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# ZION'S GOOD NEWS

## AUGUST 2007



**Sunday, August 12**  
Contemporary  
casual service  
9:00 a.m.  
in the Family Center

Fellowship follows  
Come enjoy an  
air-conditioned  
Sunday morning of  
great music, great voices,  
great food and great fellowship.



## FAMILY MINISTRY

Vacations can be work or they can be relaxing. This year I took a relaxing vacation spending most of my time in Rice Lake with my family. I took in a couple of plays and traveled with Zion to Milwaukee to watch a great Brewers' game. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to take this relaxing vacation.

While on vacation, I also went to lunch with a number of friends. It was at one such lunch that a friend asked me about Zion. She said, "What does family ministry look like at Zion?"

There are so many different ways to answer that question. If all things were possible, I'd whisk my friend to Zion for a night of Vacation Bible School. I wish every member could spend an evening or two just watching.

It starts with a delicious and healthy meal served by moms who remind us to eat our vegetables and come back for dessert. But they are not the only ones serving. Moving down the line, three young ladies, soon to be third graders, are dishing up the fruit. And there stands our senior citizen, Marge Hayes, with a bucket of soapy water collecting dirty silverware.

The place is a "buzz" when suddenly the children are lined up by grades or "kinds of fish" and are ready to head to music, story telling, crafts, or outside games, and the puppets are gearing up for another black light show. There are children and youth and adults, moms and dads, all around. There is excitement in the air!

Everything we do as Christians is about passing on the faith. On these nights of Vacation Bible School I am hard pressed to tell who is passing the faith to whom; children to adults, youth to children, or adults to children and youth.

That's what family ministry looks like; sharing the story of Jesus with each other and growing in the faith. Come along and join us!

Pastor Sue



## Vacation Bible School

Great Bible Reef VBS was a HUGE success! We had 72 "Sea Creatures" diving into God's word each night. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, Coral Crafts, Great Barrier Games, Under the Sea Tunes, Seawater Science, and Deep Sea Storytelling. We collected \$292.14 to purchase peanut grinders for our Sister Congregation in

Malawi We were able to practice making peanut butter with the grinder. That was FUN! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Thank you to the helpers, Activity Site Leaders, Mess Hall Cooks, those who donated items or money, those who kept us in your prayers, and to the parents who allowed us to minister to your children. Thank you to Scotty's Pizza in Marshfield who donated the pizza boxes for the stepping stones. Hope to see everyone next year!



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Stacey and Lee Spindler upon the birth of their son, Riley Jacob, who was born on July 5th.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Ron and Sue Wiesman upon the death of Ron's mother, Fern Wiesman.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Lyle and Laurel Pupp upon the death of Lyle's brother, David.

### **Summer Fun**

“Summer Fun” will be held on Tuesday, August 7th.

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

Rally Sunday will be held September 9th with a Ministry Fair. Sunday school will begin the following week on September 16th. If anyone would like to be a Sunday school teacher or helper for this year's classes please call the church office at 687-4110 or Kristy Blyton at 687-2183.

### **Confirmation Kick-Off**

On Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Confirmation Kick-off for Parents and Youth of 7, 8, & 9th graders. It is extremely important to attend this informational and kick-off meeting in the Family Center. Also, it would be helpful to bring your calendar, for this will be a planning meeting where dates will be decided.

### **10th Grade Confirmation Kick-Off**

A meeting for all 10th grade Confirmation students and parents will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Center. All 10th graders—a mentor MUST be chosen and their name turned in to the church office by August 26th. A letter will be mailed with more information.

### **Puppets**

Interested in becoming a Puppeteer? Are you already a Puppeteer? We need you to attend an IMPORTANT Puppeteer/parent meeting on August 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be planning for the upcoming year. Please plan on attending.



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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.

### **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.

### **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.

### Thanks

Thanks to all the ushers, acolytes, etc. who turned in their requests for the summer schedule. It was a big help in doing the schedule and also cutting down on the replacements needed.

### Attention all Servers

If you are scheduled to serve on Sundays, August 19, 26, September 2, or 9 and you are unable to serve, you will need to get your own replacements. The last date to call either the church office or Grace Carpenter is August 17th. Be sure to call the church office at 687-4110 during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine who will be replacing you. Thanks for your help.

