

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church August 2014



Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air, they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

How do we answer Jesus' question? Some would say that's because they are birds and do not have the capability of pulling their weight like people do. Implied of course is you only have value if you earn it, otherwise you are a sparrow in a world full of worthy people. Some would say people are just more valuable because they are people, but that implies that God somehow does not really like His creation except for the really valuable members and the rest are just along for the ride. I would suggest that the birds might be more faithful than us because they trust that God will provide food even if they are not the prettiest bird, fastest flyer or make the best eggs.

The question really focuses on a couple of areas: trust and love which then point us towards motivation and action. Because our world likes to focus on how valuable each person is by who they are and what they produce, we feel the need to earn God's love and build our relationships on a trust that is dependent on what others can give us as well as whether or not we contribute fairly. That sounds like a good view until we come across a bill we cannot pay, whether it is repairs to an object, health concerns or even issues in our relationships, both people and God. If our value is dependent on always being able to pay every bill on our own then we truly do not understand grace and love.

We may talk cross language and go through the motions of worship and the sacraments, but all those experiences point to the fact that our value is not as bill-payers, but as people in love with God, His creation and each other. God feeds the birds because His love for them, even the pigeons, is so great that he would never not feed them. His love for us is so great that not only did he die for us, but he puts up with our efforts to "sweeten" the deal by being good responsible bill payers and stressing out about how we can afford the cost of such efforts.

Paul says that the law fails to save. It only serves to find failure on our part. The message of the Gospel points us to a lover so in love with us that even our worst failures and most cantankerous moments do not stop Him from loving us. He feeds the birds to show us that we will be fed. In God's kingdom, the bill payers are the ones who outlove each other with passion, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation and are centered in the same trust of God His birds have. This trust embodies a relationship where we sow and reach out, worship and pray, live with differences and in humility for the trust the birds have is one where they know they only have to be the birds they were created to be.

You and I only need to be who God created, faithful in sharing love, trusting that God did make us for service to others and that God will feed us in order that we can feed others. What is your value? A cross, some bread and wine and water, arms to hold others, legs to walk to others, voices to tell others how valuable they are, eyes to see, tears to share both joy and sorrow, hears to hear and hearts/minds to challenge us to love ever more greatly. When we recognize that our value is not dependent on numbers, perfect views, buildings or the like, then we will truly have the faith of children and birds. God has never withheld love from His birds or His people, nor will He start now.

Trusting in His love, we step out in faith to do the things that the people of Hamilton and Butler County need, whether it is safe sidewalks, food in their bellies or love in their hearts. Go as one body to love and serve our Lord! Amen.

Pastor Joe

An offering of \$643 was collected at Pastor Joe's installation service, which was donated to the Open Door Pantry. Thanks to everyone who gave!



Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.

Women in the Bible

Woman Who Never Stopped Praying!

(1st Samuel 1:1-28, 2:1-11)

Hannah is one of the most poignant and inspiring women in the Bible. Despite years of patience and prayers, she remained unable to have a child. One day in her deep anguish, Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. Hannah made a promise to God that if she bore a son, she would give him back for God's service. God answered her prayer at last. Hannah's character truly shone, when in gratitude to God, she dedicated her newborn son to His service. She followed through on her promise, handing her young child Samuel over to Eli for training as a priest.

Hannah was perseverant. Even though God was silent toward her request for a child for many years, she never stopped praying. She had faith that God had the power to help her. She never doubted God's abilities.

After years of praying for the same thing, most of us would give up, Hannah did not. She was a devout, humble woman, and God finally answered her prayers. Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). That's exactly what Hannah did. Hannah teaches us to never give up, to honor our promises to God, and to praise God for his wisdom and kindness. (<http://Christianity.about.com/Hannah>)

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A big thank you to Marge McGill for volunteering to be the food caller for the bereavement committee.

Mark your calendars!

The next General Meeting of the Women of Zion will be on Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m. Please watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins and the September Messenger.

Special celebrations

During the months of June and July the Women of Zion have been very busy. On three separate occasions, they have planned and prepared events for members of our congregation and guests.

A farewell reception for Pastor Betsy was held in the lounge after both Sunday services. Thank you to everyone who provided donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, and drinks. Also, thanks to those who helped with the set-up, serving and clean-up.

On Sunday, June 15th, after the 10:30 service, lunch was served to over 70 high school students and their chaperones from Nebraska. A big thank you to everyone who signed up to help by donating food, and helping to prepare serve, and clean-up for this event.

