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2013

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Our Discipleship Together

Where is God Leading Us?

It is tempting to think that if we are on God's pathway, then everything will be well with us. That simply is not true, and there is no greater confirmation of this than the death of Jesus on the cross. Certainly no one could have been more on God's pathway than Jesus, but that did not keep frustrations away from him, nor disappointments. It certainly didn't keep pain or death away from him either. When we "go where Jesus leads," we can be certain that things will not always be rosy for us.

This is an interesting time for Zion. We certainly have our struggles as we figure out how to do the ministry that God has gifted us to do with less money. Change is never easy. But certainly our Lenten Prayer Journey is helping us to clarify the direction that God is leading us in. A group of us have been really trying to listen to God in numerous ways and we get the feeling that maybe we're hearing something. Maybe.

Is this journey going to go in directions that we expect? Probably not. Will we be blessed in the journey? Absolutely. We are already experiencing that. And we will see where all this takes us.

If you haven't connected with the Lenten Prayer Journey, it's not too late. We would certainly love to have you be a part of it.
Pastor Keith



News from our Intern

Well it's been six months! Yes I have been here at Zion, as your intern, now for six months. My internship is half over. Where has the time gone! I must say the warmth and friendliness of this congregation has made my internship fly by. But with my internship half over that brings about my Mid-term evaluations. This daunting task is to be done by Pastor Keith, my internship committee and I and be sent to my seminary and candidacy committee. This is going well and I sure hope to be done with that soon.

I have been very busy these past few months. I have started visiting some of our members and am enjoying this very much. It is a wonderful blessing to be invited into someone's home, to be able to get to know someone in their own environment, on their "own turf." I plan on doing much more of this in the second half of my internship.

Our First Communion classes will begin on Sunday, March 3rd from 11:00 to noon and continue for the following three Sundays at the same time. First Holy Communion will take place on March 28, Maundy Thursday at the 6:30 worship service. We have had a very good response to the class and to the new policy of inviting children from second grade up to participate, with 13 children already signed up. If you have a child who has not yet made their First Communion, and wishes too, or if you have not yet registered your child at the church office for the class, please do so as soon as possible.

The Lenten Prayer Journey has begun and this is the first opportunity I have had to participate in such a journey. What a blessed journey it has started out to be. So many different voices, so many different insights, so many different ears to listen for where God is leading Zion! The process is comfortable, relaxing and inviting, without the pressure to having to say something. I am enjoying this journey very much and I feel blessed to be sharing in Zion's discernment for the future. Thank you so much for this entire experience.

Yours in Christ, Intern Linda



NEWS FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____

Do you have any Thrivent Financial products? Do you know that they have a program called Thrivent Choice? This program helps congregations and communities in need. Members can recommend where some of the charitable outreach monies go by directing Choice Dollars and by being involved in voting events. Choice Dollars are determined by insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Zion is one of the organizations you can designate your Choice Dollars to. Talk to your Thrivent agent or me for more information.

Zion has a program setup so you can have your weekly, monthly, or bimonthly donation automatically taken out of your checking or savings account. You can sign up for this program anytime, just let me know and I can get you the authorization form to sign. This makes it easier and saves you time and money by not having to write out a check and remember your envelope. If you are interested please feel free to call me at Zion on Tuesdays 715-735-7898 or call me at home 715-735-7180.

To make it easier for you, did you know you can use one check to make multiple donations? For instance, if you give \$10.00 to general fund, \$5.00 to debt & community children, and \$2.00 to Lent you could make out a check for \$17.00 and just write on your envelope the way you wanted it dispersed. That means one check and one envelope. If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

For those of you who have offering envelopes, maybe you have noticed in the back that there is a couple of mailing envelopes for you to use if or when you need to mail in your weekly offering. It is just a time saving element in case you need it. No addressing, just put whatever you need in it, stamp it and you're done.

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Simply Giving participants- Do you ever feel funny not putting anything in the offering plate? Well, I have something that you can use to put in the offering plate in place of your envelope. If you are interested please feel free to call or see me in the office on Tuesday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or call me at home 715.735.7180.

