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OCTOBER

2012

**The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship**

☞Pray

☞Worship

☞Study

☞Invite

☞Encourage

☞Give

☞Serve

Growing in Discipleship Together

Offering a Cup of Water

"Whoever offers you a cup of water to drink. . . will by no means lose the reward."

Jesus says the above in response to concerns his disciples raise regarding people who weren't a part of their intimate group doing the mission work that Jesus had sent them to do. They incorrectly assumed that being a part of Jesus' close group meant they had exclusive rights to the mission he sent them to do. Jesus' response helped them to see that

God's mission can be done in ways that are much more far-reaching than just the actions tied to their close group. Even the unlikely ones can offer water to drink.

This past week my wife, Karen, and I had the opportunity to see Jesus' response to his disciples lived out in our own lives. As we grieved the loss of Karen's mother, Lois, we were touched in many ways with caring words and actions. Most of them, indeed, came from the close group of people we interact with on a regular basis; friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, etc. What was particularly amazing were those who offered caring words and actions that were outside of this close group, such as strangers we had never met, or ex-spouses and estranged family members; people that had never been or had long been separated from our close circle of support. All these people offered that cup of water, the likely and the unlikely, and we were filled with gratitude.

Jesus makes it clear to us that this is his mission, offering care and comfort to those in need; bringing God's love to the vulnerable. Usually, for better or worse, our family tries to be engaged in that mission. Suddenly, we were the recipients of it. As many of you know, there is nothing quite like experiencing the ministry of Christ through the love and the care of people when we are in pain and feeling vulnerable, no matter who offers it. Thanks be to God for that light that shines in the darkness.

Pastor Keith

News From Our Intern

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Rom.1:7b

For those of you that I haven't met yet, I'd like to introduce myself; I am Intern Linda Forray. I will be doing my internship here at Zion Lutheran Church for one year in a full time position. I am married to Andy, who is a dairy farmer, and we live in Wallace, MI which is 25 miles north on U S 41. I have three grown children; Trisha, Gina and Ted and we have 12 wonderful grandchildren ages 2 to 16.

I grew up Roman Catholic and joined the ELCA Lutheran faith in 1999, when my husband and I were looking for a church to be married in. We have since then been members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Wallace. I am a 2009 graduate of Lay School for Mission, Gladstone campus. I began candidacy in March of 2011 and was approved by Churchwide in December of that year. I am enrolled at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa where I have completed more than half of my required classes. In May of 2012 I completed a seventeen week course of CPE (clinical pastoral education) in Weston, WI at St. Clare Hospital. I am on the synod Transformational Ministry team which I have been a part of with my home congregation and have a real passion for. Recently I was asked to be on the synod team and I was very happy to do so. And now internship!

I am very excited to be here at Zion. I am trying very hard to learn everyone's name, which is not an easy task for me. I do ask that you be patient with me if I ask you your name repeatedly. I really am trying, but there are so many of you! I do look forward to getting to you all.

Thank you so much for taking me on at Zion as your intern. Having an intern is a big commitment on the part of a congregation, financially as well as spiritually, and I thank you for this opportunity. This is a very special congregation and I am truly blessed to be a part of it for this year.

Yours in Christ,
Intern Linda

Council Minutes Summary

PASTOR'S REPORT: August attendance is up from 2011 from 102 to 107. One baptism was held on August 26th for Declan Robert Parrette. Pastor is planning vacation on Sept 30 and also from November 14-20 along with other days as time permits.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORTS: The General Fund balance increased \$1,007 to \$4,296 however, this amount includes \$1,158 for hymnal donations received in August but not expended as of 8/31. The March \$1,416 transfer from the Parsonage Proceeds account has not been repaid. The year-to-date decrease in the combined General Fund and Parsonage Proceeds fund is \$903. The Capital Campaign Fund balance decreased \$1,863 to \$31,027. The Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$20 to \$34,704. \$1,701 Debt/DAR and Community Children receipts were disbursed as follows: \$170 to Synod, \$340 to DAR and \$851 to Thrivent as an extra principal payment. There is \$2,418 is available for Community Children/Fortune Lake use.

