Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool





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Mission Statement: "Zion is God's family of faith in Christ serving our communities, our country, and our world".

Humor

Nicholas took his four-year-old son, Bryan, to several baseball games where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung before the start of each game. Later, Nicholas and Bryan attended St Bartholomew's church on the Sunday before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, Bryan suddenly yelled out at the top of his voice, 'Play ball.'

The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Pelham, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. 'We live in a great country,' she announced. 'One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free.' Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, 'I'm not free. I'm four.'

From the Pastor

During the first week of July, members of Zion's Jr./Sr. Youth Group will be heading to the Higher Things Youth Conference held on the campus of Concordia University, Chicago. This year we have 15 members of Zion attending the conference, which is the largest group we have had in years! Praise God for drawing these excited, eager young adults together to experience this conference! The chaperones are Pastor Clayton and Marianne McDaniel. The group will leave from Zion early on Tuesday morning, July 2 in order to arrive in Chicago by about 10:00 AM to register. The group will return late Friday evening, July 5 after the conference ends with a Divine Service with Holy Communion at about 3:00 on Friday afternoon.

This will be an intense, busy, exhausting, but uplifting and fun week for our youth. A number of years ago the leader of the Higher Things Conferences (Rev. Klem Preus at that time) made the observation that that Americans like to worship their work, work at their play, and play at their worship. He explained that at Higher Things conferences, the focus is that when we worship, we worship; when we work, we work; when we play, we play.

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What does it mean that Americans "worship their work, work at their play, and play at their worship?" That is a deceptively deep and perceptive phrase. For many people, their job is the highest priority in their lives. Think about this: if most people have the choice between a day of work on Sunday or being in church, which do they choose? What then is our God? Then, when it should be time to relax, most Americans take their hobbies or "games" so seriously that the emphasis is on having the best (most expensive) toys and being the best, with the result that fun and relaxation are lost, and play becomes work. Finally, and most perceptive of all, is that Americans play at their worship. Most "worship services" today have become thinly veiled entertainment. The "worship team" or "praise band" up front on the "stage" complete with amps and speaker arrays and lighting effects to rival many rock concerts, "entertains" the audience with lightweight, popular songs that are heard a dozen times a day on "Christian" radio stations for a few months, and then disappear because they do not have the quality to endure. The pastor then delivers his "message" which more closely resembles a late-night comedy standup routine than a serious time of teaching. Jokes outnumber doctrinal instruction by a large margin. The entire experience is relatively irreverent and more like a play or a concert than a worshipful encounter with the all-powerful God, creator of the universe.

At Higher Things, the order is set right. When we work, we work. When we play, we play. And when we worship, we worship. At Higher Things, "work" means going to instructional sessions taught by Lutheran pastors attending the conference. Usually there are about 30 topics to choose from, and most youth find there are more topics of interest to them than slots to hear them...so, often they arrange for a friend to go to one session and they go to another, then they compare notes afterwards to learn from both. Higher Things students relish the learning opportunities at the conference and take them seriously. When we play, we play. Conference activity coordinators provide lots of fun events for youth to do in the evenings after instructional sessions have ended. In recent years, some of the activities have included blacksmithing, carnival games, archery tag, a dunk tank, hatchet throwing, a youth talent show, and more. Most importantly, at Higher Things, when we worship, we worship. Services are reverent and uplifting. They are distinctively Lutheran, all drawn from the hymnal. The conferences open and close with a Divine Service with Holy Communion, and each day the students also participate in Matins, Vespers, and Evening Prayer. The music, while similar to what would be heard in the local congregations, is accompanied by a larger brass ensemble and full orchestra. The youth who are interested join together to form a choir of usually 70-100 singers to participate in a couple of the services. The preaching is drawn straight from God's Word and clearly proclaims Law and Gospel in a powerful way. Every year, the youth who attend the Higher Things comment that of all the wonderful experiences at the conference, worship was their favorite. What a wonderful testimony!

Thanks be to God for the opportunity that 15 members of Zion will have to worship, work, and play at the Higher Things Youth Conference in Chicago early in July. Please encourage and support our youth as they experience this wonderful opportunity this year.