Relay for Life _____

We are participating in the 2013 American Cancer Society Relay for Life set for June 28th & 29th this year. It would be great if we could get a team of at least 15 people, so think about joining us to help fight cancer. If you would like to help but don't want to be on the team there will be some opportunities for that. There won't be a cake raffle this year instead we will be selling glow in the dark items- to be determined at a later date. I have packets if you would like to sign up now.

So, please see me after service on Sunday, on Tuesday in the office between 11:30 and 2:30, or call me at home 715-735-7180 if you would like a packet or just more information. **Our first meeting will be on March 19th at 5:30 p.m.**, so anyone who wants to be on our team I hope to see you there. More information will follow in the coming months and watch your announcement page.

God's blessings to you,
Karen Houdek, Zion's Financial Secretary



Council Meeting Summary _____

PASTOR'S REPORT: The report noted January Attendance: 127 in 2013, 117 in 2012, 115 in 2011, 131 in 2010, and 120 in 2009.

INTERN'S REPORT: The first Communion classes for children in K-5 will begin the first Sunday in March. Eleven children have now signed up.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORTS: John reported the General Fund/ Parsonage combined fund balances decreased \$2,594 with \$594 transferred from the Parsonage Proceeds Fund to avoid a negative General Fund Balance on January 31, 2013. A \$3,050 final insurance payment is due in February. The Capital Campaign Fund balance decreased \$1,259 to \$24,445. The only expenditure is for the monthly loan payment. The Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$16 to \$34,155 with \$446 of the fund balance available for a future roof loan payment. Debt and Community Children had receipts of \$1,644 with disbursements of \$164 to Synod, \$329 to DAR and \$822 to Thrivent for the extra principal payment. Thrivent loan balance was \$36,902 per the Thrivent statement after the scheduled 1/15/13 payment; this does take into account the \$822 principal payment at the end of January; estimated January 31st balance is \$36,080.

EVANGELISM: Peter Thielen announced that he has had conversations with Rob Lund, owner of Shooby's Trophies and Apparel, regarding the signs that Zion hopes to have installed in the building. Pam and Rob are providing all of the necessary signs at no cost to Zion.

Standing Committee and Assignments: Each Council member selected a standing committee for which they will act as liaisons. In the coming month, members were asked to ponder the viability of each of those committees and at the next Council meeting there will be an open discussion regarding our findings. ...(continued)

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Upcoming Visit from Pastor Lameck Byonge: Pastor Byonge, Pastor Keith's contact person during his first three weeks in Tanzania, has informed Pastor Keith that he would like to visit from December 22, 2013 to January 3, 2014. Since he is not familiar with either our weather or our Christmas traditions, this will be very interesting for all. Pastor Keith also mentioned that normally a congregation contributes spending money and felt that about \$500 would be appropriate. The Council agreed to write a letter formally inviting Pastor Lameck Byonge to visit Marinette from December 22, 2013- January 3, 2014 on behalf of Zion Lutheran Church and it was agreed that we would hold a special fund raiser to contribute \$500 to Pastor Byonge for spending money.

Gary Grom and Dave Ramsey's Financial Planning: Gary G. shared information on David Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The program would be done as outreach to our congregation and community. The same program is currently being sponsored at Faith Baptist in Peshtigo and the Council is being asked to consider providing this opportunity here at Zion as well. A discussion regarding this program will take place at the March meeting after the Council has had sufficient time to investigate the website.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Bowdin,
Recording Secretary

The Stewardship Corner

I received this article from Mr. Chick Lane, Directory of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary. I found it interesting and hope you do as well. Karen Sylvester

Stewards of God's Abundance

by Michele Hermansen

Vibrant stewards embrace financial health as an expression of faith. We allow money to flow to and through our lives in ways that nourish us and our world. We recognize that our capacity to give is defined by our hearts, not our pocketbooks.

Personal finances can be a touchy subject, so I feel it's important to say upfront that there is no judgment intended in this article. We are each in different places financially for different reasons. Many among us are struggling financially, and the causes may be of our own doing or may be due to a misfortune over which we had no control. Others among us have more than sufficient financial resources.

Money and even wealth is not in itself bad, no more than food is bad. The biblical prophets rail against the rich, not specifically because they are rich, but because they are rich and oblivious. The rich man in Jesus' parable in Luke 16:19-31 is doomed to eternal torment because he was luxuriously rich and completely oblivious to the destitute Lazarus lying just outside. One wonders how things would have turned out if just one of those at the rich man's feast had called his attention to the poor man at the gate.

