



# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Tidings April 2018

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### **Bible Study Returns**

Pr. Larry will be once again hosting a weekly bible study every Thursday morning starting at 10:00am on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone who is able to participate to join us. This segment will focus on the book of John, so bring a friend, bring a neighbor (no need to bring coffee because that will be provided), and come join in our lively discussion!



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## Zion's Vision

Yesterday was our Voter's Meeting (18 Mar '18). One of the things that I concluded my remarks with was a discussion of *vision, mission, and values*. By now, we all know what we are up to in terms of looking to our future at Zion, focusing on Worship, Community Outreach, and Service. A few of us have begun to look at what our values are which will drive our vision followed by how we accomplish that with our mission.

You might suggest that we have the cart before the horse! And you might be right. But it is what it is. We had a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that we needed to get done last year so we elected to focus on that. I think what you will see is that our values as a church drove us to Worship, Community Outreach, and Service...in other words, being the “hands and feet of Christ in the world.”

As I was driving home yesterday from our worship service and voter's meeting, I began to think about a phrase that has never left me or those of us who were around way back in the early sixties when John F. Kennedy became the youngest elected president in 1961. President Kennedy is remembered for lots of things, including his assassination and his vision of putting a man on the moon, but what I will always remember him for was his inaugural speech, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country.”

Yesterday at our voter's meeting, we stated President Kennedy's comment a bit different, "Ask not what Zion can do for you, but ask what you can do for Zion," and you responded! It clearly is a time of responding to that statement. Thank you so much for the energy you showed in that meeting.

God has also responded by answering the prayer that we've been praying for over a year now. He is with us. God has always been with us and the energy you showed clearly is coming from you hearing God.

Please celebrate with me. When I came to Zion on 1 Sept '16, Zion was in a state of worry over everything that had happened. You were just plain tired over everything that had happened over the previous few years.

We spent the first 15 months figuring out who we were and where we wanted to go in the future. Once we all agreed on the MSP focus and you decided that I was the person you wanted to lead Zion into the future, the congregation has responded in a very positive way. Yesterday was a perfect example.

I'm amazed at how the Little Church over the years has provided the focus for what Zion has accomplished. I realize that it has sat unoccupied for the past almost 10 years, but once again it has provided the energy to jump start the congregation and what is hopefully a time of intentional renewal as we go into the future.

I've talked to a few of the older members of our congregation and one of them described the Little Church as the "soul" of Zion. And Dorothy Kaiser's comments at the meeting yesterday bear that out as well.

God is with us. Jesus is in our hearts. Your energy is amazing!

Blessings,  
Larry



# CDC News

As part of the lessons we are learning about Easter and Spring, the children of the CDC have been raising caterpillars and watching them grow. When they build their chrysalis we will move them into their butterfly habitats where we will watch them for a short while before releasing them. As part of our endeavor to learn and grow, we will be decorating flower pots and placing butterfly attracting plants in them to place around our wonderful playground. We look forward to seeing more of our butterfly friends in the days to come.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is “Splash in Muddy Puddles Day” and we will be celebrating our success for the Welly Walk Fundraiser. Our parents and children raised \$100 for childhood cancer research! We are proud of their giving and enjoyed spending time outside splashing in puddles during our Welly Walk.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Lutheran North is sending a group of students out for a day of service at the CDC. We are looking forward to their help as together we will spruce up the center.

As we are winding down the school year, we continue to look for people to help us out with our summer camps. We could use volunteers to come teach a lesson, share a passion, or help students with reading or math. We want our school children to have a wonderful, fun summer, but we also want to keep them engaged in learning so they can continue to succeed in school. Anything you would like to do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I want to say that you to all those who helped make Trivia Night a success! I especially want to thank Ms. Sue and Ms. Chris for their hard work and dedication at helping our school through planning this night. I look forward to next year's event!

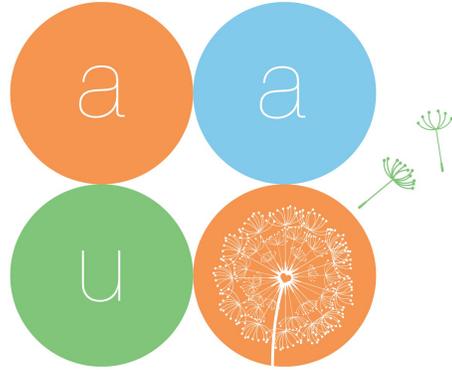
Please continue to keep the children, teachers, and staff of the CDC in your prayers.

