



September 12, 2021

Zion's Reminder Bulletin Board

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The women of the ELCA are *preparing school and personal care kits*. Some of the items needed for the **personal care kits** include: soap (bars), nail clippers, big tooth combs, tooth-brushes, hand towels and wash cloths. Items needed for the **school kits** include: notebooks, pencils, 24 count crayons, rulers, scissors, erasers, pens and pencil sharpeners. Check out the local sales for 'back to school' items! A container for your donated items will be located in the narthex.

Luther Park in Chetek, WI is one of the Bible Camps that our youngsters have attended for over 60 years. (I, Kathy, attended there as a 7th grader in 1958 and several more times in high school!) They are in the midst of a fund raising portion of a Capital Campaign in order to upgrade their facilities. A matching funds opportunity exists from now until the end of the year; every dollar donated to Luther Park Capital Campaign will be matched up to \$500,000 which would then meet their goal. Our council has discussed ways to assist with this project. We will have envelopes available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, September 5th. Each will be labeled with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$144. Please take an envelope for the amount that you would like to donate, place either cash or a check made out to Zion Lutheran Church with Luther Park Capital Campaign listed at the bottom of the check for that amount (or higher is ok too), into the labeled envelope and place in the offering plate or outside drop box. We are hoping to raise as much as \$5,000 to assist with this upgrade to provide good camping experiences and growth in faith for our youth and adults. Donation envelopes will be available through October 10th.

Looking for 1 to 2 people to help disassemble, move and reassemble a foosball table for the Theater room for youth to use as the weather turns cool. Contact Pastor Joe if able to assist.

Kids Club Volunteers Wanted

Please contact Brianna Iverson at 608-865-0197 or youthandfamily.zion@gmail.com if interested in volunteering to be a small group leader for Kids Club from Sept-Nov 2:15pm-5:15pm this fall.

• Covid Update from Reopening Committee

Due to rising levels in Covid in Trempealeau County, the Zion Lutheran reopening Committee is strongly encouraging all people to start wearing masks in church. Thank you for helping to keep our community safer.

• Food Pantry Donations

Want to help in our community? The shopping cart in the Narthex has been empty for a while due to COVID. The Food Pantry is now ready to take our donations again! With kids going back to school here are some items to consider purchasing: peanut butter, cereal, Pop tarts, snack size puddings and fruits, fruit snacks, and raisins, canned fruits, vegetables, beans and meats, pasta items, spaghetti sauce, soups, rice, and instant mashed potatoes are just a few items that work for donations. The Pantry also accepts toilet paper and personal hygiene items.

Welcome! A special welcome to visitors that may be worshipping with us. All worshippers are requested to complete a pew card: please note if taking communion. Visitors are invited to also provide us with your contact information. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plates as you leave the service.

This Sunday	September 12—9:00 a.m.
Multi-Media	T.B.D.
Ushers / Greeters	Roger & Sandy Nelson
Music	Selisa Erickson
Lector	Gary Meunier
Altar area flowers	Beth Meunier
Prayer volunteer	T.B.D.

Next Sunday	September 19—9:00 a.m.
Multi-Media	T.B.D.
Ushers / Greeters	The Nuland family
Music	Selisa Erickson
Lector	Kelly Gardner
Altar area flowers	T.B.D.
Prayer volunteer	T.B.D.

Please Pray For

Our condolences to the family and friends of Marge Lakey



A Celebration of Life for Mary L. Kopp

On September 19th after worship, Mary's family is inviting friends and members down to the fellowship Hall for Mary's celebration of life. They will have photos, and a mic to share some memories and stories. The Family requests no gifts or cards, just bring yourselves, as people who cared for Mary. Refreshments will be offered in the fellowship hall.

Counter's Report

General Fund \$1,694.00
 Luther Park Cap. Campaign..... \$50.00
 Operation Christmas Child \$100.00
 Lutheran World Relief \$100.00
 Feed my Starving Children \$100.00

Total \$2,044.00

(General Fund deficit: \$2,562.00)

General Fund Budget Needs.....\$4,256.00

Counters : Sheryl Arms, Joe Roehl

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start shopping! School sales are starting and we need your help. We hope to pack 350 boxes this year. Collection of items will begin the end of August and we will begin packing when we have enough items. We need: 24 pack of crayons, markers, or color pencils, notebooks or small notebooks, color books, pencils, erasers, sharpener, scissors, toothbrushes, washcloths, combs or hairbrushes, socks, flip flops or shoes, t-shirts, hats, girl's jewelry and hair items, Matchbox cars, balls, flashlights, jump ropes, yo-yos, dolls or any small toys (no war toys please). If questions, please call Lori Nastvold at 608-865-0630.

