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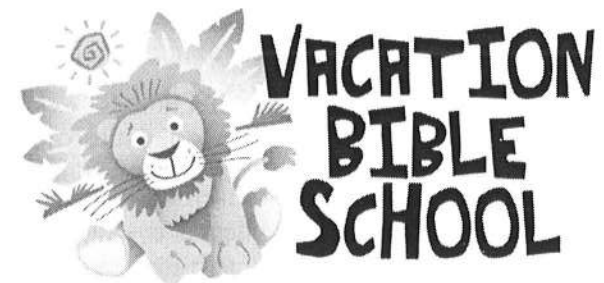
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**Vacation Bible School at Zion
Under the Big Top:
Facing Fears, Trusting God**

August 8th—August 11th
Look for the details inside!



☞Pray

☞Worship

☞Study

☞Invite

☞Encourage

☞Give

Our Discipleship Together

I'm Back

It is weird coming back after a sabbatical. After my first sabbatical, when I was in Tanzania for three months, I remember second-guessing myself as to which cupboard the cereal bowls were kept in my house. There were other odd experiences like that as well. This time I stayed home, so I had no trouble locating cereal bowls, but getting back into the weekly rhythm did have a few hiccups, particularly when it came to my Sunday morning routine.

This is part of the reason you send me on a sabbatical. It causes both of us, you as a congregation and me as your pastor, to examine our routines and our rhythm, asking ourselves if there are better routines or if there needs to be a different rhythm. The absence from one another gives us the opportunity to confirm some older priorities and, possibly, to set new priorities. I've been back just four weeks now, and was gone to Fortune Lake during one of them, so I feel we are still well in the renegotiation process.

This leads me to a thought regarding Sabbath time, and why our heavenly Father thought that this time was so important that we needed a commandment regarding it. One of the purposes of Sabbath it to get us out of our routines and rhythms in order to examine them, and to redirect them as necessary. It a chance to step back and take a breath with the purpose of reflecting on where we've been and where we are going. God, of course, has a few thoughts about those directions and purposes, and taking Sabbath time each week grants us the opportunity to be quiet long enough to hear this holy guidance.

I am so very, very grateful that you gave me time for a sabbatical. Thank you! My spirit needed it, and you needed it too. I pray that our Father now use our sabbatical experience to renew our mission together in this community.

With you in Christ, *Pastor Keith*

The Stewardship Corner

Over four months I've been presenting a synopsis of a book entitled, "Enough - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity" by Adam Hamilton. This really small book is packed full of interesting insights into how we as Christians could find contentment in our lives. I would urge you to go to www.amazon.com and purchase this book. I found it a very meaningful read. This month we'll be looking at generosity. Let's begin.

"Tell me about your loved one. What were his/her defining characteristic? What would your loved one have wanted to be remembered for?"

Someday, someone will sit with our family or friends and ask those same questions. What will the answer be? One of the defining characteristics I hope you and I will be remembered for is generosity.

When God created humankind, God designed us to be generous. Yet there are two "voices" that war against our God-given impulse toward generosity, tempting us to keep or hoard what we have. The first voice is fear, which tells us, *If you give, there may not be enough left over for you.* The second voice is the voice of self-gratification, which tells us, *If you give, you won't have enough money to buy the stuff you need to make you happy.*

So, how do we defeat the voices of fear and self-gratification? In a sense, they are defeated the moment we put our faith in Jesus Christ. When we give our lives to Christ, invite him to be Lord, and allow the Holy Spirit to begin changing us from the inside out, we find that our fears begin to dissipate and our aim in life shifts from seeking personal pleasure to pleasing God and caring for others.

And the more we grow in Christ, the more generous we become, because generosity is a fruit of spiritual growth. Our giving – both to God and to others – is actually a measure of spiritual growth, because giving requires that we trust God to supply our needs.

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As the Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives, we begin to think less about ourselves and more about others. We begin to see the needs of others and wonder, *If I don't do something, who will?*

These spiritual realizations bring us to a central theological foundation for generosity: *Life is a gift, and everything belongs to God.* Even your capacity to acquire wealth is a gift from God. You didn't bring any of it with you when you came into this world, and you won't take any of it with you when you leave. We are stewards of the blessing of God, and our goal is to determine what God wants us to do with the resources we have at our disposal.

As Christians who live under the new covenant, we know that we are not bound by the law of Moses (to bring one-tenth of our first fruits to God). Rather, we look to it as a guide. What, then, does God expect of us today regarding the tithe?

