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# **TOWER TOPICS July 2019**

## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

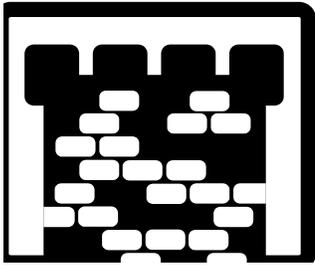
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

With Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of month



# JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>
	5:30 Tops 6:00 Cadillac Community Chorus	6:00pm Property	6:30 pm Vet to Vet	Fourth of July Church Office Cosed		
<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
8:30 & 10:30 Communion Services 9:30 Zion 101	9:30 Stitchery 10:00 Kitchen Meeting 5:30 Tops 6:00 Cadillac Community Chorus	6:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Women's Book Club 6:30 Evangelism	6:30 Fellowship	11 am Prayer Circle 6:30 Hobart Cemetery		
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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Noisy Offering & Food Pantry 8:30 Communion Service 9:30 Brunch at Zion 10:30 Worship Service	VBS 9:00-12:00 Grades K-5	VBS 9:00-12:00 Grades K-5	VBS 9:00-12:00 Grades K-5			



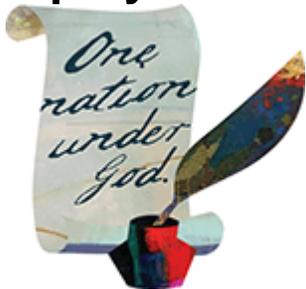
# The TOWER TOPICS

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Zion Lutheran is dedicated to loving and living the word of God.

## What's Inside . . .

### A prayer for the Fourth



Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father's world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

Sandy Hyland from NewsletterNewsletter

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# Thoughts from Pastor Scott



I recently used the image of a pit stop to describe what the church sometimes is for people. From the sermon on May 26, "The church meets people on whatever road they find themselves on. We are a presence for whatever time that road involves us. And then we send people off to whatever ventures await them next." This sermon reflected on the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts when Paul and Silas spent time with Lydia and her household. Lydia's house became a stopping place for Paul and Silas on their way. But it was only for a time. Soon they would be on their way to another place, but they'd never be the same because of the hospitality they had received from Lydia and her household. In Christ, Lydia and her household were connected to Paul and Silas in an eternal way.

So it is with us, I said in that sermon. Once more from that sermon, "Again and again they come back. People who are wrestling with life's complications. People who have been gone for a time only to return because they know this as a stable place. A place where they are welcome. A place of refuge. A resting place. A pit stop on life's journey."

I believe all of this to be true. It's one of the things that make the church special.

I also know, without a shadow of a doubt, that Zion would not exist without those people who give of themselves again and again for the sake of God's witness through Zion. These are the people who find a way to serve at Zion...and beyond. These are the ones who visit our homebound, themselves often long-time members of this place. These are the people who show up to annual meetings, not because these meetings are always fun and interesting, but because this is their church and they care about what is happening here. These are the people who provide a sturdy foundation so that the church is here whenever people are led to seek a connection with Jesus. I am grateful for these people because without them Zion Lutheran Church wouldn't be the same. Even more, without them Zion Lutheran Church wouldn't exist.

(continued)

The truth is that we could not be a pit stop without these long-term, connected folks. The further truth is that it would be difficult for the church to ever have too many folks like this. Zion is dependent on people caring deeply about the community God has planted here.

I am grateful for both those who have been, or are now, with us only for a season. And I am grateful for those who have spent much of their life connected to Zion, caring deeply for this place and its people. Zion is a special place because of the friends we have seen come and go along the way and because of those who are with this place thru thick and thin.

For all that has and could go wrong with "the church", today I'm reminded church is a gift. I am grateful for it. I hope you are too.

Blessed to be your pastor,  
Pr. Scott



**We gather in gratitude for freedom to  
worship God in this land, intent on not  
taking this opportunity for granted.  
Welcome to worship, one and all.**





## Just A Thought from Judie

Every musician knows the difference between harmony and an off key note.

When playing or listening to an off key note, the music just isn't right. When all the notes are correctly played, then harmony results.

When tuning into a radio station, static causes the listener discomfort until the dial is turned this way or that to tune into clear reception.

