

# **Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool**



2019  
**May**



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***A Congregation of  
The  
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Missouri Synod***

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

## *Humor*

A church minister was shaving in preparation for the Sunday service. While doing so, he cut himself and had to apply a bandage. "I will have to explain what happened," he thought. "Well, folks," he said to his congregation on Sunday, "I cut my face while thinking about my sermon for you." After the service, one of the deacons said, "Pastor, next time think about your face and cut your sermon!"

After a church service on Sunday Morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."

## *From the Pastor*

After the Good Friday service a few weeks ago, in the darkness and quiet, Jake Lara sought me out and presented me with a beautiful colored pencil sketch he had drawn of Jesus on the cross. (See Jake's artwork on page 3 of this Echo, and look for the original hanging on my office door. Thanks, Jake!)

This work of art, drawn by Jake, got me to thinking about our Christian life and what we have to offer for the good of God's people. When we think about what we can offer for God's kingdom, usually two things come to mind. First, we think that everyone can and should offer an "offering," a monetary gift, a tithe, 10% of our income, to support the Lord's work. While this is true, it is far from inclusive in how we can offer ourselves to the Lord's service. The second thing people think of when it comes to how to serve the Lord is going into full-time professional church work. Some are called to this wonderful work, and if you are sensing the Lord's guidance to direct you toward ministry in the church, please talk to me! This is a great blessing! However, full-time church work and bringing financial offerings are only two of the nearly countless ways that we all can serve the Lord for the good of His people in the church. Jake's drawing points that out.

Outside of financial stewardship, God has given all of us a host of additional talents to use for the good of His church and His people. How will you put your gifts and abilities to work for God's glory? Jake has a gift of artistic talent, and he is sharing that gift for the joy and strengthening of God's people. Visual art comes from

a perspective, and gives the viewer an outlook on what is presented in a way that provokes thought and reflection. Look at Jake's drawing, and ponder what is intended, what is communicated, by this work of art. It is a visual gospel message. Most of us do not have the gift of drawing, but we have other skills that can be put to use for the good of Christ's church. Recently Marianne McDaniel shared her skill in sewing and embroidery to make another beautiful banner to celebrate our Youth Confirmation Class. Buzz and Sue Kandler shared their gift of time to display all the past years' confirmation banners around the sanctuary. During Holy Week, the Hecks, Freys, Coreys, Wehmeyers, Ahners, Claytons, and others shared their gifts of time and talent to decorate the church for Good Friday and Easter to bring out the somber or celebratory nature of the days. Throughout the year, the musicians of Zion give of their time and talent to bring joy and uplifting music to our worship experience. In just the last few weeks, Lisa Wehmeyer, Emily Stein, and Gloria Peterson have sung vocal solos to bring the text of the gospel to fuller life through music. Our brass ensemble led boisterous singing for Easter. This is but a short and very, very incomplete list of saints from Zion who have shared their time and talent for the blessing of God's people in the last couple months. (I am sure I have forgotten a number of people who have also served in wonderful ways, please understand no offense is intended, and all service shared for God's glory is much appreciated!)

