

## ***JULY 23, 2017 - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

We welcome you today in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! God grant you Peace in the hearing of His Word and the praise of His Name as we worship together rejoicing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **Order of Service: LSB, Page 203**

**Officiant: Pastor Bruce Richardson**

**Hymns: 807, 739, 637, 563, 803**


**Readings: Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 44:6-8**

**Epistle: Romans 8:18-27                      Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Message: “In Anguish Of Heart”    Text – Romans 8: 26, 17**

**Organists – Noli Hadt, Linda Wiese**

\*For the hearing impaired: Headsets are available at both Zion & Bethlehem churches.

 **Please remember in your prayers:** Bob Thomas, Ken Kiesow, Phyllis Melen, Jerome Hermann, Olivia Schmidt, & Dick Baker. Shut-ins and members living in Care Facilities. Our President, our Governor and all elected officials. Men and women in our armed forces and the families of the fallen missionaries, the lost & homeless. Those suffering from violence, war & disaster throughout the world. Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. For people to value Life at all stages. Our Seminary “Adopted” Student, Kevin Dykstra.

**The Record of Fellowship** is the red pad at the aisle side of your pew. Please be sure to sign it. We report total attendance to the Synod and also use it for letting us know how many bulletins to print, etc.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. Mindful of the loving, Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice *Closed Communion*. This means we normally invite to commune, only active communicant members of this congregation or other congregation of the *Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* in good standing. **All Guests** are asked to speak with our pastor before the service before coming to the Lord’s Table. If you have not spoken with our pastor, please do not come forward at this time. If you would like to learn more about *Closed Communion* or our congregation, we encourage you to talk with our pastor. Please sign & register for communion on the pew pad.

### **This Week’s Schedule:**

<b>Sunday – 7/23/17</b>	9:00am	Zion Worship Service
<b>[Communion]</b>	10:30am	Bethlehem Worship Service

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**Baptized Today:** Frederick Carl Weltzin, born May 11, 2017. Parents are Josh & Sarah Weltzin (& sister, Mary). Sponsors are Elisabeth McRae and Roger Weltzin. We are glad to welcome Fred into the Lord’s family as the newest member of our congregation. May God bless you all the days of your life.

**Birthdays:** For 7/23 – 7/29/17: Bill Huff, Donald Lane, Freda Shong, Becky Spaeth, Eileen Lane, Eliza Gerken, Westen Huth, Maxtyn Glenz, Jackson Jaenke, Deba Prill, Earl Jaenke, Naomi Sudbrink, and Mya Lou Stensen.

**Happy Anniversary this week to:** Verle & Roger Green, and Wayne & Janet Compeau.

Many thanks to Pastor Bruce Richardson, the guest speaker today, while Pastor and Marilyn are at the annual Staats reunion at the Metcalf Lodge north of Danbury.

Zion VBS is just around the corner. We are looking for people to help make this year’s VBS a success for our children. We are seeking people to help with getting the classrooms ready, and decorating. We are also looking for classroom helpers, and clean-up helpers. If you are willing to help, please contact Deb Prill at 715 464-1002 or 715 497-7613.

Bethlehem’s VBS Mission Project collected \$125 for Concordia Gospel Outreach. Thank you to everyone who contributed for this project. *Anyone who wants to, can still donate.* The money will be sent in after Zion’s VBS is completed in August.

*Prayerfully consider:* Zion is looking for another financial secretary. Interested persons should speak with Deb Lane. Duties include counting money and preparation of year-end giving statements.

Looking ahead-Zion's Harvest Dinner is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details to come. Also, it is the time of the year to consider giving for the Fall fuel prebuy for Zion.

At Bethlehem . . . Time again to prebuy LP for the 2017-2018 heating season. The price this year is listed as \$1.24 per gallon. 2016-2017, we used approximately 1,718 gals at \$.87 a gallon. So if we use the same gallon-wise, we need to prepay \$2,131 by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember, Thaler Oil gives back to the church by sending us a check for \$5.00 for each of us who purchase our LP from them. Also, John Thaler usually gives us the price per gallon that he pays; and right now the price is up in the air. *Please consider helping with your donation.*

And a suggestion for the prize list for Fall Fest at Bethlehem.