On July 13th, following Pastor Shrock's installation service, the Women of Zion served a light meal to approximately 95 people. Once again, the congregation responded to all requests for help both in meal preparation and clean-up.

****Next Women of Zion Executive Board Meeting will be on Monday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m.**

Zion's Prayer Chain Committee

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. (1 Timothy 2:1)

Women of Zion's prayer chain is chaired by Kelli Platt and Cheryl Griesinger. Julia Hilbert contacts them with members' prayer requests. Kelli and Cheryl then relay these prayer needs to all the members of the prayer chain committee, so that they can be added to their daily prayers.

If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Cheryl (863-6524) or Kelli (317-8182).

"Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)





BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

The Book of the Month Club will meet on Tuesday, September 2, to discuss *Marjorie Morningstar* by Herman Wouk. *Marjorie Morningstar* is a love story. It presents one of the greatest characters in modern fiction: Marjorie, the pretty seventeen-year-old who left the respectability of New York's Central Park West to join the theater, live in the teeming streets of Greenwich Village, and seek love in the arms of a brilliant, enigmatic writer. In this memorable novel, Herman Wouk, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, has created a story as universal, as sensitive, and as unmistakably authentic as any ever told.

Then, on Tuesday, October 7, we'll meet to discuss *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for these events. We always welcome new people. Remember, reading and fellowship is good for the mind and soul!



TAILS FROM GOD

As part of the *Tails From God* ministry, Zion has a recycling program to benefit the Animal Friends Humane Society. Simply bring in your used printer cartridges, cells phones, toner cartridges, PDAs, and MP3 Players and put them in the recycling box in the church office. They will be packaged, shipped and sent to eCycle Group (www.ecyclegroup.com) and the money given to the Animal Friends Humane Society. This is a wonderful opportunity to be good stewards of God's creation by protecting the environment and the abused and neglected animals in Butler County. If you have questions, please contact Karen Conklin, 513-863-0532.

Reminder from Tails From God ministry. There is a box in the Great Hall for donations to Animal Friends Humane Society. Clorox bleach, powdered laundry soap, all sizes heavy garbage bags, AAA Duracell or Energizer batteries, and first class postage stamps are always on the "wish list." Any questions, call Karen Conklin, 513-863-0532.



Prescription Bottles

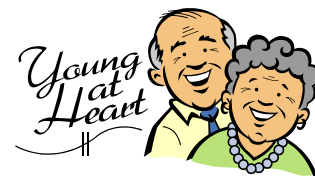
Many thanks to those of you who have been bringing your prescription bottles in. The program has been a great success. We hope that you will continue to bring your prescription bottles in. They are taken to Matthew Ministries and used for prescription medicines in developing countries.

So....Drop off EMPTY pill bottles in the container in the Great Hall. We accept prescription pill bottles and over-the-counter pill bottles (such as vitamins). Please be sure to rinse bottles and remove labels. You can also drop a nickel, dime or quarter in them to help with postage. This is an easy and inexpensive way to help people in developing countries as well as recycling those bottles; making sure they don't end up in a landfill here.

Box Tops for Education

Please save Box Tops for Education (on General Mills Products), and Campbell's Soup labels. These are collected at various City of Hamilton elementary schools to pay for field trips. There is a container in the lounge to put them in. We will see that they get to an elementary school that can use them. Thanks.

Congregations grow when members invite their friends to worship and fellowship activities.



Zion Seniors

The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will be eating lunch at Pfan Shen in Oxford on Tuesday, August 26. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:15. Please sign the sheet in the great hall if you would like to go along on either or both of these outings.

We encourage all our seniors or almost seniors to go along for these fun outings. It gives you a chance to get to know your fellow church members.



Missionary Corner

We are proud to announce that our son Dariel Uriah Sanchez Smith was born in Mexico on July 16. Thank you so much for your prayers for a smooth birth. We saw God’s hand all over Dariel’s birth and we couldn’t be more thankful. Please continue to pray for us as we transition to life as parents of a newborn on the mission field. Pray for Christy’s recovery after the c-section. Pray also for us as we raise Dariel, that God would be glorified and that Dariel would be a lion of God, which is what his name means and that God would give him character like Uriah, who was a warrior in David’s army.

