

# **Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool**



2021  
June

# ECHO

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

## *Humor*

A young man was in front of church, while the preacher was standing at the door, to shake hands. He grabbed the young man by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" The young man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come, I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" The young man whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

A preacher told his listeners, "Next week, I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the pastor asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

## *From the Pastor*

Last month in the Echo for May, we focused on Mother's Day, and I promised that we would focus on Father's Day during June. Father's Day does not seem to get nearly as much emphasis and attention as Mother's Day does, but fathers are an absolutely vital part of families. As I wrote last month, God has given His people a tremendous gift by placing us together in families, including mothers *and fathers* to raise children together. Mothers *and fathers* each have their own special points of emphasis that they bring to families to make them stronger and to function smoothly. Children do best when they have the guidance and love of both a man and a woman—a mother and a father—in their life. This is how God designed the family to work, and when we follow in God's plans, that is when life tends to flow most smoothly.

Unfortunately, for the last several decades, our culture has not thought of fathers as being very important. Fathers have often been mocked and ridiculed. They have been seen and described as being worthless and unnecessary to family life. Think about depictions of fathers in the media. Often fathers are depicted as lazy bumbling idiots who do very little to help in the home and constantly need to be rescued by their wives. Men have basically been depicted in the media as sitting on the couch drinking, watching sports, and making silly comments, while their wives run the house and raise the children despite the shortcomings of a

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of a father. Show after show on TV and many commercials followed this basic storyline. The problem is, it is not true.

Fathers are a central, vital part of God's plan for families. Men need to step up and fulfill their God-given role as teachers and leaders in their families. Far too many men themselves have bought into the misguided media notion that fathers are worthless and unnecessary, and many men have lived down to these degraded expectations. This needs to change! It is time for men to step up and be the men God has created and called them to be.

Let's look for a minute at some passages of Scripture that describe the role of fathers, according to God's plan. God compares Himself to a father, as we recognize by calling Him "Our Father who art in heaven." God describes His own relationship with us in the same way that He expects earthly fathers to relate to their families. God said, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place" (Deuteronomy 1:29–31). God also describes His relationship with us as a loving one based on how He disciplines us as a loving father disciplines his children. "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in" (Proverbs 3:11–12). God also calls fathers to provide teaching and guidance to their children. "Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. For I give you sound teaching; do not abandon my directive" (Proverbs 4:1–2). Jesus points out that earthly fathers, though fallen and sinful, still can provide well for their families. He says, "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? So if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:9–11). We also see God's plan that fathers are to encourage and comfort their children. We read, "For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory" (1 Thessalonians 2:11–12).

Fathers acting according to God's plan truly make a huge difference in families. Research is increasingly showing the dire discrepancies when fathers are absent from a home. Studies show that involved fatherhood is linked to better outcomes on nearly every measure of child wellbeing, from cognitive development and educational achievement to self-esteem and pro-social behavior. Children who grow up with involved fathers are: 39% more likely to earn mostly A's in school, 45% less likely to repeat a grade, 60% less likely to be suspended or expelled from school, twice as likely to go to college and find stable employment after high school, 75% less likely to have a teen birth, and 80% less likely to spend time in jail. When a father is not in the home, research shows that children are twice as likely to drop out of school. Fatherless homes also face far higher rates of poverty than two-parent households. Children living in female-headed homes with no spouse present had a poverty rate of 47.6%. This was over four times the rate for children living in married-couple families. These are just the secular statistics.

The presence of a faithful, Godly father in a home may be even more significant for a family's spiritual health and development. Research is showing that the faith habits of a father by far have the biggest impact on the faithfulness of the family, for a generation to come, both for good and for bad. If a father does not go to church, even if his wife does, only 1 child in 50 will become a regular worshiper. If a father does go regularly, regardless of what the mother does, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their children will attend church as adults. If a father attends church irregularly, between half and two-thirds of their kids will attend church with some regularity as adults. Even if a mother does not go to church, but a father does, a minimum of two-thirds of their children will end up attending church. In contrast, if a father does not go to church, but the mother does, on average two-thirds of their children will not attend church. Another survey found that if a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a 3.5% probability everyone else in the household will follow. If the mother is the first to become a Christian, there is a 17% probability everyone else in the household will follow. However, when the father is first, there is a 93% probability everyone else in the household will follow. Fathers are absolutely central and vital to the faith formation of their families.

