

THE ZION ZEALANT

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Pastor's Corner

“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!” (1 Chronicles 16:31)

Oh, these times are uncertain. I know they are. And that's why I am speaking nothing but a word of HOPE! The Psalmist said, ***“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.”*** (Ps. 42:11) Throughout all the history of mankind, there has at one time or another been periods of dreariness, darkness, and despair.

I've read recently that the last time things were this bad for the United States was World War II. And we made it through that. No, all were not left unscathed, just as in this time of ours now, it's a forgone conclusion that there is suffering and even death. I really take to heart the fact that you nor I am at fault...

And so we speak of our hope! In the Old Testament there was a lot of hoping for the coming of a Savior from God who would rescue mankind from sin, death, and the devil. Then, it was kind of shaky too whether man was doing the right thing – slaughtering goats and bulls – all to receive the forgiveness of sins. There seemingly was not a time one could feel secure (albeit God had sworn a covenant with man, through the spilling of blood,) but man wasn't quite sure.

So it is today. Doubt, weariness, and the feelings of hope slipping from our grasp can and will occur. But take heart! THERE IS HOPE! Hope has not been quarantined! Hope has NOT been cancelled or postponed or set aside for the time being... We have hope! A hope only through and from our Lord and risen Savior Jesus Christ! It is by faith we are saved. It is by faith in the very Word of God, that through Christ we too will see the kingdom of Him who created us. I share the sentiments of what St. Paul wrote to the Romans,

“For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (Romans 8:24-25; 12:12)

I can't wait to see you all in church. Soon!

Pastor Phil Rittner

COUNCIL MEETING

No Council Meeting was held due to COVID 19

Board of Outreach was able to have a meeting before the Shelter in Place order was given, this is what they advised me was the outcome of the meeting;

FEB 2020-Board of Outreach met today. We discussed the current drive to collect nonfood items for the local food pantries. We then discussed the possibility of our next drive being for Hope, who recently visited Zion. Kim will look into what types of items they might need. We also discussed the need for someone to check the AED device on a regular basis. Kim spoke with Nikki who agreed to do this. She checked and it works fine but needs to new pads as the pediatric pads have expired and the others will in October. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MAR 2020- Board of Outreach- In attendance was Kim Yann, Pat Decker, and Betty Wilkinson. Nikki Harris checked the pages on the AED and the peds ones were expired with the adult pads expiring in October. Kim will work on ordering new ones. Pat Decker will take the nonfood donations to the food pantry at Living Water. Pastor had suggested a potluck but since there will be a potato bar on Palm Sunday and the breakfast on Easter the board decided to wait till the May meeting to schedule one. We talked about collecting for Hope but the congregation has decided to do this. We also discussed bringing back coffee hour in the fall, maybe just once a month or try for a month and see about attendance. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

JADA BURTON & RHONDA FREEMAN!

Just in case you missed it on FW NBC33!

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Fort Wayne's NBC) - A Concordia Lutheran High School student is doing good things to help the community by working to protect people in assisted living homes.

Concordia Lutheran High School Sophomore, Jada Burton says, "I got the idea when my mom told me that the place she worked at didn't have enough masks, so I brought it upon myself to figure out how to get more masks, and I had the idea of making masks." Jada Burton is a sophomore at Concordia Lutheran High School. Her, her grandma, and grandpa have been working the last few weeks to protect those in assisted living homes like Lutheran Life Villages on the north side of Fort Wayne.

"We already had the fabric at home. It was 100% cotton fabric," says Burton.

They combined the fabric with elastic pieces to construct the masks. She says it takes about ten minutes to make one.

"You need a nice rectangular square of material," says Burton. "You will need two different blocks of material that will be sewed together with the elastic to go around your ears, and then you need to iron it, and then pleat it about two times, and that will be enough for one mask."

She started early this month, and has made around 450 with the help of her grandma and grandpa. They have since run out of elastic, and she says they can't find any at local stores because of the demand with others doing similar things. The biggest reward comes when she gives the masks to people who need them.

Burton says, "Some people just take the masks and say, 'Thank you.' But a lot give us hugs even though the six feet rule, but we try to stay as far away from each other and try to give each other a good pat on the back for our help with them."

She says she wants to make another 450 more if they can get the materials to do it.

<https://fortwaynesnbc.com/2020/03/30/concordia-lutheran-hs-student-making-facemasks-for-several-places-in-need/>

If you want to watch the interview link is above for those who read online!



On March 31st you all received a handwritten card from Mission 25 (formerly Lighthouse):

Zion Lutheran,

I just wanted you to know that your congregation has been prayed for this morning. I believe God is bigger and He will sustain all of us during the most trying of times. May you feel comfort in knowing that he still sits on the Throne and He will reveal Himself in Mighty Ways! I pray

that all your needs are met for your church and that your congregation remain healthy and faithful! Thank you for caring for Mission 25 in the past and recent of times. We value our relationship with Zion! I just simply wanted you to know that your church is being prayed for!

Blessings!

Shawn Ellis



The Board of Outreach would like to send their sincere appreciation to all who donated to the NON food drive. The items were delivered to the food pantry at Living Water and they were very appreciative! Thanks for being such a generous congregation.

Kim Yann

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

Blood Drive April 7th by appt only.