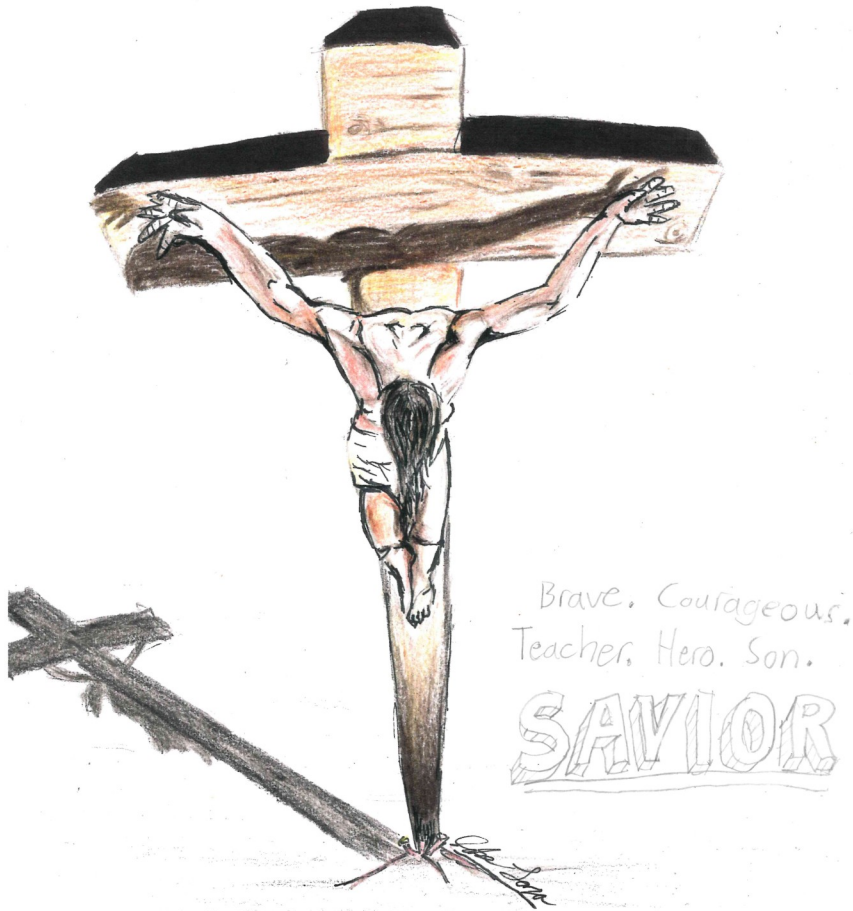
Recently, during Preschool Staff Devotions, we had a reading based on Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men." The devotion included the following thoughts: "Mediocrity and laziness have no place in the Christian's life. Christians must maintain integrity at home and in the workplace. Working for God, as opposed to working for other people, changes our perspective as we view our endeavors in light of what He has done for us. Our toil then becomes an offering to God. We not only worship God at church on Sunday, but our labor throughout the week is an offering of worship and thanksgiving to the One who has given us everything we have."

This also reminds me of a well-loved hymn, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying," Hymn 826 in the Lutheran Service Book:

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
2. If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.
3. If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, offering life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.
4. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"  
(Public domain)

We ALL have talents and skills we can share in Christ's church. Like Jake Lara did on Good Friday, as he shared his artistic talent for the strengthening of God's people, may our outlook toward service in the church also be "Here am I, send me, send me."

In Christ,  
Pastor Clayton



*Drawing  
by  
Jake Lara*



In May we will celebrate another successful choir season. The choir year concludes on May 19th, and the choir will enjoy a festive meal together to recognize the year's accomplishments. The date and location of this event will be determined by the choir. Thank you everyone for your excellent work this year. We look forward to many more years of excellent choral music to come!

### Membership Changes

**Baptisms:**  
Isaac Robinson

**Youth Confirmation:**  
Adam Ahner  
Sophia Bretz  
Nathaniel Clayton  
Gloria Peterson  
Blake Twenhafel

**Transfer In:**

# Stewardship

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.





At our last meeting we enjoyed chili dogs while we put together our homeless bags. Thank you to everyone who donated to help fill the bags! At the meeting we also discussed visiting the Humane Society and selling candy bars at the bowling alley. Our next meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at Centerfield Park for mini-golfing.

Submitted by Ava Pettis

*Miss Marlene's 3-year-old classes ready  
to hunt Easter eggs on  
April 16th & 17th*



## *President's Page*

I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Voter's Meeting on April 7th. Congregational participation and support is vital to our growth as a congregation and hopefully this continues throughout the year. Have a blessed Easter.

Thanks, Bob Walter



# Summer Sack Lunch Program

Zion will once again be participating in the Summer Sack Lunch program. This program is designed to provide lunches for children in Mascoutah School District who normally receive a school lunch for free or a reduced price during the school year. Please consider how you can help feed the children of our town over the summer months, either financially or by providing help in making the lunches. There is a sign-up form in the narthex. Zion will be responsible for the week of June 3-7. See Beth Twenhafel if you have any questions..



## Board of Education



- The Board of Education would like to thank all those that helped make the Easter Egg Hunt successful!
- Many people worked behind the scenes to help our children have the best time celebrating that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. We are truly thankful for our supportive church family.