The Thrivent loan payable balance is \$46,788 per the loan schedule after the 8/15/12 payment. An additional \$850 was paid at the end of August putting the estimated balance at \$45,937. Year-to-date additional principal payments are \$6,452.

YOUTH MINISTRY: A Youth Committee meeting was held on 9/9/2012 to begin planning the upcoming year of events for our youth. Decisions were made regarding family events and service projects for the youth in the upcoming year, beginning in October 2012. Concern was raised regarding the FLLC scholarships that we provide for children outside our congregation. The perception is we provide full ride scholarships to youth outside our congregation, but do not provide that for our own youth. Pastor Keith reiterated that this is one of our community outreach programs, and if any of Zion's youth need financial assistance to attend FLLC camp, it generally gets taken care of; none of our own children are left behind.

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Council Minutes Summary

STEWARDSHIP: Cottage gatherings have started. During these gatherings attendees are asked to share stories of their blessings. The committee is hoping that anyone sharing their story at the gathering will also be willing to share their story for the entire congregation. They would like to spread these blessings through the newsletters and bulletins in the upcoming months.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Spark Faith Formation and Confirmation is starting 9/12/2012. We have a large group of Pre-K and Kindergarten children which will be taught by Lisa Maxwell. The 1st and 2nd grade teacher is Johanna Zuehls; while the 3rd through 5th grades will be taught by Emily Limberg and LeeAnn Martin. Stephanie Klein has agreed to take over the position of Spark Superintendent, and she will also lead the children in music time.

Funding 2013 Thrivent Payments and Communication Coordinator Position Funding: The Council agreed: 1) that the Communication Coordinator position be listed as a staff position budgeted through the general fund, and 2) that the Projects Program money in the Capital Campaign Fund go toward the 2013 regular monthly Thrivent payments.

Lambeau Field Fundraising: A majority of the Council has agreed to not pursue this fundraising option given the huge commitment it would have on our congregation.

Church Mutual Insurance Coverage/Cost: Our insurance representative is recommending we make changes to the coverage we have for our building, directors, officers and trustees. The Council decided to have the representative appear at the October meeting in conjunction with Finance Committee members to review Zion's coverage. The policy will renew on September 20, 2012 and any agreed to changes will be made after the presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Lund

Signup Now For The October Cottage Gatherings!_____

In September, Zion had five cottage gatherings. I'm told there was lively discussion; great laughs, a few tears, and everyone attending really had a very enjoyable time.

Gathering discussions are centered on how God blesses us in daily life. Many attending graciously shared their faith-filled stories. This newsletter actually contains a couple of those stories. Take a moment or two to read them; I think you'll find them inspirational.

There are four more gatherings scheduled for October. Each should take no more than 1-1/2 hours. The table below lists the dates and times for each event, and the name of the hosts and facilitator.

Date	Time	Hosts	Facilitator
Monday, Oct 15th	1:30-3pm	Nancy Benchley at Zion	Linda Forray
Tuesday, Oct 16th	6-7:30pm	Roxy Bowdin	Roxy Bowdin
Wednesday, Oct 17th	6-7:30pm	Jo & Don Schutt	Heidi Beland
Thursday, Oct 18 th	1:30-3pm	Karen Sylvester	Karen Sylvester

You may sign-up today at worship or call the church office at 715.735.7898. We anticipate 15 people per gathering with sign-up being on a first come, first serve basis. A dessert and beverage will be provided by the hosts.

Please plan to attend.

Karen Sylvester



"God's Work, Our Hands," The Tanzania Dental Project

The women of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church invite all women of your congregation to join us on Tuesday, October 9 at 1:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2901 13th St., Menominee, MI for a presentation by Luanne Skrenes, wife of Bishop Thomas Skrenes. Her program is titled "God's Work, Our Hands." Mrs. Skrenes will speak about our companion synod relationship and focus on the recent dental mission to Tanzania. She will have a display of artifacts. A free will offering will be taken. Coffee and dessert fellowship will follow the program. We look forward to you joining us on October 9.

