

In Our Prayers This Week

It is so important that we remember one another in prayer. During this week please focus your prayers on the following members who were picked randomly: Heidi Beland, Jacob Cording, Shirley Enderby and Bob & Jackie Hamer.

Connecting with Others

Would you like to hear how it is going with other members of Zion?

Would you like to see a face you haven't seen in a while?

Would you like to do this AND grow in faith?

Will you please join us?

Join us with Dwelling in the Word, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

(If this day/time does not work for you, contact Pastor Keith and we will consider adding a day and time that works for you.)

This is a Zoom meeting. If you have not used Zoom before, contact Pastor Keith and he will walk you through it and have a "dry run" with you before the day of the meeting.

Besides checking in with each other, we will pray over and discuss one of the texts for the upcoming Sunday.

If you do not have a computer, you can also connect through your phone. It is a long-distance number and is very easy to do. (Ask Pastor George!) A call to Pastor Keith will get you all squared away.

If you want to be a part of Dwelling in the Word, please contact Pastor Keith at least a half hour before the meeting, (text, email, phone call), so that you can be sent a link as well as the text.

Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.!

Pastor Keith will be holding worship via Facebook Live! On Sunday, just before 9:30 a.m., please go to Zion's Facebook page: **Zion Lutheran Church-ELCA-Marinette** and look for the "Going Live" announcement and follow the link. Worship will begin as usual; just in a different way. If you do not have a Facebook account, don't fret as you can still view worship from Zion's Website (ZionLutheran-marinette.org)! The video is posted each Monday following worship. Keep healthy and God's blessings upon everyone.

Office Visits and COVID-19

Although we are monitoring the phone and email, **Zion's office is closed.** For your health and safety, please follow the guidelines that the CDC has implemented for us all. If you have not yet visited their site, we invite and encourage you to do so. The website is: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

Should you need to speak with Pastor Keith, we ask that you please do so via phone or email. **If you have a key to gain entrance into Zion, we kindly ask that you show your compassion for us by wearing a mask (either medical or homemade or a bandanna face covering).** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we trod together in the fight against this virus.



Celebrating Baptisms this Week

September 13: Brooke Rose

September 14: Brittany Renne

September 15: Stephanie Klein and Kaitie Sodergren

September 16: Joni Rudell

September 17: Pastor Rick DeBenedetto, Alex Gressel and Sandra Gressel

September 18: Bill Magnuson

Distribution of Holy Communion

Zion is offering Holy Communion to small groups. It will take place in our Social Hall in 15-minute time slots. Groups will enter through the west (main entrance) doors and will exit through the north (office hallway) door. An usher will guide you when to enter. There will be eight tables (each table is for one household and holds 4 or less people from any one household) set up with the communion elements before the group arrives. Tables can be filled with individuals, couples, or family groups of up to 4. Social distancing and masks are required, (masks, of course, will be removed during the consumption of the elements.) The service will last about 5 minutes. There will be an on-line sign up for the times and tables each time we hold communion. A link will be emailed out to those on our email list. Those unable to sign up on-line are welcome to call Zion's office to reserve a spot. **Needs for grape juice or gluten-free wafers need to be noted during the sign up.**

Holy Communion is being offered on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 10:45 a.m. Obviously, safety for all is our primary concern. Patience and graciousness are welcome as we experiment with this new form of worship.

Don't hesitate - sign up or contact Zion's office today for Holy Communion on September 20th! Zion is always successful when striving to meet a goal...are we able to fill ALL of the time slots?!? Follow the link below to reserve your time for the 9/20/2020 Distribution of Holy Communion:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054AABAB29A5FB6-distribution5>

Questions of the Day for Sunday, September 20, 2020 Matthew 20:1-16

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

Monday: If you were desperate for a job, how would you feel if you got hired at the beginning of the day?

Tuesday: If you were desperate for a job, how would you feel if you got hired towards the end of the day?

Wednesday: How would you feel if you worked all day and got the same wage as someone who did not?

Thursday: If you worked a little at the end of the day but got the same wage as someone who worked the full day, how would you feel?

Friday: How do you feel about the kingdom of heaven not being fair with the administration of grace?

Saturday: How do you feel about the kingdom of heaven being generous when it administers grace?

Thank you!

Please extend a warm, virtual welcome and huge gratitude of thanks to Pastor Lee Goodwin for filling in for Pastor Keith on Sunday, September 13th! We look forward to hearing your message. Thank you, Pastor Goodwin!



Birthday Blessings to You!

September 13: John Powilaites

September 16: Vicki Guay

September 20: Lynn Derby and Amanda Ross

Happy Birthday!