### Thank You

Thank you to the ladies of Zion for the wonderful dinner they prepared and served for Ernest Van Ryzin's funeral. Also, thank you to the ladies who baked cakes or gave any other donation. I want you to know it was very much appreciated. God's blessing to all.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Mae Van Ryzin

### New Bishop Installation

Pastor Pederson will be installed as Bishop of the Synod on August 26th at 3:00 p.m. at the UW-Barron County Campus, Rice Lake, WI. If anyone would like to attend the installation, Pastor Sue will be going. Please call her if you are interested in attending.

### Relay for Life

The Relay for Life is a fantastic event with a very important mission: to take up the fight against cancer, as a community. Relay for Life is the National Signature Event for American Cancer Society. Marshfield's American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on August 3 & 4 at the Marshfield Junior High School Track. The opening ceremony begins at 6 p.m. followed by the "Survivor's Lap". The Luminaries ceremony will be held at 10 p.m. Luminaries are purchased in memory of a friend or loved one who has passed away from cancer. They are also purchased as a symbol of life honoring a cancer survivor. The event is open to the public.

### Building Update

Below is what has been paid on Zion's building loan. Watch for next months newsletter for more information on the building.

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Start Balance</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>	<u>Principal Paid</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
6-1-07	963,468.96	6,285.19	5,012.02	1,273.17	962,195.79
7-1-07	962,195.79	6,285.19	4,843.93	1,441.26	960,754.53



**We have no right to complain  
about how our children develop  
if we are not heavily  
and purposefully  
investing in those outcomes.**

May your household provide a nurturing environment of faith, love and spiritual growth so that the emerging generation of America's children will be all that their Creator intends them to be.

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Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions.  
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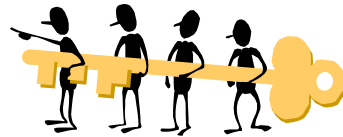


# CONNECTING

## Home & Congregation



### With The 4 Keys



**Caring Conversation**

As a family, discuss ways in which you can help others in your community or throughout the world

**Family Devotions  
Prayer of Joy**

Read Luke 10:25-37. Have a discussion as to "Who is your neighbor?"

**Rituals & Traditions**

Rent a funny movie twice during the month. Make popcorn. Enjoy the movie and laugh together.

**Family Service**

Invite a neighbor family over for a meal.

### Top Ten Hymns

The following is the Top Ten list of hymns you picked out as your favorites.

1. Amazing Grace
2. Beautiful Savior
3. How Great Thou Art
4. Here I Am Lord
5. Morning Cry
6. On Eagle's Wings
7. What A Friend
8. Shine, Jesus, Shine
9. Here In this Place
10. Blessed Assurance



## LET US SING HIS PRAISES



### 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.

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).

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi currently has 12,000 members in 78 congregations, served by 11 pastors and 24 evangelists.

Here Diane Kaufman hands Pastor Sue a document of our sister congregation Mpenda in Malawi.



















### **Blood Pressure Screening**

At the Stratford Community Hall 9:30—11:00 a.m.  
2nd Wednesday of the month—August 8th

### **Steak Feed**

The Stratford VFW will have its monthly steak feed  
on the 1st Tuesday of each month—August 7th

### **Community Outreach Meal**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer will serve a free meal on the 4th  
Tuesday of each month, August 28th 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)  
August 24th 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.  
Admission \$2.40 rent skates \$.50  
Christian Music all evening

### **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  
August 1 - *Don Frodl Polka Band*  
August 8 - *Drexler Family Music Night* Sing-along  
August 15 - *The Hayes Boys*  
Sponsored by the Stratford Area Historical Society

### **Ice Cream Social**

Ebenezer United Church of Christ  
Wednesday, August 1st  
Alternate worship in the current building  
And tours of the new building starting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Garage Sale and Brat Fry**

August 10th 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Old Armory in Marshfield  
Proceeds benefit the Marshfield Area United Way

### **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  
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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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### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The 21st of each month.

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- Births
- Deaths
- Hospitalizations