In case you’re curious, here are some cultural notes:

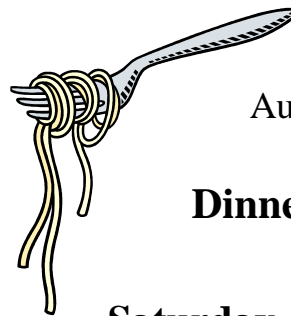
- In Mexico babies are given two last names, one from each of their parents.
- It is common for parents to give chocolate for girls or cigars for boys to those who come to visit their newborn. Even though we had a boy we are giving out chocolate☺.
- Mexico uses the metric system. When she got to the hospital Christy was asked how many meters tall she was and how many kilograms she weighed. She had no clue so they had to measure her. Then when Dariel was born we had to convert his measurements to get an idea of how big he really was.
- In our city (where running water is common but bathtubs aren’t), babies are bathed in the shower while one of their parents holds them. This is new for Christy so she lets Jose Luis bathe him while she hands him soap and waits nearby with a towel.

Love in Christ,
Jose Luis and Christy



The following gifts have been given to Zion.

In memory of **Betty Duvendeck**
For the Radio Fund: Carolyn Soupene



August Adult Fellowship

**Dinner at Spinning Fork
Restaurant**

Saturday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Don’t miss the fun!

Please sign the sign-up sheet in the great hall.



Thanks to our June & July bulletin stuffers: Joan Boling, Tom & Barb Toman, Thelma Martin, Cindy Burkhart, Lori Rehm, and Sandy Parker.

Thank you to those who have subbed or will sub in the office this summer. They include Lori Rehm, Joan Boling, Cheryl Griesinger, Nedda Brown, and Thelma Martin. I've been able to take some vacation days this year thanks to the above people. I really appreciate it.

Zion Family,

Thank you so much for my graduation card and gift card. I appreciate the kind, thoughtful gesture.

Love,

Megan Copas

Zion Lutheran Family, Pastor Joe,

Thank you so much for the love, prayers and support during my father's recent passing. Your expression of God's love means the world to us!

Joe, Julia, Emily & Allison Sears

Thanks to Clarence Adams and Bill Carpenter for filling the pew racks. This is an ongoing job that needs done every couple of months. If anyone would like to take a turn, please call the church office and I'll give you the supplies.

Thanks to all who sent cards and calls while I was in the hospital two times. Thanks to Pastor for visiting me at the hospital.

Melba Keehner

Hey Julia,

I received a very nice card in the mail from several people from Zion and it made my day! That was so thoughtful of everyone to take the time to sign it! When I got married, I moved to Oxford and we have been trying our best to attend his church and mine, but lately we have been going to his since it is located in Oxford! But, we will be back as much as possible! It gets tough to try to split !! Hope all is well.

~Kara Konrad Ramsey

Thank you to the following for delivering Meals on Wheels in June and July: Tammy & Mike Adams, Lori Rehm, Carolyn Soupene, Dave & Carolyn Schul, Inas & Carl Clark, and Ray & Marge Withrow. Your dedication is appreciated.

Many, many thanks to all of the people who worked so well to make the installation service of Pastor Joe a success - the people who participated in the service, the people who prepared and served the wonderful meal after the service and cleaned up, the people who did other jobs that were not obvious but made such a difference in the event. I am afraid to try to name names because so many people came forward and expressed their support of Pastor Joe by making the installation service so special. Thanks to all of you, *Lori Rehm*

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for the quilt I received this past Sunday. It was an extremely thoughtful gesture and I appreciate it greatly. It will be put to great use!

Lots of Love,

Carolyn J. Conrad



VISITING MISSIONARY

Andrew and Rebecca Nelson are presenting their missionary aviation ministry to reach Native Alaskan villagers with the gospel on Sunday, August 24 between services. Come to Zion's gym to hear and see their presentation on this ministry that makes a difference in the lives of people in rural Alaska.



The following shut-ins are celebrating their birthdays in August. All members of Zion are encouraged to send a card, make a phone call or visit a shut-in. You'll find that you are being a blessing and receiving a blessing yourself from these contacts.

Miss Elnora Kehr 8/16

The Knolls of Oxford
6727 Contreras Rd.
Oxford, OH 45056

Mrs. Florence Hofmann 8/26

Mt. Pleasant Retirement
210 Mt. Pleasant Dr. #200
Monroe, OH 45050

Have you remembered

Zion

in your Will?