In life, we often hear or feel an off key response or static when concerns arise, social ills and injustices come to our attention or our own problems and challenges over take us. We cannot simply turn away from what causes us discomfort as it will persist.

Words from one of my recent meditation readings come to my mind. They stated that when we turn over the affairs of today to a Mind which knows exactly what to do, all our questions are answered by our inner intelligence. All fears are dissolved by this inner love.

God looks at us through every situation, every person, and every feeling. God bids us to do the right and loving thing.

I agreed with the collection of thoughts from the author that God is always a welcome resident in the home of my thinking. I bid His ideas come and live with me.

Today is the most important day I have ever lived. It is the day the Lord hath made. I realize the value of this day and refuse to allow it to be dominated by the past or by the future.

My God is of the present and His ideas abide in me and direct me at this moment.

We need to find the key that will produce harmony in our lives, or tune out the static around us to be able to listen to that "still, small voice" within us. Only then are we able to listen and appreciate all the music of life that flows around us.



## What Matters Most.....

When you are in the final days of your life, what will you want? Will you hug that college degree in the walnut frame? Will you ask to be carried to the garage so you can sit in your car? Will you find comfort in rereading your financial statement? Of course not. What will matter then will be people. If relationships will matter most then, shouldn't they matter most now?

From "A Love Worth Giving" – Max Lucado



## Volunteers Still Needed

Our summer "God's Work, Our Hands" project is caring for our community garden along the **Keith McKellop Walkway**. Throughout the summer, we ask volunteers (individuals, couples, and families) to take a week or more to keep everything looking neat and clean. This is a simple and quick chore. While you're at the park or walking the walkway, just include some time to make certain our garden is weed free and looking good.

If you can share a week or more of your time during the summer (June, July or August), please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board at church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marilyn Bridges.



## "Summer Rain"

Oh, what is so pure as the glad  
summer rain,  
That falls on the grass where the  
sunlight has lain?  
And what is so fair as the flowers  
that lie  
All bathed in the tears of the soft  
summer sky?

The blue of the heavens is  
dimmed by the rain  
That wears away sorrow and  
washes out pain;  
But we know that the flowers  
we cherish would die  
Were it not for the tears of the  
cloud-laden sky.

The rose is the sweeter when  
kissed by the rain,  
And hearts are the dearer  
where sorrow has lain;  
The sky is the fairer that  
rain-clouds have swept,  
And no eyes are so bright as  
the eyes that have wept.

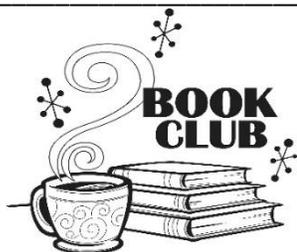
—Fannie Sherrick



## Women's Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch will gather at 12:30 on Thursday, July 18th, at the Timbers Restaurant for food and fellowship. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board at church. If you have any questions, contact this month's hostess, Marilyn Pratt.



On Tues., July 9th, the Women's Book Club will discuss the novel, "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah.

In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska – a place of incomparable beauty and danger. *The Great Alone* is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story of love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wilderness that lives in both man and nature.

Book club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join them. If you have questions or would like a copy of the book, please contact July hostess, Peggy Vanterkhoff.



## Zion Summer Flower Care

The beautiful flowers around Zion church need tender care to keep them fresh. Volunteers are needed to remove spent blossoms from the flowers by the church entrances and from the flower planters. Weeding of the planting beds is optional. You may sign up for one or more one-week assignments. The sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex. If you would like more information concerning what is involved, please call Shirley Gibelyou.

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## Series of Classes - "Zion 101"

If you'd like to learn more about Zion Lutheran Church and the Lutheran faith tradition or if you'd just like a refresher, you are invite to join Pastor Scott for a series of classes entitled, "Zion 101." Classes will be held Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. If you would like to join Pastor Scott, please contact the church office (775-9821) so we can be sure to have enough materials on hand.



