



# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Tidings August 2019

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## **Zion's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 15, 2019! Zion will be celebrating 110 years of God's grace with a special worship service at 10am, with guest preacher Bishop S. John Roth, Central/Southern Illinois Synod, E.L.C.A.

Following the service, all are invited to be our guest(s) at the Savoy Banquet Center on 119 S. Florissant Rd. for a luncheon & program to commemorate this milestone anniversary. If you know of a former member or someone you think would like to receive an invitation, please call Dorothy Kaiser (314) 521-7225 with information. Reservations for the luncheon are required by September 8<sup>th</sup>; call the church office (314) 522-0100 to RSVP. We hope to see you there!



# The Light is Getting Brighter!

Once the endorsement happened and the internship started, it was like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. When you read this, we (me, my supervisor Pr. Chris Naig, and the lay committee chaired by Doris McCall) will already have completed our mid-year evaluations for the Internship...and I'm having fun!

I must admit that I love to look into the future and wonder what it might look like if we were able to do some of the things we'd like to do...so the process we're going through, of starting with understanding what it is we believe as Christians and living that out in our everyday lives, is so important. I tried to explain that last Sunday in my message to you.

What does that look like? We believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and was raised that we might have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life." - John 3:16. And we have been saved by grace through faith to serve. Wow!

That gives us the start to live a Christ-like life everyday. And, by the way, I'm not talking about carrying a John 3:16 sign up and down the street. I'm talking about living a Christ-like life. As the song says, "They will know we are Christians by our love." It means that when we wake up in the morning, we're thinking about how wonderful it is to be alive and contemplating "how can I live that Christ-like life?"

It means that I want to find ways to communicate with God in as many ways as possible...whether it is prayer, meditation, or whatever way you find to listen to God. You probably noticed my "listen to God" versus "talk to God"!

I find many times that I talk to God but don't listen. During my morning walks, I have a 10 minute "speech" that I give to God that basically just says, "here are all the people I'm thinking about today." That list is usually family and friends that I've prayed for for more than 50 years...unbelievable isn't it? And some of those people have already died.

So I have to force myself to listen. Just let my mind wander about some of the things that will be going on that day that God can give me some advice on how to handle. And yes, God speaks to me, but I don't always pay close enough attention to what he has to say, then I fail and ask for his forgiveness.

But my point is this: God does expect us to be in church on Sunday morning. He expects us to study His word. He expects us to live a Christ-like life. He wants to work with us to define our future that will show the world that we are Christians by our love.

It has to be part of our DNA! We have been saved by *grace* through *faith* to *serve*! It can't get any better than that. Will we succeed? I don't know. But I'm going to die trying! How about you?

I can't just leave you with that because I'm sure what you're probably thinking is that I'm crazy. You mean my whole life is just Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!?

Yup! It's in your DNA as a Christian. And you know what? God puts us in all kinds of walks of life: some of us are farmers, some of us are teachers, some of us are lawyers, some of us are doctors, some of us are etc...and the list goes on and on and on. And by the way, one of those are YOU, and one of those is me.

So maybe, just maybe, we need to think of what the "Christian DNA" really is? Is it kind of scary for you to think of it that way?

I'm excited about what is happening! At one point, I kind of wondered about the TEEM process, but now it is coming together for me in everything that is happening. When we can really think about Zion as God's church and not ours, and that He has given it to us for a reason, as a launching pad for His plan in the world, that He really does expect us to do more than just show up once in awhile.

Our Christian DNA allows us to look at every day through the lens of Jesus Christ! So maybe all that is going on in this crazy world of ours is just an opportunity and a challenge for us as Christians to live out our lives, showing the world what loving God and loving neighbor looks like, as we serve others.

God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,  
Larry





## ZION CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWSLETTER

# NOW ENROLLING

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July 31, 2019

### From the Director's Desk

*Good-bye summer, hello new school year!*

WOW it's already the end of summer and a new school year is upon us! As the time has flown by the campers have enjoyed fun filled field trips such as going to the movies, waterparks and museums! They have so many fun-filled memories and hopefully they have shared them with you.

