



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings February 2018

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Lent is quickly approaching. Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year with services at noon and 7:00pm. The Mid Week Lenten Services will be held each week thereafter at Zion at 7:00pm. Every Wednesday at 6:00pm before the service, there will be a Soup Supper where anyone can come, enjoy some hot soup, and share in fellowship as we celebrate the season of Lent.

Jesus says, “Follow Me” to the Cross

We're into that wonderful time after Christmas called Epiphany, and just before Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day and Easter is April Fools Day, and in-between is the “journey”. We could make fun of all that in terms of Valentine's Day and April Fools day, but I won't go any further than that.

But the journey...yes. When the Worship Committee met, we talked about what the theme of Lent might be. I always see Lent as a journey...walking with Jesus on the way to the cross. And maybe this year, I've already started that walk with Jesus.

If you remember last year, I was pretty much “missing in action” (MIA) during the last part of Lent. It was that “horse slipping” incident in New Mexico and I ended up in the hospital, surgery, and then a long recovery and rehabilitation that meant I was MIA at Zion for awhile. So this year, I'm “jumping the gun” a bit as they say...thinking of the Lenten season already.

Part of that is Holy Week and the Good Friday service. I know that most of you don't even want to think of Jesus on the cross...and I can understand that. But for me...Jesus' journey to the cross, his suffering and death on the cross, and dying for my sins is what my salvation is all about. Sure...I clearly look forward to Easter Sunday and Jesus being raised from the dead so that I might have eternal life. I'm not sure what it was or when I became aware of a song (and video) by Ray Boltz called “Watch the Lamb” but it gives me such a clear understanding of who Jesus was and is. He is our salvation.

The song is about a Jewish man coming to Jerusalem with his two sons...the older son carrying a lamb to be sacrificed. They end up being part of the trauma of Jesus being beaten and carrying His cross to the “hill”. The man is told to carry Jesus' cross when Jesus could no longer carry it.

The last scene is the man and his two sons looking at Jesus dying on the cross. All three of them wondering what has just happened and the son who was carrying the lamb telling his father that the lamb ran away.

The last line in the song is the father and his sons looking at Jesus on the cross and the father saying to his two sons, “Watch the Lamb”. For me it's clearly a “tearjerker,” but then I'm emotionally a bit soft when it comes to Jesus dying on the cross and being raised that you and I might have eternal life.

So, by the time you read this, we will be close to Lent...“Watch the Lamb”. I want us to “Walk with the Lamb” on this upcoming journey...remembering what He has done for us.



God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry

Big Changes Coming for the CDC

First, we want to thank Ms. Sue for all her love, support, and hard work for the last 24 years. We give thanks for all she has done for the CDC. As we say, “See you later,” to Ms. Sue, we welcome Courtney Chandler as our new Director. I grew up in Georgia and am ordained minister with standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). My husband, Patrick, is the pastor of St. Peter's UCC in Ferguson. My daughter, Liliann has attended the CDC since July of 2017. I also have a 9 year old son, Liam, and I am the step-mother to 16 year old Collin, who lives in Georgia. I am very excited to be a part of our wonderful school. My dream for the CDC is for these children, when they start school, to have teachers stop and ask, “Where did you go to Preschool?” not because they are the brightest, but because they exhibit kindness and respect and know how to handle themselves in a school setting. I am also excited about finding ways to bring the families of the CDC together with the congregation of Zion as a way of building up the community in the heart of Ferguson.

We are also changing our classrooms. Two of our classrooms are being switched around. The SugarBear room (Pre-K) is being moved to room 1, while room 4 is going to be made into a space for our school-agers to use. We will also be rearranging rooms 2 and 3 so that they are a more conducive space for learning. We are excited about the improvements to our spaces. We ask for patience as we makeover our classrooms.

In addition to our changes, we look forward to the fun activities planned for this month. During February, we will celebrate Black History Month, Valentine's Day, and begin a fundraiser for the Muddy Puddles Project, a charity that raises money for childhood cancer research (for more information, you can visit the website at muddypuddlesproject.org). We will have a Welly Walk to “splash in puddles” on April 2nd to celebrate our Muddy Puddles Project success!

We also look forward to Trivia Night on March 17th. As we get ready for Trivia Night, we are also making plans for summer at the CDC and are looking for people to volunteer to help us out. We ask for people to pray about ways they can use their gifts to volunteer their time.

~ Courtney Chandler
CDC Director



February Birthdays

10th Larry Lemke
15th Carol Linhorst
18th Wanda Devenport
Paul Herrmann
20th Talisha Robinson

Everyone is Welcome Pr. Larry Turns 80!

