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May
2016

A decorative graphic featuring the word "May" in a large, elegant cursive font. The letter "M" has a small bird perched on its left side. The letter "y" has three birds perched on its right side. Below "May" is the year "2016" in a similar cursive font. The number "6" has a bird perched on its right side.

Council Meetings Summary _____

The Council met on April 12, 2016 at 6:30.

Pastor's Report

March Attendance: '16-147 '15-97 '14-107, '13-127, '12-117, '11-115

Easter Sunday attendance which was in March this year was 196, that was the reason for the big jump in average attendance.

Maundy Thursday: '16-81, 15-73, 14-91, '13-129, '12-98, '11-120

Good Friday: '16-48, 15-55, '14-60, '13-52, '12-72, '11-55

Financial Reports:

- General Fund balance increased \$2,957 from \$7,368 to \$10,326.
- NOTE: World Hunger donations of \$3,201.75 have not been remitted to Synod; the uncommitted fund balance is \$7,044
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance remained at \$1,089.
- Capital Improvement Fund: \$51,656
- The Intern Fund Balance remained at \$742.
- The Garden Grant Fund balance is \$418.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$1,039.

Committee Reports:

Property

- The Property Committee met with Scott Williams, from J&T Electric on finalizing the lighting project. The committee is asking the Council to approve about \$2,500 more than the \$18,000 already approved (lighting and sink in vestry) to improve all of the lighting at the church. Again, J & T is willing to work with volunteers from the church to keep the cost as low as possible.

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Youth Ministry:

- The Third Annual Penny Carnival will be held on April 13th from 5:30-8:00.

Stewardship and Generosity:

- This year's Stewardship Drive is based on The Seven Marks of Discipleship.
- The Committee is looking for volunteers to speak on how one of the Seven Marks speaks to them.
- The Committee is reviewing and updating the time and talent sheets

Old Business

- Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University
- This event will start on Thursday April 28th at 6:30 pm. It will run for nine weeks. John Radloff will be facilitating these classes. The registration fee is \$99.
- The Zion Council will be working on parameters for offering scholarships for this class if offered again.
- Seven full scholarships to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp were given out. In addition, nine scholarships to kids who attend Zion were awarded. Karen Sylvester will be contacting the recipients to let them know. Amended Lighting Proposal
- The Council approved an additional \$2,500 for the lighting project. \$18,000 was approved in January for the lighting project and sink in the vestry. The additional \$2,500 will complete the lighting project.

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New Business

- The results of the Funeral Survey have determined that this is a ministry that Zion would like to keep going. This survey also generated a list of people willing to help out with this important ministry.
- The Council approved by consensus that all the loose offerings during the five Sundays in May and three Sundays in June will be donated to Zion's Relay for Life team.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Recording Secretary

NEWCAP Donations _____

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The Stewardship Corner _____

I am extremely enthused about the contents of this article and the four that will follow it in the coming months. In March, I read a book entitled, "Enough - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity" by Adam Hamilton. I totally enjoyed reading it, and felt it was very thought provoking. I will present brief pieces of a chapter each month. I hope you will find it interesting and challenging as well - enough perhaps to purchase the book (www.amazon.com) and read it cover to cover!

In Chapter 1, "When Dreams Become Nightmares", Hamilton shares the following:

For most people, the American Dream has to do with a subconscious desire for achieving success and satisfying the desire for material possessions. We tend to measure our success by the stuff we possess. Consuming, acquiring, buying - this is what the American Dream has come to mean.

How did the "American Dream" become a nightmare? To a great extent, it is due to two distinct yet related illnesses that impact us both socially and spiritually.

The first illness is call *affluenza*, which is the constant need for more and bigger and better stuff - as well as the effect that this need has on us. At every turn we're told we need and deserve more. An entire market has developed for storing the stuff we're enticed to buy - often with money we do not actually have.

This brings us to the second disease that goes along with *affluenza*: *credit-itis*. Credit-itis is the opportunity for us to buy now and pay later. It feeds on our desire for instant gratification. Kids today don't know what layaway is. Today, credit cards have replaced layaway, and more and more Americans are going deeper and deeper in debt in order to have what they want now and pay for it later.

