



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings August 2018

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Zion Fish Fries

Zion's Fish Fries continue every Friday night through August 24th. We serve delicious cod, catfish, shrimp, and chicken, not to mention wonderful side dishes including mac and cheese and Paul Herrmann's secret recipe spaghetti. Please join us for some great food and fellowship.

We are also interested in ideas for improving the fish fries. Next year, we will try to implement a pickup service on Carson Road, accept credit cards for payment, and look at expanding menu options. If you have any ideas for us or would like to volunteer to help serve, please contact Bob Negwer or Sue Dunham.



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Where Are We?

The last Tidings article I wrote, the title was “Who Are We?” which I'm sure you all remember! Right? If you're like me, I had to go back and see what I wrote and what the title was. Well, I did that. It was all about who we said we were back last fall when we submitted our Ministry Site Profile to the Central States Synod (CSS). And as you may recall – because we keep saying it all the time – we said we were going to focus on Worship, Community Outreach, and Service as Zion's future.

So...“Where Are We?” as we look at our progress since that famous launch of those 50 balloons at the Negwer's farm. **I believe we have made major progress!** That doesn't mean there hasn't been some issues on the way, but I mean we have made major progress. Thank you all for being part of that.

First, the partnership with All Among Us and the Little Church will culminate in a Women's Care Center which will be a major outreach into our community.

Second, thanks to all of you who have joined one of those three teams of Worship, Community Outreach, and Service as well as those of you who have stepped forward and joined one of the ongoing committees that keep Zion running on a daily basis.

Third, I just got word from the CSS that the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries process (TEEM) that you recommended me for is moving forward with a meeting on August 1st with participants from the Wartburg Seminary, the ELCA, the CSS, and me to help us move forward towards Zion's three focus areas. Upon completion of the TEEM process, I will be certified for ordination – another milestone for Zion.

God works in what I would describe as strange and clearly wondrous ways most of the time. Two years ago, at this very time period, I got a call from Doris McCall asking me if I was available for a couple of Sunday's in July and August for supply preaching at Zion. Who would have thought that it would end up this way? God calls us all to minister in lots of different ways. His way becomes our way when we answer that call. He is walking with us all the time.

The last sentence reminds me of Sunday, when in my sermon, I stated as I have many times, “God does not promise us health or wealth, but He does promise us Eternal Life!” I was reminded later by

my Spiritual Advisor (my wife, Linda) that it sounds a bit harsh at times. As always, I agreed with her.

My life has not always been “peaches and cream.” I've had my valleys and I've had my peaks. It has always been during those valleys that Jesus has not only walked with me, but He has carried me, as the poem “Footprints in the Sand” says to us.

So I will add to the statement I made on Sunday: God does not promise us health or wealth, but He does promise that He will always be with us, walking with us, promising us Eternal Life! As Matthew 28:19-20 states, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **And remember, I am with you always** (through the good times and the bad times (my addition)) **to the end of the age.**”

God is with us always!



God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry

CDC News

Can you believe that we only have a couple weeks left of our summer camp and then school starts back for our school age children? This summer has flown by. We have had so much fun! We have gone to Bounce U, to museums, swimming, and to parks to play. While the summer did not go as we first intended, it was still a huge success!

Thank you to Andi and all from Zion who planned VBS and brought it to our children. I have listened to children sing and watched them dance and discuss the things they learned that week. Thank you for your work and dedication.



The week of July 30th-August 2nd is our Drama Camp. Our school agers will be performing the play, “Even Monsters Can Be a Princess” at 12:30 in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday, August 2nd. Everyone from Zion is invited to join us!

Our end of summer celebration will be August 8th. Ferguson-Florissant schools start back on August 9th and we will begin preparations for the new school year for our upcoming pre-k/preschool beginning after Labor Day.

Thanks for all you do, Zion!

Blessings,
Courtney Chandler, CDC Director

August Anniversaries

14th Eugene & Elda Pfitzinger

August Birthdays



4th Nancy Gittemeier

18th Ruth Green

19th Chuck Gierse

Member Care

Member Care will not meet in the month of August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 4th.