As we prepare for a new school year please remember that **Friday August 2** is the END of and the last day of Summer Camp. **Friday, August 9, 2019** the center is closed for staff and Professional Development. We will reopen on **Monday, August 12, 2019** ready and trained for the new school year!

Parents let me take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to our center and the children. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for your trust and financial support.

With that being said this is a reminder that payments are due **EVERY FRIDAY** for the upcoming week. A \$10.00 late fee is charged to your account when payment is not received. Again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

**Mrs. Sanders**

### New Teacher alert

Zion CDC welcomes **Zanay Clinkscale** to our family. She is the new Lead Teacher of the Rainbow room, the 2yr olds. She loves teaching the younger students and we can sure tell! Zanay always has a warm smile, so please stop by and say HI!

Welcome Zanay!

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Come and play with US!**

Do you enjoy getting out of the house every now and then? Or would you like a break from all your peace and quiet? Well we have just the place for you here at the Zion CDC. We have all of the noise and fun you can enjoy!

You are invited to come and volunteer at the Zion CDC. All we ask is that you complete a quick and easy **background check** and you are good to go! You can get a volunteer packet from the office to complete and return to Mrs. Sanders.

Thank you and Happy Volunteering!

### Important dates to remember

\* August 2, the last day of summer camp

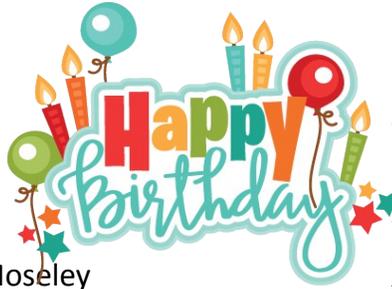
\* CDC Carnival and BBQ August 8

\* August 9, center closed for professional development



\*August 12, new school year begins for Zion CDC

## August Birthdays



- 12<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Moseley
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ruth Green
- 19<sup>th</sup> Chuck Gierse

## Member Care

The Member Care Ministers will not be meeting in the month of August. It has been requested that we help obtain, correct, and update information regarding all members in order to update our church directory. If/When your member care minister contacts you, please help us keep our records up-to-date by verifying your current phone, address, and email address, or by contacting the church office.

Anytime you are in need of prayer, ministering, or just a friendly chat, please feel free to contact your district member care representative. If you are not familiar with that person, please check with the church office and Andi would be happy to assist.

Our next Member Care meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm.

## Community Outreach Team

The Community Outreach Team distributed about 1,000 boxes with information about Zion at the Ferguson Twilight Run in May! With about 1,000 filled Zion boxes remaining, we added a new label with Zion and Zion CDC's address, phone number and hours of service, and we are encouraging folks to take and give these boxes to people you meet. This will help spread the word of our location and let people know that "All are Welcome" at our church. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

## Thank You From the Ferguson Partnership

The Ferguson Partnership of Churches sends a huge Thank-you to Zion for their support of their Partnership VBS! The children of Zion's CDC attended and everyone had a great time!

## God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 8th

We're excited about God's Work. Our Hands. this year! We are going up the hill to spend time with the residents at Oak Knoll. Plans are being made to play games and have a "Wheelchair Wash" where folks of all ages can help clean and spruce up wheelchairs. If you would rather stay at Zion after worship, blank note cards will be available to write notes to our home bound members and friends. If you have blank note cards at home you would like to donate, please put them in Pam Statler's mailbox in the Coat Room.



## End of Summer Carnival & BBQ Thursday, August 8th



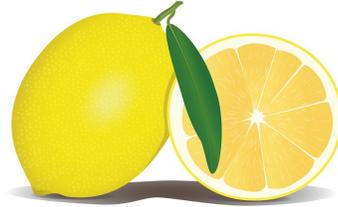
The date is set, and preparations are being made to have a Carnival & BBQ in the lower parking lot for the CDC families and teachers. Everyone is invited so please ask family, friends, and neighbors too! We need your help. A sign-up sheet is on the Cry Room window at the back of the sanctuary. Please come have fun with us!