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The Stewardship Corner _____

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Another problem related to the illness of credit-itis is the issue of declining savings. We have become a credit-crazed society. Even those of us who are not in debt up to our ears know that most Americans spend money with very little self-discipline. We look at our W-2 at the end of the year and wonder, "Where did it all go?"

Three of the seven deadly sins relate directly to the problem we have with money and possessions. First we are afflicted by *envy* or covetousness. We want what others have, and we will do whatever we can to get it -whether that means taking it or buying it for ourselves. Second, we are afflicted by *greed* or avarice. We have an intense desire for more and don't want to share what we have. And third, we are afflicted with *gluttony*. We keep consuming, even when we are full and our needs are met - and we finally make ourselves sick.

Here's what the devil knows: If he can get you in debt, he can make you a slave. If he can convince you to spend all you have, you'll never offer your tithes to God, never help the poor as you could have, and never use what you do have to accomplish God's purposes. If he can tempt you to become a slave to creditors, you will not know simplicity, generosity, or joy. He will have neutralized your effectiveness for the Kingdom and choked the gospel out of your life.

What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? (Mark 3:36)

So, what is the answer? We need a changed heart, which results in changed desires and a changed sense of our life purpose. This is something God specializes in!

Although I accepted Christ and received a changed heart years ago, I find that, in a sense, I need a heart change every morning. So each morning I get down on my knees and say, "Lord, help me to be the person you want me to be today. Take away the desires that shouldn't be there, and help me be single-minded in my focus and my pursuit of you."

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As we allow Christ to work in us, seeking first his kingdom and striving to do his will, we begin to sense a higher calling- a calling to simplicity and faithfulness and generosity. We begin to look at ways we can make a difference with our time and talents and resources. If God calls us to go or to do or to give, we can because we are free.

I am suggesting that, with the help of God, we aim to simplify our lives and silence the voices constantly telling us we need more.

That's it for the first chapter. Next month, I'll present Chapter 2 - Wisdom and Finance.

In God's grace, peace, and love,

Karen Sylvester

JOLLY TIMES

Jolly Times game day is winding down. We'll adjourn for the summer to play outdoors. Only two days left to play in May -- Wednesday May 4 and May 18 from 1-3 p.m. In April we played Mexican Train Dominoes and Hand & Foot (cards). We need one more person to play some Sheepshead. This playtime is open to the public. Bring a friend, or come alone and make a friend! Mark your calendar for the Jolly Times start-up in the fall -- September 7th. **Happy summer!**

Sharon Powilaites 715-735-5577

Marinette-Menominee County Chapter

Activity: Thrivent Financial Ice Cream Social: Day of Action
Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Place: Abundant Life Mission
 1406 10th Ave. Menominee, MI 49858
Contact: Alan Dewitt 920-430-0104 alan.dewitt@thrivent.com
 J.Jacobson 715-801-0081 jason.jacobson@thrivent.com

This will be the final event hosted by our Marinette-Menominee Chapter. Event is open to the public & guided tours of the facility will be provided. To be part of the action, please bring kid's books, clothing and hygiene products, or non-perishable food to support Abundant Life Mission.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp News _____

Lori Despina and I headed up to FLLC on April 17th to attend the Annual Meeting. It was a great day and we learned a lot about what is happening at the camp.

While we were there we saw the four tree-houses up in Vagaland. I snapped a couple pictures; one of them is included as part of this article. They are so cool. I'd love to be a kid and get to stay in them! They aren't finished yet but are well underway. As a matter of fact, we were told that volunteers with carpentry skills are invited to help Chris finish the tree houses. The roofs need to be shingled and bunk beds need to be built. You can come almost anytime, but are asked to call ahead to 906.214.2267. How cool would it be to have a hand in building these fantastic structures?

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Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp News _____

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On Wednesday, May 11th there will be a Spring Cleaning Bee at camp. If you're interested you can arrive for one or more of these time slots: morning (9:00 – noon), afternoon (1:00 – 4:00), or early evening (5:00 – 8:00). You'll be able to do a variety of indoor cleaning projects or outside grounds work. It's such a great way to use the skills and abilities that God has given to you. If a few want to go car-pooling would be great.