Blessings,  
Courtney Chandler  
CDC Director



## April Birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Tucker
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alton Copeland
- 15<sup>th</sup> Rochelle Calhoun
- 18<sup>th</sup> Connie Oprych
- 26<sup>th</sup> Elliot Devenport
- 27<sup>th</sup> Roberta Harrison



## April Anniversaries

- 12<sup>th</sup> John & Pamela Tate
- 19<sup>th</sup> Doug & Cindy Vogelsang



## Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to all who provided food for our Lenten suppers, and to Norma for the thought-provoking questions at the table. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

~Doris McCall

## Little Church All Among Us Women's Care Center

Zion was pleased to welcome Cathryn Shaw, executive director; Gigi MacMullan, development director; Alecia Plotzke, volunteer coordinator; and Allen McNeill, bookkeeper from All Among Us to our voter's meeting and fellowship hour on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They shared the good news that the City of Ferguson has issued the building permit for the center. They are very close to hiring a contractor and perhaps construction will have begun by the time you are reading this article.

Alecia wrote: "Thank you so much for welcoming us today and sharing your enthusiasm for loving your neighbors well! I look forward to getting to know you and the rest of Zion's members better as we continue to find opportunities to serve together. For those who didn't have a chance to voice their ideas for volunteering with AAU and the Women's Care Center, or for anyone who would like to add their names to our list of volunteers, please email us here: [volunteer@allamong.us](mailto:volunteer@allamong.us). The names, emails, and ideas will be added to our volunteer database so we can contact them as opportunities arise."

Look for regular updates on the progress of the project in future tidings.



## BBQ & VENDOR FAIR



The Cocoa Exchange  
Touchstone Crystal  
Thirty-one Bags  
Jewelscent  
& more



**Saturday, April 21st  
11:00am-4:00pm**

**Lutheran Church of  
the Living Christ  
2725 Concord Dr.  
(314) 839-0466**



## Atonement Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

Burst into Spring with beautiful new items for your home, yummy baked goods, cooking supplies, personal pampering items, jewelry and fashion accessories, organizational items, candles, chocolate, & many more indulgences.

**Saturday, April 14th  
10:00am-2:00pm**

**Lutheran Church of the Atonement  
1285 N. New Florissant Rd.**

Hosted by Friends of Lutheran North



## Electronics Recycling Event

The City of Florissant and Midwest Recycling Center is having an electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm, rain or shine at the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park. Working and non-working items will be accepted, basically anything that has a cord or battery will be accepted. Note: there are fees for televisions and computer monitors, as well as air conditioners or other units that contain freon.

## Shredding Event

The City of Florissant, Cintas Corporation, and Meridian Waste will be sponsoring a recycling event on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-noon, rain or shine in the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park.

Documents to be shredded: tax papers, bank or financial records, credit card statements, invoices, anything with your name and address on it. There is no need to remove paper clips, binder clips, or staples. This will all be destroyed in a manner to which it cannot be recognized or recreated. All paper will then be recycled.

Please no 3 ring binders, hanging file folders, CD's, DVD's, or hard bound books.

## Prop L

Citizens of Ferguson have a chance to get out and vote on April 3<sup>rd</sup> either in favor of or against Proposition L.

What is it? The Ferguson Municipal Public Library District Board of Trustees have placed a levy funding request on the the April 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot to increase the library levy. For more information, please visit: <http://ferguson.lib.mo.us/levy-fact-sheet-apr-3/>

## Humanity Trivia Night

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

at Incarnate Word Academy  
2788 Normandy Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63121

Doors open at 6pm  
Trivia starts at 7pm



More info to follow

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Fund Balances - 2/28/2018

Church/CDC Equity 1/1/17	218,431	
Earnings on Investments	(2,606)	
Church Fund YTD	995	
CDC Current Year	(4,400)	
Church/CDC Equity		212,420
Restricted Funds		
Major Mtce/Roof	35,215	
MP Room Improvements	7,225	
Other Restricted Funds		
Archives	705	
Bell and Choir	1,323	
Church Decorations/Flowers	560	
Parish Resource Center	1,454	
Sunday School	61	
Vacation Bible School	30	
National Youth Gathering '17	2,735	
Good Samaritan Fund	7,126	
CDC Playground Fund	4,748	
Women's Guild	191	
		61,374
<b>Total Equity Church Funds 2/28/18</b>		<b>358,089</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>		
Future Bldg/Oak Knoll Sale		84,295
Scholarship Fund		71,588
Roth Fund		78,399

<b>2018 Summary Net Income/Loss Monthly</b>		
<b>2017 Monthly</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>CDC</b>
January	1,473	(3,616)
February	(478)	(785)
March	-	-
April	-	-
May	-	-
June	-	-
July	-	-
August	-	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December-	-	-
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>(4,400)</b>

**Council Meeting**  
**March 13th, 2018**

In attendance: Johnnie Tucker, Dorothy Kaiser, Ara Tess, Pam Statler, Janet Schaper, Larry Lemke, Kristen Kinney

