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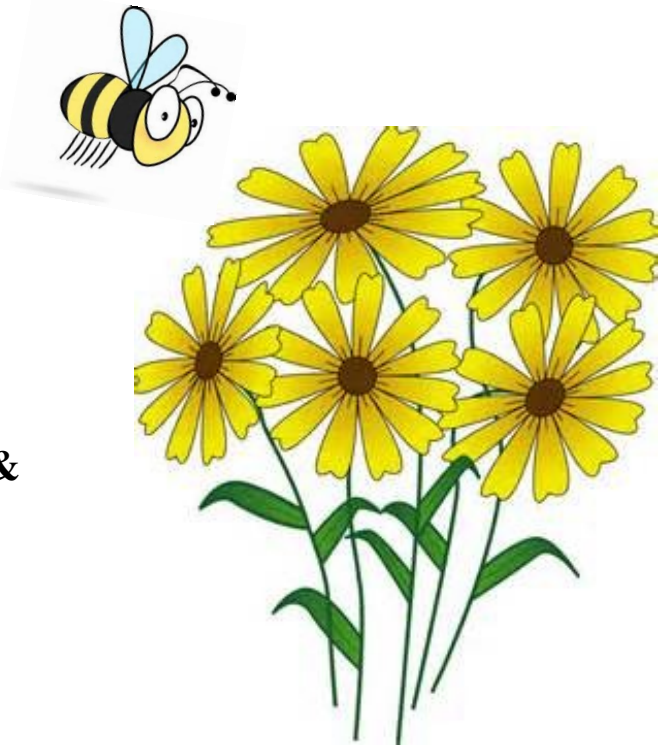

Pastor's Corner

Busyness is the new black. It's stylish. We spend an inordinate amount of time comparing how busy we are with everyone else. We compare our schedules, our kid's schedules, how productive we are and how much we have because of it to everyone around us. And if we don't do or have what the next guy does or has, we just get busier and produce more so that we can.

This consumes our conversations and thoughts. And this should give us pause: Who is consuming whom, here? Are we the consumer or are we those consumed? It's no accident that our adversary the devil is described as a lion prowling around seeking to devour us, to consume us. He gives us the liturgy of this world, the liturgy of productivity and consumption. For if he can keep us busy in "muchness" and "manyness," he can be satisfied.

And this is why the Lord, after finishing all His work of creation, rested on the seventh day. This is why He established the Sabbath day—to give His people rest from all their work. As they rested, He continued to work for them, to satisfy them, to fill them with His gifts—food from heaven by His Word and Promise.

That day came when from our Lord's cross and in His death, He proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). And so His work of redemption was complete. And so His body rested in the tomb, the belly of the earth. Though He is the Lord God who always works, yet as the Lord rested on the original Sabbath, now Jesus kept the Sabbath by resting in the tomb and rising from the dead to live forever. For this is why He came. This is why He became man: to draw all to Himself so that He could give rest and refreshment to the weary and the heavy laden.

Sunday mornings are a gift, not a burden. It is a gift of time free from the liturgy of this world, the liturgy of productivity and consumption. Sabbath is time for rest and refreshment, a time free from anxiety to enjoy the gifts God gives, all of them—His Word, His Promises, His Sacraments, His creation, everything. It is a foretaste of the rest we shall enjoy in heaven.

Sadly for many of us rest has become work. It's become drudgery. We long for it but we aren't able to do it because there's so much to be done and so little time to do it. But really what's the rush? Why are we so hurried and harried? Have we forgotten that Jesus is raised from the dead and lives forever?

Sabbath is God's gift of time free from all of the anxiety and hurry of this world so that we can rest, be refreshed by the gifts God gives. Society won't do it for us. They are addicted to the liturgy of productivity and consumption. Though we are in the world, we are not of it. We are the people of God, His own children by water and Word, joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus lives. And so shall we. So rest in the promise of our Savior that sin, death, and time have not hold on you because Jesus is raised from the dead. Jesus lives. And so shall we, forever.

We offer rest and fulfillment of spiritual food every Sunday at 10:15 AM; and every Wednesday at 7 PM. We'll even through in a few Bible classes to tide you over until we worship again. If we don't have a Bible study during a time convenient to you and your family…let us know when you'd like to meet!

