



THE ZION ZEALANT

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As I prepare this month's article, there's so much happening in the world – we've got to take a look at some of that. Specifically in one instance, the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and religious liberty. I share with you below a letter received from our Synod's president, Rev. Matthew Harrison:

The Wait Is Over

on June 30, 2014 in OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, PRESSROOM 4

Supreme Court Ruling Emboldens Us to Continue to Carry On

"Two years ago, I sat on a panel before Congress, testifying to the importance of religious liberty in America today.

It seems like a long time ago.

Since then, we have seen and heard a steady stream of news, from the church and the culture, about the Health and Human Services' mandate and the Affordable Care Act, abortifacients and the conscience, religious freedoms and what this means for women.

Thankfully, the wait is over. The Supreme Court has ruled, and the verdict is in: In a landmark case, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of religious liberty, specifically in regard to closely held corporations (those with a small number of shareholders and offering no public stock, such as corporations that are family-owned, not operated by boards).

While we rejoice in this strong upholding of religious freedom, this decision does not

signal an end to this discussion. It simply emboldens us carry on, doing what we do best as Christians: praying, confessing the faith and living it out in our daily callings.

We pray that Americans, whose consciences are burdened because they have been forced to violate their religious beliefs, would know God's comfort and forgiveness.

We confess that life, which begins at conception, is a gift from God and ought to be held in the highest regard in this country.

We live, knowing that the First Amendment guarantees us not only the right to worship, but also to practice our faith as Lutheran citizens of this great nation, serving our neighbor where the Lord has placed us.

We do all of this, even as we rejoice with the Greens of Hobby Lobby, with the Hahns of Conestoga Wood Specialties and with our millions of brothers and sisters in the United States who believe just as strongly in the religious liberties guaranteed in our Constitution.

Today we are thankful for this step toward maintaining the integrity of our religious freedoms inherent in the First Amendment, but we will also remain ever mindful. The issue is and will continue to be purely and simply about religious freedom.

And so we pray. We confess. We live.

"We fought for a free conscience in this country," I told the committee two years ago, "and we won't give it up without a fight."

I meant that, and I pray you do too."

(Pastor's Corner continued)

**The Rev. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri
Synod**

Here at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City, we will continue to pray for our great country and the many freedoms we enjoy as direct result of the wonderful blessings of God almighty. I look forward to hearing your thoughts, and I too invite your prayers for our country, our community, our church, and for the ministry we strive to complete – carrying the Word and Sacraments of God to all!

See you in church!

Pastor Phil Rittner

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2014 Minutes

Present were: President Jeff Braun; Judy Gilbert; Treasurer Jill Coons; Phil Coons; Head Trustee Dan Knuth; Elder Steve Smith; and Pastor Phil Rittner.

Pastor Phil opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 2 and prayer.

President Jeff Braun made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting posted in the Zealant; seconded by Steve Smith. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Scheumann being absent, Jill Coons delivered the full Treasurer's report for the month of May. (Please see posted Profit & Loss and Cash Balances sheets.)

- Jill remarked of note that the "Furnace Fund" has accumulated \$2,168.00 toward the repairs of the gym-area heating and a/c units.

Dan Knuth brought up the status of the loan with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) currently in progress. Dan remarked that we've received additional forms to be completed and he also circulated a letter for signature from the Church Council approving Zion applying for

- a loan from LCEF. Jill will fax completed/signed forms to LCEF.
- Dan Knuth also questioned as to the availability of funds from the Altar Guild for the remodeling of the Sacristy. Jill Coons wasn't entirely sure; further investigations are required.
- Dan Knuth made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Steve Smith. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Elder's Report: Steve Smith presented the report of the Elder's last meeting.

