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MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 10:32, 33

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Annually, it takes place the third Sunday in May—Confirmation. Youth, who have studied the chief teachings of Scripture, want to become communicant members of our congregation. We also have adults who are waiting to be confirmed in a public worship service. Both youths and adults know how important it is for them to confess their faith and promise to be faithful. For our benefit, let us review what our membership means.

Why become a member of a Christian congregation?

First of all, becoming a member of a Christian congregation confesses Christian faith. This extends beyond the boundaries of any denomination. Christian faith is a gift worked in human hearts by the Holy Spirit using the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. Because of faith in Jesus Christ, people are members of the Holy Christian Church. They are part of the gathering of all believers.

Where there is faith, there will be confession of that faith. When we confess our faith it is the admission and proclamation that faith is within us. Jesus said it would be natural for us to confess our faith. As a matter of fact, it's necessary. We are moved to confess our faith because of our faith.

We are reminded of these parallels in the realm of congregational membership too. As we welcome anyone into communicant membership at Zion, we are reminded of all that our membership means. We believe in all the Bible teaches. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Savior of the world. We believe that the Lord's teachings are correctly understood and applied in our church (Zion) and the church body of which she is a member (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod). We welcome people as members when they confess they believe the same things we believe. That's why people become members in our church. It's their faith and confession which makes us one in agreement.

So what are the privileges and responsibilities of being a member of Zion. **Zion's constitution provides us this overview:**

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Section 2. Privileges and Responsibilities

“God is love” (1 John 4:8), and His love ever moves Him to bless the members of His church with physical and spiritual gifts (1 John 3:1; James 1:17). In return for all of these undeserved blessings, we can do nothing less than love Him with all our hearts (1 John 4:19) and show that love with the works that we do. The exercise of such love we acknowledge as both a privilege and a responsibility. Some of the privileges and responsibilities to be noted are the following:

- A. Our God has given us His Word, the one thing needful (Luke 10:42), which alone can save our souls and tell us how to live a God-pleasing life (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Consequently, members of His church will consider it a distinct privilege and a responsibility to ...
 - 1) Hear and receive the Word of God diligently;
 - 2) Provide and promote opportunities for Christian education;
 - 3) Bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)

- B. Our God has given us two sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, which are means that our Lord uses to bring His grace to us. Consequently, members of His church will ...
 - 1) Have their children baptized early in life, for “baptism now saves you also” (1 Peter 3:21).
 - 2) Frequently partake of Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-26), if they are recognized as such who can properly examine themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28). Only those in the confessional fellowship of faith are permitted to commune at our altar (Close Communion – Matthew 7:15; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; Ephesians 5:7-11; 1 John 4:1).

- C. Our God has given us the privilege and responsibility of being managers over a certain portion of His estate and assures us He will graciously bless such faithful management (Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 9:6). Therefore, members of His church will under grace ...
 - 1) continually remember that all their possessions, time and abilities are really a trust from God;
 - 2) cheerfully decide in their hearts (2 Corinthians 9:7) the portion of their possessions and time and abilities which they will regularly devote to the Lord for use in carrying out that which the congregation has made its concern, not omitting the work of the synod (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 9:14; 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; 1 Peter 4:10);
 - 3) if eligible, become voting members and regularly attend the voter’s meeting and lend the congregation their counsel and aid.

- D. Our God has implanted within us who are Christians the new man, who desires to live righteously (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:24). Consequently, members of His Church will
 - 1) Not live in obvious acts of sinful nature (Galatians 5:19-21), but lead a Christian life (Galatians 5:22-25);
 - 2) When they have erred, permit themselves to be fraternally admonished and corrected in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-18, and likewise lovingly admonish others who have gone astray;
 - 3) Refuse to hold membership in any organization whose teachings and practices conflict with the Word of God (e.g. lodges, scouting) (John 5:23; 8:31, 32; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the

Wednesday that precedes that Sunday.

Both Individual and Common Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the

Wednesday Communion Services.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Please join us for an afternoon worship service on the second Tuesday of each month.

Individual cup communion will be served.

WELLSPRING

Zion conducts worship services at The Wellspring Lutheran Home on the 3rd & 4th Wednesday of each month.

Services begin at 10 a.m. The Wellspring Lutheran Home is located at 1236 S. Monroe St.

