

Walking Together – Fall of 2019

Delta Conference has scheduled their "Walking Together" event on Thursday evening, October 24th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba from 5:30-8:00pm.

Our event will include leadership training, address current concerns, equip us for the future, and offer the blessing of being "church" with other congregations in our area.

We will meet in Zion's parking lot at 4:15 p.m. on October 24th and carpool to Escanaba. Please note that the good people of Immanuel will be serving us a meal, so there are no dinner worries. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. Feel free to contact Linda Levin or the office with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

Quilts and Kits

Lutheran World Relief Shipping date is Saturday October 12, 2019, 9-10:30am. We will be loading on **Friday, Oct. 11th at 9:30am**. If you are able to help, please contact the church office. *Thank you to Rick Pink for offering to make our delivery to First Lutheran, Gladstone.*



Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your good wishes as I start a new phase in my life. It is kind of you to think of me.

Love,
Betty

Dear Friends at Zion,

Here I am at Bayfield Assisted Living in Bay City, MI. I am being looked after well and enjoy meeting new friends. My daughter, Merry Jo, visits me every day as well as my granddaughter, Erin & family. Julie, my daughter, is 1½ hours away and visits often too.

One day, I was sitting quietly in a special cozy sunroom, when suddenly there was a very tall man standing there and he said to me, "Are you Betty?" I said yes! He said, well, I'm Pastor Teich here in Bay city and I have a story to tell you. He said he had heard from a friend who was up in the UP "bear hunting", of all things. His friend spent an overnight in Manistique and attended Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday. In the bulletin that day, there was a message that said "Betty DeSautel had moved to Bay city to be near her daughter Merry Jo and Daughter Julie too. The friend couldn't wait to call his Pastor when he got home and tell him about this Betty. DeSautel who moved to Bay City. So, of course, the good Pastor he was looked up Bayfield and hastened to call me. We visited and found out all about him and he found out all about me. He is 6'7" tall, was one thing. So, I kept looking up at him. Oh, yes! He was good enough to give me communion and said he would call every month, if I so wished and of course I said "Yes"! He couldn't wait to call Pastor Dave who he knows well and tell him the story. So, I'll say "Amen" to this story. I say to all of you I miss you and love you all and God Bless you.

Love, Betty

The Sarah Circle would like to thank last years confirmation class for the collection of Health kit items. Anyone is welcome to bring in items, such as large combs, large nail clippers, bath soap bars, toothbrushes and bath towels. We will pack them with our kits.

The Manistique Ministerial Association held their annual Progressive Dinner on September 22. Nearly 100 people enjoyed the soup course at Zion. Thanks to those who made soup – Mary Ansell, Donna Mott, Rebecca Peterson, Kay MacGregor, Jo-Nell Berger, Janet Krueger, Shirley Leitgeb, Ruth Jones, Linda Levin and Liz Macklem. We had so many delicious soups! Thanks to those who helped set up, serve and clean-up, as well – Ruth Jones, Jo-Nell Berger, Kay MacGregor, Rebecca and Larry Peterson, and Linda Levin.

God's Work/Our Hands

Thank you to everyone who helped with the God's Work, Our Hands projects on September 7th. The group tackled several community clean-up projects.

Join us for Bible Study



The Monday night Bible study group will be meeting at 6:30, every 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Pr. Eleanor Russey will be leading our study. The book "*The Mission Table*" by Stephen Bouman, will be the focus of our study this fall. If you have any questions about this opportunity for study, please contact the office.

Circle News

The **Sarah Circle** will meet Monday, October 7th in the church conference room at 1:00pm.

The **Joy Circle** will meet in the conference room on Thursday, October 10th, 10:00am. Be sure to bring your *Gather* magazine.

The **Priscilla Circle** will be going to lunch on Tuesday, October 15th, 12:15pm.

The **Ruth Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, October 16th, at 11:30am location to be determined.

The members of the **Hope Circle** will meet on Thursday, October 17th, at 6:00pm in the conference room.



Our choir practices on Wednesdays at 5:00pm.

All voices are welcome and you don't have to read music. If you would be interested in joining the choir, contact Rebecca Peterson, Linda Levin, or come to any practice.

There are **several opportunities** to help with Flowers for the altar; Bulletin, Bread, & Wine; Coffee-Fellowship hours and Greeters. Please check the sign-up sheets posted in Augustana Hall.