Community Outreach Team

The Community Outreach Team will meet in the Christ the King Lounge on August 7th at 6:30pm. We will have a guest speaker at 7pm. Please come with the information each of you have accumulated as discussed in our last meeting. – Dorothy Kaiser

Let's Go to the Movies

For 3 nights only, the Regal at the St. Louis Mills, St. Charles Cine, and Des Peres Cine will be showing An Interview with God. This film will only be shown in those three theatres from August 20th-22nd.

The story is about a journalist, upon returning home from covering a war, the main character struggles to deal with the after-effects of his experiences, a failing marriage, and his dying faith. Not knowing where to turn, he dives deeply into the story of a lifetime – an interview with a mysterious man claiming to be God. This is said to be a thought-provoking film that will hopefully lead to some riveting discussion in future bible classes.

VBS

This year, the children learned that Jesus Rescues through fun music, stories, games, and art projects. We averaged somewhere between 60-70 kids per day; having the staff of the CDC help out this year was a real blessing! A big thank you especially to Miss Sophie and Liam for leading our opening and closing skits. The key lessons learned were Jesus telling parables about lost things (Luke 15), Martha worries and complains (Luke 10:38-42), Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-54; Matthew 26:36-56), Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying on the cross (Luke 23:26-24:12), and Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name (Acts 3:1-26). It sure gave the children something to think about, and many were still talking about their VBS experience the following week!





Women's Care Center Update

It is so very exciting to see the transformation of our Little Church into the Women's Care Center! Many, many volunteers have been working tirelessly. If you have not seen the progress, please take the opportunity to visit. Wednesday evenings and Saturdays are volunteers days, and your help is welcome. If you can provide a meal for one of the volunteer days, contact Cathryn Shaw at shawc@allmong.us. Prayers and financial contributions are also needed.

AAU is planning to display some historical items at the center so if you have any old photographs of the Little Church that you can share, please contact Janet Schaper.



2018 FMSC Mobile Food Pack



The FMSC Mobile Food Pack held on July 14th at Lutheran Church of the Atonement was a huge success! We exceeded our goal by over 500 meals for a grand total of 155,520 meals packed. 680 volunteers were present that day to help out and we couldn't have done it without them. Thank you, volunteers! And for those interested in statistics:

- Shift 1: 220 volunteers, 268 boxes (total of 57,888 meals)
- Shift 2: 218 volunteers, 226 boxes (total of 48,818 meals)
- Shift 3: 218 volunteers, 226 boxes (total of 48,816 meals)

Worship Team

What is Worship?

Ever given that much thought? We come to worship and does it seem like the “same old, same old”? Curiously...it is the same old! Notice the large print titles in your bulletin that point out the four parts of the service: Gathering (seeing/touching others in a common experience), Word (hearing God speaking to us), Meal (tasting/receiving the very body of Christ), and Sending (it's not only for our benefit that we receive God's gifts). These same elements have been around since the early Christian church! And we acknowledge this every week when we pray in the 3rd article of the Creed “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints...”) You just got connected to a whole lot of people!

Having these four elements in every service gives us a structure that grounds us. Things are not “willy-nilly”. We know what to expect and that is comforting. Yet, there are changes within the structure. The hymns are different, the Scripture readings change, we receive the elements at the altar or in a continuous line, and each week we are sent into a world changed by the events that occurred, but a world that is in desperate need of a Savior.

Would you like to be part of our Worship Team and help us explore and help our community deepen our experience of God in worship? Please talk to Pr. Larry or Gail Voss.

Service Team

Love Thy Neighbor

We are starting a long-term project focused on helping our neighbors. These are two sides of this project: helping our neighbors and receiving help. We'd like to help by doing what is needed for Zion member's and their friends, family, and neighbors. Here is our current list of what that might be:

- yard clean-up
- pet sitting
- babysitting
- letter writing
- garage clean-up
- tutoring
- notary services
- help writing checks
- hauling trash/recycling
- sewing
- driving to errands/shopping
- light bulb/battery replacement
- dog walking
- minor repairs
- meal help

There are slips of paper next to a box beneath a poster in the Coat Room. Please use the slip to tell us help that is needed (either for you or a friend) or things you would like to do to help.