- Letters will be posted in the Zealant received from the seminary on sharing a Deaconess with other area LCMS Churches; and a letter from Miller's Merry Manor on a volunteer program called "Hearts and Hands" that they are undertaking.
 - Revitalization week-end will be held on September 19, 20, and 21, 2014.
 - A new Pastor/Elder visitation program has been set up for the rest of the year.
 - Discussed a new LCMS Foundation grant possibility that is available to LCMS congregations.
 - Discussed the following positions that still need filled within our congregation:
 - *a delegate to Lutheran Social Services
 - *a delegate to the Indiana District Convention 2015
 - *a delegate to the Lutheran Foundation
 - *and, a new Secretary for Church Council/Voter's Assembly[Pastor Phil remarked that should anyone know of someone interested or seemingly qualified to serve in these positions – to let Pastor know and he will contact them.]
- Average attendance for May: Sundays: 50; Midweek: 15

Trustee's Report: given by Dan Knuth, Head-Trustee.

- Signatures are required this evening from Church Council for LCEF loan forms.
- Sacristy remodel: a quote has been received from a local worker for \$300/day (\$600 total) for the work necessary in the Sacristy. Additional quotes will be obtained.
- Update given by Phil Coons regarding the new Pole Barn project.
 - *We've been told by County Inspector we

will need state approval before a local permit can be issued. Phil C. has a lead on a local architect who could possibly assist in us getting state approval.

*The final quote from the contractor chosen to perform the work is approximately \$14,000 (this is more than presently received/raised for the project.)

*Pastor will check with neighbor church regarding how they obtained permits/approvals for their new building.

- Dan commented on the status of the Lehmburg Endowment Fund. The monies are still held by LCEF in a money market interest bearing account until investing decisions can be made.

Board of Education Report: Given for the Board by Judy Gilbert.

- Met last on June 8, 2014. Present were Barb & Kenny Knuth; Barb Lahrman; Judy Gilbert; Joyce Reidt; and Pastor Phil. There was no Library report.
- Barb L. read "When the Wind Blows" as opening devotion, from Joel 2:28-32.
- Previous minutes were approved as submitted.
- Sunday School Report for May 2014 Attendance: Students: 5; Adults: 13. Mission receipts gathered during April and May for Pastor Jeff Horn in Papua New Guinea was \$175. Mission project for June and July will be New Life Lutheran Church, Liberian Children's Ministry.
- Pastor's Report: Confirmation Camp dates are set for July 14-18 & August 4-8, 2014. Six children presently qualify for Camp. Jerry Lahrman is stepping down from teaching the high school Sunday School class; Katie Rittner has volunteered to take this position.
- Old Business: More people are needed for VBS. Added to last month's list of volunteers are Madison Cook, Regan Decker, Adrian Kimmel, Bonnie Pease, Kathleen Reese, Sami Blomquist, and Penny Braun.
- New Business: We still need a teacher for the older class. We have \$1000 from a grant that we can use for VBS. VBS dedication/installation and set-up will be Sunday, July 6, 2014. The Board of Ed budget was discussed and we have decided not to make any changes. We tabled until July Sunday School recognition, Rally Day, and other

calendar events. Our mission project for VBS will be LCMS Flood Bucket program. Promotion Sunday will be August 13, 2014.

- Next meeting was set for July 13, 2014 with a VBS meeting to be set in the next few weeks.
- With no other business, Barb Lahrman adjourned the meeting and Pastor gave the Benediction.
Respectfully submitted by Joyce Reidt.

Board of Outreach: No report.

Board of Stewardship: No report.

Board of Youth: Report given by Phil & Jill Coons, and Dan Knuth.