You may have noticed some new landscaping in back of church. Thanks to Steve Haarman and Lila Panek for all their work on the new gardens.



Upcoming Scripture Readings

October 6 —Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37: 1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14,
Luke 17:5-10

October 13—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

October 20—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 27—Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

NOISY OFFERINGS

August 2019—Answer the Call \$89.07
September 2018—Always Being Made New \$89.07

Bible Sunday will be October 20, 2019. Beckett Maline will receive a Bible. The congregation provides Bibles for all third graders in our congregation. Beckett will also be receiving First Communion.



Coming in November...Soup with the Saints will be held on Sunday, November 3rd. Join the Congregation Council for soup following worship that Sunday.



Our fall Stewardship Drive will be held during the month of October. The theme “JOY-SERVICE-SACRIFICE”. God blesses us abundantly! Everything we have – families, friends, homes, food, clothing, meaningful work – all are from God’s gracious hand. How we choose to care for and use those blessings is what stewardship is all about. Our prayer is that you consider how you can best serve the congregation through your financial giving and service. Please prayerfully consider your giving to our congregation to support its work.

Have you seen our Altar painting? It was cleaned and restored by a team of four people from Museum and Conservation Services of Detroit. The change is the painting is amazing! The Klagstad painting was cleaned and repaired as well and is on display in the narthex. This work has been made possible by gifts from members and friends of the congregation as well as a grant from Sacred Places. The next phase of the restoration process is to restore the chancel area to its historical beauty. The area will be painted and using pictures we have of the original sanctuary, stenciling will be applied. This work will be done by Kelly Whaley of Detroit. This project will be completed during the month of October.

UNTIL ALL ARE FED

On October 19th and 20th our congregation will mark the day with an emphasis on World Hunger. We have been so blessed in our community with caring, generous folks who try and address hunger and poverty issues in a variety of ways. Our own congregation is instrumental in supplying our county's children with food for the weekends in a Back Pack program. However, even though the world provides enough food for all, more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger because the problem is not the amount of food produced on our planet, but the equity and justice of how it is used and shared.

We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. ELCA World Hunger is this church at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Together we work to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Our congregation has sent thousands of dollars every year for this purpose. Of course, while a good share of the money raised remains in our communities, we also understand as citizens of God's Kingdom that we are blessed to share with those who have little or no way to feed their families, due to no fault of their own.

We don't usually feel like we are wealthy, but by world standards almost everyone in our congregation is extraordinarily wealthy. Jesus tells us, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Luke 12:48

Please remember the hungry in your prayers and with your gifts of money and time. The World Hunger Committee

The Backpack Buddies program has greatly expanded its work this fall. 98 students at Emerald and 10 students at Headstart are receiving ready-to-eat food for the weekend. The program is in need of your donations of food and money.

Thank you to Jo-Nell Berger and Kathy Peterson for heading up this much needed project of our congregation.

Backpack Buddies Food Donations Requested

****Individually packaged items work best for the children.**

*****Pop tops on cans, if possible.**

Cereal boxes

Pop Tarts Breakfast bars

Mac N Cheese

Ramen Noodles

Cans of Spagehntios/Raviolis

Fruit Cups

Applesauce Cups

Pudding/Jell-o Cups

Dried Fruit

Microwave Popcorn Bags

Cheese-N-Crackers/Peanut Butter

Rice Krispie Bars

Animal /Graham Crackers

Congregation Council Highlights – September Meeting

- +October is Stewardship Month at Zion. The Stewardship Committee is working on the Fall Stewardship Program: JOY-SERVICE-SACRIFICE. We will have a potluck lunch following worship on October 27th to wrap-up our Stewardship Drive.
- +October 20, 2019 will be designated World Hunger Sunday.
- +We need people to help with gardening/trimming around the church and Augustana Hall.
- +On Sundays when no one has signed up to host coffee hour, the coffee pot will be on and members are invited to share a cup of coffee!
- +The Council approved letters of transfer for Merle and Gerry Decker to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Spring, TX; for Pastor Terry and John Frankenstein to Bethany Lutheran Church in Perkins, MI and for Melvin Frankenstein and Avalina Frankenstein to Bethany Lutheran Church in Perkins, MI.
- +Third Grade Bible Sunday will be October 20th. Bibles will be given to third grade Sunday School students.
- +The next phase of the Sacred Places grant will begin in October with the painting of the chancel area in church followed by the application of the stenciling that was original to the church.
- +The Backpack Buddies program is now serving nearly 100 students at Emerald Elementary School and 7 children at Head Start.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

