



# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Tidings May 2021

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## Pentecost

The sanctuary will be colorful on May 23<sup>rd</sup> when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the early church and to us. You can help us celebrate by:

- Wearing red, or orange, or yellow! Even if you are worshipping at home, you can still dress in the colors!
- Loan us your red flowers like you did for Easter. Please bring your labeled potted plants to Zion by Noon on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. You may take them home after the service.
- Let the Spirit of God lead you to letting God's love flow through you.

Why are we celebrating this way? It's exciting because Pentecost marks a shift. Jesus showed his unconditional love in his teachings, death, and resurrection to give us forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. These gifts aren't just for the Children of Israel. The timid disciples are empowered to go into the world and share this news. We, too, are Jesus' disciples, and we receive the gift of the Spirit and the commission to "Go and tell."



# Thanks So Much for All Your Support

As most of you know, I'm still a volunteer at Wings of Hope, a humanitarian organization that I've been involved in for a long, long, *long* time. I've worn lots of hats for them including chairman of the board and pilot, just to name a couple. I'm now their chaplain!

This week is National Volunteer Week in the United States of America. This morning, as I prayed the opening prayer for their weekly zoom meeting, I clearly thought of us here at Zion.

We couldn't exist without your help. Sure, you are members of the church, but you volunteer in so many different ways. We have three paid folks at Zion: Marvin, our Custodian; Andi, our Administrative Assistant; and me, your Pastor. And both Marvin and Andi are part-time, paid employees.

By the way, I don't even think of Marvin and Andi as employees, I think of them as Partners in Ministry! Thinking about that, got me thinking of who are our Partners in Ministry?

First and foremost, it is Jesus leading us. And then for me, it is my wife Linda who gives me the courage and energy to keep going, and then it is who I spend six hours a day, five days a week with at Zion, my right-hand Partner in Ministry, Andi.

We couldn't exist without what you, who are members and volunteers in so many different ministries, do as we do our best to minister to our entire congregation and the community. I don't thank you enough for what you do. Thanks so much!

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Let me shift gears for a moment and tell you what the Central States Synod (CSS) has had us Clergy folks doing these last few weeks. We have been taking Boundary Training from Safe Gatherings, a corporation offering courses such as "Abuse Prevention" and "Ethics," and the CSS also has a course called "Getting Onto the Slippery Slope". This Boundary Training is required every three years for us and this time it includes the most recent upgrade of materials based on what has happened in our culture over these past few years.

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Another gear shift to this past Sunday when you heard me talk a bit about Faith Formation and the discussions we're continuing to have on Wednesdays at 10am via zoom. You are invited to join us as we try, in our own words, to describe what we think "Faith Formation" is or isn't.

You can even look it up on Google and use that definition to wow us with the knowledge of your discovery! God is good and full of GRACE



Peace & Blessings,  
Pastor Larry

## May Birthdays

5<sup>th</sup> Kaine Robinson  
25<sup>th</sup> Christine Walters

## May Anniversaries

28<sup>th</sup> John & Rhonda Moseley  
31<sup>st</sup> Ron & Wanda Devenport



## Thank You!

The sanctuary looked lovely on Easter morning thanks to the variety of plants that were loaned by our members. Thanks so much and look for another opportunity to help us again!

## Electronics Recycling

The annual electronics recycling for St. Louis County residents is Saturday, May 22nd from 9 AM – 1 PM at St. Ferdinand Park in Florissant. Anything with an electrical plug or battery operated is accepted. There is a charge for computer monitors.

## FMSC Raffle Results

Thank you so much for everyone who supported the FMSC Spring Raffle Fundraiser. We raised \$17,100 towards our pack and Zion was a huge, *huge* part of that!

Unfortunately, due to the continuing requirements for social distancing, we have made the very tough decision to raise the money, but not pack in-person this year. FMSC has partnered with one of their suppliers to help pack the food mixture, however it is not the individual packages that we do during mobile packs. We are well on our way for reaching our fundraising goal because of your support. We will continue to fund raise, so keep an eye out for continued opportunities to help out and donate!