Notice how the emphasis regarding the privileges of membership have to do with faith. The same common denominator of faith which makes us members also continues to be stressed in the privileges of membership. We don't just bury the dead; we conduct worship services in which faith in God is confessed as we bid farewell to a loved one in this life. We not only legalize two lives becoming one in the eyes of the state; we listen to the Author of marriage for His guidance and His blessing. We don't just belong at Zion; we are a part of the body of Christ. Being a member of Zion has its privileges rooted in faith as well as its opportunities to express faith. Privileges and responsibilities go hand in hand.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Think about your privileges of membership. Take advantage of them. Utilize them. For they either enrich or reflect your faith. **MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**CLASSES WILL RECESS FOR THE SUMMER AND RESUME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUP meet most Sunday mornings unless otherwise noted. The Adult Bible Class meets in the church basement; Sunday school (ages 3 through 8th grade) meet in the school classrooms; and Youth Group (8th through 12th grades) meets in the youth room in the church basement. All Sunday classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday's Adult Bible class meets from 10 to 11 a.m., in the church lounge. Normally, the last class is the Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend, May 17th. The present stay at home restrictions ran through Fri., May 15th. We are not holding any classes through May 15th. If something changes, we will publicize it. **THANKYOU.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth Confirmation will take place sometime in June, depending on the government limitations. *Tess Herman, Kalei and Madison Hoppert, Reagan and Ryan Horn, Kayla Liechty, Zack McCormick, and Alexander Ortiz are our youth confirmands this year.*

ADULT CONFIRMATION

An adult class completed their course on Sun., Mar. 8th. They were scheduled to be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 5th. As soon as our public worship services resume, we will schedule their confirmation.

CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST —

Dear Confirmands of 2020 and those celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversary and over,

Your local Thrivent (AAL Branch 3257) cordially invites you and your family to a Confirmation Breakfast to be held in your honor sometime in June, depending on the government limitations. It will be held in the Zion School auditorium from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zion Staff is also invited to attend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

KILLARNEY NOTE:



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April 27, 2020

Friends of Killarney Lutheran Camp,

On Sunday, Sunday, April 19, the Lutheran Campsite Association Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board discussed all matters related to this summer, including Family Camp, group rentals and Summer Camp.

The board voted to tentatively postpone the start of the 2020 Family Camp season from May 1 to Friday, May 22. This is based on our state's mandate for people to stay at home through April 30 and that has since been extended to May 15. Because schools have been closed, we have also decided to cancel all group rentals in May.

The May 22 date is contingent on what activities are allowed before then. The state of Michigan has now extended the stay-at-home order through Friday, May 15, 2020. The board agreed to survey parents about whether they would be willing to send their children to Summer Camp. We hope to have a decision on what will be offered for Summer Camp this year no later than Sunday, May 17, at the next scheduled board meeting.

In all areas, the Board must consider what is permissible and what is advisable. The Board is following directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the state of Michigan, as well as communicating with local health authorities and gathering opinions of medical professionals directly involved with Killarney Lutheran Camp.

While we ask to remember our plans are subject to change, the Board is grateful for your continued patience, support and encouragement.

Please contact us with questions and comments at joed1988@att.net

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18 EHV).

In Christ's service,
Pastor Kurt Uhlenbrauck

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ZION RUMMAGE SALE CANCELLED

Due to concerns regarding the coronavirus, the Rummage Sale previously scheduled for SATURDAY, May 9, 2020, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm has been CANCELLED. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but feel it is the appropriate action to take at this time.

CHURCH CLEANING – It's that time of year again. Groups can start the annual church cleaning as soon as the government limitations are lifted. All ladies of Zion congregation are members of these groups; however men are more than welcome to help out at any time. You should receive a call, as soon as we are able to plan, from your group leader when they will be doing their area. If you don't know what group you are on, please contact the office and we can help you.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL FOR CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS – If you would like to set up automatic withdrawal for your congregational offerings, please contact the office and we will complete an application for you. We will need a voided check in order to complete this application. We look forward to assisting you in setting up this application. You will still receive an annual giving statement from the church. Please call the office if you have any questions – 242-1378.

THANK YOU

Brenda Pyle is stepping down as Zion's accountant. Since her father's (Tom Fitzgibbon) passing, Brenda has served us for nine years. As a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and CFO (Chief Financial Officer), Brenda's knowledge and expertise have been invaluable. She not only prepared payroll and bill payment for our treasurer, but negotiated contracts, advised regarding legal and tax issues, set up systems for accounting, and did whatever else was necessary to keep Zion's finances running smoothly. To say that we appreciated her efforts and work is an understatement. Zion is deeply grateful for all that Brenda has done for us. THANK YOU. We echo the words of Christ—"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

MINISTERIAL ACTS



Funeral: Millie Hughes, died on Sunday, April 5th and the funeral was held at Merkle Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 8th.

MEMORIALS (GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

In memory of Millie Hughes

Carol Pitcher
Larry & Delores Simmons
Jacqueline and Charles Sayles



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ZION SCHOOL

PREK REGISTRATION for the 2020-2021 school year for current students and members of Zion Lutheran Church is now open. Preschool will continued to be combines 3yr./4yr. Program with these changes:

3 year old Preschool is a three or four-day consecutive day program (M-W or M-TH)

4 year old Preschool is a four day consecutive day program (M-TH)

There is no longer a five-day program option.

