

# Zion's Good News

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## Zion Lutheran Church



### Adult Retreat

This retreat is for adults of all ages.

Friday, July 13th

Starting at 5:30

Food will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass

Ends whenever

Campfire, games, music with Bucky

Bring your lawn chairs

Sign up sheet is in the narthex



## Face recognition

“Special cameras in airports scan 15 people at a time, focusing on the 80 landmarks of the human face. Not that precise recognition of individual faces is really anything new—God has been making positive identifications for years.” This is a quote from an article in *Homiletics* magazine.

Did you know that there are 140,000 hairs on a blonde woman's head? And there are 110,000 hairs on a dark-haired woman. So you can forget about blonde jokes. A hair-counting German scientist has discovered that the fair-haired among us have much fuller heads! Jesus puts it this way in Matthew 10:29-31, “Not even a sparrow worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.”

Here Jesus reminds us that we are noticed. God has this face recognition thing down cold. God will not forget us, promises Jesus, or fail to recognize us and acknowledge our service. Fortunately, our Lord sees us infinitely more accurately than even the most top-of-the-line technology.

When God spots us, bells are bound to ring. The Lord searches us and knows us. God sees when we sit down and rise up; he discerns our thoughts from far away. The Lord searches out our paths and our places of rest and is acquainted with all our ways. God hems us in, says Psalm 139, behind and before, and lays his hand upon us.

God simply cannot keep his eyes off us—but this is not because he's concerned about suspicious, seditious activity. No, it's because he loves us. The constant surveillance of our Lord is based on steadfast love, not suspicion. He follows us to the ends of the earth because he wants to protect us, not prosecute us. God sees us, knows us, and protects us... because he loves us.

We have a people noticing God; now it's time we become a God noticing people.

Pastor Sue



My wife, Donna, and I came to Wausau 4 years ago to work at Aspirus Wausau Hospital after two years at the Beaver Dam Hospital and 17 years at Howard Young Hospital in Woodruff, WI. God led us here because I needed balance in my work life and this position would afford me the opportunity to have a job that I could like as well as have time to do the things I enjoy on my time. So we joined Zion and asked for opportunities to serve this congregation. And God sure provided those things! I am a newly elected

council member working on the Parish Education Committee, as well as serving on the Property Committee, Building Committee and learning the video & sound system in the church. Donna and I have been married 13 years this July and enjoy the quiet things in life: hiking, walking, biking, reading, birding as well as my hobby of steam and metal working.

### Sympathy

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Dan and Donna Schrameyer upon the death of Donna's mother.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Joel and Amy Jurgensen upon the death of Joel's father.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Kurt and Lisa Schwarze upon the death of Kurt's mother.

### Discover JCPlayZone.com

Searching for a safe place for your child to play on the Internet? A place where faith, learning, and fun come together?

#### ☺ Discover JCPlayZone.com

Where children of all ages can make crafts, play games, send e-cards, and so much more!

#### ☺ Discover JCParentZone.com

Where parents will find articles, blogs, spiritual Q & As, and other parenting resources from a Christian perspective!

Great Bible Reef VBS  
 DIVE DEEP into God's Word!  
 July 23 – July 26, 2007  
 5:30-8:15 p.m.

If you have not registered for VBS, please consider doing so. Registration forms are in the narthex of the church. For planning purposes and to receive a FREE copy of "Reef Tunes CD" (one per family) please register on or before July 9<sup>th</sup>.

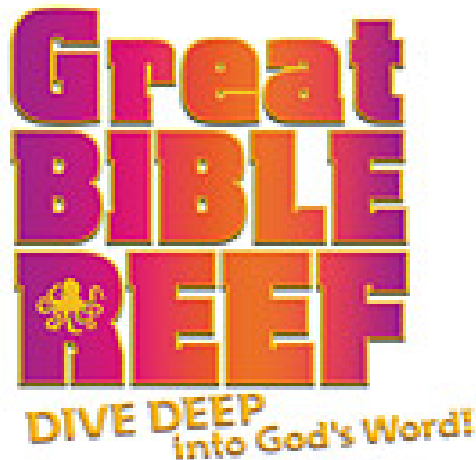
A donation board is located in the narthex. Donations from the congregation make a splash for a successful week. Please consider selecting an item or two. Perishable items may be brought to church by Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Non perishable items may be brought to church anytime and placed in the VBS Donation bucket in the narthex. Monetary donations are always accepted. Just indicate on your giving envelope that is it for VBS. Thank you for making VBS very successful.