Join us in identifying ways we can help our community. We shared this idea on the Ferguson Community Facebook page and got a huge, positive response! We welcome your input and ideas.

Thank you, from the Zion Service Team

School Supply Drive

The Service Team is collecting school supplies for the CDC kids. While we will make an extra effort to gather supplies before school starts on August 9th, we plan to continue collecting supplies for a while in hopes to help replenish their supplies and have items available as they are needed. A collection box is in the sanctuary. Here is a list of generic supplies that will help all the kids:

- hand sanitizer
- glue sticks
- two pocket folders
- crayons
- pencils
- loose-leaf paper
- wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- crayola washable markers
- pens
- colored pencils
- scissors
- backpacks



God's work.
Our hands.



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Plan on joining us on God's Work. Our Hands Sunday! This year we will just be doing activities coordinated by Zion. We will work on two projects that day.

Project #1: Bring cookies and other baked goods to local area police and fire stations. We need bakers to make the cookies ahead of time and people that day to pack the cookies and visit the stations.

Project #2: Bring Blessing Bags to our nearest neighbors: the residents at Oak Knoll. We need donations for blessing bag items and then we need folks to stuff the bags that day and go to visit Oak Knoll to pass them out to the 65 residents there! Here's a list of what's needed:

- chapstick (non-medicated)
- travel sized tooth paste
- travel sized deodorant
- travel sized hand sanitizer
- pocket sized word search and cross word puzzles
- individual snack items
- travel sized skin lotion
- tooth brush
- travel sized shampoo
- writing pens

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Fund Balances – 6/30/2018

Church/CDC Equity 1/1/18	218,431	
Earnings on Investments	(4,635)	
Church Fund YTD	(2,625)	
CDC Current Year	(13,427)	
Church/CDC Equity		197,744
Restricted Funds		
Major Mtce/Roof	38,314	
MP Room Improvements	0	
Other Restricted Funds		
Archives	705	
Bell and Choir	1,323	
Church Decorations/Flowers	445	
Parish Resource Center	1,454	
Sunday School	741	
Vacation Bible School	(1)	
National Youth Gathering '18	2,735	
Good Samaritan Fund	7,651	
CDC Playground Fund	4,748	
Women's Guild	172	
All Among Us	4,497	
LHSA	(2,525)	60,259
Total Equity Church Funds 6/30/18		342,298
Other Funds		
Future Bldg/Oak Knoll Sale		84,295
Scholarship Fund		69,828
Roth Fund		78,296

2018 Summary Net Income/Loss Monthly

2017 Monthly	Church	CDC
January	1,473	(3,616)
February	(478)	(785)
March	(384)	4,487
April	1,555	1,449
May	(814)	(2,413)
June	(3,977)	(12,550)
July	-	-
August	-	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December-	-	-
YTD Total	(2,625)	(13,427)

Zion Council Meeting – June 12, 2018

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

Absent: Norma Wolz, Sue Dunham

- Opening Welcome and Devotion
 - Ultimate Concerns
 - Amos 5: 23-24
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2018
 - Discussed the Vitality report score (4.0 out of 5.0) – do we achieve missional goals? Mission orientation – this will be used as part of the parochial report at the end of the year
 - Minutes approved
- Additional Support for Jayce given by Roth Fund
 - Roth fund matching what tonges fund is putting in = \$2200 a year
- Request from Richard Schademann for funds from Scholarship fund for PMA class
 - \$100 for first PMA Class granted to Richard to cover the cost of his class
- Revisit use of Good Samaritan Fund
 - When Larry started we decided to give monies and gift cards to members only
 - Larry proposing to give gift cards and use our own judgement as to whether we think it is right or not to give gift cards to non-members
 - Council agreed
- Ara Tess's role as Vice President
 - Larry proposed using Ara's role and Ara's voice to talk to people about different roles they can have in the congregation on different committees so she has started discussing different committees with members of the congregation
 - Write up a plan for a prayer chain (plan on how to execute this attached) when an emergency arises
 - Discussed another plan about weekly prayer chains
- Member Care Ministry Report
 - Meeting June 4th with all members commenting on what is going on with their district members
 - Pastor visited Ruth Green and Jo Sue Denney
 - Tony Harkins mother died – Funeral Friday June 15th
 - Norma Wolz is home from Hospital as of Monday June 11th
- CDC Report
 - Report was submitted with no major things to report
 - Lost two teachers and one of the two bus drivers
- Pastor's Report
 - Discussed opportunities to help members going in and out of the hospital – Larry would like to get a social worker to come in on a Sunday morning after service to discuss options available for assistance in regards to hospital stays
 - Paul Bines in Pulpit June 24th