July 29, 2014

A Note from Bishop Dillahunt

Grace and peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Summer in the church does not mean things slow down or stop or come to an end. Many ministries continue right through and into the fall. As I have visited around the synod I see how we are church together in neighborhoods and faith communities.

Ministries from Amazing Grace Day Camps, to food giveaways, community gardens, worship, calling new rostered leaders and being Christ's presence in the world continues and you are a part of that.

As many of you have seen and heard, Giraffe has become a mascot-of sorts for SOS; visiting Amazing Grace Day Camps, congregations and showing up in places where God's work, through all of you, is happening. It has been wonderful to see the faces of children, young and old alike.... as they meet Giraffe. The invitations for him to travel throughout the synod have been amazing. In some cases Giraffe receives more invites to come join a congregation than either Prs. Wick and Williams receive in a year! Hmmm.

Last week, I had the privilege and honor to attend the 9th Triennial Gathering of the WELCA in Charlotte, North Carolina. Over 2400 women from all over the ELCA, about 50 or so from SOS, met, prayed, sang, learned, networked and shared their faith together. The theme was based on Isaiah 58:12: "And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations. You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in."

We must take seriously the call to be repairers of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. Our Christian brothers and sisters in the world are in need of our continued prayers and support.

From Kenya, to Pakistan, to Mosul,...Christians are killed and displaced because of their faith. Along the border of the U.S. we hear of bus loads of unaccompanied children, some as young as three-years-old, coming to find a better life. With the help of ELCA Immigration and Refugee Services, we are on the ground working alongside LDR-Disaster Response and our advocacy office in Washington to assist and help find foster homes for these children. You are part of this ministry, being church together, not just in your congregation and this synod, but through support of the larger church.

As Lutheran Christians today, we not only share the gospel in our communities...proclaiming Jesus Christ as

the embodiment of God's love...but we connect to the larger church with Mission Support to make ministry happen here, and throughout the world. That's how we start being church together. We love to do ministry and I am grateful to all the congregations who give to the ministry of the larger church. Without all of you, ministry in Southern Ohio could not happen.

Having said that, this brings me to mission support.....well, I can say that 177 (we have 202) congregations have sent in the Statement of Intent for 2014, which is the highest number we've received in years. That is good news and THANK YOU. But there is more to just sending the Intent in. The second part is actually giving what is intended. THANK YOU to those congregations who have given. Keep it up! For those who have not given or are somewhat behind, please give. We are now about half-way through the fiscal year, and we are not at 50% of those intents. I know giving in the summer is often times 'not all that great,' but, we do have a commitment to ministries and lives in the synod, ELCA and beyond. At the WELCA Gathering those 2400 women gave, in the Thursday evening worship service for thank-offerings, \$38,978 to share in the work of being church together for the sake of the Gospel. I have faith that you all will give also and send in the mission support regularly. In the next several weeks you will receive your quarterly statement. Please check to make sure it is accurate and let it serve as a reminder of your commitment to the larger church.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for all of our companion synods....Tanzania, Northern Germany, Kazakstan and Brazil. On August 11, Pr. Bob Ward, Pr. Mick Althaus, Pr. Ed Williams and I leave for Brazil to join others from the ELCA and Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (Igreja Evangelica de Confissao Luterana no Brasil) to discuss renewing congregations, sustainability, ministry models and leadership as we move into the future. This trip was made possible through a grant from the ELCA and the generous people of St. Jacob, Anna and I thank them for this incredible opportunity. I look forward to sharing my impressions when I return.

Have a good rest of the summer!

We are Church Together.

God's Peace,

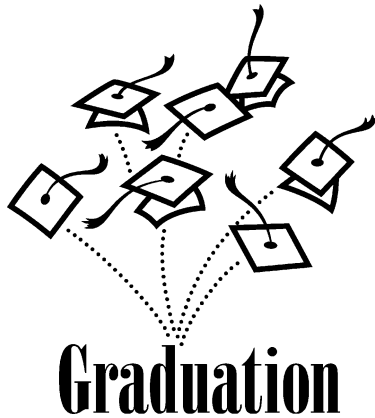
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Graduation

The following people have graduated this year. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives. They were honored during church on Sunday, July 13. One of our students Nicholas Lombardi, received a special thank you for his dedication and service to Zion by acolyting since he were in 7th grade.