- Opening Prayer and Welcome
  - Given by Larry Lemke
- Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2018 Meeting
  - Minutes were adjusted to say Bible study will be on Thursday mornings, not Thursday evenings after Lent
  - Minutes, as amended, were approved
- Member Care Ministry
  - Meetings changing to first Tuesday of the Month – Next Meeting is April 3rd
- Property Report
  - Bid from Gretchen Myer to do the drop ceiling – acoustical tiles – 2x4 grid system with flat laying tile – \$6,364
  - Bates electric for LED lighting- \$3,895
    - Motion made to approve drop ceiling and lighting for multi-purpose room
    - \$7,200 from multipurpose room fund and the rest from major maintenance
    - Approved and passed
  - Handicapped Parking is waiting on one more sign to go up and has been completed to Ferguson's requirements
  - Donation for a new eternal flame – electrical
  - Sue Dunham, Larry Wolk, and Janet Schaper looked in to carpet tiles for the upper room and lounge – too expensive
    - Motion made to leave carpet as it is for now
    - Approved
- CDC Report
  - Looking for a couple teachers and a bus driver to help with the summer
  - Courtney Chandler submitted a report and it was reviewed by Council with no issues arising
- Finance Report
  - Pam Statler presented the February results for the church and CDC
- Worship Committee Report
  - Planning an Easter Breakfast: 7:45am – 9:15am
  - Doris has appointed herself co-coordinator of special events; In October there will be a Mystery Dinner. Pat Martin excited to work on this project
- Community Committee Report

- Dorothy put an ad in the Ferguson Times for the community Bible Study
- Service Committee Report
  - Google mail group being created to ask people about service projects (what they would be interested in, etc.)
- Pastors Report
  - An Evening of Conversation with Lay Leaders
    - Congregations in Partnership – A Fresh Look at Cooperative Ministry
    - Greg Gaskamp – Southwest Texas Synod
    - Monday, April 16th, 2018 6:30-8:30
    - Located at the Mercy Center (2039 North Geyer Road, Saint Louis MO)
    - \$20 to cover the cost of the facility
  - Pastor suggested implementing members going down to the classrooms and reading to the CDC kids
  - Ministerial Alliance was interesting – Ella Jones announced she was running for re-election; Jesuit Priest came to talk about what he was going to do at the end of Holy Week with youth ages 18-25 – a walk in Ferguson oriented towards things to think about relative to Racism
- All Among Us
  - Tarlton Construction – over \$600,000 bid – would not allow any volunteer work be done
    - Found another bid with Brand Construction for a bid and getting another bid after that
    - Trying to get that lined up to get construction started ASAP
  - Discussed finances regarding All Among Us
- New Business
  - Lutheran High School Association
    - Need to discuss rejoining the association and supporting them
  - Dinner Theater Event in October
    - Pat Martin writing another script
- Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm



**Voters Meeting**  
**March 18th 2018**

- Opening Prayer and Welcome
  - Larry Lemke
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (December 3,2017)
  - Motion made, seconded, and approved
- Pastor's Report
  - Still working on the TEEM Process – Finished Psychological Assessment
  - Ferguson Ministerial Alliance – Focusing on Homelessness
- CDC Report
  - None submitted – discussed success of CDC Trivia night
- Finance Reports – Final Treasurer's Report from 2017
  - Presented by Pam Statler
  - Everything ended well for the 2017 year
- Member Care Ministry Report
  - List went out who your member care minister is
- Property Report
  - Got bids together to do the ceiling and the lights for the multi-purpose room – Council accepted the bids – Getting done in April and May
  - Also getting bids to replace the curtains
  - Council considered and declined to redo the carpet in the upper room and lounge
- Update on Little Church Women's Care Center
  - Recommendations were made by council to change the amount initially voted on (\$30,000) to \$75,000 of the \$84,295 that remains from the sale of the upper lot to Oak Knoll to be spent on structural improvements of the little church
  - Any amount spent would be for the cost of specific improvements that are done to the building. We would not pay or anything unless we are aware of and approve of the actual project
  - Motion made to accept the council's recommendations, seconded, and approved (see page 13 for recommendation details)
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Revised Constitution and Bylaws sent to Synod (need a 2nd vote to ratify)
    - Motion made, seconded, and approved
  - Newly Elected Boards have been meeting
  - Update on All Among Us Women's Care Center in Little Church
    - Ferguson issued building permit