▪ Yours in Christ, Alicia Suedmeyer

## Preschool

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Mark 10:14. This has been a wonderful school year. It is hard to believe that it is almost over and many of our students will be moving on to kindergarten. It is always exciting to see how much they have matured and how much they have learned. Miss Amy, Miss Kim, Miss Christy, Miss Donna, and I loved our time with the children. Thank you to the members of Zion, our Board of Education, and our preschool parents for your continuing support.

Registration for next year began in early March. We still have a few openings for fours. If you know of someone who would like paperwork to register and I am not available, please speak with Robin in the church office. She will be happy to give you the necessary forms.

We will end our school year with our annual picnic for our parents on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and graduation on Tuesday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Our 2019-2020 school year will begin with Parent Orientation on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parents will receive letters in August as a reminder. May God bless everyone with a happy, restful and safe summer!

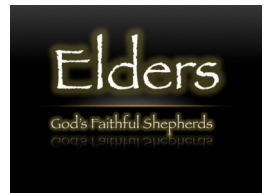
### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO USE THE GYM...

Thank you to all who cleaned the gym floor and returned the preschool play equipment to its proper location after using the gym this year. We know it is not easy to move everything and move it back again. We really appreciate it being clean, in place and ready to use when we come into school each morning.



In His Service, Marlene Lockwood, Director

# Elders Corner



Do you know what some of the most common conversations during this time of year are? Many conversations include questions like "Are you going on vacation this summer?", "Where are you going?", "Are you traveling to visit family this summer?", and "Are you excited that summer break is finally here?" which are asked to many school children. You can hear excitement in voices as people describe all of their vacation plans. Time away with family and friends, laid back days, and a much-needed break from the busy lives that so many people need are often the topic of many conversations at work and in social settings.

Have you ever thought about how often those same conversations include excitement from people thrilled to visit different churches on their travels and to see beauty in other congregations that God provides? As noted in Psalm 100:2, we are to "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." What a rich blessing it is to sing uplifting joyful songs and experience worship service in the many LCMS churches around the country. Sometimes, the details of our travels prevent an opportunity to attend a physical church, but we always have the opportunity to come together with loved ones and friends and conduct our own worship service while on vacation.

Let us not forget that every week God provides us with an even more restful solace than vacation as we gather together at Zion. So, as much as we love the summer beach scene, fun-filled vacations, and times of rest and relaxation with those we love, sometimes our focus is off. I encourage you to remember what's important during summer vacation and attend worship service. Be thankful that God never plans a vacation that doesn't include us.

Yours in Christ, Tony Lara

## Sunday School



Let's hope all this rain fills our wells! Zion Sunday School is raising money for wells in Africa! We already have one built from our mission giving from the past year and another 3 built from a very generous donation from a church member! We will keep collecting until the end of the Sunday School year. If you'd like to make a donation to the project please see Robert Corey or Emily Stein. All monies collected go to the Marion Medical Mis-



sion, and all the monies that go to them go to the project to support the building of the wells. Please consider helping our Sunday School teach the children that they can help people across the globe with their faith in Jesus Christ. Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Sunday School. We will present a final check with all we collected at the end of May. Students are continuing with the Growing with Christ curriculum as we head through Spring into our Summer classes which will be lead by Gadge Corey again this year. All the students really enjoyed his class last summer. We look forward to seeing you in Sunday School!



# Zion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



April 13, 2019









# Mission Moments – East Africa

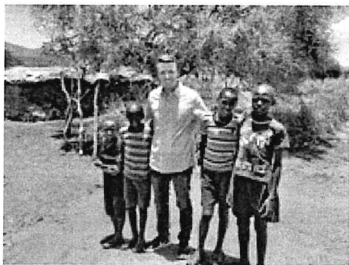
## Young Family News

March 2019

### Blessed to Be a Blessing!

It is a wonderful thing to see God's people using their gifts to build His kingdom. We are humbled by the volunteers who have a heart for sharing the love of Jesus and are willing to travel all the way here to do it.