In Christ, Pastor Clayton





Something really jumped out of the pages at a recent Sunday morning Bible Class studying Matthew. Matthew 22:46, "and no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him anymore questions." Of course, the Him here is referring to Jesus. The smart guys of the day had been asking Jesus all sorts of questions in an effort to entangle Him, but He kept astonishing the crowds with His answers. The answers were always based in Scripture and the smart guys were done, they wanted no more of this guy. Even though what He said added up and made sense, Jesus didn't fit their mold. Do you get that same attitude at times? I know I do. I am sure that this is the direction I must go, but road blocks keep popping up. Then like the Pharisees, I harden up and I'm done.

I encourage you to keep in the Word, seeking answers. Many times these answers do not fit our preconceived ideas. There are many opportunities to study the truth. Please consider adding a Bible Study to your week. WARNING: your preconceived ideas may go away with Scripture reading!

Yours in Christ, Mark Krausz

Linus Blanket Project

Project > Linus



Join us this month in making comfort blankets for children who are in area hospitals, crisis centers, or involved in a house fire, etc. No sewing skills required! Watch the bulletin for a Saturday date and join us!





CHOIR NEWS

It's not time yet, but the new choir year will be here before we know it! The fall 2019 choir season will begin on Wednesday, August 21st, with rehearsal at 7:00 PM in the choir loft. We have already spoken to some new members who will be joining the choir, and we look forward to seeing everyone else back again for another year.

Membership Changes

Baptisms:

Ryan Matthew Spomer

Transfer In:

The Zion Youth Group had a great time at Centerfield Park on June 9th!



SACK LUNCH PROGRAM THANK YOU

Thank you for all the monetary donations that made the Summer Sack Lunch Program possible this year. Also, a big thank you to our volunteers which include: Marlene Lockwood, Glenda Pike, Linda Hoskins, Eldon Ahner, Gail Frey, Mary Kay Krausz, Lionel Timmerman, Ruth Rincker, and Lisa Segelhorst. We packed and delivered approximately 500 lunches for the children of Mascoutah. I truly appreciate the donation of time and treasure! Beth Twenhafel

Presidents Page

Greetings all! I hope everyone's summer has been great so far. As a Congregation, we always need to look for ways to become involved in our communities and help others. We are beginning to look at ways to become more involved and spread The Word. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please don't hesitate to talk to a council member or an Elder. Have a Blessed Day.

Bob Walter

Board of Education

Happy Summer from the Board of Education!

Please take advantage of the exciting summer learning opportunities each Sunday morning during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour. The Board of Education is working with Pastor and Mrs. Schorfheide on some exciting new things for the confirmation classes in the Fall. Stay tuned! If you have any suggestions or ideas about youth or adult Bible study topics, please let a Board of Education member or Pastor know. We want to work together to create meaningful and interesting educational opportunities.

Please make sure to sign up to volunteer for VBS coming up July 15-19. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Pettis.

Your servant in Christ, Alicia Suedmeyer





We still have openings for the four-year old fall classes. Have a great summer!

In His Service, Marlene Lockwood, Preschool Director





With Summer almost here and our regular Sunday School program finished, we are kicking off the Summer Sunday School program, The Parables, lead by Gadge Corey. We've already had two sessions and the kids are having a great time learning, making crafts, and playing. Summer Sunday School starts at 8:30 AM with a devotion and a light breakfast, followed by one of the Parables and a story to illustrate the meaning. Afterwards, the kids make a craft and play a game. If your kids aren't here Sunday morning for this fun and fulfilling class they're missing out. Please come and join us!

Stewardship

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: "How much should I give?" Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions also vary.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though, as Lutherans, we know we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus' substitutionary atonement, the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God's favor by what we do.

Take, for example, the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all he has and give it to the poor and then follow Him.

This rich young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions. Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God's favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know their duty as Christians in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been "breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, "What should I give?" with the question, "What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?"

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe -10 percent - of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

"And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves.

"And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

"At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the so-journer, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do." (Deut. 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth the following:

We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the "Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This is our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we have also been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us, like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame, likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God's giving to us.

And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us – with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love – to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

??? Who Do I Contact ???

