



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Pastor's Zealant Article

November 2014

Great!!! We've now cleared another big hurdle: we have voted (unanimously!) at our last Voter's Meeting to accept the Prescriptions for Revitalization from the team at Indiana District – LCMS. Great. Now what???

Rev. Robinson is sending some paperwork to us for signatures, and then we begin working on things. But wait – we already have! Each board of the church has been given a set of blank calendars for 2015 to fill out all their activities and functions for next year. These need to be returned to the office by November 30th so we can compile our church's official calendar for approval at the January 2015 Voter's Meeting. This will be a wonderful help in organizing things for us, and, it's part of the Revitalization.

Your pastor has also already begun enrolling in a couple of continuing education activities for next year; and I have taken on a personal Mission Coach to help the Office of Holy Ministry here at Zion run just a little smoother. Don't think I'm sitting on the sidelines watching you go through this Revitalization stuff alone! I'm going to be logging every movement I make, every function I complete, every call I make, and just how I spend my days as your pastor for the next 30 days! This entire log will be read by my Mission Coach; and suggestions, deletions, alterations, etc. WILL be made so that I too become better at what I do...for Christ's Church, and for you!

In the meantime, while we begin organizing and working on our leadership here at Zion – each of you are to know that your personal spiritual needs are still my top priority! Call me if you're

going to have surgery. Let me know your family needs help. Let me know you've got a new baby grand-daughter/son. Miss a Sunday or Wednesday at church? Did you know my sermons are posted to Zion's website for you to listen to: Zionlutherancc.com . Did you know that if you've a particularly difficult day, or things just aren't going right, I can come by, or visit with you at church for prayer or the Lord's Supper?

We've witnessed a lot of enthusiasm and eagerness to get moving during and following the Revitalization weekend last September. Remember from Catechism class how God answers your prayers? Yes; No; and Wait. If within the Prescriptions offered by the Revitalization team don't include your thoughts or suggestions; know this. These are only the beginning. These are offered only to get us started on becoming better organized as a church sharing the Good News of Christ dying and rising from the dead so the sins of all mankind would be forgiven! Your continued support (either actually participating or just being sure to keep your church in your daily prayers!) is highly encouraged and desired!

In my devotions I have read the following: ***"For whatever was written...was written for our instruction, that through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Jesus Christ, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*** (Romans 15: 4-7, ESV)

Thanks be to God I have been called to serve Him here at Zion Lutheran Church. May He so richly bless each of you in our time together! See you in church! Pastor Phil

VACATION

Pastor Phil and Katie will be going to Ireland on November 14-25, 2014.

During this time we will have supply Pastor's for Sunday & Wednesday service.

If you have an emergency during this time please call Pastor Dave Mommens at Cell 260-750-2900, Church 244-3712.

On Saturday, November 1st



Voter's Assembly Minutes

The Voters Meeting of Sunday, [10/26/2014](#) was called to order by President Jeff Braun at 11:30am with Pastor Rittner offering prayer. There were 23 people in attendance. A motion was made & seconded to accept minutes of last voters meeting.

Treasurer: Lutheran Witness monies was put in Elders Miscellaneous, but will be put into Board of Education Miscellaneous in the future. A motion & second was made to accept the financial report as presented with only change being "change Lehmberg Trust to Lehmberg Legacy Fund". Passed.

Elders: Minutes of meeting [10/8/2014](#) were read & accepted. Ralph Brooke was accepted as an elder effective immediately instead of waiting until [January 2015](#). Motion made & seconded to move \$2000 from Lehmberg Legacy Fund to pay for deficit pledge to District. The 2015 budget has been submitted & accepted. Average attendance for month of September was: Sundays 58 & Midweek 15. Received a request from Max & Barb Cotner to have their membership transferred to Faith Lutheran Church, Sebring, FL. Accepted the transfer.

Trustees: Dan Knuth stated the contractor WILL be here for the altar guild room work. Work on the shed is slow as paperwork must be approved by the State of Indiana. A frost-free dehumidifier has been purchased for the basement with monies from the Lutheran Foundation.