....Our committee is in the process of organizing prizes and tickets for this year's Fall Fest fund raiser scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. The list of fantastic prizes to date include: A handcrafted heirloom quilt valued at \$500; a large screen TV valued at \$400; Miniature John Deere Product; Meat Package valued at \$105; two \$100 cash rewards; \$50 cash; Green Bay Packer afghan valued at \$400. Your help is needed by your contribution of a generous, eye-appealing item that everyone would like to win. The sign-up list for donated prizes is available in the narthex. *You can register now and bring the gift anytime before October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Fall Fest Tickets are now available!** \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00. Please purchase your chance to win one of the many exciting prizes.

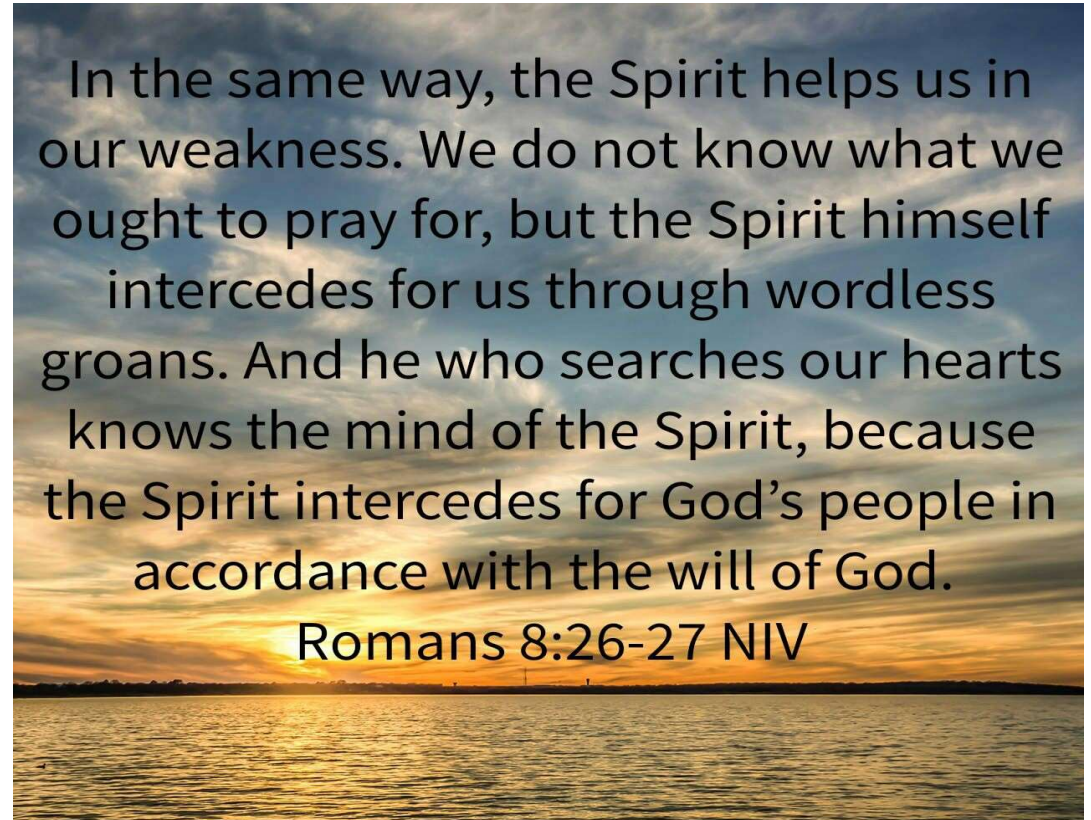
Bethlehem has available used furniture from Pastor's office, for a donation.

**We need to have 3 CPR Certified people from each congregation, who know how to use the AED. Please tell one of your church elders, if you are currently certified, thanks.**

**There is a free CPR session on 8/7/17 at Marshfield Clinic. Register @ 715 389-7559.**

<u>Our Worship Response:</u>	<u>Bethlehem</u>	<u>Zion</u>
Attendance 7/16/17	55	47
Offerings 7/16/17	\$907.00	\$837.00
Weekly Budget	\$1282.00	\$1138.00

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*Bethlehem Lutheran Church reaching out to our community and to the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*Zion Lutheran Church seeks to preach and teach God's word to all people of all ages and show God's love through our witness, fellowship and service!*

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