



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Stewardship Newsletter Article—May 2014

Jesus is risen from the dead, and He is not angry. He appears to the eleven, locked and hidden away for fear of the Jews. He gives them peace, when there seems to be no peace. He gives them hope, when all hope seems to be lost. He gives them forgiveness, life, and salvation, even though they all fled and watched Him die. But Christ is risen and He is not angry. No one took His life from Him, but He laid it down willingly. He offered it up of His own accord. Thus, He does not blame them. He is not angry. He gives them His Spirit that they may be one and not alone, that they may have peace, that they may live forgiven and free from fear, that they might go do the same into all the world. Christ is risen and He is not angry.

Our God is a God who gives gifts. He gives because that is who He is and what He does. He created us for this purpose. The God who is love created us to be loved. And to love is to give of oneself for the good of another. And so He gives daily bread. He gives food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, and faithful neighbors.

He also gave us His only-begotten Son. And everything He did, He did for us. He took up our flesh, was born of a woman, to fulfill the Law for us. He was circumcised, had sacrifices offered on His behalf, denied Himself certain foods, and ate the Passover to end them all. The same is true of the Moral Law. He kept it for us. His fasting and temptation were done for us. He fulfilled what we were unable, and unwilling, to do. But that is not all. He not only kept the Law, He also allowed the Law to do to Him all that justice demanded it do to us. He who knew no sin, became sin. The guiltless guilty with His own Blood upon His hands.

And still he gives us more. He gave us His Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. Through the means of grace—the Word, Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, the

Holy Supper—the Spirit of Christ continues to deliver the fruits of His death and pour the benefits of His resurrection upon our heads, into our ears and mouths. We are not alone. We are not left as orphans. He is with us; He is for us, through these means. And by them we are knitted together into one body. This is the giving nature of our God. The depths of His love know no bounds.

Despite all this, we still hold back. We don't give cheerfully from our firstfruits. We don't with glad hearts, with planning and forethought, set our minds to give to the ministry of Word and Sacrament for the life of the world. We tend to give begrudgingly, apprehensively, and with what is left over. We don't give out of love for God and one another, as those united by His Spirit in the bond of peace, but out of a feeling of compulsion. How will they know us by our love, when we do not even love the means by which God gives us His love enough to support it with the other gifts He has given?

If you find it difficult to give freely, cheerfully, and proportionally, you are not alone. That sin, that selfishness is something inherent to our fallen nature. No, you are not alone. We have been knitted together into one body by the Holy Spirit. We are to bear one another's burdens. So let not your hearts be troubled. For the God of Love, the giver of every good and perfect gift, has given His own Son to bear yours. He carries your anxiety and worry. He dispels all your fears. Do not be afraid. Give from out of your poverty or your abundance. It matters not. Because Jesus is risen from the dead and He is not angry. He ascended into heaven to fill all things. He fills you with His peace, His joy, His generosity, and His love. And nothing can separate you from that.

I invite you to first and foremost pray. Pray for your needs. Pray for the needs of your family. Pray for the needs of Zion Lutheran Church. Pray for our community and those who struggle. Pray for those who help those in need or want: firemen; policemen; social workers; nurses; doctors; and our government. There are hungry, homeless people even in Whitley County. There are many who struggle with faith and love. Pray for all these things. And give. Give of your time, talents, and treasures that God has so graciously bestowed upon you to share.

I'll see you in church! Pastor Phil Rittner

Voter's Assembly Minutes

April 27, 2014

Jeff Braun called the meeting to order with 20 members in attendance. Jeff opened with prayer. Minutes from the March Church Council meeting were approved as printed by a motion made by Willie Scheumann, and seconded by Kathleen Reese.

Receiving Treasurers Report: Karen Scheumann gave the receiving treasurers report. Pat Decker made a motion to accept as presented, Willie seconded, motion carried.

Dispersing Treasurers Report: Jill Coons gave the dispersing treasurers report. Kim Yann made a motion to accept as presented, Willie seconded, motion carried.

Elder's Report:

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the transfer in of Laura Gerke from Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco. Kenny Knuth seconded, motion passed. Pastor will be attending the District Convention in Syracuse, Indiana on May 12th thru 14th. The revitalization program was discussed. Average attendance for February Sunday's was 54 and midweek 14, for March Sunday's was 57 and midweek 32.