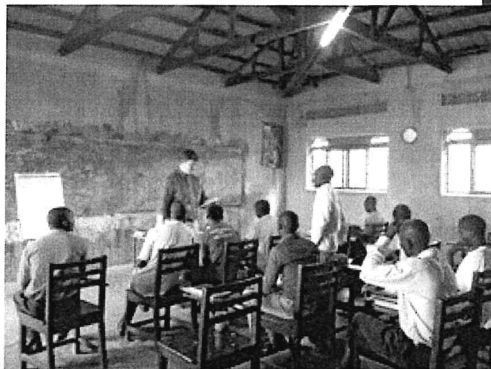
February and March have been very busy months, and our guest room has often been occupied. Our family is blessed to host these servants of God when they come through Nairobi. We are able to introduce them to the local church leaders, walk together with them and see first-hand the impact God's Word is making on the lives of the people we work with.



Rev Seth Moorman and Andy Anderson from Bethany Lutheran Church in Long Beach, California came to Kenya to meet with Lutheran ministries and pray about how God might use their church to work together.



*There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](http://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."*



Rev Jacob Mueller, from Holy Cross Lutheran in Emma, Missouri served as a Short Term Theological Educator and taught Romans at the Lutheran Church of Uganda seminary in Jinja, Uganda.



**Rev Steve and Kathrine Briel; from Maple Grove, Minnesota serving as Short Term Theological Educator at the Seminary in Kenya.**

"I have served 45 years in professional ministry in the LCMS—two years as a campus pastor at UW, Madison, WI, four years as associate pastor in Fairmont, MN., four years on the faculty at St. John's College in Winfield, KS, where I taught Hebrew, Greek, German, Old Testament, the Gospels, Greek readings in the NT., and 33 years as Senior pastor in Maple Grove, Minnesota. I retired last January. I have also taught summer classes at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN. Besides earning my M.Div., I have also earned an MST degree from CTS, Ft. Wayne. I have lectured/taught in India several times, recently in Nigeria twice, and now in Kenya. I currently serve as Chairman of the Board for National Mission of the LCMS.

My wife Katy (née Preus) and I have been married for 45 years and have been blessed with four sons and four grandchildren with a fifth one on the way. Katy speaks several languages including Spanish (which she taught for some twenty years at several high schools in the Minneapolis area), Portuguese, French, Norwegian, and understands some German. She has an earned Masters degree in Latin American studies from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. She lived for a year in Brazil as a young teen, has studied in Mexico, and lived in Strasbourg, France, and Oslo, Norway, when her father was doing graduate studies years ago."



**Georgia Witt: from Kansas City, Missouri; Library Consultant, Matongo, Kenya: Retired missionary returned for a volunteer assignment.**

"I began my teaching career in Rockford, IL and then accepted a job as a Team Lead Teacher at Colegio Nuevo Granada in Bogota, Colombia where my sister and husband were missionaries.

I accepted a call as a missionary teacher in Garoua Boulai, Cameroon where I served happily 75-77. After my return I met Gary, my future husband. We married and lived our life in South Texas where I served as District Library Director for Orange Grove I.S.D. enjoying every minute and teaching seminars for Educational Region 2 and speaking at the Texas Library Association Convention.

After my husband passed away in 2011 I moved to Kansas City, MO. I then kept seeing a posting on Facebook about teachers needed in Africa. I applied and received a call to be a Library Consultant at Matongo Lutheran Theological College in Kenya. I now, after retirement, am a volunteer to the college bringing an automated circulation system for which Trinity Lutheran in Pine Bluff, AR and Christ Lutheran in Platte Woods, MO provided funds!

I thank God for my wonderful time here and loving mission family. I have served with the best!"



**Children's Program Team:** During our Annual East Africa Retreat, these wonderful servants came to teach, play, and sing with the children on our field. From Left: Jim Hendrickson, Abigail Fluegge, Megan McKim, Gabby Perez; Front Row: Elfriede Adams, Molly Christensen.