**Ministries Coordinator Report  
From Val Hanson**

**Our Altar Guild is a group of people who make sure the sanctuary is ready for worship each week. Each team of 2-3 people is assigned a different month. During the month, they make sure the altar is dusted, the hymn numbers are displayed, and the table is set and ready for Communion. They also clean up after Communion.**

**Members of this group say that they enjoy this work because it is peaceful and important. They find it very personally satisfying. They find purpose in helping people participate in meaningful worship.**

**The Altar Guild has lost some members recently, due to people moving from the area, and is looking for a few new volunteers. They want you to know that nobody works alone and it's something that requires one month of service per year. It's also important to note the Altar Guild is an equal opportunity ministry – men are welcome and encourage to serve.**

**Paula Campbell would be happy to answer your questions if you would like to know more about the Altar Guild. You would also be most welcome to come observe a team and see this satisfying work first hand.**



**Zion Kitchen Meeting**

Our church kitchen hosts many events throughout the year and we are dreaming of ways to improve its workability. Have you ever worked in our church kitchen? Do you think that someday you may serve in a capacity that uses the kitchen? Do you have ideas for improvements we could make? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, or even if you are just interested, please join the discussion by attending a Kitchen Meeting on Monday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m.

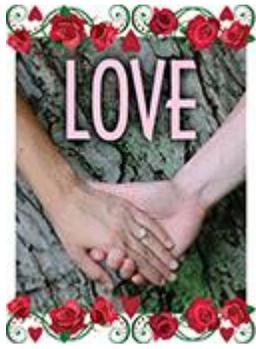


**VBS**

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, Vacation Bible School will be in session exploring "To Mars and Beyond."

Jen Mazza is asking for Volunteers to run half hour activities, as well as guide the children, Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, between the activities.

If you're willing to help, contact Jen Mazza.



## The Kid's Hope USA – Hand I Hold

This hand I hold I touch it now for all eternity  
and the friendship that we share, I enjoy so thankfully.

I am your KHUSA mentor, and your true friend,  
and when the school year is over, my thoughts of you do  
not end.

For in my dearest memory, forever there you are,  
even when summertime is here, memories are never far.

This hand I hold I touch it now, for all eternity,  
and the friendship that we share, I enjoy so thankfully!

Zion, along with the Cherry Grove Nazarene Church mentored 19 students at Forest View School this year. We had our year end party on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ice cream sundaes started the gathering, then a thank you from the guidance counselor to the mentors. We took a few minutes to share special memories of the past year. Three students were celebrated as finishing the program and will be moving on to Mackinaw Trail School in the fall.

A Mackinaw Trail tee shirt was given to each of the three along with a certificate. Our favorite part is we make a tunnel and the three ran through as we yelled, clapped and gave high fives. Fun games were played and then the good-byes.

More mentors are going to be needed for next year. In my world, I don't know why everyone wouldn't want to be a part of this program.

Beckie Kanipe  
Kid's Hope Director



## Coffee Hour Hosts Are Still Needed

If you could help by serving as a coffee hour host following 10:30 worship, we could use a few more volunteers.

Coffee Hour Hosts for the 10:30 service serve in groups of 3-4 people and each person is asked to serve once every 2-3 months. If you could help for even a portion of the year, contact any member of the Fellowship Committee: Marilyn Bridges, Heather Dixon, Jen Freeman, Nancy Grumm, Val Hanson Beckie Kanipe Rhonda Pitts or Roger Pitts.



*Dear God*

*I thank you for rainy days. The world looks and smells greener and cleaner after a through soaking. The birds sing sweeter and the flowers look brighter. Help us to remember this when we tend to complain about the weather. Amen*

*From Newsletternewsletter*



### Fellowship Outing

Join us for a fun and relaxing ride down the Manistee River on Saturday, August 10. Participants 10 years old or more will have the choice of tubing or riding a 6-person raft. Children 5-10 years old are welcome to participate on the rafts. We will meet at the Wilderness Canoe Trips at 6052 Riverview Road, Mesick at 1:00PM to begin our 2-hour trip. The river trip will end at the Lions Club Park where we will enjoy hot dogs, chips, and a beverage.

Please let us know you'll be there by calling the church or signing up on the bulletin board by July 21, so we can reserve the tubes and rafts. Be sure to let us know which one you prefer when you call/sign up. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and will be collected at the church office. If you are interested in participating, but prefer a different watercraft, call or email Val for information. Payments are due by Friday, August 10. If it rains, we have reserved the following Saturday as a rain date. We hope you will be able to enjoy the afternoon with us!