HIGH SCHOOL

Carolyn Conrad, daughter of Greg and Lynette Conrad, graduated from Ross High School. She will be attending Miami University pursuing a degree in social work.

Tristan Edwards, son of Doug and Aimee Edwards, was home schooled and has received his diploma. He plans to attend Miami University.

Tristan Lauer, son of Jerry and Angie Lauer, graduated from Hamilton High School. He is planning on becoming a medic in the United States Army.

Nicholas Lombardi, son of Kurt and Cheryl Lombardi, graduated from Lakota East High School. He will be attending the Virginia Military Institute. He is double majoring in International Studies and Arabic, with a minor in French. Upon graduation he will be commissioning as an officer in the United States Army.

Jared Smith, son of Karla Schmidt and Jonathan Smith (deceased) graduated from Hamilton High School. Jared received the Walter & Edna Wack Scholarship and will be attending Miami University to pursue a degree in computer engineering.

COLLEGE OR BEYOND

Megan Copas, daughter of Joe & Joni Copas, graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a degree in nursing.

Kelli Griesinger Platt, wife of Sam Platt, daughter of Dan and Cheryl Griesinger, graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Special Education.

John E. Stewart, son of Edith Stewart, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an honors Bachelor of Arts & Sciences degree in Architectural Engineering. He is "employed" as Mr. Mom this summer while searching for work in his field.

Holly Wolfe, daughter of Doug and Donna Wolfe, graduated from Ohio State University. She will begin veterinary school.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

August 30, Saturday, will be our next opportunity to serve the community meal. Zion was awarded a grant to help fund the purchase of food for the meal; this grant will apply to meals for a least a year, and will help to lessen the burden on our budget. Look for the sign-up sheet in the great hall and plan to join your fellow church members in this worthy cause. Last May was a great success, let's make August even greater!





Our prayers for God's healing and strength are offered for those who have been hospitalized or have medical or personal issues:

Name:

Jenny & David Adams
 John Adams
 Beverly Allen
 Millie Ante
 Guy Belew
 Marge Belew
 Sherri Blakey
 Lorainne Blanchard
 Ella Boynton
 Debby Brady
 Katie Land Brooks
 Norman & Cheryl Brown
 Janet Buchheit
 Sandy Bunger
 Linda Campbell
 Elaine Carpenter
 Donna Cheseaman
 Janine Choate
 Maiya Christiansen
 Richard Coggeshall
 Dave Cornett
 Terry Crilley
 Lucille Cumbers
 Jane Day
 Charles Douthit
 Jack & Evelyn Duvall
 Lucy Emrick
 Jennifer Evans
 Kelly Farler
 Linda Fisher
 Lyla Follmer
 Bob French
 Mike Frye Jr
 Debbie Gibson
 Linda Gibson
 Tom Gibson
 Lois Godby
 Wilma Hawkey
 Jack Hiles
 Marsha & Russell Isaacs
 Shirley Kaelin
 Maxwell Keck
 Debbie Keehner
 Lee & Melba Keehner
 Elnora Kehr
 Ava Kemen
 Randy Kleinsmith
 Sadie Knott

Requested by:

Kathy Frye
 Tillie Adams
 Greg Allen
 Member
 Ingrid Sanders
 Lori Rehm
 Tillie Adams
 Gail Konrad

 Gail Konrad
 Sandy Ziepfel
 Nedda Brown
 Member
 Elaine Carpenter
 Patti Sroufe

 Jerry Buchheit
 Julia Sears
 Susie Pflaumer Hassett
 Cheryl Griesinger
 Gail Konrad
 Nancy Wenning
 Helen Timmer, Erin Sloan
 Gail Konrad
 Cheryl Griesinger
 Members
 Kathy Chambers
 Health Issues
 Member
 Mary Snavley
 Marcia Helsinger
 Kathy Frye
 Member
 Julia Sears
 Lindsey Gibson
 Joe & Lindsey Gibson
 Gail Konrad
 Kathy Frye
 Member
 Joe Sears
 Member
 Jean Keck
 Melba Keehner
 Members
 Member
 Joe & Julia Sears
 Vicki Wheeler
 Kathy Frye

