



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings May 2018

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Pentecost



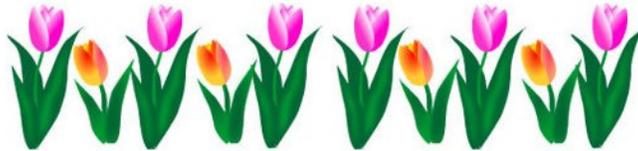
If it's May 20th, then I know you will be seeing red during our Pentecost worship! It's the birthday of the church and the Worship Committee invites you to wear something red to mark this special day. Our children will help enliven our worship too with a colorful processional, and multilingual speakers will serve as an example of God's wonders that formed this holy day.



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Spring!?



So many things have happened since the last Tidings. Holy Week was so meaningful for me. I hope it was for you as well.

It was way too busy for me, but that was my own fault. I just tried to jam way too many things into it. There was a Minister Appreciation breakfast on Tuesday, then a Ferguson Prayer breakfast on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday (foot washing), a Good Friday tearful “Watch the Lamb,” and finally the Easter Sunrise service along with a Zion Easter breakfast and the Easter service itself! Wow!

I guess it was all of that...that reminded me of what the author of Ecclesiastes, in chapter 3, says:

²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

And in between birth and death there are seasons. Imagine with me what those seasons might look like as we define our lives: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter.

Of all the seasons, I like Spring and Fall the best. Spring brings new life, warmer weather, and everything is turning green. Fall is my best time, cooler weather, and everything is colorful. Now I don't like hot weather so Summer is out! Winter, I can take if it just turns cold and stays that way.

But how do these match up with our lives? Let me say first that I'm not talking about your age or mine, I'm talking about what I hope is how you feel – and I'm not talking about your body, but your heart and your soul.

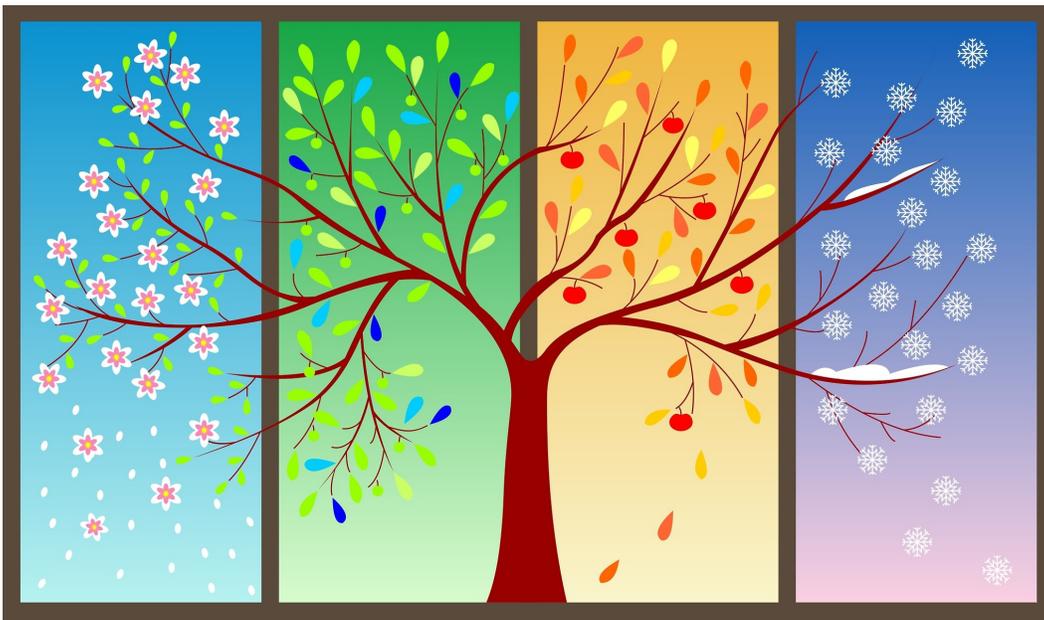
Spring! That is where I hope you and I both are! In March we had our Voter's meeting and all that energy that you exhibited! Again, thanks.

Since then, all that has happened to me, has been about *Spring*: your new energy, a visit to New Mexico to visit my son Craig's resting place (scattered ashes in the high mountain meadow), and my very positive interview with the Central States Synod Candidacy Committee for the TEEM program.