Tithing can be a challenging idea for many of us. It can be a stretch, especially for those who are wrestling with the voices of fear and self-gratification. Pastor Slagle of Veritas Church in Georgia uses apples to illustrate this point. Imagine God has given us ten apples, which represent our wealth or income. God tells us that nine of the apples are ours to enjoy. We are to use some to care of ourselves and our families, some to save for retirement, and some to give away to others. But the tenth apple is holy to God. Giving this apple to God first, before we consume the other nine, is a way for us to express praise, love, obedience, faithfulness, worship, and devotion to God. But for many of us nine apples are not enough. We decide the Lord will not mind if we take just a little bit of his apple. Things happen and pretty soon all that is left is the core. So we give the core to God and say, "Here's your portion, Lord." God receives not our first fruits or our best gifts, but our leftovers.

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I wonder if God must think, *You would really bless me if you recognized that this apple is mine and gave it to me freely – not because someone made you feel guilty, but just because you love me.* You know, a strange thing happens when we give the first apple to God. We are not tempted to eat it, because it's not there! And with God's help, we somehow find a way to make the other nine apples meet our needs.

I realize it is challenging to tithe. It simply might not be possible for you to begin giving 10 percent to God right away. But I encourage you to take a step in that direction. Perhaps you can give 2 percent or 5 percent or 7 percent. God understand where you are, and God will help you make the adjustments necessary for you to become more and more generous.

When we are not generous in giving of what we have, we have not only a financial problem but also a spiritual problem. When we give generously, we become more generous. Generosity changes us, filling us with joy and filling our lives with blessings. When we are generous with what we have, we find that unexpected blessings flow back into our lives, catching us by surprise.

Many Christian have it wrong. They say that if you give, then God will give more back to you. But that is not how it works. We do not give to God so that we can get something in return. But when we give to God and to others, the blessings seem to come back to us. Of course, there is not guarantee that if you tithe you will never lose your job or never have other bad thing happen to you. Nevertheless, when we give generously, the unmistakable blessings of God flow into our lives.

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Let us take God at his word. As we choose to live for others and to give generously of what God has given us, we will both bless others and experience the abundant blessings that come from living for God.

Next month will be the final article in the series. It is about something that is prevalent in so many of our lives – fear and overcoming it.

In God's grace, love, and peace,

Karen Sylvester

Question of the Day _____

The Question of the Day helps prepare you for next Sunday's focus text. You will find these questions in the announcement page of Sunday's bulletin. They are also posted on Zion's website each day offering you an opportunity for discussion. (Just click in the title of the post and you will be taken to the discussion window.) Try it out for a week and see how Jesus will use your time of pondering upon God's word to deepen your faith.

Relay for Life News _____

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Midwest Division staff and volunteers of the American Cancer Society, I sincerely thank you for your recent contribution. We truly appreciate your gift of \$557.42 through loose offerings to Relay For Life.

Countless Americans who have never had cancer—and 11 million who have—are celebrating a birthday this year thanks to our focus on saving lives. We're helping you to stay well by taking steps to prevent cancer or detect it at its earliest, most treatable stage. We're helping you get well by being in your corner around the clock to guide you through every step of your cancer experience. We're finding cures by funding groundbreaking research that helps us understand cancer's causes, determine how best to prevent it, and discover new ways to cure it. And we're fighting back with a grass roots force of citizen-soldiers working with lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and rallying communities world wide to join the fight.

To learn how we're saving lives from cancer, how you can get involved, or how we can help you, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org anytime, day or night. Thank you again for your generosity.

David J. Benson, Executive Vice President

LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund _____

When you make LWR Quilts and Kits, you join countless others across the country who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry.

You can donate to the LWR's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund to ensure that LWR can continue working with partners around the world to deliver your gifts. Visit lwr.org/shippingfund.

News from the Past

My Grandma Olga and grandfather Victor Lundgren were members of Zion. My mother and her brothers were all baptized and confirmed at Zion. Though I was raised Presbyterian I always tell people I came back to my roots when I joined Zion. I have been working on genealogy this summer and came across this article. I have condensed it for the newsletter but I thought it would be fun to share. I would love to print other stories about our church long ago so call me if you have a story or article to share. Sadly, I never met my grandmother Olga. From reading about her she was a force in the political world, civic duty and her church. I feel this article is a testament to what our church is all about – FAMILY. I cannot believe what they did as a congregation for my grandparents. I love the fact that my first piano teacher was the organist. Ann Buscher

June 3rd 1929

Friends Honor the Victor Lundgren's Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lundgren Merryman Street returned home early Saturday evening from visiting their son Victor Jr. Immediately following their arrival they were invited by friends to the Zion Lutheran church in this city of which they are zealous members where a large group of friends had gathered to assist them in celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The happy couple entered the church to the strains of Lohengrins wedding march played by Magnhild Olson; organist accompanied by their young daughter Martha and twin sons Carl and Kent.