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Men, step up. God has called you to a role in your family that nobody else can fill. Fathers, your role in your family is central, and vital. Nobody else can be the father that God has called you to be for your family. This Father's Day, recommit yourself to pouring your faithfulness, your focus, and your energy into your family. That is what God has called you to do. That is how families work best. Man up, and do what is best for your family. God's blessings as you fulfill your role as a faithful father.

In Christ, Pastor Clayton

## ZION RE-OPENING PLAN

Zion is excited to announce that we will implement changes for the **Sunday morning services**. We will no longer be asking for reservations for Sunday morning services, and you are welcome to attend as you are comfortable. Zion asks that members adhere to mask and social distance guidelines while inside the church building. Please allow an empty pew between family units. If you are fully vaccinated, you may choose not to wear a mask or not social distance according to your level of comfort. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you adhere to the guideline of wearing a mask if you are not able to maintain a social distance of six feet. If you would like more space to social distance, the far-right seating section will be available with two empty pews between occupied pews. If you would like more space, please ask to be seated in the far-right seating section. Thank you for your consideration of these guidelines.

For Sunday morning services, Communion will be by continuous line, by seating section.

*Saturday night services will remain unchanged, with reservations requested, seating assignments, two empty pews, and communion using the wooden trays.*

Drive-through Communion will be discontinued in June. If you are unable to attend a service and would like to receive Communion, please contact Pastor Clayton and he will make an appointment to bring you Communion in your home.



Special music needed for the summer months.

We are seeking people who are willing to provide special music for the Saturday and Sunday services throughout the summer. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Peterson at [joshandnancyp@gmail.com](mailto:joshandnancyp@gmail.com).



# Calling all Ladies of Zion!

The Ladies Aid doesn't have regular meetings during the summer, BUT.....  
**Come join us for our summer activity of having lunch, fun, and fellowship together.**

**June 17:** we plan to have lunch at The Red Porch in New Baden.

**July 15:** we are looking to go to the Weingarten.

**August 19:** we will sing at the nursing homes and assisted living centers and then eat together at Mascoutah Steakhouse.

let's do  
lunch

We will have details in the bulletin several weeks before each event and  
**HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US** for some good eats and fellowship!

Additionally, we are planning a summer project of making items for the nursing home residents. We plan to make adult bibs and shawls that the nursing home residents can use. Our first workday will be on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM. You are welcome to come and help us with this worthwhile project!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

Zion will be participating in the summer lunch program again this year. Zion's week will be July 5-9. If you would be willing to help pack lunches and/or be a driver to deliver the lunches to the children, please contact Gail Frey, home: 618-566-7294 or cell: 618-806-7294. Packing the lunches takes about an hour depending on how many are helping. Driving the lunches to the designated spots would be less than an hour.



## What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,	The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,	The depth of a family need.
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,	Then God combined these qualities.
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,	When there was nothing more to add,
The joy of a morning in spring,	He knew His masterpiece was complete,
	And so, He called it ... "DAD!"

# President's Page

Greetings to Zion members,

In the weeks ahead, we will see progress being made on the HVAC repairs by the service technicians from Weeke Sales and Service. We may experience some delays in getting various parts, but the work will continue as items come in.

At the last Voters Assembly, it was approved to begin a relationship with the Transfer the Blessings program from LCMS. There are two parts to the program, with the first being an opportunity for each family to have access to a professional advisor in preparing estate planning. The second part is to assist congregations in preparing for the future with the establishment of an endowment fund managed by the local congregation. Pastor and I have met with Scott Raden to begin the process of understanding the process of the endowment fund establishment. I have two people agreeing to serve on this team, and I am looking for two more. If you are interested, please contact me.

In the June/July time frame, it is planned to have the sanctuary repainted. We look forward to a fresh look to God's House!

As we move forward with the Covid restrictions becoming more open, please be patient and friendly to fellow members. It was slow and difficult going into this, and it may be slow coming out! But that is ok, as we all look forward to seeing everyone again and worshiping together as a family again. When you get a chance, share a word of thanks with our Elders, as they have spent hours working on creating a comfortable church home for us to come to.