Trustees Report:

Dan met with the construction company on the pole barn to finalize details. While they are waiting on the final details, Phil Coons will apply for the permits needed. We hope to see construction by the end of May. Dan has a meeting this week with a contractor on the sacristy remodel. He will get 3 quotes. There is an individual willing to donate the cost of the remodel. The Lumburg fund has been transferred temporarily to a money market account, while the details are finalized on the account that it will be house in permanently. Everything should be done in the next 2 weeks. We will have the lawn sprayed for dandelions. The cost is only \$100 to spray twice a year. The church will be purchasing a new Trane System which is both heating and cooling from Masters Heating and Air in Fort Wayne. The total quote is \$10,200. We have had some donations so the balance needed will be gotten thru a loan from LCEF at 4/12%. Phil Coons will head up the committee to have the garage sale in August, with proceeds to go towards paying off the loan. Dan will have a

pancake breakfast for the community, hopefully in the next 2 months. The proceeds again will go toward paying off the loan for the heating/cooling system.

Board of Education:

Sunday school report for March is student attendance of 9, adult attendance of 13. The missions for March/April is \$92 has been raised so far. VBS will be the week of July 7th thru 11th. Ester Egg Hunt will be after Easter breakfast on 4/20 with set up on 4/19. The date for confirmation camp is pending but we have 3 students to attend. A packet of get well cards were sent to Pastor Rastl.

Board of Outreach:

Easter bookmarks were handed out on Easter to members. They were made by Linda Williams and Marty Williams. A new member welcome will be scheduled in the near future.

Board of Youth:

The youth have the opportunity to sell corn dogs at the 3 on 3 basketball tourney, to be held in downtown Columbia City on 6/21. They will also see corn dogs at Old Setter's again. Help will be needed for both times.

ordered and paid for out of past memorials and memorials

Pastor's Report: none

Old Business:

The brass candle holder that was needed will be for Lad Slavicek.

New Business:

Peg made a motion to start the process for the Revitalization program. Kim Yann seconded, motion passed after discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

April 17, 2014

Seven members attended the 1 pm meeting. President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with a prayer taken from the Lutheran Hour.

Marty Williams presented the program entitled: "Finals and Finally's" taken from the Spring LWML Quarterly: Everyday examples were read such as *finally* it is Spring; *finally* he is getting married; *finally* a child sleeps all night and *finally* we get to retire. Marty and members read Bible passages from the Bible that were *finally times*; *Finally* Noah sees no more water after the dove he released does not come back to the ark in Gen. 8:13-14. *Finally* God fulfilled his promises to Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son in Gen. 21:1-7. In Luke 15:11-32 there is the prodigal son who *finally* returned to his father's house; and God made it *final* for Adam and Eve to not be able to return to the Garden of Eden after they sinned by eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God's law is *final* as we have in the catechism which defines sin as every thought, desire, word or deed which is contrary to God's law. Members read from Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;" in 1 John 1:8, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." In Galatians 5:19-21 it says, "All those with immoral acts will not enter the Kingdom of God and that is *final*."

The Grand *finally* for us all is that we are saved and we have hope because of God's only son Jesus Christ who died for us on the cross conquering all our sins on himself in our place. The *final* is Jesus resurrection and it is written in Matthew 28:1-8, when the Mary's went to the tomb and witnessed an earthquake and the stone rolled away from the tomb by an angel who told them that Jesus was alive. After this Jesus gave the great commission to the disciples to "Go therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." He commissions us to do the same. God works for the good of those who love him.

St. Paul's letters to his fellow Christians were of encouragement for their working for God. In Ephesians 6:10, "*Finally*, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power;" and in Philippians 3:1, "*Finally*, my brothers rejoice in the Lord and also in Philippians he told them, "whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable—think of these things." In 2 Thessalonians 3:1 he says, "*finally* my brothers pray that the message of the Lord spread rapidly and be honored." In 1 Peter 3:8, "*Finally*, all of you live in harmony with one another."

Marty handed out small "Faith Walk" suggestions to members.

Business Meeting:

The secretary's minutes were accepted as written in the Zealant with a motion by Sami Blomquist and 2nd by Marty Williams. The treasurer's report was the same except that the new Quarterly's were also paid for. There was no correspondence.

Committees:

Stamps for Missions will be taken to the 3-Zone Rally on April 26th. Eight quilts are ready to be knotted in June. 80 cancer pads were taken to the NE Cancer Services and 70 were picked up.