Please let any of the committee members know if you have any questions, concerns, or want to join us for a subcommittee for upcoming events. Many hands make light work. Thank you all again for your continued prayers, love, and support of this mission to help end hunger.

Chris Garrison, Fundraising Chair

# A Message from the President

Dear Zion Family,

Happy Easter season!

As you know we have four goals that we are working on to help guide Zion's future. We plan to report each month on how the objectives related to our goals are progressing. Please know that you have an open invitation to help on any of these goals at any time. We welcome your passion and energy!

The Central States Synod's annual assembly is virtual this year on June 4th and 5th. Bill Budenholzer and I are registered to attend, along with Pastor Larry. We will report to you what we learn.

We plan to have some concrete repair done this Spring around the church building and then will have the upper lot re-sealed and re-striped. We will do what we can to avoid any conflict with Sunday morning worship, of course, but please be aware of these repairs if you should visit during the week when they are ongoing.

With a grateful heart,

Pam



Lutheran Campus Ministry is a progressive faith community serving college students in St Louis. We help students build an honest community as they wrestle through questions of identity and vocation. We live out our Christian faith with total inclusivity for all people and a focus on social justice.

Our goal for Give STL Day 2021 is to raise \$10,000. This will provide funds for student retreats and programs. Please visit [giveday.org/lumin](https://giveday.org/lumin) to donate on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Early giving is now open.

## **Serving the Community**

It's been quite a while since we've been able to get out to serve the community, but the time has finally come. We can't do this alone, so we are asking for volunteers to give us a hand. We already have three seasoned workers, but we can always use more.

The plan right now is to be out on the Carson Road side of church one or two days a week from around 10AM until noon. We will be passing out bottles of water and individual drink mixes, like Crystal Light, along with individual snack packs, and of course, lots of smiles! The bottles have stickers with Zion's worship time and our website to let folks know who we are. Please let me know if you would be willing to lend a hand and reach out to the community. I can be contacted by email at [moorlr28@gmail.com](mailto:moorlr28@gmail.com) or call Andi in the church office (314) 522-0100. Thank you for considering this very important project. God bless.

Linn Moore,  
Community in Unity Team Member

## **Alternative Worship Team Update**

As we have been organizing the four goals of our Strategic Planning efforts, we have had some changes in who was going to lead which of the four goals. Along with some health problems of one of our members, the leadership of each of the teams have changed and we do not yet have a leader for this team.

I am filling that position until we have a leader come forward. We are in the process, as I write this, of inviting a number of individuals to attend a brainstorming and organization meeting. Thanks for your patience.

Pastor Larry,  
Temp. Alt. Worship Chair

## **Education & Faith Formation Team Update**

The Education team has had two productive meetings and are well on our way to creating a framework to evaluate and implement future education opportunities. From there, we plan to solicit suggestions from the congregation and the surrounding community, as well as work to support the other Strategic Plan teams in their missions. In all that we do, we will be striving to keep God present in our work to nurture the faith of our students.

Jason Martin,  
Education Chair

### Do You Have A Will?

Actually, we all have a Will, one that the state we live in has prepared for each of us, and the state then dictates how all our earthly property, investments and cash is to be distributed. If we do not have our own Will, it can cause much confusion and anguish among our family and friends.

Zion is planning to have a presentation about Wills and financial planning for our members and friends. To help us plan how to best provide this guidance, we are asking all our members to fill out the following questionnaire. All information provided will be treated confidentially and no personal information will be given beyond the planning team.

Do you have a personal Will?	Yes	No	
Do you have personal investments? (property, stocks, bonds, IRA)	Yes	No	
Do you have Thrivent insurance or investments?	Yes	No	
Do you have access to the internet? (computer, smart phone, iPad)	Yes	No	
Can you access a Zoom meeting?	Yes	No	
Would you attend meetings at Zion or nearby?	Yes	No	
Would you prefer to meet by Zoom?	Yes	No	
If you have others you may like to invite, how many?	_____		
What would be the best time for you (check all that apply)			
After worship on Sunday	Yes	No	
Morning hours (probably 10 to 12 AM) and day of week	Yes	No	Day _____
Afternoon hours (probably 1 to 4 PM) and day of week	Yes	No	Day _____
Evening hours (probably 7 to 9 PM) and day of week	Yes	No	Day _____

We recognize that schedules vary and change, but please indicate your order of preference numerically. These presentations will probably be late summer or fall of this year.

