



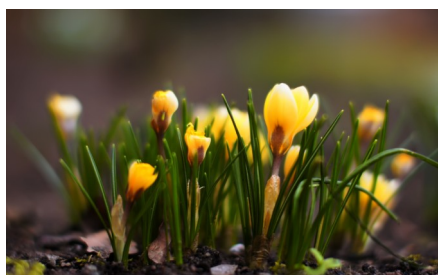
THE ZION ZEALANT

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Our front church sign: Song of Solomon 2:12



**The flowers appear on the ground.
The time of singing has come,
and the cooing of the dove is heard
in our country.**



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The greatest surprise about Easter is not that Jesus is alive, risen from the dead, out of the grave, that He conquered death and hell, and comes to meet you as He promised. The greatest surprise is that He did all that and is not angry. There is no fear for us in His return because He is not angry. He bears no grudge. He seeks no vengeance. He comes to give peace, with mercy and forgiveness and salvation.

Jesus lives and is not angry. Imagine that. He is not angry. He doesn't blame those who killed Him. He doesn't blame you. For no one takes His life from Him. He lays it down of His own accord. He gives Himself into death to win us back from sin, death, and hell. He does it willingly without coercion. He does it sacrificially, Him for us. He gave what was His to give. Thus His petition to the Father from the cross, "**Forgive them**" is granted to you in His resurrection. He comes alive out of death to forgive and to give His life to you.

There is nothing to be afraid of because Jesus is raised from the dead and is not angry. Thus we are free—free from worrying about how to make it up to Him, and free to give as He has given to us. He gave Himself as a gift, His life in exchange for our death, willingly and sacrificially. And so it is that we are now free to give in like manner: willingly, sacrificially, with what we have been given: time, talents, and our treasures.

We give to the church because it is in the church where our eyes have seen and our ears have heard that Jesus lives and is not angry. It is here where we learn of God's mercy and forgiveness in Christ. It is here where we continually receive that message of life, where He visits us to give peace, with mercy and forgiveness and salvation. Here at Zion Lutheran Church we have a wonderful, beautiful church. We've done a fabulous job of keeping it a great place to come and worship.

So do not be afraid. Jesus lives, and He is not angry. The sacrifice has been made. The debt is canceled and forgotten. Righteousness is declared. Jesus lives. He lives, and He is not angry. You are restored. You are reconciled to the Father in the Son. Your future is assured: Jesus lives. It is not just death and Hell, the devil and his demons, that

are undone. Your sins, your fear are undone. They are gone, forgotten, destroyed. Jesus lives. Hallelujah! Jesus lives. And because He lives, you are just. You are right with God, pleasing and delightful to Him. You are forgiven, clean, pure, holy, and filled with His good works and with His Name. He is not angry. He is glad to have you. He wants you. He loves you. He gave everything that is His to and for you, willingly and sacrificially. In faith and trust in Him, let us do likewise.

See you in church!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Church Council Meeting March 15, 2016

Ralph Brooke called the meeting to order with 8 members present.

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with devotion from Genesis 25:29-35, Psalm 10:1-5 and prayer.

Ralph Brooke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting as printed in the Zealant. Chuck Cooper made the motion with a 2nd from Kim Yann, the motion was approved.

Receiving Treasurer: Chuck Cooper gave the report.

Budgeted Receipts	\$6809.50
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$6288.21
Dividends	\$ 318.20
Interest	\$ 1.03
Total Receipts	\$13,416.94

Kenny Knuth made the motion to accept the report as presented with a 2nd from Steve Smith, the motion was approved.

Dispersing Treasurer: Jill Coons gave the report.

Lake City Checking	\$ 2149.83
Lake City Savings	\$ 17,961.71
Joyful Resp. Check	\$ 569.15

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(Council minutes continued)

General Check/Save	\$ 20,680.69
Lehmburg Leg.	\$ 73,844.50
(Market value \$ 65,933.49)	
Youth Accounts	\$ 9086.34
Profit/Loss Feb 2016	
Total Income	\$ 6810.30
Total Expense	\$ 6495.55
Net Income	\$ 314.75
Year to date	
Net Income	\$ 120.34
Non budgeted/Reim.	\$ 6593.80
Youth	\$ 14.86
Total YTD	\$ 6699.28

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the report as submitted, Joyce Reidt 2nd the motion, the motion was approved.

Elders Report by Steve Smith.

There were no transfers, Elders discussed what progress was made in updating our membership rolls.

Pastor read from the book "The Deceased Church," Chapter 6 "The Great Omission." Average attendance for February: Sundays 59, mid-week 19.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Trustees Report by Kenny Knuth

Dan Knuth is gathering quotes for parking lot repair/replacement.

Board of Education

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order with 7 members, Kenny lead the group in prayer, the minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Sunday School Report. Average attendance for February Adults—15 and Students—9.

Missions: A total of \$280.41 was raised for the Jan./Feb. The Light House. Missions for March/April will be Destiny Rescue the total raised so far \$26.02.

No Report from Pastor.

No Report for Library.

Old Business: We discussed with Pastor the children's program for Palm Sunday.

New Business: VBS we have enough teachers but are still in need of helpers. The VBS booklets have been handed out to the teachers, Patsy Decker and Barb Lahrman have ordered materials, and Cheryl is working on props.

Evening VBS will be held July 18, 19, 20th from 6:30—8:00 pm on Wednesday the 19th will attend evening service from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Board of Outreach by Kim Yann.

Kim handed out the Outreach plans for the year. A revitalization meeting is planned for April 3rd members of the Council should attend.

Community Soup/Sandwich dinner planned and ready.

Block party collections are due Easter Sunday. Peg Brooke's cousin donated T-shirts for the Party and will discount the printing.