September Outdoor Worship Opportunity

Weather permitting, on **Sunday, September 27th**, Zion will offer an outdoor worship (with a baptism!) at 9:30 a.m. The podium and piano will be in front of the “Zion Lutheran Church” sign attached to our building at the main entrance. This placement will offer plenty of space for worshipers to maintain safe distances from one another. Hopefully this will also allow people to see Pastor if they prefer to worship in their vehicles. There will be a sound system set up so that everyone will be able to hear. The services will also be broadcast on Facebook Live. There will be no Holy Communion. Bulletins will be printed and distributed (& emailed) to the worshipers. **Worshipers are strongly encouraged to bring their own chairs, but chairs will be available for those unable to do so.** If the outdoor service is going to be cancelled, we will announce this as soon as possible, posting it on our website, Facebook, email, and on Zion’s answering machine announcement. A list of guidelines can be found in the **September newsletter**, “to help ensure that this worship opportunity is conducted in as safe a manner as possible. **All are invited and encouraged to take advantage of this worship opportunity; all to soon it’ll be too cool to hold worship outdoors.**



Outdoor Worship

Hunger in the Time of COVID-19 Life for Today and Hope for Tomorrow

Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host; the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA; and the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, invite **you** to an online benefit-*the first of it’s kind*– for ELCA World Hunger. ***The goal is to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19.***

This will take place on **Thursday, September 24 at 7p.m. Central Time via Zoom. Register now by following this link:** <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/sept-24-rick-steves-virtual-hunger-event?erid=cf206d7b-2529-4046-87e7-00424e6af4e9&trid=cf206d7b-2529-4046-87e7-00424e6af4e9>

We are in a historic moment, facing a once-in-a-century pandemic and a global change in hunger unlike anything we have seen in our lifetimes. Domestically and internationally, hunger is increasing at alarming rates. At this event, you will learn about the unique ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. Our hosts will also discuss the ongoing root causes of hunger and poverty addressed in Rick Steves’ recent special *Hunger and Hope: Lessons From Ethiopia and Guatemala*. And you will hear from ELCA World Hunger partners on the front lines of the current hunger crisis, who will tell you firsthand how your gifts make a difference.

We are called by God to share hope in this time of challenge. Join us to face this global hunger

crisis head-on and to continue moving toward a just world where all are fed.



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Quarterly Devotional

The quarterly devotional, “*The Word in Season*”, for October-December 2020 is now available. If you would like a copy, you may pick one up after participating in Holy Communion! Or you may contact Zion’s office via phone or email (715-735-7898, zion@newbc.rr.com) to schedule no contact pick up.



Lutheran World Relief

Our love can rise above the floodwaters and COVID-19 in India and Nepal through Lutheran World Relief.

Rajendra Kushwaha and Nikky Devi woke up to find water pouring into their bamboo and mud home. In the darkness, they struggled to carry their children through the water. When they finally made it to higher ground, their neighbors’ cries told them that others were not as lucky. Flooding is common where they live, and when the waters come they destroy the family’s crops and livestock without warning. And right now, COVID-19 cases are rising, and the pandemic lockdown has made it hard to purchase seeds. Without time to get seeds in the ground before the monsoons hit, widespread hunger is feared. Rajendra and Nikky are trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and disaster. But



our congregation’s love can overcome even the highest waters to reach neighbors like Rajendra and Nikky in their time of need. To learn more information about our partnership with Lutheran World Relief, see next month’s newsletter article and visit www.lwr.org



Thank you!

Thank you so very much for your continued giving and generosity while worship within our building is cancelled. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!

Part-time Employment Opportunity

Are you a caring female that would like to provide respite care to an elderly gentleman? The hours would primarily be worked on Thursday afternoon with an additional afternoon to be determined, up to 6 hours per week. For additional information, please contact Pam Goes at 715-923-2149.

News from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Fortune Lake will be holding its annual Fall Fest in a virtual platform this year, which means we can draw many more supporters from far and wide! The silent auction will begin on September 23 and will culminate with the live auction on October 3.

More information can be found on our website:

<http://fortunelake.org/make-an-impact/annual-fall-fest/>

After the rave reviews from our Yoga and Winter Wellness Retreats, we're so excited to offer you the workshop, Building Resilience: Mind, Body and Spirit, in partnership with Pam Roose, Certified Dietitian and owner of Inspiring Roots LLC. The online community will gather each Monday evening in October from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. CT for devotions, demos, discussion, and optional yoga. Weekly topics include: Breathing & Being Present, Fueling Our Bodies, Microgreens & Other Healthy Ingredients, and Building a Resilience Toolkit.

The cost for all four sessions is \$50, and registration will open soon!

Music for Sunday, September 13th

The prelude that Ann Buscher will play on Sunday, September 13th will be "Abundant Life" by Garrett Parker.

The postlude that Ann will play is "My Heart Ever Faithful" by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Camping at Pioneer Park

Are you interested in 2 free nights of camping at Pioneer Park in Escanaba? These nights need to be used by the end of September, but can not be used Labor Day weekend. For more information please contact Karen Houdek at 715-735-7180.

Mask Stash

Zion has a small "Mask Stash"! Currently, Zion has approximately 6 washable/reusable masks. If you are in need of one or forget one, please contact Zion's office to make arrangements for pick up. If you are talented and would like to sew and donate a few masks to add to our Mask Stash but are in need of a pattern to follow, please contact Zion's office or do a quick search on the internet.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for your generous donation to support our food pantry. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Warm regards,

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