



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings May 2019

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

A big thank you to all of the teams and participants in all of our Holy Week Services. I realize that you are already involved in lots of other activities, but you went the extra mile in helping make Holy Week a success.

A special thanks also to those of you who went "two" extra miles to make the foot washing and first communion so meaningful for Aamanda, Emma, Jackson, Jayda, and Nate. It was a special time for them as well as the congregation.

And wow, the special music for all of the services made it so much more meaningful for all of us.

I hope you all had an opportunity to taste the wonderful Easter breakfast. It was super! Thanks to all of you who helped make it a success.

Some of you invited family to join you for some of our services. That was really great. If you have friends or family who might be interested in joining Zion, please let me know. I'd love to have that conversation with them.

And finally, a special thanks to Andi, Annette, and Carolyn for putting up with my last minute changes in our bulletins.

It was a special week and I hope it was as meaningful for you as it was for me. The Lenten journey to the cross is one that puts our Christianity into proper perspective.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

By the time you get the next Tidings (June), I will have already finished Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). And I will have completed my endorsement essay, which is the mid point of my seminary work, and the Candidacy Committee will have approved me for the last two parts of my seminary requirements: Internship and Church History. There will be light at the end of the tunnel.

But Internship (June—September) right here at Zion can be fun as we do more brainstorming about what we pray for every Sunday at the end of our worship service. What does our future look like? Not only looking at the big three: Worship, Community Outreach, and Service, but some new and exciting ways how Zion can do ministry in Ferguson, MO and in the world beyond.

At our last voter's meeting, our president, Janet Schaper, led us through some brainstorming concerning how Zion might become more financially solvent. That is part of the future Zion needs to include as we go into our future.

God is calling us and asking us to follow Him on a journey that is yet defined, but He is providing a vision for us. It is a vision of people who are hurting in our midst who need our help. Take heart, Jesus is walking with us.



God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry



CDC News

Greetings from ZION CDC Land!

We are so glad that our community has chosen Zion Child Development Center for their childcare needs. The development of our children is our number one priority. Our center is a safe, healthy and comprehensive development facility providing full-day learning experiences.

I am so pleased to witness how Zion CDC values inclusion, and respect for all children, supportive professional staff and a positive accommodating family atmosphere. Laughter abounds in a clean and safe environment where health and safety practice protect children.

Finally, as the latest team member added to the staff I am so happy that I am a part of a great team of caring teachers and staff. I look forward to working with the staff, Zion Lutheran, and the community as we continue to build strong children who love learning!

Blessings,
Janine Sanders, CDC Director



Ready Readers

May Birthdays

9th Adele Cross
20th Dott Twillmann
25th Christine Walters

May Anniversaries

28th John & Rhonda Moseley
31st Ron & Wanda Devenport

Coffee Outreach

Spring is finally here so we will soon be stepping outdoors and meeting new friends in the community by offering them a cup of coffee as they pass by.

We're looking for volunteers to help. The schedule is flexible and can be arranged to fit whatever day you can make it. We hope to serve about once a week or so.

Please call Andi in the church office (314) 522-0100 if you are willing to help serve and someone from the Service Team will call you.



Zion's New Look



The Community Outreach Team is having this brand new, one of a kind, designed by our own Bill Budenholzer t-shirt made for times when we are out volunteering, servicing, or reaching out to our community. The image above shows the front design and "Zion Lutheran Church of Ferguson" will be printed on the back.

Thank You

The Worship Team is so grateful for our Altar Guild members and all the volunteers who contributed to our worship services and worship space during Lent and now during our Easter Season.

Food Pantry

We are currently 64% of the way to our goal of collecting 100 bottles of Shampoo for St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Thank you all for your wonderful donations.

Time Marches On

Does it seem possible that Zion celebrated its 100th anniversary 10 years ago? This year marks 110 years of God's abundant blessings and to recognize the anniversary the Worship Team invites all of us to participate in 110 Random Acts of Kindness to begin on Pentecost June 9th. More details in the June Tidings.

And speaking of history I found this clipping from an old Zion Tidings Newsletter (year unknown):

"Paschal Candle and Holder"

A new Paschal Candle and Holder have been dedicated to the glory of God by the Carl Scroger family in loving memory of Mrs. Avis Scroger.

The Paschal Candle will be lit from Easter until Ascension to represent Christ's time on earth after his resurrection....

