



THE ZION ZEALANT

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April 2019 Zealant Article

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

As we're about mid-way through the season of Lent, we are reminded of our Lord's Passion and His suffering and death for the salvation of all mankind. And also, we're once again to hear that beloved recounting of how Mary Magdalene had gone to the tomb early on the first day of the week, and found the stone rolled away, and how she "ran" to tell others about it.

It was with great joy Katherine and I were able to visit the Holy Land recently. One of the more fascinating sights we beheld was... the empty tomb. At the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the spot where for thousands of years Christians have pilgrimaged to witness for themselves a once used but now empty tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The wait to enter the tomb took hours. But no one complained. One could hear the prayers of fellow pilgrims in line spoken out loud in many different languages of the world. And there was pushing and shoving. But it was tolerated. Those believers seeking to behold with their eyes and maybe touch with their hands THAT spot, where over two thousand years ago had laid the dead body of Jesus – crucified by lawless and corrupt men. Ah! But maybe, just maybe it was true... that there would be nothing in this tiny, little niche carved out of stone.

Katherine and I, perhaps mildly claustrophobic, nearly crawling through the short entrance to the tomb, into a space smaller than one of our closets in our house, found ourselves staring at and laying our hands upon a stone slab. The place where they had laid my Lord.

It wasn't a "spiritual" experience. It was real. It wasn't spooky or mystical. It was a real, physical, feeling of that worn smooth slab of stone which countless millions of others before us had too felt with their hands and beheld with their eyes – the empty tomb of Jesus.

Soon, very soon you and I will share these words in our worship: "He IS risen! He IS risen indeed! Halleluiah! For death could not keep Him. For burial in a tomb could not keep Him. Christ HAS been risen from the grave

and lives! He lives forever at the right hand of God our heavenly Father where He WILL come once again; to take us to our eternal home, with Him, and with all the saints who have gone before us! Halleluiah!

A bit of church business I must offer here. Zion has the need for someone to step forward and assume the role of Delegate to the Lutheran Foundation in Fort Wayne, which Zion is a member congregation of. One must have a good email address and ability to download and complete forms. Attendance at workshops and annual meetings of the Lutheran Foundation is also necessary. The Lutheran Foundation seeks to help “...invest in initiatives and organizations committed to improving the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of our community” by way of grants and educational programs. If interested, please contact Pastor Phil.

See you in church! Soon!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Council Meeting

Church Council Meeting March 19, 2019

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia City, Indiana

Meeting called to order by Scott Woodhouse, President with 6 members present.
Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with Psalm 103.

Minutes: Steve Smith made a motion to accept the February 2019 Church Council Meeting minutes printed in the March 2019 Zealant with a correction to the date under the receiving treasurer report from December 2018 to January 2019. Jeremy Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Jill Coons

	February 2019	YTD
Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 7,674.00	\$ 14,145.56
Restricted/ Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 204.12	\$ 372.14
Dividends	\$ 309.55	\$ 620.56
Interest	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.57
Total Receipts	\$ 8,189.67	\$ 15,141.83

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jill Coons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Disbursing Treasurer: Jill Coons

Check/Savings January 31, 2019

General Checking/Savings	\$ 2,594.17
Youth	\$13,026.02
Restricted Funds	\$18,625.29
Lehmburg Legacy	\$75,520.24 (market value at 1/31/2019, \$71,145.41)

Statement of Activity

	February 2019	YTD
General Budget	\$ (191.86)	\$ (2,832.65)
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ 228.44	\$ 653.44
Youth	\$.23	\$ (99.51)
Net Revenue	\$ 36.81	\$ (2,278.72)

Katie Rittner made a motion to accept the report as presented. Steve Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elders: Steve Smith

No meeting held in March 2019

Average Attendance for February 2019:

Sunday	52
Mid-week	10

Respectively submitted, Stephen Smith (Sec.)

Trustees: Jeremy Grant

The water heater in the basement has been replaced. Jeremy will be sending a Thank You note to Van Plumbing for their help and to Culligan Water for the water softener maintenance and salt donation.

All emergency lights have been replaced and are working

He has received an estimate for the painting of the wood exterior of the building. Some of the wood around the windows needs to be replaced due to rot.

An estimate for the parking lot has been received to fix all voids, clean and seal the parking lot for \$7,500. There is a line item for striping the new lines, Jeremy is going to get clarification that the striping would in fact be included in the price.

The fire extinguishers have not been serviced since 2007 and there is no signage indicating their location as required by law. This is a top priority due to the safety of people and the building.