Pr. Larry Lemke will be turning 80 on February 10th. Come celebrate this milestone birthday with him after worship on Sunday, February 11th in the Upper Room. We'll have cake, fellowship, and a few more surprises. It's sure to be a good time and all are invited!

Shake Up the Spirit

Zion will be welcoming two guest pastors this month: Pr. Susan Candea and Pr. Rebecca Boardman. Pr. Larry will still be here on February 4th to perform the rest of the service, but Pr. Candea will be giving the sermon at Zion's regular Sunday service that morning. Then on February 18th, while Pr. Larry is in California, Pr. Boardman will come and preside at Zion. It's always a pleasure to listen to the word of God through these two accomplished clergy members, so make sure to mark your calendars for February 4th and 18th.

The Better Business Bureau Presents: Preventing Fraud and Scams



The Better Business Bureau now offers public education presentations as part of an outreach program. Zion has scheduled a speaker from the BBB to come give a presentation about how to recognize and avoid fraud and

scams. This very useful topic will happen during the February fellowship hour on Sunday the 25th in the Upper Room.

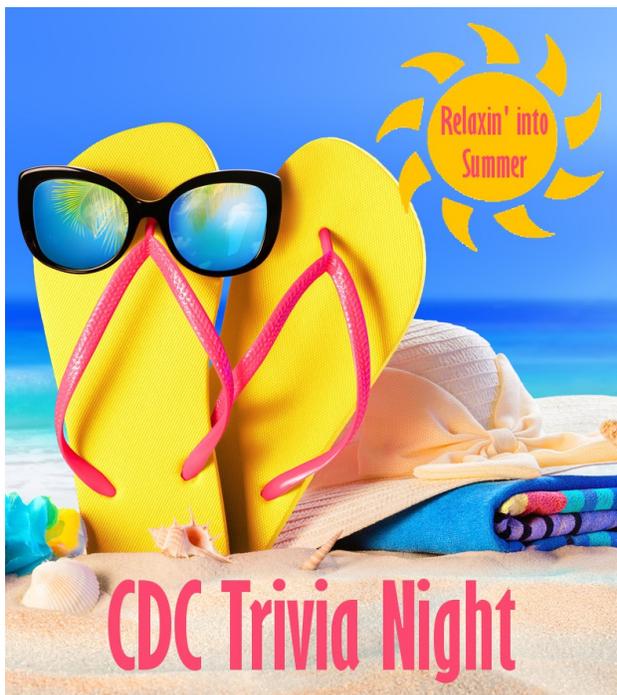
Everyone is invited to listen and learn more about how to protect themselves.



2018 Vacation Bible School

VBS will be kicking off this year Monday, July 9th and will go through Friday, July 13th. The VBS Directors, Ms. Norma and Ms. Andi, and the CDC Directors, Ms. Sue and Ms. Courtney, have decided to shake things up this year. VBS will now be during the morning from 9am-noon and the entire CDC staff is excited to be a part of it this year. Our program will still be open to the community and we will still need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success. Check out our website at zionferguson.com/vbs for the most up-to-date info throughout the spring and summer.





Come out and help the CDC
raise money for Summer Camp!

Saturday, March 17th at the
Savoy Banquet Center
119 S. Florissant Rd.

Dinner starts at 5:30pm
Trivia begins at 7:00pm

Tickets \$30 per person
Tables of 8-10

Look forward to a night of:
trivia, door prizes, attendance prizes,
raffles, silent auction, great food & lots of fun

Call Now to Reserve a Table!
(314) 524-7677

Zion's Fish Fries

Every Friday Beginning February 16th, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Zion's annual Fish Fries will be open for business Friday, February 16th to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Our Fish Fries have become an important part of our church's presence in the community; every year, the church office receives dozens of calls inquiring about when we will start. When there's bad weather, the phone rings off the hook with people wanting to know if we'll remain open.

Our entirely volunteer staff does an amazing job each year preparing the food for these weekly events. Several of our workers are even transferred members of Zion who still travel here weekly to support us, though they now belong to other churches (some even live an hour's drive away from Ferguson)!

We'd appreciate your help this year. Please consider contacting Bob Negwer, head of the Fellowship Committee to find out how you can chip in. Positions available include assisting with frying the fish, breading the fish, preparing spaghetti, and serving the prepared food in the checkout line. All workers receive a free meal. Food preparers are needed at 3:00pm on Friday afternoons to get ready for the opening an hour later.