Over the past several years, I have been fortunate to work in a community foundation. Through extensive study of private, community and corporate foundations, I have come to understand and appreciate the great things that have been and are being accomplished when people use their wealth for the good of all.

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The Stewardship Corner

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There are countless real-life examples of allowing money to flow to and through our lives in ways that nourish us and our world. The challenge for us imperfect humans, wherever we are on the spectrum, is to maintain a balanced relationship with money.

God calls us to be disciples as whole persons, all the time, engaged in all aspects of life on earth. And in this day and age, life on earth involves money. Our personal financial health is an important dimension of our overall health in faith. To put our finances in order, we have to order our lives and priorities, as well.

Craig Ford is a former missionary who shares thoughts on debt-free living, frugality, generous giving and simple living. He explained, "As I look into financial issues, the more I realize it is about more than math. In fact, I've been surprised how often the emotional and spiritual components of a financial decision outweigh the mathematical."

Personal financial health is best achieved in the same way as personal physical health: develop good daily habits and have an annual check-up. Good habits include basics like preparing a budget so that we live within our means, saving, giving, paying debts on time and continuing to learn about financial issues.

Our annual financial check-up includes making a personal balance sheet. We record all the details of personal assets: bank accounts, investments, retirement accounts, real estate, cars and furnishings. Then we record all the details of personal liabilities: credit card debt, mortgage and student loan debt. Does the ratio of debt-to-assets indicate that we are living within our means? We review property and life insurance coverage to ensure that it is accurate and adequate. Have we developed the discipline of saving for emergencies as well as saving for retirement? At any stage in our lives, we should have a will and/or estate plan that provides for any dependents and distributes our assets in a positive manner.

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What if our financial health isn't good? Fortunately, there are many resources to help us get on track.

Our personal financial health matters. Being financially healthy frees us to live a productive and joyful life in service to God. We are stewards, on behalf of God, of all that we have and all that we are. Stewardship is not a program. It is a way of life!

Evangelism Committee _____

The Evangelism Committee met on February 19, 2013.

Peter Thielen and Rob Lund owner of Shooby's Trophies and Apparel got together and reviewed all of the signs that Zion needs. Rob suggested we order another reading "Worship Center" and that it be posted off the narthex/lobby. Pam and Rob Lund are donating all of the signs to Zion!

Stephanie Klein was asked to make suggestions on how to make the cry room child friendly and she had many wonderful suggestions. The Committee will start looking for the items needed.

Kathy Heimbuch is going to put together a proposal on a program called "Parents Night Out" which she would like to see implemented in the coming months. That proposal will be a matter for discussion at the next meeting.

The Committee is investigating exterior signage at other congregations. We need to sign our entrances and need ideas on how best to do that.

Our next meeting will be March 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Karen Sylvester

Zion's Caring Ministry Team _____

Bernice Forslund has asked to be removed as a visitor on Zion's Caring Ministry Team. We're sorry to lose her; she was a seasoned visitor but says she'll continue visiting on her own whenever she can.

I'm thrilled to announce we have two new team members; Lori Despins and Duane Clarke. Both are now visiting members of Zion and soon Lori will be delivering Holy Communion as well. Please welcome Lori and Duane to the team!

Karen Sylvester

Time and Talents Sheet _____

Please remember to turn your Time and Talents sheet to me or Zion's office at your earliest convenience.

For those of you who haven't yet received the Time and Talents booklet, we hope to have them mailed to you in the coming weeks if you cannot attend worship.

Thanks to all of you who have already taken the time to fill out the sheets. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Karen Sylvester

2,118 Chicks and Counting: World Hunger Drive

This year our World Hunger Drive is taking place during Lent. We are joining with other ELCA congregations across the nation by hosting a "Buck-a-Chick" sale! A dollar is all it takes to buy a chick to provide a family living in poverty with a live chick. Soon the chick will begin to produce eggs, eggs make nutritious protein rich meals for the family. Or they can sell the eggs at the market for income. We have the Committee and the SPARK kids busy coloring and cutting out chicks. We hope you will join us in donating to this project. Every dollar you donate puts another chick up on the ceiling at our worship area, and helps another family to eat and live better. Let's fill our sanctuary with "chicks" this Lenten Season. Jo Schutt