To all who travel or take vacations during the summer months, we pray for your safety and enjoyment of this world God has given us. May this be a relaxing time and a renewal of our family devotion to God.

God's Blessings to You!

Dale Wehmeyer, President

# Board of Education

## Get ready for Virtual VBS!

**WHEN:** June 21-25, 2021

**WHERE:** On Zoom at 6:00pm (you will be able to replay the recording at a later time if you can't be there). It will last 30-40 minutes.

**WHO:** All kids age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Children do not need to be members of our church).

**HOW:** Register your child at: [bit.ly/3wjcHcD](https://bit.ly/3wjcHcD) by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

All registered children will receive a backpack full of supplies to be picked up Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the church.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Marianne McDaniel at 618-789-1602.



# VBS 2021

## Preschool

What a school year it was! Definitely one for the record books. But, we made it! We were able to end our year with a graduation ceremony on May 18<sup>th</sup>. For a year that was unpredictable, I am so thankful that we were able to end it with a celebration! We are looking forward to next year and returning to "normal" with both of our classes meeting in person. We are blessed to have all our staff returning next year.

Registration for next year began in early March. We still have a few openings for threes. If you know of someone who would like paperwork to register and I am not available, please call or email the church office.

Parents will receive information in August regarding the beginning of school. May God bless everyone with a happy, restful, and safe summer!

God Bless, Vikki Harms  
Zion Preschool Director



# Elders Corner

What's your summer excitement? With warm weather comes some long-awaited things. For our boys, it's excitement over pools, water parks, and Hawaiian Shaved Ice huts opening. In other homes, families find excitement in the opening of schedules for summer travel and kids find excitement in the opening of school doors to release students for summer break.

This summer we are excited to celebrate other important openings at church. Being able to open more pews for service and open options for summer Sunday school and church events make this summer a memorable one.

In The Beatitudes, we are told that Jesus opened his mouth to teach the crowds through some very important proclamations.

**3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. **8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[a] of God. **10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

No matter the season or circumstance, God's word is always open to us. Praise the Lord for that. I look forward to seeing you in an open pew very soon!

Tony Lara



Sunday School is coming back in person on June 6th! I can't believe how good that is to say. I want to welcome Candy Andres on board as the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent for the fulfillment of Jenna Dunn's term. We thank Jenna for all her work, especially during the pandemic and wish her well!

Summer Sunday School will take place in the gym. We ask parents to come through the narthex to sign their child in, sanitize hands, and pick up the Sunday School materials for the day. Our 6th and 7th grade students will walk younger ones to the gym so parents can head into the sanctuary for Adult Bible Class! We encourage you to call ahead and register with the church office for in-person seats. Our event capacity has been expanded and our program will follow all CDC guidelines the best we can. Senior Youth (8th-12th grade) may sign themselves in downstairs in the fellowship room.

Please contact Alicia Suedmeyer (618) 741-3337 with any questions.



# Class of 2021

**Thor Peterson**



***Congratulations!***

Thor Peterson is graduating from Peterson Christian Academy. In high school, he has been active on the Robo Raiders FTC Robotics team, which ended their 2021 season as Illinois State champions. He also coordinates Ultimate Frisbee for the Saint Clair County Christian Home Educators, and has been active in Zion's choir, brass, and hand chime ensembles. Thor will be attending Cedarville University, studying Computer Science.



Knut Peterson is graduating from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by SuprTek of O'Fallon, Illinois as a Java Developer. He will also be pursuing a Master's degree in Robotics Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



**Knut Peterson**



**Ian Robinson**

Ian Daniel Robinson graduated from Mascoutah High School. During high school, Ian was involved in MHS Tribe Talk, Concert Choir, and 4 years of Air Force JR ROTC. Ian plans to attend Southwest Illinois College (SWIC) in the fall with an undeclared major.