See you at church!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Voter's Assembly
July 19, 2015

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order with a Thank you to the ladies for providing lunch.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from July Zealant were read, Kim Yann made the motion and Ralph Brooke 2nd the motion was approved.

Receiving Treasurer Report:
As of June 30, 2015 total receipts with interest income was $7721.93. A motion was made by Katie Rittner with Patsy Decker 2nd motion passed.

Dispersing Treasurer Report:
A total $115,298.98 was reported in checking and savings. Total expenses $3962.40, with total net income of $4029.53 the month of June 2015, and a year to date total $9800.74. A motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Peg Brooke with a 2nd by Kin Yann motion was passed.

Member Transfers:
Transfers for Adam and Katie Braun to Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco IN from Zion Lutheran. Transferee of Harry Chuck Cooper from St. John Lutheran Dublin OH to Zion. Transfer of Jared and Katie Wilkinson and family from St. John Lutheran Columbia City to Zion. And the transfer of John and Phyllis Myers from Faith Lutheran Churubusco IN to Zion. Steve Smith made the motion to accept these transfers with a 2nd from Larry Haugk the motion passed.

Elder Report:
The Elders portion of the 2016 budget has been finalized and submitted.
We have a new circuit visitor Rev. Patrick Kuhlman from Peace Lutheran Church Avilla.
A discussion of the absence of a tape recorder as the old one is broken.
Average attendance for the month of June: Sundays: 62, Mid-week 15.
Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.
Next meeting August 12, 2015.

Trustees Report:
There will be an increase of $1200 to the trustee's budget for AC/Heating maintenance 2X's a year.
A pressure gauge for the water heater needs replaced, a kitchen sprayer needs repair and also the extinguisher system on the corn dog wagon needs repaired.

Board of Education:
There was no meeting in June.
Judy Gilbert reported that VBS went very well with an average of 17 students plus teachers and helpers. A special Thank you to Gayle Goshorn and Cheryl Thiele for their help, the board will be meeting to reevaluate VBS at their next meeting.
It was also discussed to change Rally Day from September 13th to September 20th.

Board of Outreach:
See their report on page 4.

Stewardship: No report.

Board of Youth:
Jill/Phil Coons reported that the sales of corn dogs at Old Settler's were $4468.
A trip to the water park is scheduled for August 10th and there is discussion of a trip to Cedar Point but tickets must be ordered by July 31st.

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Pastors Report:
Our District President was reelected for the next 3 years during district conference. The Wittenberg project and the Dublin mission project were discussed.
For more information on the Wittenberg project go to www.wittenbergproject.org.

Old Business:
Jerry Lahrman reported that there will be some changes to set up for the annual garage sale but all help is welcome. Also profits from the garage sale will be divided between the costs for Rally Day, the purchase of the AED unit, and a new chair for Pastors office.. The garage sale will be held August 20-23.

New Business:
Revitalization project seminar went well but there is still a lot of work to do.
The proposed budget for 2016 is $110,604.00 final changes will be voted on during the October meeting.

Nominating Committee:
Karen Scheumann has asked to be released as receiving treasurer at the end of the year.
Kenny Knuth also reported that Joyce Reidt has asked to be released from her position on the Board of Education.
The Voters accepted this, also a motion was made to accept Joyce Reidt as recording Secretary for the Church Council and Voters Assembly, a motion was made and carried.
Also Kenny Knuth asked that Kurt/Gayle Goshorn be accepted to the nominating Committee, Jill Coons 2nd the motion passed.

New Business (Constitution):
There are 22 proposed changes to the church Constitution.
Steve Smith asked that article VI Quorum is changed by dropping the number of members from 15 to those in attendance at a meeting. Barb Knuth moved that the article remained unchanged with a 2nd from Katie Rittner the motion passed the number of members present to make a Quorum will remain at 15.
Pastor also introduced a 2 part proposal to the constitution in view of the recent Supreme Court ruling on same sex marriage. If you would like to see this proposal see pastor. Jennie Childs moved and Ralph Brooke 2nd a motion to adopt this proposal into the constitution, the motion passed. This proposal will be added to the constitution, after editing and being presented to the voter's at a specially called meeting.