- Our Youth have begun a new Bible study on every other Sunday evenings with Pastor Phil; it was well attended.
- Discussed was the need for a designated cabinet (preferably downstairs in old kitchen) for youth to store items such as treats, books, etc.
- Activities discussed include:
 - *selling corn dogs at Old Settlers (arrangements well underway!)
 - *selling corn dogs at 3 on 3 Basketball tournament near court house.
 - *selling corn dogs at 3 summer concerts near court house.
 - *selling corn dogs at the church's garage sale & car wash
 - *there will be a picnic/fun time at Pastor's home on July 19th, 2014
 - *desire to go to a water park & a drive-in movie
 - *youth/catechism camp will help set up garage sale in August.
- Youth are planning a Valentine's Dinner/Dance next February for the whole church. (Youth to serve)
- Conducting a Fall-Clean Up
- Going to help out at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen
- It needed to be reflected in these minutes that there is a need to add Phil and Jill Coons to the youth's checking and savings accounts. Dan and Jenny Knuth will help with the signature cards from the bank. It can in fact be noted here that the Church Council approves this addition of Phil and Jill Coons to the signature cards of these accounts.
- The youth desire a weekly insert in the bulletin to keep them and the congregation abreast of

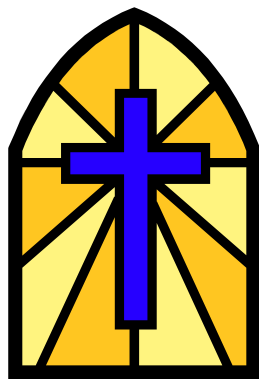
happenings with the youth group.

- And, Pastor Phil is working on a new children's ministry project with our youth. It would entail the acquiring of a grant from the LCMS Foundation in St. Louis, MO.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was announced the dates for the next garage sale will be August 14, 15, and 16th, 2014.
- Judy Gilbert suggested that youth and the Catechism Camp participants help carry garage sale items from the basement to the gym the week before the sale.
- Jill Coons brought up the need to discuss scholarship funds for our field worker Logan Landes and future field workers. Numerous inquiries have been received about this. The committee handling these funds will discuss this disbursement.

Steve Smith motioned for adjournment; Judy Gilbert seconded. Pastor closed with prayer.



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**

Youth Group (grades 6-12)

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Be sure to check the youth page on the web site for the latest! www.zionlutherancc.com

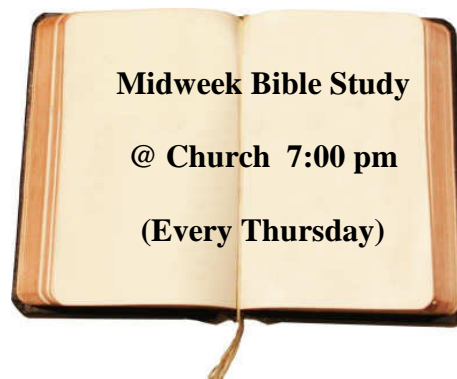
There are some exciting events and activities being planned for the youth. Details to follow in the coming weeks:

- Lock-in with area LCMS Youth Groups
- Deep River water park
- Drive-in Movie (in Huntington or Auburn)
- Food Drive
- Car Wash
- Fall Clean-up

There is a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament coming up as well as 4 concerts this summer. We have been asked about setting up the Corn Dog Wagon at these 5 additional events downtown!! This is a great opportunity and honor for the youth! Details are being worked out. If all is a go, be ready to move quick!! Why only use the wagon once a year when we can be doing so much more in the community?! Let's get out there and have some FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Other ideas are to do the corn dogs at the car wash and the garage sale. What better way to reach out.

Mark your calendars NOW for the 1st Annual Valentine Dinner Dance, February 13, 2015!!!! More details to come in the next few months. Make plans to spend time with your family for this evening of dinner and dancing. Dinner will be served by the youth for this enchanting evening. Even if you don't dance, come and enjoy the fellowship. (We might even get Pastor Phil to be our DJ.....or better yet DANCE!!!)