*Every yesterday is  
a memory of dreams.  
Every tomorrow is a vision of hope*



## Ava Pettis



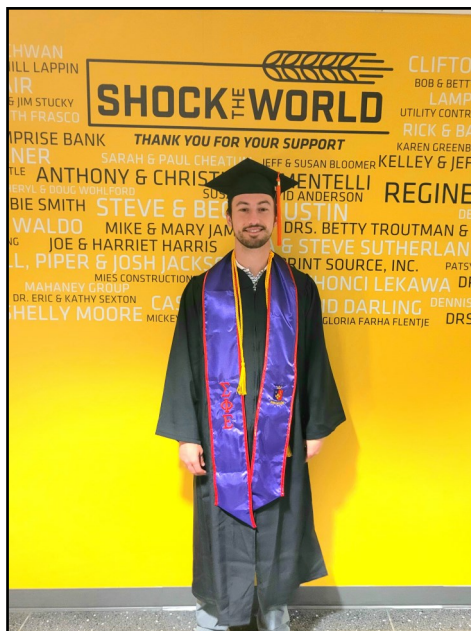
Ava Pettis graduated from Mascoutah High School. During my 4 years at Mascoutah High School I was a part of National Honor Society, Freshman Mentor Program, Good Vibe Tribe, and the Varsity Dance Team. I graduated Summa Cum Laude and received the Mascoutah Noon Lions Wayne Miller Memorial Scholarship. I was able to achieve all these great things because of the amazing school district I was in. I will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall where I will continue to further my education.

"For I know the **PLANS**  
I have for **you**"  
declares the **LORD**  
"plans to **PROSPER** you  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
**HOPE** and a  
**FUTURE.**"  
Jeremiah 29:11

The  
Best  
IS YET TO  
come  
CLASS OF  
2021

Kyle Manera graduated Cum Laude from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He will be working at The Co-Immunity Foundation, which is a foundation a friend of his has started to support younger people with autoimmune diseases.

## Kyle Manera



## Matthew Clayton

Matthew Richard Clayton graduated, Summa Cum Laude, from Clayton Christian Homeschool. Throughout high school, Matthew participated on the Robo Raiders FTC 7129 robotics team, and helped lead the team to many awards, including two "Connect Award" recognitions at World Championships and two State Championship "Inspire Awards." In addition to robotics, Matthew has been active in music, singing in the homeschool choir and playing violin in the homeschool family orchestra. At Zion, Matthew has been a regular participant in the Sunday morning youth Bible Study, he has sung in Zion's choir, he has been a founding member of Zion's chime ensemble this past year, he has served as president of the Zion Sr. Youth, and he has been a regular and eager helper at Trustee workdays any time he is able. He has attended three Higher Things Youth Conferences with Zion's Youth, and he looks forward to attending another Higher Things Conference in Colorado this summer. This fall, Matthew will begin his college studies at Concordia University, Chicago. He plans to enroll in the pre-seminary program. After graduating from Concordia, Chicago, Matthew plans to attend Seminary and seek a call as a pastor in the LCMS.

I CAN DO ALL  
THINGS THROUGH *Christ*  
WHO *Strengthens Me*  
Philippians 4:13

# stewardship



“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let's explore this topic.

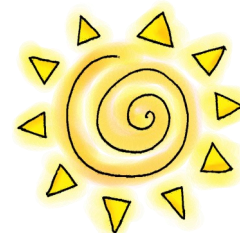
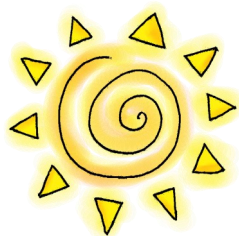
Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



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Elder

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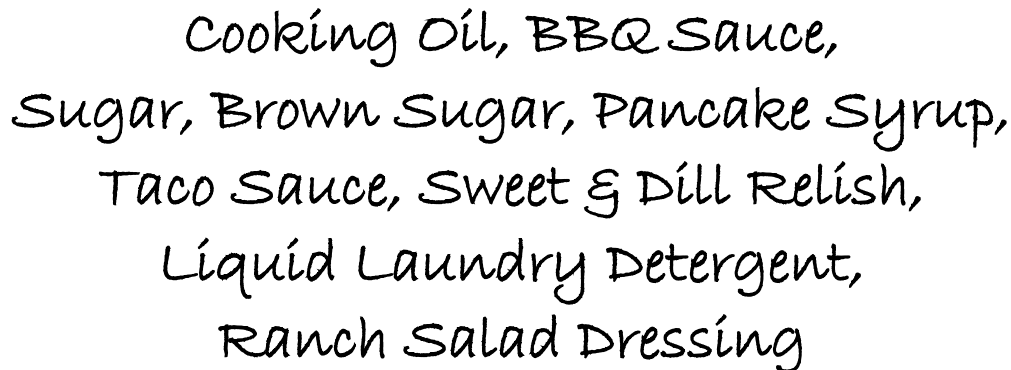


When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130.  
(Psalm 130)

Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn't?

