out of those ashes in many different ways, and our congregation was a part of it. New life was springing up out of the loss and destruction. The fire would not have the final word.

Those who gathered to start our congregation had a vision of Christ making a difference in this community through Zion, and it is humbling to think of myriad ways that this has happened. Initially, Zion was a gathering place for those who spoke Swedish and wanted to experience worship in their mother tongue, but Zion also reached out to the community with education offered in Swedish. Lately some of the ways that Christ makes a difference is with the food we collect as well as grow for those in need locally. Vacation Bible School and our Fortune Lake Community Scholarship along with our support of DAR Boys and Girls Club are also ways Christ is making a difference today.

Throughout the years there have various "fires," both literal and figurative, and out of the ashes new life has come. God has richly blessed this community with Zion as well as those God has gathered together to make up this congregation. What an honor it is to be a part of this wonderful mission of God known as Zion Lutheran Church in Marinette, a mission that is 140 years young!

Pastor Keith



**You are invited to a wedding!
Jacqueline Kolstad & Jessy Haid
are being united in marriage on**

Saturday, August 15

at

1:00 p.m. at Zion

**All members and friends of Zion are
welcome to share in the joy of
this special day.**

**A light reception will follow in
Zion's Social Hall.**

**An invitation is posted on the bulletin
board in the entryway.**

Pastor Keith & Karen



140th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, August 23rd _____

Our Anniversary Celebration and Church Picnic is set for Sunday, August 23rd. Please join us for an outdoor worship service, great food and fantastic fellowship – fun included!

If you plan on attending our celebration please bring a dish, dessert or a pie to pass.

Mark your calendar for this special event!



The DAR Boys & Girls Club News _____

The DAR Boys & Girls Club board of directors, staff, volunteers and especially our kids – thank you for the donation of \$327.17. We are experiencing the best summer program in years! Over 100 kids per day almost every day! We have scholarships for 17 kids this summer costing the DAR over \$4,000. It is important to serve the kids who need us most. Our summer program has been awesome with lots of variety of programming. Your donation has touched the lives of many young people! Once again thank you for your generous support.

Richard Crevier, CPO DAR Boys & Girls Club



Financial News _____

The Stewardship Committee met July 13th and Pastor Keith started us out on a positive note by discussing the General Fund monies. The 2015 YTD total as of June 30th is \$98,563.50 as compared to \$82,529.65 for 2014; that is an increase of \$16,033.85! Pastor Keith told us he hasn't ever experienced this large an increase in his 30 years of ministry.

While we are so very thankful for this increase, he also explained that expenditures from the General Fund have been quite high. Several unexpected expenses, like the repair of the boiler and purchase of needed computers, have taken place. These expenditures leave the current balance of the General Fund at \$8,319, which is low given the YTD contributions. Had the congregational offerings not been what they were, Zion would have had a serious deficit.

Thank you everyone for your dedication and perseverance. We recognize this level of giving as a sign of your faith and trust that God will provide not only for each of us but for Zion as well.

Pastor Keith

Roxanne Bowdin

Karen Sylvester

Zion's Stewardship Committee



Ladies Luncheon Group

Zion Ladies Luncheon Group will meet on Thursday, August 20th at Applejacks Restaurant in Menekaunee at noon. They have lots of daily specials, great soups, fish fries every day, and broasted chicken. I am not taking reservations this time- just come and join us. Please think of someone new you can bring! Please let me know if you need a ride.

Ann Buscher
715.735.3017



Worship & Music in August

Sunday, August 2 – Special music will be by Michelle Drukrey. (She is a fellow Lutheran that played Granny in this year Kiwanis Kapers.)

Sunday, August 9 – We will have another Hymn Sing.

Sunday, August 16 – Special music by Jane Landenberger.

Sunday, August 23 – Contemporary Outdoor Worship with picnic to follow.

Sunday, August 30 – Service of Reflection held in the Social Hall.