The Fellowship Committee

(Detach Here) -----

### Fellowship Fun

The Fellowship Committee would like to know what kind of activities you would most like to see offered. Please mark any activities that you would enjoy and return the lower half of this form to the box on the table outside the Sanctuary by Sunday, July 28. Thank you for your thoughts.

Please put an X next to each activity in which you would likely participate:

- |                                             |                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> bowling            | <input type="checkbox"/> mystery dinner              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hike               | <input type="checkbox"/> group event at Barn Social  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> game night         | <input type="checkbox"/> make-it/take it craft night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> movie night        | <input type="checkbox"/> bonfire                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> progressive dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> scavenger hunt              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ball game          |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____        |                                                      |

## VBS Registration Form 2019

Please complete this form for each child attending VBS. You may leave form/s in the church office or in the box outside the sanctuary. You may also complete registration forms the first day of VBS.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Person to be notified in emergency situation when parent is not available:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of persons other than parent to whom child may be released:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of persons child CANNOT be released to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies your child may have:



**New prayer requests or updates as of June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- \* Dan S, complications from radiation
- \* Gordon K, Sherry S's father, declining health
- \* Jim W, surgery recovery
- \* Cori E, friend of Marilyn P, breast cancer
- \* Bruce S, friend of Scott S, cancer
- \* Hefrani S, liver transplant recovery
- \* Eric H, health issues

**Continuing prayer requests:**

- \* Deb
- \* Barb B
- \* Colin C
- \* Dan S
- \* June E
- \* Kay F
- \* Norma J
- \* Allena M
- \* Jeanne S
- \* Janet S
- \* Shirley T
- \* Elaine W
- \* Arline W
- \* Ron W

To add a prayer request to our list, please contact Pastor Scott, the church office by phone at 775-9821 or by email at [zionlutherancadillac@gmail.co](mailto:zionlutherancadillac@gmail.co)

Please note.....Friends and family members will be listed On the prayer list for one month. Please contact the church office after the one-month period if you wish them to be included another month.

To add a prayer request to our list please contact Pastor Scott, at the church office by phone at 775-982 or by email at [zionlutherancadillac@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutherancadillac@gmail.com)

**Prayer List Email Option**

You can receive Zion's Weekly Prayer List by email. Those requesting the Prayer List by email will receive it on Friday afternoon each week. If you are interested, let Val know by calling the church office or email her at [vhansonzion@gmail.com](mailto:vhansonzion@gmail.com)



Zion's Prayer Chain is available to pray for requests that you have throughout the week. To request prayer, contact Linda Carlson or the church office at 775-9821. To join the Prayer Chain, contact Linda or the church office.





*Family of Zion,*

*Thank you SO much for the outpouring of love and support at my fundraiser! I'm happy to report that my goal has not only been reached but surpassed by over \$1,000! I am continually grateful for all of you, and it's because of the community at Zion that I am where I am today.*

*If you would like to receive updates during my trip, you can follow my blog page: [godandgoulash.home.blog](http://godandgoulash.home.blog) ! Please also feel free to send me an email ([alsteig1996@gmail.com](mailto:alsteig1996@gmail.com)) if you'd like, but just know that it may take me some time to read/respond! I'm so excited to embark on this adventure and to share it with you.*

***A note from Mom (Stacie Wilson):***

*As a part of Alexis' going-away present, we are going to send her with 365 notes/cards of inspiration, one for each day that she will be gone. If you would like to partake, there will be cards available at Alexis' Going Away Party on August 10th (4pm-7pm), hosted at our house. If you are unable to attend, you can mail them to our home. Contact the church office if you need the address.*

*Peace! And thank you, again, so much!*

*Alexis*



The Blessings Bag ministry has been a big success. After the homeless have been placed in a home they receive one of our laundry baskets that are filled with items that they need but that can't be purchased with a Bridge card. The collection will begin in July.

Our needs this time are the same as last time and include things used for cleaning (the body, the home and their clothing). The following items would be greatly appreciated: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, Q-tips, large kitchen garbage bags, bar soap, sponges, multi-purpose cleaners, laundry soap, dryer sheets, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, soft soap, band aids, triple antibiotic cream, disinfectant wipes, buckets (about one foot tall) and laundry baskets. All of these items can be purchased at a dollar store. The Dollar Tree by the old Big Lots store offers all items for only \$1.00. We ask that you avoid sample items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotions, bar soaps, etc. and please purchase full-sized items. We will also accept monetary donations.