God is above all, but that doesn't mean material "stuff" is somehow beneath Him. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the unique nature of Christian spirituality.  
(Genesis 1:31)

(Matthew 7:1-5)



# Birthdays

06/01 Mark Krausz  
 06/01 Sandy Richards  
 06/03 Laurie Knutson  
 06/04 Jake Simon  
 06/05 Ava Pettis  
 06/06 Sarah Hutchinson  
 06/06 Sadie Orr  
 06/08 Brinley Kohnen  
 06/12 Abigail Benner  
 06/13 Ainsley Fournie  
 06/13 Cohen Merrill  
 06/14 Lisa Weekley  
 06/15 Bob Twenhafel  
 06/17 Courtney Pike  
 06/17 Erin Beville  
 06/18 Lexie Kohnen  
 06/19 Thor Peterson  
 06/24 Cadence Dunn  
 06/25 Dylan Gibson  
 06/26 London Mann  
 06/26 Knut Peterson  
 06/28 Jennifer Rueter  
 06/29 Dusty Gibson  
 06/29 Kenzie Pointer



# June

## Wedding Anniversaries

06/04 Joe & Karen Haas  
 06/07 Matt & Heather Brand  
 06/12 Brad & Gina Lockwood  
 06/12 Ray & Marianne McDaniel  
 06/13 Daniel & Abigail Merritt  
 06/15 Jon & Cary Robinson  
 06/17 Dan & Amy Morra  
 06/18 Paul & Christelle Bretz  
 06/19 Jake & Kara Simon  
 06/22 Bob & Karen Eldridge  
 06/22 Joe & Darla Lancey  
 06/24 Larry & Sandy Richards  
 06/25 Samer & Alana Fanous  
 06/28 Patrick & Peggy Lange



### Altar Guild Schedule for June

13 Gail Frey  
 27 Linda Hoskins

# Baptismal

## Anniversaries

06/01 Shirley Braeutigam  
 06/03 Elizabeth Bretz  
 06/05 Meghan Hahn  
 06/05 Kay Zimmermann  
 06/06 Carolyn Rowold  
 06/07 Marsha Fulton  
 06/10 Ryan Haas  
 06/10 Sandy Richards  
 06/10 Brooke Rowold  
 06/11 Dan Eads  
 06/11 Lesley Eads  
 06/12 Kristen Benoist  
 06/13 Rachel Lancey  
 06/13 Nick Morra  
 06/13 Camryn Walter  
 06/13 Sydney Walter  
 06/14 Karen Eldridge  
 06/14 Laith Fanous  
 06/15 Noah Overmyer  
 06/17 Terry Crabtree  
 06/19 Amanda Bigley  
 06/20 Kathryn Underwood  
 06/21 Maya Baro  
 06/24 Lilah Fanous  
 06/25 Patrick Lancey  
 06/29 Lucas Orr  
 06/29 Kennedy Underwood



## Flowers for June

6 Helen Sauerhage, in memory of Wayne.  
 13 Robinsons, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

## Flowers needed!



## LWML ~ June 17

Activity: Lunch at The Red Porch  
 in New Baden

2021 National Convention in  
 Lexington, KY

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**May 6, 2021**

**Call to order.**

**Opening prayer/devotion.** Pastor Clayton

**Roll call:** Present – Pastor Clayton, Ben Eatherton, Laurie Fournie, Marianne McDaniel, Randy Schorfheide, Lionel Timmerman, Mike Twenhafel and Dale Wehmeyer; Absent – Rachel Bretz.