Lifeline Screening, Inc. will be renting our gym on June 27 and it has been approved by the Trustees for the usage.

Board of Education: Reports for the February and March meetings:

Meeting was held on March 10, 2019, those present were Pastor Phil, Barb Lahrman, Kenny and Barb Knuth, Janice Klopfenstein, and Judy Gilbert.

Opening Devotions: Barb Lahrman read from Portals of Prayer.

Minutes: No minutes to report.

Sunday School Report: Average attendance for February Students 10 Adults 15
Sunday school started new quarter March 3.

Missions: Total collected in January and February for Whitley County Energy Association was \$272.14. Missions for March and April is Lutheran Social Services.

Old Business: Palm Sunday we are having a Progressive Palm Sunday potluck lunch to welcome our New Members.

New Business:

Pastors report: No Report

Library Report: No Report

Other Business: Next meeting is April 7, 2019

Respectively submitted by Judy Gilbert

Meeting called to order on February 3, 2019 at 11:40 am

Members/guest: Barb Lahrman, Barb Knuth, Kenny Knuth, Chris Woodhouse, Janice Klopfenstein, Judy Gilbert, Pastor Rittner, guest Scott Woodhouse.

Opening Devotion: Given by Pastor with a welcome prayer.

Minutes: No minutes to report

Sunday School report: given by Barb Knuth January Students 5 Adults 14

Making Valentines in class for shut-ins

Next project is Whitley County Energy Assistance program through the Salvation Army for January and February.

Missions: \$253.17 collected for the Wittenberg project

Library report: Talked about purchasing the book Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers for our young adults. Motion was made to purchase two books for the library, and Kenny Knuth out of the Board of Ed budget. The book Evolution Cruncher was discussed also.

Pastor report: Discussed a men's Bible study on Sunday and also a new member class

Old Business: Board of Ed is electing new position

Chris Woodhouse, library

Barb and Kenny Knuth, Sunday School Superintendent

Barb Lahrman, Chair person

Jim Mullett, Secretary

New Business: Discussed having a soloist or more to sing as palm leaves are on the cross.

VBS is being discussed if it is going to happen this year. Pastor brought up the idea of making a abbreviated VBS with material he has. With a meal after church on a Sunday. Possibly call it family VBS day. Board of Ed members need to brainstorm ideas for the family VBS. Meeting will be held with the Board of Outreach on this idea. Board of Outreach need to meet before this meeting. Invite the Board or Outreach to the next Board of Ed meeting. Board of Ed will meet on this matter on a date to be determined. Decided not to purchase the VBS kit.

Other: No other matters to be discussed at this time.

Next meeting: March 10, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jim Mullett

Board of Christian Outreach: No report

Board of Stewardship: No report

Board of Youth: Jeremy Grant and Jill Coons

The youth will be providing pizza or chicken for the Palm Sunday Progressive meal/New Member welcome dinner.

The youth will also be helping with the Easter morning breakfast.

Pastor: Pastor Rittner

All shut-in's are doing okay. Shut-in's now number 8. Pastor has begun visiting Martha Essex son, Gary M., regularly as he has been placed under hospice care.

April 4-8, pastor will be out of town conducting a family wedding. Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Puls from CTSFW will be preaching on Sunday, April 7.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Jill Coons made the following motion to present to the voter's assembly: To establish a tuition assistance fund of \$1,000 each for up to three (3) students of the congregation who attend a Lutheran elementary, middle or high school beginning in the academic year 2019-2020, to be paid directly to the school. If more than three (3) eligible students apply, the total available (\$3,000) will be divided equally. Half of the fund would come from the youth fund and half from the general fund of the church. Gifts to the fund are also encouraged and welcome.

Discussion was held.

Motion was made by Jill Coons and second by Chuck Cooper to present and recommend the motion to the Voter's Assembly at the April 2019 meeting.

Motion passed. It will be presented at the Voter's Assembly.

New Business:

With no further business, Jill Coons made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Cooper seconded. The motion passed.

Pastor closed with the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary

LADIES AID

The ladies continue to sew cancer bed pads the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. 80 finished pads will be returned to Cancer Services of N.E Indiana this month and more brought back to sew. Some of the ladies bring inspirational and humorous articles as well as some items of interest to share at the meetings. WE have a great group of ladies and enjoy great fellowship.

A birthday card was sent to Tom Auer who is in Renaissance Village. Easter cards will be purchased for all shut ins.