Just preceding the bride and groom of 25 years were the two little flowers girls the Misses Mavis and Helen Jean McClure young daughters of Mrs. J McClure Shore Drive. The flower girls were followed closely by Mrs. C. D. Oberg of Marquette Michigan who had acted as Mrs. Lundgren's bridesmaid during her wedding 25 years ago. Mrs. Oberg accompanied by her husband and two sons Herbert and Warren arrived in the city by car Saturday afternoon by special request by members of the congregation unknown to the Lundgren family to take part in the celebration.

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The Rev. V. I. Vestling pastor of the church welcomed the guests in a cordial manner and presided during the splendid program presented during the evening.

The Rev. L. J. Sodergren pastor of the Bethel Lutheran Church Menominee, his subject being "The Bride", gave a brief talk. Superintendent C. E. Hulten who since his arrival in Marinette five years ago has been very closely associated with Mr. Lundgren, President of the School Board talked on "The Groom" while the Rev. L. C. Smith pastor of the Pioneer Presbyterian church in this city spoke on the subject of Marriage. (his church was right across the street from their home.) The short discourses were very interesting and well given, the Rev. Mr. Sodergren speaking in all praise of the splendid and admirable character of Mrs. Lundgren whom he termed as a wonderful mother, a devoted wife and an asset in all respects to the community in which she lives and of which many of her efforts are expended, in civic problems. To Victor Lundgren Superintendent Hulten paid a high tribute as a citizen and friend speaking of his excellent qualities and disposition. A number of humorous incidents were mingled in the clever themes of "The Bride and Groom." The Rev. L.C. Smith in his subject marriage confined his brief talk to the solemn and sacred side of the sacrament of marriage.

Congratulations and hearty wishes were extended by each speaker in closing also by the Rev. Mr. Vesting at the close of his interesting talk on "Home" on behalf of the crowd present.

Other features of the enjoyable program were as follows: Song by Congregation - "Blessed be the tie that Binds" Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Vesting, Piano solo by Lenore Benson, Vocal Solo by Walter Nelson, Vocal Solo by Clyde Russell, reading "Silver Wedding" by Edna Gilbert, and Song by Congregation "Praise the Lord". At the close of the program and after the Rev. Vesting had extended the

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Benediction on the Bride and Groom of 25 years the pastor made a presentation of a handsome gift of silver, consisting of a silver console flower bowl and candle sticks, also a generous purse of silver, on behalf of the admiring friends who had gathered to help them celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Mrs. Lundgren wore a lovely corsage of roses and sweet peas presented to her by friends when she arrived home. The church was beautifully arranged with a profusion of lilacs of orchid shade. A cordial invitation was extended by the Rev. Vestling following the program for all present to partake of the delicious refreshments, which were served by the ladies of the congregation in the parish hall.

The bride and groom's table was elegantly appointed with early summer flowers and tall-lighted tapers carried out in an effective color scheme of pink and white. An arch was constructed over the table and arranged with 25 illuminated candles designating the number of years the honor guests had been married. A huge white bell suspended from the center of the arch also added greatly to the effective decorative scheme. Tall-lighted tapers of pink in cut glass candleholders and vases of lilies of the valley were used in the attractive decorative scheme. The remaining guests were served buffet style from the dining hall, the table from which this service was given being decorated in a color scheme of lavender illumined tapers of orchid also being used.

Mrs. Lundgren was formerly president of the Ladies aid of the Zion Lutheran church for 5 years later holding the office as treasure of the conference work of the church for nine years.

Ann Buscher



August 6th, 2016 Adventure Race

Supporting the ministry of Fortune
Lake Lutheran Camp

Are you ready for the CHALLENGE?

Get your team of 2, 3 or 4 together to trek, bike, paddle (canoes provided), and search for markers, all while navigating with a map and compass through the pristine forests of the upper peninsula of Michigan. Teams must stay together and complete the course as a single unit. The course, undisclosed to competitors until the start of the race, is a journey into the unknown. Teams only know what disciplines they need to be proficient in, and what equipment they need to complete the course, the rest they discover along the way!

Two Race Options are available:

- 3-4 Hour Race

The course designed for competitors of all experience levels will be fun for beginners and experienced racers alike. 1 pm start time. \$85 per person. teams of 2,3, or 4. Registration includes t-shirt and post race dinner.

-12 Hour Race

This course is designed for those who are ready for a little more challenge. 5 am start time. \$110 per person. Teams of 2, 3, or 4. Registration includes t-shirt & post race dinner.

Race begins and ends at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.
Housing & additional meals available at camp.

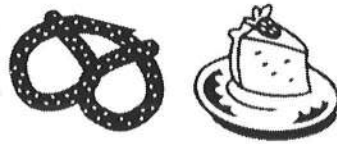
www.adventureracing.net



Waterfront Festival



Stop by and visit the Zion's youth booth at Waterfront Festival in Menominee starting August 4 – August 7. Once again, as a fund raiser, our youth will be selling their delicious cheesecake on a stick and soft pretzels.



