The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran Parish June 24, 2018 Rev. James Norton

Ludington & Fall Creek, Wisconsin Linda Wiese Organist 715-514-5478

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**Service: LSB #4 Pg 203 Hymns: 802, 771, 629, 634, 643, 770**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5

Second Reading: Acts 13:13-26

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-80

**The Message: "Through All the Storms, God Will Bring Us Home.” Text:  Mark 4:35-41**

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Pastor Jones at Zion, Chippewa, Wendy Frank, Selma Lane, Don Lane, Diane Goss, and Olivia & Aiden Schmidt, shut-ins and members living in Care Facilities.

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS                  HOMEBOUND

Augusta---Diane Goss--Zion                                 Brian Markham--Beth

               Geneva Smith--Beth.                            Carol Huff--Zion

                Eileen Hagedorn--Zion                          Don Berlin--Beth.

                Selma Lane--Zion           Amy Bergman--Zion

                Naomi Sudbrink--Beth.                          Ellie Grunewald-Beth.

Also in nursing homes, or assisted living:

The Manor, Chippewa Falls--Delores Staats, (Sam [Marilyn] Norton’s mother)

Grace-Woodlands, Eau Claire--Florence Korn-Beth. Neillsville--Dorothy Solberg-Beth.

Stanley--Robert Reppe-Zion River Pines, Altoona--Julia Phillips-Beth

\*\*You may put any prayer request in the box in the Narthex, or the fellowship hall at Bethlehem.

**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. ***Gluten-free wafers*** *are available for communion. Let Pastor or one of the elders know, if you need them. Also, if you wish for nonalcoholic wine, please speak with Pastor before or after services.*

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Sunday June 24, 2018** 9:00am Zion Worship Service

**[Communion]** 10:30am Bethlehem Worship Service

**Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday June 24-26** LWML 37th Biennial Northern Wisconsin District Convention, Stevens Point

**Sunday July 1, 2018** 9:00am Zion Worship Service

10:30am Bethlehem Worship Service

Be sure to sign the Red Record of Fellowship Folder on the aisle side of your pew today.

**Happy Birthday This Week to:** Ethan Hermann, David Knuth, Mary Jo Greene, & Jesse Weggen.

**Happy Anniversary to:** Tom & Diane Woodford on June 30th.

A retirement party was held for Pastor and Mrs. Voss at Pastor Bittner’s on his hill last Wednesday evening.  They will be moving to a new house in North Dakota.

VBS went very well and we thank all who volunteered to teach and the gals who provided the yummy treats.  Sharon kept everything moving and the closing saw some very exciting children.  we had some new children this year.  Thanks to the parents for bringing your little ones to learn more about Jesus.

VBS students collected money to send biblical books to children in Madagascar. There is a jar on the table in the fellowship hall, if you would like to contribute for the books. Also on the table is a “Mailbox” for Halle Luedtke. The students did drawings and wrote letters to her. You can also write her an encouraging note and drop it in the mailbox.

Bethlehem members, pick up your newsletters for July and any other items from your mailboxes today. Our mailboxes will be removed for the remodeling next week. Extra copies of the newsletter are available in the fellowship hall on the bookcases by the curtain.

Bible Study at Zion, TODAY!  We had 15 members join us last week as we take a new look at the parables.  Please join us for our new Bible study opportunity, "Renaming the Parables". .  Pastor Tom Baker, who is on KFUO Radio in St. Louis, with his Law and Gospel program.  Each lesson is one-hour long. You are encouraged to stay, have a cup of coffee and treats, and listen to Pastor Tom explain why each parable is misnamed

Vacation Bible School at Zion is August 5th through 9th, please be sure to register your child. Contact Deb Prill, 715-464-1002. See the July newsletter for more information.

It’s time to start getting ready for our Autumn Harvest Dinner, along with the second annual Car/Tractor Show September 30, 2018. Putting out a call for anyone who has a car, truck, or tractor that you would be willing to bring on September 29th or 30th.  Please contact Walter Thompson (715-877-3246) if you are able to help with the car/tractor show.

Zion is in need of someone to serve as Council Secretary.  Please prayerfully consider helping in this position.  If you are interested please speak with Dave Kiesow.

Christian Music Event:  ONE FEST, Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29, at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Grounds, Chippewa Falls, WI.  This our opportunity to see contemporary Christian music artists.  We have so many music genres coming to the Chippewa Valley, it’s nice to see big name Christian artists coming to our area, as well.  Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

**Our Worship Response 6/17/2018:**

 Bethlehem Zion

 Attendance 59 45

 Offerings $1025.00 $611.00

 VBS $20.00

 Building Fund $100.00

 Weekly Budget Needs: $1185.24 $1138.00

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

June 24th to the 26th – North WI District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League 37th Biennial Convention in Steven’s Point, WI

JULY IS MITE BOX MONTH

July 5th – Council meetings at Zion 7pm

July 12th – Ladies Aid potluck picnic 6pm @ Pastor and Marilyn’s home

August 5th to the 9th Zion’s Vacation Bible School

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**BETHLEHEM-ZION LUTHERAN PARISH – SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018**



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*