#### Confidential

We respect your privacy, and this information will be held confidential.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed survey in the self-addressed envelope included by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

# **Council Meeting**

## **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 6:30pm**

**In attendance: Kristen Kinney, Jason Martin, Jan Roevekamp, Bill Budenholzer, Doris McCall, Jason Martin, Stacey Miller, Pastor Larry Lemke, Johnnie Tucker, Fannie Cole**

**Excused Absent: Carol Linhorst**

- **Welcome and Devotions**
  - “As the father has sent me, so I send you”
  - Try to individually decide what that means to us personally
- **Confirm approval of meeting minutes from March 2021 meetings (regular/special)**
  - Motion made to accept both minutes as presented, seconded, and approved
- **Pastor’s Report**
  - Ferguson Ministerial Alliance
    - 52 people at Easter Sunrise Service
    - A lot of information came through regarding COVID 19 and vaccinations that are available
      - If we know of anyone that has not been vaccinated but wants to be vaccinated, let us know if we can help
    - John Hampton (Ferguson Fire Chief and current acting City Manager) discussed there will be a lifting of restrictions in regards to the city of Ferguson
    - There should be a City Manager in the next three months
  - Boundary Training with Safe Gathering is required every 3 years for Clergy members – this will be a three session course that Pastor Larry will attend
- **Space Sharing Update**
  - Classroom 4 and the hallway has been cleaned out and cleaned up
  - An open house was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> – mostly outside and people were brought inside in small groups
  - No new updates about when they will begin using the space
  - Timeline is still the same to hopefully be worshiping in person in the multipurpose room in August
  - Boone at Woke Bridge was reminded that this is still not a formal agreement, and everything will need to be approved by the congregation
- **CSS Synod Virtual Meeting attendees**
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and is 100% virtual

- Bill Budenholzer and Pam Statler will attend
- **Team Reports**
  - Worship Team – Pr. Larry
    - Met Monday 4/12/2021
    - Reviewed the journey through Holy Week and Easter and what they learned
    - How is everything going with masks and social distancing agreeing to no changes in policies
    - Pentecost, Mother’s Day, and Father’s day were all discussed
  - Member Care Ministry – Doris
    - Did not meet in April and will meet in May
    - No reports other than Carol Linhorst – no changes in members who are currently home bound
  - Property – Pam/Johnnie
    - Asphalt vendor physically came to the property to look at what they were going to repair
      - Breaking up concrete where it needs to be laid and repair cracks with epoxy, will break up the concrete around the tree and replace it – contract has been signed and we are on the list
    - Larry Wolk working on replacing ceiling tile
    - Have asked lawn company to rake up the dead weeds from the playground and watch for new weeds and spray as they appear
    - Light on the roof that is supposed to shine on the cross is out and we have received one bid for \$1,088 – Bill Budenholzer is getting more bids
    - Broken windows in Pastors office as well need to be looked at along with other electrical work and ethernet work in the lower level
    - Bill has agreed to walk through the building every so often to look for property needs as they pop up and will return information to Pam and Pastor Larry as needed
  - Treasurer Report – Bill
    - All costs has been transferred to the church from the CDC
    - Three payroll month in March
    - CDC at a \$0 YTD and church is currently at a negative \$4,068 for YTD
    - Transferred some excess cash from the checking account to the Thrivent investment account
  - Financial Sustainability - Pam
    - Participated in investment review at the end of January
    - Balanced out investments weighted toward equity to earn more for the church, kept same risk category
    - Meeting in April to discuss a survey to ask the

congregation some basic questions about what they have done for a will and about whether they have a Thrivent account