Sew for Missions – Financial Support Needed_____

The Sew for Mission group is in need of your monetary support. Our greatest cost presently is the filler for the quilts. Total cost to assemble one quilt is between \$10-\$20. Donations can be dropped in the offering plates and marked as such. Your help is greatly appreciated. Any question please contact Shirley Lueskow 715.732.2215.

Thank You!_____

Karen and I extend to you our most heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, and support offered to us as we grieve the loss of Karen's mother, Lois. Your thoughtfulness and concern has radiated the love of God into our lives in a powerful way. Not only are we grateful, but we also feel a bit humbled by it all. Again, thank you.

Pastor Keith & Karen



Mom's (Lady's) Night Out anybody?? _____

Would anyone like to join me for the Mark Schultz & Anita Renfroe concert at Blesch on Oct. 27 at 7:00? Sponsored by WPF. You can still get tickets at Abundant Joy gift shop in Menominee for \$22. I saw Anita at a Women of Faith conference in MN a few years ago and she is HILARIOUS...lots of mom, wife and women humor & a wonderful Christian speaker. If anyone is interested let me know. I want to go, but not by myself.

Carla Clarke, 906-863-3461, dclarke446@new.rr.com

What do you want? _____

I do the ordering for the LWR Equal Exchange Coffee. I take my best guess as to what people might be interested in based upon what I hear, and what seems to sell quickly. If there is something that you are particularly interested in, please let me know. The LWR Coffee Project offers many different types of coffee in both ground and whole bean. There is also tea, hot chocolate, olive oil, food bars, chocolate and almonds available. You can call me at home, 906-864-2289, or email me at deebeland@yahoo.com Thank you! Heidi Beland



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Lutheran World Relief Box Car

Lutheran World Relief Box Car Loading is fast approaching and I need to get my act together for 2012. I would like to say that 2011 was a success in that we loaded the box car up to 80% with world relief supplies. Now the successful part was, that we did it without clothing and we were back to 80% from the past 2-3 years when we were as low as 65%.

We still have much work to do without the clothing, because the Sew For Missions Group has again stepped up and given us many world relief supplies to be shipped throughout the world. The ladies from Zion, and Ron, have many boxes already filled with the kits requested from the organizers of the fall Lutheran World Relief Supplies Drive. I'm sure they are again making many quilts, but in addition they work on school supply kits, and health kits. If you have saved clothing as we have asked in the past, please donate it again this year to Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul, or Goodwill.

"How else can we help with Lutheran World Relief?" When I asked the same question of the Sew for Mission group the answer I received each year, was through donations in "Special Offering" envelopes on the remaining Sundays, and even more importantly, with more volunteer hours at the Tuesday quilting days at church. Help with pinning quilts, tying quilts, sewing seams, laying out new quilts all came up. There is a great deal of material sitting around waiting to be quilted but there are not enough hands to do the work to make extra quilts. By the way, Sew for Missions meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. This year volunteers can also take their sewing jobs home and complete the task at their leisure. Sew for Missions always welcome extra helping hands and at any level of ability.

To finish, I will again be asking for help to pack boxes from Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 9th, and again we will need 10-15 volunteers on Saturday, October 13th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please put these dates on your calendar and please mention to me if you are available.

Bill Tipple

The Stewardship Corner

At our Cottage Gatherings stories have been shared about how we've felt very blessed by something in daily life. At a September gathering Gary Grom shared this story with those attending.

When I was around 46 years old, I was helping coach my daughter's high school softball team. They were having practice and I was pitching to the players. One of the girls hit a pop-up, and my first reaction was to run and catch the ball; that was the same reaction the catcher had. We both went for the ball and "BAMM" we collided with each other. My glasses broke cutting my head as well as the catcher's eyebrow. The other team members quickly drove both of us to the hospital emergency room. While we were being treated, the nurse told me that my blood pressure was very high and that I should see my doctor.