Katie Rittner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Willy Scheumann 2nd the meeting was adjourned, pastor closed with prayer.

Respectively submitted Joyce Reidt (sec.)

Worship Services

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

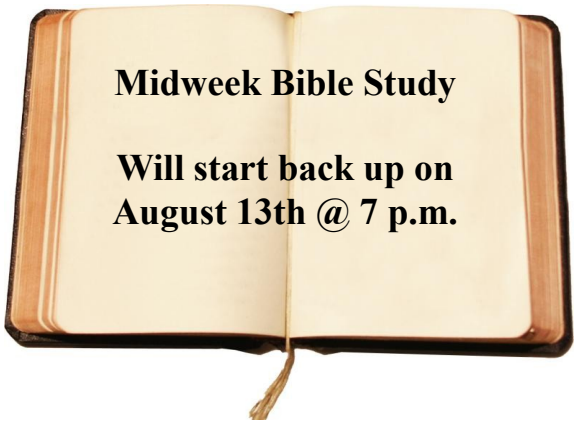
WEDNESDAY
Worship—7:00 p.m.
w/Communion
2nd & 4th Wednesday

Bd. of Outreach
July 2015

Thank you goes to all who helped with the pork burger sale which raised $459.50 towards the AED.

A big Thank You goes to Steve Yann our griller, Larry Haugk for propane tank, all those who donated water, Dick & Monica Koldyke for donating awnings to protect us from elements, and those who stopped by on Sunday and bought all the rest of the food .

There is a special Reformation grant in celebration of it's 500th year anniversary, that Zion can apply for. This is to be used to inspire and empower us to outreach into the community. Our board would like to encourage Zion to host a block party as an opportunity to reach out to the community. We are asking all boards to come to our Aug. 22nd meeting with ideas of participation so we can get requests of the grant by September.
To visit website: lcms.org/standgrants



With our congregation getting older and more and more people being diagnosed with A-Fib, the board of outreach feels it will be a good idea for Zion to have one of these on the grounds. With a few being trained by the Red Cross it will help our congregation in time of crisis if needed.
In the narthex you will see a big thermometer to help us show us how we are doing towards reaching our goal. On that thermometer there are small envelopes to put your donation along with your name so you can get credit for the amount given.
We need $1500.00 to $2000.00 depending on which one we get.

Official Acts

Deaths:

6/25/2015	Don E. Childs
6/27/2015	Harriet B. Redman
7/6/2015	Charles B. Stanley

Transfer In:
Chuck Cooper
Jared & Katie Wilkinson w/children
Ethan, Sawyer & Jessalyn
John & Phyllis Myers

Transfer Out:
Jeff & Penny Braun
Adam Braun w/child
Katie

Released:
Jamie Bloom w/children
Carter, Chase & Cortlyn

Ladies Aid/LWML
July 16, 2015

Seven members attended the 1 p.m. meeting. President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with prayer. Vice President Marty Williams lead the LWML July Mite Devotion with members responding.

Maxine Lott presented the Summer 2015 Quarterly Bible Study entitled "Ecclesiastes" the book of the Bible which can give comfort when dealing with tough stuff.

Solomon, the son of King David wrote the book of Ecclesiastes about 1000 B.C. He had to deal with the consequences of his sinful choices in his life. Solomon wrote over and over how tough it was to live even through he was the richest man in the world at that time. Solomon lamented that all his material things seemed meaningless. He had to change his expectations, even expectations of perfection. He found out that all these things in his life were unrewarding and joyless. He could not truly enjoy his wealth because he forgot that it was God who gave it to him. This is a good reflection for all of us and we should be thankful for all of God's gifts.
Read:
In Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 we can consider the rhythm God has built into our lives for the ups and downs we experience. It starts out with "There is a time for everything" and then "A time to be born and a time to die," A time to weep and a time to laugh" and many more as it show the "times over our lives" for us all. God shows us how to live and be encouraged in tough times. We can do this with our faith in God. For God has make us safe in Christ for all eternity. Soloman's message Trust in God, be realistic about life and enjoy God's gifts.

Members read the Bible Study Closing Prayer together.

"Business Meeting:
The May and June minutes were accepted with a motion by Maxine Lott and 2nd by Marty Williams. There was no treasurer's report and no correspondence.