Kristen Latscha
 Mark Lykins
 Adeline Maggart
 Frank Martin
 Mary Martin
 Fred McCollum
 Marjorie McGill
 Joy Merrill
 Cathy Meyer
 Danita Mitchell
 Lawrence Moody
 Mitch Parker
 Sandy Parker
 Terry Pfizer
 Joyce Pinter
 Poleti Family
 Judy Ramsey
 Sophia Ellen Riggs
 Candy Robinson
 Maribeth Robinson
 George Sanchez
 Marge Schick
 Erica Schulze & family
 Mark Schumacher
 Gary Seckel
 Frederic Seif
 Roy Setser
 Thelma Setser
 Bill Sharon
 Ray Shearer
 Gertrude Shipley
 Del Smith
 LeRoy & Mary Snavley
 Heather Spurlino
 Patty Sroufe
 Ruth Stanton
 Dennis Steele
 LaVerne Stewart
 Jackie Isaacs Stout
 Kaitlin Sunderhaus
 Jim Tenkman
 Janet Thompson
 Helen Timmer
 Joe Toman
 Paul Waechter
 Robert M. Weidner
 Caroline Wendelken
 Carla Weusthoff
 Jim Wilkins
 Geri Willis
 Karin Zapf

Julia Sears
 Gayle Ford
 Member
 Member
 Marjorie McGill
 Nancy Wenning
 Member
 Member
 Robin Kaelin
 Doug Edwards
 Dennis Steele Sr.
 Member
 Member
 Helen Timmer
 Member
 Frank Martin
 Kara Konrad

 Barbara Blair
 Betty Ross
 Member
 Member
 Frank Martin
 Member
 Gayle Ford
 Laura McAdams
 Bob Herold
 Bob Herold
 Paul Waechter
 Barb Shearer
 Tom Wright
 Marcia Helsinger
 Members

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 Vicki Wheeler
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 Darlene Onyett
 Julia Sears
 Nancy Wenning
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 Tom Wright
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 Robert Weidner
 Member
 Member

 Frank Martin

Please pray for the family and friends of **Marjorie Bartel**, who passed away on May 24; **Betty Duvendeck** (former member of Zion), who passed away on June 8; **Margaret Cupp**, who passed away on June 15; **Harry Whitaker** (father of Julia Sears) who passed away on June 27; **Kathleen Peck** (mother of Libby Huston), who passed away on July 11; **Margaret Hunter** (mother-in-law of Lou Robinson), who passed away on July 14.

Congratulations to **Brad Howard and Bethany Allen**, who were united in marriage on June 7, 2014.

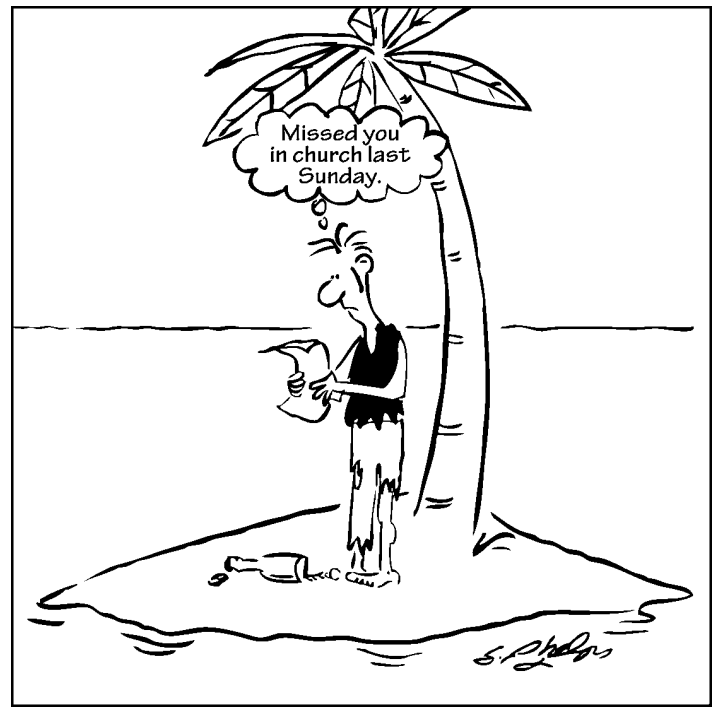
Continue to pray for those in the armed forces: **Michael Brown, Alex Duwel, Andrew Copas, Joe Copas, Megan Snyder, Ben Boyce, Justin Follick, Kevin Niemann, Nick Ford, Lisa Johnson Lowery, Dustin Lowery, Bradley Gill.**

As people of God we want to pray for all who are sick or have other prayer requests. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please fill out a prayer request and put it in the offering plate. However, **if you have added someone and they need to be taken off the list, please fill out a request and put it in the offering plate, or call the church office.** Thanks for your help.