A Great Bible Reef Staff Meeting will be held on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. It is not too late to sign up to help with VBS this year. Sign up in the Narthex or just call the church office (687-4110).

Come join us on Thursday, July 26 for FAMILY and FRIENDS NIGHT to witness the energy and excitement VBS has to offer. ALL Family and Friends of the congregation are welcome to "Take the Plunge" and join us for an evening of FUN and Fellowship. Swim on over to VBS on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to the church office (687-4110) if you plan to join us and do not have children attending VBS.

**Needed for VBS**

Items needed for crafts for VBS are:  
 1/2 gallon plastic milk jugs and baby food jars, either the glass jars or the plastic boxes. You may drop them off at church.  
 Thanks.



**Lawn Mowing Expenses**

The mowing is a budgeted expense and paid from our "Current Expenses" fund. The lawn mowing includes both cemeteries. If you would like to make a special gift to defray the cost of mowing, you may do so by including it in your "Current Expense" giving or by designating on your giving envelope as "Lawn Mowing". Thank you.

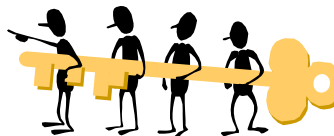
**Summer Schedule**

July 21st is the deadline for all servers to notify the church office 687-4110 or Grace Carpenter 687-4348 of your vacation plans in August through Labor Day Sunday.

Thank you to all who notified us of your vacation time. It is a great help in doing the schedule and greatly reduces the need to get replacements.



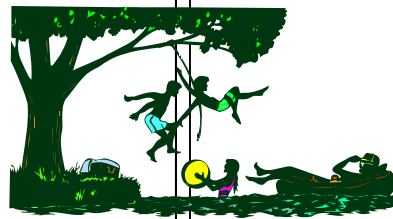
**With The 4 Keys**



**Caring Conversation**  
 Have each family member list a blessing that has been given to them that day. Discuss why it was a blessing.

**Family Devotions**  
**Prayer of Joy**  
 Hooray for you, God! Your super surprises are all around us. I can shout and sing your good news all day long. Hooray for you, God!

**Rituals & Traditions**  
 Use family outings as a time to wonder how God is active in your lives as well as in the world around you.



**Family Service**  
 Brainstorm things your family can do for others and then do them.

## Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, June 18, 2007. President Marty Ferris called the meeting to order. Gary Wussow led devotions and Marty Ferris led the leadership training.

During the meeting the council:

- Secretary Report M/S/C
- Treasurer Report M/S/C
- Thank you to Wendy Drexler, Pat Emon, and Norbert Lee for setting up and running the Heritage Days booth.
- Jan will be on vacation July 6 and July 23-27 and will be preaching on July 15.
- All committees are encouraged to start thinking of ideas of how we can work with our new sister congregation.
- There will be a send off for Karen Polege at the service on July 8.
- Duane Pederson is the newly elected bishop.
- There was discussion of getting a yard light for the back parking lot. This will be deferred to the Building Committee.

M/S/C to adjourn

Respectfully submitted by,  
Rhonda Thompson

### BENEVOLENCE

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual (6-14-07)</u>	Percent
Lutheran Social Services	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,231.25	68.40%
Missionary	\$3,500.00	\$ 1,815.00	51.86%
Crossways Camping Ministries	\$1,900.00	\$ 1,237.50	65.13%
ELCA World Hunger Appeal	\$6,000.00	\$ 2,438.78	40.65%
Mission Partners	\$ 750.00	\$ 740.10	98.68%

### After School Program

The Marshfield YMCA in collaboration with Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting an after school childcare program right here at Zion! Each day after school the children will be escorted from either of the Stratford schools by licensed childcare staff to Zion Lutheran Family Center where they will receive a snack, get help with homework, have the opportunity to play outdoors or participate in large muscle indoor activities, play games and be involved in creative art centers. The program will meet the needs of working parents in a safe and fun environment. For more information you may contact Dawn Justman at [ymca\\_djustman@charter.net](mailto:ymca_djustman@charter.net) or 387-4900.