Cheer:
President Reese sent 4 graduation cards. She had visited with Alberta Warnick at the Peabody Home.

New Business:
The LWML Sunday will be October 4th. It's theme will be "Seek First the Kingdom of God." The North Zone LWML Rally will be at Bethlehem Suburban Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne on October 10th.

Memorial:
For Harriet Redman. The Ladies Aid will give $10.00 for the Altar Guild.

Garage Sale Bake Sale:
August 20th & 21st.

Ladies Aid Guest Luncheon and Tour:
August 27, 2015 at Sweetwater Inc. in Ft. Wayne. (It is the largest music place in the U.S.) Ladies and men are invited and will meet at 5530 U.S. Hwy 30 at 10:45 to gather for the 11:00 a.m. scheduled cafeteria lunch. The tour is at noon. Afterward a special "Drum Circle" gathering in another room. Call Lois Duffy 244-3645 if you are attending by August 23rd.

Thoughtful Christian One Liners:
From President Reese
"Don't put a question mark where God puts a period"; "Give God what is right, not what is left"; "Have truth decay? Brush up on your Bible"; "He who angers you, controls you"; and "God loves to answer "Knee Mail."

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(LWML continued)

President Reese concluded with a Devotion which brought to mind the Alphabet Game of Childhood: Starting with "A" go on to be grateful to God for people and things you are blessed with and you will have a peaceful heart.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Fellowship time brought a patriotic table theme chosen by hostesses Gloria Nimtz and Maxine Lot. They served a frozen peace dessert and snacks. Kathaleen Reese won the table prize.

Submitted by Lois Duffy, Secretary

Ladies Aid Guest Luncheon & Tour (the congregation is invited)

Thursday, August 27, 2015
for
Cafeteria lunch & Tour
of
Sweetwater Inc.
5530 U.S. Hwy 30
Fort Wayne

Meet at 10:45 a.m.
for lunch at 11:00 a.m.
Tour at noon for 1 hour
"wheelchairs & benches available)

Please call Lois Duffy 244-3645
by August 23rd
if you want to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

August 2015

Sunday School Missions project for July and August is **L**utheran **A**ssociation of **M**issionary **P**ilots. Their ministry flies supplies to remote areas in the States (mostly in Alaska) and supports programs such as Vacation Bible School. In fact, Zion's VBS supported this mission by enjoying a coin war between the boys and girls and collected $115.21. We are partnering with VBS through August to increase our dollars for this ministry.

Thank you for your support of $214.23 for the Luther Academy in May and June. This ministry supports the continuing theological education for pastors in Panama.

Sunday School Lessons for August:
2nd—"Jesus Will Return: Parable of the Ten Virgins"
9th—"The Spirit Creates Faith: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus"
16th—"The Spirit Receives Us: Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus" (III Article of Apostles Creed)
23rd—"The Spirit Produces Good Works: A Widow's Offering"
30th—"The Spirit Makes the Church Grow: Philip and the Ethiopian"

Sunday School Stats for June 2015:
Class Attendance
Preschool/Primary—50% (Banner Class!)
Preteen—37.5%

Upcoming Events:
Rally Day (September)
Oktoberfest (October)

by

Ladies Aid

Thursday & Friday
August 20th & 21st, 2015

(during Zion's Garage/Yard Sale)

Helpers and Baked Goods are needed!!

Bring items on Thurs. evening or Friday morning.
Please mark them "Ladies Aid"

If you would like to donate and help with all the mission work that the Zion's Ladies Aid/LWML do.
Thank you!

ZION'S GARAGE SALE

August 20th—22nd, 2015

Start setting up 9:00 a.m.
August 13th -19th
Anyone at anytime
are welcome to HELP!

We need workers on the 20th, 21st and 22nd during the garage sale.

Any questions you can call Jerry

SOAP FOR LWR – *Ladies Aid-LWML will be collecting bars of soap – any size – for Lutheran World Relief this year. (LWR accepts new bars of any brand, in its original wrapping). If you would like to help in this mission project, you can place the soap in the box across from the mailboxes. THANK YOU!*

Thanks from the Redman family

Rich Redman of Appleton, Wisconsin and Martha (Redman) Diekelmann of Crown Point, Indiana would like to thank all the members of Zion who have been so supportive of their mom, Harriet Redman, over the years. Harriet, who transferred to Zion in 1961, died at age 94 on June 27 in Crown Point, where she had lived at Wittenberg Village, a Lutheran care complex, for the past four years.

Some of you helped her in various ways while she was volunteer church secretary to Pastors Schwan, Schmidtke, and Rastl from 1961-80. Others provided rides for her to church and to Ladies' Aid and other activities after she moved to Oak Pointe. Still others remembered her with cards and notes even after she moved across the state to be closer to family.

And then there was the wonderful funeral lunch for family and friends at Zion on July 2. Thanks to those of you who brought food (although we did miss the great broccoli salad the Ladies' Aid used to count on Mom to bring!) and thanks to organizer Joyce Reidt and servers Gayle Goshorn, Betty Wilkinson, Marty Williams, Gloria Nimtz and Sami Blomquist (pardon us if we missed getting any other names).

Harriet's faith, and her friends at Zion, were very important to her. Thanks to you all for being part of her life!

Rev. Phil Rittner
Cell Phone: 260-415-9078
(I text if you'd like!)
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Thank You

Don was so happy to be back in church. Everyone talked to him and called him by name. Thank you all for that.
For the hugs, best wishes, cards, calls, and food, but mostly for the love, I thank you!
I love you all.
Jennie Childs

The Oaks:
Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:
Dorothy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick

Those at home:
Sami Blomquist, Bob Gallmeyer, Linda Hobkirk, Jim Jackson, Jack Lane, Bill Neidermeyer, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, and Michael Sexton

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Jessie Contreras, Chris Decker, Alex Hart, Joshua Rittner, Matt Shoda, 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.

Vacation Bible School

We had a great time at VBS this year!

Around 20 students were here each day, besides the teachers and all our helpers.

The kids had fun and learned about Jesus.

Thanks to all who helped out!

The coin war was exciting, the boys were ahead but the girls came back and won. But who won was L.A.M.P. our mission project for this year.

SERVING IN AUGUST 2015

USHERS

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

ACOLYTES

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

GREETERS

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

ALTAR GUILD

Verna Doehrman

POWERPOINT

2nd—
9th—
16th—
23rd—
30th—

COFFEE HOUR

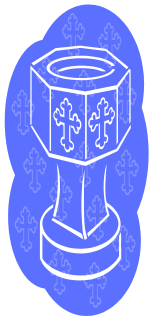
2nd—
9th—
16th—Judy Gilbert
23rd—
30th—

Please sign-up on bulletin board for the empty spaces !!!!

BIRTHDAY'S

2 Connie Forrester
2 Jeanine Slavicek
5 Michael Sexton
6 Ralph Sexton
10 Justin Yann
11 Austin Rittner
13 Jerry Lahrman
18 Jason Doehrman
18 Kenneth Knuth
23 Jennifer Harter
23 Sharry Wiehe
23 Myra Hartman
24 Ashton Peppler
28 Rachel Degitz
29 Monica Koldyke
30 John Pullen
30 Melanie Pressler
30 Joyce Reidt
31 Janice Klopfenstein
31 Andrew Hart

BAPTISMS



Logan Bachelder
Alisha Kimmel
Emerson Knuth
Jerry Lahrman
Nolan Lahrman
Timothy Sexton

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Phil & Jill Coons
14 Veryl & Debra Whaley
18 Gene & Janice Klopfenstein
20 John & Lois Duffy
20 Shawn & Sara Schuller
21 Matt & Rachel Degitz
25 Ronald & Melinda Puckett
26 Rev. Phil & Katie Rittner
31 Steve & Betty Wilkinson

AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	3	4	5 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	6 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am	7	8 Altar Guild 9:30 am
9 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Ed. 11:30	10	11	12 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders	13 Begin Thursday Bible Study 7 pm Set up for garage sale ———	14	15
16 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Set up for garage sale ———	17	18 Council 7 pm	19 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	20 Bible Study 7 pm **Zion's**	21 **Garage**	22 Outreach 10 am **Sale**
23 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Trustees 11:30 am	24	25	26 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	27 LWML Guest Luncheon @ Sweetwater 10:45 am Bible Study 7 pm	28	29
30 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am	31					