## Prayers and Praises:

- We have the opportunity to shepherd 3 Kenyan Lutheran youth and 3 missionary youth to the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota this summer. Please pray for paperwork and Visas for youth from Kenya to go smoothly.
- Also, please pray for God to provide funds to help offset costs of the trip for our Kenyans guests.
- Praise God for all the volunteers, for the lives they have touched, and for the Gospel to take hold in people's lives.
- Praise God for all Theological Educators who are teaching and for the students in the Seminaries preparing to be Pastors.
- Please keep the precious people we have met who live in difficult circumstances, but still radiate the Joy of Jesus in prayer.
- We are praying for all the people in the US affected by flooding.
- Praise God for the teaching opportunity for Joel – he has been hired to teach Eighth Grade Social Studies at West Nairobi Christian School starting in July 2019.
- We thank God for your support, encouragement, and prayers for us.



Gabby Perez is back in Kenya to partner with different groups. On the Left she is coming out of a Maasii home in the village. Below we posed after doing a home visit with our new friend who lives in Kawangware Slum, Nairobi.



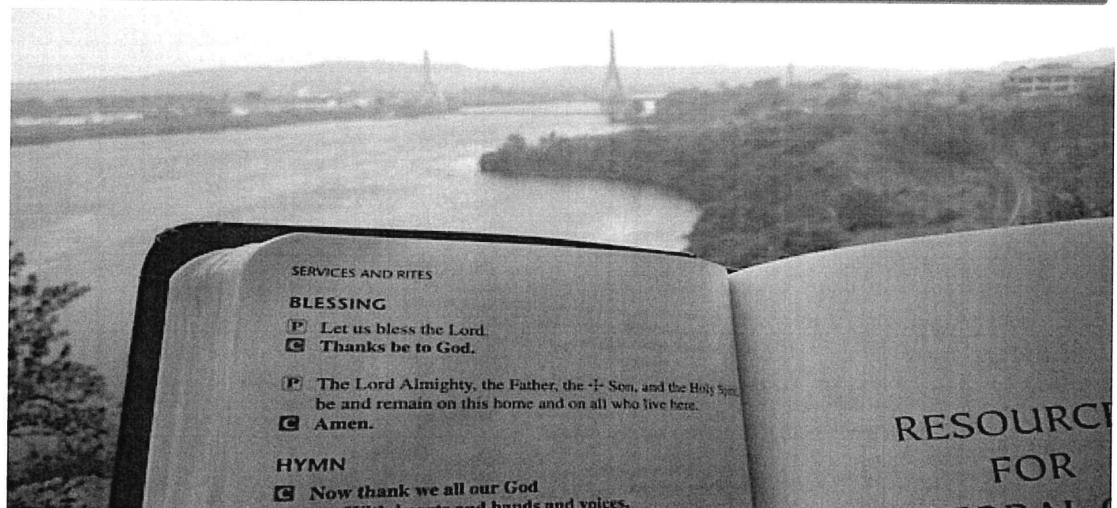
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Include Young- Africa" in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at [www.lcms.org/IYOUNG](http://www.lcms.org/IYOUNG).

Photo by Rev Jacob Mueller; the view of the Nile River from his hotel room while he was teaching at the Seminary in Uganda.



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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306



**May 5**

**"The Good Fisherman"**

Guest Speaker: Ryan Tonetti

Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd; He's the Good Fisherman, who draws the fish and fills the nets.

(John 21:1-14)

**May 12**

**"Home"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

With Jesus, we have a home. That's the good news for today.

(John 14:1-7)

**May 19**

**"Up Close and Personal"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

You can't get to know a person from a distance. The same is true for knowing God.

(John 15:26-16:4)

**May 26**

**"Sculptor Spirit"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Holy Spirit is the Sculptor. Our lives are His medium. The image of Jesus is His goal.

(John 16:7-15)



**Mascoutah Food Pantry**  
**items needed for May**

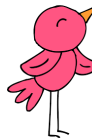
Tomato Paste, BBQ Sauce, Jelly, Oil, Hamburger Helper,  
Pancake Syrup, Apple Sauce, Paper Towels