LADIES AID GUEST LUNCHEON

August 21, 2014

To: Lutheran Life Villages
9802 N. Coldwater Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN

For Lunch @ 11:30 am (free)

For Tour of LLV

Traveling arrangements later.
Chairperson: Lois Duffy

Pairs N Spares (Wyneken Tour)

Pairs and Spares enjoyed a tour of the Wyneken House moved from its original home in Adams County to Decatur, IN on 11730 NW Winchester Rd. The home had an exhibition room that showed pictures of the more than 20 churches pioneer Pastor German Lutheran Wyneken started in the 1800's in the German Lutheran communities all over Indiana and some in Ohio. Another basement room had gifts and crafts and a lovely free lunch. A speaker in the living room told much more about the house and Wyneken and his work for the founding of so many churches. Downstairs and Upstairs rooms were toured. Afterward the group had supper at the nine Mile Restaurant on Hwy 27 south of Ft. Wayne. Those attending were: Peg and Ralph Brooke (Ralph drove the Zion group) Gloria Nimtz, Marty Williams and Lois Duffy. From Living Water, Darleen Haugen, Jan Gleason, Mary K. Miller, and friend Jessie. Chuck Sweeney drove the 10 seat van.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP July 2014

Summer Sunday School is underway! Families are encouraged to attend Sunday morning classes from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Adults & children/youth meet in the gym for a brief opening before Bible lessons.

Class for age 3-Grade 2 meet in the basement with Barb Knuth as teacher. Students from Grade 3-Grade 6 meet downstairs also with Kenny Knuth as teacher.

We welcome Katie Rittner to the Sunday School Staff as teacher for Grade 7-12. We extend a heartfelt "thank you" to Jerry Lahrman for his many years of teaching at Zion, but he will remain on the S.S. Staff as a substitute teacher.

Missions for May & June are supporting Rev. Horne in Papua New Guinea. July & August project will be decided at the next Board of Christian Education on July 13th.

Mark your calendars for July 7-11 for Vacation Bible School. The theme has to do with water! The VBS missions project is collecting change to support the cost of making "flood buckets to help clean up communities that have suffered flooding. For every \$50 we collect, we can fill a 5-gallon bucketful of cleaning supplies. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to "Gateway to Galilee!!

H2Oh! Lessons for July:

6th—"Cleansing H2Oh! Naaman Healed!

13th—"H2Oh! Ride: Jonah"

20th—"Revealing H2Oh! John the Baptist"

27th—"Changing H2Oh! Wedding at Cana"

Promotion Sunday will be August 17th. Students move to S.S. classes for the 2014/2015 school year.

On behalf of the staff at Life Line Screening, we would like to thank you for allowing us to come to your community. The results from the Thursday, [May 22, 2014](#) screening here at Zion are as follows:

Carotid Artery Disease

Total Screened: 36
Normal Range: 13
Moderate: 23
Unspecified: 0
Findings of Possible Significance: 0
Required Immediate Followup: 0

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Total Screened: 30
No Aneurysm: 30
Aneurysm: 0
Unspecified: 0
Required Immediate Followup: 0

Peripheral Arterial Disease

Total Screened: 35
Normal: 34
Abnormal: 0
Unspecified: 0
Unable to Compress: 1
Critical: 0

Atrial Fibrillation

Total Screened: 33
No Atrial Fibrillation: 32
Atrial Fibrillation: 1
Unspecified: 0
Critical Heart Rate: 0

Lipid Panel - Total Cholesterol Test

Total Screened: 6
Desirable: 6
Borderline High: 0
Unspecified: 0
High: 0

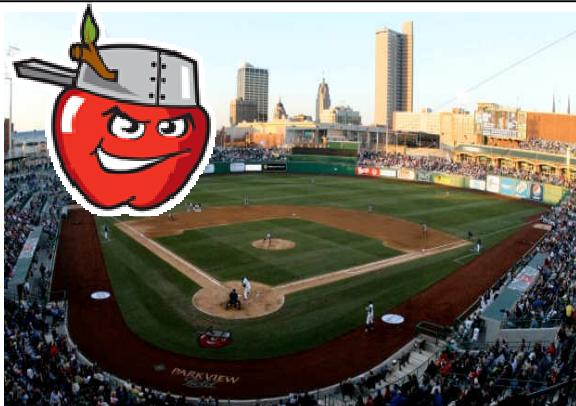
Glucose

Total Screened: 6
Normal: 5
Pre-Diabetes: 1
Diabetes: 0
Unspecified: 0
Required Immediate Followup: 0