The camp will have an Adventure Race on August 6th! There will be a 4-hour event and a 12-hour event with racers tested by river tubing, trekking, orienteering, ropes and much more. For those of you in the congregation who like a challenge, and you know who you are, this will be your day. I'll have a lot more information on this event next month. Watch for it.

In God's love and grace,
 Karen Sylvester
 Zion's FLAME



FLLC 2016 Scholarship and Camping News

While at camp on April 17th, Pastor Tracy told us that there were 398 campers scheduled to attend camp this summer. That's well ahead of the 266 campers that were registered this same time last year. They hope registrations continue to come in even though the date for the early registration discount has come and gone.

This year, Zion has a large number of kids attending camp. Those kids receiving full scholarships through our Community Camper Fund are: Caitlin Kielcheski, Hailey Miller, Maia and Ella Pecard, Alexis and Gabriel Roth and Anna Pitts.

The Zion kids attending camp are: Carly and Cassie Bauer, Travis and Sydney Lund, Bethany Wolf, Gage Schutt, Jaclynn Knopik, and Henry and Jonah Zuehls. These kids are eligible for Zion campership scholarships of either 50% if this is their first FLLC camping experience, or 25% if they are returning FLLC campers.

Personally, I can't wait to hear the stories the kids will have when they return from camp. I hope to have a couple of them share their experience with you. I know my two granddaughters loved going there.

Thank you to all of you who have provided financial support to these two very worthy funds. It's because of you, and your financial support, that we are able to offer this wonderfully exciting and spiritually enriching experience to 16 youth.

In God's peace and love,
Karen Sylvester
Zion's FLAME

Sew-for-Missions Group News

Sew-for-Mission, one of Zion's longtime Mission programs is sponsoring the Coffee Hour on May 22nd, following the worship service. At that time the ladies would like to display some of the quilts which have been made for Lutheran World Relief.

In October 2015, 66 quilts were shipped on the Lutheran World Relief Boxcar, and now some of this year's quilts are ready to start being boxed for shipment. Hopefully the number of quilts for 2016 will show an increase, as more people have joined in on this project.

On May 22nd, quilts will be displayed in the Sanctuary as well as during the Coffee Fellowship. Mark your calendar!

Sew-for-Mission Group

LWR Quilts – makes the world smaller!

Goodlove, age 30, lives with his parents and a niece on their farm on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He was paralyzed from the waist down in a fall from an avocado tree when he was 12. He is now confined to his bed in a small homemade of mud bricks and a corrugated roof.

Goodlove's family received their Quilts during Tanzania's rainy season, which was especially helpful to him. Being confined to his bed, Goodlove vulnerable to the cold and wet weather. The added layer of warmth from an LWR Mission Quilt helps to protect him from life-threatening illness.

Goodlove's parents commented that they had never received something so beautiful and generous for the benefit of their son in all the years since his accident. They were deeply grateful.

News from your Financial Secretary _____

Even though the New Year has started you can still choose online giving – it's never too late! As we head into Spring and Summer it would take a lot off your mind to know that your offering is getting deposited to Zion through automatic deduction.

On Zion's web page at www.zionlutheran-marinette.org click the "DONATE" button on the right side of the page and go from there. (Or you can contact me and I will take care of it for you. All you have to do is sign a paper and give me a voided check.) It takes only minutes to sign up. You may make a one-time donation, set it up for weekly, monthly, quarterly or bi-weekly donations. Just think of the freedom you will have by not getting out your checkbook every time you want to give a donation. You will save on checks and your time. Who doesn't like a worry free Sunday morning?

If you feel like you must put in an envelope in the collection plate, we are taking care of that by having "I Give Electronically" cards. There will be a basket in the lobby area for these cards soon.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at www.zionfinsec@newbc.rr.com or call me at 715-735-7180 and leave a message if I don't answer. Have a wonderful Spring and Summer!!!