### Evening in the Park

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

At Klemme Park in Stratford

Museum Tours "The History of Dolls"

Refreshments will be served

July 4 - ***"Let Freedom Ring"***

World War II & Now

July 11 - ***"Joyful Noise"***

Jerry Drexler

July 18 - ***"Sacred Steel"***

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

July 25 - ***Rozellville Rockets 4H***

Cultural Arts

August 1 - ***Don Frodl Polka Band***

August 8 - ***Drexler Family Music Night***

Sing-along

August 15 - To Be Announced

Sponsored by the Stratford Area Historical Society



**Support Zion! Use GoodSearch.com!**

There is a new and easy way to raise money for Zion just by searching the Internet, with GoodSearch.com. GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

It's simple. You use GoodSearch.com like any other search engine—the site is powered by Yahoo! - but each time you do, money is generated for Zion. Each search will raise \$.01 for Zion. That might not seem like much, but if 100 of us search four times a day, we will raise about \$1,460 in a year!

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Zion Lutheran (Stratford) as the charity you want to support and verify. Be sure to spread the word to your friends.

### Pastoral Act

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ernest Van Ryzin was held at Zion Lutheran Church on June 4, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. We extend our Christian sympathy to Shirley.

### Thanks

- Thanks to Norbert Lee, Wendy Drexler and Pat Emon for setting up and running the Heritage Days booth.
- Thanks to everyone who worked at this year's Heritage Days Booth.
- Thanks to the Evangelism Team for putting in the flowers and taking care of them for the summer.
- Thanks to Barb and Harold Wrensch for mulching the east flower bed.
- Thanks to Pat & Ardell Emon for taking care of the weeds and placing rocks around the shrubs on the West side of the building.
- Thanks to Norbert Lee for putting in motion lights in the hallway between the offices and the Family Center.
- Thanks to Leon & Pat Tietzen for weeding the east flower bed.

### Thanks

Thank you for the blanket for graduation. I will be taking it with me to the University of Minnesota in the fall. Also, thanks for all the prayers and support throughout the past eighteen years.

Ryan Wieland

### Summer Fun

The "Summer Fun" program is just around the corner. "Summer Fun" will again be split into two week periods each month. Dates for "Summer Fun" are: July 10, 17 and 31; August 7. Hours for "Summer Fun" are 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Everyone in the congregation and community is welcomed and encouraged to come to have some fun and fellowship. All ages are welcomed. We encourage congregation members to bring friends. Daily activities include: snack time, craft time, outside play, inside play, etc. We are looking forward to another exciting, fun time.

ITEMS NEEDED: For a project for the summer fun program we would like to save the plastic caps from water and pop bottles and the plastic lids from peanut butter and mayonnaise jars. Thank you.

### Front Page

If anyone knows the computer program "Front Page", could you please contact Janice Lee. Jan is trying to learn this program for our webpage. So any help you can give would be very much appreciated.

Thanks.



### Confirmation Camp

This year two of our students went to Crossways Confirmation Camp at Waypost. We teamed up with students from Grace Lutheran Church in Marshfield. The two students from Zion were Jacob Griffith (far left) and Cole Van Der Leest (far right). Pastor Behnke and Pastor Sue shared the week with students.

### Ministry Needs

Help is needed for some jobs around the church. They are:

- \* Sending out Nursery Roll items.
- \* Sending out Baptismal Anniversary postcards .
- \* Cleaning up and filling the Quiet Bags (used by children during worship).
- \* Taking care of the Campbell Soup labels.
- \* Tallying up the Festival Food Receipts and sending them in.

If anyone has an interest in any of these jobs and would like to know more about what it involves, please call the church office or Jan. Most of these are items that can be done at home when you have time. Thank you for your consideration.

### The Little Lutheran

10 issues a year packed with stories, colorful pictures, activities, prayers, songs and much more for \$24.95, produced by The Lutheran for children age 6 and younger. This is a magazine for toddlers who enjoy someone reading to them, parents and grandparents who enjoy reading to their tots, or young children who are learning to read.

There is a copy of this publication in the office if anyone is interested in The Little Lutheran. You may go on line at [www.thelittlelutheran.org](http://www.thelittlelutheran.org) to subscribe, call 1-800-328-4648, or the office has a card that can be sent in.



### **New Bishop of the Northwest Synod**

The Rev. Duane C. Pederson, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was elected to be the new bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at this year's synod assembly. He will succeed Bishop Robert D. Berg, who has served as the bishop of the synod for the past twelve years, and will be taking a position with the ELCA Board of Pensions as assistant to the president for church relations.

Pastor Pederson, 52, has been serving First Lutheran Church since 1994. He and his wife, Sylvia, have two sons, Brian and Brandon. Before 1994, Bishop-elect Pederson served as associate pastor and then senior pastor of Edison Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL and as associate pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Montana. He is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota and McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL.