Zion received a grant from the Morningstar Foundation in Richmond, Virginia in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for the Community Meals Program.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Joe Sears who was awarded the Zion Lutheran Church Scholarship for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$1,000. Joe is attending University of Phoenix, working towards a BSB/ Finance degree.



BLESSINGS ABOUND

Here are blessings members have reported in the last month...

My co-worker lost her husband, JC Luckett, to pancreatic cancer last week. Dixie, his wife, thanks you for all the prayers. *Kara Konrad Ramsey*

Congratulations to Pastor Joe Schrock and Zion Lutheran Church. Good luck on your journey to perform God's works. "God's work – our hands."

Your brother & sister in Christ, *Kevin & Marty Longbery*
St. Pauls Prospect

It's been a blessing to have a united service. Let's consider it for year round. *Thelma Martin*



Luther's Life

Luther said, "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."

Luther's good friend, Philip Melanchthon once said, "I am a logician; and Justus Jonas is an orator but Luther is good at everything; the wonder of mankind; for whatever he says, or writes, it penetrates the heart, and makes a lasting impression."

Don't forget the Saturday night service has been changed to Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



Council Minutes May 13, 2014

Present: Joan Boling, Pr. Betsy Williams, Emily Sears, Bob Herald, Ron Erbeck, Leanne Bowling, Shari Gerold, Barb Toman, Derek Conklin, Joe Sears, Mike Frye, Robin Kaelin, Steve Herget. **Excused:** Lori Rehm, Kathy Chambers.

Visitor: Ron Alcorn.

- **Devotion:** Pr. Betsy spoke about how anxiety is a destructive form of communication. She recommended that we all read or even study: How Your Church Family Works by Peter Steinski.
- **Motion** (J Boling/S Gerold) and passed to accept the April Council Minutes as presented.
- **Pastor Report:** Michael Chambers has had first communion. Pastor Betsy recommended that we drop lunch service for Maundy Thursday. She encouraged us that as she was leaving it is not a loss but a move to a new chapter of Zion. She further encouraged "Let's do what we do and do it well!"
- **President:** Ken discussed communications received regarding the upcoming vote. It was decided to send a letter to the congregation reminding of the logistics and that we are all on the same page and want the same for Zion. He told council Executive committee will count the votes.
- **Motion** (J Sears/L Robinson) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. It is noted we are \$10,000 behind last year at this time.
- **Motion** (S Gerold/J Sears) and passed to give authority to seek bids for audit.
- **Social Concerns:** At the Community meal 256 plates served/78 take outs.
- **Motion** (D Conklin/J Sears) and passed to approve compensation package for Pastor Schrock (salary \$59,000; insurance/retirement \$31,551.75).
- **Motion** (D Conklin/S Gerold) and passed to not give Pastor Schrock a \$15,000 loan.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/S Gerold) and passed to adjourn.

June 13, 2014

- **Motion** (J Boling/Sears) and passed to accept the May Council Minutes with two corrections.
- **Pastor Report:** Gave info from the Synod Assembly. Has done 7 visits with members. Recommended reading "Proposed For a Purpose." Looking ahead to making our building technologically connected. Fridays will be his day off. Visited Karen Bartels today; she would come to church if she had a ride.

- **President:** Pastor Joe needs a laptop and printer. Two day workshop for pastor and lay leader in August. Cost is \$50 per church.
- **Vice President Report:** Lori Rehm reported she has met with Pastor Joe to discuss Parish Education challenges. No VBS this year due to small number of children and difficulty in getting staff. Dale Savage completed confirmation class.
- **Motion** (Sears/M Ford) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- **Motion** and passed to move \$22,000 to the 413 account.
- **Social Concerns:** A grant for \$2,500 from the Grant Morningstar Foundation has been received to support the Community Meals at the First United Methodist Church. Our next time to serve is in August.
- **Finance:** An in-house audit is in progress.
- **Trustees:** Bob Herold reported that a bid of \$26,000 was received for insulation of pipes. Ron Erbeck/Mike Ford reported that Classic Carpet will come to bid on carpet for pastor's office. Mike Frye is working on book cases for the pastor's new office. A proposal from Millennium Preservation Group was presented.
- **New Business:** There was discussion regarding a retreat for the council, possibly in the fall.
- **Motion** (Sears/Sears) and passed to adjourn.