I went to my doctor, who referred me to a cardiologist. My family has a terrible history of heart disease. I am the only one out of 7 males in my family that hasn't had a heart attack. My grandfather died of a heart attack at 52, my Dad had a heart attack at 42 and died at 48, and my brother had a heart attack at 48.

I was put on medication for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, etc. I was also given a stress test, nuclear test and heart cath. The tests all turned out fine, and I continue to be monitored by my doctor.

I feel very blessed that I was hurt at that practice and taken to the hospital where that nurse mentioned my high blood pressure. Because of that accident I was given a warning, I went to see my doctor, started preventative measures; meds, exercise, and diet, all of which have prevented me from having a heart attack. Sometimes blessings come in strange ways.



Coming in October

Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Health Supplies Drive

When: Load the Boxcar

Saturday, October 13, 2012

What: Boxes of quilts and blankets, school kits, sewing kits,
layettes, health kits, and new soap

Monetary donations are always appreciated by your

Sew For Missions Group

Do not send used clothing again this year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE BOX

CAR LOADING IN MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

Saturday, October 13 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Sign up below or call the church office

I can help on Saturday, October 13th

Name _____

Phone _____

Please drop this in the offering plate if you can help!



Volunteers for October 2012

Sunday, October 7—Organist: Ann Buscher

Acolyte: Kaitie Sodergren Lector: Carole Boerner

Greeters: George & Nila Krenos

Head Ushers: Jim & Cora Weissgerber

Communion Assistants: (Pouring) Needed

(Distributing Host) Barb Grom, Needed

Coffee Time Sponsor: Needed

AV Team: Amanda Litts & Cheryl Maxwell

Sunday, October 14— Contemporary Worship

Acolyte: Delanie Schroeder Lector: Karen Sylvester

Greeters: Pam & Mike Goes

Head Usher: Bryan Gutknecht

Communion Assistant: Karen Sylvester

Coffee Time Sponsor: Jim & Cora Weissgerber

AV Team: Troy Cording & Billy Retza

Sunday, October 21—Organist: Ruth Olson

Acolyte: Nick Kehoe Lector: George Olson

Greeters: Sarge & Joní Rudell

Head Usher: Don Schutt

Communion Assistants: (Pouring) Pat Rondeau

(Distributing Host) Sarge Rudell, Needed

Coffee Time Sponsor: Jim Cook

AV Team: Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch

Sunday, October 28— Organist: Ann Buscher (Confirmation)

Acolyte: Allie Saxton Lector: Julie Otto

Greeter: Sue Baxter

Head Usher: Needed

Communion Assistant: Johanna Zuehls

Coffee Time Sponsor: Bill & Nancy Benchley

AV Team: Cheryl Maxwell & Drake Schutt



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER 2012

October 1

Bev Johnston

October 3

Annette Anderson
Joyce Anderson
Carol Bohan
Steven Olsen

October 4

Kathy Saxton

October 5

Pam Goes

October 6

Alexander Dzurick
Kathy Kitzinger
Laura Olsen
Al Peterson
Tim Saxton

October 7

Chad Francour

October 8

Justin Schoen
Sandra Zylkowski
Tina Brooks
Mitchell McFarlane

October 10

Nila Krenos

October 11

Nora Plym
Jesse Radloff

October 12

Brittany Kloida

October 13

Shelby Atwood
Lynn Francour

October 14

Cheri Williams

October 15

Gary Grom
Mark Swenson

October 16

Alicia Gaudes

October 17

Megan Buenning

October 18

Charles Nord

October 19

William Beattie
Paul Magnuson

October 20

John Heimbuch

October 21

Nicole Oleson

October 22

David Despins
Kaitlyn Francour
Charles Zanders

October 23

Kurt Breuer
Austin Trepanier

October 24

Michael Peterson
Don Race

October 26

Carole Boerner
Sarah Rabideau

October 27

Eunice Garant

October 28

Alexandria Cording

October 29

Brandon Laundree

October 30

Randy Schroeder

October 31

Bryan Gutknecht
Laura Rowe



October 2012

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