If you can help, please call. You don't have to commit to a weekly appearance; frankly, we'll take whatever you're willing to provide! If you're not sure, talk to Bob or one of our regular workers. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Rocking Chair for Nursery

If anyone from Zion, and/or knows anyone who, is looking to get rid of a rocking chair (in good, working condition), we are looking to make that the next addition to the Zion Nursery in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact the church office if you have any information on how we can obtain a rocking chair for little to no cost. Thank you!



Baskets of Promise

In the past, Zion has participated in collecting items for Baskets of Promise during the Lenten season. We will be doing that again this year, and all of the collections will be going to All Among Us, the women's care center right here in Ferguson. Please keep in mind all donated items **MUST** be in their unopened (if applicable), original packaging. The collection schedule is as follows:

February 18 th	White Bath Towels & Wash Cloths
February 25 th	Underwear & Sports Bras
March 4 th	Hair Brushes/Combs, Nail Clippers/Files
March 11 th	First Aid Items: Band-aids, Ice Packs & Heating Pads, etc.
March 18 th	Tools Box Items, Measuring Tape, Items to help hang Pictures
March 25 th	Cleaning Supplies

Be Like Jesus 23hr Youth Service Event

The Be Like Jesus 23 hour service event is an opportunity for 3rd-8th grade youth to participate in service in the St. Louis community. The event will be filled with music, serving, and fun. High school and college youth lead the groups with the assistance of participating adults. Some of our service activities may include: making fleece blankets, collecting food for the food pantry, yard work, purchasing items for local homelessness to home organizations, and much more. This is a great way to teach young people of the simple things they can do to share God's love with others.

This event will take place at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO on April 13th-14th. The cost is \$35 per student with the registration and payment deadline on March 1st. For more information, please contact Becky Howard at (314) 753-9433 or by email: bhoward@gslcelca.org.

Lutheran Campus Ministry in St. Louis Presents

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

Doors open @ 5:30 PM
Play begins @ 6:30 PM

Bethel Lutheran Church
7001 Forsyth Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63105

\$20/person
Teams of 8

REGISTER NOW!
www.LCMstl.org/trivia
(314) 863-8140

**Amazing prizes for
the top three teams!**
Raffles!
Fun for all ages!

*Proceeds from our biggest
fundraiser of the year benefit our
ministry with local university
students, maintain our facility,
fund our staff, and support our
Spring Break Service Trip*



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WHEN Tue, Feb, 6th

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Council Meeting

January 9, 2018

In attendance: Larry Lemke, Janet Schaper, Ara Tess, Pam Statler, Kristen Kinney, Doris McCall, Sue Dunham, Norma Wolz, and Johnnie Tucker

- Opening Prayer and Welcome
 - Larry
 - “Follow Me” & “Come and See”
 - Jesus says “Follow Me” it’s up to us to say “Come and See”
- Approval of Minutes from November, 14 2018 Meeting
 - Motion to accept minutes with small edit about officers running
 - Approved
- Member Care Ministry
 - Meetings after Fellowship on Sundays
- Property Report
 - Bid from Randy Green for downstairs ceilings and lights in multi-purpose and lights
 - Expensive (\$17,9000 for drop ceiling and lights were \$9,000)
 - Another bid was \$6000 for the ceilings
 - Need to get a third bid
 - \$72000 in a fund for this in particular
 - Getting safety glass in the two doors in the Sanctuary - \$350 possibly; putting in clear glass
- CDC Report
 - 84 Kids with two kids enrolled on 1-9-2018
 - Ended the year in the black with \$32,861
 - Sue is planning on January 26th being her last day and the new director will start on February 15th
 - Trivia is March 17th at the savoy. Dinner from 5:30-6:30. Trivia starts at 7:00pm. \$30 tickets. Dinner for \$10 and \$20 for the trivia
 - Approval of New CDC Director
 - Courtney Chandler
 - Has been working at the CDC for the last 6 months
 - Interviewed with the CDC Support Committee
 - Recommended the hiring of Courtney Chandler
 - Ordained minister
 - Worked in UCC Churches as well as Church of Christ
 - Husband is an ordained minister at Saint Peters UCC
 - After discussion regarding Vacation time and who is supervising the custodian, a recommendation was made to hire Courtney Chandler as the new CDC Director