There is a "spring in my step". I'm looking forward to our future at Zion, God is leading us, I believe we are on the right track and gaining momentum.

The "Little Church" is coming alive with All Among Us officially starting on the 28th of April 2018.

Together – all of us and God – can make it all happen.



God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry

CDC News

We are waiting for spring to actually arrive in the near future. So far we have had only a few beautiful days, but we have taken full advantage of it by spending a great deal of time on the playground and playing outside.

The past month has been so much fun. We celebrated Dr. Seuss Day by reading books and doing fun crafts and activities. During Spring Break, we borrowed materials from the St. Louis Zoo. Children had fun learning about butterflies and about being a zookeeper. Our school agers had fun with marshmallow Peeps. We learned what happens to Peeps when you put them in water, vinegar, soda, the freezer, and microwave. We also built catapults to see who could launch their Peep the farthest and built Peep towers using straws and Peeps.

April 2nd we celebrated the success of our Welly Walk. While we did not raise the amount we set out to raise, we celebrated what we did and Ms. Courtney allowed the children to throw a pie in her face.

In addition we spent the past month raising caterpillars and watching them grown into beautiful butterflies. On April 5th we said a blessing over our butterflies and watched as they flew away.

On April 13th, students from Lutheran North came out and spent a great deal of time washing walls and repainting bookcases. We are continuing to try and finish the work of painting the bookcases so our rooms will look brighter and more welcoming.

Again we say thank you to all who came out to Trivia Night! It was so much fun. Thank you to Ms. Sue and Chris for your planning and hard work.

As we look ahead, we are getting ready for our Pre-K graduation on May 18th from 12-1pm. We are also looking ahead to summer and continue to make plans to make this the best summer camp in the Ferguson area!

Thank you for all you do to show your love and support for the CDC!

Blessings,
Courtney Chandler, CDC Director



May Birthdays

5th Kaine Robinson
9th Adele Cross
11th Elda Pfitzinger
20th Dott Twillmann



May Anniversaries

31st Ron & Wanda Devenport



Congratulations, Erin

Erin Martin defended for her PhD on March 28th and will be graduating from Indiana University Bloomington on May 4th, 2018, with a PhD in Analytical Chemistry and a minor in Environmental Science. Congratulations, Dr. Erin Martin!



Substitute Office Administrator

Zion's Office Administrator, Andi, is taking off May 24th-June 1st. I am looking for someone(s) to fill in for me while I am out. The regular church publications will already be made, they will just need to be set out. The office duties for a substitute include: answering the phone, welcoming visitors, and receiving deliveries and distributing mail. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering your time to help keep the office running smoothly. ~Andi

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone at Zion and Zion CDC for the retirement party, gift cards, and especially all the love and well wishes. I appreciate it all so much. The reason this thank you is so late is I wanted to make sure I stayed retired, and P.S. I'm loving it!

~Sue Dunham

Pentecost Flowers

Zion is selling red geraniums for Pentecost. 4 inch plants cost \$4.25 and 6 inch plants cost \$6.25. Contact Pam Tate if you would like to order flowers for Pentecost.



Women's Care Center Update

Construction is underway, and was celebrated in a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, April 28th!

Subcontractors will perform the electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and other work requiring permits and inspections. However, many portions of the work will be performed by volunteers! Volunteer times are Wednesday evenings from 5pm-8:30pm and Saturdays from 9am-3pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please email volunteer@allamong.us and they will send you a list of volunteer opportunities as well as sign-up information. Volunteers must be registered before work days.

Anyone interesting in keeping up with the progress of the project is invited to join a brief gathering every other Friday at 4pm at Zion's Fish Fries. The preliminary dates scheduled are as follows: April 27th, May 11th and 25th, and June 8th. If you have questions, please contact Janet Schaper or Dorothy Kaiser.

Information about All Among Us (AAU) is available on their website at www.allamong.us. To receive All Among Us newsletters, send an email to volunteer@allamong.us.

AAU is continuing their fund raising. You may contribute by choosing the “Donate Now” button on their website. You may also make contributions to Zion, and indicate if the contributions are to be sent directly to AAU or if they are for Zion's AAU fund.

God has truly blessed Zion by giving us this wonderful project!

AAU Mothers Day Boxes

A special AAU project: Mother's Day Boxes! Cathryn and the AAU team will go out around Mother's Day and distribute these boxes to women who may not have the opportunity or the means to celebrate Mother's Day with their children. How Zion can help: Pick up an empty AAU box (from the Coat Room), take it to a store and fill it with items that would make good gifts (i.e. candles, chocolate, scarves, gift card, etc.), then return it to Zion to pass on to AAU. A small kindness goes a long way.