Monthly statistics

Financial Stewardship (as of May 31, 2014)

	Income	Expenses
2013	\$15,423.78	\$20,019.35
2014	\$15,173.03	\$17,852.10

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2013	\$88,051	\$100,495	
2014	\$82,363	\$109,516	-\$26,565.55

Attendance Averages (May)

Church Atten.	Sat. Comm.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
133	11	112	

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Deaths

Marjorie Bartel (died 5/24/2014)

Margaret A. Cupp (died 6/15/2014)

Wedding

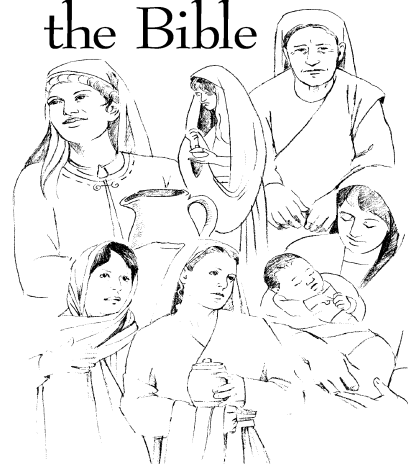
R. Bradley Howard & Bethany L. Allen (6/7/2014)

Women of the Bible

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Abigail, Ashtoreth, Athaliah,
 Bathsheba, Concubine, Deborah,
 Dinah, Elizabeth, Esther,
 Hadassah, Handmaid, Issue of
 Blood, Jael, Jezebel, Judith,
 Leah, Lois, Lydia, Martha, Mary
 of Nazareth, Miriam, Naomi,
 Orpah, Peninnah, Priscilla,
 Prostitute, Queen Vashti,
 Rebecca, Rebekah, Ruth,
 Samaritan Women, Sapphira,
 Sarai, Shulamite Woman

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Encourage

a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to

Equip

all people for witness and service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
August 3	Usher Team	Samantha Bowling
August 10	Usher Team	Patrick Huston
August 17	Usher Team	Alex Bruner
August 24	Usher Team	Eric Bowling
August 31	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi

Altar Guild: Elaine Carpenter, Julia Hilbert

Ushers: Volunteers Needed (8:00)
Phil Pflaumer & team (10:30)

Lectors: **Aug 3** Gayle Ford (8:00); Robin Kaelin (10:30)
Aug 10 Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Holly Frye (10:30)
Aug 17 Mike Heitz (8:00); Lisa Gerold (10:30)
Aug 24 Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)
Aug 31 Anita Snyder (8:00); Thelma Martin (10:30)

Greeters: **Aug 3** Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Ray & Marge Withrow (10:30)
Aug 10 Bob & Marcia Helsinger (8:00); Bob & Cindy Herold (10:30)
Aug 17 John & Sandy Ziepfel (8:00); Paul & Libby Huston (10:30)
Aug 24 Karl & Mary Alice Schmitter (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)
Aug 31 JoAnette Coe (8:00); Don & Jean Keck (10:30)

Eucharist Assistants: **Aug 3** Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Marge Withrow, Robin Kaelin (10:30)
Aug 10 Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Shari Gerold, Kathy Chambers (10:30)
Aug 17 Anita Snyder, Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Marge Withrow (10:30)
Aug 24 Tillie Adams, Barb Toman (8:00); Carolyn Soupene, Ken Gerold (10:30)
Aug 31 Volunteers Needed (8:00); Carolyn Soupene, Volunteer Needed (10:30)

Radio: **Aug 3** Lou Robinson
Aug 10 Charles Kaelin
Aug 17 Adam Reed
Aug 24 Ron Alcorn
Aug 31 Adam Reed

Bulletin Stuffers: **Aug 1** Joan Boling
Aug 8 Barb & Tom Toman
Aug 15 Thelma Martin
Aug 22 Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart
Aug 29 Sandy Parker

Offering Counters: **Aug 3** Gayle Ford, Joe Sears
Aug 10 Joan Boling
Aug 17 Gayle Ford, Mike Frye
Aug 24 Joan Boling
Aug 31 Gayle Ford

Nursery: Samantha Bowling



**Mark Your Calendar for
Zion's Oktoberfest.**

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Watch the bulletins and September Messenger for more details.