Lenten Prayer Journey



The Journey has begun, but this doesn't mean that you are not welcome to join in if you haven't yet begun the Journey. As a congregation, we are listening for God's voice through prayer and meditation upon scripture, we are committing to worship weekly during Lent, and connecting with some listening group during the week. A booklet and a commitment form

for the Lenten Prayer Journey is available at a table in the entryway of our worship area. Listening groups are being held following worship on Sundays, Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings during Lent. The Thursday evening gatherings are being held at Northland Village. There is also an ongoing discussion on our website. God has abundantly gifted Zion for the mission that God dreams for us to be engaged in. This Lent we are actively listening for God's voice in order to discern those dreams. Each of us has a role to play in that discernment.



Aging and Disability Resource Center

Marinette County has recently opened an Aging and Disability Resource Center to serve the citizens of Marinette County. ADRC's are the first place to go to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability. The ADRC can provide information on a broad range of programs and services, help people understand the various long term care options available to them, help people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publicly-funded long term care. These services can be provided at the ADRC, via telephone, or through a home visit, whichever is more convenient to the individual seeking help. Please call today 1.888.442.3267. Materials about are available at church.



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Worship
10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship
Pioneer Presbyterian Church
1947 Riverside Ave.
Marinette, WI
12:00 noon—3 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebra Worship
7:30 p.m.

Easter Worship
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship





This year we are offering three different spring plants. If you would like to give one of these plants in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God, please check off the plants you prefer, the wording you would like, and amount enclosed. Return the form to the church office; place in the offering plate or by mail along with your contribution. Monday, March 25th is the deadline date.

I (We) would like to place one or more of the following plants for Easter Sunday. Cost per plant is \$15.00.

_____ Lily _____ Tulip _____ Daffodil

Wording: _____ In Loving Memory of:

_____ In Honor of:

Given By: _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Envelope # _____

Deadline Date: Monday, March 25th

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH 2013

March 1

Charles Nord

March 2

James Bruce
Janice Faucett
Roberta Peterson
Gerald Sylvester
Gary Wesmer

March 4

Shirley Swenson

March 5

Grady Huber
Carolyn Jensen

March 6

Michael Bretl
Diane Race
Troy Schutt

March 7

Ryan Francour

March 8

Julie Williams

March 9

Ralph Backman
Dakota Corey
Susan Goldsmith
Olivia Kuhn

March 10

James Gould
Sandra Peterson

March 11

Cassandra Bauer

March 15

Steve Hoheneder

March 16

Sally Nelson

March 17

Patricia Peterson

March 19

Noreen Anderson
Ernest Brooks
AJ Corey

March 21

Emily Despins
Pat Reines

March 22

Elsa Emler

March 23

April Peterson

March 24

Bryan Nelson
Halle Nelson

March 26

Nathan Klein
Kurt Oleson

March 28

Tyler Race

March 29

Martha Aschim
Sarah Gaudes
Jacki Kolstad

March 30

Aimee Powers

March 31

Michael Bruce
Shirley Lueskow



VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 2013**Sunday, March 3, 2013**

Acolyte: Tyler Lund Lector: Amanda Litts
 Greeter: Roxanne Bowdin Head Usher: Don Schutt
 Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau (Pouring), Sarge Rudell,
 Amanda Litts (Distributing Host)
 AV Team: Troy Cording & Billy Retza
 Coffee Time Sponsor: Available

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Acolyte: Abby Demmith Lector: Carole Boerner
 Greeter: Laura Peanosky Head Usher: Jane Landenberger
 Communion Assistant: Sarge Rudell
 AV Team: Bill Tipple & Drake Schutt
 Coffee Time Sponsor: Michelle LaFond

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Acolyte: Drake Schutt Lector: George Olson
 Greeter: Sue Baxter Head Usher: Ann Buscher
 Communion Assistants: Steven Hoheneder (Pouring),
 Rick DeBenedetto & Barb Grom (Distributing Host)
 AV Team: Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch
 Coffee Time Sponsors: Rick & Ellice DeBenedetto

Sunday, March 24, 2013

Acolyte: Alexandria Cording Lector: Heidi Beland
 Greeters: Dave & Lori Despins Head Usher: Mike Harding
 Communion Assistant: Sarge Rudell
 Av Team: Troy Cording and Jacob Cording
 Coffee Time Sponsors: Edgewood Manor Family