Your Financial Secretary
Karen Houdek

Get your walking shoes on and join the Relay for Life Team! _____

Zion Lutheran Church will be having a team at the Marinette Area Cancer Relay for Life. The walk will be held on Friday, June 24 at Higley Field. We are looking for walkers from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Buscher or Karen Houdek if you would like to be on the team. Karen Dill is in charge of organizing the Relay for Life walkers. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for when you want to walk. You can purchase Luminary bags in honor or memory of someone for \$10 at church that our Special Needs Adults have decorated or just a plain one that you can decorate. Last year, we sold over 50 bags. All the loose change from the offering plate in the month of May and the first three weeks in June will go to our team. Each walker is also asked to try to individually raise \$100.00. Our goal this year for the church is \$1500!

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Zion's Mission Endowment Fund _____

Zion's Mission Endowment fund was formed in 2015 after a large gift was given to our congregation. The Endowment fund is a fund in which the principal is permanently preserved and the income (interest/dividends) are used to support specific purposes. The Mission Endowment Committee will distribute these earnings on an annual basis. The Committee is currently accepting applications – the deadline is June 1st. Distributions will be made after approval by the Congregation Council at their August meeting. Application forms are available on the kiosk in the narthex or from Zion's office. Non-members applying for the grants must be sponsored by a member of this congregation. Do you know of an organization, special ministry in our congregation, or special cause that could use some extra funds? Here are the guidelines:

- **10% to 35%** for outreach into the community and synod, including, but not limited to, grants to ELCA seminaries, colleges or students attending such institutions, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this Congregation relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in our parish area who are in spiritual and/or economic need.
- **10% to 35%** for missions of the ELCA, nationally and worldwide, including, but not limited to, grants to the ELCA for new congregation development, professional leadership, educational ministries, global mission, ecumenism, evangelism, social ministries, disaster response and capital financing.

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- **Up to 35%** for capital improvements, debt reduction for a building program, or for the development of any special ministry of the Congregation.
- **Up to 25%** for any one or all of the above designated areas in any proportion as determined by the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, or for causes and programs which, at the discretion of the Committee, are deemed consistent with the purpose of the Fund in enhancing the missional outreach of the Congregation.

The committee will review the applications and distributions will usually be made following the August meeting of the congregation council. If you have any questions please contact Ann Buscher, Karen Kolstad or John Radloff.

Graduation Sunday _____

The members of Zion want to honor the High School Graduates on Sunday, May 15th during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. A reception/coffee time will follow the service.

Wednesday Night Worship & SPARK _____

The Wednesday evening worship services and SPARK will be concluding on Wednesday, May 11th, and will resume again in the fall. Also the SPARK kids will be singing at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on May 1st.

Zion's Harvest of Hope Garden _____

Yay! Gardening season is beginning! If you are interested in working in Zion's Harvest of Hope Garden this year come to our 2016 "germination" meeting on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We'll work out a rough planting plan schedule and see what projects to tackle this year.



NEWCAP Thank You _____

NEWCAP thanks everyone for their donation of hygiene products for their recent hygiene drive. Thanks for all your help in making it a great success.

NEWCAP Staff

Volunteers during the month of May 2016

Sunday, May 1

Acolyte—Max Albert Lector—Pastor George Olson
 Greeters—George & Wendy Ihler
 Head Usher—Karen Sylvester
 Communion Assistants—Nora Plym (Pouring),
 Distributing Host (two needed)
 AV Team—Troy Cording and Sarge Rudell

Volunteers during the month of May 2016

Sunday, May 8

Acolyte—Tyler Lund Lector—Carole Boerner
 Greeters—Carole Boerner & Jacki Renne
 Head Usher—Needed
 Communion Assistant—Carole Boerner
 AV Team—Sharon Powiliates & Jonah Zuehls

Sunday, May 15

Acolyte—Jacob Cording Lector—Karen Sylvester
 Greeters—Oliver & Shirley Swenson
 Head Usher—Needed
 Communion Assistants—Pat Rondeau (Pouring),
 Sue Baxter & Karen Dill (Distributing the Host)
 Coffee Time—Choir Members
 AV Team—Troy Cording & Gage Schutt