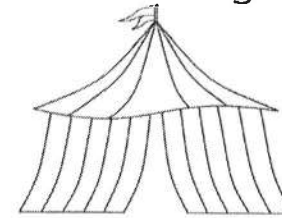
Help Local Foster Kids

There are over 400,000 children in the U.S. foster care system, many of which have entered the system with little to no possessions. But it doesn't have to be that way. Mattress Firm has joined forces with local foster care non-profit partners and our communities in an effort to help foster kids.

With your help, we can provide foster children with the little things that often make a big difference — school supplies, sports shoes and properly fitting clothes. Pick up a few extra supplies this month and drop them off at the Marinette Mattress Firm / 2910 Roosevelt Rd (in front of Walmart). They are collecting the usual back-to-school supplies such as notebooks, binders, pencils, backpacks etc. You can read more at <http://www.mattressfirm.com/community-foster-kids.html>

For 30 years, Mattress Firm stores have been committed to serving their communities and they have a long history of giving back. Although the School Supply Drive runs from July 11 – August 4; you can help a foster child anytime with any type of donation. You can call the store for more details at 715-732-2156.

Under the Big Top:



Facing Fears, Trusting God

Invite a friend and join us this summer!

We will **listen** to related stories, **make** crafts, **play** fun games, **sing** songs and we will close our VBS with a **carnival** at Zion.

Dates: **August 8—11th**

Time: **6 p.m.—8 p.m.**

*At 5:30 p.m. each evening pizza and lemonade will be provided.

Monday—Daniel in the Lion's Den—the lion tamer

Tuesday—David and Goliath—the giant

Wednesday—Sampson—the strong man

Thursday—Carnival and Bounce houses at Zion

* Children ages 3 through completed 5th grade are invited to attend.

Please bring back to school supplies to be donated to the Salvation Army's Back to School Program

VBS will be held at Zion Lutheran Church,
2714 James St, Marinette
In participation with St. James Lutheran

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2016

Sunday, August 7, 2016 LBW Full Communion

Organist – Ann Buscher

Acolyte – Nick Kehoe

Lector – Karen Dill

Greeters – Sharon & John Powilaites

Head Usher – Kenny & Nancy Sallee

Communion Assistants – Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Sue Baxter & Karen Dill
(Distributing the Host)

Sunday, August 14, 2016 LBW Intinction

Organist – Ann Buscher

Acolyte – Delanie Schroeder

Lector – Julie Williams

Greeters – Belinda & Dan Lemire

Head Ushers – Kenny & Nancy Sallee

Communion Assistant – Roxy Bowdin

AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Sharon Powilaites

Sunday, August 21, 2016 – Contemporary Outdoor Worship

Lector - Kathy Heimbuch

Greeters – George & Nila Krenos

Head Usher – Michelle Larson

Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne

Sunday, August 28, 2016 NFC Organist – Ann Buscher

Acolyte – James Martin

Lector – Heidi Beland

Greeters – Kenny & Nancy Sallee

Head Usher – Available

Communion Assistant – Ellice DeBenedetto

AV Team – Jonah Zuehls & Troy Cording

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2016

August 3

Andy Hubbard

August 4

Richard Larson

August 6

Jackie Hamer

Janis Olsen

August 7

Josh Hubbard

Dakota Lueskow

Kathy Lueskow

August 9

Bill Boerner

Jacob Cording

Laura Peanosky

August 10

Gage Schutt

August 11

Sam Pecard

August 13

Joan Nowakowski

August 15

Fay Bromund

Larry Melgary

August 16

Linda Walker

August 17

Joni Rudell

August 18

Girard Rudell

August 22

Gary Houdek

Stephanie Klein

August 25

Jordan Lueskow

Tim Marazhl

August 29

Barb Grom

Jared Johnson

Gail Melgary

August 30

MacKenzie Somers



August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	5 August 4 – 7 is Waterfront Festival Zion Youth will be sponsoring a booth.	6
		Paula, the Administrative Assistant will be on vacation August 2, 3 & 4.				
7 9:30 am Worship	8 6-8 pm Vacation Bible School at Zion ELCA Church-wide Assembly Aug.8-13	9 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions Group 6-8 pm VBS	10 6-8 pm VBS	11 6-8 pm VBS 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	12	13
		Paula, the Administrative Assistant will be on vacation August 9, 10 & 11.				
14 9:30 am Worship	15	16 6:30 pm Council Meeting	17	18 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	19	20
21 Outdoor 9:30 am Worship	22	23 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions Group	24	25 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30	31			