The runner-up in the election was the Rev. Gary A. Hedding, assistant to the bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. The final vote in the fifth ballot was 329 for Pastor Pederson and 136 for Pastor Hedding.

Pastor Pederson will be installed as bishop of the synod on August 26th at 3 p.m at the UW-Barron County Campus, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It covers the northwest area of Wisconsin, includes 211 congregations and 106,400 members



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**Zion Youth and Family invite you to a  
Milwaukee Brewers Game!  
Thursday, July 19, 2007  
Milwaukee vs. Arizona  
Game time 1:05 p.m.**

Cost: Approximately \$40.00 per person  
(includes game ticket and transportation)

1/2 due at sign-up and balance due by June 15th  
Pay at the Church office (Make checks to Zion Youth Group)

Transportation provided by Progressive Travel  
Bus will leave at 7:45 a.m. and return approximately at 9:00 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch  
(supper at the ball park on your own)

No alcohol for this family event

All kids under 16 must be  
accompanied by an adult

Reserved Seating  
Section 128 Rows 2-6





## Malawi

The Republic of Malawi is a democratic, densely populated country located in southeast Africa. It has Zambia to the north-west, Tanzania to the north, and Mozambique surrounding it on the east, south, and west. The origin of the name Malawi remains unclear; it is held to be either derived from that of southern tribes, or noting the “glitter of the sun rising across the lake” (as seen in its flag).

Malawi has a total population of over ten million inhabitants, most of whom are rural farmers on a small scale basis, producing maize, rice, cassava, peanuts, tobacco, tea, beans, finger miller and sorghum. Malawi's staple food is maize but like other countries in Southern Africa, Malawi has repeatedly been affected by famines since 2002, when food was scarce for almost one third of the population. In 2003, 30 percent of the population were affected.

According to a FAO report from June 2005, 4.22 million inhabitants of Malawi, 1/4 of the population, would not have enough food in 2005 to survive. In the south of the country, the rate of the population affected will be between 55 and 76 percent. In the end of November 2005, the first famine deaths were recorded.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi (ELCM) is an indigenous and fast-growing church which was started by a Lutheran layman, Gilbert Msuku, upon his return to Malawi after seventeen years in residence in Tanzania. There he had been active in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). By personal evangelism, he was able to gather a congregation in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. The church received government recognition in 1982, and its head office remains in Lilongwe.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi currently has 12,000 members in 78 congregations, served by 11 pastors and 24 evangelists. Its leader is Bishop J.P. Bvumbwe, who has been a leader in the church since its official beginning in 1982. The first three pastors were ordained in 1987.

**Blood Pressure Screening**

At the Stratford Community Hall 9:30—11:00 a.m.  
Second Wednesday of the month—July 11th.

**Steak Feed**

The Stratford VFW will have its monthly steak feed  
on the 1st Tuesday of each month—July 3rd.

**Community Outreach Meal**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer will serve a free  
meal on Tuesday, July 31st from 5:00—6:30 p.m.

**Melody Gardens Christian Skate Nights**

1200 S Oak Ave, Marshfield, WI

Christian Skate Dates:

(4th Friday of the month)

July 27th 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Admission \$2.40 rent skates \$.50

Christian Music all evening

**Concert**

Grace Lutheran, 108 W Somo Ave, Tomahawk invites  
you to a concert on Monday, July 2nd at 7 p.m. A  
young Swedish Choir will be performing.

Free will offering.

**Pancake Brunch**

Stratford Fire Dept. will be having their Pancake Brunch  
on Sunday, July 8th from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Regular and  
Potato Pancakes will be served. Music will be provided  
by the Don Frodl Orchestra.

**Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity**

Volunteer groups are needed for Saturdays, August 18  
through the end of October in Marshfield.

Call 384-7533 to volunteer.

**YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Marty Ferris

V. President: Tadd Schoenherr

Secretary: Rhonda Thompson

Treasurer: Darla Leick

Evangelism: Diane Shanks

Parish Ed: Dan Schrameyer

Property: Pat Emon

Stewardship: Rod Huther

Worship: Donna Schrameyer

Youth: Gary Wussow

**PASTOR:** Sue Eidahl

Home Phone: 687-4381

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Parish Associate: Janice Lee

E-mail: janicelee@zionlc.com

Secretary: Wendy Drexler

E-mail: wendy@zionlc.com

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**WORSHIP EVERY**

**SUNDAY AT**

**8:00 & 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday School—9:00 a.m.**

**Summer Hours: 9:00 a.m.**

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