Thank you for your help in bringing such an important service to the members of your community. We look forward to our next screening together.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Benedict
Life Line Screening



**LUTHERAN NIGHT
at Ft. Wayne TinCaps**

Saturday, August 16, 2014

\$7.00 per ticket
if you get them before July 25th
(see order form on bulletin board)



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, Ruth Ryan, Michael Sexton, Charles Stanley, Dorathy Ummel, Alberta Warnick and Mary Wilkinson.

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.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank my Zion family for all your prayers while my father was in the hospital and at hospice. He died peacefully. Now we celebrate his life with Jesus.

The peace plant pictured is from Zion Lutheran Church.

Cheryl



Vacation Bible School

July 7th—11th 9:00-11:30 a.m.

For ages 3 yrs to 6th Grade



CATECHISM CAMP

July 14th to 18th, 2014

and

August 4th to 8th, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm

SERVING IN JULY 2014

USHERS

6th—Ralph Sexton
13th—Steve Smith
20th—Willie Scheumann
27th—Mike Gerbers

ACOLYTES

6th—Nick Decker
13th—Jacob Zielinski
20th—Ryan Bills
27th—Shianne Brooke

GREETERS

6th—?
13th—Lois Duffy
20th—Pat Decker
27th—Kathaleen Reese

ALTAR GUILD

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BLOOD PRESSURE

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POWERPOINT

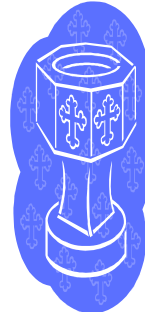
6th—Larry Haugk
13th—?
20th—?
27th—?

COFFEE HOUR

6th—Kim Yann
13th—Judy Gilbert
20th—Lois Duffy
27th—?

BIRTHDAY'S

2 Logan Bachelder
10 Emma Mullet
12 Barbara Knuth
13 Brody Hart
14 James Jackson
15 Barbara Lahrman
15 Luke Pressler
17 Cari Knuth
20 Nolan Lahrman
21 Tabitha Frick
22 Summer Hart
22 Thomas Knuth
22 Wm. Niedermeyer
30 Jill coons



BAPTISMS

Madison Cook
Mason Gilbert
Gavin Lahrman
Aaron Pepler
Brandon Pepler
Sara Schuller
Lydia Stratman
Thomas Wilburn

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Gene & Sandy Barrett
14 Ralph & Peggy Brooke
27 Mathieu & Myra Hartman
28 David & Sharry Wiehe

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We thank those
who keep our
nation free

JULY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Wed. evening Service 7 pm	3 Sewing 9 am Bible Study 7 pm	4 4th of July Office Closed	5
6 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	7 VBS begins 9-11:30 am	8 VBS New Member/ Refresher Course 6:30 pm	9 VBS Wed. evening Service 7 pm Elders meet after service	10 VBS Bible Study 7 pm	11 VBS	12
13 S.S. /Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:15 am Bd. of Ed. 11:15 am Youth Bible Study 7 pm	14 Catechism Camp 9 am to 3 pm	15 Catechism Camp Church Council 7:00 pm	16 Catechism Camp Wed. evening Service 7 pm	17 Catechism Camp Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am LWML 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm	18 Catechism Camp	19
20 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	21 Pastor & Katie out of town (July 21st--25th) Zealant Items Due!	22 New Member/ Refresher Course 6:30 pm	23 Wed. evening Service 7 pm	24 Bible Study 7 pm	25	26 Youth @ Pastor's House 4 pm—?
27 S.S./Staff 9:00 Worship 10:15 am Trustee 11:15 am Blood Pressure ? Youth Bible Study 7 pm	28	29	30 Wed. evening Service 7 pm	31 Bible Study 7 pm		