Fortune Lake Camp

Join Fortune Lake Family Camp for one day—Tuesday, August 4! Beginning at 9:30 am, CDT, Pastor Paul Oman, known as “the painting pastor,” will bring Bible Stories to life during a unique chapel experience, then will lead a bible study session for adults. After lunch, a variety of camp activities, including pontoon rides, will be offered until 4:30 pm. Children are welcome, but must be supervised by family members. Suggested donation for adults is \$20.00. Call Mary at 906.875.3697.

Altar Flowers & Eternal Light Candles

The cost for sponsoring altar flowers is currently \$12.00, and the eternal light candles for a month is \$13.00.

Financial Statement Available

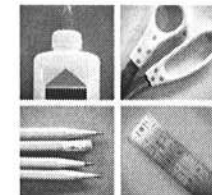
Your financial statements are available in the narthex.

Karen Houdek,
Financial Secretary

School Supplies Needed!

We are in need of any kind of school supplies for needy children in our community. Please place the school supplies you bring in the purple box furnished in the narthex. Thank you so much. There are school supplies on sale now in our local stores.

Jo Schutt, Social Ministry Committee



THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

For many of us, the word stewardship typically evokes thoughts of someone asking for money, and most probably within a congregational setting, but it is so much more than that. It really is about everything which God has granted to us, even our time. This applies not only while we're at Zion, but in our public life as well.

During our last stewardship meeting, Pastor Keith asked what it would look like if the congregation tithed or gave away 10% of their time to God's work, or even tithed their time on the Sabbath?

I started thinking how many things we as a congregation could do in God's name. There are 353 confirmed members in this congregation. There are 24 hours in the day and people usually sleep 8 or 9 hours. That leaves 15 hours to get something done, which in turn means we could tithe 1-1/2 hours per day, or 7-1/2 hours per week. That's a lot of time!

This is a new concept for most of us, and the first question I asked myself was, what exactly is God's work?

Zion has a lot of committees and groups that accomplish a lot in the course of the year. Several that quickly come to mind are Sew for Mission, Council, Evangelism, Christian Education, Harvest of Hope Community Garden and the list goes on and on. Every single committee and group at Zion needs people who are willing to dedicate some of their time to these endeavors. Quite obviously this is God's work because everything Zion does advances our "Going Where Jesus Leads" mission statement.

I then pondered doing God's work in our private lives. I've learned that through Baptism God calls us in everything that we do, including our jobs. What's unfortunate is we may seldom associate our faith with any of this. Perhaps you belong to a local service organization, volunteer your time to a philanthropic organization, work the local elections or

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serve on a governmental board or committee. Perhaps you volunteer at your child's school or on his/her baseball team. Again, the list is endless, but one thing all of these things have in common is helping to serve God and mankind. They contribute to the good of God's world, and through them, God is at work through you.

My second consideration applies to Pastor's question about tithing time on Sunday. Several months ago, I attended a class on a book written by Marva Dawn, "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly." In it she said that while attending worship on the sabbath is important, it really is about so much more. It's also about creating a whole day of ceasing from work and commitments. She says God gave us the commandment to keep the sabbath holy for our own good; that we are to rest in order to requivate ourselves for the other six days of the week. We're to take time to embrace the wonders and beauty of this life, particularly within the love of our relationships; and to feast on the many joys of life; not the least of which is having a day to simply relax and be.

This concept of tithing on the Sabbath is an especially hard one for me. I was raised to be a doer; I feel if I'm not busy I'm a worthless piece of skin. Quite obviously, I've a long way to go with tithing time on Sunday. So far I've done it only twice, and let me tell you, it was hard, but quite enjoyable!!

God entrusts us to take care of things in our jobs, at home with our families, in our community, within those ministries where we volunteer our time, and within this congregation. God gifts us to make a difference, but he also calls us to rest from all that work. We need to trust that, as the good shepherd, he will not only take care of us, but will also take care of those things he has given us to care for.