Cheer:

Easter Baskets were delivered by members to shut-ins and they also told of their visits. Good PR was acknowledged with 2 articles shown in the Post and Mail and these were passed around to members.

Internet Facts:

"Think you know everything?" Rubber bands last longer if kept in the refrigerator; Peanuts are one ingredient of dynamite; There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar; No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple; and Dreamt is the only English word that end in "nt."

LWML 3-Zone Rally

April 26, 2014 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church—3705 South Anthony Blvd in Fort Wayne. Registration is 8:30 am \$6.00. A cash donation will go to the Muslim Ministry. Speaker Mary Komy, a Christian Muslim will speak about the ministry to Muslims.

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(Ladies Aid/LWML continued)

A Request for Zion:

A Candle Holder and Candle and Plaque. The Ladies Aid memorials were discussed. A motion was made by Jennie Childs and 2nd by Maxine Lott that the Ladies Aid pay off the balance after payment of the memorials.

Program for May:

Lois Duffy will give the program entitled, "Food in the Bible."

Copied from the Internet:

"Gotta Love This Recall" The maker of human beings, our God is recalling the serious defect of the heart-**Sin**-and symptoms include: loss of direction, foul vocal emissions, amnesia of origin, lack of peace and joy, selfish and violent behavior, depression or confusion, fearfulness and idolatry. Repair can only come from the **Repair Technician-Jesus** who generously offered to bear the entire burden and pay the price of the staggering cost for these repairs. The number to call is **P R A Y E R**. Once connected upload your burden of **Sin** through the **Repentance Procedure**. Next download **Atonement and Forgiveness** from **Repair Technician-Jesus** into the heart component. No matter how big or small the **Sin-Jesus** will replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. See operating manual -**the Bible**- for best instructions before leaving the Earth. **Warnings and Danger:** Continuing to operate the human unit without correction will void the warranties and it will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For **Free Emergency Service, -Call Jesus**. The human being unit not responded to the recall action will be scrapped in the furnace. The **Sin** defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven to prevent the contamination of that facility. **Finally!** Please notify others of the recall notice and you may contact the **Father** any time by "Knee-Mail. **Because Jesus Lives**, working for God on earth does not pay much, but His retirement is out of this world.

Fellowship Time:

Easter Bunny & Candy filled eggs and Flower place mats adorned the tables where Pumpkin Pie was served by Jennie Childs and Marty Williams. Joan Lane won the table prize.

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Sunday School Scoop

May 2014

Sunday School students enjoyed an egg hunt following Easter breakfast on the church lawn. During Sunday school, the children watched a movie of Jesus' last two days before He was hung on the cross. The animated feature began at the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday) and recounted the events leading up to the arrest, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Lessons for May:

4th—"Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road"

11th—"Peter and John Heal the Lame Man"

18th—"Peter and Cornelius"

25th—"Peter's Escape from Prison"

Sunday School Missions for March/April are supporting "Worship for Shut-Ins." The project for May/June will be supporting Rev. Horne's ministry in Papau, New Guinea.

Sunday School Stats—March 2014

Class Attendance:

Tie for 1st place between

Jr./Sr. High and Primary 75%

Preteen Class with 68.9%

Perfect Attendance: Emerson and Mason Knuth

**We would like to know
who is graduating this
school year 2013-2014?**

**This includes
High School, College,
Nursing, Technical, etc.**



**Zion Parents and Grandparents please let
us know of any students in your
family.**

Name _____

School graduating from _____

**Interest after school or where going to col-
lege?**

**Please have these filled out and returned to
the office by May 25th so they can be put in
the June Zealant.**

Thank You!!!!

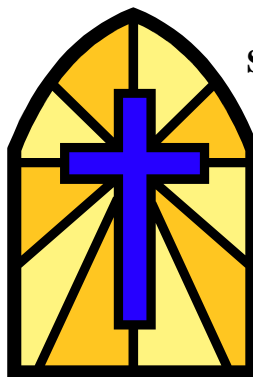
Dear Zion Family,

As you may or may not know we are in need of a new heating and ac unit in the gym. The current units are over 27 years old and are not working and are unable to be repaired. The trustees have received eight quotes and are in the process of selecting the company to do the work. The cost to replace the units will be in the \$10,000.00 range. I have looked into the finances of the Church and we do not have the funds to pay off the project without a loan and some extra funding. We are looking into a loan from LCEF with around a 5 year term. The rate is yet to be determined but I would guess it will be in the 5% to 10% range. Please pray about this and if you can give a little extra towards this goal I thank you. To do this please specify your giving as Heating and AC Project on the envelope.