We express our sincere gratitude for this memorial gift and pray that the candle holder will always serve as a reminder to us to hold forth Christ as the light of the world."

Isn't it interesting to consider that the saints who have gone before us still contribute to our expression of faith in weekly worship! Our Paschal candle will be lighted through Pentecost. Keep your senses tuned for God speaking to us in our worship space!

Wonderfully Made ELCA Women's Convention

The 32nd Annual Convention of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA will take place at the Holiday Inn in Wichita, KS from August 16th-18th, 2019. This year's theme is "Wonderfully Made" from Psalm 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

They will also be electing individuals for the 2020 Triennial convention. Nominations will be accepted through May 24th. There will be no nominations from the floor.

If you would like to learn more about this event, please see Andi in the church office and she'll print out an information packet for you.

I AM *Fearfully* AND
Wonderfully MADE.

← Psalm 139:14 →



Community News

Yoga at the Library

The Ferguson Public Library will be having a yoga event on Saturday, May 11th at 10am. Come and learn yoga techniques from yoga instructor Martha Philipp from OmTurtle Yoga! No sign-up required, but bring your own mat.

Card & Paper Club

Learn how to scrapbook or make your own greeting cards for special events at our monthly crafting meet up at the Ferguson Public Library on Wednesday, May 15th at 1pm. All supplies will be provided. For more information, please call the library and ask for Rachelle.

Ferguson Twilight Run

The 10th Annual Ferguson Twilight Run will be taking place on Saturday, May 18th. Make sure to check the Ferguson Times for local road closures for that evening.

If you wish to attend but don't want to run, a group of Zion members will be there representing our congregation and promoting Zion. Contact a member of the Community Outreach Team if you would like to join in.



Adulting 101

The Ferguson Public Library will have 3 classes on basic adulting skills for ages 16-26. These classes are free. Call (314) 521-4820 for more information.

May 29th
5:30pm-7pm

Cooking Skills
Baking, Boiling,
and Blending

Budgeting
How to save
while you spend

June 26th
5:30pm-7pm

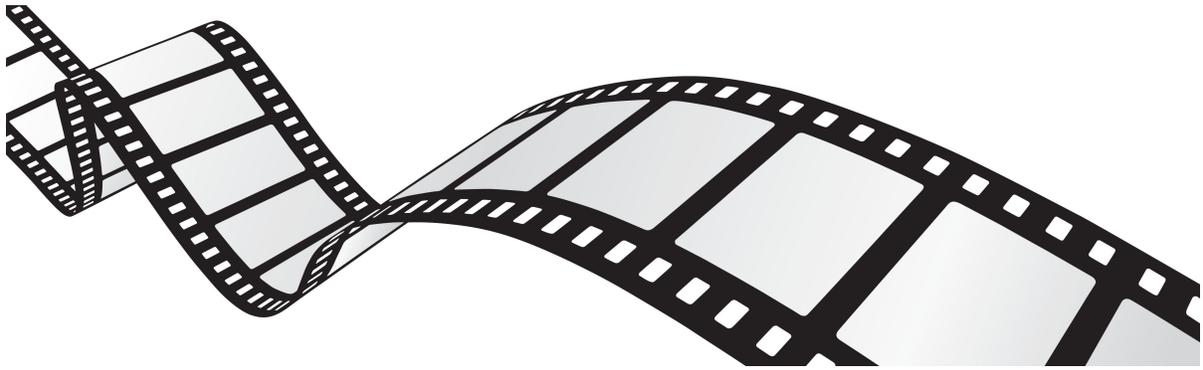
Household Maintenance
Cleaning, Replacing,
and Fixing

Tools & How to Use
Them
What to hit, screw,
and saw

July 31st
5:30pm-7pm

Financial Planning
Loans, Credit,
and Investing

Car Maintenance
From the tires
to the roof



Teen Screen

Teen Screen presents Black Panther on Saturday, May 4th at 6pm at St. Peter's UCC, 1425 Stein Rd. Teens ages 13-19 welcome. Come for the comfy seats and every imaginable snack, stay for the friendship and real conversation. Call 314-521-5694 for tickets, or stop by St. Peter's Church. Tickets are free!



Mouse Races

The City of Ferguson is having a mouse racing event on Friday, May 17th at the Ferguson Community Center to raise money for Ferguson's Fourth of July celebration. Admission is \$30 per person, \$200 for a table of 8. Doors open at 6:30pm, races start at 7pm. To purchase tickets, please contact the Ferguson Community Center (314) 521-4661.