## Birthdays

05/01 Jerry Phillips  
 05/02 Kylie Beville  
 05/03 Andrew Benner  
 05/03 Debbie Root  
 05/04 Dale Wehmeyer  
 05/06 Laith Fanous  
 05/06 Jack Morra  
 05/07 Isabella Allen  
 05/08 Karen Haas  
 05/08 Madelyn Krausz  
 05/09 Lilah Fanous  
 05/09 Joseph Rueter III  
 05/10 Elizabeth Orr  
 05/10 Brooke Rowold  
 05/12 Brennen Magers  
 05/12 Reagan Magers  
 05/13 Nick Morra  
 05/14 Meghan Hahn  
 05/14 Luke Lara  
 05/15 Bessie Fick  
 05/17 Shirley Braeutigam  
 05/17 Ken Frey  
 05/17 Patrick Lancey  
 05/19 Marsha Fulton  
 05/19 Carolyn Rowold  
 05/19 Kay Zimmermann  
 05/20 Geoff Phillips  
 05/21 Kristen Benoist  
 05/23 Karl Bretz  
 05/27 Amanda Bigley  
 05/27 Joe Crismon  
 05/27 Shea Suedmeyer  
 05/28 Penny Eatherton  
 05/28 Alana Fanous  
 05/28 Lisa Lockwood  
 05/29 Marion Kneschke  
 05/30 Kathryn Underwood



## Wedding Anniversaries

05/02 Edward & Joyce Linn  
 05/14 Ken & Laurie Knutson  
 05/22 Darren & Lindsay Murphy  
 05/25 Damon & Stacey Chaffin  
 05/25 Earl & Temple Linnertz  
 05/27 Matt & Emily Wambold  
 05/29 Bryan & Julie Benner  
 05/29 Matt & Christa Sink  
 05/30 Jeff & Kay Zimmermann



### Flowers for May

5 Joyce Hendrix for her mother,  
 Dortha Propeck's birthday.  
 19 Kemezys family for Joe  
 Crismon's birthday.

## Flowers needed!



### Altar Guild Schedule for May

12 Jenny Kneschke  
 26 Lita Timmerman  
 Shirley Braeutigam



## Baptismal Anniversaries

05/01 Janice Conklin  
 05/01 Ray Kemezys  
 05/02 Dustin Pannier  
 05/02 Joshua Snyder  
 05/03 Jamie Schlef  
 05/04 Taylor Crismon  
 05/04 Roland Kniepkamp  
 05/08 Stacia Ahner  
 05/08 Jacob Lockwood  
 05/08 Erica Popp  
 05/10 Ivar Peterson  
 05/12 Heather Brand  
 05/12 Robert Corey  
 05/12 Joseph Rueter III  
 05/13 Ben Eatherton  
 05/14 Lionel Timmerman  
 05/15 David Hinrichs  
 05/16 Chris Lockwood  
 05/17 Debbie Root  
 05/19 Luke Lara  
 05/20 Isabeau Harris  
 05/21 Kylie Beville  
 05/21 Emma Brand  
 05/22 Karen Haas  
 05/22 Dale Wehmeyer  
 05/26 Jack Morra  
 05/27 Ken Frey  
 05/28 Brooklyn Baro  
 05/30 Annabella Harlan  
 05/31 Daniel Bretz



### Special Music for May

5 Lily McDaniel  
 12 Allison or Ben Spomer  
 19 Bjorn Peterson  
 26

### LWML ~ May 16

**Devotion and Topic:** Pastor Clayton

**Special Mission Offering:** Grace Place

**Hostesses:** Candy Andres & Bessie Fick



**UNOFFICIAL Voter's Meeting Minutes**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**April 7, 2019**

Opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Clayton

Approval of December 13, 2018, Voters' meeting minutes - MMSP to approve minutes with amendment of changing the word salary to stipend for the music director in the last paragraph.

Application for voting membership: Aileen Malcharek

**Treasurer's report:**

- First Federal Savings Bank: \$70,163.08
- Edward Jones account: \$116,135.60
- General Fund: \$8,642.93
- Church mortgage: \$25,678.68
- Organ Loan: \$41,757.05
- Total debt: \$67,435.73

Church mortgage will be paid off by year's end. At December voters' meeting, if we so choose, we can take the church mortgage payment amount and start applying it to the organ loan and then we should be out of debt by mid 2020.

MMSP to accept Treasurer's report as submitted.