- Gone the first week of July 2-7
- Finance Report
 - Pam presented the report with no major changes – lost some ground – Church in the black and CDC also but lower than normal – no major changes in any of the funds
- Update on All Among Us
 - AAU was on the Thread
 - Progress is being made
 - Fundraiser August 24th – 3rd Degree Glass Factory - \$50 a person
 - Good supply of volunteers showing up – waiting for the OKAY from Ferguson for the approval of the electrical work
- Discussion of Fish Fry opportunities and challenges
 - Waiting for the Fire Marshall to come up and make an exception about whether we can keep going through the end of the year
 - Discouraged by the attendance
 - Publicity and volunteers
- Synod Assembly
 - 127 female lay people and 96 male
 - 39 female clergy and 73 male
 - In matters of Sanctuary for immigrants – it is up to the congregation to do what they want to do
 - Want to raise the budget and give it to campus ministry and other needs
 - Increase of \$40,000 for part to go to Campus Ministry and other parts to go to seminaries
- Property Committee Report
 - Charter/AT&T problems
 - Waiting game – hotspot for now so internet is sort of working – cancelled AT&T and switched to Charter but now Charter has to do construction to get phones and internet up and running
 - HVAC
 - Continual problem
- Nominating Committee Report
 - No report
- Worship Team/ committee Report
 - Nothing major to report
- Community Team Report
 - Met on June 11th
- Service Team Report
 - Meeting Thursday June 14th
- Stewardship
 - Gail, Larry, and Pam
- Closing Prayer
 - Prayer for Zions Future

Meeting Adjourned 8:17. No meeting being held in July. Next meeting August 14

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Serving on Sundays in August

	Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	Sep 2
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	J Martin	P Herrmann	R Schademann	N Wolz	J Martin
Reader	N Robinson	P Herrmann	D Balestier	K Kinney	D Tucker
Children's Message	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz
Communion Servers	G Voss	N Wolz	S Miller	W Devenport	A Martin
Ushers	S Dunham B Negwer L Wolk	D Kaiser J Schaper J Tucker F Cole	R Taylor S Taylor	K Malin G Voss J Martin	S Dunham B Negwer L Wolk
Altar Guild	J Stoverink	J Stoverink	J Stoverink	J Stoverink	D Kaiser

* 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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August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship	30	31	1	2 12:30pm-CDC Play (MP)	3 4pm-Fish Fry	4  N Gittemeier
5 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	6 9am-Facility Use (UR)	7	8 1:30pm-Worship Committee Mtg	9	10 4pm-Fish Fry	11 8am-Facility Use (MP) 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
12 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	13	14 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council  E & E Pfizinger	15	16 7pm-Facility Use (MP)	17 4pm-Fish Fry	18  R Green
19 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class  C Gierse	20	21	22	23	24 4pm-Fish Fry	25 9am-Facility Use (UR) 3pm-W.O.W. Church (UR)
26 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	27 Tidings Deadline	28	29	30	31 4pm-Last Fish Fry of 2018	1

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

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God's Grace**

August 2018

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor Larry Lemke
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

Finance Pam Statler
Property Sue Dunham
CDC Support: Kim Malin
Stewardship: Pam Statler/GailVoss
Worship Gail Voss
Education Norma Wolz
Personnel -
Nominating Sue Dunham/Pat Martin

Organizations

Fellowship: Robert Negwer
Altar Guild: Pam Tate
Hospitality Faith Tucker

Teams

Worship Gail Voss
Community Outreach Dott Kaiser
Service Pam Statler/Stacey Miller