## Halloween

Our Trunk or Treat is planned for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have activities indoors and outdoors with decorated cars in the parking lot and fun activities downstairs. We will be looking for volunteers to host a booth or activity center or to decorate their cars. We are considering a cake walk so dust off your favorite cake recipe. Get those creative juices flowing on what you might want to do to be involved in some way.



## Coffee/Lemonade Outreach



Is the coffee outreach too early in the day for you? Problem solved. Join with other Zion members to serve our neighbors cool lemonade starting about 10am. Call Sue Dunham at (314) 229-6313 if you're willing to help. Scheduling is flexible (and weather dependent).

## Ideas/Input Welcome

The Service Team is here to help everyone at Zion reach out in service, so please join us in loving God and our neighbor. Please let a Service Team member know if you have ideas or want to help, or contact Andi in the church office.

## Fish Fries

Zion's 2019 Fish Fry season will be wrapping up on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We've had lots of good food, desserts, and fun this summer, and we'd like to thank all of you for coming out and joining us in fellowship! We'll be back Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4pm for the first Friday in Lent. See you then!



## Community News

### “Where the Pavement Ends” Film

There will be a screening at the Grandel Theatre (3610 Grandel Square, St. Louis, MO 63103) on Thursday, August 15, doors open at 6:30pm. The showing will feature a Q&A following the film and is intended to spark a community conversation that connects the stories and themes within the film with current and historical realities in St. Louis.

PBS will also broadcast the film in early 2020 during its “America ReFramed” series; the broadcast date has not been determined yet. Additionally, the film will now be available for schools and libraries starting this fall.



### FMSC Mobile Food Pack

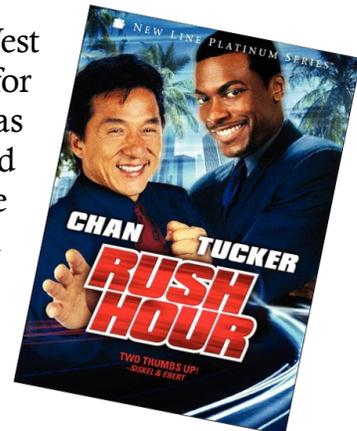
The following is a thank you that was sent to Zion from the FMSC Mobile Food Pack organization.

“Zion Lutheran Church of Ferguson: Thank you so much for your support of Feed My Starving Children and the Mobile Pack at Atonement earlier this month. Your generosity enabled us to pack over 4,900 meals through your 3 donations this year. With your help, the event packed a total of 171,072 meals. That is enough to feed 468 children a meal a day for a year. Hope is greater because of you! – Carrie”

There will be another FMSC Mobile Pack on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Queeny Park – Greensfelder Recreation Complex at 550 Weidman Road, Ballwin, MO 63011. There are 2 packing shifts: 11:30am-1:30pm and 2:30pm-4:30pm. Visit [give.fmsc.org/feedtheneedst/](http://give.fmsc.org/feedtheneedst/) to sign up.

### Teen Screen

The Teen Screen program at St. Peter's UCC on West Florissant is still up and going strong. We're prepping for some good laughs with Rush Hour. We would love to have as many teens as possible to join us for this fun movie and discussion after. Snacks, drinks, and comfy seats will be ready for anyone who wants to joins us on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm-9pm.





FREE

*End of Summer  
Carnival and  
Bar-be-que*

*Zion CDC*

*Thurs Aug. 8th - 4:30-6:30pm  
lower parking lot*

**CARNIVAL**

# Council Meeting

## June 11, 2019

In attendance: Pam Statler, Ara Tess, Kristen Kinney, Johnnie Tucker, Fannie Cole,  
and Dorothy Kaiser