Board of Education: Minutes of [October 12, 2014](#) meeting were read by Judy Gilbert; accepted as presented. Partnering with Board of Outreach to help Lighthouse Shelter with items being collected for them; box is in narthex. There will be a tour [December 6, 2014](#) for Lighthouse; tickets available soon.

Outreach: Wish to welcome Laura Gerke, Gayle & Kurt Goshorn as new members in September; a big thank you goes out to all who helped with the reception. [November 9](#) we're hosting a Thank You Potluck dinner following worship service; all board members & volunteers will be thanked for their hard work at that time. Also, we will

recognize our 4 confirmands and new member. We ask that a main dish & salad or dessert be brought.

Stewardship: NO REPORT

Youth: There was no work day as planned. Sold corn dogs & drinks at the Fall Festival downtown Columbia City on [October 11](#); over \$270 was sold. Gaertes Fish Fry was next to the youth wagon; hearing we were nonprofit, they referred people to buy drinks from the youth instead of from them. A BIG thank you for that. The lock-in on [Oct 3](#) had 8 youth present - 5 members & 3 guests. Had a Great Time.

Pastor: Each board has received 2015 blank calendars to list what dates they need for meetings, activities, etc.; these need to be received by Pastor by [Nov 30](#) so that 2015 church calendar can be set up. Pastor attended the Fall Pastors Conference in Louisville, KY. Doxology & meeting with a mission coach has been begun by Pastor. Wanted to acknowledge to the congregation that Pastor & Katie feel VERY blessed to be a part of Zion.

Old Business: The Revitalization outline was given to each member back in September. It is the recommendation by the Board of Elders to accept the outline as presented which means we follow completely their recommendations, not just parts. Motion made & accepted to vote YES. Ballots were passed to those in attendance; it was passed UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Revitalization program. The budget for 2015 will be the same as the 2014 budget. Will need help from each board to get a more realistic budget for 2016.

New Business: Nominations from the floor were asked for; none presented. The offices listed & people accepting the positions is as follows:

President	Jeff Braun
Vice President	none
Recording Secretary	Laura Gerke
Trustee	Philip Coons & Daniel Knuth
Stewardship	none
Elders	Mike Gerbers & Ralph Brooke
Christian Outreach	Peg Brooke, Kim Yann & Monica Koldyke

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Christian Education
Board of Youth
LBT

Judy Gilbert
none
Ralph & Peg
Brooke

A Big Thank You to Joyce Reidt, Laura Gerke & Katie Rittner for the confirmands reception.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura Gerke



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

November 2014

Thanks to all who came to OKTOBERFEST!! Even though the weather started out wet, the evening brought dryer weather for all to enjoy, including a bonfire and hayride!

The Mission Project for Sept. and Oct. was Columbia City's Lighthouse Missions. We collected \$219.48 for this local ministry, along with some much needed items the residents can use. Thank you all for your participation; and to the Board of Outreach for partnering in this mission project.

Lessons for November:

2nd—"Abraham's Visitors from Heaven"

9th—"Abraham and Isaac"

16th—"Isaac and Rebekah"

23rd—"Jacob and Esau"

30th—"Jacob's Dream"

S.S. Stats for September 2014:

Class Attendance

Kg-Primary—100% (banner class)

Preteen—75%

Jr./Sr. High—50%

Perfect Attendance:

Everson & Mason Knuth

Join us for the Sunday School Hour from 9:00—10:00 A.M. All Classes join together for the opening, and then break for class. Adults meet in the gym as a group led by Pastor Rittner.

Winter Coat Collection for Columbia City's Interfaith Missions Inc.

Our goal at Zion is to see how many coats we can collect in the next two weeks. (October 27th to November 9th).

We are asking Zion members to donate good used Adult winter coats! We realize this is short notice but we want to make it a quick program to get some donations to them (Interfaith Missions) in a timely fashion. Depending on how this turns out, we can hopefully build on this next year.

Please bring donated coats to church and put them in the Library. Jeff Braun will then collect/box them up and deliver them in behalf of Zion Lutheran Church.

Thanks for your help!