- Going to have an education event surrounding this topic
- Bill and Pam working on slides to present to members about where the church is financially right now
  - Need to talk about where we are in order to get to where we are going
- Community in Unity (Partnership/Outreach) – Stacey
  - Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Speaker series going on – several guest speakers over the last several months – Chief of Police most recent speaker
  - Linn Moore volunteered to start revamping the coffee and lemonade stand in a safer fashion to offer the community
- Education and Faith Formation – Jason
  - Two meetings have been held so far
  - Working on putting together a framework to use in order to analyze and prepare program ideas and submissions
- Alternative Worship – Pr. Larry
  - Putting together a list of members to invite to a meeting regarding starting this process
- Shout outs to Larry Wolk for his help on the lower level phone closet and ceiling tiles and to everyone who helped decorate the church for Easter and a thank you to everyone who donated flowers to the church for Easter
- **Next Meeting Date – May 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Meeting adjourned 7:35**



# **Special Council Meeting**

## **Monday, March 22, 2021 – 6:30pm**

**In attendance: Pam Statler, Johnnie Tucker, Jan Roevekamp, Stacey Miller, Jason Martin, Bill Budenholzer, Doris McCall, Pastor Larry Lemke, Kristen Kinney**

**Absent: Fannie Cole, Carol Linhorst**

- Opening Prayer and Welcome
- Meeting was held to discuss WokeBridge using classroom number 4 beginning sometime in April
  - Should Council allow use of the space for \$300 a month with the understanding that it is temporary until a shared space (“lease”) agreement can be drafted and presented to the congregation for possible approval? A Letter of Intent has been signed and a \$500 refundable deposit has been given.
  - Motion was made to allow Woke Bridge to use the one classroom for \$300 a month beginning in April; Seconded; no discussion; approved
- Concrete Work
  - Council approval needed to get concrete repair work done around the property – the company that did some patchwork last fall and will do the resealing and restriping of the parking lot this spring gave a bid of \$2,480 to repair all the areas needing repair
  - Concerns about whether they will use other materials (i.e. sandstone as compared to concrete) or only concrete were raised
  - Pam will reach out and ask the contractor about materials and will also ask how the repair work will be done around the bug tree in the patio on Carson Road to protect the tree.
  - A motion was made to have Pam reach out to the company and to accept the \$2,480 price to fix the concrete if questions were answered adequately; seconded; approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

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## May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 2</b> 9:30am- Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10am-Bible Discussion  K Robinson	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:30pm-Member Care	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30am-Worship	<b>10</b> 1pm-Worship Team	<b>11</b> 6:30pm-Council	<b>12</b> 10am-Bible Discussion	<b>13</b> 6:30pm-Community in Unity	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30am-Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10am-Bible Discussion	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Pentecost</b> 9:30am-Worship 	<b>24</b> <b>Tidings Deadline</b>	<b>25</b>  C Walters	<b>26</b> 10am-Bible Discussion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  J&R Moseley	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30am-Worship	<b>31 Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am-Bible Discussion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

# *Zion Lutheran Church*

## **Serving on Sundays in May**

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
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	R Schademann	P Statler	P Herrmann	N Wolz	J Martin
Lector	Li Lemke	D Balestier	R Schademann	P Herrmann	A Martin
Children's Message	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke
Ushers	G Voss J Roevekamp	Li Lemke J Tucker	D Kaiser L Wolk	G Voss J Roevekamp	Li Lemke J Tucker
Altar Guild	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin	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**

**May 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 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\*  
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Pam Statler  
Bill Budenholzer  
Linn Moore  
Doris McCall  
Sue Dunham  
Deb Murrish  
Kristen Kinney  
Nikki Tucker  
Annis Tucker  
Dorothy Kaiser  
Justin Kinney  
Richard Schademann  
Linda Lemke  
Ara Tess

#### **Education Team**

Jason Martin\*  
Norma Wolz  
Stacey Miller  
Carol Linhorst  
Andi Martin