**Approval of April council meeting minutes** – MMSP to approve minutes.

**Pastor's report:**

- Official Acts:
  - Funeral: Roger Drinnon, April 9, 2021
  - Youth Confirmation (April 24, 2021): Elizabeth Bretz, Rainer Bretz, William Bretz, Phoebe Corey, Cadence Dunn, Maggie Harlan, Jake Lara, Abby McDaniel, Luke Morra, and Gianna Sink.
  - Adult Confirmation (April 24, 2021): Abigail Merritt
  - Visits: 68 (61 members and 7 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 26
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 22
  - Community Contacts: 2
- Vacation Plans— vacation after Higher Things Youth Conference in Colorado in July. The following will cover services during Pastor's absence:
  - July 10/11—Chaplain Sedwick
  - July 17/18—Sem. Moellenhoff
  - July 24/25—Chaplain Sedwick
  - July 31/Aug 1—Sem. Moellenhoff
- Seminarians: Sem. Makey will begin vicarage in Washington, IL, the last week of July. Sem. Stein will finish his vicarage and return about the same time. Very quick turnaround if any repairs are needed in the vicarage house.
- Tuition offset opportunity for Thor Peterson. Cedarville University, Cedarville, Iowa, reduces tuition by \$500 if student's home church provides \$500 donation. Discussion re providing donation for Thor and/or future students to other institutions with same policy.
  - MMSP to aid students at educational institutions providing discounted tuition if church donates to institution. Such aid will be at no cost to Zion – members will provide an extra contribution to Zion equal to the amount of tuition aid. (Financial Board strongly recommends such contribution be clearly designated as "educational contribution" on envelope/check.)

**Treasurer's report:**

- First Federal Savings Bank – \$88,283.23
- Petty Cash – \$50.00
- Credit Card – \$222.08
- Edward Jones – \$67,252.64
- Laurie reported the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Phase 2 loan for lost Preschool enrollment/ fees was approved for a \$34,400.

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**Board of Finance Report:**

- 2021 Budget YTD – \$98,267.48
- 2021 Actual YTD – \$90,061.00 (-\$8,206.48)

**Board of Elders Report:**

- Memorial Day Service – May 31, 9:00 AM.
  - Everything on track for simultaneous in-person and Facebook Live service.
  - Geoff Phillips will be speaker.
  - Discussion re moving service to park as some members of community are hesitant to attend service in church. Proposal made to look at holding services in the Agriculture Building – Elders will provide recommendation.
- Church Reopening Plan – Elders had drafted a plan to reopen the first weekend of July, but the governor announced today that Illinois would enter a “bridging phase” next week leading to potential removal of all restrictions in mid-June. Randy reported that plan is tabled until further details are available/Elders discuss further.

**Board of Education Report:**

- Preschool registration is going well.
  - Current 3-day enrollees invited to expand to 4 days (M-Th); no school on Fridays.
  - Currently have 18 students in 4-year-old class.
    - 14 registered for T/Th, 5 for M-Th, 1 for M/W.
  - Staff plans to start Lunch Bunch on Tuesdays
    - Bring own lunch, play, have science activities to provide fun learning environment.
    - Plan to open to anyone, but allow currently enrolled parents priority.
    - Option to expand to second day if needed.
- Preschool Graduation – May 18, 7:00 PM
  - Two tickets per in-person student to maintain physical distancing; no reception afterward but school will provide individually wrapped cookies with message for each student.
- Summer Sunday School – Begins June 6
  - Theme – God Heals – lessons about God’s merciful healing in Bible.
  - Ages preschool through 7th grade.
  - Youth Bible classes will resume in-person in basement.
  - Candy Andres will serve as interim Assistant Sunday School Superintendent until elections.
  - Noted basement Wi-Fi not working – Trustees to investigate.
- VBS – June 21-25, 6:00 PM – Zoom
  - Registration via Google Forms; registration begins mid-May.
  - Pre-K/K in one group; grades 1-5 in another.
  - Use class materials from last year.
  - About 30-minute in-person session for Pastor’s message, story time, closing; snack and craft-in-box to take home; kids to sing along at home with music via CD on Zoom.
  - Each session will be recorded and available via email for students missing a session.
- Youth Group
  - Lindsay Murphy volunteered to serve as counselor.
  - Fundraisers – Mum sale for fall.
  - Next meeting – May 16 after church; election of officers.