**Financial Secretary report:**

- Budget YTD: \$75,803.00
- Actual YTD: \$68,989.52

**Pastor's report:**

- Official Acts:
  - Funeral of Mary Lou Klingelhoef, December 27, 2018
  - Baptism of Eliza Marie Timmerman, December 29, 2018
  - Funeral of Vonda Meredith, January 10, 2019
  - Baptism of Ellie Elizabeth Tubbs, February 10, 2019
  - Baptism of Makenna Bethany Gryga, February 24, 2019
- The Numbers:
  - Visits: 199 (172 members and 27 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 77
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 21
  - Community Contacts: 13

Evangelism Committee very active, planning District-wide workshop on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

Youth Group currently registered for Higher Things Youth Conference, Concordia, Chicago, July 2-5, 2019.

**Elder's report:**

- Matt Sink working on Memorial Day service.
- Still working on getting costs to replace the five church roadside signs around Mascoutah.
- Working on church website to keep it updated. If anyone has something specific to be put on website let Torri Suedmeyer or Robert Corey know. Facebook page has become a daily/weekly update source.

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**Trustee's report:**

- A failed sump pump was replaced with temporary household style pump. New heavy-duty pumps have been ordered. Recently a failed pump caused a piece of metal to interfere with the second pump and flooding resulted.
- Working on roof bids that will be presented to congregation.
- Work day scheduled for May 4 with many projects to be completed.
- Elevator inspection and Fire Marshall inspection have been completed.
- Many other projects on list for completion this year.

**Board of Education report:**

- Preschool:
  - As of March 25, 2019 – 51 students occupy 59 slots.
  - Fall registration is underway. 3-year-old classes are both full and the MWF 4-year-old class is full. Several openings remain in the T/TH 4-year-old class.
- Sunday School:
  - Current mission: Wells in Africa
  - Gadge Corey to coordinate Summer Sunday School again.
- Youth Group:
  - Fundraisers for Higher Things conference so far: Dress sale, candy bars, Puzzle Night, egging houses.
- Calendar of events:
  - April 13 – Easter Egg Hunt – Alicia Suedmeyer Coordinator
  - May 12 – Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast – Ashlee Eatherton Coordinator
  - July 15-19 – VBS – Jessica Pettis Director
  - July 21 – VBS Luncheon – Kim Drinnon Coordinator
  - August 25 – Sunday School Rally Day – Robert Corey Coordinator
  - September 1 – Shoebox Packing – Alicia Suedmeyer Coordinator
  - October 20 – Fall Festival – Alicia Suedmeyer Coordinator

**President's report:**

- Evangelism Committee:
  - LHM Project Connect – booklet displays placed around town and at church
  - Everyone His Witness Program – Evangelism Guidance in everyday life led by Pastor Clayton.
- Strategic planning committee
  - Has met to discuss putting together short- and long-term goals.
  - Sent out a survey to congregation and will work on results.

Arlene Lembke estate – Disposition of estate is almost complete. A small final distribution will still be made at the closing of the process after all parties have made a final sign off.

**New Business:**

- Council has made a proposal and is recommending change to Memorial Fund allocation time period from 3 years to 1 year. MMSP to change Memorial Fund allocation time period from 3 years to 1 year.
- Summer Sack Lunch Program – Zion will participate again this year and will have the first week, June 3-7. Beth Twenhafel will have upcoming announcements and be looking for volunteers and donations as we get closer to that time period.

MMSP to adjourn meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Kemezys



**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**April 4, 2019**

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

7:01 p.m. meeting called to order - **MMSP**

Opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Clayton.

**MMSP** to approve March Council meeting minutes.

**Pastor's report:**

- The Numbers: Visits: 66 (62 members and 4 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 14
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 7
  - Community Contacts: 4
- Pastor will be on vacation May 26 – June 15. Pastor is lining up guest pastors for 3 Sundays.

**Treasurer's report:**

- First Federal Savings Bank: \$70,163.08
- Edward Jones account: \$116,135.60
- General Fund: \$8,642.93

**MMSP** to accept Treasurer's report.

**Financial Secretary's report:**

- Budget YTD: \$75,803.00
- Actual YTD: \$68,989.52

**Elder's report:**

- Still working on replacing church signs – Mark Krausz and Matt Sink working on this.
- Stewardship committee – touched base with Scott Radden about the “Transfer the Blessings” program, (establishing a planned giving culture for the congregation). Will talk to him about meeting with Council and Elders possibly.
- Tony Lara is Elder of the month.