Sunday, May 22

Acolyte—Gage Schutt Lector—Johanna Zuehls
 Greeter—Jane Landenberger Head Usher—Pat Rondeau
 Communion Assistant—Sharon Powilaite
 Coffee Time Sponsors—Sew-for-Missions Group
 AV Team—Troy Cording & Gage Schutt

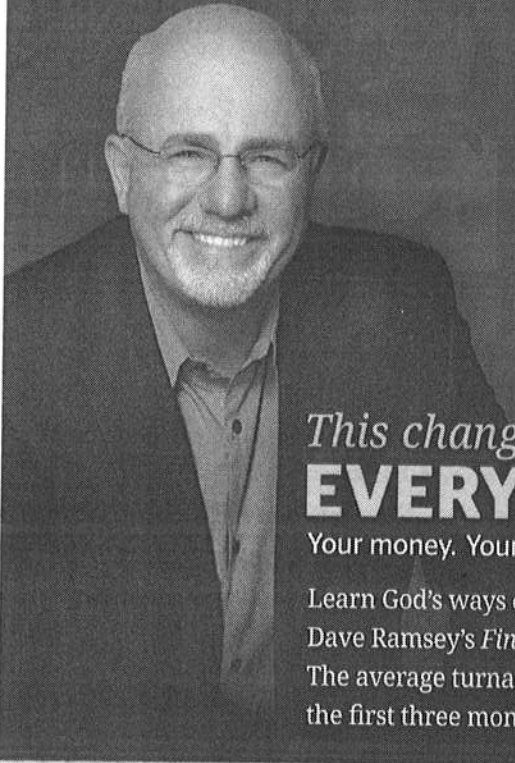
Sunday, May 29

Acolyte—Carly Bauer Lector—Heidi Beland
 Greeters—Kenny & Nancy Sallee
 Head Usher—Needed
 Communion Assistant—Needed
 AV Team—Jonah Zuehls & Kathy Heimbuch

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Where : Zion Lutheran Church
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When: Thursdays 6:30 –8:00 p.m.

(For 9 weeks, beginning on April 28, 2016)

To register or for more information contact:

Karen Sylvester 715.732.4206

John Radloff 715.732.0161

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2016

May 3

Shirley Lebick

May 5

Debra Strohl

May 6

Jacob Buenning
Spencer Martin

May 11

Lisa Knopik
Dennis Mullen
Aaron Trusty

May 12

Ron Klein

May 15

Macy Bodam
Sam Gressel

May 16

Ella Travis
Chris Weinrich

May 20

Millie Camp

May 22

James Martin

May 23

Mackenzie Andrist
Charlotte Bauer

May 24

Robert Cook
Skyler Emler

May 25

Aiden Bailey
Hannah Pecard
Kelly Pecard
Terry Potter

May 27

Irene Anderson
Michael Jagielski
Addison Minzlaff

May 28

Margaret Williams



Happy
Birthday

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Worship SPARK kids will be singing	2 7pm Zion's Harvest Garden of Hope 6-8pm Adult Ecumenical Bible class	3 10:30 am Bible Class at St. James Lutheran 6:30 pm Endowment Fund Committee	4 1-3 pm Jolly Times 5:30 pm Worship 6:00 pm SPARK 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Financial Peace University Course	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Worship Mother's Day	9 10 am Stewardship Committee at the home of Karen Sylvester 6 pm Cub Scout Parent meeting	10 9am-11:30am Sew-for-Missions 10:30 am Bible Class (Last one for summer) 6:30 pm Council	11 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm SPARK (Last one until Fall) 7:15 pm Choir	12 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Financial Peace University Course	13 May 13 – 14 Synod Assembly in Marquette, MI Meeting.	14
15 Graduation Sunday 9:30 am Worship	16 6-8 pm Adult's with special needs Spring Potluck at Zion	17	18 1 – 3 pm Jolly Times	19 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Financial Peace University Course	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship Sew-for-Missions Quilt Display 6 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	23 Deadline for the May newsletter articles!	24 9 am – 11:30 am Sew-for-Missions	25	26 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6:30 pm Financial Peace University Course	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship	30 Memorial Day	31 June newsletter will be available				