Craft Bazaars in November

Nov. 7th & 8th - Women's Auxiliary Homemakers Bazaar & Quilt Show at 4-H Grounds (Columbia City) Friday 9 am to 5 pm - Saturday 9 am to 2 pm

Nov. 22nd - C.C. Show Choir Yuletide Bazaar and Silent Auction @ ISMS 9am to 3pm (Columbia City)

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting October 16, 2014

Five members attended the 1 p.m. meeting. President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with prayer. She continued with a Devotion from Thessalonians 5:17-18 "Pray Without Ceasing," which tells us that by even just breathing our prayers to God, we will be renewed. Melody Reese provided "Pray Without Ceasing," bookmarks for members.

President Reese presented the program: "Much to Learn for Our Prayer." "Pray Time" spent in a lifetime of 75 years was calculated as 19 days. We know that Jesus spent a great deal of time praying. Members read: "Focus On Jesus in Prayer," which gives us peace from our anxieties and refuge and strength from Him. Therefore we should praise Him! Special known prayers are The Serenity Prayer and Lord Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace by Saint Francis of Assisi. President Reese read a story about him telling that he not only spent his time helping the needy, but also was absorbed in prayer. He set aside "appointments with God" and never missed a one. We should never be too busy to pray. President Reese read from a tract: "Prayer, A Powerful Privilege." It was handed out to members. Our privilege is that we can look at the power of Him to whom we pray. Next was read a Devotion from the "Faith Builders," prayer book which told us to "Live the Life of Prayer" - to pray regularly and even shoot prayers as you see and think of people in their circumstances. President Reese asked if there was someone that members had not thought of praying for before. She then asked members to tell about their childhood prayers. Members read "Thoughts On Prayer." It told that prayer is one of the greatest sources of power in the universe. Displayed were a sculpture of the Praying Hands and a Prayer flag.

Business Meeting:

The secretary's September minutes were approved with a motion by Marty Williams and 2nd by Sami Blomquist. President Reese spoke of the change for the person who would print out meeting/programs in the Post & Mail newspaper. Joan Lane gave her treasurer's report and it was accepted with a motion by Lois Duffy and 2nd by Marty Williams.

Committees:

All the stamps for Missions was taken to the LWML North Zone Rally on October 11th. Eleven quilts are ready to take to the Lutheran World Relief truck on October 18th.

Correspondence: None

Cancer pad Sewing:

It was started by 3 women at Zion in 1984 and the total sewn was 8,630. As of October 16th, now 8,650 sewn by 10 women.

Cheer:

A sympathy card was sent to former Zion interm pastor Ted Taykowski for the unexpected death of his son.

Thank You:

From President Reese for members' participation in the LWML Sunday service.

Report of the LWML North Zone Rally:

Attending were President Reese, Marty Williams, Jennie Childs and Gloria Nimtz. 49 attended the Rally at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Speakers were Missionary Joe Boway and his wife Glendora and sons Joe and Joshua. They came to the U.S. from Liberia in 1990 and Joe became a missionary in 2004. Son Joe is a Bible translator. The Liberian Children's Ministry is how the Boway's share the love of Christ with the children of Liberia through Christian education. During an Easter conference in Liberia 17 rural Lutheran churches gathered. To raise money for the schools they had a creative idea to use the bullet shells littered in Liberia to reshape them into crosses. These were given out to all at the rally. Members toured St. Paul's church. The congregation numbers 1200 and 200 children are in the school. Marty Williams reported that the statues on each side of the altar are St. Paul on the left and St. Peter on the right.

Confirmation:

Gifts and cards are ready to give to four confirmands.

LWML Pin:

Given to Marty Williams for her years as Vice President of the Ladies Aid.

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November:

Election of Treasurer and Vice President. Also voting for Monetary Christmas Gifts.

December 18th:

The Ladies Aid Christmas Party will be again at Hal's Tri-Lakes Restaurant. It was accepted with a motion by Marty Williams and 2nd by Joan Lane.

Caps and Lids:

For the Wolf Lake Elementary School who are collecting 400 lbs of plastic caps and lids to have Green Tree Plastics transform the plastic into a bench for the school.

The November Meeting:

Marty Williams and her daughter Linda will again lead a card making program.

Submitted by Lois Duffy, Secretary



History of the LWML



The Role of Mission Service in LWML

For as long as I have been involved with LWML (more years than I care to admit), there has been an emphasis on Mission Service. In connection with a Bible Study for our recent treatshop, I began to explore how and when Mission Service became a part of LWML and why.