**Board of Education report:**

- Preschool:
  - Currently have 51 students occupying 59 slots.
  - Relicensing date was March 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Currently have both classes for threes filled for the fall (14 and 15) and the MWF (20) class for fours filled. Still have several openings in the T/TH fours class. Registration continues.
  - Fire Marshall approved our building. He would like for us to get a letter from Tech Electronics saying they regularly monitor our system and there are no problems.
  - BOH: \$ 52,226.18
  - Inspection by DCFS was done by the DCFS supervisor, as a new inspector has not yet been hired.
  - Supervisor was very impressed with records and facility and super impressed with student behavior during inspection.

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- Supervisor stated that the 10/1 ratio law is to be upheld at all times children are at the preschool. There cannot be any moment of the day where 1 adult is in the room with more than 10 kids. This includes when the aide goes to get snack, bathroom breaks, etc.
- A floater of some type will be officially hired for next year. For the remainder of this year, she is filling it with current aides. Marlene will present a contract and salary proposal for approval by the BOE before next school year.

●Easter Egg Hunt April 13 @ 9am until 11am.

●Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

- Ashlee Eatherton to coordinate.
- Senior Youth class to cook and all other classes to serve.
- Sign-up sheet to be available.

●Brainstorming how to get more young families with children in Sunday School to attend Bible Class, rather than drop and run.

**Trustee's report:**

- Working on getting all roof bids together and should be able to present at May Council meeting.
- New heavy-duty sump pumps have been ordered. A failed sump pump caused a piece of metal to interfere with second pump and flooding resulted.
- Fire Marshall inspection – passed with one small change requested on fire extinguisher hanger.
- Many projects on list for upcoming work day.

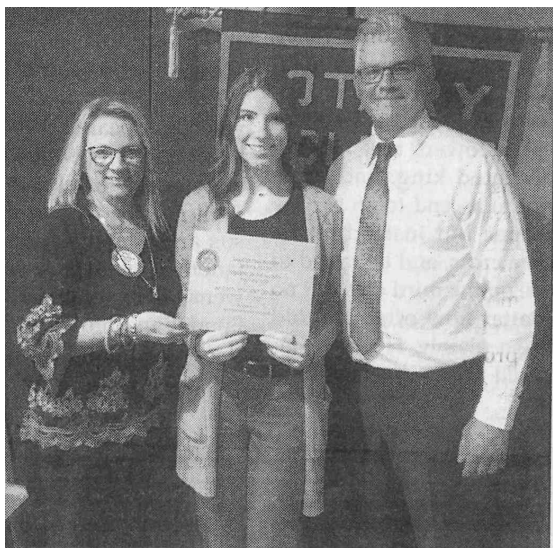
**President's report:**

- Strategic Planning Committee had first meeting.
- Evangelism Committee put church info stickers on booklets and they were distributed.
- Preschool discussion group planning a meeting on the 15th. Looking at Preschool cost breakdown.
- Voter's meeting after church in Sanctuary this Sunday, April 7, 2019.

MMSP to adjourn meeting

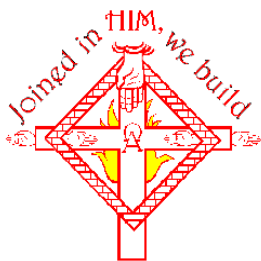
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### **Rotary Student of the Month**

Jessica Pettis is the Mascoutah Rotary Club's Student of the Month for February. She is pictured with Rotary President Holly Austin and her father, Mark Pettis. Jessica is active in band, BETA, NHS, and is the Student Representative on the School Board. Her plans are to attend Mississippi State University majoring in Communications and Public Relations.



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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**

**May 5 — Third Sunday of Easter — John 10:11-16**

**—“A Compliment?”**

**May 12 — Fourth Sunday of Easter — John 16:16-22**

**—“The Spectrum of Emotions”**

**May 19 — Fifth Sunday of Easter — John 16:5-15**

**—“Help Me”**

**May 26 — Sixth Sunday of Easter — John 16:23-33**

**—Chaplain Mark Sedwick to preach**

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