Voters Meeting

March 31, 2019

- Opening Prayer and Welcome
 - Larry Lemke
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December 2, 2018)
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved
- Presentation by and discussion with representative from City of Ferguson
 - Ella Jones
 - Working with a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats)
 - “Our Diversity is our strength, but our unity is our power” – Nancy Pelosi
 - Questions were asked by members
 - If you had to pick one thing, what is the most critical need in Ferguson right now?
 - Getting our police officers up to staff. Currently have 38 – can have 49
 - In reference to proposition P, allowing a city manager to oversee the police department, what all does that entail? We don’t currently have a City Manager (intern) so is he/she going to be managing the city and overseeing the police officers?
 - Make an amendment to the charter. The amendment states that the city manager has to come to the council with the person he wants to hire as the chief of police. The council will help him decide based off what the concerns of the citizen.
 - Is the primary reason we are short on police officers because we pay less than the county does?
 - Not high salaries. All the municipalities fight for the police to come out of the academy. Our salary does not compete with the other municipalities
 - Where does the money come to pay the officers?
 - Capital improvement tax. In negotiations to become a union. Got a 6% raise. Once the negotiations have been made and a union is decided on, more possibility for better pay.
 - Any thoughts on what the congregation can do to help make this a better community?
 - Have a common meal and sit and talk; Ferguson’s weakness is communication. Need to hold more congregational meetings and allow people to talk in a safe environment. Community gatherings and listening sessions. Attend a police officer role call. Attend city council meetings. Look out for one another.
 - What’s the deal with Better Together?
 - Combine the county and the city. Lose all 96 municipalities. 33 commissioners instead of mayors. Current city mayor will be transitional mayor. County executive will become mayor of new combined city and county. 1 prosecuting attorney. Signatures must be collected.

- Coffee on the corner is coming up – anyone can do that who is available – based on your schedule
- Had a chili supper for the daycare parents and staff and families – talking about doing that again
- We did the holiday hangout which was a success
- Working with the community team to help in the twilight run
- Vacation Bible School
 - Committee is to meet to discuss the weekend VBS
- Nominating committee
 - Gail and Stacey
 - Focusing on the council elections in November
- Synod Assembly
 - Gail, Richard, and Janet are attending
- HR Team Report and other teams in need of members – Ara Tess
 - Dorothy Kaiser is chair for Altar Guild and Pastor Larry is the chairman of educational team
 - Working on HR team and documents – Sally Taylor is reviewing documents and updating it to fit legal requirements
 - Team consists of Pam Statler and Jason Martin
- Pastor's Report, including update on TEEM process
 - Thank you to everyone who makes this place go
 - Had a funeral for Elizabeth Cason – group she was part of came together and sang a song for her and made the funeral a significant event for people – importance of being there for people
 - Bishop Gustafson is retiring as Bishop
 - Had 3 baptisms a few weeks ago – in the process of trying to find out who do we have in the congregation that has not been baptized, first communion, and confirmations
 - Pastoral care has been a joy
 - TEEM: 18 different classes that turned out to be him only needing to take 4; taking clinical pastoral education currently; doing internship June – September; Taking church history at the end of the year (Sept – Nov)
 - Candidacy committee meetings 13-14 December and will meet them and then he will be done
- Discussion/brainstorming about Zions' future/long range planning including finances
 - Want to look at the future and start long term planning
 - Council has discussed in the past looking at non profits to rent space from us
 - Increase tuition and look at grants for the CDC
 - Reach out to other churches to see if they are renting property to outside agencies and how they are making it work
 - Seeds have been planted and now we are requesting that any ideas be submitted either verbally or written down and given to Larry or Janet
- New business
 - None
- Closing Prayer
- Adjourned at 1:25; 25 members in attendance