The “when” occurred even before there was an LWML. In 1899 the first organized group of women in the LCMS was established as the Ladies Aid Society of St. Louis with the purpose of helping Lutheran orphans (Mission Service).

The “how” can be found in tracing further the history of the founding of the LWML. In 1901, the Ladies Aid Society of St. Louis became the Lutheran Ladies Mission Aid Society of St. Louis and

expanded their mission service to helping a poor settlement in their area. Their help included providing a chapel, a school, and a social worker, as well as the first Christmas party and picnic for the children in the settlement.

A few years later, 1904, a dedicated group of women in Ft. Wayne formed the India Mission Society of Ft. Wayne. Their *mission* was to sew articles for the missions in India.

It took some time and about 40 years before a decision was made to join the various mission societies into a national organization. At a national

Convention held in July 1942, the LWML was formed and a constitution was written. Included in the constitution was the purpose of the League which was to develop and to maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of Synod: Missionary Education—Missionary Inspiration—Missionary Service.

As for the “why” we look to the source for answering many of the “whys” in our lives, the Bible. We can find many examples of Jesus and others performing “mission service.” (See John 13:12-15; Acts 9:36-42; Php. 2:3b-7; Luke 22:27; and Acts 16:14-15). And we are instructed and encouraged, even urged, to perform such acts of service ourselves.

(See 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Heb. 13:16; Eph. 2:10; Eph. 6:7; Rom 12:6-7; Gal 5:13; 2 Cor 9:12; Heb 6:10; and Eph 4:11-12). If these passages are not sufficient to convince us of the importance and need for mission service, then we can also consider the messages found in Gal 6:9-10; 2 Cor 9:10-15; Luke 6:27, 35; James 2:14-17 and Mark 3:4.

My conclusion as to why Mission Service is so much a part of LWML? Because as saved and redeemed children of God, we can do no other than to carry on the service performed by those before us, including our Lord Jesus Christ. As Christians, we carry Christ's name and so should share in His service. *What do you think?*

Edie Masters, MS (HC), 2001



Thank You Potluck

Sunday, November 9, 2014

at Zion

We would like to thank all who have been members of boards and those who volunteered their time at Zion this past year.

**Along with New Member welcome
to our newest confirmands.**

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.

FUNDRAISER

To help defray medical costs

**Julie Brommer member of Grace, age 41,
has Liver & Colon Cancer
in addition to needing a Kidney & Pancreas Transplant.**

**Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
Nov. 15, 2014
4:30 to 7:00 pm
at
Grace Lutheran Church**



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

Those Serving in the Armed Force:

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

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS
 for

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

Planning Calendars **are being distributed!**

Each Board chairperson here at Zion will be receiving a set of blank calendars for the upcoming year, 2015. (Check your Comm. Mailbox). Please, in consultation with your Board members, fill out on these calendars all anticipated activities (i.e.: meetings, dinners, outings, etc.) for the whole year of 2015. Return your rough calendars to the church office by **NOVEMBER 30TH**. We will need to compile them to form Zion's yearly planning calendar, to be approved by the Voter's at the January 2015 Voter's Meeting (per our church's Constitution.) Any questions, please see Pastor Phil.

ADDRESSES **PHONE NUMBERS** **EMAILS**

**DOES THE OFFICE HAVE YOUR
 CHANGES???**
**PLEASE GET THEM INTO
 THE OFFICE BY
 THE END OF NOVEMBER.**

**SECRETARY WILL BE
 WORKING ON 2015
 PHONE DIRECTORY**

Worship Service

SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Worship—10:15 a.m.

w/Communion

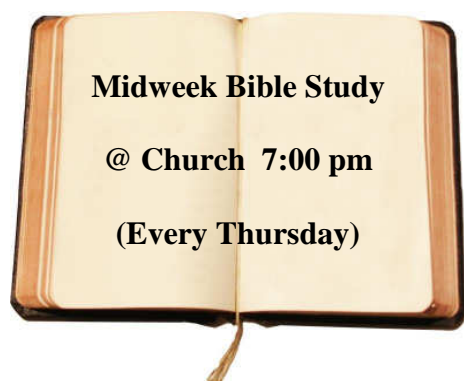
1st & 3rd Sundays

WEDNESDAY

Worship—7:00 p.m.

w/Communion

2nd & 4th Wednesday



Midweek Bible Study

@ Church 7:00 pm

(Every Thursday)



Wolf Lake Elementary are asking you to collect plastic lids. As soon as they have collected 400 lbs of lids they will be taken to Green Tree Plastics to be transformed into a really cool bench for their school. If you would like to help out, there is a box in the gym kitchen which you can put your lids in. Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards for which kind of lids are acceptable.