ADULT NEW MEMBER/INSTRUCTION

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

MUSIC

Choir - Josh & Nancy Peterson 566-7375

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests - Contact Church Office To be added to prayer chain contact Marlene Lockwood 566-4597

PRESCHOOL

Director - Marlene Lockwood 566-4597

SENIOR YOUTH

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SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

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July 7

"Let's Get Personal"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Talking to God -Lord's Prayer (Psalm 139)

July 14

"How Can I Belong to this God?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Belonging to God--Baptism. (Romans 6:4)

July 21

"Let's Get Close"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Communing with God--Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

July 28

"You Have No Right to Be Angry"

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Haberstock

TBD

(Matthew 5:17-26)





MASCOUTAH TOWNSHIP 23rd ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Last year, nearly 100 children were provided with school supplies, backpacks and shoes. Donations of supplies or cash need to be contributed by July 25th to 622 W. Main St., Mascoutah, or call 566-7132. See the list of items needed on the table in the narthex.

MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED FOR JULY

Tea, Au Gratin Potatoes, Graham Crackers, Spam, Salt, Ro-Tel Tomatoes, Sweet & Low Sweetener



Birthdays

07/04 Aidan Bloomquist

07/04 Mollie Mileur

07/06 Alex Tubbs

07/09 Jennifer Biebel

07/09 Mike Twenhafel

07/10 Eliza Timmerman

07/11 Hadley Sax

07/12 Ava Sax

07/11 Lita Timmerman

07/12 Alan Kneschke

07/13 Laura Duffie

07/14 Amanda Kemezys

07/14 Brianna Clark

07/15 Jenny Lorton

07/15 Joyce Linn

07/16 Parker Roehrig

07/19 Helen Sauerhage

07/21 Austin Murphy

07/21 Temple Linnertz

07/21 Kennedy Underwood

07/22 Cheryl Sax

07/22 Joyce Hendrix

07/23 Edward Linn

07/23 Gabriel Lockwood

07/24 Angie Twenhafel

07/25 Nathaniel Clayton

07/25 James Rehfeldt

07/26 Elma Bramstedt

07/28 Earl Linnertz

07/29 Sherrie Knutson

07/31 Beth Twenhafel



Wedding Anniversaries

07/02 Kent & Brenda Snyder

07/07 Brad & Melissa Kohnen

07/07 Joe & Katie Crismon

07/11 Tommy & Marsha Baro

07/16 Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer

07/17 Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer

07/31 Ernie & Marlene Lockwood



Flowers for July

In honor of Lita Timmerman's birthday.

14 Kemezys, in honor Amanda's birthday.

21 Suedmeyer's in honor of their ** 20th anniversary.



JESUS SAVES THE WORLD

Baptismal **Anniversaries**

07/01 Michael Ganey

07/01 Rylan Ganey

07/01 Chris Hatcher

07/02 Madelyn Krausz

07/06 Alex Tubbs

07/07 Courtney Pike

07/11 Lita Timmerman

07/14 Mollie Mileur

07/15 Hope Biebel

07/16 Jerry Phillips

07/17 Alana Fanous

07/20 Zachary Hinrichs

07/25 Shea Suedmeyer

07/25 Payton Barnard

07/25 Adrianna Biebel ★ 07/25 Nathaniel Clayton

of * 07/27 Mike Twenhafel



Special Music for July

14 Bjorn & Rosemary Peterson





LWML ~ July 18

Activity: Lunch at Hidden Lake Winery Aviston, IL 11:45 AM



Altar Guild Schedule for July

14 Kim Drinnon

28 Jenny Kneschke



Council Meeting Minutes Zion Lutheran Church June 6, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Opening prayer by Ray Kemezys

Attendance: Bob Walter, Torri Suedmeyer, Ray Kemezys, Terry Twenhafel, Sharon Weier, Alicia Suedmeyer, Mike Segelhorst, Jean Kemezys

MMSP to approve May Council meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

First Federal Savings Bank: \$ 79,729.24Edward Jones Account: \$ 118,265.93

•General Fund: \$ 10,552.67

MMSP to accept Treasurer's report.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Budget YTD: \$ 122,451.00Actual YTD: \$ 124,009.73

Elder's report:

- Elder of the month for June is Mark Krausz, Matt Sink is bell ringer.
- •Benevolence Fund half to Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School and half to Zion Preschool.
- •Met with Scott Radden on Lifetime Plan for Giving. Recommend he come to Council meeting next month to give presentation.