Remember to bring your cancelled postage stamps. We will be taking them to the LWML 3 Zone Rally on April 27.

We continue to Serve With Gladness.

Kathaleen Reese



Easter Flowers

We would like to fill the front of the Sanctuary with colorful pots of flowers.

Tulips, hyacinths, violets, crocus, miniature roses, colorful lilies, daffodils, jonquils, or geraniums. The choice is yours. You can bring your own and put them in the library room by Wednesday of Easter week. OR The Altar Guild will have a door offering on March 31st and April 7th to purchase flowers on your behalf.





Lessons for April 2019:

7th- "Jesus Calls His Disciples"

14th- "Jesus Heals Many"

21st- "Easter Day"

28th- "Jesus Calls Matthew"

SCOOP

April 2019

Spring has finally sprung, and April brings Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter! We are having a special celebration on Palm Sunday, April 14. Details are in an article in the Zealant issue.

Missions

The Sunday School offering collected for the Whitley County Energy Assistance Program totaled \$273.14. Thank you for your support! We are collecting now for Lutheran Social Services (FTW) for the months of March and April.

Sunday School STATS –

Class Attendance: Catechism Class-69% (Banner Class), High school Class 63%, Preschool& Elementary – 25%.

Perfect Attendance: Sam Mullett, **S.S Pins:** Sam Mullett earned his 1-year pin!





*New Member Progressive Palm
Sunday potluck to welcome our'
new members. April 14th, 2019*

Palm Sunday Progressive Potluck (New Members Welcome)

April 14, 2019 11:30 A.M.

What a great way to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week and a fun opportunity to be with family and friends!

The board of Christian Education and the Board of Christian Outreach are planning a family fun afternoon for all ages. We will be welcoming the new members to Zion as well:

Rhonda Freeman & Jada Burton

Kian Mathieu Hartman & Vicki Western

The potluck will be right after Palm Sunday service.

- A Palm Sunday Procession and special music (10:15 am). We're asking congregational members to bring appetizers, salad or desserts. The main course will be provided as well as drinks.
- There will be fun twist to our potluck... its going to be similar to our progressive dinner only simpler and faster and you won't have to leave the gym! Well be celebrating Holy Week throughout the 3-course meal:
 - 1st Course (Palm Sunday)-Appetizers & Salad
 - 2nd Course (Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday)-Main course (provided by the Boards)
 - 3rd Course (Easter)-Dessert celebration

Feel free to wear jeans and t-shirts for a dress down Sunday for a relaxing family atmosphere. Please come and welcome our new members! Invite your family, bring a friend and neighbors and enjoy a relaxing meal and celebrating of Holy Week!

Progressive





H O L Y W E E K

Schedule:

Maundy Thursday-4/18 7pm.

Good Friday-4/19 7pm.

Easter-4/21:

Easter Sunrise Worship Service at 8am

Breakfast at 9 am

Easter Celebration Worship Service at 10:15 am.

HE IS RISEN
the Lord is risen indeed



Hagar — Caught in a Triangle of Trouble

In the Word

(Hagar's Story: [Genesis 16:1–16; 21:8–21](#)) *And the angel of the Lord said to her [Hagar], “Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction.”*([Genesis 16:11](#))

Of the Word: Interfering with God's plan produced nothing but discord in Hagar's life. While both were advanced in age, God had promised Abraham and Sarah a child. Tired of waiting, Sarah gave her slave Hagar to Abraham as a wife with no objection from Abraham. When Hagar became pregnant, she treated Sarah with contempt. Sparks began to fly between them. None of the characters in this plot are innocent. Instead of waiting for God, Sarah devised her own plan. When Hagar became pregnant, she forgot her status as slave and was contentious toward Sarah. Being spiritual head of the household, Abraham should not have agreed to Sarah's scheming in the first place. In some situations, we may have acted as Sarah, Hagar, or Abraham did. Triangles of trouble do come our way. They happen in families, between coworkers and supervisors, and sadly, even in church. So, what do we do when we're caught in the middle?

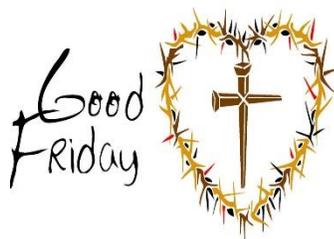
Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, ... as God in Christ forgave you ([Ephesians 4:31–32](#)).

Walking with my Lord

By Your example, Lord, help me be kind to all You have put on my path. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick

Brookdale (Assisted Living):
John & Lois Duffy

Renaissance Village: Tom Auer

Those at home: Linda Hobkirk,
Gene Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh,
Bill Niedermeyer, John Pullen,
Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie &
Karen Scheumann, Jeannine
Slavicek, Gary Martin, Steve
Wilkinson and Shane Hoffman.

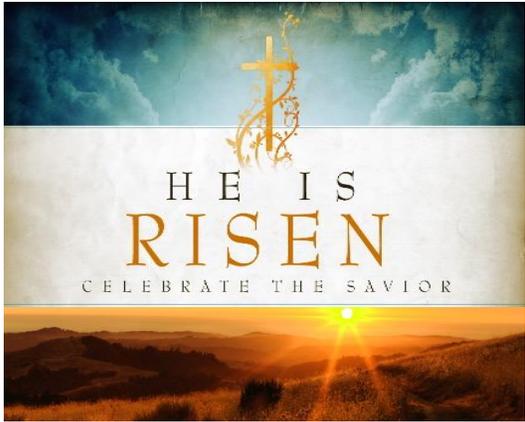
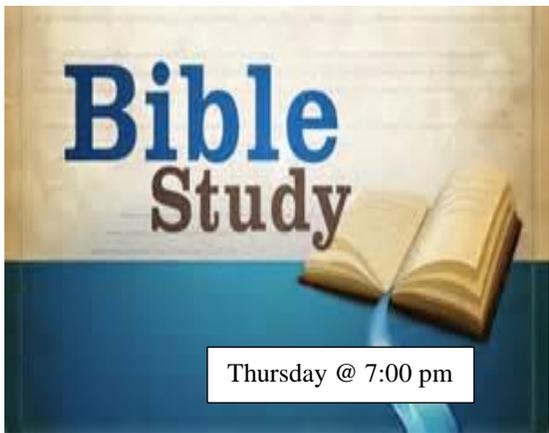
Those Serving in the Armed
Forces: Joshua Rittner, Jason &
Ashley Weatherly and Dayne
Zielinski

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

Worship Services

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 Wednesdays



Bible Trivia Questions #1) Who was David’s great Friend? 2) Who said, “thy God shall be my God”? 3) Which of Christ’s belongings did the soldiers cast lots for after they had crucified him? 4) What does the name Emmanuel mean? 5) What does James say we should do if we lack wisdom?

April

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

7th- Ralph Sexton
14th- Steve Smith
21st- Ralph Sexton
28th- Steve Smith

Acolytes

7th- Caleb Decker
14th- Sam Mullett
21st- Hailey Braun
28th- Kirby Coons

Greeters

7th- Kathaleen Reese
14th-
21st- Pat Decker
28th- Peggy Brooke

Altar Guild-

BIRTHDAY'S



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

BAPTISMS



Hailey Braun
Jada Burton
Mike Gerbers
Donald Gilbert II
Jason Gomez, Jr.
Gayle Goshorn
Richard Lane
Lily Lane
Ronald Puckett
Austin Rittner
Steve Wilkinson

ANNIVERSARIES



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



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor's day off	2	3 Lent Service 7 PM	4 Ladies Aid Sew. 9 am LWML Meeting 6pm ---Pastor out of town---	5	6 Altar Guild meeting Pastor's day off -----
7 9a.m. S.S.- Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bd. Outreach -AS -----	8 Pastor's day off -----	9	10 Lent Service w/communion 7 pm Elders Meeting after service	11 Bible Study 7 pm	12	13 Pastor's day off
14 Palm Sunday  S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Education Progressive Potluck New Members lunch!	15 Pastor's day off	16	17	18 Ladies Aid Sew. 9 am  Maundy Thursday 7 pm	19 Good Friday 7:00 pm 	20 Pastor's day off
21 Easter Sunday Early Service 8am Breakfast 9 am Worship Service 10:15am 	22 Pastor's day off	23	24 Wed. Service w/communion 7 pm	25 Bible Study 7 pm Zealant Items Due!	26	27 Pastor's day off
28 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:30 am After Service Voter's Meeting	29 Pastor's day off	30				

Trivia Answers 1) Johnathan (1 Samuel 18:1) 2) Ruth (Ruth 1:16) 3) His (seamless) coat (Matthew 27:35) 4) God with us (Matthew 1:23) 5) Ask God for wisdom, in faith (James 1:5)

No report available:



Chris's Corner