Maundy Thursday Service only at Pastor Phil Preaching the Gospel on YOUTube or click this link if your online. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_fZvKqhgNaLKoiL36QLFw

Good Friday services will also be on the YOUTube channel "Pastor Phil Preaching the Gospel" again you can use this link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_fZvKqhgNaLKoiL36QLFw

Easter Sunday DRIVE IN service at 11am. You will drive in park and tune in on your radio to 107.1 fm and listen to the sermon. It'll be nice to see familiar faces in our cars. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Just because the church is unable to have services, that does not mean the bills stop coming in, remember to continue tithe. You can drop off your offering in your envelopes in our mailbox-it is locked and only the secretary can get into it- you can mail in your offering or you can always donate online:

Our church now offers **Online Giving**, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. Our offering envelopes will have a check box which will indicate "I've given online," you can use them to present during offertory at worship. This will start with the April Offering Envelopes. In the meantime, if you want to present an envelope during the offering, you can write, "I've given online."

This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our church website at www.zionlutherancc.com and select the Online Giving link or **scan this QR code**.



FYI: Some of your offering envelopes have specific programs that if you use them, your offering will go to that program. (VBS, Maintenance, Cushions, etc.) If you don't want your offering to fund that program, then mark it out and write general offering or whatever program that you may want to fund.



Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in Nursing Homes and those at home:

John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Hela Ziegler, Dortha Marsh, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Myers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Shane Hoffman (brother of Cari Knuth), Ralph & Barbara Keiper, Mark Forrester and Lynn Kyler.

Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces: Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley Weatherly.




Anniversary Blessings

- 3 Ken & Barb Knuth
- 4 Ralph & Mary Sexton
- 5 Dennis & Bonnie Pease
- 11 Ervin & Verna Doehrman
- 23 Wm. & Juliette Branning
- 25 Tim & Sandra Rueger
- 30 Bryan & Nanette Hart



- 2 Samuel Mullett
- 3 Gene Klopfenstein
- 11 Jada Burton
- 16 Jasper Foldenauer
- 17 Nannette Hart
- 17 Stephen Smith
- 19 Zachary Wilburn
- 22 Judy Gilbert
- 22 Casandra Sexton
- 29 Zoey Clark



baptism

- Jada Burton
- Donald Gilbert II
- Lily Lane
- Ronald Puckett
- Austin Rittner
- Jacob Zielinski
- Jacob Mullett
- Ethan Crutchfield
- Ralph Brooke
- Vicki Western
- Stephen Smith

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

For anyone that has not been mentioned, but they may weigh heavy on our hearts... Lord, hear our prayers.

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Study

Text the Pastor
For invitation code.

Thursday @ 7:00 P.M



SERVING AT CHURCH If Shelter in place ever gets lifted this month!

Ushers: 5th Ralph Sexton
 12th Steve Smith
 19th Ralph Sexton
 26th Steve Smith

Greeters: 5th Kathaleen Reese
 12th
 19th Pat Decker
 26th Peggy Brooke

Acolytes: 5th Kirby Coons
 12th Jacob Mullett
 19th Kaden Decker
 26th Lily Lane



The Disbursing Treasurer is not receiving voucher forms when things are ordered for use in the church with no indication who it was ordered for and why.

Please fill out the forms and submit to the Disbursing Treasurers mailbox. Thanks

Stay strong, because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.
 WWW.LIVELIFEHAPPY.COM

**Zion
 Lutheran
 Church**
 March

**2020
 Budget**

Attend #		Tithing	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD
Sun	Wed	Unrestricted Offering				14,825
31	+ 18	03/01-03/04	1,941	2,018.37	(77)	16,766
44	+ 15	03/08-03/11	2,274	2,018.37	256	19,040
covid	19	03/15-03/18	2,868	2,018.37	850	21,908
covid	19	03/22-03/25	1,060	2,018.37	(958)	22968
covid	19	03/29-04/01	2,898	2,018	880	25866
Total Operating Income			11,041	10,092	949	
		Restricted Offering				393
		Sunday School			-	
		field worker	25		25	25
		Maintance Upkeep				
		Pew Cushions			-	
		Missions			-	
Total Non-Operating Income			25	-	25	418
Total INCOME			11,066	10,092	974	

April 2020



March '20							May '20							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7							1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
29	30	31					24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
							31							

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service	30 Pastor's Day Off	31 COVID 19 Gov. Holcomb Extends Shelter at Home & Ind. Schools will not resume. until Fall 2020.	1 7pm - Worship Ser 	2 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study Text Pastor Phil for Invite to participate in 'ZOOM' Bible study	3	4 Pastor's Day Off
5 PALM SUNDAY 9am Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am - Bd of Outreach YOUTUBE Service	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 RED CROSS 	8 NO SERVICE TONIGHT 8pm - Elder's Mtg	9 7PM-MAUNDY SERVICE YOUTUBE Service 	10 7PM-GOOD FRIDAY SVC YOUTUBE Service 	11 Pastor's Day Off
12 EASTER DAY 11am DRIVE IN SERVICE Tune in to 107.1 FM while parked in the church parking lot!	13 Pastor's Day Off	14	15 Tax Due date extend 7pm - Worship Service YOUTUBE Service Zealant Items Due	16 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study Test Pastor Phil for an invite to join a 'ZOOM' bible study-will need app	17	18 Pastor's Day Off
19 9am Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am - VOTER's MTG YOUTUBE Service	20 Pastor's Day Off	21	22 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion YOUTUBE Service	23 7p-Bible Study join in Zoom bible study will need app on phone or computer	24	25 Pastor's Day Off
26 9am Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Youth YOUTUBE Service	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29 7pm - Worship Service YOUTUBE Service	30 7pm-Bible Study Join in a 'ZOOM' Bible Study with Pastor Phil and others testPastor for the invite code and download app	1	2 Pastor's Day Off
3	4	Notes 				