There is a non-refundable registration fee \$40.00. Please contact the church/school office at any time to register your child. Registration for new families will began in April. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office (242-1378) or Miss Gines.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year is now open. If you have any questions, please contact the office. If you know of someone who is interested in sending their child to Zion next year, have them contact the office or Mr. Schneck.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Due to the COVID-19 crisis all activities are
postponed until June.

Worship services are online on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Please continue to look at the Zion Website for all updates and any
additional information regarding the church and school.

God Bless Everyone

CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARDS

¹ *But now this is what the LORD says,
the LORD who created you, O Jacob,
the LORD who formed you, O Israel.
Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.*

² *When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.
When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.
When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,
and the flame will not set you on fire.*

³ *Because I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,
I gave Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.*

Isaiah 43:1-3

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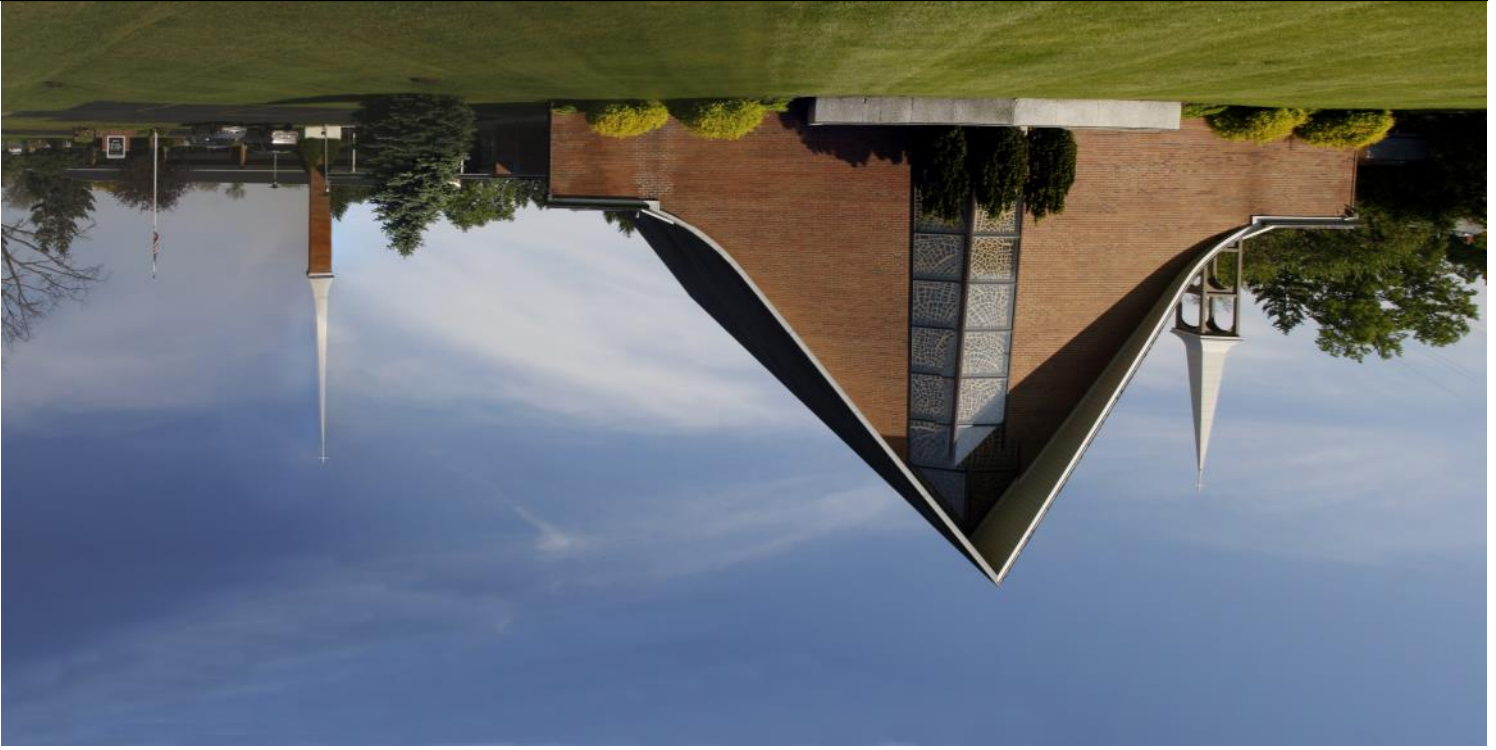
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