Congregation Survey

The Zion Council is in the process of evaluating our current service time. We would like to get the opinion of as many as possible in order to make a decision that best suits the majority. Please complete our short survey regarding your preference and return as indicated. We are offering several options on completing the survey, we ask that you submit by only one method (Google Link, email or paper). Thank you for your participation! Go to: <https://bit.ly/2UJmFae>

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking+ faith home

Jesus asks us to pick up our own cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ's suffering
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-11	The example of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to turn away from our self-centeredness and receive your life-giving power through the cross of Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, in mercy and kindness you feed us. Give us strength and goodwill to show mercy and kindness to others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of generosity give you rest and peace. (Psalm 116:7)



MILESTONES
MINISTRY

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song*



taking+ faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone else was being selfish.
- What happens when someone places their own needs before the needs of others?
- Jesus says that denying your own interests out of love is the way to find real life and joy. How do you overlook your own wants and interests for the sake of others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 8:27-38.

This is it, the Caesarea Philippi moment, the moment Jesus asks his followers to identify who he is and what his life is about. Peter gets the title right but the mission wrong. It is clear in this reading that it is important to understand who Jesus is; he is the Son of Man. Jesus is the one who picked up his cross and laid bare his courageous and faithful life for others. This is the way of life that Jesus wants others to follow, too. Jesus was open to rejection, suffering, and his innocent death. Christian discipleship includes picking up our crosses to courageously and faithfully follow the one who holds the universe together. However, Jesus' own disciples did none of that at the time of his death. They were scared and ran away. The good news is that God will do great things through us, Jesus' imperfect followers. Where in your life might Jesus be asking you to pick up your cross to face life's challenges courageously and faithfully?
Pray: Dear God, give me the courage to face life with faith and hope that others may know the power of love and salvation through the cross of Christ. Amen.

SERVICE



The Letter of James points out that the way you live gives others an impression of what God is like. Think of someone you know who especially needs to hear words of mercy and kindness. How can you reach out to them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

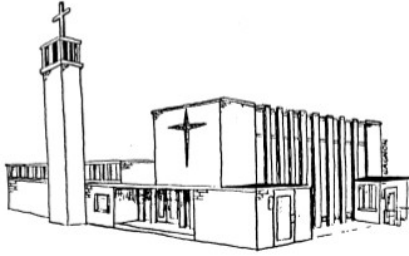


Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, marked the sign of the cross on his forehead daily as early as the year 250. In 386, St. Cyril incorporated the sign of the cross during Mass. This is an ancient Christian blessing that reminds us that we are saved through the cross of Christ. This week before and after devotions, make the sign of the cross. Bring together your thumb, index, and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then to your chest, then from your left shoulder across to your right shoulder.



MILESTONES
MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: Selisa Erickson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Day

That the Lord Has Made

Let us Rejoice

And be glad in it.

Greeting

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God,

C: We confess that we are not perfect.

We have fallen short of your vision for our lives.

We have not loved you as we should;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Jesus' name we pray to you;

Cover us in the waters of your Grace,

Forgive us, and in Christ, bring us new life.

That we may follow you,

and bring life to those you love,

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

L: In the Grace of Christ your Sins are forgiven. God's love is always with you, never further away than your very breath.

C: Amen.

Kid's Sermon

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 116

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

⁹I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND LESSON

James 3: 1-12

3Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 8: 27-38

L: The Good News today is from the Gospel of Mark

C: Glory to You oh Lord

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

Announcements

Hymn of the Day "All are Welcome"

(Red book #641)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Respond to "Lord in your mercy", with "**Hear our prayer**"*

OFFERING

Offering Resp. # 686 We Give Thee but Thine Own (V 1 only)

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray

Pre-Communion Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together"

(Red Book #471)

SENDING HYMN "Go My Children with My Blessing"

(Red Book #543)

BLESSING

L: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(Red book #884)

DISMISSAL

Now as you leave this place,
May you go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD