



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings April 2021

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9:30AM – Worship

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6:30PM – Worship

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11:00AM-2:00PM – Reflection

6:30PM – Worship

Easter Sunday

April 4th

9:30AM – Worship



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Our Future Together

I just went back through some of my electronic files and lo and behold, I ran across my first Tidings article to you in October of 2016. As I post it here, you are going to say, “Boy have I heard that story before.” And in fact, you have...at least I’m consistent. For me, that is what I came to you as, and that is what I still am, with some reinforcement from my time in the TEEM program at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

So as you see, my foundational faith has not changed, but has been reinforced by my time in the TEEM program and my time among you. You have helped immensely. Here is October of 2016:

Greetings from your new Interim Pastor...

It is great to be with you again. The same wonderful people are here that I remember before and the folks I didn't know have been wonderful to me since I joined you.

As we go forward, I'll do my level best to talk about who we are and what we can do together as we go forward together. You'll probably all get tired of me referring to other churches that I've been involved with, and there are lots of them, so bear with me. I didn't just get off the turnip truck, as they say, so I know that the Zion today is different than it has been in the past, but there are still some very good things that you have brought forward.

In the Sunday service on September 18th, I finished my message to you all by saying I want you to know what some of the Biblical underpinnings are for me as a Lutheran Christian. I'd like to review those for you so you have an idea of what I'm speaking about when I suggest that God is asking us to be the hands and feet of Christ in this hurting world of ours.

So here goes:

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” – John 3:16
- “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” – Ephesians 2:8-10
- Luke 15: This chapter is all about lost things...lost sheep, lost coin, lost son, and the conclusion is that if “lost people matter to God, they ought to matter to us.”
- John 15: This chapter is about relationships...our relationship with God, our

relationship with one another, our relationship with the world, and the conclusion we come to is that relationships really do matter.

- Matthew 25: This is probably one of the most troublesome chapters for us because we see God pointing his finger at us. The first story is about “The Ten Bridesmaids” and five of them not being ready. It ends this way, “Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”
- The next story is called “The parable of the Talents” and it is all about us using the gifts that God has given us, but ends this way, “As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
- And the final story in this chapter is about “The sheep and the goats.” I can just see you already saying as you read this, “Oh boy!” And what does Jesus say? “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me. And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

So, I interpret these five passages to say two things to me: “If Lost People Matter To God, They Ought To Matter To Me” and “I Should Try My Level Best To Be The Hands And Feet Of Christ In This Hurting World Of Ours.”

I finished by asking the question to the congregation, “What is your Biblical foundation for living as a Lutheran Christian?”

And now back to 2021 and where we are today. As you know, I’m still asking the same question of all of us, “What is our Biblical Foundation for living as a Lutheran Christian?” (to quote what I asked almost five years ago)

You’ve heard me the last two Sundays talk about what our future might look like as we go forward. It is critical as we go forward to answer that question. As I ended my sermon this last Sunday, first quoting the Gospel Lesson with this, “The Greeks came to Philip and said, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus!’” What happens when we meet Jesus is He says follow me, and following Jesus means that we must die so we can live, serving Jesus as His hands and feet right here in Ferguson, MO.

So what does dying mean? It means putting Jesus Christ as number one in our lives! And with that we will live! We will live to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this hurting world we live in.

God is good and full of GRACE!

Peace,
Pastor Larry

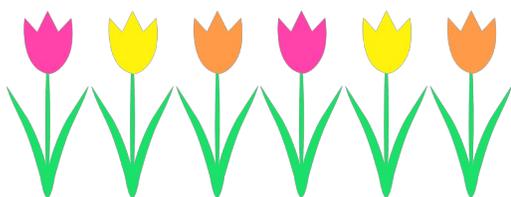


April Birthdays

2nd Amber Tucker
6th Alton Copeland
15th Rochelle Calhoun
26th Elliott Devenport
27th Roberta Harrison

April Anniversaries

19th Doug & Cindy Vogelsang



FMSC Spring 2021 Raffle

The FMSC North County Pack will host an online raffle on April 18th from 5pm-8pm to raise money for the Feed My Starving Children organization. Every \$100 donated pays for 416 meals (that's approximately 1 meal a day for nearly 14 months – OR – 3 meals a day for 4 and a half months)! Grand prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$2,000, third prize is \$1,000, and there will be four \$500 fourth place prizes drawn. You do not have to be in attendance to win. Contact Sue Dunham (314) 229-6313 for tickets or for more information.

Easter Sunrise Service

You are invited to come and celebrate Easter at the annual 2021 Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 AM at January-Wabash Park. The service will be held outside on the west side of the lake. Bring your own chair if desired. Masks will be required if you plan to attend. A free-will offering will be collected for PAKT. For more information, please contact Rev. Ellie Stock (314) 521-8418.

Paper Shredding

Paper shredding for St. Louis County Residents will be available on Saturday, April 10th, 2021 at St. Ferdinand Park in Florissant from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The shredding trucks will be on the big parking lot at the back of the park, near the lake. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of old financial or medical records.



News from LuMin St. Louis

Beloved: We missed seeing you all at Trivia Night this winter, but we are hopeful to schedule an event later in the year. Pastor Tina is eager to see a Trivia Night in action!

In the meantime, we need your financial support to keep the work of campus ministry in St. Louis moving forward. Campus Ministry is an important part of a student's well bring, and COVID has iLuMinated that well.

On Thursday, May 6, LuMin St. Louis will participate in GiveStLDay. This is a 24 hour day of community giving sponsored by St. Louis Community Foundation. Throughout the day, you are welcome to donate online to the continuing mission of LuMin St. Louis. Visit our profile at www.givestlday.org/lumin and save the page (that's where you'll contribute to our fund).

Thanks from the students for all of your support.

A Message from the President

Dear Zion Family,

I wanted to bring you up to date on some recent news about the possible sharing of our space downstairs with Woke Bridge Community Church. They have signed a letter of intent with us and gave us a \$500 refundable deposit. We will work on drafting a formal space sharing agreement (similar to a lease agreement) and will bring that to the congregation for final approval.

The terms of the letter of intent and the future space sharing agreement will be for the office and each of three of the four classrooms to be shared at a cost of \$300 per month. The multipurpose room will be shared at a cost of \$1,300 per month. If all the space, other than Classroom #1, are shared, the amount totals \$2,500 per month. Classroom #1 will not be shared and will be used for storage by Zion.

Boone at Woke Bridge asked if they could use Classroom #4 (at the end of the hall closest to Carson Road) beginning in April for \$300 per month to record their videos and other things as they continue to worship remotely. The Council met on Monday, March 22nd and approved the temporary use of Classroom #4 while we work towards drafting the space sharing agreement and presenting that agreement to the congregation for possible approval.

With Marvin's help, we will work on clearing out Classroom #4 for use by Woke Bridge. An ad hoc team of volunteers will begin to coordinate getting other areas of the downstairs cleared out if plans progress for use of the space.

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or comments, please let me or Pastor Larry know.

Blessings to all,

Pam 

A Special Thank You & Update

Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and expressed concern for the last several months as my mother's health declined. She is now content in her new room at the Breeze Park Care Center. I thank God that visitors are now permitted in the resident's room!

-Gail Voss



Free Oil Change Event

Calvary Church will host two free oil change events for single parents and low-income families. The first will be on Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Calvary Church's St. Charles Campus at 1701 N. 2nd St., St. Charles, MO 63301. The second will take place on Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Calvary Church's Mid Rivers Campus at 3998 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376. Appointments are required and accepted until noon on the Wednesday prior to the oil change date. Call (636) 939-4343 to make an appointment.

Upcoming Send Me St. Louis Classes/Trainings

Send Me St. Louis will host 2 training sessions in April. The first topic will be "Immigration 101" on April 6th via Zoom. The second is "The Power of Proximity" on April 15th via Zoom. Both will be from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM at no cost. Visit sendmestlouis.org/training to register or call the Zion church office for assistance.

*To learn more about "The Power of Proximity" on your own, visit luptoncenter.org.

Lutheran School of Theology Presents Stand Your Ground Bible Study: An Introduction to Womanist Theology

This study is an introduction to Womanist theology, a way of understanding God and the Bible from the experiences of Black women in the United States. We will discuss this theological movement's origins, its commitments to justice for Black women (as well as all persons who suffer oppression), and the relevance of Womanist theology in light of current turmoils in the United States. To help accomplish these goals, we will read Kelly Brown Douglas's text, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*, which explores the relationship between the murder of Trayvon Martin and the cross of Jesus Christ, amid the history of exploitation of Black bodies in the United States.

Instructor: Dr. Linda Thomas, Full Professor of Theology and Anthropology at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Dates: Saturdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2021

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am CST

The classes will be taught via Zoom, and will be recorded to be viewed by students who miss a session due to a work or illness event.

Cost: \$60

Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 6:30pm

**In attendance: Pam Statler, Pr. Larry Lemke, Bill Budenholzer,
Kristen Kinney, Jan Roevekamp, Jason Martin, Stacey Miller, Doris McCall,
Carol Linhorst, Johnnie Tucker**
Absent: Fannie Cole

- **Welcome and Devotion**
 - Ephesians 2: 8-10
 - For by Grace you have been saved through faith...
 - It is a gift of grace and love
- **Confirm Approval of Meeting Minutes from Feb 2021 Meeting**
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved
- **Pastor's Report**
 - Ferguson Ministerial Alliance
 - Recap of what happened last month – White Privilege VS White Supremacy
 - Easter Sunrise Service at January Wabash – 6:30am
 - Will be masked and social distanced
 - No refreshments
 - No trumpet
 - More and more “new” people have joined – not new to Ferguson; new to them getting involved
 - Prayer, Planning, and Passion – the 3 P's
 - Working on getting planning going
 - Praying everyday
 - Action and Passion is still in need in the congregation and the council is the group needs to be the “foundational piece” for action and passion
- **Space Sharing Update**
 - Boone came and visited the church again then sent an email asking about the use of the lower parking lot (and whether parking spots could be designated) and if all four classrooms could be available.
 - Pastor and Pam responded with questions about when the lower lot would be needed and if Boone had talked to All Among Us about the lot yet. They also asked explained that Zion needed the fourth classroom for storage so was the use of that room negotiable.
 - Boone responded that they were considering things, praying, and would respond back soon (email on 3/6/21)
 - Zion received a \$500 check as a deposit. Woke Bridge has not signed the Letter of Intent yet. No formal agreement has been

drafted, either. The congregation will need to vote on any formal agreement.

- **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Support**
 - The mobile food pack is not happening this year in St. Louis
 - The local FMSC group continues to try to raise money to cover the cost of the pack as if it were happening within the community with events such as Dining to Donate and Raffle Tickets
 - The FMSC organization has hired an agency to do the packing
 - FMSC has reached out and asked Zion to give a donation to FMSC for the pack in honor of the folks at Zion who would normally help do the packing
 - Stacey made a motion to commit \$1,000 to FMSC, soliciting the congregation for individual donations to offset the cost, seconded, approved
- **Team Reports**
 - **Worship Team – Pr. Larry**
 - Met on 3/8/21
 - Discussion of what had happened so far in terms of how things are going – specifically prepackaged communion kits, devotion booklets, etc. – All positive remarks
 - Holy Week and Easter
 - Maundy Thursday – 6:30pm service
 - Good Friday – 6:30pm
 - Opening the church from 11am-2pm
 - Pastor and 1 other person will be at the Church during that time
 - Pews will be marked off for social distancing, wooden cross will be on the Altar, people can move one at a time to pray at the Altar and pen and paper will be available to write prayers
 - Gives people a chance to meditate
 - Easter Sunday – 9:30am
 - Bill has been in contact with people at Oak Knoll and are looking for Bibles
 - Council agreed to donate 25 bibles to Oak Knoll from our supply of bibles no longer in the pews
 - **Member Care Ministry – Doris**
 - Cancelled Feb meeting
 - Planning on a meeting at 3/11 at 10am
 - No updates about members currently
 - **Property – Pam/Johnnie**
 - Leak in the coat room ceiling
 - Investigation showed membrane on roof is dislodged. Roofing company that installed the roof has been called and is coming out to inspect

- Will address needed concrete repairs soon
 - **Treasurer Report – Bill**
 - Expenses in CDC is a posting error – services were originally posted to CDC when it should have been posted to the church – charges will be corrected by next month
 - **Financial Sustainability – Pam**
 - Trying to schedule meetings where everyone can be present
 - Nothing has happened since last time
 - **Community in Unity (Partnership/Outreach) – Stacey**
 - Has been meeting every month – Most recent February 11th
 - Toni Burrow, Ferguson Council Person Ward 2, came and spoke about the needs in Ferguson
 - Still exploring outreach opportunities
 - Ferguson Police Chief Armstrong to attend meeting on March 11th.
 - Ferguson Florissant School District Director of Family and Community Engagement, Albert Harrold will be scheduled for April, if possible.
 - **Education and Faith Formation – Jason**
 - No new updates
 - Jason and Andi Martin will be leading this team with Carol Linhorst joining the team
 - Want to move towards similar ideas such as educational programs and meetings for members of the congregation
 - Still working on what that looks like
 - **Alternative Worship – Pr. Larry/ Pam**
 - Looking for a leader or co-leader
 - Need to touch base with some people but working on gathering a good team
- **New Business**
 - Mike Palmer (Former Member) is a write in candidate for City Council for Ward 3
- **Shout Outs**
 - Time for encouragement and Doris called out Bill for reminding us the importance to recognizing people
 - Andi and Pam and others about supplying information about the vaccine
- **Next Meeting Date – April 13th**
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Meeting Adjourned 7:46pm**



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April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 28 9:30am- Worship	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thur. 6:30pm-Worship	2 Good Fri. 11am-Reflection 1:30pm-Member Care 6:30pm-Worship  A Tucker	3
4 Easter Sunday 9:30am-Worship 	5	6  A Copeland	7 10am-Bible Discussion 6:30pm-Education Team	8 6:30pm-Community in Unity	9	10
11 9:30am-Worship	12 1pm-Worship Team	13 6:30pm-Council	14 10am-Bible Discussion	15  R Calhoun	16	17
18 9:30am-Worship	19  D&C Vogelsang	20	21 Tidings Deadline 10am-Bible Discussion	22	23	24
25 9:30am-Worship	26  E Devenport	27  R Harrison	28 10am-Bible Discussion	29	30	1

Zion Lutheran Church

Serving on Sundays in March

	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	May 2
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Accompanist	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock
Assisting Minister	N Wolz	P Herrmann	R Schademann	N Wolz	P Herrmann
Lector	D Balestier	N Wolz	Li Lemke	R Schademann	P Herrmann
Children's Message	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke	N Wolz	G Voss
Ushers	Li Lemke L Wolk	G Voss J Roevekamp	Li Lemke J Tucker	D Kaiser L Wolk	G Voss J Roevekamp
Altar Guild	D Balestier	D Balestier	D Balestier	D Balestier	G Voss A Martin

* 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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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

April 2021

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor	Larry Lemke
President	Pam Statler
Vice President:	Stacey Miller
Secretary:	Kristen Kinney
Treasurer:	Bill Budenholzer
Member At-Large:	Doris McCall
Member At-Large:	Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large:	Jason Martin
Member At-Large:	Fannie Cole
Member At-Large:	Jan Roevekamp

Member Care Ministry

Doris McCall*
Carole Herrmann
Dorothy Kaiser
Richard Schademann
Deborah Balestier
Carol Tillmann

Committee Chairs

Finance	Pam Statler
Property	Johnnie Tucker
Stewardship:	Pam Statler/Gail Voss
Personnel	Ara Tess
Nominating	Gail Voss/Stacey Miller

Organizations

Fellowship:	Robert Negwer
Altar Guild:	-
Hospitality	Doris McCall

Team Leaders

Worship	Gail Voss
Service & Community	Stacey Miller
Education	Jason & Andi Martin
Alt. Worship	Larry Lemke

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
Kristina Oswald
Nyokia Robinson
Norma Wolz
Doris McCall

Community in Unity Team

Stacey Miller*
Dorothy Kaiser
Doris McCall
Bill Budenholzer
Linda Lemke
Bob Oliver
Richard Schademann
Janet Schaper
Ara Tess
Pam Statler
Johnnie Tucker
Deb Murrish
Sue Dunham
Justin Kinney
Kristen Kinney
Linn Moore
Annis Tucker
Dawn Tucker