Caps

Medicine bottle caps

Milk jug caps

Detergent caps

Hair spray caps

Toothpaste tube caps

Deodorant caps (i.e.
ketchup & mustard)

Drink bottle caps

Spout caps (i.e.
mustard tops)

Spray paint caps

Lids

Cottage Cheese lids

Mayonnaise jar lids

Butter container lids

Coffee can lids

Cream cheese lids

Yogurt lids

Peanut butter lids

Ice cream bucket lids

Cool whip lids

Not Acceptable

Metal of any kind

Trigger sprayers

Fast food drink lids

Soap pumps

Lotion pumps



The year has turned it's circle.

The seasons come and go.

The harvest all is gathered in

And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their

treasures,

The fields their yellow grain,

So open wide the doorway —

Thanksgiving comes again!

SERVING IN NOVEMBER 2014

USHERS

2nd—Willie Scheumann
9th—Mike Gerbers
16th—Steve Smith
23rd—Ralph Sexton
30th—Steve Smith

ACOLYTES

2nd—Ryan Bills
9th—Shianne Brooke
16th—Kyler Bills
23rd—Mason Knuth
30th—Logan Bachelder

GREETERS

2nd—
9th—Lois Duffy
16th—Pat Decker
23rd—Kathaleen Reese
30th—

ALTAR GUILD

Peg Brooke

BLOOD PRESSURE

Monica Koldyke

POWERPOINT

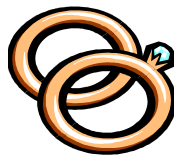
2nd—Larry Haugk
9th—Phil Coons
16th—Larry Haugk
23rd—Kim Yann
30th—

COFFEE HOUR

2nd—Kim Yann
9th—
16th—
23rd—
30th—Judy Gilbert

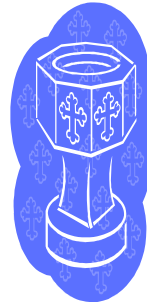
BIRTHDAY'S

4 Julie Branning
6 Gloria Nimtz
10 Debra Whaley
11 Lydia Kyler
14 Ashton Steele
17 Jennifer Wilcoxson
19 Linda Gerbers
19 Kami Wilburn
20 Patsy Decker
23 Lindsey Lepper
23 Aaron Wilcoxson
24 Jacob Zielinski
25 Sean Decker
25 Gretchen Pressler
25 Sara Sawyer
26 Chase Bloom
28 Angela Kimmel
30 Rick Schneider



ANNIVERSARIES

NONE



BAPTISMS

Andrew Braun
Patsy Decker
Heather Decker
Ervin Doehrman
Kurt Goshorn
Barbara Kieper
Gloria Nimtz
Melanie Pressler
Sharon Reid
Caleb Roark
Morgan Sawyer
Jennifer Foldenauer
Mary Sexton
Stephen Smith
David Wiehe
Martha Williams

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NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 All Saints Day S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	3	4 Circuit Meeting	5 Wed. Evening	6 L.A. Sewing 9 am	7	1 8
9 S.S./Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth & Bd. of Ed 11:15 am Thank You Potluck 12 noon	10	11	12 Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm Elders meet after service	13 Bible Study 7 pm	14 Pastor on vacation _____	15
16 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Pastor on vacation _____	17	18 Church Council 7 pm	19 Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm	20 L.A. Sewing 9 am LWML 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm	21	22
23 S.S./Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Trustees & Blood Pressure 11:15 am Pastor on vacation _____	24 Zealant Items Due	25	26 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm	27 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed Williams Family using gym	28 Office Closed	29
30 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am						