Absent: Jason Martin, Janet Schaper, and Jayce Tucker

- Opening Welcome and Devotion
  - John: 16 – The spirit of truth
  - “What is the truth?” The answer is Jesus Christ
- Confirm Approval of Meeting Minutes from May, 2019 Meeting
  - Motion made, seconded, approved
- Committee Reports
  - Member Care Ministry – Dorothy
    - Everything going well – All member care ministers very committed
  - Finance Report – Pam
    - CDC in the red \$11,278
      - State food reimbursement delayed - received in early June
      - Three payroll month
    - Church in the red \$4,206
      - 3 payrolls in May
  - CDC Report
    - Enrollment is progressing
    - Weekly income is steady
    - Decluttered the back room in the multipurpose room
    - New air conditioners have been replaced in the Rainbow room and Butterfly Room
  - Stewardship – Pam
    - Nothing to report – going to incorporate the internship
  - Worship – Larry
    - Met June 11.
    - Discussed Random Acts of Kindness – will need a committee or team for the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
    - Reflect on Sunday’s worship – Pentecost
  - Community – Dorothy
    - Participated in the Twilight Run – have boxes of candy left over to use for other purposes
    - Doris and Dorothy went to farmers market – passed out some candy and fish fry coupons
    - 1904 World’s Fair presentations on June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> with a Picnic in the park on June 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Service with Alonzo will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of August at New Jerusalem
  - Service – Pam

- Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>
    - No updated information – discussing a BBQ carnival on a weeknight; Trunk or treat; God’s Work our Hands (Wheelchair Wash is one activity – looking for another less physical one)
  - Education/ VBS
    - Norma, Richard, Andi, and Larry – meeting next week
    - Norma and Andi have been meeting about VBS and making plans
    - Bible Study will work on Internship expectations
  - Property Committee
    - Waiting on a part to fix the AC – waiting to hear from Unique
    - Striped the parking lot
    - Fixed the bolt in the handicap sign
    - Fixed a paver by the bench on the Clark side
    - Bid for \$3450 to have the windows on the playground side painted – waiting to hear back from another bid – do we need to wait to get another bid?
      - Motion made to get two more bids for painting the windows that have been cited – seconded - approved
    - Our current lawn man mulched and weeded the spots down the hill
    - A tree service looked at the trees – advised against trimming them until fall – trees seem to have an infection called Fire Blight Disease – this will be followed up on at the next council meeting
  - Personnel Policies Committee
    - Pastor has the policies and they are being reviewed
- Pastor’s Report
  - Visited with Doris Glatz – she is doing fine
  - Discussed groups getting together to go visit shut ins
  - Internship – everything the next four months is going to be related to that
    - Opportunity to get all energized to make a plan for the future
- New Business
  - Janet spoke to the new city manager and he was unaware about what the agreement was regarding the property line between us and Whistle Stop – following up
  - Women’s care Center is having sewer drain problems – since we are responsible for outside repairs, Janet will be communicating with AAU to get this matter situated
  - PRC has been cleaned up
  - There is a lock on the dumpster now due to unauthorized use – a key is with Marvin, Justin, AAU and there is a spare in the upstairs kitchen by the pass through door
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm
- Next Meeting Date
  - July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm

# Council Meeting

## July 9, 2019

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

Absent: Jayce Tucker

- Opening Welcome and Devotion: Larry
  - Larry handed out an email about new synod staff under Susan Canda's leadership
  - Larry handed out the Mission and Values of the ELCA Churches and Zions – also part of midterm evaluation he filled out
  - Devotion – Luke Chapter 10: 1 – 11
    - 70 sent out 2 by 2 to spread the Good News – leadership
    - We are leaders and it is important to lead in a Christ Like way – WWJD? What does Jesus want us to do? What does our future look like?
- Confirm approval of meeting minutes from June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Motion made, seconded, and approved
- TEEM Update
  - Evaluation committee currently meeting
    - Larry does an evaluation
    - Chris Naig does an evaluation
  - Zion will need to issue a call to Pr. Larry after he “graduates” – ordination in January by new bishop (January 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Committee Reports
  - Member Care Ministry – Dorothy
    - Nothing new to report
    - All member care ministers have been checking on their congregation members
    - Next Meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Finance Report – Pam
    - Church in the red for \$4206
      - Major Maintenance to the A/C – taken out of restricted funds for major maintenance (\$18,250)
      - Contributions are solid and holding
    - CDC in the red for \$11,278
    - Investments are making money currently
  - CDC Report
    - Mother/ Son dance in September
    - Father/Daughter dance in October
    - Parents night out
    - 36 kids currently enrolled – 75 is the goal