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VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 2013**Sunday, March 31, 2013 (Easter Sunday)**

Acolyte: Bradley Mech Lector: Bryan Gutknecht
 Greeter: Felicity King Head Usher: Nancy Benchley
 Communion Assistant: Jacki Renne
 AV Team: Amanda Litts and Drake Schutt
 Coffee Hour Sponsors: Available

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Acolyte: Michael Retza Lector: Carol Johnson
 Greeters: Don & Jo Schutt Head Usher: Don Schutt
 Communion Assistants: Kathy Heimbuch (Pouring), Karen Dill and
 Sarge Rudell (Distributing Host)

Good Friday Tenebrae , March 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Reader 1—Judy Limberg
 Reader 2—Kathy Heimbuch
 Reader 3—Roxanne Bowdin
 Reader 4—Amanda Litts
 Reader 5—Johanna Zuehls
 Reader 6—Karen Dill
 Reader 7—Bryan Gutknecht
 Head Usher: Karen Sylvester Acolyte: Braedhan Madden

Palm Sponsors

If you are interested in sponsoring the palms for Palm Sunday, please contact Debra Harding at 715.735.0228.



Midweek Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers _____

This year's theme for our midweek Lenten services is "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God's manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. Based on the hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Hymn 338), this series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

A worship service is offered in the morning and in the evening on Wednesdays. The morning service starts at 10:00 and the evening service at 6:00.

Wednesday, March 6th -

"A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way."
Preaching: Pastor Keith Kolstad

Wednesday, March 13th

"From my contrite heart, with tears."
Preaching: Intern Linda Forray

Wednesday, March 20th -

"I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place."
Preaching: LLM Darrel Diers, St. James Lutheran Church

Before the evening worship services we are holding our soup suppers, and they begin at 5:30. This year our soup suppers are being led by Sandy Eckert, a member of St. James.

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Wednesday, February 27

Sponsored by Zion
Chicken Noodle Soup
Cream of Tomato/Rice Soup
Dessert - Cupcakes

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Midweek Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers _____

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Wednesday, March 6

Sponsored by Zion
Spaghetti & Salad
Dessert – Cookies

Wednesday, March 13

Sponsored by Zion
Beef Barley Soup
Cheesy Vegetable Soup
Dessert – Bars

Wednesday, March 20

Sponsored by Zion
Hearty Hamburger Soup
Cream of Broccoli Soup
Dessert - Cake

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers from Zion to help Sandy make the soup and help with set up. We will also need volunteers to provide some food and the desserts. Please see the sign-up sheets that are being distributed during Sunday worship. Any and all help is welcome.

Confirmation Students and Their Families

Confirmation students and their families are assisting with set up and clean up each Wednesday. A sheet was sent home with the students and was emailed to their families naming who is expected to help each Wednesday.



March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am Worship 11am Lenten Prayer Journey 11-12 1 st Communion	4	5	6 10 am Worship 11 am Prayer Journey 5:30 pm Soup & Worship & 6 pm Spark 6:45 pm Choir	7 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Loser 7 pm Prayer Journey	8	9
10 9:30 am Worship 11am Lenten Prayer Journey 11-12 1 st Communion	11 10:30 am Evangelism Committee	12 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions	13 10 am Worship 11 am Prayer Journey 5:30 pm Soup & Worship & 6 pm Spark 6:45 pm Choir	14 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Loser 7 pm Prayer Journey 7 pm Ruth Group	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship 11am Lenten Prayer Journey 11-12 1 st Communion	18 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7 pm Sarah Group at Karen Kolstad's	19	20 10 am Worship 11 am Prayer Journey 5:30 pm Soup & Worship & 6 pm Spark 6:45 pm Choir	21 6 pm Worship at Northland Village 6 pm Biggest Loser 7 pm Prayer Journey 7 pm Ruth Group	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship 11 am Lenten Prayer Journey	25 6 pm Cub Scouts	26 9am-11:30am Sew-for-Missions	27 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 10 am & 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship NO worship at Northland Village.	29 7:30 pm Tenebrae Worship	30
31 Easter Sunday 9:30 am Worship						