- Ideas about how we can help were discussed
- VP of Keystone Construction is head volunteer
- Church Safety Issues
  - Replaced the glass and put curtains up in the door at the back of the church
  - Locking church doors after church has started
- New Business
  - Facing Zion's Future, committee reports and other organizations:
    - Worship Committee Report
      - Gail was absent – Larry presented the report
      - Looking for people to join the worship team
    - Community Committee Report
      - Dorothy Kaiser presented this report
      - Gathering information about what's going on in the community
      - Extended an invitation to Oak Knoll to come to the Easter Breakfast
      - Possibly participating in the Local VBS
    - Service Committee Report
      - Sheet was handed out to gather information about congregation members and to get ideas about what the congregation wants to do for service projects
- Prayer led by Janet Schaper
- Meeting Adjourned 12:42pm
- 30 voters in attendance



**Zion Lutheran Church Council Recommendation  
Financial Support of “Little Church” Renovations – All Among Us, Inc.**

Voters’ Meeting – March 18, 2018

**Keeping our overall desire to have our “Little Church” be used to benefit our community in the forefront of our hearts and minds and trusting in our partnership with All Among Us, we need to prayerfully consider how much we are willing to spend financially to support this ministry.**

In our agreement with All Among Us we accepted responsibility for the outside structure of the building.

Previously the Voters’ agreed to spend up to \$30,000 for specific expenses that we expected to include some outside work to the building and parking lot improvements. So far, we have spent \$2,100 on outside work including new lighting on the rear of the building, repair of roof flashings, gutter and downspout cleaning, and mortar repair. Currently we do not have any cost information related to the parking lot improvements.

All Among Us is currently obtaining three bids from construction companies. The construction plans that have been developed will include some items that are on the exterior of the building or that could be considered structural. These may include such things as:

- New rear entrance to be used in conjunction with an exterior lift
- Improvements to the water system line to support sprinkler system and improved bathroom and shower facilities
- Retaining wall with underground piping to alleviate drainage issue on northwest corner of building

**The Council is recommending that we allow up to \$75,000 of the \$84,295 that remains from the sale of the upper lot to Oak Knoll to be spent on structural improvements. This includes the \$30,000 that we already voted on previously.**

Any amount spent would be for the cost of specific improvements that are done to the building. We would not pay for anything unless we are aware of and approve of the actual project.

Currently some members have designated a portion of their contributions in 2018 to All Among Us. Please let Paul Herrmann know if you want those funds to go directly to All Among Us as a pass-through or if you would prefer your contribution to be used to add to any amount the congregation spends to improve the “Little Church.”

We appreciate your prayerful consideration and welcome your comments and opinions.  
Zion Lutheran Church Council Members

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## **Serving on Sundays in April**

	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>Apr 8</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Apr 29</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
<b>Music Director</b>	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	R Schademann	N Wolz	J Martin	P Herrmann	R Schademann
<b>Reader</b>	J Martin	D Balestier	R Schademann	K Kinney	D Tucker
<b>Children's Message</b>	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz
<b>Communion Servers</b>	P Herrmann	W Devenport	B Taylor	G Voss	N Wolz
<b>Ushers</b>	R Taylor B Taylor S Taylor	C Gierse K Malin G Voss J Martin	P Tate S Dunham B Negwer L Wolk	D Kaiser J Schaper J Tucker F Cole	R Taylor B Taylor S Taylor
<b>Altar Guild</b>	P Tate	P Tate	P Tate	P Tate	P Tate

\* 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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## April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Easter Sunday</b> 6:30am-Sunrise Service @ January Wabash Park 7:30am-Easter Breakfast @ Zion 9:30am-Worship	<b>2</b> 9am-Facility Use  A Tucker	<b>3</b> 5pm-Member Care	<b>4</b> 1:30pm-Worship Committee Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4pm-Fish Fry  A Copeland	<b>7</b> 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
<b>8</b> 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10am-Bible Study  J&P Tate	<b>13</b> 4pm-Fish Fry	<b>14</b> 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
<b>15</b> 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class  R Calhoun	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  C Oprych	<b>19</b> 10am-Bible Study 7pm-Facility Use (MP)  D&C Vogelsang	<b>20</b> 4pm-Fish Fry	<b>21</b> 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
<b>22</b> 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	<b>23</b> Tidings Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10am-Bible Study  E Devenport	<b>27</b> 4pm-Fish Fry  R Harrison	<b>28</b> 9am-Facility Use (UR) 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
<b>29</b> 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

\* An up-to-date calendar can always be found at [zionferguson.com/calendar](http://zionferguson.com/calendar).

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**Celebrating  
God's Grace**

*April 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**

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

### **Committee Chairs**

Outreach: Dorothy Kaiser  
Stewardship: Pam Statler  
Archives: Dawn Tucker  
CDC Support: Kim Malin  
Roth Fund: -

### **Organizations**

Fellowship: Robert Negwer  
Altar Guild: Pam Tate