Board of Education Report:

- \bullet Preschool
 - Evaluations were done by the board on 05/19/19. Comments made by each teacher were noted.
 - oPreschool will start in September after Labor Day—Tues. orientation, Wed. kids start.
 - Marlene's class has 7 students (possibly 9)—max 15.
 - OAmy's class has 14—max 20.
 - The preschool budget was approved.
 - OBonuses of \$50 for preschool teachers, Robin and Pastor were approved.
 - •We discussed the need to raise preschool fees for Fall 2020.
- •Sunday School
 - OAccount balance: \$3539.38
 - •Discussed asking if the church would start paying for Sunday School materials again since there are not the previous budget issues.
 - OGadge Corey, Summer Sunday School Coordinator
 - •Rhiannon Corey and Ashley Eatherton will be assisting.
 - •Lessons about Parables.
 - oMet goal for Wells.
- •Youth Group
 - OAccount Balance: \$2.956.05
 - Two more students added to Higher Things trip.
 - •We discussed possibly having the youth group invite youth groups from other congregations for a field day or other group activity.

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- •Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast went well. Over 50 people in attendance.
- •Sunday School will be doing a Father's Day breakfast on June 16th with biscuits and gravy.
- •New Curriculum for Confirmation was reviewed. The board is recommending that the 5th/6th grades continue their studies on Sunday morning during Sunday School with the new apologetics study and the new Bible study unit on alternating years. The 7th/8th grade years would be a Catechism study with Pastor at another time (TBD) than the Sunday School hour. 7th/8th grade students would be required to attend Senior Youth Bible study each Sunday morning. Curriculum was given to Elders for review and approval.
- •Alicia Suedmeyer met with Mr. Fancher from Immanuel Lutheran, Okawville. He will be sending letters to our preschool graduates and settling on a date for an informational meeting for anyone interested in sending children there. We need at least 5 students to enroll in order to receive free bus service to and from Immanuel from Zion. Will announce date and time of informational meeting when it is scheduled.

Trustee's Report:

- •Switching over to Charter Internet and Phone systems as of June 12th.
- •Lawn mowing. Current company has agreed to continue services at same rate as last year. Member of congregation has asked to submit a bid for lawn mowing.
- •Added third backup sump pump. After failure of the 2 main pumps, added a 3rd pump as an independent backup. Two main pumps will be replaced as soon as new ones are available.
- •Mike has a bid out for keyless entry system. More to come on that.
- Working on repairing broken gym doors and leaking closers on other school doors.
- •Mike has list of copier codes and will be contacting copier company rep to come out and set it up.
- •HVAC maintenance would like to have all AC units checked/maintained.
- Need to schedule biannual parsonage walk through to see if any repairs are needed.
- •Maintenance Management Software Trustees request Council approval to spend up to \$ 1200.00 per year for maintenance software. **MMSP**.

President's Report:

- •Compiling list of what expenses Preschool will be responsible for financially going forward. List will be reviewed on a yearly basis.
- •Strategic planning met in May. Came up with four major topics to look at:
- 1. Surveys showed need for more focus on youth/young adults. Would like to look at with Board of Education to see how that need can be met.
- 2. Evangelism and Outreach. Need to get out more into the community. Would like to start looking at large scale, short- and long-term goals/projects, and looking at putting financials in place to accomplish these goals. Also discussed having more youth involved in community outreach projects.
- 3. Building needs Matt Sink taking lead on that. Will start looking at long-term needs on facilities, i.e. bathrooms, HVAC, etc.
- 4. Expanding Preschool to full day. Geoff will start looking into what might all be involved as far as requirements for kitchens, bathrooms, etc., if we would decide to expand Preschool in future.
- •Insurance will look at various options for Pastor's medical insurance plan/rates.
- •Golf Scramble and Rally Sunday are scheduled for the same date. Should not be an issue. May look at starting Golf Scramble 15 minutes later.

Next Council meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

MMSP to adjourn meeting

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Jean Kemezys

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Address Service Requested

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 8:45 to 9:45 AM

Worship Topics This Month

July 7 — Third Sunday after Trinity — Luke 15:11-32

— "The Foolish Father"

July 14 — Fourth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 6:36-42

—"Surgery"

July 21 — Fifth Sunday after Trinity

—VBS Closing Service

July 28 — Sixth Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 5:17-26

—"Are Christians Abolitionists?"

Please join us in worship to hear more about the Good News!