Head Trustee

Dan Knuth

Worship Service



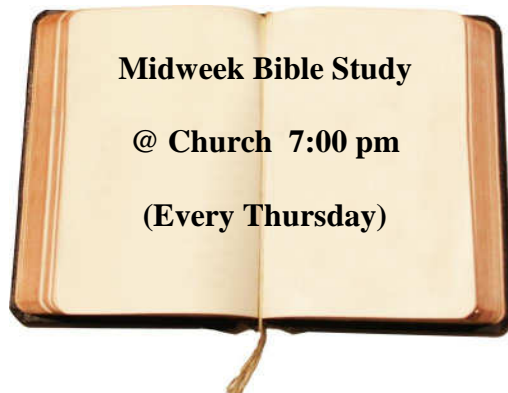
SUNDAY
Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
Worship—10:15 a.m.
w/Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

WEDNESDAY
Worship—7:00 p.m.
w/Communion
2nd & 4th Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study

@ Church 7:00 pm

(Every Thursday)



LADIES!
Come join us
for interesting & uplifting programs
and great fellowship!



ZION LUTHERAN LADIES AID – LWML – 2014

<u>DATES</u>	<u>PROGRAM-TOPIC</u>	<u>LEADERS – HOSTESSES</u>
Feb. 20	Sami – “Prison Program” - K. Reese (H)	
Mar. 20	Logan Landis – “China Trip” - L. Duffy & K. Reese (H)	
Apr. 17	M. Williams – LWML Topic - Mites, J. Childs (H)	
May 15	L. Duffy - G. Nimtz (H)	
June 19	Work Day - LWR Quilts	
July 17	Sami - LWML Topic – Mites – J. Lane (H)	
Aug. 21	Guest Luncheon - L. Duffy	
Sept 18	G. Nimtz - LWML Topic – Mites – M. Lott (H)	
Oct. 16	M. & K. Reese	
Nov. 20	M. Williams	
Dec. 18	CHRISTMAS PARTY – noon luncheon	
Jan. 16	K. Reese - Org. Mtg. - LWML Topic - Mites	

<u>MEETINGS</u>	1:00 P.M. ON 3 RD Thursday each month
<u>SEWING</u>	9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on 1 st and 3 rd Thursday each month
<u>EVENTS</u>	April 26 – LWML 3 Zone Rally
	Oct. 5 – LWML Sunday at Zion
	?? - LWML North Zone Rally

OFFICERS – 2014

Pres.	Kathaleen Reese
V. Pres.	Marty Williams
Sec’y.	Lois Duffy
Treas.	Joan Lane

COMMITTEES

Sewing: Cancer pads – K. Reese
Quilts – M. Williams
Stamps & Labels – J. Childs
Cheer cards, gifts – J. Lane
Publicity – L. Duffy, K. Reese
Mites – J. Lane, M. Williams
Prayer Chain – K. Reese

GOALS

Study the Word – LWML Topics!
 Prayer Chain – more participants
 Bethesda – Labels
 Mission Projects – LWR, Local, Stamps, Sew Cancer Pads
 Increase Mites
 LWR – Quilts, Soap
 Remember and visit-Nursing Homes, the Ill, and Shut-Ins.

“SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS”



The following Shut-In Members, in Nursing Homes or those who are ill (hospital or at home): Janet Blomquist, Sami Blomquist, Barb Cotner, Linda Hobkirk, Bill & Patricia Neidermeyer, Sharon Reid, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Ruth Ryan, Michael Sexton, Charles Stanley, Dorathy Ummel, Alberta Warrnick and Mary Wilkinson.

Those Serving in the Armed Force:

Eric Childs (Stateside), Jeffery Clark (Stateside), Jessie Contreras (Stateside), Chris Decker (Stateside), Alex Hart (deployed MEU), Joshua Rittner (Stateside), Matt Shoda (Stateside), Jason Weatherly (Stateside) and Dayne Zielinski (Stateside)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS for

. . . and anyone else we have not mentioned that might be in our hearts. . . . Lord, hear our prayers.