- Currently giving parent's referral bonuses for referring families over
  - Purchased advertising flags
  - Increasing tuition by \$5 in the classrooms
- Stewardship – Pam
  - Nothing to report
- Worship – Larry
  - No updates
- Community – Dorothy
  - Didn't meet in July
  - Having congregation members hand out boxes of candy to the community
  - Working on 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Service – Pam
  - Changed carnival date to August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - God's Work our Hands is being planned
  - Regroup on date for Trunk or Treat
- Education/VBS
  - VBS – work on how to bring in Communion on Sunday – working on publicity
- Property Report
  - We are in need of a property manager
  - Air conditioning issues
    - Over \$18,000 repair – condensing unit with refrigerant leak
    - Unit on roof servicing office frozen causing leak problem in closet next to CDC and subsequent phone problems – turned off to let it thaw and turned back on and reset
    - Lightning or voltage spike on 7/4 causing damage to transformer resulting in main a/c not working - caused fan to break in unit – part on order - \$1800 to repair – can likely make an insurance claim
    - problem caused a/c in upper room to not function Saturday evening 7/6 – tripped breaker
  - Electrician came on 7/9 to look at wiring in closet and repair plug from new a/c unit in CDC classroom
  - Roofer came out on 7/9 to look at roof of little church about a leak – possible flashing issue
  - Painting – Richard painted CDC and Coat Room entrance doors – will paint the white grid at the main church entrance.
    - What should we do about main church doors? Currently stained. Should we paint them?
      - Agreed to just leave the door stained and clean the copper
  - Checking on Dan McLaughlin and Mark painting the CDC windows
    - Painting the windows on Sunday 7/14
    - Florissant glass will replace 2 broken windows

- How should we handle our property and maintenance issues?
      - Look into people we currently use
      - Look into local paper to see if we can reach out to people there for work
      - Get together a list of things that need to get done around the church – possibly get a committee together to get things done
- Personnel Policies Committee
  - Nothing new to report
- Correspondence with City of Ferguson
  - Lease with the City of Ferguson – agreement and determination and correction of property to be included in lease – lease has gone to our insurance company for review – nothing major in the lease – need to adjust the boundary line to only go to the fence
    - Motion made to approve the lease as is with adjustment to change boundary lines only to the fence and down to the street; seconded; approved
- Pastor’s Report
  - Pastor out of office on vacation July 22- July 26
- New Business
  - Global Summit – August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – at New Beginnings Lutheran Church
  - Ferguson Community Vision Workshop – Tuesday July, 16<sup>th</sup>: 6:00-8:00
- Next Meeting Date
  - August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm
- Closing Prayer – Prayer for Zion’s Future  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm



# *Zion Lutheran Church*

## **Serving on Sundays in August**

	<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Sep 1</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
<b>Music Accompanist</b>	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	J Martin	R Schademann	P Herrmann	N Wolz	C Linhorst
<b>Reader</b>	-----	N Robinson	D Tucker	R Krueger	S Miller
<b>Children's Message</b>	-----	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss
<b>Communion Servers</b>	-----	W Devenport	N Wolz	P Herrmann	S Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	-----	G Voss B Negwer	F Cole J Tucker J Schaper	R Taylor S Taylor D Kaiser	K Malin J Martin
<b>Altar Guild</b>	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.

# Zion Lutheran Church

## August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	29	30	31	1 6pm-Service Team	2 4pm-Fish Fry	3
4 9am-Worship at New Jerusalem 12pm-Fellowship	5 9am-Quilters (UR)	6	7 6pm-FMSC Meeting	8 4:30pm-CDC End of Summer Carnival & BBQ	9 9am-CDC Staff Training (UR) 4pm-Fish Fry	10
11 9:30am-Worship 11am-Future Discussion	12  R Moseley	13 1:30pm-Worship Team 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	14	15 7pm-Quilters (MP)	16 4pm-Fish Fry	17
18 9:30am-Worship 11am-Future Discussion  R Green	19  C Gierse	20	21	22	23 4pm-Fish Fry	24 9am-Quilters (UR)
25 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	26 Tidings Deadline	27	28	29	30 4pm-Last Fish Fry of 2019	31

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**Celebrating  
God's Grace**

**August 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**

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