Look for a collection table in the Fellowship Hall. Let's show how Gods love works through us by helping those in need. The Outreach Committee

## Helping those who struggle with housing

Please continue to join us in helping those who are escaping homelessness. In July we will collection for fall/winter Blessing Baskets (they will be given to Adam in late September to early October).

**Our July 28 "Noisy" Offering will also support these baskets by providing funds to purchase additional items.**

Zion Lutheran Church and Congregation,

NMCAA would like to sincerely thank you for the Blessing Baskets you donate to our agency. NMCAA prides itself on moving families and individuals out of homelessness and into safe and affordable housing. Unfortunately, our funding can be limited to just rental costs. That is when your Blessing Baskets come into play and are greatly appreciated.

Many times our homeless clients, many with families, move into a new home with absolutely nothing in hand. The Blessing Baskets you provide hold essential products that our Michigan Bridge Card does not cover, such as toiletries and cleaning supplies. I have heard first hand from our community members experiencing homelessness just how thankful they are to receive this thoughtful gift. It really is a great start in creating a functional home for an individual or family coming out of homelessness.

Thanks again!!! Adam Traviss Housing Resource Specialist at NMCAA



## THE SERVING PAGE

July 2019

Ministry Coordinators:  
8:30 Service - Shirley Gibelyou  
10:30 Service - Linda McMartin  
(Unless Otherwise Indicated)

ALTAR GUILD                      Paula Campbell  
Elsie Moore and Chris Venema

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - 8:30

07    Sue Anderson  
14    Jerry Benson  
21    Marilyn Bridges  
28    Chris Filak

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - 10:30

07    Bobbie Brown, John Carlson, and  
      Kaitlyn Johnston  
14    Char Davis, Allen Meyer, and Helen Potter

ACOLYTES                      Jen Freeman  
07    Eli Nordman and Ashlynn Becktel  
21    Kaitlyn Johnston and Dezi Torkko

### LECTORS - 8:30/10:30

07    Lois Durham/Elsie Moore  
14    Carolyn Emerson/Howard Potter  
21    Craig Johnson/Jill Runstrom  
28    Marty Solomon/Rick Swanson

### SOUND TECH - 8:30/10:30      Scott Hanson

07    Scott Hanson/Aaron Mazza  
14    Dave Koenig/Jamie Peterson  
21    Anne Koschmider/Joe Baumann  
28    Todd Bruggema/Marty Dahlstrom

### GREETERS - 10:30

07    Bruce & Chris Norkoli  
14    Dave & Donna Radtke  
21    Ron & Sue Smith  
28    Shirley Hunt and Beckie Kanipe

FUNERAL COORDINATORS  
Val Hanson and Anne Koschmider

### USHERS - 8:30

07    Woodie & Lois Durham  
14    Gordon & Cindy Evarts  
21    Carol Neverth and Bob Shumway  
28    Bruce & Chris Norkoli

### USHERS - 10:30

07    Rick & Patti Swanson  
      Dan & Peggy Vantkerkhoff  
14    Joe Baumann, Bobbie Brown, John  
      Carlson, and Char Davis  
21    Marty & Pam Dahlstrom  
      Lynn & Kathy Gullekson  
28    George & Cathy Cochrane, Jim Higgins,  
      and Jennifer Sück

### COFFEE HOUR - 8:30              Marty Solomon

07    Scott & Val Hanson  
14    Darlene Hettel and Penny Stange  
21    Harold & Karen Carson  
28    *Brunch at Zion* (Gordon and Cindy Evarts)

### COFFEE HOUR - 10:30          Sharon Hagstrom

07    Larry & Colleen Luhtanen  
      Arline Wiggins  
14    Rick & Patti Swanson  
      Heidi Fenner and Chris Norkoli  
21    George & Cathy Cochrane  
      Roger & Rhonda Pitts  
28    Dave and Linda Mutch  
      Janet Steinbach

*PLEASE REMEMBER:* It is up to you to arrange  
coverage if you are unable to serve on your  
scheduled day. **THANK YOU!**