Council Meeting

April 8, 2019

- In attendance: Jayce Tucker, Johnnie Tucker, Ara Tess, Janet Schaper, Fannie Cole, Kristen Kinney, Jason Martin, Larry Lemke, Dorothy Kaiser
- Absent: Pam Statler
- Opening Welcome and Devotion
 - Reliving the Passion – Walter Wangerin
 - Mark 15 – Crucifixion of our Lord
 - Devotions from the view of the cross
 - Remembering Jesus died for our sins
- Confirm Approval of Meeting Minutes from March, 2019 Meeting
 - Motion made to confirm approval, seconded, and approved
- Discussion of CDC – New Director, Finance, Etc
 - Janine Sanders new director
 - Working on making people current with their past due balances
 - Talking about making policy changes in regard to billing
 - All reports have been submitted to state for food and tuition
 - \$1900 from CDC Trivia
 - Rachel Beach (cook) gave 2 weeks notice
- Voting Members to CSS Conference in June
 - Gail Voss and Janet Schaper going as voting members; Richard Schademan as non voting; Linda and Larry Lemke going as well
 - Election for a new Bishop – current bishop not running again
- Committee Reports
 - Member Care Ministry – Dorothy
 - Diligent and caring member care ministers
 - Finance Report – Pam
 - Finance report not complete due to March numbers not being in – Pam will update
 - Stewardship – Pam
 - Pam absent – no report given a
 - Worship – Larry
 - Should we consider changing worship time?
 - Discussion came from member care about what keeps people from coming from church
 - Council went around the group and discussed what steps should be taken to inform congregation of possible time change and get their opinions

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Serving on Sundays in May

| | May 5 | May 12 | May 19 | May 26 | Jun 2 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pastor | L Lemke | L Lemke | L Lemke | L Lemke | L Lemke |
| Music Accompanist | C Rock | A Mayhew | C Rock | A Mayhew | C Rock |
| Assistant Minister | J Martin | R Schademann | P Herrmann | N Wolz | J Martin |
| Reader | S Miller | G Voss | N Robinson | K Kinney | R Krueger |
| Children's Message | L Lemke | G Voss | N Wolz | L Lemke | G Voss |
| Communion Servers | S Miller | A Martin | K Malin | K Kinney | G Voss |
| Ushers | K Malin J Martin | G Voss B Negwer | F Cole J Tucker J Schaper | R Taylor S Taylor D Kaiser | K Malin J Martin |
| Altar Guild | K Malin | K Malin | K Malin | K Malin | E Negwer |

* 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 |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| 28 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am- Voter's Meeting & Fellowship 3pm-Via de Cristo | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 4pm-Fish Fry | 4 |
| 5 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class | 6 9am-Facility Use (UR) | 7 6pm-Community Outreach Team | 8 6pm-Service Team | 9  A Cross | 10 4pm-Fish Fry | 11 2pm-Facility Use (MP) |
| 12 Mother's Day 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class | 13 | 14 1:30pm-Worship Team 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council | 15 | 16 7pm-Facilty Use (MP) | 17 4pm-Fish Fry | 18 9am-Facility Use (UR) |
| 19 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class | 20  D Twillmann | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 4pm-Fish Fry E Devenport | 25  C Walters |
| 26 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour | 27 Tidings Deadline | 28  J&R Moseley | 29 | 30 | 31 4pm-Fish Fry  R&W Devenport | 1 |

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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

May 2019

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Pastor | Larry Lemke |
| President | Janet Schaper |
| Vice President: | Ara Tess |
| Secretary: | Kristen Kinney |
| Treasurer: | Pam Statler |
| Member At-Large: | Fannie Cole |
| Member At-Large: | Johnnie Tucker |
| Member At-Large: | Jason Martin |
| Member At-Large: | Jayce Tucker |

Member Care Ministry

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

Committee Chairs

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Finance | Pam Statler |
| Property | Justin Kinney |
| CDC Support: | Kim Malin |
| Stewardship: | Pam Statler/Gail Voss |
| Worship | Gail Voss |
| Education | Norma Wolz |
| Personnel | Ara Tess |
| Nominating | Gail Voss/Stacey Miller |

Organizations

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Fellowship: | Robert Negwer |
| Altar Guild: | - |
| Hospitality | Faith Tucker |

Team Leaders

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Worship | Gail Voss |
| Community Outreach | Dott Kaiser/ Doris McCall |
| Service | Pam Statler/Stacey Miller |

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
Kristina Oswald
Nyokia Robinson
Norma Wolz
Doris McCall

Community Outreach Team

Dorothy Kaiser*
Doris McCall*
Bill Budenholzer
Linda Lemke
Bob Oliver
Richard Schademann
Janet Schaper
Ara Tess
Faith Tucker
Johnnie Tucker
Deb Murrish

Service Team

Pam Statler*
Stacey Miller*
Sue Dunham
Justin Kinney
Kristen Kinney
Linn Moore
Annis Tucker
Dawn Tucker