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**Board of Trustees Report:**

- Paint Sanctuary – committee has chosen colors; will provide congregation a couple of weeks to voice concerns; look at painting June/July.
- Replace sanctuary lighting - \$1,500 – ACE Hardware now submitting grant request; plan to replace sconces when sanctuary is repainted.
- Meditation Garden sinkhole will be filled this summer.
- HVAC Repair – Weeke gathering replacement parts, will begin work as soon as materials are available.
- New Property:
  - Advertised sale of house in ECHO and bulletin; congregation has opportunity to bid until August; will open to community after August; buyer responsible for removing from property.
  - Mike has begun getting bids to remove house (if no buyers) and/or backfill basement; also contacting potential buyers for woodwork, windows, etc.
  - Clayton boys will mow the yard this summer – hope to spread fill and seed in next couple of weeks.
- Facility Usage – facilities now available for use.
  - Usage form updated to include extra cleaning requirements.

**President's report:**

- Committee Reports
  - Evangelism – Bessie Fick chair
    - Pastor/Bessie attended Dominican Republic Foro via Zoom.
    - Helping Hands – Jordan Kneschke and Lesley Eads co-coordinators.
    - Unity – workday Saturday (May 8); Pastor and boys plan to attend.
  - Constitution – Alan Kneschke chair; will report at August Voter Meeting.
  - Strategic Planning – Geoff Phillips chair; provided report at April Voter Meeting.
  - Church Directory – delayed due to COVID; church secretary/Elders to update address/phone directory until formal directory completed.

**Old Business:**

- Lutheran Foundation of St Louis – Dale recommended Pastor, Torri Suedmeyer, and Bessie Fick as delegates to Foundation to learn more about projects/possible funding.
- Marion Medical Mission Project – 100 Wells in 100 Days campaign; 200 wells financed with matching funds.
- Transfer the Blessing
  - Scott Radden will serve as financial advisor for congregational members needing assistance; work with church to establish endowment fund.
  - Dale to establish permanent committee to manage fund – recommended Ray Kemezys and Lionel Timmerman as members; will seek two more members.

**New Business:**

Pastor had received several requests from employers/small business owners in the congregation for suggestions for potential workers. Pastor will serve as “clearing house” to match employers/employees

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday, June 1 @ 7:00 PM

**Adjournment** – MMSP to adjourn.

**Closed with Lord's Prayer.**

Lionel E. Timmerman, Acting Secretary

## **NEED A LITTLE HELP?**

Do you have a need for transportation (rides to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, general shopping, or the pharmacy), outdoor work (leaf removal, snow removal, light painting, gutter cleaning, etc.), indoor work (light cleaning, light cooking, laundry, etc.), or other needs? Members have volunteered to use their gifts to serve the needs of others in our congregation. Please fill out a "Need a Little Help" Card." The coordinators will contact you and arrange for a volunteer from our congregation to assist you. There will be a box that you can put the card in or you can hand it to one of the coordinators. The coordinators are Jordan Rehfeldt (618)980-8475, Lesley Eads (618)6232360, and Dan Eads (618)623-2760.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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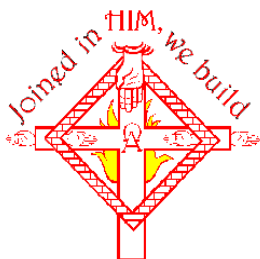
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**Address Service Requested**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday 8:45 to 9:30 AM In-Person  
and on Zoom

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &  
YOUTH BIBLE CLASS**

Sunday 8:45 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Saturday 7:00 PM In-Person

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person  
and on FaceBook

**Worship Topics This Month**

**June 6 — First Sunday after Trinity — Luke 16:19-31**

**— “Where Do You Fit?”**

**June 13 — Second Sunday after Trinity — Luke 14:15-24**

**— “The Beggar and the Banquet”**

**June 20 — Third Sunday after Trinity — Luke 15:1-10**

**— “Receiving Sinners**

**June 27 — Fourth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 6:36-42**

**— “The Lumberjack”**

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