Bishop Finegan is pleased to announce the hiring of our new Office Administrator, Heather Oysti. Heather begins her training with outgoing and retiring Office Administrator, Louise Ingalls, on September 23. Louise's last day in the office is October 4. Heather resides in Ishpeming and has most recently served as the Youth Director at Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming. She has also worked in the Media Center with the NICE School System. Heather brings a strong faith, enthusiasm, and a variety of church and business experiences to this position. Stop by and welcome Heather! Welcome, Heather, to your new position! Thanks, Louise, for your 24 years of service in the Synod Office! Enjoy your retirement!

2019 Hurricane Response

The situation:

Hurricane Dorian has hit the Bahamas with devastating force, leading to major damage and a growing number of reported deaths. The storm moved along the southeastern coast of the United States, threatening our neighbors with dangerous winds and life-threatening storm surge.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is in communication with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners who are preparing to respond. We are ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from this hurricane and any others the 2019 season may bring.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give

Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

CROP Hunger Walks

Stepping Up to End Hunger Since 1969

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the national CROP Hunger Walk movement, CROP Hunger Walks continue to raise millions of dollars each year to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. In each CROP Hunger Walk community, 25% of money raised comes back to local agencies. Across the country, over 1600 local agencies receive funds from CROP Hunger Walks

This year some 800 communities nationwide are joining together in interfaith CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Stepping up to End Hunger Since 1969." The CROP Hunger Walk was started in 1969 by a group of energized young people in Bismarck, North Dakota who wanted to mobilize their community to fight global hunger. Today, the CROP Hunger Walk is a national movement raising funds for the global hunger-fighting work of Church World Service and local hunger-fighting agencies. Last year, over 800 events raised over \$8 million dollars.

For more information or to find a local Walk at www.crophungerwalk.org.

Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

Check out our synod website and the "Prayfaithfully Resource".

People from our synod write weekly devotionals.

Go to www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully to explore this resource. Make daily devotions a part of your routine. You'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline.

Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource.

If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, 906-228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.

Mission Interpreters Needed

Pastor Jim is still looking for Mission Interpreters. Mission Interpreters

visit a congregation and thank people for their mission support and tell

the mission story of our synod. God is at work and these stories need

to be told! If you like your church, and don't mind speaking in front of

people, perhaps God is calling you to be a Mission Interpreter. Call

Pastor Jim Duehring at the Synod Office to learn more: 906-228-2300.

NEWS FROM FORTUNE LAKE

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Fall Fest

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Quilt & Fine Arts Auction

Previewing 9:00 - 11:00 am (CT) - FLLC Chapel

Buffet Brunch (Dining Hall): 9:00 - 10:30 am

Market (Dining Hall): homemade breads & pies

Country Store (Chapel): small handcrafted items and gifts, artwork, etc.

Auction begins promptly at 11:00 am

Fall Retreat for Youths Grades 3-6

Start: October 11 @ 6 pm **End:** October 12 @ 3 pm

Cost \$50.00

Ages: 3rd – 6th Grade

Adoptive & Foster Families Retreat

Start: November 1 @ 6 pm **End:** November 3 @ 11 am

Cost: Check pricing table

Ages: All

UFO (Unfinished Object Crafter's Retreat

Do you have an arts or crafts project that has been tucked away for years, waiting for your attention? Commit to finishing it on this fantastic weekend away with other crafters!

Start: November 15 @ 6 pm **End:** November 17 @ 11 am

Cost \$90.00

Winter Wonderland Retreat

Start: Jan 17, 2020 @ 6 pm **End:** Jan 10, 2020 at 6 pm

Cost: See Pricing Table

Ages: All

A Suicide Support Group Bible Study for those struggling with thoughts of worthlessness, of not belonging, of being a burden or of committing suicide. Or those suffering with guilt, anger, or perplexity over the loss of a loved one to suicide. This group will meet at the home of Dorene Hatfield at 7:00pm on Monday nights, starting October 7th. Her address is 4771w Michibay Dr. telephone number 341-8035.

A prayer for peace

St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.