Zion Property

Special Fund

The City of Ferguson has required that Zion install vent hoods and a fire suppression system over the fryers we use for our weekly Fish Fries. We are in the process of obtaining bids for the work, but our preliminary estimates put the cost at \$15,000.

Zion's council agreed that our Fish Fries are in an important part of our community outreach and certainly want to continue them. We are asking members to consider making contributions (large or small) to a fund to offset the cost of this work. Contributions to this fund should be marked Fish Fry or Vent Hood and placed in the offering baskets. If you would like to make your contribution via EFT, contact Paul Herrmann. If you have other questions, or want more information, please feel free to contact Janet Schaper (Council President) or Sue Dunham (Property Manager). *“God loveth a cheerful giver” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Multipurpose Room

It's been a very busy month for us. Make sure to check out the Multipurpose Room with a new drop ceiling and new lighting! Our next goal is looking into and getting new window treatments. Also, as stated in ← the “Special Fund” article, we're getting bids on the vent system and fire suppression, so please, prayerfully consider donating to that.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Alan McNeill (AAU's CFO), Janet Schaper, and Larry Wolk for scraping and painting the outdoor rails. Larry also replaced all the emergency exit lights and bad lights in the downstairs area, repaired the outdoor receptacle, and fixed the conduit, which was sagging, in the sanctuary.

We're still waiting to hear from the playground company about getting one of the canopies on the playground fixed, and we've also ordered a replacement security DVR that will be installed soon.

Feed My Starving Children

Book Fair

The next fundraiser for FMSC is the Valley of the Flowers Book Fair on May 4th and 5th. We need volunteers to help set up at 10am on Friday morning. The book fair opens at noon on Friday and goes through 5pm on Saturday. If you would like to donate books, bring them to Zion or call Sue at (314) 229-6313 and she will come pick them up.



Lutheran Church of the Atonement is hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, May 19th to raise funds for FMSC. Enjoy a night of trivia, silent auctions, raffles, fun & fellowship. The doors open at 6pm. Tables of 8 are available for purchase; the cost is \$160 in advance or \$200 at the door (per table). Please send payments to Pr. BJ Arnold at 759 Fox Island Dr., Florissant, MO 63034. Soda, water, and light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Please no alcohol. Gus's Pretzels will be available for purchase.

Mobile Food Pack

It all comes down to this! The Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack will be on Saturday, July 14th, 2018 at Lutheran Church of the Atonement. Each ELCA church in the North County area has been hard at work at raising \$34,000 so that we can host another successful food pack. Registration opens on June 1st at 8am. Go to CISpack2018.eventbrite.com or call (314) 382-4241. There will be multiple shifts to sign-up for. For more information about FMSC, visit www.fmsc.org.



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Fund Balances – 3/31/2018

Church/CDC Equity 1/1/18	218,431	
Earnings on Investments	(4,707)	
Church Fund YTD	611	
CDC Current Year	87	
Church/CDC Equity		214,422
Restricted Funds		
Major Mtce/Roof	36,745	
MP Room Improvements	7,225	
Other Restricted Funds		
Archives	705	
Bell and Choir	1,323	
Church Decorations/Flowers	577	
Parish Resource Center	1,454	
Sunday School	221	
Vacation Bible School	30	
National Youth Gathering '17	2,735	
Good Samaritan Fund	7,151	
CDC Playground Fund	4,748	
Women's Guild	191	
		63,106
Total Equity Church Funds 3/31/18		361,822
Other Funds		
Future Bldg/Oak Knoll Sale		84,295
Scholarship Fund		71,588
Roth Fund		76,979

2018 Summary Net Income/Loss Monthly

2017 Monthly	Church	CDC
January	1,473	(3,616)
February	(478)	(785)
March	(384)	4,487
April	-	-
May	-	-
June	-	-
July	-	-
August	-	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December-	-	-
YTD Total	611	87