Vacation Bible School

**Parents and Grandparents
put this on your calendar!**

July 7th—11th 9:00-11:30 a.m.

For ages 3 yrs to 6th Grade

**Make sure to let your neighbors
and friends know too!**

We need Teacher's & Helpers!!!

**If you would like to help out
please see Judy Gilbert,
Joyce Reidt, or Barb Lahrman
and let them know you will help.**



The countdown has begun! And if you're like us, we can't wait for the summer. Join us this year for an incredible outdoor adventure!



Camp Lutherhaven

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LIFE LINE SCREENING

Zion Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventative health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 5/22/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a "Wellness Package" which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



B.A.B.E. Of Whitley County Inc. launched its 6th annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" to help offset the cost of diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. for the month of April.

The Board of Outreach asked Zion members to help out! And you did!!! With loose change, dollar bills, checks...whatever the Lord lays on their hearts to help support the youngest members of our community.

We thank you for your support!

It is now time to return the bottles. Please put them in Secretary's office in the green bag.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank All the people that made our Easter services and breakfast a success.

Altar Guild: Marty, Verna, Betty and Peg.

Saturday morning set up and prep work: Steve, Ethan Sawyer, Mike, Dan, Jeff Braun, Brian Brooke, Shianne and Peg.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Board of Education and Madison and Mason.

Easter Day: Dan, Jeff, Larry, Marty, Peg. The Youth, and the Coons family.

The Choir: Lindsey, Peg & Ralph, Austin, Judy and Pastor.

If I have left anyone out I'm truly sorry.

THANK YOU for making my job so easy.

Joyce Reidt

Memorial Day will
be observed on
Monday, May 26th

Office Closed



SERVING IN MAY 2014

USHERS

4th—Mike Gerbers
11th—Steve Smith
18th—Willie Scheumann
25th—Ralph Sexton

ACOLYTES

4th—Nick Decker
11th—Jacob Zielinski
18th—Ryan Bills
25th—Shianne Brooke

GREETERS

4th—?
11th—Lois Duffy
18th—Pat Decker
25th—Kathaleen Reese

ALTAR GUILD

Betty Wilkinson

BLOOD PRESSURE

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POWERPOINT

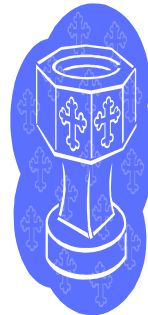
4th—Larry Haugk
11th—?
18th—?
25th—Peg Brooke

COFFEE HOUR

4th—Judy Gilbert
11th—?
18th—?
25th—Peg Brooke

BIRTHDAY'S

1 Jessica Yann
4 Drake Schuemann
8 Richard Koldyke
10 Cortlyn Bloom
12 Donald Gilbert
15 Timothy Sexton
16 Kassidy Welch
24 Janette Bachelder
29 Ralph Brooke
30 Jeffery Braun
30 Jessica Whaley
31 Larua Gerke



BAPTISMS

Jordan Allen
Adam Braun
April Brooke
Christopher Brooke
Shianne Brooke
Peggy Brooke
Regan Decker
Sean Decker
Robert Gallmeyer
Geoffrey Gerbers
Bryan Hart
Barb Knuth
Richard Koldyke
Joan Lane
Samuel Mullett
Trenten Pease
Karen Scheumann

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Kristopher & Jamie Bloom
5 Richard & Monica Koldyke
10 Chris & Tracy Decker
20 Bill & Pat Niedermeyer
25 Thomas & Kami Wilburn
26 Aaron & Amanda Peppler
27 Mark & Connie Forrester



MAY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ladies Aid Sewing 9:00 am Bible Study 7 pm	2	3 Altar Guild 9:00 am
4 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bd. of Ed. 11:15 am	5	6	7 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	8 Bible Study 7 pm	9	10
11 S.S./Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:15 am <i>Happy Mother's Day!!!</i>	12 Pastor at Conference	13	14 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders meet after service	15 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am LWML 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm	16	17
18 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	19	20 Church Council 7 pm	21 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Zealant Items Due!!!	22 Life Line Screening gym all day Bible Study 7 pm	23	24
25 S.S./Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Trustees & Blood Pressure 11:15 am	26 Office Closed Memorial Day (observed)	27	28 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	29 Bible Study 7 pm	30	31