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After writing this article, I know I need to deliberate further about tithing my time, especially on Sunday. I not only need to evaluate where I spend my time but consider changing some of the things I do, or perhaps the reason I do them. I need to trust that God will take care of me and the many things I have to do, allow me to utilize my time more effectively and still manage to rest on the Sabbath. Are these things you need to contemplate as well?

Vacation Bible School Wrap-up

This year's vacation Bible school - "Let's get HOOKED on Jesus" - was a HUGE success! It was held here at Zion from July 13-16. We had 39 different children come throughout the week from several different congregations in our community! We had special guests Dan Peterson-taxidermist, and Anne Bartell- T.O.A.D. program come and present to the kids on different aspects of water life! We had several members of the Menominee High School National Honors Society as youth guides this year! Meals were provided by Peace United Church of Christ, St. James, and Zion. We ended our week on fishing by taking a field trip up to the Westshore Fishing Museum where the children had a picnic supper and got to travel back in time to explore how fishing was done many years ago. I give a great big thank you to everyone who helped donate food, supplies, and, most importantly, their time. Without the continued support from the members of Zion and our great community, we wouldn't have been able to provide such a fun filled week for our youth!

Stephanie Klein, VBS Coordinator



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

August 3

Andrew Hubbard

August 17

Joni Rudell

August 4

Richard Larson

August 18

Girard Rudell

August 6

Jackie Hamer

Janis Olsen

August 22

Gary Houdek

Stephanie Klein

August 7

Josh Hubbard

Dakota Lueskow

Kathy Lueskow

August 25

Jordan Lueskow

Tim Marzahl

August 9

William Boerner

Jacob Cording

Laura Peanosky

August 29

Barb Grom

Hared Johnson

Gail Melgary

August 10

Gage Schutt

August 30

Mackenzie Somers

August 13

Joan Nowakowski

August 31

Katy Bauer

August 15

Fay Bromund

Larry Melgary

August 16

Linda Walker



Happy
Birthday



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Acolyte – Max Albert Lector – Karen Dill
 Greeters – Don & Jo Schutt Head Usher – Don Schutt
 Communion Assistants – Karen Sylvester (Pouring),
 Sue Baxter & Jacki Renne (Distributing the Host)
 AV Team – Troy Cording, Sharon Powilaite & James Martin

Sunday, August 9, 2015

Acolyte – Matthew Swenson Lector – Johanna Zuehls
 Greeters – Joel & Rosalie Settersten
 Head Usher – Pat Rondeau
 Communion Assistant – Carole Boerner
 Coffee Time Sponsor – Edgewood Manor Staff
 AV Team – Jonah Zuehls & Cheryl Maxwell

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Acolyte – Cassie Bauer Lector – Carol Johnson
 Greeter- Jane Landenberger
 Head Usher – Michelle Larson
 Communion Assistants – Bill Tipple (Pouring),
 Karen Sylvester & Jackie Renne (Distributing the Host)
 AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Outdoor Contemporary Worship – Picnic
 Lector – Heidi Beland
 Head Usher – Available
 Communion Assistant – Sarge Rudell

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Acolyte – Jacob Cording Lector – Nora Plym
 Greeters – Available Head Usher - Available



August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	3 12 noon Kiwanis 1:30 pm Stewardship meeting	4	5	6 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	7	8
Church Secretary on vacation August 4, 5 & 6 and August 11, 12 & 13.						
9 HYMN SING 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	10 12 noon Kiwanis	11 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Council	12	13 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	14 3 pm Wedding Rehearsal	15 1 pm Jacki Kolstad & Jessy Haid Wedding
16 9:30 am Worship Pastor Rick 5 pm Service of Reflection	17 12 noon Kiwanis	18	19	20 12 noon Ladies Luncheon Apple Jacks 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	21	22 Zion's 140 th Anniversary
23 10 am Outdoor Worship & picnic Celebrate 140 th Anniversary	24 12 noon Kiwanis	25 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Endowment Committee	26	27 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	28	29
30 9:30 am Service of Reflection held in the Social Hall	31 12 noon Kiwanis					