Zion Council Meeting
April 10, 2018

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

Absent: Dorothy Kaiser and Johnnie Tucker

- Opening Welcome and Devotion
 - Larry Lemke
- Approval of meeting minutes from March 13, 2018 Meeting
 - Motion made to accept minutes, seconded, and approved
- Review of Minutes from Voter's Meeting March 18, 2018
 - No edits needed
- Member Care Ministry Report
 - Pastor gave report in Dorothy's absence
 - Discussed where members are and how they are doing
- CDC Report
 - Courtney Chandler submitted a report and it was reviewed by Council with no issues arising
 - 2 new teachers hired and 1 new office assistant hired
 - Lutheran North coming April 13th for service work
- Pastor's Report
 - Doris, Pam, and Larry met about vision, mission, and values
 - Doris Glatz had a fall and is making progress
 - Attended Clergy Appreciation Breakfast – Billy Graham Organization was the focus
 - Attended Ferguson Prayer Breakfast – Sponsored by Kiwanis
 - Attended Ferguson Youth Initiative Banquet
 - April 20th – Larry will attend his candidacy meeting for TEEM
- Finance Report
 - Pam Statler presented the March results for the church and the CDC – nothing major to report
- Update on All Among Us
 - Construction Approval by AAU Board
 - Construction Schedule – first day of construction is April 21st – a volunteer day
 - Zion Committee to interface with AAU in regards to communication about schedules and anything else that comes up
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Wednesday night and all day Saturday Volunteers for construction
- Property Committee Report
 - MP Room Improvements
 - Starting work on the 16th of April on the ceilings – CDC cook will be cooking in upstairs kitchen

- Building Inspector Report – Paint Railings outside – Alan McNeil offered to do it and will do it when it isn't too cold or raining
- Fire Marshal Report
 - Clean out Carson Road entrance to MP Room area- discussion about what to do with all the folding chairs – bring it down to a manageable number – Janet tackling project to help clean out that area
 - Fish Fry Vent Hood
 - With everything included, it is coming out to about \$15,000 project with the hood, the fire suppression system, the permits, and everything else that is needed
 - Want to get more bid options than the one we got – want to reach out to the congregation to bring it to their attention and give them the opportunity to give donations or
- Worship Committee Report
 - Nothing new to report
- Community Committee Report
 - Ready to have a meeting to discuss what the outreach looks like
- Service Committee Report
 - No report
- Need Zion Representatives to attend Synod Assembly June 7-9 – Lindsborg, Kansas
- April 16th Conversation with Lay Leaders at Mercy Retreat Center 6:30-8:30
 - Janet, Larry, Doris, and Sue attending
- Zion Support of Lutheran HS North – Delegate to association?
 - In order for a member of the congregation to get a lower tuition rate, Zion has to support Lutheran High North at \$2400 a year
 - Council will work it into the budget to support Lutheran High School
- Recap of meeting on March 22 with Donna Simon and Linda Bobbitt
- Wellspring Church Closing
- Emailed Susan Candea about ratifying the constitution and the Synod accepted our Constitution and Bylaws

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm



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Serving on Sundays in May

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 3
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Director	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason
Assistant Minister	N Wolz	P Herrmann	J Martin	R Schademann	N Wolz
Reader	S Miller	P Herrmann	P Martin	N Wolz	D Balestier
Children's Message	L Lemke	N Wolz	G Voss	L Lemke	G Voss
Communion Servers	S Miller	A Martin	K Kinney	N Wolz	P Tate
Ushers	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	C Gierse K Malin G Voss J Martin
Altar Guild	E Negwer	E Negwer	E Negwer	E Negwer	D Balestier

* 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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May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship	30	1 5pm-Member Care	2 1:30pm-Worship Committee Mtg	3 10am-Bible Study	4 12pm-FMSC Valley of the Flowers Book Fair 4pm-Fish Fry	5 10am-FMSC Valley of the Flowers Book Fair 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)  K Robinson
6 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	7 9am-Facility Use (UR)	8 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	9 6:30pm-Facility Use (UR)  A Cross	10 10am-Bible Study	11 4pm-Fish Fry  E Pfitzinger	12 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
13 Mother's Day 9:30am-Worship 	14	15	16	17 10am-Bible Study 7pm-Facility Use (MP)	18 4pm-Fish Fry	19 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR) 6pm-FMSC Trivia Night (Atonement)
20 Pentecost 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class  D Twillmann	21 Tidings Deadline	22	23	24	25 4pm-Fish Fry	26 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
27 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	28 Memorial Day Office & CDC Closed	29	30	31  R & W Devenport	1 4pm-Fish Fry	2 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)

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

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God's Grace**

May 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