Pastor Report:

Pastor will be traveling for continuing Education to the following events:

April 29-30 Belleville IL, Jail/Prison Conference
May 2-5 Springfield IL, Doxology Conference
May 9-11 Syracuse IN Northern Indiana Pastor's Conference.

August 5-7 San Antonio TX, Doxology Event
October 21-23, Doxology Conference location TBA

Tentative date for Confirmation Camp 2016—
July 5-8 and July 11-15.

Zion's new Constitution and Bylaws have been approved by the Indiana District on March 4, 2016, Cheryl will be printing copies in the following week.

Stewardship Report:

We have received memorial monies from the families of Max Cotner and Robert Gallmeyer. The question of how these monies should be spent. It was decided that an account should be set aside for Funeral dinners in the amount of \$500.00 with the rest to be put into the Parking Lot Fund.

Board of Youth: No Report.

Old Business:

The question was raised of who could sign for financial statements.

New Business: None

A motion was made by Steve smith to adjourn with a 2nd form Joyce Reidt, the motion passed.

Respectively submitted Joyce Reidt.



Vacation Bible School 2016

**June 27th -July 1st
9-11:30 AM
&
July 17th-19th
6:30-8:00 pm**

**Parents & Grandparents please put this on your calendar so your children and grandchildren won't miss out!
Let your family, friends and neighbors know!!!**





SUNDAY

SCHOOL

SCOOP

APRIL 2016

All Ladies Welcome

**LWML
Fort Wayne 3-Zone
Spring Rally**

**Saturday, April 9th
9-11:30 am**

Holy Cross Lutheran School Cafeteria

**Registration begins at 8:30 am
\$6 fee (includes breakfast)**

**Speaker: Rev. James Keller, Pastor at New
Life Lutheran Church**

**Ingathering: Diapers, all sizes. Monetary
donations towards diapers are also appreci-
ated.**

**See Kathaleen Reese by
Sunday, April 3rd
if you would like to go.**

Sunday School children led the Palm Sunday Processional at the 10:15 A.M. worship service. Instructions to make a cross from the palms was distributed during Sunday School. Easter Breakfast will occur during the Sunday School Hour (9:00-10:00 AM) on [March 27](#).

Lessons for the Month of April:
3rd—"The Transfiguration"
10th—"Jesus Sends the 72"
17th—"The Good Samaritan"
24th—"The Good Shepherd"

All Sunday School classes meet in the gym at 9:00 am for opening singing and announcements. Students are dismissed at 9:10 am, and adults are led by Pastor Rittner in the gym. Coffee and donuts are provided.

The total missions money collected for the Light House Mission in Columbia City is \$280.41, along with healthy/hygiene items that will be delivered to the facility. Thank you all for your support of this outreach to our community. Our project for March and April is Destiny Rescue. A representative visited Zion recently to share his outreach to those children that are held in captivity through sexual trade routes. Please consider your gift to help.

Sunday School Stats—February 2016

Class Attendance: Tie for 1st place with 75% - Primary and Preteen/Middle School (banner classes); Preschool—62.5%



FAMILY MOVIE DAY

Next Community outreach will be on Saturday, April 16th. We will have a Family Movie Day from 2—4 pm. Invite your friends and family to bring their kids to watch a movie, with snacks and drinks provided.

The Oaks:
Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:
Dorothy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick



**SPECIAL PRAYER
REQUESTS**
for

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

Those at home:
Sami Blomquist, John Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Jim Jackson, Bill Neidermeyer, John Pullen, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, and Michael Sexton

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Chris Decker, Alex Hart, Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski

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 Wednesday

Rev. Phil Rittner
Cell Phone: 260-415-9078
(I text if you'd like!)
Email: revrittner@reagan.com

THANK YOU

The Bd. of Outreach would like to THANK all who helped on the Community Dinner by cooking, volunteering, and talking to our visitors.



for
**Thursday
Bible Study**
7 p.m.

SERVING IN
APRIL 2016

USHERS

3rd—Mike Gerbers
10th—Steve Smith
17th—Mike Gerbers
24th—Ralph Sexton

ACOLYTES

3rd—Ryan Bills
10th—Shianne Brooke
17th—Kyler Bills
24th—Emma Mullett

GREETERS

3rd—Kathaleen Reese
10th—Lois Duffy
17th—Pat Decker
24th—

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Sexton

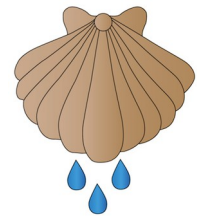
BIRTHDAY'S

2 Samuel Mullett
3 Gene Klopfenstein
17 Nannette Hart
17 Stephen Smith
22 Judy Gilbert
27 Christopher Brooke
29 Amanda Welch



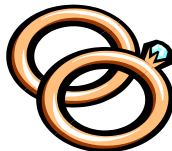
BAPTISMS

Melissa Bender
Mike Gerbers
Donald Gilbert II
Jason Gomez, Jr.
Gayle Goshorn
James Jackson
Richard Lane
Lily Pressler
Ronald Puckett
Austin Rittner
Steve Wilkinson



ANNIVERSARIES

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



APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Outreach & Council 11:15 am	4	5	6 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	7 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am Bible Study 7 pm	8	9 LWML 3-Zone Spring Rally in Ft. Wayne
10 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Ed 11:15 am	11	12	13 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders	14 Bible Study 7 pm	15	16 Community Family Movie Day 2-4 pm
17 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Voter's 11:30 am	18	19	20 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	21 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am LWML 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm	22	23
24 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am	25 Zealant Items Duel	26	27 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	28 Bible Study 7 pm	29 Pastor at Conference	30
Cheryl on vacation			Cheryl on vacation			

The May Zealant newsletter will be a week late, do to Cheryl being on vacation.