- Seconded and approved
- Finance Report
 - Church in the red at year to date \$29,408 and CDC in the black year to date at \$32,861
 - Allocation of large contribution from 2017
 - \$20,000 donation placed into major maintenance/ roof fund for now
 - Motion made to keep it in this fund
 - Seconded and approved
- Pastors Report
 - Review of Larry's candidacy application and process
 - Ministerial Alliance meeting focused on Homelessness and how it is effecting Saint Louis
- Update on All Among Us Women's Care Center
 - Has \$200,000 in the bank so they have met fundraising goals
 - A lot more construction donations coming in
- Old Business
 - Larry Lemke, TEEM Process
 - Signed covenant
 - Church Safety Team
 - Pat Martin
 - Justin Kinney
 - Faith Tucker
 - Bob Oliver
 - Initial recommendation to make windows in sanctuary doors clear glass and securing the doors
- Facing 2018
 - Committees, Workshops, Other Planning
 - Looking to combine some committees
 - Decided to spend a day as council to meet and plan goals and plan it all out
 - January 27
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:37pm



Zion Lutheran Church

Fund Balances - 12/31/2017

Church/CDC Equity 1/1/17	188,429	
Earnings on Investments	0	
Church Fund YTD	(3,272)	
CDC Current Year	32,861	
Church/CDC Equity		218,018
Restricted Funds		
Major Mtce/Roof	32,967	
MP Room Improvements	7,225	
Other Restricted Funds		
Archives	705	
Bell and Choir	1,323	
Church Decorations/Flowers	563	
Parish Resource Center	1,454	
Sunday School	107	
Vacation Bible School	0	
National Youth Gathering '17	2,735	
Good Samaritan Fund	6,821	
CDC Playground Fund	4,748	
Women's Guild	191	
		58,839
Total Equity Church Funds 12/31/17		361,152
Other Funds		
Future Bldg/Oak Knoll Sale		84,295
Scholarship Fund		72,048
Roth Fund		78,360

2017 Summary Net Income/Loss Monthly

2017 Monthly	Church	CDC
January	1,232	548
February	4,801	3,728
March	(3,399)	5,249
April	424	10,841
May	(5,029)	7,524
June	(6,713)	(4,523)
July	(3,887)	6,060
August	(10,800)	4,325
September	(3,185)	(2,922)
October	1,269	7,661
November	(1,272)	2,490
December-	23,290	(8,119)
YTD Total	(3,272)	32,861

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Serving on Sundays in February

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25	Mar 4
Pastor	L Lemke & S Candea	L Lemke	R Boardman	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Director	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason
Assistant Minister	N Wolz	J Martin	R Schademann	G Voss	P Herrmann
Reader	D Tucker	K Malin	R Schademann	N Wolz	S Miller
Children's Message	G Voss	L Lemke	N Wolz	G Voss	L Lemke
Communion Servers	G Voss	B Taylor	N Wolz	W Devenport	S Miller
Ushers	R Taylor B Taylor S Taylor	C Gierse K Malin G Voss J Martin	P Tate S Dunham B Negwer	D Kaiser J Schaper J Tucker F Cole	R Taylor B Taylor S Taylor
Altar Guild	D Balestier	D Balestier	D Balestier	D Balestier	TBD

* Scheduled servers are subject to change at the discretion of organization leaders.
If you have a schedule conflict, please inform the Church office of any changes or schedule swaps.

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February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 10am-Bible Study: Lord's Prayer	2 6pm-Via de Cristo Meeting	3 3:30pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
4 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	5 9am-Facility Use (UR)	6	7 1:30pm Worship Committee	8 10am-Bible Study: Lord's Prayer	9	10 3:30pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)  Pr. Lemke
11 9:30am-Worship 11am-Larry's Bday Gathering 1pm-Facility Use (UR)	12	13 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	14 † Ash Wednesday Valentines Day 	15 10am-Bible Study: Lord's Prayer 7pm-Facility Use (MP)  C. Linhorst	16	17 3:30pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
18 9:30am-Worship: w/ Pr. Boardman  W. Devenport P. Herrmann	19 President's Day  Tidings Deadline	20  T. Robinson	21	22	23 10am-Tidings Prep	24 9am-Facility Use (UR) 3:30pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
25 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship & BBB Presentation	26	27	28	1	2	3

* An up-to-date calendar can always be found at zionferguson.com/calendar.

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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

February 2018

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

President: Janet Schaper
Vice President: Ara Tess
Secretary: Kristen Kinney
Treasurer: Pam Statler
Member At-Large: Sue Dunham
Member At-Large: Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large: Norma Wolz

Member Care Ministry

Doris McCall
Linn Moore
Richard Schademann
Pam Tate
Dorothy Kaiser
Pat Martin
Deborah Balestier

Committee Chairs

Outreach: Andi Martin
Stewardship: Pam Statler
Archives: Dawn Tucker
CDC Support: Kim Malin
Roth Fund: -

Organizations

Fellowship: Robert Negwer
Altar Guild: Pam Tate